THE FIRST XV., 1944-45.


EDITORIAL.

It was with regret that we heard this term of the impending departure of our Headmaster, Mr. A. R. Woolley; we are including in this issue an appreciation of the services he has rendered to the School.

The two terms which have elapsed since the last issue of this magazine have seen many important events. Not the least important of these was the long-awaited end of the war in Europe; its effect has been noticed already in the numbers of our wartime visitors returning to London and to the coast. We are also eagerly awaiting the return of those masters who left us temporarily to serve in the Forces.

This term has also seen the introduction of the New Education Act; whether it will raise or lower the high standard of the School is yet to be seen.

A somewhat lesser event has been the erection, on a portion of the school vegetable garden, of a building incorporating two new classrooms; although it has been over a term since it was started, we are still waiting for it to be put into use.

We end by wishing all boys (and the Staff) as happy a holiday as is possible remembering its curtailment by the new Act.
At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mr. Woolley in his official position as Headmaster. He came to us in 1937, eight years ago at a time when the School numbers were 237. They are now 376. In these eight years the School has made progress exceeding our most sanguine expectations both in the standard of the work and in the general activities which go to make school life a pleasure and happiness. We have seen in all of this the guiding hand of the Headmaster. In work he left his Final Triumph to his last year, when the School won five Open Scholarships at our Senior Universities—a wonderful record for so young a School. No work in the interests of the boys has been too much for him. Their confidence in him has been a gratifying return for all he has done on their behalf. His popularity with the Governors, who have had complete confidence in his organisation, the Staff, the Boys and their Parents has been the keynote of his success. In addition to his School work, he has taken a keen and active interest in the affairs of the Town and his departure will be sorely felt by everybody. In all his work he has had the unfaltering support of Mrs. Woolley, whom we shall miss at all School Functions. They leave us officially but we hope not personally and while thanking them for all they have done for the School, we wish them a long and happy life at Oxford, where our late Headmaster has been appointed Education Secretary to the Appointments Board of the University.

P. A. FRYER,
Chairman of Governors.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Headmaster has been appointed Educational Secretary to the Oxford University Committee for Appointments and will take up his new duties in August.

Another loss will be that of Mr. Findley who has taken a post at Oxted Grammar School, Surrey. He will be especially missed on the Rugger and Cricket fields where he has rendered conspicuous service, being in charge of the Cricket since he joined us in 1942. During this last year he has performed the duties of chief Geography master. It is hoped, but hardly expected, that Mr. Dunning may return to fill the vacancy by September. Mr. Findley is the first Old Boy to have served on the permanent staff of the School. It is
useful, from all points of view, to have at least one Old Boy as a member of the Common Room and we hope it will not be long before another joins us.

We congratulate J. S. Maddams on continuing our run of successes at the older Universities by his election to an Open Exhibition for Natural Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge; and D. W. Robinson on his election to a Revis Studentship at University College, Nottingham. R. H. Bailey was *prox. acc.* in the A.T.C. National Essay Competition, writing on "Experiences in the A.T.C."

F./Lt. J. G. Dunning's outstanding services in the R.A.F. have been recognised by a "Mention in Despatches" and C. H. Garrod, Gnr., R.A., has been awarded the Commander-in-Chief's Certificate for Gallantry.

To the list of those Old Boys who have given their lives for their Country there have to be added W.O. G. R. Coe, R.A.F., B. T. Peck, the Royal Scots, and W. J. Berrill, Northamptonshire Regt.

P. J. Neal, A. Warner, J. R. Upton, F. H. Partridge, formerly Prisoners of War, have all been repatriated. F. C. Causebrook remains in Japanese hands.

The Commemoration Address this year was delivered on St. Barnabas' Day, the anniversary of the opening of the School, by the Rev. E. C. Q. Rich, M.A., Canon Residentiary of Peterborough Cathedral and Diocesan Director of Education.

The Athletic Sports Finals were held on 10th May. The weather was good until rain ended the proceedings just before the Obstacle Race should have been held. Mrs. Woolley distributed the Cups in the Hall.

The House Music Competition was distinguished by a series of excellent performances, both choral and instrumental. The general standard of achievement was higher than ever before and a high level of interest was maintained throughout. The Judge was Mr. D. Pritchard, Assistant Music Master at Oundle.

Children never know, perhaps rightly, what they owe to their parents, but the School should be aware of what it owes to its Parents' Committee. This body has again been vigorous and by dint of much hard work and enthusiasm raised £10 at a Whist Drive held in the School Hall on 5th May and just over £30 by a Fete held in conjunction with the Parents' Cricket Match on 14th June. The total of the School Amenities Fund, thanks to their unsparing efforts, now stands at £106-1s.-2d.

The Old Boys are holding another Dance in the School Hall on the evening of the Old Boys' Match, Saturday, 21st July.

The Visitors' Book shows that the following Old Boys have called on us this term: F/Lt. K. J. Holmes, R.A.F.

It should be recorded that Lent Term events included a brilliant Piano Recital by Mme. Fuchssova; the usual series of Lenten Addresses; a lecture on China by the Rev. C. Fairclough, and an Old Boys' Dance.

SALVETE.

None.

VALETE.

