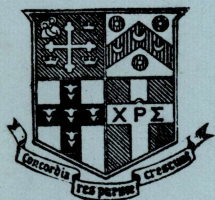


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Annual subs are due once more; with inflation and rising prices, your £1 a year gives increasingly better value (only 63p if you are a student or under 21).

At the A.G.M. someone gave me their £1 but I unfortunately forgot to write it in my receipt book. If you paid your sub at the A.G.M. and your name doesn't appear in the following list please give me a ring.

We now have thirty nine members paying by Banker's Order, if you would like to join them I will be happy to send you an order form.

Ted Hayter,  
Membership Secretary,  
3 Downs Avenue  
CHISLEHURST, Kent  
(01) 467 5244.

The new Association year starts with a bang, and a lengthy list of members who've already paid up. (shows what a burden the Banker's Order scheme takes off Ted's shoulders).

B. Aldridge	B. Farrell	A. Kondziek	J. Rayer
A. Addison	J. Flynn	T. Kelly	L. Richins
A. Anderson	E. St. J. Foti	B. Kearns	F. Richins
N. Adams	J. French	G. King	W. Ruane
R. Benson	A. French	P. Leeder	V. Rozkowski
P. Breslin	D. Frasca	L. Larkin	G.C. Rowe
J. Bunce	S. Frost	D. Mulvihill	J. Ryan
G. Burgess	Fitzgerald	M. Murphy	H. Scott
E. Bell	D. Gamber	S. Miller	D. Slattery
K. Band	C. Garvey	P. McDermott	T. Shaw
M. Bransfield	J. Gilhoolley	P.T. Milligan	J. Straiton
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J. Boyd	J. Goldie	B.J. Milligan	M. Seymour
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D. Cooper	P. Hixson	E. Newman	J. Urquhart
T. Cremins	J. Homan	J.D. Noulton	J.J. Wilson
J. Carter	A. Hannagan	E. O'Shea	P. Whelan
A. Connaughton	D. Hillier	M. O'Shea	J. Ware
Z. Ciechanowicz	P.R. Jones	D. Organ	M. Ward
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T. Dippel	J. Keenan	R.W. Pollock	A. White
B. Eanes	P. Keenan	J. Prince	B. Widuch
C. Ennis	W. Kidd	R. Prince	J. Walsh
T. Ennis	M. Klokkom	D. Quin	S. Ward
		D.M. Martin	



"How I lost the first Xaverian Car Rally" or "I've got a lovely bunch of tulips"

Sunday 26th September 1971 is a date I shall not forget in a hurry - it was a lovely day, if somewhat marred by Vic's insistence that we meet him in a concealed layby near the Maidenhead roundabout at the end of the M4. I should have realized that the fates were against us when we failed to find the M4 - either end - and just couldn't place Maidenhead on our map at all - I swear that map was drawn by a schizophrenic cartologist cum spider with Machiavellian intentions.

Having at long last found the layby (by accident actually) and just started lunch we were rudely brought to our senses by Phil peering in at the window, stating "you're Car B and you're off in 2 minutes". Slinging sandwiches in the back and the thermos flask after them where it burbled away happily all over the upholstery (you'd have thought she'd have the sense to put the top on wouldn't you?) we started the mighty engine and soon had everyone of its 843 cc's ticking over. By this time my navigator had confessed herself lost but Phil (very kindly I thought) told us to turn right out of the layby. In fact this was our worst mistake - we should have stayed in that friendly layby - God knows we were to see it often enough in the next three hours.

The rally was run on the tulip system which means you get a lot of little match-stick symbols with arms representing roads and arrows representing the way to go (anything less like a tulip it would be hard to find - but that's neither here nor there, and neither were we). Half an hour after leaving the layby I cautiously asked for directions only to find that my navigator was still looking for the tulips. I explained the idea with a merry laugh ground out through clenched teeth and turned left into a private estate where we spent the next hour looking for someone to tell us where Caruso was born. Having seen Car A (John Utting) twice (oncegoing each way) we gave this clue a wide berth and narrowly missing the River Thames proceeded into Henley in search of Gas Securities though not even a sniff of these did we get and those who did spot them have my unbounded admiration (more clenched teeth). Undaunted by our blank reply sheet we next determined to find out where Elizabeth Kendrick died and after searching an entire Churchyard on a baking hot afternoon found out it was in Valparaiso - a place I have never visited but wish I had on Sunday, 26th September 1971. Valparaiso being the first answer we had found we jotted it down proudly on our sheet and still wishing we were miles way - even in the Garden of Eden - went on.

