CRICKET 1st XI. 1945.

Back row (left to right) : T. G. Streeton (Scorer), B. Timpson, R. Wallis, F. B. Fair, L. R. Bailey, J. Willmott, J. R. Jones, D. R. Smith.

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EDITORIAL.

This term has been notable for two things, the first being the beginnings of what we hope to be lasting peace, and the second, the first use of the prefab. classrooms. The former of these is evident from the alarming number of fireworks which can be found in small boys' pockets, and the latter from the equally alarming number of Sixth Formers who avail themselves of the comfort of the heating stoves in each of these new rooms.

Also around these stoves can be seen those of the gallant ranks of eleven prefects who constitute the overflow from the minute room intended, in the original plans for a mere box room. It is hoped that the Powers-that-be will take pity on their misery.

Owing to the acute shortage of kit and coupons, most of the boys who entered the school this term have had to swoop down upon Mr. Cook's second hand "store," the profits of which, we are told, go to the Library Fund.

On the subject of profits, we may mention that six members of the VIth Form, accompanied by Mr. Bratt, spent a very profitable month at Oxford on a Russian Course and now go about muttering Russian words which, to the less learned members of the school, sound most alarming.

May we also take this opportunity of welcoming back Mr. Pine who is once again with us after over six years in the R.A.F.

Bearing in mind those who intend to assist the Post Office again, we close by wishing all and sundry a happy and lucrative holiday.
SCHOOL NOTES.

Our new Headmaster, Mr. H. A. Wrenn, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford, at present on the staff of Bradford Grammar School, will be taking up his duties here next term.

We welcome back to school Mr. Pine, who has been released from the Forces, and we hope that the return of Mr. Dunning, Mr. Butler and Mr. Phillips will not now be long delayed. We were pleased to see Mr. Phillips and Mr. Butler when they were recently home on leave from overseas; to Mr. and Mrs Butler we offer congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

We are extremely sorry to be losing Mr. Laurie at the end of this term. Mr. Laurie has been here almost since the opening of the school, and by his enthusiasm and hard work he has brought the standard of mathematics in the school to a very high level. The recent University Scholarship successes at Oxford and Cambridge won by boys of this school are in no small part due to his untiring efforts. Mr. Kent, who has been responsible for the art during the absence of Mr. Phillips, will also be leaving at the end of the term. To both these Masters we extend our best wishes for every success and happiness in their new work.

On October 4th we had a visit from the Birmingham Repertory Theatre’s Touring Company who gave a performance of Shakespeare’s “Tempest” in the School Hall. We have been shown a film on Town Planning produced by Messrs. Cadbury and films presented by the Ministry of Information. On October 24th Mlle. Kablé of the French Embassy gave to the whole school a most interesting account of the French Resistance Movement, and talked to the Senior boys in French.

A party from the Science VIth has visited the Institute of Agriculture at Moulton.

Many of our boys again this year gave considerable help to the local farmers in raising the potato harvest, and arrangements are being made for some of the Senior boys to help the Post Office with the delivery of the Christmas mails.

A collection taken at prayers for the Cottage Hospital amounted to £6-10-0; our total in the National Savings Thanksgiving Week was £342.

K. R. Spencer, now at Wadham College, Oxford, has been awarded a State Scholarship and J. S. Maddams, now at Queens’ College, Cambridge, a State Bursary.

The Parents’ Committee arranged another Jumble Sale in aid of School Funds and realized over £15 by their efforts.

We have been pleased to receive visits this term from the following Old Boys who have signed the Visitors’ book:—

Killed or Died on Active Service:

A. E. Abbott, R.A.F.V.R.
N. L. Hornsey, Sgt., R.A.F.V.R.
R. S. Mutimer, Sgt., R.A.F.V.R.
D. A. Prigmore, Tpr., R. Dragoon 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, F/Sgt., R.A.F.V.R.
R. E. Howard, Sgt., R.A.F.V.R.
J. A. P. Loake, Tpr., R. Lancers.
J. Dunkley, Sgt., R.A.F.
R. W. H. Troath, Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.
C. R. Penness, Craftsman, R.E.M.E.
N. P. Sharpe, Lieut., R.A.C.
(Northants. Yeomanry)
C. R. Coe, W.O., R.A.F.
F. W. Furr, Telgr., R.N.
B. T. Peck, Royal Scots Regt.
W. J. Berrill, Northants. Regt.