D. Braybrook, 1938 (3) School Cert., Dec., 1943, Prefect.

Army.
D. A. Franklin, 1940 (3) School Cert., July, 1944. Lloyds Bank, Wellingborough.
F. R. C. James, 1940 (3) School Cert., July, 1944. Journalist, Evening Telegraph.
D. Knight, 1939 (3) School Cert., July, 1944. Express Boot Co.
M. H. Martin, 1940 (3) School Cert., July, 1944. County Education Offices, Northampton.
J. C. Rodhouse, 1940 (3) School Cert., July, 1944. Returned to Lowestoft.
B. Sturgess, 1940 (3) School Cert., Dec., 1944. Inland Revenue.


J. Adams  J. I. Baker  L. E. Best
V. Blackman  J. R. Brooks  R. F. Carr
A. W. Drage  J. H. Frost  F. R. Gibson
J. H. Glenister  G. F. Hunt  R. W. Hunt
J. R. Hudson  J. W. Hughes  E. C. Kettridge
W. Lill  J. F. Mepham  Munnings
K. A. G. Page  W. E. Pain  R. C. Reeves
K. C. Rogers  Ross  Sheffield
Steward  G. Stevens  Summerlin
Towers  R. Waite  Whimhurst
K. C. Whitney  F. Wibberley  G. L. Woodhams
B. J. Wright  Yerrell

DECEMBER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS.

Hanger, e. G. f. M. Ch. ph.
Sturgess, e. G. M. Ch. Ph.
K. E. White, e. S. h. g. bio. art.

Small letter indicates “pass”; capital letter indicates “credit.”

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Results.

House Matches.

SENIORS.
First Round. Dragons 14, Stags nil, Gryphons 27, Lions nil.
Third Round. Dragons 47, Lions 5, Gryphons 9, Stags 8.

JUNIORS.
First Round. Dragons 6, Stags 6, Gryphons 3, Lions nil.
Second Round. Gryphons 3, Dragons nil, Lions 14, Stags nil.
Third Round. Dragons 11, Lions 8, Gryphons 10, Stags 8.

CROSS COUNTRY, 1945.

This year new courses were planned for the Senior and Middle School Runs. Both of these courses are now a little longer than they were formerly; the Senior Course covers four miles, the Middle just over three miles and the Junior Course remains at two and three-quarter miles. It is no longer necessary to cross the brook, as it has been cleaned and fenced with four strands of barbed wire on each bank, so that the selection of a new course was not only an improvement, but a necessity.

The results were as follows.

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Time:
- Dragons: 26 min. 35 1/5 secs.
- Gryphons: 20 min. 47 1/5 secs.
- Lions: 21 min. 31 secs.
(LTime: 1943, 19 min. 50 1/5 secs.)

The Williams' Cup for the Cross Country is therefore held by the Gryphons' House, the total points being:

1. Gryphons: 269
2. Stags: 233
3. Lions: 224
4. Dragons: 174

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports were held on 10th May. The weather was unkind to us this year as black clouds menaced the proceedings in their early stages and the relay events were run in the rain. The popular half mile handicap and obstacle race had to be abandoned.

No records were broken on Sports Day although some excellent times were recorded in the Middle events. Several records, however, were broken in the finals of the middle and long distance events which were run off in the Lent Term.

The Dragons were easily winners of the Cup competitions. The running of Whitney, Hyde, Matthews and Hodson, all Dragons, is particularly to be commended.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. Woolley very kindly presented the Cups.

Thanks are due to the members of the Staff who acted as officials.
Results.


   (School record).


   Time: 2 mins. 25 2/5 secs. (School record).

   Time: 2 mins. 47 4/5 secs.


Middle Quarter Mile. 1. Hyde (D), 2. Matthews (D), 3. Farrow (G), 4. Oakley (G).
   Time: 26 secs.


   Time: 26 secs.

   Time: 29 2/5 secs.


Middle 100 Yards. 1. Hyde (D), 2. Matthews (D), 3. Farrow (G), 4. Oakley (G).
   Time: 11 2/5 secs.

   Time: 12 1/5 secs.

   Time: 14 secs.

   Height: 4 ft. 9 ins.

   Height: 4 ft. 8 1/2 ins.

Junior High Jump. 1. D. S. Law (G), 2. Hodson (D), 3. J. R. Partridge (G) and N. A. Tompkins (L).
   Height: 4 ft. 1 1/2 ins.

Senior Long Jump. 1. L. R. Bailey (S) and Tyers (G), 2. Minney (L), 3. S. G. Abbott (G).
   Length: 16 ft. 7 ins.

   Length: 15 ft. 9 1/2 ins.

   Length: 13 ft. 7 ins.
MARTIN ATHLETIC CUP.

Points: Dragons 216, Gryphons 125½, Lions 96, Stags 81½.

HENSON RELAY RACE.

Senior ... 1. Dragons 2. Gryphons 3. Lions
Middle ... 1. Dragons 2. Lions 3. Gryphons

Points: Dragons 40, Gryphons and Stags 16, Lions 12.

GORDON SHIPMAN MILE CHALLENGE CUP.

K. C. Whitney (held by Dragons House).

MRS. WOOLLEY'S HIGH JUMP CUP.

L. R. Bailey.

CRICKET, 1945.

Captain of Cricket: K. A. Bond.
Vice-Captain: J. Hardwick. Secretary: D. Pearce.

