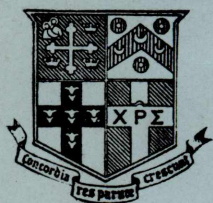


COXAN

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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May I introduce you to our new quarterly publication of COXAN which your Committee have decided will replace Concordia ...

The above is written with some trepidation and in the confident expectation that the decision will not please all our Members. So perhaps a word of explanation is required.

Concordia has fulfilled its role over many years of the Association's history but is becoming more expensive to produce and more difficult to fill with interesting and topical material. It has been our main publication and because of this its publication has been shrouded in tradition and solemnity; its publication has often been delayed for the inclusion of sonorous reports by laggard Chairmen.

With COXAN we intend to preserve what was good in Concordia and bring it up to date with material fresh from the fevered minds of our Members and gossip fresh-whispered from the grapevine.

COXAN will be Concordia and more ... if it is not, why not take a hand in it by telling us, in writing, your views.

COXAN, may I introduce you to the Members of the Clapham Old Xaverians Association ...

A.J. Morrish

After a break of three years, the College is again organising a Garden Fete to take place on Saturday July 17th. The Association is as usual to take an active part in the Fete and we take this opportunity to invite the support of all our members. It is of more particular importance than usual to the Association that this year's Fete should be a financial success since we are to receive a percentage of the takings. After the loss incurred as a result of the failure of the Spring Ball even to get off the ground, funds are urgently needed.

There are so many ways in which you can help that there can be little excuse for anyone not doing something. We have been given specific responsibilities for refreshments and Tombola, for which one literally cannot have too many prizes. Donations to the Tombola, either prizes or cash, will be gratefully

received by any member of the Committee. Small prizes will be especially welcome, eg. bookmatches, pencils, samples etc. The College will be running the usual stalls of groceries, bottles, sweets, etc and donations to any of these will also be very welcome. Help is urgently required in putting up the sideshows and stalls on the evening of July 16th and on the morning of the 17th, and in running them in the afternoon. Above all, note the date, keep it free and bring along with you as many friends and relatives as you possibly can.

FOOTBALL

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One of the most encouraging features of the season was the number of enthusiastic, skilled new players who joined the Old Boys Football Club - mostly straight from the College. There was an unfortunate wastage of players from the Club somewhere, however, as it proved impossible to continue to field a 4th XI to play friendly matches, which had been such a success the previous year.

We are particularly keen to run this 4th XI in the coming season - and not only to provide a strong background for the League sides - so please let us know in good time if you think you might fit in somewhere, anyhow, in a mixture of youngsters and older players.

The 1st XI are to be congratulated on a very fine performance in reaching the final of the AFA Surrey Junior Cup, where it was most disappointing to see them beaten 0 - 1 by Temple Bar Reserves. They also just missed promotion - after 8 successive league victories, they lost their last 3 matches.

The relevant final placings in the League Tables are as follows:

1st XI Intermediate South

Old Strandians	W15	D3	L4	For 83	Agst 23	Pts 33
O. Wokingians Res.	W13	D3	L6	" 46	" 31	" 29
Old Reigatians	W9	D6	L7	" 36	" 35	" 24
Old Danes Res.	W9	D5	L8	" 45	" 38	" 23
Clapham O.X.	W9	D5	L8	" 56	" 56	" 23
The Phoenixians	W10	D3	L9	" 44	" 47	" 23

2nd XI Div. One South - Bottom placings

Old Salesians 111	W6	D5	L9	For 40	Agst 43	Pts 17
Old Guildfordians	W7	D2	L11	" 44	" 52	" 16
Clapham O.X. Res.	W5	D2	L13	" 51	" 64	" 12
Old Addeyans Res.	W2	D5	L13	" 28	" 67	" 9

3rd Xl. Div. Two South - Bottom placings

Clapham O.X. 111	W7	D4	L9	For 52	Agst 61	Pts 18
O. Vaughanians 111	W6	D5	L9	" 56	" 56	" 17
O. Meadonians 111	W8	D1	L11	" 54	" 70	" 17
John Fisher O.B. Res	W6	D1	L13	" 39	" 56	" 13
O. Josephians Res.	W3	D5	L12	" 35	" 73	" 11

The 3rd Xl did well to finish five places up the table after being so near the bottom for a long spell at the beginning of the year. Regrettably the 2nd Xl must face up to relegation, but the big question is where do they drop down to?