In fact the Garden of Eden was a tempting thought as we next had to find where Eve tempted Adam to live. The various answers to this question (The Cherries, The Folly, Down the Lane etc) indicated that most Competitors did not see Little Adam Farm which proves how shortsighted some people can be. We of course were no exception to the general mass but I think we have the excuse that by this time we weren't even in Oxfordshire. It was about this time that we saw the Addison Stag (in British Racing Green) going in the opposite direction. This reassured us since even if we were going the wrong way we weren't all that far away from civilisation. So we carried on looking for a Butcher who had an animal close by - very uncomfortable especially as it turned out to be a Bull - mind you it could also have been a horse, a fly, a peacock (in hedge form) a passing mongrel or even my navigator when she got out to look at it. A similar difficulty was experienced five miles further on where Vic, Phil and Ernie demanded to know who P.P. was. Our conviction that it was Pretty Polly was greeted with derision. "Didn't you see the War Memorial with Percy Potters name then?" - by the time we got there we were having trouble seeing the road let alone anything on it.

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With the exception of our stroll round the cemetery looking for Elizabeth Kendrick (who luckily we didn't find as she would have been 245 years old) we had been driving non-stop for two hours and the smell of coffee on the back seat (literally) was becoming more alluring every hour so the seeming invitation to stop for tea at the next clue was very welcome. Hopes were dashed (like our flask) when the tea turned out to be a tee and it was not that sort of caddy. Turning right on the 14th tee and ignoring the blandishments coming from the Clubhouse (at least I think they were blandishments but you just can't tell these days) we beetled off to the house at Arbor Acres meeting the Orange Beetle (Car F) going the other way.

Resigned now to the fact that we were going round in circles and about to disappear up the Acres at Arbor we were surprised to find that there was a house at AA and it specialised in Brown Eggs (another clue found and jotted down proudly that made two out of 6 - not bad) the next clue specialised in Wells (three) and Windows (24) which we were asked to count. Having traipsed round the item (a church) and counted 44 windows and divided this by the number of legs used we could only make the score 22 and so marks lost again. And so were we. We then found that that was the end of the competition and we should "go directly to the finish - do not pass the Go, do not collect any prizes". The only trouble was we couldn't find the finish. We knew it was near the start but that was 63 tulips, 53 miles and 155 minutes away. Five tulips later we luckily drove down a leaf which led to a stem which branched out from the main road and two miles on we found John Utting sitting dejectedly outside the finish - a pub - closed (that's why he was dejected).

As the last time we had seen him was at Netherton Hall looking for a cradle containing Enrico Caruso we greeted him like Dr. Livingley and Stanstone (or whoever they were). Even then we found that we had another puzzle to work out - we had to make a name out of "AND BUNS ROT". "U Bad Stronn" didn't sound right whilst "Stab Rond Nud" didn't sound very friendly. So we settled for a compromise and didn't put anything. (It turned out to be Bro' Dunstan - we could have done with his memory for some of the clues!)

We got to the finish at 4.12 exactly three hours after starting - the next car limped in at 4.38 and then at nearly 5.00pm Phil and Ernie deigned to turn up and immediately berated us for "doing it too quickly" which we didn't think was very nice. Mick Grice and the heavy brigade screeched to a stop in a mini but looked very disappointed not to have to tear across the road and clock in. By 6.30 pm we were still awaiting the Addison Stag (the eventual winners I believe) and soon after that in high dudgeon at not getting more than 10 bonus points for such a fantastically fast run we buzzed off 'ome with my navigator clutching a Certificate of Proficiency as a Back Seat Driver. Oh I forgot to mention that Vic arrived at 6.00 pm with Sandy and used Phil's car to stop which was just as well as the main road was only 100 yards away.