This has been a satisfactory year for School Cricket. The School XI., with five members of last year’s team available, have lost only one school match. The Junior XIs, especially the ‘Under 14’ XI., have also done well. The chief reason for this has been the keenness shown by all teams. K. A. Bond has made an excellent Captain. His batting has been consistently good, showing a sound defence and fine aggressive scoring shots all round the wicket. In the field he has set a very high standard. Perhaps the most pleasant feature this year has been the improved batting of Hardwick. He has played easily and safely against the best bowling and his shots on the off-side are really excellent. Pearce, too, has also batted well although he has not had the best of luck. Timpson and Minney have done well. Pickerill has improved steadily but is still weak on the off. L. R. Bailey has been unlucky, but if he is to make runs he must drop his habit of attempting to hook a good length ball in his first over.

As last year Hardwick has bowled magnificently. He has been well backed up by Pearce and Minney whilst Tyers has improved rapidly. Timpson and Fair have shown great promise. On the whole the fielding has been good. Our biggest fault is still the running between the wickets and it has lost us many runs and often valuable wickets.

The “Under 15” XI. ably led by Hyde has had a better season. There is much good material here and with greater match experience they will make a very useful side. At the present greater steadiness in batting is needed.
The "Under 14" XI. shows remarkable promise. This is easily their best year. Well captained by Law, who will be a very fine batsman, they have only lost one match. Roberts, Hunt, Leslie and Surridge have all batted and bowled well.

DETAILS OF MATCHES.


North'pton T. & C. 43 (Hardwick 5 for 15, Minney 5 for 22)
School 107 for 5 dec'd. (Bond 36, Minney 23 not out).

School 106 for 8 dec'd. (Bond 49 not out, Pearce 27).
K.G.S. 24 (Hardwick 6 for 7).

June 2nd. School v. Wellingboro' Sch. 2nd XI. Away. Lost.
School 128 (Hardwick 62 not out, Bond 43).
Wellingborough School 134 for 8.

School 89 for 5 declared (Hardwick 45 not out).
Bedford 28 (Pearce 3 for 7, Hardwick 3 for 3).

School 133 for 10 declared (Pearce 45).
Parents 49 (Hardwick 5 for 9).

Finedon 103 for 7.
School 53.

Wellingborough T.C.C. 88 (Pearce 4 for 28).
School 94 for 2. (Bond 48 not out, Hardwick 22 not out).

Bedford 88 for 9 declared.
1st XI. 68 for 3 (Bailey 24).

1st XI. 77.
Kettering G.S. 30 for 1. Rain stopped play.

R.A.F. 45 (Hardwick 6 for 8, Pearce 4 for 10).
1st XI 29 (W/O James 8 for 10).

Under 15, 20.

Northampton 74.
Under 15 68 for 8.

Bedford School 106 for 7 declared.
Under 15, 46.

Under 15, 57.
Harpur Central School 46 (White 7 for 16).

Law (Captain), Leslie, Surridge, Roberts, P. Hunt,
K. Lawrence, Newnham, P. Wills, Knowles, Skerritt,
Houghton, Atkins.

Under 14, 45.
Harpur Central 24.

Under 14, 64.
K.G.S. 24.

Under 14, 50.
Bedford Modern Under 14, 55 for 4.

Full Colours have been re-awarded to Bond and Hardwick and awarded to Pearce and Minney.

P.T. COMPETITION.

This competition held on 17th and 18th July for the Ford Cup consisted of a series of events requiring agility, balance, speed and team co-operation.

After a thrilling struggle the Stags proved themselves worthy winners, finishing seven points ahead of their nearest rivals, the Lions.
The events were:

**Senior.**
1. Turning on bench rib.
2. Long astride vault (box).
3. Through vault (box).
4. Dive over benches.
5. Balance on bricks.
7. Jumping over Stick (Relay).
9. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
10. Tug of War.

**Junior.**
- Turning on bench rib.
- Astride vault (buck).
- Forward roll on box.
- Dive over benches.
- Through vault (horse).
- Relay.
- Jumping over Stick (Relay).
- Tunnel Ball Relay.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball.

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**SWIMMING SPORTS (JAMES CUP).**
The swimming sports will take place on Friday, 27th July at Wilby Lido by kind permission of Mr. J. Thompson. Present holders:—Gryphons.

**TABLE TENNIS CLUB.**
With the approach of School Certificate, attendance of members (limited to VI. and V. forms) has diminished, but it is hoped that the rush for the table will increase next term. We hope to be able to arrange a Staff and School match before the end of the term.

**HOUSE NOTES.**

**DRAGONS.**
*Housemasters:* Mr. C. W. F. Laurie, Mr. I. J. Nicholas.

*Head of House:* D. W. Robinson.


During the past two terms we have put up a creditable performance in most of the School's activities.
Perhaps our greatest achievement was the success of K. R. Spencer who obtained an open major (Methuen) Scholarship of £100 for mathematics at Wadham College, Oxford. We are proud to note that two out of five of the recent awards which the School obtained went to Dragons: D. W. Robinson was awarded a Studentship at University College, Nottingham, in June. Apart from these successes we have fared well in school examinations, and we hold the Ferguson trophy for another year.

After an exciting match against the Lions, we carried off the Rugger Cup. With the exception of last year we have held this Cup for the last four years and we have high hopes of retaining it for yet another year.

We again won the Athletic and Relay Cups and also the G. P. Shipman Mile Challenge Cup. The latter was given to commemorate a former Dragon's Athletic achievements; it is fitting that it should be won for the first time by a Dragon, K. Whitney. To him and to Watts, Matthews, Hyde, Leslie and Hodson we owe our success.

A very disappointing Cross-Country Run resulted in our being placed fourth.