Missing:

H. A. Cheeseman, Sgt., R.A.F.
A. R. Gillitt, Cadet, Merchant Navy.

Decorations:

D.F.C.
Sq. Ldr. F. A. Robinson, R.A.F.
Flt.-Lt. C. Bailey, R.A.F.V.R.
F/Lt. D. E. Braybrook, R.A.F.V.R.
F/Lt. H. W. Catlin, R.A.F.V.R.
F./O. K. Fillingham, R.A.F.V.R.
F./Lt. K. N. Clark, R.A.F.V.R.

M.C.
Capt. T. F. Addis, D.L.I.

D.F.M.
Sgt. R. S. Mutimer, R.A.F.V.R.
F/Lt. F. Langley, R.A.F.V.R.
F./Sgt. V. F. Pitcher, R.A.F.V.R.

D.C.M.
Sq. S.M., R. D. Page, Recce Regt.

Russian Order of Patriotic War, 1st Class.
Sq./Ldr. F. A. Robinson, D.F.C., R.A.F.

Mentioned in Despatches:

Telegr. F. W. Furr, R.N.
Sq./Ldr. F. A. Robinson, D.F.C., R.A.F.
Cpl. R. Elkington, R.A.F.V.R.
F/Lt. J. G. Dunning, M.A. (Master)

Prisoners of War:

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

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

Andrew Basson

LEAVERS.


L. R. Bailey R. A. Cooper F. G. Law
R. H. Bailey A. W. Drage D. W. Parker
B. Bevis G. W. Eales D. H. Ross
D. Bixby A. Emery A. F. Skey
T. J. Blake J. D. Farrow W. J. Warner
I. J. Carr R. W. Ferris J. W. Watts
D. N. Clarke F. R. Gibson P. R. Webb
A. E. Cleaver B. Howes M. W. White
G. Cook M. E. Jennings P. J. Winyard
S. S. Cook E. C. Ketteridge
The following were successful in gaining an Oxford Higher School Certificate:

V. M. Bayliss P.M. a.m. ph CH sub.f. (Dist. in Chemistry).
J. S. Maddams P.M. A.M. PH CH (Dist. in Pure Maths.)
D. W. Robinson p.m. a.m. ph G
K. R. Spencer Ad.M. P.M. A.M. ph (Dist. in Pure Maths. and Applied Maths.)

The following were successful in gaining the School Certificate:

S. G. Abbott E g M bio CH A
R. E. Adams E s f M ch PH
G. T. B. Allen E S h G m Bio A
V. Austin E S G l M ch Ph A
R. K. S. Baker E S G L F M CH PH
E. H. Barrett e S h g A
A. G. Bartlett E S H RK G f M
C. J. Bayliss E S G L F(o) M CH PH A
A. J. Bonham E s rk G M CH PH A
D. C. A. Bradshaw E S H rk G m Bio ch
K. F. Brown E S H g f Bio
D. B. Clarke E S f M Ch Ph
S. P. Colley E s g l M ch ph A
G. E. Deighton E rk G M bio A
F. B. Fair e S H rk G M Bio A
K. M. Finding E S G l M Ch Ph
D. J. Hales e S l F(o) M ch ph
J. Hodgkins E S G f m ph A
A. Hudson e s h rk bio Ch
W. M. Lennox E S G l F(o) M Ch ph
A. K. Mayes E s H rk g M Bio Ch
R. F. Mayes E S G L F(o) M Ch Ph
J. N. Minney E S h G Bio A
H. C. Parker E s H rk g M Bio ch
J. F. Pickerill e S H RK G M Bio a
S. Richardson E S H RK g M Bio A
J. M. Sellers e s h g bio A
F. A. Shaw e G M Ph A
B. J. Smith E S RK g M Ch Ph a
R. Smith E S f M ch Ph
J. Softley E S rk M bio A
T. G. Streeton E S G l f(o) m ch Ph
J. W. P. Sweatman E S G L F(o) m ch ph
R. F. Swindall E s g f m ch Ph
R. H. Tyers E g m bio A
D. Wildman e s G l M Ch Ph
J. A. Willmott E s G M Ch Ph
D. G. Wills e s G m bio A
R. K. Wilson E S G L F m Ch Ph A

Capital letter denotes credit mark obtained in subject.
CRICKET NOTES.