I was much relieved to find that we had come last - after all had we won they might have insisted on a lap of honour and I swear we'd already been over the course twice that afternoon. I never want to look another tulip in the stamen.

(NOTE TO PHIL, VIC & ERNIE - Seriously though it was great - keep up the good work but if I find out which one of you had the fiendish, macabre and sadistic idea of putting some of those tulips out of order I'll .... )

Double Dee Clutch



Having sold his betting shops, John Rosati (1955) has moved house and now runs the Barley Mow somewhere in Sussex. Anyone who knows the precise location might let the Editor know.

In the same tradition, and carrying where they left off on School Sports Days, Lawrence Lake, C. Doble and Paul Yazzi (when not studying at Balls Pond College!) are all reported to be working in betting shops.

Congratulations to Ted Corrigan who gets married in Jersey next May, and apologies to John Shorthall who doesn't. John was reported to be marrying in Birmingham in last issue, this should have read 'navvying'.

Other forthcoming marriages are rumoured to concern Emar Colletta (in December) and Charlie Doble.

Tony Gray is back from Brussels and his name once again appears in the 1st XI football team. Phil Gray is still living in Paris, but has moved from Peugeot to a chemical firm, still prefers Guinness to Biere D'Alsace.

Maureen and Pete Murphy have another baby - Andrew - a brother for Lisa. They are now living within a stone's throw of Norbury. Equally proud are Alex and Sue Morrish of their newly arrived daughter - Rachel.

Dennis Healey (1962) at present working at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office soon goes as a diplomat to Budapest (or Bucharest).

R.W. Pollock (Grandma or Polly to his friends at College) has rejoined the Association; was at the College 1924-29 and would like to hear from contemporaries - knows John Jones and Derrick Jones and works as an Inspector of Taxes.

"Is it a record" asks Mr. Schwenk "to have sons at the College for an unbroken period of 20 years?" Ben Schwenk (1962) was at the Annual Mass. The father of two, he is now a bank inspector in the West End area. His brother Michael (1959) usually known as Jake, who has recently become a father for the second time is living in Edmonton and works for Gallahers Tobacco. Philip Schwenk (1965) also has two children and works in insurance, while Vincent (1966) works for a building society. The youngest of the family, Stephen, is still at the College and hopes to go to University.

It looks as though the new generation of the family will create more records.

Hot foot from their success (?) in the first Xaverian Car Rally, David and Angela Martin won the Southern Badminton Club car rally two weeks later.

Recent visitors to the College include:

Ron Davis (1969) who has just returned from 3 months in the United States where he was working during his vacation from Liverpool University.

Patrick O'Connor (1966) who is working for the Ministry of Defence and has been transferred from London to Portsmouth.

Andrew Faron (1965) who lives in Australia and works for Qantas Airlines. His brother Frank (1960) is a doctor practising in Canada.



John Coffee (1955) who is also a doctor and is doing medical research at McGill University, Canada. He is now moving to the States to continue his research.

John Stafford (1969) who sells Ford cars somewhere in the Stamford Hill area. His famous left foot is no longer seen in the Old Boys League but by a team named ironically, Volvo.

At the school Dance on 12th November was seen recent school leaver Michael Collins. In the 'George' on the same night were seen Tad Dippell, John Ryan, Tim Kelly, Pat Pearson, John Smallcombe, John Boyd, Hugh Atkinson and John Gowan (1971).

John Karl Sabbagh (1961) after 1 year in Libya working on a TV project is now back with the BBC producing programmes like the recent series on school science projects.

Brian Campbell (1963) in response to the request in the last issue has written to tell us that he is now living in Fareham, Hants. After three years teaching in Zambia he is now Head of History Dept at a rather large girls school in Fareham. He expects to be floating around London at Christmas and inquires if we still run a Christmas raffle. (Please don't send him all your unsold raffle tickets).

Peter J. Hughes recently in the midst of the takeover battle between Watneys and Grand Metropolitan Hotels for Trumans, has now been appointed to the Board of Grand Metropolitan.

Alex Morrish is now working in Kings Road, Chelsea and will soon be moving his home to Shirley.