The House Play this year, was the "Oak Settle" by H. Brighouse. Those taking part were, Leslie, Faulkner, Toms, Eden and Cartwright. We were placed third.

Despite the efforts of the Senior House officials in getting small boys to Choir practices we were unsuccessful in the Music Competition, coming third to the Lions who retain the Cup for another year.

This season's cricket seems rather disappointing so far due to the deficiency of seniors. We have however been represented in all the school teams and we have to congratulate D. Pearce on being awarded his Cricket Full Colours.

The P.T. Competition this year was won by the Stags and we were placed third in the Senior Events and first equal in the Junior Events, our final position being third.

We regret losing R. H. Bailey last term but welcome in his stead among the School prefects D. R. Smith. House Colours last term were awarded to James, Maddams, Carter, Willmott, Watts, Hyde and Matthews.

We have had visits from former Dragons, House Captains serving in the Navy, this term, to them and to all other old Dragons we wish the best of luck.

We are very sorry to learn that the Headmaster will be leaving us. His work for the School has been very much appreciated and on behalf of all the members of this House we extend our very best wishes to him and his family and hope they will be happy at Oxford.

Finally we wish the best of luck to all Dragons taking Higher School Certificates and School Certificates this term and to those who are leaving, every success in life.
During the past year Dame Fortune has not smiled very kindly on the Gryphons. The only trophy which we succeeded in winning was the Cross-Country Cup, largely due to the good running of both Senior and Junior teams. Although only one defeat was inflicted on our Rugger teams, it was sufficient to lose us the Cup, but we finished very good runners-up. The Junior team won all of their games. In the Athletic Cup we were again runners-up to the Dragons, but this was due to the outstanding running ability of two or three Dragons rather than to our own poor running. The Relay teams did not do as well as was expected, and we were placed third.

During the Lent term an inter-House Dramatic Competition was inaugurated, and certain members of the House could be seen walking about the School, muttering distractedly and waving their hands about. These characters were members of the cast of the Gryphons' play "The Unexpected." Our community contained no outstanding actors, and although a great deal of work was put into its production, the unexpected did not happen, and we were placed last.

Again in the House Music Competition, lack of seniors with good voices was felt, and the Choir was sadly lacking in tenors and basses, and although our soloists were good, they were unable to make up the ground lost by the Choir. Consequently we were again placed fourth.

Our hopes of winning the Cricket Cup were soon dashed by our defeat by the Lions in the first round of the Cup; however, we defeated the Dragons in the second round. Although it is impossible for us to win the Cricket Cup we have high hopes of finishing runners-up.

K. A. Bond (Captain of Cricket), R. H. Tyers, J. R. Jones, J. F. Pickerill have represented the House in the 1st XI, whilst several other members have played for the various other School XI's.

At the end of the term we shall be losing our Senior Housemaster, Mr. Findley, who is leaving to take up an appointment in Surrey. We would like here to thank him for the tremendous amount of work he has done for the Gryphons, and to wish him the very best of luck in his new surroundings.

We would like also to wish the best of luck to those Gryphons who took the Higher and School Certificate in July and to wish every success to those who are leaving.
LIONS.

House Masters: Mr. H. H. Wintersgill, Mr. R. V. S. Ward.
Head of House: R. A. Hales.

It is with a feeling of pride that we note that five senior Lions reign undisputed at the top of the Headmaster’s table at dinner. This show of force is reflected in our achievements since we last set them in print. During the past months the Lions have seen their efforts well rewarded especially in the spheres of drama and music.

Fortune was sadly against us in the Inter-House Rugby Competition, for with a sadly depleted senior team, we lost all our senior matches and were placed fourth. Nevertheless the middle section of the House is full of promise for next season.

Again in the Cross Country Cup we sadly missed the running of Woolfson. We put up a good fight in defence of the Cup, finishing a close second to the Gryphons.

Our third defeat was in the Athletic Sports. We had one or two good runners, among them Wallis and Wells, but other Houses could do better and we finished third.

This term the Lions have blossomed forth into the sphere of the Arts. An addition to the usual School competitions was the initiation of an Inter-House Dramatic contest which although lacking a Cup was not lacking in interest. All Houses hoped to win the competition and each House gave a very creditable performance of a one act play of their own choosing. The Lions chose an extremely suitable play entitled: Anybody? We were fortunate in casting our characters but much credit is due to the hard work of our producers, Wallis and Tompkins. It is said that R. A. Hales gave a surprisingly good performance of acting; I must say it surprised himself. We deserved our victory, for much hard work was willingly given to make our efforts such a success.

Once again we preserved the dignity of our House Master, Mr. Wintersgill, who is also the School Music Master, by winning the House Music Competition. With regular attendances at the many practices and with enthusiasm shown by all concerned, we were able to establish a high standard of musical efficiency. True to expectation P. Wilson, a third form boy, gave a very creditable performance of a waltz by Chopin. The Choir sang well, its last piece, Silent Worship, gaining 19 marks out of 20.

We, like the rest of the Houses gave a worthy performance for the P.T. Competition. We finished a very close second to the Stags, whose weight was overpowering in the Tug-of-War. Stone amazed everyone by doing over 180 turns on a bench rib, a very fine effort.
So far in the Cricket Competition our senior team has brushed all resistance aside, thanks in no small measure to the fine bowling of Hardwick and Minney. Hardwick has shown himself on two occasions to be a batsman of great prowess. Our junior team has not been nearly so successful having lost all its matches. Unlike the other teams it badly needs a few older boys to lead it. With one more round to decide the issue we are confidently hoping for a comfortable victory, but the Stags also have a fair chance of gaining the Cup.