During a very successful season the school 1st XI lost only one school match. The "Under 14" XI has had a good season and should prove themselves worthy successors to their seniors.

1st XI Played 14, Won 7, Lost 5, Drawn 2.

RESULTS OF OTHER MATCHES.

Finedon 64 (Pearce 6 for 22, Hardwick 3 for 16).

School 61.

School 105 (Pearce 26, Bond 28).
J. T. W. Findley's XI. 120 (Sturgess 75).

July 30th.—Staff v. 1st XI. Home. Won.
Staff 64 (I. J. N. 34, Tyers 5 for 5).
School 100 for 2 (Bailey 42 not out, Pearce 29 not out.)

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES.

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Also batted:—Smith 2—1—3*—6, Hales 1—0—0—0, Hyde 1—0—0—0, Wallis 3—0—6—6, Law 1—0—0—0, Howes 1—0—0—0, Odell 1—0—2—2.

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Also bowled:—J. R. Jones 2—0—12—0.
“UNDER 15” XI.


RESULT OF OTHER MATCH.

July 11th.—“Under 15” XI v. Bedford Modern Colts.
Away. Won.
Bedford 57 (Mallows 3 for 7).
School 61 for 9 (Coles 23*, Law 17).

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Also batted:—Draper 1—1—1*—1, Neville 1—0—0—0,
Spencer 1—0—1—1, Rooksby 1—0—1—1.

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Also bowled:—Hyde 2—0—3—0, Mallows 5—1—12—4,
Surridge 1—0—8—0.

“UNDER 14” XI.


RESULT OF OTHER MATCH.

July 14th.—“Under 14” XI v. Bedford Harpur School
“Under 14” Home. Won.
School 48.
Bedford 30 (Hunt 7 for 13).
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Also bowled:—Leslie 5—1—9—1. Wills 1—0—2—1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

All the school teams this season have had varied fortunes, the wins and losses being almost equal, but we have seen some very good games and all our teams try to play good open rugger. The 1st XV took some time to settle down, but are becoming quite a useful side now that some of the weaknesses shown in earlier matches have been improved. The defence on the whole has been very good with the tackling reaching a high standard. The forwards are on the light side and have usually been beaten in the set scrums and lineouts; it is therefore all the more regrettable that they are not good in loose scrummage work. The backs have had to do more defending than attacking, but when they have had the ball, they have proved themselves quite dangerous.


Full Colours have been awarded to: D. R. Smith and R. H. Tyers.

Half Colours to: V. Austin, J. T. Hardwick, J. Hodgkins, J. Hyde, J. R. Jones and J. A. Willmott.
This year's Under 15 side is most promising and should do still better in the remaining matches. We have won two out of our four games, usually against much heavier opposition. The forwards are lively in the loose, but might give a better supply of the ball to the backs from the scrums and the lineouts. The backs have shown initiative in attack and some good tries have been scored. They should develop the defensive kick for touch and always make sure of tackling their man.


The Under 14 team is enjoying a moderately successful season. Their defence has been sound, but there is a weakness in attack which has not been overcome completely. The forwards have given the three-quarters a fair share of the ball, but lack of direct running has wasted many opportunities. Recent improvement gives us great hopes for the remaining matches.


RESULTS.

Nov. 10.—1st XV v. Kettering G.S. Away. Lost. 35—nil.
Nov. 21.—Under 14 v. King’s, Peterborough. Home.
Won. 8—6.
3—3.

HOUSE MATCHES.

First Round Wednesday, October 3rd.
Seniors : Dragons 11, Gryphons 6.
Lions 23, Stags 11.
Juniors : Dragons 14, Gryphons nil.
Stags 21, Lions nil.

Second Round Tuesday, November 27th.
Seniors : Dragons 12, Lions 5.
Stags 6, Gryphons nil.
Juniors : Dragons 8, Lions nil.
Stags 7, Gryphons 3.

HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters : Mr. C. W. F. Laurie, Mr. I. J. Nicholas.
Head of House : D. R. Smith.
House Prefects : H. K. Maddams, A. J. W. James,

In the interval between the writing of the last House Notes and the current edition, only two House Cups have been contested. In neither of these has the House fared well; in the Cricket Cup our final position was fourth after having lost the final match to the Lions, who incidentally won the cup. Unfortunately we held the same position in the Swimming Competition, mainly due to the lack of individualistic talent.

A more promising start, however, has been made this term on the rugger field. In the first round of the House Rugby matches both senior and junior teams were victorious over the Gryphons’ teams and we have high hopes of retaining the cup for at least another year.

We are pleased to note that D. R. Smith has been appointed Captain of Rugby Football. J. A. Willmott, J. Hyde and D. White have also represented the House in the 1st XV.

We have also new representatives in the School Prefects in H. K. Maddams and A. J. W. James.
New House appointments are J. A. Willmott and A. J. Carter to be House Prefects and D. White has been awarded House Colours.

Very welcome visits have been received during the past few months from D. J. Pope, H. H. Maddams, R. H. Edwards, W. J. Collings and others who did much to foster the Dragons’ House in the earlier years.

Our hearty congratulations are due to K. R. Spencer, who has been awarded a State Scholarship, and to D. W. Robinson who has been awarded a Major County Scholarship for £120, also to all Dragons who gained Higher and School Certificates in the recent examinations.

We are extremely sorry to learn that Mr. Laurie our Senior House Master who has been with us since the school opened, will shortly be leaving us and we hope that he will have a peaceful retirement.

Finally we would like to tender our best wishes to all Old Dragons in their diverse paths of life and to all New Dragons who we hope will uphold the good name of the House in future years.

GRYPHONS.

House Master : Mr. T. G. Cook.
Head of House : J. R. Jones.

We are handicapped at present in having only one House Master, Mr. Cook, since we lost Mr. J. T. W. Findley at the end of last term. We are sorry to lose him, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for all the work he put in for the House during his stay with us. We look forward to the return of a former House Master Mr. Dunning, who it is hoped will shortly return from the forces to help guide the House to greater things.

We are, during this term, engaged in the struggle for the Rugby Cup, our high hopes of carrying it off were damped rather by our defeat at the hands of the Dragons. Last term we finished runners-up to the Lions for the Cricket Cup after defeating the Dragons in the second round and drawing with the Stags in the third.

The Swimming Cup was wrested from us by the Lions in a close contest, the result was in doubt until the last event, the relay, which was won by the Lions.

In the contest for the Ford P.T. Cup our effort was not all it might be and ended with our being placed fourth, with only approximately half the marks attained by the leaders, the Stags. This was due to the fact that we have comparatively few members in the senior and middle school, and perhaps to a certain lack of enthusiasm on the part of certain of the few members we do possess.
We have a fair chance in the forthcoming Cross Country race which will be held next term. Our chances for winning the inter-house dramatic competition are not quite so rosy but our hopes run high, despite the fact that we have few seniors with any experience of acting.

J. R. Jones, V. Austin, R. Tyers and R. K. S. Baker have represented the house in the 1st XV whilst other members of the house have played in various of the other school teams.

We extend our congratulations to V. Austin, R. Tyers, T. Streeton, Finding and H. C. Parker on gaining their School Certificates.

Lastly we wish all Old Gryphons the best of luck and much success wherever they may be.

LIONS.

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

Since our last survey of the activities of the Lions, few inter-house competitions have been decided and the undoubted talent of the House in many spheres has been forced to lie dormant.

We should like to mention, however, that as we confidently hoped, we were able to retain the Cricket Cup for the House. The seniors won all their matches, due in no small measure to J. T. Hardwick, who was almost a team in himself. We hope to field a team almost identical with this year’s victorious side next year.

The Lion is not a particularly aquatic animal and the House was unable to gain the inter-house Swimming Cup. However we put up a good show and for part of the time we were actually winning. At the finish we were narrowly beaten by the Stags and Gryphons. The efforts of Greenfield, B. Howes and others were noted with gratitude.