The following is extracted from a recent copy of the Evening Standard:

"Mr Nicholas Scott, 38 year-old Tory MP for Paddington South, topped the batting and bowling averages for the Lords and Commons cricket team this season. He played four innings for an average of 37.5 including a score of 113 in the match against the Guards. His bowling average was 9. In seven overs he took five wickets for 45 runs".

#### University Freshmen 1971

Kevin Bond - Goldsmiths College  
Michael Galtrey - Hull University  
Donald MacDonald - Goldsmiths College  
Brian Shorthall - Camberwell Art College  
John Cloak - Surrey University  
Zbignier Gechanowicz - Surrey University  
Mark Roszkowski - Poly of Central London  
Michael Collins - City of London Poly  
Peter Siwecki - St Mary's College  
Michael Murphy - Birmingham University  
David Breen - Bournemouth Poly  
Przenyslaw Bogdanowicz - Chelsea College  
Julian Carter - Philippa Fawcett College  
Richard Clark (1972) University of Kent  
Robert Kennedy - Chelsea College  
Desmond Keenay - St Mary's College



Bernard Hierchner C.B.E. was at Clapham from 1903 to 1909 (contemporary C.E. Robertson). He took up journalism as a profession but this required a high standard of education so he came back to C.C. in 1913 where he passed his London Matriculation. In 1914 he joined the forces and was wounded in the arm. After the War he became a newspaper editor working in India when Rudyard Kipling was acquiring fame as a poet and writer. He is now living in E. Mosely, Surrey.

Bernard Sibeth who was a contemporary of Nevin Paine (1912 period) received injuries to his leg as a boy when someone dared him to jump from the stairway outside 2 alpha classroom to the playground, a height of 15 feet. He returned from a long stay in New Zealand and now lives in Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Lt. Col. F. Cetre M.C. has at last retired from the army and resides in the sunnier clime of Portugal where he spent many years in training soldiers of the Portugese army as an adjunct to the NATO forces. At long last he has a permanent address.

In the last issue of Concordia mention is made of a School magazine, the Preliminary Chronicle edited by Creamer, McGrath and W. Donavon and produced surreptitiously. When Creamer left the School he went to the Falkland Islands, sheepfarming and eventually married. During World War I Mrs Creamer chanced to spot three foreign war vessels cruising round. She made her suspicions known to her husband and the authorities which led to the Battle of the Falkland Islands and the sinking of the three German cruisers, Sharnhaust, Greissnau and Von Moltke. Mrs. Creamer received the thanks and a presentation from the Islanders for saving them from invasion.

(Please note that the addresses of the majority of Old Boys mentioned above or in Personalia can be obtained from the Editor).

Many of the Old Boy priests and other Old Boys who were at the School from 1908 till 1916 will be sorry to hear of the death of Gerald Nieser who died last March. He served as a councillor at Brighton for many years and was given an official funeral attended by the Brighton and Hove councillors in their robes of office. Please pray for him and his bereaved widow. Address: 1 Overdown Rise, Mile Oak, Portslade, Sussex.

It is also with regret that we announce the sudden death last month of Henry Ellis Rowe at the age of 74. He started at the College in 1907, joined the original Association and became a founder member of the present Association. We extend our deepest sympathy to his son Derek and his family. May he Rest in Peace.



## Carol Concert:-

This year's College Carol Concert will be held on Tuesday 14th December. A Nativity Play will be presented with the carols.

## Boxing Day:-

(Monday 27th December) the annual revelries will be held at Norbury: Cricketers V. Footballers soccer match, 11 am. Come to watch and drink or play and drink. Cricketers names to John Mansi, and Footballers to Vic Roszkowski please. (The more the merrier).

## Annual Mass:-

A traditionally large crowd attended the Annual Mass in the College Chapel on Sunday 7th November and filled the Gym afterwards for coffee and biscuits. Fr. J. Paine S.J. who is at Wimbledon offered the Mass. Brother Dunstan travelled up from Mayfield.

## "Stag Nite":-

A date and venue have been fixed for a stag night: 21st January at the 211 Club (Polish Club) in Balham High Road. Further details will be circularised early in the New Year.