Three Lions are members of the 1st XI. Minney has recently gained his full colours. We congratulate them on their attainments and wish them good hunting in this and coming seasons. We are also well represented in the Under 15 XI.

Congratulations are also due to G. N. Wells and J. T. Hardwick on becoming School Prefects, and to R. Wallis and K. G. Tompkins on becoming Acting Prefects. The latter has been awarded his House Colours for his good work as co-producer in Dramatics.

We wish all the best to all Lions who have been candidates for the H.S.C. and School Certificate examinations. May September bring all that can be desired.

Finally we add the customary but heartfelt good wishes to all Lions who are leaving school in July and to all old Lions everywhere.

STAGS.

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. S. B. Harris.

Head of House: B. Elmore.

House Prefects: V. M. Bayliss, J. S. Maddams, J. B. Hanger.

The position of our house in the School has taken a favourable turn in the past two terms.

In the Rugger Competition, the last round was played against the Gryphons; the results were close but we were placed third.

Our Cross Country teams as a whole ran fairly well this year and we were placed second.

We were placed fourth in the Athletic Competition; and second equal in the Relay, our junior team winning. The Lent Term also saw the first House Dramatic Competition. M. H. Martin produced our play "A Distant Relative," by W. W. Jacobs. Although a very good performance was put up, the Lions did better, and we were second.
Thanks to the efforts of J. Desborough in the Music Competition, despite a great difficulty experienced in obtaining a third voluntary piece, we did very well; this year we were second.

At the time of writing two rounds of the Cricket Competition have been decided. Our Senior Team beat the Dragons and lost to the Lions; our Junior team won both matches with ease. We are looking forward to the matches against the Gryphons. Although we do not expect to win the Cup, the result will be close. We have many members in the School XIs.

In the scholastic field, we must congratulate J. S. Maddams in winning an Open Exhibition at Queens’ College, Cambridge; we must also express hopes that September will bring good news to all Stags who have just sat for their School Certificate and H.S.C.

We must wish all Stags a happy holiday—the first since the end of hostilities in Europe, and extend our greetings to all “Old Stags”; to all those serving out East we earnestly hope the time will not be long before we will be seeing them again.

No. 980 (WELLINGBOROUGH G.S.) FLIGHT
AIR TRAINING CORPS.

The School Flight continues to make good progress particularly in the results obtained in the Advanced Training Examination and the Senior cadets are to be congratulated on the high standard reached. The recruits are making steady progress, though it is rather disappointing that not one has yet obtained his Proficiency Certificate. In addition to examination studies the Flight has devoted some time to outside activities and there has been much more flying during the last six months. In addition to the weekly visits to Sywell for flying in Tiger Moths, the R.A.F. have on two occasions sent special aircraft to give flights to our cadets, and we spent a very enjoyable and interesting day at Desborough. We are hoping to get more flying and a further insight into the working of the R.A.F. at our Annual Training Camp in August.

We were the only unit in the county to compete against Kettering in the County Cross-Country Race and though beaten easily we were not disgraced, as Kettering had a very strong team and went on to win the Eastern Command Final at Cambridge. In the County Athletic Sports, R. E. Bridgeford came second in both the 100 yards and the 220 yards and in the Command Sports at Cambridge reached the final of the 100 yards. Parties have been to Sywell for shooting on the range and on February 16th a match took place between teams representing the School A.T.C. and the Ecton Junior Rifle Club. We lost by 555 pts. to 465 pts.
R. H. Bailey is to be congratulated on his success in the A.T.C. National Essay Competition. His essay was one of the two selected by Eastern Command for the final adjudication by the Air Ministry who placed him sixth in the final for the whole country. The unit was represented at the A.T.C. Rally in London, May 11th—15th, by J. R. Softley.

**Examination Successes:**

Proficiency (December, 1944) : Franklin, Jellis, Reeves, Softley, Wallis, Warner.

Advanced Training Examination (November, 1944 and February, 1945) :

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The results of the remaining papers (taken in May, 1945) have not yet been received.

**Promotions :**
- Cpl. D. W. Robinson to be Sergeant.
- Cpl. K. A. Bond to be Sergeant.
- K. G. Tompkins to be Corporal.
- R. E. Bridgeford to be Corporal with effect from 30-4-45.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. T. G. Cook and Mr. S. B. Harris for all the help they have so willingly given.

As many of our senior cadets will be leaving the Flight at the end of the term, there will be vacancies for recruits, and it is hoped that those who are sufficiently keen and industrious will apply, so that the high standards reached by the present members can be maintained.

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**LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.**

**President :** The Headmaster.  
**Chairman :** K. R. Spencer.

Since the last issue of the magazine only two meetings of the Society have been held. The attendance at these was poor, only members of the VIth being present.

It is hoped that during the Autumn term more meetings will be held and that a livelier interest will be shown in the Society by both the Vth and VIth forms.

**J. C. DESBOROUGH, Secretary.**
MUSIC NOTES.

CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC, December, 1944.