D. Rowe
Football Secretary

As a tribute to the 1st Xl, an anonymous 21 year old full back has provided us with the following pen pictures.

- MICK HART: goalkeeper, nicknamed the "cat", not by the team but by the treasurer after the match, non-smoker, occasional drinker - won't last long in the side!
- COL GARVEY: full back, aged 21, one of the youngest members of the side; two paced - dead slow and stop; hobby - hanging around at Balham Station for two hours every Saturday lunchtime; favourite player - Tom Duffy.
- MICK POWER: sweeper, covers over the rare gaps in the defence; lies about his age, only chance of staying in the side is to become captain.
- WILSON BOWERS: centre back, "Chad Valley" to his friends; will tackle anything that moves, usually after the match; lucky number - 1,506,324.
- MICK MAGEE: full back, used to be a speedy winger, now owes his place in the side to a Triumph GT6; rarely turns up before half time; uncapped by his country.
- ALAN FULKER: midfield; used to be a centre forward, will probably move to full back when he's married; was penalty king for one match; favourite celebrity - Bill Simpson.
- SEAN GAVIGAN: midfield; age unknown, very mobile player (has a Morris Minor); artist though not of the painting kind!!! favourite colour, yellow.
- JOHN McGUIRE: midfield; 28 next birthday so conserves his energy by an early bath or a 6 week suspension; favourite celebrity referee John Smith.
- TOM DUFFY: midfield destroyer, darling of the Norbury "hop"; non-stop runner especially when it's his round; favourite player Col Garvey.

PETER KING: winger, turns attack into defence; brings out the best in the opposition; pin-up, Charlie George; favourite colour pink.

DAVE BURNHAM: centre forward, rugged north countryman lured south by the big money at Clapham; has shares in Whitbread; pin-up Eddie Waring.

DICK NALLEN: winger; wears No. 11 shirt though this denotes beer capacity not position; future captain.

MARK ROZKOWSKI: striker; was playing for the Old Boys 1st when he was in 4 alpha; darts wizard; trains with Spanish Club Bongo.

MEMBERSHIP

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Below you will find a list of paid-up members for this year (not including Life Members). If you have paid and your name doesn't appear please ring me or write as I have obviously dropped the proverbial clanger.

In future I will add the names of those who pay and this will act as a receipt unless you specifically ask for one. I am trying to save postage.

A. Addison	J. Flynn	R. Lucas	J. Rayer
B. Aldridge	E. St. John Foti	P. Leeder	W. Ruane
A. Amura	J. Freddi	L. Larkin	L. Rose
A. Anderson	D. Gamber	W. Madigan	V. Rozkowski
P. Batty	J. Gavigan	J. Mansi	M. Scott
W. Bowers	C. Garvey	D. Martin	D. Slattery
P. Breslin	L. Green	R. Massara	T. Shaw
J. Bunce	E. Guillelt	J. Maguire	J. Straiton
G. Burgess	J. Goldie	D. Mulvihill	B. Schwenck
E.A. Bell	M. Grice	P. McGrath	C. Smith
R. Benson	I. Hamill	P. McDermott	J. Tee
K. Carroll	E. Hayter	P. Milligan	K. Torpey
J. Chambers	J. Holden	J. McNicholas	P. Trumper
G. Clark	W. Holland	W.L. Macer	J. Urquhart
D. Cooper	P. Hughes	B.J. Milligan	G. Wloch
E. Corrigan	D. Hogan	E. Newman	J. Wilson
T. Cremins	J. Honan	J.D. Noulton	R. Williams
A. Coletta	J. Keen	P. O'Connor	R. Westwood
P. Dixon	R. Kennedy	J. Prince	P. Whelan
C. Ennis	W. Kidd	B. Pryke	S. Ward
T. Ennis	M. Klokou	J. Paine	J. Ware
B. Farrell	L. Luckhurst	M. Power	M. Ward
		D. Quin	T. Wedgeworth

E.J. Hayter
 Membership Secretary
 3 Downs Avenue
 Chislehurst, Kent
 (01) 467 5244

As many Members will know, this year's Spring Ball had to be cancelled at the last moment due to lack of support. A great deal of time, energy and money were wasted and naturally all those closely involved were very disappointed. Before spending further time and effort in trying to recoup the Association's losses, the Committee invites you to help by completing and returning the questionnaire which forms the last page of this issue. The response by Members to this request and their interest in the results are both vital if the Association is to survive in the 70's. Please play your part to help the Committee help you.

