CRICKET 1st XI, 1946.


EDITORIAL.

Yet another school year has commenced and yet another host of timid small boys has been absorbed into our midst. We would welcome them and hope that life here is not so trying as might have been expected. Welcome also are the Staff reinforcements who have made table tennis for the common room possible.

Those gay window boxes which made such a mysterious appearance in the quadrangle last term have apparently returned whence they came—probably driven into hiding by the recent monsoons. Protective grilles have been fixed over the lower windows of the swing doors. Whether they are for the protection of boys or the windows is a debatable point.

The school is grateful for its release from the task of cleaning form rooms. Those boiler suited figures are blessings in disguise. Thanks are also due to the kind spirit who realised that windows backed by caps do not constitute perfect mirrors, and who provided those useful looking-glasses.

Truly this is an age of mystery. If it is not, perhaps the reader would explain how inkwells disappear, leaving no trace, and how the Vth. forms can be tamed.

We wish all members of the school, and parents, a Happy Christmas, invoking, for the boys, plenty of snow, and for the elders, none at all.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects:


We welcome Mr. J. W. Davies (English) and Mr. L. J. Jay (Geography) to the Staff from H.M. Forces. We hope their stay with us will be congenial.
Mr. D. H. T. Sterry leaves us this term to take up a similar appointment at the County High School, Bromsgrove. We wish him all success and hope he will find his three years with us a source of pleasant memory.

Our congratulations, sincere if overdue, are due to Mr. R. V. S. Ward on his marriage last term, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Atherton on the birth of a son.

We must congratulate Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sharp too on the birth of a son this term.

The Panora photograph really did achieve existence this term. It was thought however that any similarity to persons living was purely accidental and largely illusory.

A welcome innovation (to our purses no less than our convenience) has been the School Christmas Card. Neat but not gaudy.

Elsewhere are references to D. F. White's prowess on the Rugger Field. We are proud indeed to learn he has been chosen for England Trials.

We are grateful to Miss M. Cook, Governor of the School, for a most generous gift of clothing for School Dramatics. Thanks are due to numerous parents also for gifts of clothing for Form Dramatics.

Due to pressure of other School activities both Mr. Dunning and Dr. Jackson have given up the editorship of the Magazine. Our thanks are due for their labours in the past—particularly in that Mr. Dunning was the founder and first editor. Our hope is that present and future issues shall not fall below their high standard.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries and regret any omissions: The Cythingian, Daventrian, Lawrentian, The Ousel, Northamptonian, Petriburgian, Towcestrian, Wellingburian, Wellingborough County High School Magazine.

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A. D. Draper : S.C. 1946, Rushden U.D.C.
B. Greenfield : Police Force (Clerical).
F. L. Godfrey :
K. C. Jones :
B. A. Oliver : Scott Bader, Wollaston.
R. Robinson : Farming.
B. F. Saunders :
K. Markstein : S.C. 1946, Hunter, Penrose Ltd.
K. W. Smith : S.C. 1946, Green and Sons, Rushden.
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OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

The following boys were successful:—
J. C. Desborough: Prin. History and English; Subsidiary Russian and Economics.
The following boys were successful in obtaining the Oxford School Certificate.

A small letter indicates a 'pass' and a capital letter indicates a 'credit.'

**Key to subjects:**
- E-English Language
- S-Selected Literature
- H-History
- RK-Religious Knowledge
- G-Geography
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SIXTH FORM GOSSIP.

The Sixth Form has had a busy term. As is the custom with busy terms it has passed quickly and things have come and gone without much notice being taken of them at the time, yet in retrospect there are events which come to mind which will not be forgotten quickly. There was for example the time when the prefects, wishing to sweeten the atmosphere of the school let off D.D.T cartridges in the prefects’ room and sent themselves coughing to the other side of the school building for a while. During the whole of the term too, the Upper Sixth have continued to hope that the Lower Sixth will grow up. An attempt to attain some degree of culture and civilization would be welcomed.

One most interesting feature of the term has been the commencement of dancing lessons at the High School. Lessons have been given on Monday evenings and the Library has subsequently been misused for dancing demonstrations and practices during Tuesday dinner hour. The small fry of the school should note that any senior seen doing an about turn at the corners of the quadrangle is not devoid of intelligence but is merely practising a reverse turn, a forward change or a backward passing change for the next lesson.

A further contact between the Girls’ School and our own has been in the Physics laboratories where the High School science sixth form now studies physics with our own science sixth. However it has been noticed that since the Biologists of the sixth have been dissecting rabbits and dog fish the number of girls attending has dropped. Some feel that Biology should be purely theoretical.

In spite of numerous hints the Prefects have not been given the old mistresses’ common room which has now become a sixth form class room. However, since the prefects have overflowed into the sick room, feeling is that the Head would prefer to keep the sick room as such.