1. Adeste fideles ... ... English 18th cent. Handel
2. From "The Messiah"... ... Recit. Comfort ye my people Handel
Rec. Comfort ye my people
Aria. Every valley shall be exalted Holst
Chorus. And the glory of the Lord Stanford
Recit. Behold, a virgin shall conceive Northrop
Air and Chorus. O thou that tellest
Recits. There were shepherds
And lo, the angel
And the angel said
And suddenly
Chorus. Glory to God
Chorus. For unto us a child is born

INTERVAL.

3. Once in royal David’s city H. J. Gauntlett
4. Angels from the realms of glory French Carol
5. In the bleak midwinter ... ... Holst
6. Magnificat from Service in C ... ... Stanford
7. Away in a manger ... ... H.H.W.
8. Brightest and best ... ... E. J. Hopkins
9. While shepherds watched ... ... Northrop

On February 1st, 1945, a piano recital was played by Lydia Fuchsova of music by composers of Czecho-Slovakia, Dvorak, Suk, and Smetana, with the addition of Variations by Mozart; a Chopin waltz, and Rachmaninov’s celebrated Prelude in C sharp minor.

Anthems sung at the Lenten services by School Choir:
Feb. 14th. Thou knowest, Lord ... ... Purcell
Feb. 21st. Jesu, joy of man’s desiring ... ... Bach
Feb. 28th. Ah Holy Jesus, how hast thou offended ? ... ... arr. Bach
Mar. 7th. I know that my redeemer liveth ... ... Handel (IIIA1 Trebles)
Mar. 14th. Wash me thoroughly ... ... S. S. Wesley (IIA Trebles)
Mar. 21st. Brother James’ Air ... ... arr. Gordon Jacob (IIA Trebles)
At Speech Day the Special Choir sang:

(a) Song for a Dance ... ... ... Chas. Wood
(b) Since first I saw your face ... ... ... Ford
(c) Hail smiling morn ... ... ... Spofforth

At the Commemoration Service the School Choir sang:
O sing unto the Lord a new song ... Frederic James

The concert of part songs by the Special Choir at the end of the Lent term was cancelled owing to alteration in the school holidays.

The Annual House Music Competition on June 20th was judged by D. Pritchard, Esq., A.R.C.M., F.R.C.O., of Oundle School. Mr. Pritchard was gratified to find that the school could produce four house choirs of 30-40 voices each, and warmly complimented the conductors, K. A. Bond (Gryphons), J. C. Desborough (Stags), A. J. Carter (Dragons), and R. A. Hales (Lions), on their success in handling a very difficult task.

In the set piece for House Choir (Songs of Praise 612, v. 1 and 2) Stags won 32 marks, Lions 30, Dragons 28, Gryphons 25. Of the voluntary pieces the following were highly commended: K. M. Finding (violin) and P. Fox (piano) in Rosamunde Entr’acte No. 2, Schubert; Stags choir in “Hail smiling morn”; P. Wilson (piano) in Valse in C sharp minor; Chopin; Lions choir in “Silent Worship,” Handel, arr. G. Shaw. The final marks were: Lions 83, Stags 74, Dragons 73, Gryphons 70.

Thus Lions won the Appleby Music Cup for the second year in succession.

SCOUT NOTES.

During the Easter holidays the troop camped for a week at Castle Ashby. We were most fortunate in our weather and returned to school with complexions much envied by our less fortunate brethren.

Meetings have continued this term and at present a patrol is being trained for the Bennett Cup competition, to be held on July 14th. We hope to be able to record some success here.

We will probably be bidding farewell to D. Pearce and D. W. Robinson at the end of the term. We would like to thank them for all the good work that they have put in and also to wish them every success in the future. Our need at present is for more trained Scouts. We would like to see every member of the troop with his second class and the patrol leaders with their first class badges.
SCHOOL PICTURES.

The Title of the set of School Pictures on view in the top corridor is FORMAL ORDER.

4. School of Athens, by Raphael, Umbrian Sch., 1483-1520.
8. Still Life, by Georges Braque, French Sch., 1882-
9. Landscape at Iden, by Paul Nash, English Sch., 1889-
10. Wings of the Morning, by Edward Wadsworth, English School, 1889-

K. G. Tompkins was awarded the Senior Art prize for 1944, and R. A. Chapman the Junior Art Prize.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The first House competition was held in the Autumn term and aroused great enthusiasm. Plays were first submitted to the Housemasters and then to Mr. Harris to ascertain their suitability on matters of staging and lighting. Each House cast and produced its own play, and, except for some hints from Dr. Jackson who was invited to attend the dress rehearsals, was fully responsible for it. Some Houses were fortunate in that they had a wide range of actors to choose from, but wise choice of plays helped the more restricted Houses. Order of presentation was drawn for and the Stags opened with W. W. Jacobs's A Distant Relative. The play did not afford any great scope for high acting ability but the performances were of a good all-round standard. W. P. Patenall as Mrs. Spriggs was particularly impressive. The Dragons chose Houghton's The Oak Settle. This dialect play seemed rather an ambitious choice for so young a cast but the experience of Leslie, Toms and Faulkner largely offset this. Toms gave an excellent performance as Ann Barton and Faulkner was his usual competent self. This House seems to hold a strong hand for future competitions. The Gryphons were handicapped by their lack of seniors and had to depend on juniors and seniors mainly inexperienced in major parts. This inexperience was borne out in the acting which was however, very promising. Haynes put a
good deal of vigour into the part of Joe Badger and the two juniors Hefford and R. F. Tompkins gave very creditable performances.