ROUND-UP

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College Liaison:

An informal gathering of senior 6th formers and Members (mainly from the Football Section and Committee) took place in the Dining Centre on a Friday evening in early May. Quantities of bread, cheese and beer were consumed by the 50 or 60 who were there. The Football Section took the opportunity to present an (empty) tankard to Tony Amura in recognition of his loyal and distinguished career with the Section and 1st XI. Tony's skill and captaincy produced the enthusiasm behind the club's rise in a few seasons from the lower divisions to the high status and reputation which it now enjoys.

1970 Christmas Draw:

While not quite so successful as in recent years the last Christmas Draw again proved a more than useful boost to Association funds. Approximately £100 profit was made to be shared between the College and Association. With the Building Fund now wound-up, we understand that the College share of the proceeds is to be spent on much needed equipment. Our thanks are due to all those who in any way contributed to the success of the Draw. Copies of the result sheet can be obtained from the Editor.

Careers Evening:

This year's Careers Evening on Thursday 4th March, the ninth organised by the Association, was again well received by both pupils and parents. There was a 100% attendance by this year's 5th form and a number of 6th form boys were also present. It will probably be of interest to Members to know that there is now a well equipped Careers room at the College. The room is open four days a week during

lunch time and is looked after by a team of 6th formers. The room represents a further extension in Careers work in the College which the Association was instrumental in starting more than eight years ago.

Cricket:

With the football season well and truly ended many of the players plus a sprinkling of old faithfuls have been oiling their bats knees and elbows and exercising their bowling arms in preparation for the new cricket season. The assault on the peace of the summer air is led in defiance of our traditional weather by "Dusty" Miller. New blood is always welcome. If interested, please contact Stan Miller at 22 Urlwin Street
London, S.E.5.
(01) 703 2174.

Decimalisation:

The only direct effect upon Association affairs will be the round-up of the 12/6d annual subscription for students and members under 21 to 63p. (The editor calculates that in a full year the Association funds will gain a total of approximately 2/6d (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ p).

Changes of Address:

Once again we appeal to any members who have recently moved or who anticipate moving to let Ted Hayter (Membership Secretary) know the details. Ted lives at 3 Downs Avenue Chislehurst, Kent. Tel. 467 5244.

A.G.M.:

This year's A.G.M. will be held in the Clubhouse at Norbury on Friday October 8th.

PERSONALIA

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In this and future issues of COXAN it is hoped to include items of current personalia. The Editor will welcome any interesting tit-bits about yourselves or any other Old Boys you may know or not. Please drop him a line or ring for a chat. Meanwhile the following will bring you up to date.

Pete Neale (vintage early 50's) tells us that he is reasonably successful working as a freelance journalist and that Chief Inspector Attwood is doing 3 months in Anguilla.

Tony Gray has spend the best part of a year with the Common Market negotiating team in Brussels.

Kevin Williamson (1961) has just returned from a hitch-hiking trip to Katmandu - hitched all around India and Ceylon then hitched home - left Lorcan Farrelly (1959)

in Katmandu who then hitched to Australia where he is now working in T.V.

Danny Doyle is completing a year teaching somewhere in the South of France.

Congratulations to Pat and Julie Barry on their first child, John James; to Sean and Jackie Gavigan on the birth of a brother for Jackie and Ellen; to Alex and Susan Morrish on the birth of a daughter, Rachel; and also on the birth of a daughter to Frank and Mary Hixson.

Peter Hughes is reported to have recently arrived at a wedding minus his morning suit. Anyone finding a Moss Bros. case containing suit and a pair of brand new Y-fronts on the S.R., please contact P.H.

Recent visitor to the College was Lesley Riley (Reilly?)(1931) - dismayed to learn of the Brothers' departure but pleased to hear that Br. Dunstan is still going strong - works for I.P.C. and is living in Devon. He would like to be remembered to Derrick Jones and John Woolard, and to any other contemporary readers.

Dave Slattery, Tom Ennis and Tony Collins spent a weekend in Paris not long ago with Vince Ennis who was over there on business. All met up (not by chance) with Brian Sanders and Cecil Pocock who were leading a College party. Their combined research into Common Market booze prices produced a favourable, if hazy report.

John Gilhooly takes the plunge on September 4th when he marries Gill Cunningham.

Fr. Gualzatta late of Walworth parish has been appointed as Parish Priest in the Sutton area.

John Kidd (1965) - now managing director of a meat products empire.