Only one round of the Rugby Competition has yet been decided. In this the Lions played the Stags, comfortably beating their senior team but losing to their juniors. In the second round to be played during Michaelmas term the Lions are meeting the Dragons, formidable opponents. We shall make every effort to carry the contest to a successful conclusion.

Three Lions are members of the 1st XV of whom Howes is also captain of the Under 15 XV. We are well represented in this and junior teams.

We congratulate G. N. Wells and R. F. Howes on gaining their House Colours. We also extend our congratulations to all the Lions who have successfully survived the ordeals of the School Certificate Examination.

Finally we wish a happy Christmas and prosperous times ahead to all Lions, both old and new everywhere.
STAGS.

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

*Head of House*: B. O. Elmore.

*House Prefects*: V. M. Bayliss, G. Howard.

Last term, our expectations were fulfilled, when, after strenuous efforts on the part of all concerned, we gained both the Ford P.T. Cup, and the James' Swimming Cup. Our success in the Swimming Competition was largely due to L. R. Bailey the Swimming Captain.

In the final round of the Cricket Competition, with the Gryphons as strong opponents, our senior team forced a draw while our previously unbeaten junior team was defeated. We were accordingly placed third in the final position.

At the time of writing, only one round of the House Rugby Competition has been played, and the Lions, our opponents, defeated our senior team, but were themselves defeated in the junior match.

We are represented in the school 1st XV by B. O. Elmore, Hodgkins, Fair, and D. Wildman, and we are well represented in the other school XV's.

B. O. Elmore is to be congratulated on his appointment as Head Prefect, as is V. M. Bayliss on his appointment as Acting Prefect.

House Colours have been awarded to E. Cross, D. Wildman and G. Howard, the latter also being appointed House Prefect.

In the scholastic field, we congratulate J. S. Maddams and V. M. Bayliss on gaining their H.S.C., and wish the former the best of luck at Cambridge, where he has gained a State Bursary and a County Major Scholarship.

Ten Stags were successful in the July School Certificate Examination, a number previously unparalleled in the House.

Next term, we hope to have with us once again, Mr. H. C. Phillips, a former Stags' House Master, who has been on war service.

Finally, to all Stags, past and present, we extend heartiest wishes for Christmas and the New Year, a year which we hope will be free from the strife of the past seven.

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TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

*President*: The Headmaster.

*Committee*: Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. G. E. Sharp, D. R. Smith, J. T. Hardwick.

The club has opened more strongly than last term. Tuesday and Thursday nights are reserved for Sixth Form, Wednesday and Friday nights are reserved for Fifth Forms. It is hoped we will be able to arrange a match between the Staff and School before the end of the term.
THE JAMES SWIMMING CUP.

The Swimming Sports were held on Friday, July 27th, at Wilby Lido, by kind permission of Mr. J. M. Thompson. Miss Joan Bean and Councillor H. J. Harrison, J.P. were the judges.

R. Gooding (S) broke the Plunge Record with 41 ft. 6 ins. and J. Farrow broke the two lengths Breast Stroke Record.

After an exciting contest the Cup was won by the Stags.

Result: 1. Stags ... 62 points.
2. Gryphons ... 56
3. Lions ... 55
4. Dragons ... 34

VIth FORM VISIT TO MOULTON AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE.

On November 12th a party of members of the VIth Fqrn Science Group, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Sterry, visited the N.C.C. Institute of Agriculture at Moulton. We left school in a private coach at 1-45 p.m, and, after being misdirected in Moulton village, we eventually arrived at the Institute where Mr. Sowerby, head of the Crop Husbandry department, was waiting for us. After getting out of the coach expectantly at the Institute we got in again to go on to the farm itself, where Mr. Sowerby conducted us on a tour of inspection.