As with the Stags the Lions were fortunate in having a strong team of senior actors. They chose a highly amusing farce Anybody? by Gordon Whitehead and gave a fine rendering. R. A. Hales who relinquished stage-management for acting on this occasion gave a performance which can only be described as brilliant. His mere appearance caused considerable amusement. Although the execution was slightly marred by promptings the standard was good and Wallis, Turner and Draper were most effective. The four judges (The Headmaster, Miss Bates, Mr. Richmond and Mr. Sharp) congratulated the Houses and announced their decision.

1st Lions. 2nd Stags. 3rd Dragons 4th Gryphons.

There will be a School Play next term—probably another adaptation from a Dickens's novel—and more House plays in the Autumn term. It is a pity that there is no Cup for the House Competitions.

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THE RAILWAY CLUB.

Some of our railway enthusiasts have decided to form a new club for the purpose of learning more about the railway system of this district by visiting important junctions during the summer months and holding talks and discussions during the winter.

Our first visit was to Blisworth on May 5th, which was enjoyed by over twenty members, in spite of the weather proving unkind. Many long-distance trains were seen, including the afternoon Scotch Express, and for three hours that rather dreamy junction was enlivened by cries of "She's pegged," "Here she blows," and other mysterious phrases.

A fortnight later a party of us spent the afternoon near Sharnbrook Summit, where we noted the devices for easing the gradients of the goods line by constructing it on a lower level than the passenger line and making a tunnel in place of a very deep cutting.

An excursion to Market Harborough on June 30th proved a great success, and after the junction of the Rugby and Northampton lines had been inspected, the party "hiked" to the point where the Peterborough line branches off. Here we saw how a bridge had been constructed to carry the main line over the branch line, so that trains running between Rugby and Peterborough can pass from one side of the main line to the other without holding up traffic.

We should be very pleased if any one with a knowledge of railway matters, or anything appertaining to railways, would care to give us a talk during the forthcoming winter months.
IIA1 LECTURE SOCIETY.

Under the chairmanship of Munday the following lectures have been given.


Those of Allen, Groome, Perkins, Meadows, Rogers, Lee and Moule were voted the best.

J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

JUNIOR LIBRARY.

The following have presented books during the last two terms.


WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The Association has grown considerably during the last half-year; 38 New Members have joined and the Association has now 39 Life Members. Many more members are still required to enable us to achieve our aim.

Three very successful Dances have been organised since Christmas, and a fourth was held on July 21st. They have all been held in the School Hall. Old Boys home on leave are always welcome.

O.B. RUGGER XV.

A team was formed last season with the aid of masters and some interesting games were played.

O.B. CRICKET XI.

We have again entered the Wellingborough Town League. Masters and Parents have helped us out of our difficulties in forming a team. Five matches have been played and we have succeeded in winning three.

Old Boys' XI.v. Ultra. Won.
,, v. Express. Lost
,, v. Royals. Lost.
,, v. A.T.C. Won.
,, v. Ultra. Won.

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We are playing the School on July 21st, on the School ground. Any Old Boys on leave are welcome to a game on any Saturday. Would they please write to or see Mr. Nicholas at School. We have a fixture list running until September.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

President: A. R. Woolley, M.A.
Chairman: I. J. Nicholas, M.A.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: R. E. Bridgeford.

Additional Members of Association.

*Bean
*Beatty, J.
Benbow, P.
Bridgeford, R. E.
Carter, D.
Day, B.
Desborough, H. P.
Drage, T.
Durham, D.
*Edwards, R. H.
Ekins, J. D.
*Felce, P.
Fisher, G.
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Hall, A. M.
Harris, A.
Hawkins, P. J.
Holland, A. J.
*Howard, P. R.
*Ingles, C. J.
*Johnson, G. H. B.
*Lambert, W.
Layfield, T.
Macartney, A. W.
*Partridge, J. E.

Pearson, H. G. C.
*Pearson
*Phillips, B.
*Pope, D. E. J.
Reynolds, R.
Sharpe, J. H.
*Shipman, G.
Shelford, W.
Sturgess, B.
Lilley, C.
Ward, K. J.
*Woodhams, J.

*Life Member.

The following distinctions have been gained by Old Boys on Active Service:

D.F.C.

M.C.
T. F. M. Addis.

D.F.M.
R. S. Mutimer, F. Langley, V. E. Pitcher.

D.C.M.
R. B. Page.

Russian Order of Patriotic War 1st Class:
F. A. Robinson.

Mentioned in Despatches:
F. W. Furr, F. A. Robinson, R. Elkington.

The following have been killed on Active Service:
Missing:

H. A. Cheasman, A. R. Gillitt.

P. J. Neal, A. Warner, J. R. Upton, F. H. Partridge, formerly prisoners of war have been repatriated. F. C. Causebrook remains in Japanese hands.

Academically the School has done remarkably well. Since March 1944, two Open Scholarships and one Open Exhibition has been gained at Cambridge and one Open Scholarship and one Open Exhibition at Oxford. Six Higher School Certificates with seven Distinctions were gained in July 1944, and forty-two School Certificates.

The number of boys in the School last September rose to 424. There will be approximately the same number again next term. Two prefabricated class-rooms behind the School are now nearly complete.

F/Lt. Dunning, R.A.F., who has spent much of his time in the Shetlands and Scotland and Capt. J. H. Butler, R.E.M.E. are expected to rejoin us by January 1946. It is less certain when we may expect the return of Mr. Phillips (Intelligence Corps.) and Mr. Pine, R.A.F.