The term has had its moving moments too: two members of the sixth gave the others a most touching rendering of True Love one music period (but even artists must be kept in order and hence it is requested that no one is more than twenty minutes late for P.T. next term). The sixth was also sorry to lose its play critic. This time-honoured member was fancied by the army officials at Northampton and his stage is now the barrack square.

Some members enjoyed a visit to Messrs. Stewart and Lloyds Works at Corby shortly after half term and a trip to London to see the “Britain Can Make It” exhibition is being arranged for the end of term. Concerning this trip it was with relief that it was learned that one member will not be going as he has already been. The relief was due to that member’s unfortunate habit of losing himself and his property. To oblige his friends he might also lose the habit of playing rugger verbally.
Finally the sixth look forward to December 14th, when with Mr. T. G. Cook as M.C. they hope to entertain members of the High School at a party.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain: J. Hodgkins. Vice-Captain: J. A. Willmott.
Hon. Sec.: P. T. Eden.

The School 1st XV, this season has proved a well-balanced side and has played well throughout the term. All its games have been very closely fought and of the games lost three were by a very narrow margin. This perhaps shows the main weakness of the team—its inability to show sufficient skill and steadiness at the right moment to turn promising attacking movements into scores. Bad passing or failure to pass has on a number of occasions spoilt good chances. The forwards, though on the small side and often lighter than their opponents have done their work well and have given the backs plenty of the ball: the backs run well individually but there is a lack of cohesion and their handling calls for improvement. It is pleasing to record that the defence of this team has improved considerably, the tackling and falling on the ball being quite good.

Colours have been awarded to J. Hodgkins and J. A. Willmott, and Half-Colours to H. K. Maddams, R. F. Howes, J. Hill, G. C. Neville and R. K. S. Baker.


The Under 15 XV, started the season well by a good victory over Bedford School, but the early promise has not been fulfilled. The forwards show great keenness, but the main trouble with the team seems to be lack of finish by the three-quarters. The latter often do well as individuals, but fail to combine as a line. In defence the team is good, the only large adverse score being made on a day when weather conditions were atrocious. With several matches still to be played, the team can still finish the term with a good record.

The team has usually been: R. F. Russell; J. E. Skerritt, G. P. Surridge (Vice-Captain), F. H. Hodson, P. Loveday; D. S. Law (Captain), R. Darnell; R. Pentelow, B. K. Rabbitt, F. R. Titmuss, R. Lawrence, K. A. Lawrence, B. J. Charter, E. Ellingham, R. Levy, and the following have also played: D. J. Collins, M. C. Knowles and J. L. Simmons.
Although the Under 14 XV. has only gained moderate success so far, some good games have been enjoyed. The team has been weakened through injuries suffered early in the term. Forward play has been generally quite good and all have worked hard, but the back play is disappointing, the chief faults being poor positioning and weak tackling.


RESULTS.

Nov. 2.—1st XV. v. Daventry G.S. Away. Lost 3-nil.
Nov. 9.—1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. Away. Lost 16—5.


House Matches—1st Round, November 12th.
Juniors: Lions 16 Dragons nil Stags 9 Gryphons nil.

CRICKET.
1st XI. Averages for 1946.

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1st XI. Matches after July 6th.

N.G.S. 145 for 8 declared.
W.G.S. 88 for 8 (Surridge 33 not out, Chapman 19).

W.G.S. 45.
G.S. Old Boys 46 for 5 (Hardwick 5 for 19).

Finedon Dolben C.C. 84.
W.G.S. 62 for 5 (Hodgkins 31).

1st XI. v. Masters’ XI. Won.
W.G.S. 140 for 5 wickets declared (Hodgkins 83 not out, Hardwick 44).
Masters 127 (H.A.W. 40, I.J.N. 27).

Under 15 XI.

Bedford 165 for 3 wickets declared.
W.G.S. 38.

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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters: Mr. G. E. Sharp, Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. H. Ward.

Head of House: J. P. Hyde.


Since the last edition of the House Notes, only two competitions have been fought to the finals; Inter-House P.T. and Swimming. Despite the supreme efforts of the organisers, Dragons did not carry off the cups. In the Swimming Competition the House was in desperate straits for ordinary swimmers in any number. (Considering this obstacle, the House, in bettering last year's position in this competition, registered quite an achievement).

The House still holds the Martin Athletic Cup.

This apparent lack of talent in sport is, however, compensated in other spheres. The House again holds the Ferguson Trophy for work in school.

It is our pleasant task to congratulate our Housemaster, Mr. Sharp, on the birth of a son and heir, to whom we wish all possible success in his journey through life.

Congratulations are also due to those of the House who have been chosen for certain appointments within the House and within the School.

Of the prefects in the School, one, H. K. Maddams, is a representative of the House. Among the ranks of the Acting-Prefects there are three Dragons: A. J. Carter, J. P. Hyde and J. A. Willmott, all of whom are to be felicitated on their appointment.