First of all we looked into the cowshed where the herd of pedigree Ayrshire cows were being washed down and combed in preparation for milking. The herd is Tuberculin Tested which means that the cows are certified free of infection of Tuberculosis and are tested for this every six months. We passed on to see the “grading up” calves, which, though not pedigree are the first stage in the intricate process of getting new cows on the pedigree register, and then took a look at a group of pedigree calves. As we passed the food barn we saw food being weighed out and mixed for the cattle and noticed the precautions taken against rats which still enter by running along the rafters and dropping into the store. We saw the bull, in his specially reinforced pen, fastened by a chain from his nose to a ring sliding on a steel cable. At this point, while showing us two bull calves, Mr. Sowerby stressed the importance of bringing in new stock to the herd. We passed a long “clamp” of potatoes with the dreaded “spinner” standing idle beside it, and also the orchard where most of the fruit trees are either very small or of the Cordon type. The Southdown ram watched us belligerently as we walked past, while behind him were the pigs, and beyond the poultry. Beside the track, along which we walked, and which, by the way, was muddy, were several short rows of different types
of grasses, each row being carefully labelled. We then walked though a field split up into sections, each bearing different mixtures of these grasses.

Here the realisation came upon us that the light rain was also cold and we hurried on past an experimental field of beet and some kale to the Silo, the action of which was explained. From then on we passed through fields bearing various crops and Mr. Sowerby spoke of a new weed killer which had been used there. One field in hills and hollows, he explained, had been like that for hundreds of years to facilitate drainage.

We returned to the farm buildings in time to see milking in progress with Alfa Laval mechanical equipment which was the source of much interest.

Mr. Sowerby was cordially thanked by Mr. Holmes and B. O. Elmore on our behalf, and although of little interest to some of the mathematicians the outing was generally enjoyed by all.

MUSIC NOTES.

School Concert, Friday, 27th July, 1945, at 7-15 p.m.

1. Piano Duet: Waltzes ... ... ... Brahms
   (Mr. T. M. Wynne and Mr. H. H. Wintersgill).
2. Choir: (a) Hail, smiling morn ... Spofforth
   (b) Matona, dearest maiden Orlando di Lasso
3. Treble Solo: Lullaby ... ... ... Cyril Scott
   (G. C. Cook).
4. Piano Solo: Prelude in C sharp minor Rachmaninov
   (R. W. Matthews).
5. Treble Solo: Have you seen but a white lily grow ... Old English
   (J. P. Edwards).
6. Piano Solo: Polonaise in A ... ... ... Chopin
   (Mr. H. H. Wintersgill).
7. Choir: The Long day closes ... ... ... Sullivan

INTERVAL.

8. Choir: In summertime on Bredon D. J. Twigg (1936)
9. Piano Solo: Moonlight Sonata (1st movt.) Beethoven
   (P. Fox).
10. Treble Solo: The Piper’s Song (Der Musensohn) Schubert
    (T. D. Partridge).
11. Lions House Choir: Silent Worship
   Handel
   arr. G. Shaw
   (Conductor: R. A. Hales).

12. Piano Solo: Valse in C sharp minor
   Chopin
   (P. Wilson).

13. Choir: Peggy Ramsey
   Old English
   arr. Gerrard
   Williams
   GOD SAVE THE KING.

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DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

OLIVER TWIST, an adaptation from Dickens’s novel by Dr. Jackson will be performed on December 4, 5 and 6. A full account of the play will be given next term.

CAST.

Mrs. Mann
The Artful Dodger
Toms.

Mr. Bumble
Police-Officer
T. G. Streeton.

Mr. Limkins
Harry the Pedlar
Skells.

Mr. Sowerberry
Giles
K. G. Tompkins.

Noah Claypole—Haynes.

Kags—Hodgkins.

Mrs. Sowerberry—R. F. Tompkins.

Fagin, the Jew
E. Cross.

Oliver Twist—A. A. Faulkner.

Bolter—Jeffries.

Charley Bates—Leslie.

Nancy—F. D. Martin.

Mr. Fang, the Magistrate
Toby Crackit
R. Wallis.

Bill Sykes—Turner.

Mr. Brownlow
Man in White Waistcoat
J. C.

Brittles
Workhouse Master
Hefford.

Farm Labourer
Gaoler
T. L. Wright.

Houchen,
T. F. Rice,
Brawn.

Rose Maylie—P. Wilson.

Mrs. Maylie—Hunter.

Bookstall Keeper
Guard
A. Groom.

Man with gruff voice—Mitchell.