Dave Slattery (always good for a mention), fully recovered from his Paris trip is reported at the time of writing to be on another boozy week's holiday in the remote parts of Ireland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Another feature which is hoped will become a regular addition to the new COXAN begins with the following letters. The Editor hopes that members will take this opportunity to air their views on Association matters, contact lost acquaintances or sell their old football socks.

Dear Brian,

I wondered if any readers of COXAN might be interested in the magazine that I edit and publish called GOOD ELF. At the moment it takes poetry only, but as the space available increases (it's only eight months from the date of publication of the first issue) small prose passages will be considered. Proper reviews begin in GE4.

I invite as many writers as possible to submit mss and select those that are the best in my opinion. Although many of the contributors are well-known at poetry readings or through publication in Small Press magazines I am anxious to receive mss from unknown writers. Of course, I expect the standard to rival that of established writers, but so many manage to fulfil this basic requirement that I am beginning to think that publishers (financial or private) do not give any true representation of the talent in the country at present.

Just for interest ... I have published only two poems from writers outside U.K. up to now and they live in W. Germany. Although I hope to attract some contributors from outside U.K. and, if possible, outside Europe it will remain a magazine for British poets - for the foreseeable future at any rate. Most of the copies are sold here but a few copies go to each of the following countries either directly or by devious routes: Australia, U.S.A., W. Germany, Poland and Malta.

GOOD ELF 3 was published earlier this month and has almost sold out although some copies may not yet have reached the eight bookshops that I use.

GE4 will be published in mid-June @ 8p a copy. If anyone would like a specimen copy they should send me 8p in stamps or as a postal order made payable to me. Alternatively, they can write for details or submit mss enclosing an s.a.e.

Yours sincerely
Lawrence Upton
18 Clairview Road, Streatham, S.W.16.

Sir

We live in changing times. Where once it was considered a social outrage to be idle now thousands prefer to let the government and their contemporaries keep them through Social benefits. Where once people enjoyed making their own amusement creatively now millions are content to stare vacantly at a lighted wooden box for hours on end. Even those who still believe that it's no disgrace to do a fair day's work or who prefer their amusements to be live rather than canned are progressively being tainted.

This changing nature is obvious in many places - it is no less obvious in the Association. Where once football or cricket matches would be attended by scores of supporters now only the team plus one or two turn up. Where once dances were attended by hundreds now the numbers are counted in tens. Why?

Perhaps the changing nature of society has turned away from Groups such as Old Boys Associations although the benefits and contacts must still be as valuable. Perhaps under the shadow of the comprehensive system and the cloud that looms over our own College we should think again about our Association and consider whether it has any future. Since the College commenced about 5000 boys and young men must have passed through its doors yet the paid up membership of the Association is 82 plus, 30 life members, and 14 junior members. The Association mailing list is still over 300 - yet only 126 are entitled by virtue of a subscription to receive our literature this year.

All 300 were invited to this year's Spring Ball - 19 replied and 3 of those said no.

Apart from the fact that this is an appalling reply rate it is made even more unbelievable when considered against the last dinner run by the Association - in June 1970 - which was attended by nearly 200 people. After it we received many letters of congratulations on the event and assurances of future support - yet events run since have proved how false these assurances were.

It can be argued that the Dinner in June, 1970 was a very special affair but if so this does not look at all well for the Association. If the Brothers brought our members to our events we might as well pack up now. In recent years the Committee has seen several people decide to do no more work for the Association because of poor support from the members. The cancellation of this year's Spring Ball adds to this number and makes it even harder for the Committee to find people to do the work.

Basically the question is "If you don't want to come to the Spring Ball or Dance or Theatre Outing etc. what do you want?" and perhaps even more pertinently - "do you really want to belong to the Association - and do you think its worth continuing?".

Personally I'd like to hear some replies to those two questions although it is doubtful whether in their present somnambulist state many of our members (for want of a better word) will be stirred to put pen to paper, to answer a question even as basic as that.

As one of those who was coming to the Ball put it "I'm sorry it's off but it's not your fault, it's the fault of the members". Just for once - let those members justify their apathetic indifference by letting us show through the medium of a questionnaire that you'll find elsewhere in this issue what they really want, and let us know whether it's worth spending time, energy and effort on organizing and publicizing events which eventually have to be cancelled a week before the event at considerable inconvenience to those who did bother to reserve seats as well as those who had worked for the event.

Yours faithfully,
D.M. Martin