## Pantomime:-

Steve Stewart (White Rabbit) and Dave Martin (White King) will be appearing in 'Alice in Wonderland' from December 29th to January 1st. John Gilhooly is also involved behind the scenes. It's St. Andrew's Y.C's 13th Panto and will be presented at Norwood Girls School, Crown Dale, Norwood. (7.30pm. Children's Matinee 1st January at 2.30 pm.) Tickets 30p, children 20p.

## Brothers Appeal Fund:-

The Committee acknowledge with grateful thanks the many generous donations to the Xaverian Brothers' Prize and Memorial Fund. The Committee are considering closing the appeal at the end of January 1972, but will of course accept donations after that date. Details of the Fund and plans for its use will be published in due course.

## Discomania:-

Blurb appears elsewhere in this issue about the Disco-Dance to be held at the College on 17th December. Great value for 25p.

## Errata:-

The Editor wishes to apologise to those readers who will have found their names mis-spelt in the Autumn Coxan and especially to certain of the Brothers and Maurice Gorham.



The following letter describes the function of the London Newman Circle and its junior branch Clang - further details of both are available from the Editor or direct from the Circle's Membership Secretary.

The Newman Association  
15 Carlisle Street  
LONDON W1V 5RE

Dear Editor,

The London Newman Circle is a branch of the Newman Association which was founded in 1942 to bring together Catholic graduates who wanted to develop more fully the part they had to play in the life of the church in this country. The Association has always tried to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas and for the free discussion of problems affecting the church and the world and to encourage creative thought among lay people. It promotes the study of theology, liturgy and social questions and encourages ecumenical activity. Because of its large membership the London Circle is able to provide a fairly extensive series of lectures, study groups and social events (As you will see from the current programme which I am enclosing) throughout most of the year and we are fortunate in having our premises at Carlisle Street, including a large meeting room and a well-appointed bar. In addition to the regular activities of the London Circle a group called Clang (Committee for the Lay Apostolate of New Graduates) meet on Fridays and they run study groups and entertainments.

Membership of the Association is not limited to graduates or to those holding approved professional qualifications. If you are over 21 you can join as an associate member and after 12 months may apply for full membership (the difference between full and associate membership is that Associates do not have voting rights at business meetings of the Association). There are special arrangements for Corporate Associates (eg religious communities and colleges) and married members. The ordinary annual subscription is £3.15 (or £4 if paid other than by Banker's Order) and new graduates pay £1.57½ in their first year after graduation.

If you want to know more about the Circle or if you would like to arrange to be introduced to some LNC members please telephone me at home (902 7342) to arrange a convenient time.

Yours sincerely

E.M. COMERFORD.  
Membership Secretary



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**BAR**

**25p.**

**WILD·LIGHTS & STEREO·SOUNDS**  
**COLLEGE DINING CENTRE**  
**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**8 : 12 pm.**

CLAPHAM OLD XAVERIANS ASSOCIATION





# The Clapham Old Xaverians' Association

Chairman:

P. Keenan,  
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S.W. 12

29th October 1971

Dear Member,

## CHRISTMAS DRAW

Firstly, in case you were not at this year's AGM may I introduce myself as your new Chairman since 9th October. I take over at an interesting stage in the Association's history and trust that I can rely on your support.

You will find enclosed four books of Christmas Draw tickets which I would ask you to sell as quickly as possible. Tony Morrish, our new Treasurer, will be only too happy to supply you with further books should you want them!

With tickets at the same price as they were ten years ago there is a big reduction in cost or increase in value so they should not be too difficult to sell - or so we hope!

Also help is invited from all members who are able to donate a Prize (or money or gifts towards a prize) for the Draw. Even a jar of pickles for the hamper would be very welcome. Such contributions will be gratefully received by Brian Sanders at the College.

Finally may I say how much I am looking forward to meeting members at the forthcoming events and do hope that you will make a special effort to come to all the events your Committee runs throughout the year to try and compensate at least in part for the disappointments of the recent months. Coxan will soon be out and will tell you more but meanwhile please make a mental reservation,

With best wishes,

Chairman

P.S. May I also remind you that Donations towards the Xaverian Brothers Appeal are still being accepted.