Farm Labourer
Lubberly Fellow
Gooding.

Charlotte—Eady.

Clerk of Court—Eden.

3rd Man
Board Member
Cartwright.

Susan
Crowd Woman
M. A. Goodband.

Man—T. S. Groome.

Betsy—Newham.

Board Member—K. A. Lawrence.

Sticky—A. G. Allen.

Workhouse Women
A. F. Taylor,
Lockyer.

Chief Workhouse Boy—Lord.

Workhouse Boys
C. J. Maycock,
I. Petcher,
R. E. Smith,
T. S. Groome,
R. E. Neville,
J. Thompson,
N. A. Tompkins,
A. G. Allen.

Crowd Woman—J. H. Neville.

Farm Labourer
Turnkey
Garlick.

Producer: Dr. Jackson.
Stage Managers: Mr. S. B. Harris and Mr. Cook.
Wardrobe: Miss Bavin.

Make-up: Mr. Thompson.
SCHOOL PICTURES.

The title of the set of school pictures on view in the top corridor is “Romanticism.”

1. Fighting Elephants Watched by Jahangir.  
   *Unknown Indian School. 17th Century.*

2. The Farmer’s Family, by Jean Honore Fragonard.  
   *French School 1732—1806.*

3. The Warrior, by Ferdinand Hodler.  
   *Swiss School 1853—1917.*

4. The Night Watch, by Rembrandt.  
   *Dutch School 1606—1669.*

5. View of Toledo, by El Greco.  
   *Spanish School 1541—1614.*

   *Dutch 1853—1890.*

7. Village Street, by Maurice de Vlaminck.  
   *French School 1876.*

8. The Coal Waggon by Jean Louis Gericault.  
   *French School 1791—1821.*

   *French School 1796—1875.*

    *English School 1775—1851.*

2A1 LECTURE SOCIETY.

Lectures have been delivered this term under the chairmanship of R. Clarke.


B. WARREN, Secretary.

THE RAILWAY CLUB.

The final excursion of the season took place on October 6th, when a rather small party visited Roade Cutting. Train was taken to Blisworth, from which we walked to the point where the Roade to Northampton line branches off the main line.
Here we combined the pleasures of eating a picnic lunch and watching various main line expresses and branch line "locals" pass by. We also noticed the peculiar way in which the walls of the deepest part of the cutting were strengthened by overhead girders.

A return to Blisworth was made in time to see the afternoon Scotch express and various other long distance trains.

We feel that some members are not entering into the true spirit of the club, whose object is to learn more about railways in general, rather than merely collect a list of engine numbers.

We hope to have more outings next summer, when travel facilities will perhaps be better, and in the meantime we shall be very glad if anyone with a knowledge of any matters connected with railways would care to give us a short talk.

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FLIGHT AIR TRAINING CORPS.

The School Flight which has steadily been raising the standard of its work ever since it was started over four years ago, realised its highest honour when it was placed second in the 1944-5 competition for the most Efficient Unit in Eastern Command which included over one hundred units. We were only beaten out of first place by the narrow margin of one mark. This is a very fine achievement of which we are justifiably proud; it is hoped that it will prove an incentive to the efforts of the present members of the unit.

It is regretted that we have to record a considerable fall in the strength of the unit this year; perhaps this is inevitable, now that the war is over.

Annual Training this year was spent at R.A.F. Station, Silverstone, where much valuable and interesting instruction was given on a wide range of R.A.F. subjects. Every member of the party had at least one flight in a Wellington aircraft. This term a number of cadets have had flights from Sywell in a Dominie; a short programme of flying arranged for us had unfortunately to be cancelled owing to fog. Our turn to send cadets to the course run by the local A.T.C. Gliding School will probably come early in the New Year. This should be very exciting and enjoyable training; it is only open to those cadets who have passed the Proficiency Examination.
We must congratulate Sgt. R. E. Bridgeford on being chosen to represent Eastern Command in the National A.T.C. Athletic Championships held in London in September.

Examination Results:

Air Ministry Advanced Training Examination (May 1945).

Principles of Flight:—K. A. Bond, R. E. Bridgeford, R. L. Jellis, J. R. Jones, D. W. Robinson, J. Softley, K. G. Tompkins and R. Wallis. Tompkins is to be congratulated on gaining 100% in this subject.