In this age of democracy, elections decide House appointments and the following result from the last elections:

Captain of House and House Rugger, J. P. Hyde; Vice-Captain of House and House Rugger, J. A. Willmott; new House Prefects, Leslie and R. Smith.

House colours have been awarded to Leslie.

In School Rugger, Dragons are well represented by J. P. Hyde, H. K. Maddams, J. A. Willmott, Cartwright, Pentelow, Skerritt.

At the moment of writing, only one round has been played in the Inter-House Rugger Competitions. In this, Dragon's Senior team was captained by J. A. Willmott. The Captain, J. P. Hyde, was prevented from playing by injuries sustained while playing for the School.

Congratulations are heartily tendered to those who are keeping up the House's reputation in scholastic achievement.
A. J. Carter, R. L. Jellis, D. R. Smith gained Higher School Certificates; Eden, Faulkner, Hyde, Leslie, Toms are among those who gained School Certificates.

Thus, although in games our talents are somewhat in abeyance, we still hold our own in other directions.

Finally, to all Old Dragons, we extend hearty greetings and best wishes. In particular would we wish success to our last Captain, D. R. Smith, and A. J. W. James, both of whom have been enmeshed in the net of National Service.

Greetings also to all new Dragons; may they endeavour, with keenness and fortune's aid, to further the reputation of the House.

GRYPHONS.

*House Masters:* Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. T. G. Cook, Mr. D. H. T. Sterry.


*House Prefects:* Chapman, Law, Oakley, P. B. Smith (Sec.)

This term's notes must begin by welcoming all new Gryphons to the school and wishing them a happy school career. We have now enlarged our representation in the sixth form and hope that more will soon be there.

Last term we were third in a P.T. Competition which is now in a new form. We were unlucky to have to take second place to the Stags in the Swimming Cup. Saunders (Swimming Captain) was a good diver, Roche, Rudd, Burton and P. B. Smith are to be congratulated also.

We made a good start in the Rugger by defeating the Stags' Senior team in a hard fought match. The Juniors were beaten owing to good play on the part of Stags and we hope this will be their last defeat. Next term we play the Lions and Dragons.

House colours have now been awarded to Chapman, Law, Oakley, P. B. Smith and Tompkins.

We are represented in the First XV. by Baker, Law, Oakley, P. B. Smith and Haynes. In the Under 15 XV. our representatives are Knowles, Law (Captain) and Russell. In the Under 14 XV. we are represented solely by D. G. Lawrence who captains our Junior team.

We are sorry to be losing Mr. Sterry at the end of the term and hope he will be happy wherever he goes.

We close by wishing all Gryphons a good holiday, a good Xmas and a happy New Year.
LIONS.

House Masters: Mr. H. H. Wintersgill, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. R. V. S. Ward.

Head of House: G. N. Wells.


It seems that this edition of the Lions’ House notes will consist chiefly of congratulations. Firstly however we must welcome all new Lions and say once again that great things are expected of them.

Our first congratulations must go to Mr. H. Wintersgill who, having returned from Evesham with renewed vigour, has been urging the house on to make greater efforts. So far his work in this direction has not been in vain, for in the only Inter-House Competition entered this term we have gained a lead over all other houses as both our Senior and Junior Rugby teams were successful against the Dragons. Wells, Howes and Neville have all done good work in the First XV. and the House has also been represented in other School teams.

In the competitions which were decided after the magazine went to press last term, we were not so successful, as we were placed fourth in the Swimming Competition and second in the Physical Training. In this latter competition we were beaten by the Stags by a very narrow margin, when the Juniors failed to maintain the first position which the Seniors had gained. We look forward keenly to the other Inter-House activities, and hope that we shall retain the Cricket and Music cups, and perhaps gain the Rugger and Dramatics cups.

We congratulate G. N. Wells on becoming Head of School and also J. N. Minney, Howes, D. J. Hales and D. A. G. Turner on their appointment as School Prefects. We note too that while the school has reason to be proud of Linnell and P. Wilson on account of their recent success at the Rushden Eisteddfod, the Lions can be especially so. We wish to point out to those new Lions who have not already realized it that the House having won the Music cup in the last three competitions, is trying to build up a musical tradition in its own right.

K. G. Tompkins, R. A. Hales and Wallis receive congratulations as they gained good Higher School Certificates last July; at the same time Coles, Linnell, Slawson, A. A. Wheatley, C. Boddington, Draper and Groome gained School Certificates.

Finally we repeat the greeting which bears much repetition without the reproach of triteness; that is we wish all Lions, old, present and new, a very happy Christmas.
STAGS.

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

Head of House: J. Hodgkins.

House Prefects: G. Howard, E. Cross, J. Hill.