A year ago Mr. Lay, our first Headmaster, became Headmaster of his old school, the City of Oxford School, and now Mr. Woolley is also returning to Oxford where he has been appointed Educational Secretary to the University Appointments Committee. His successor will probably be appointed sometime in July.

The question of a WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL is URGENT and Old Boys with views and ideas are asked to send them in at once to the Headmaster.

We acknowledge gratefully the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologize for any omissions in this and former issues:—The Wellingburian, The Cyrtisanganian, The Ousel, The Howardian.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1945.

**Headmaster:**

**Assistant Masters:**
- C. W. F. Laurie, B.A., St. John’s College, Oxford.
- H. C. Phillips, A.R.C.A.
- A. Jackson, M.A., Ph.D., University College, London.
- A. F. Kent, Slade School of Art, University of London.
- S. B. Harris, B.Sc. (Econ.), University of London.
- D. H. C. Strav, B.Sc. (Wales), University College, Cardiff.
- W. Holmes, M.Sc., Victoria University of Manchester.
- G. E. Sharp, B.Sc., King’s College, University of Durham.
- Miss P. Gregory, B.A., Sheffield University.
- Miss E. P. Colsell, Goldsmiths’ College, London.
- Miss M. H. Bates, B.A., Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

*On service with H.M. Forces.*
†Temporary Appointment.
‡Left at Easter, 1945.
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SPEECH DAY: Thursday, 8th March.

The accommodation available in the School Hall had been severely taxed in the last few years, and the number of parents allowed had to be "rationed," so this year we were very lucky in being allowed to use the Palace Theatre for the occasion.

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
At the Palace Theatre on 8th March, 1945, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1. God Save the King.
2. The Chairman: P. A. Fryer, Esq., M.A.
3. The Headmaster's Report.
4. The Senior Prefect (K. A. Bond).
6. Vote of Thanks.
7. By the School (Special) Choir.
   "Song for a Dance" ... Chas. Wood (1866-1926)
   "Since first I saw your Face" Thos. Ford (1580-1648)
   "Hail, Smiling Morn" ... R. Spofforth (1770-1827)
PRIZE LIST AND EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Sixth Form:

- E. J. R. Hewitt: Open Major Scholarship of £100 for Natural Sciences, Christ's College, Cambridge.
- R. D. Stuart: Open Minor Scholarship of £50 for Natural Sciences, Christ's College, Cambridge.
- M. M. Woolfson: Open Exhibition of £70 for Physics, Jesus College, Oxford.
- K. R. Spencer: Open Major (Methuen) Scholarship of £100 for Mathematics, Wadham College, Oxford.
- D. Durham: University Short Course, R.N., St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
- D. G. Munns: University Short Course, R.N., Cardiff.

Credits:


State Bursaries and Hon. Senior County Scholarships: Hewitt and Stuart.

L.G.C. Senior Scholarship: Woolfson.

Mr. Loy's Prize for Divinity: Not awarded.

Oxford Higher School Certificates:

Group II: R. H. Bailey.

Group III: E. J. R. Hewitt (Distinctions in Pure and Applied Math.)
- J. S. Maddams.
- K. R. Spencer (Distinctions in Pure and Applied Math.)
- R. D. Stuart (Distinction in Physics).
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L. Green, B.Sc., London, Class II. Hons. in Physics; A.R.C.S.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Killed or Died on Active Service:—

A. E. Abbott, R.A.F.V.R.
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D. A. Prigmore, Tpr., R. Dragoons Gds.
P. G. Felce, Flt.-Lt., R.A.F.V.R.
E. Hudson, T. Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.
G. G. Elderton
H. P. Gardiner, Sgt., R.A.F.
R. R. Norman, Flt. Sgt., R.A.F.V.R.
R. R. E. Howard, Sgt., R.A.F.V.R.
J. A. P. Loake, Tpr., R. Lancers.
J. Dunkley, Sgt., R.A.F.
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C. R. Penness, Craftsman, R.E.M.E.
N. P. Sharpe, Lieut., R.A.C.
(H. A. Cheeseman, Sgt., R.A.F.
A. R. Gillitt, Cadet, Merchant Navy.

Missing:—

P. J. Neal, Dvr.
F. C. Causebrook, L/Cpl., R.A.M.C.

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F./O. D. E. Braybrook, R.A.F.V.R.
F./O. H. W. Catlin, R.A.F.V.R.
F./O. K. Fillingham, R.A.F.V.R.
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Sgt. R. S. Mutimer, R.A.F.V.R.
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F./Sgt. V. F. Pitcher, R.A.F.V.R.

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Mentioned in Despatches.

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Squadron Leader F. A. Robinson, D.F.C., R.A.F.
Capt. R. Ellington, R.A.F.V.R.

Prisoners of War.

J. R. Upton, F./O., R.A.F.V.R.
F. H. Partridge, L/Sgt., Airbourne Sigs.

HOUSE CUPS.

Ferguson Trophy (work in School) .... Dragons
Mrs. Saxby’s Rugby Cup .... Gryphons
Yorker Cricket Cup .... Lions
Henson Relay Cup .... Dragons
Mrs. Lay’s Boxing Cup .... No Competition

Martin Athletic Cup .... Dragons
James Swimming Cup .... Gryphons
Ford Physical Training Cup .... Dragons
Williams Cross-Country Cup .... Lions
Appleby Cup for Music .... Lions