This is a very satisfactory conclusion to our year's work; during the year five of our Cadets, Bond, Bridgeford, Jones, Robinson and Tompkins passed all the subjects of this examination.

Proficiency Examination (November 1945):—F. E. Towers.

First Class Cadets:—F. A. Shaw, P. Nottingham, D. Wildman, T. G. Streeton.

Promotions:—Corporal R. E. Bridgeford to be Sergeant (16-8-45).

Corporal K. G. Tompkins to be Sergeant (26-11-45).

J. R. Jones to be Corporal (26-11-45).

Once more our sincerest thanks are due to the willing help given by Mr. T. G. Cook and Mr. S. B. Harris, all the more valuable now that Mr. Findley has left.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Officers of the Association.

President: H. A. Wrenn, Esq.
Chairman: I. J. Nicholas, Esq.
Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer: R. E. Bridgeford.
Assistant Hon. Secretary: M. W. Richardson.


Since the last issue of the Magazine the Association has gained 18 new members. In addition there are now 56 life members. It is hoped that all boys leaving school will join the Association for it is only by an increase in membership, and therefore our resources, that we will be able to provide social activities in addition to those of the Rugby and Cricket Clubs.
With Mr. Woolley's departure from the school, the Association lost its President. The new Headmaster Mr. H. A. Wrenn has agreed to accept the office of President in his place. Mr. F. C. Lay and Mr. A. R. Woolley have become Vice-Presidents of the Association.

The Association held its Annual General Meeting on October 11th with Mr. Nicholas in the chair. 22 Members were present.

R. E. Bridgeford was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and M. W. Richardson was appointed assistant Hon. Secretary in view of the Secretary's impending call-up. Messrs. L. A. Beatty, J. W. Day, R. Day, M. H. Martin and G. Brown were elected to the Committee.

In view of the large bank balance of the Association it was agreed that a sum should be invested in Savings Certificates.

The question of the War Memorial fund was raised and ideas for the form of memorial were discussed. At the meeting a school swimming bath, an Old Boys playing field and pavilion and a University Scholarship fund were suggested. The chairman said that he would welcome further suggestions from members, particularly those in the forces.

Two masters, Mr. Ward and Mr. Cook, were appointed joint Secretaries of the Rugby Football Club for the coming season and it was agreed that the club should apply for membership of the Rugby Union.

It was announced that the dance held on July 12th had shown a profit of £7. It is hoped to hold another of these most successful functions in the near future.

In conclusion we would like to send to the members of the Association wherever they may be, Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1946.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES.

The Old Boys team has continued this season and so far we have played 6 games of which we have won three and lost three. Our side is now almost entirely composed of Old Boys and we have applied for membership of the Rugby Union. We hope that the efforts of those who kept the team going in the lean years will be rewarded when we are able to have our own ground and to have enough players to fill two teams regularly.

Our captain of last season, D. F. White, is now playing for Northampton. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing him every success.

The joint secretaries are now Mr. Ward and Mr. Cook and all Old Boys, especially those returning from the forces, who would like to turn out should get in touch with them at the school. A full fixture list has been arranged.
Players this season have been: P. F. Wylde, L. Beatty, R. Bridgeford, B. Sturgess, S. T. Bayes, D. Knight, F. C. Coles, B. Shortland, M. Richardson, G. Brown, K. E. White, J. Beatty, D. W. Robinson, T. G. Cook, K. Holmes, B. M. Smart, R. C. Bailey, S. Fielder and R. Edwards.

RESULTS:

v. Leicester United. Away. Won 11—0.
v. Leicester United. Home. Lost 21—0.

CRICKET CLUB NOTES.

The Club played throughout the season in the Wellingborough League with the assistance of outside players.

Our greatest success was in the League knock-out Cup Competition where we were defeated in the final by Wellingborough Royals only by 5 runs with 3 wickets still to fall in a most exciting game.

We hope that more Old Boys will join us next season so that we may field a representative side. Like the Rugby Club we are looking forward to having our own ground and we feel that this should be one of the Association's main aims in the future.

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