B. O. Elmore, the ex-Head of the House will be sorely missed in all house activities but we wish him every success at University College, Hull. The vacant position of House Captain was filled by J. Hodgkins, the School Rugby Captain.

Our previous high position in the continual battle for House honours has been fully maintained since the last number of the magazine. Again, for the second year, we carried off the coveted Ford P.T. Cup in spite of the rearranged mode of competing. Our hopes, also, for retaining the Swimming Cup were fully realized. In this particular sport we have especially fine Junior and Middle Swimmers.

At the time of writing the House teams lie third in the House Rugby Competition with two points scored by the Juniors. This section hopes with its strong team to win the remaining matches and the Seniors also hope to rally sufficiently to win the Cup in spite of their narrow loss to the Gryphons.

The House is well represented in all School Fifteens by Hodgkins (Captain), Hill, Fuller, Surridge and Partridge in the 1st XV.; Surridge (Vice-Captain), Rabbitt, Titmus, Ellingham and Darnell in the Under 15 XV.; and Lee (Captain), Tilley, Martin, Elmore, Johnson and Whittemore in the Under 14 XV.

Finally we offer our sincere congratulations to B. O. Elmore, E. Cross, J. C. Desborough and G. Howard on their success in the H.S.C. and to all Stags gaining their S.C. last July with the best wishes for future success.

THE INTER-HOUSE P.T. COMPETITION.

This year the competition took the form of a minor games contest, with each House entering three teams of eight for both seniors and juniors. House Captains had a difficult task in selecting these teams as each game demanded different qualities of the contestants, and many practices were held before the final selections were made.
The games played were:

(1) Crouch Tag. Ref., Mr. R. V. S. Ward. Timekeeper, Mr. G. E. Sharp.
(2) Ball Passing v. Team Running. Ref., Mr. S. B. Harris.
(3) Team Passing. Ref., Mr. C. A. Pine. Timekeeper, Mr. C. Ward.

The Seniors competed on July 16th and the Lions gained a one point lead over the Stags with the Gryphons and Dragons well behind. Worthy of note, however, was the Dragons win over the Lions in Team Passing. Although they were losing 1—2 at one stage they went on to win 22—2.

The Juniors competed next day and their results were very close, with Stags just taking the lead, and this was sufficient to enable the Stags to win the competition.

1st Stags 18 points.
2nd Lions 17
3rd Gryphons 14
4th Dragons 11

SWIMMING SPORTS, JULY 16TH, 1946.

The reintroduction of points for distance swimming made the House Competition start very early in the term. Points were posted on the notice board daily and although the Dragons had a substantial lead over the other Houses, the Stags and Gryphons narrowed this down considerably by the time Sports Day came along.

The races this year were of a very poor standard with the exception of the 1 Length Junior Breast Stroke, when Craddock of the Stags won easily in the record time of 34 1/5 secs. The Diving, however, was a different story and was perhaps the best the School has ever done. The Open Voluntary Diving brought a fine display by Saunders and Burton of Gryphons and Newnham of Dragons, and there was little to choose between them.
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**Sports Total**: 42 57 26 82

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**Grand Total**: 106 107 59 142
MUSIC NOTES.

A programme which has been a feature of previous Autumn term magazines is missing this year. There was no School Concert at the end of the Summer Term, because of the absence of the senior forms and the Music Master in camp at Evesham.

WELLSINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPECIAL CHOIR AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH, SUNDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1946.

Choir: (a) From all that dwell below the skies
(b) Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake
(c) Come, Holy Ghost
Organ: Prelude on ‘ Martyrdom’

Choir: (a) Jesus, font of consolation (arr. G. Sampson)
(b) The duteous day now closeth
(c) Jesu, joy of man’s desiring
Organ: Fugue in G minor (The Great G minor)

In this programme the organ accompaniments and solos were played by Mr. Wintersgill. A similar programme was sung at Rushden Parish Church on October 13th, 1946, when the accompaniments were played by Mr. C. E. Cave (organist of the Church), and Mr. Wintersgill conducted and played organ solos.

MUSIC RECITAL, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1946, AT 2-30.

1. Piano Solo: Arabesque No. 1
2. Sonata in A (the ‘ Kreutzer’) for Violin and Piano
3. Trio in Eb for Clarinet, Viola and Piano
4. Finale (from Sonata) for Violin and Piano
5. Piano arrangement: ‘Ritual Fire Dance’

This recital was heard by all the School except 2b and 2c. The violin was played by Miss Norah Panting, of Northampton. Mr. Wintersgill played all the piano parts, Mr. Butler the clarinet and Mr. Bratt the viola.

External musical successes of our boys include G. Linnell (6b) and P. Wilson (5a) who won second and third prizes in the Piano class at Rushden Youth Eisteddfod; B. F. Peters (2a) and J. P. Edwards (4b) won first and second prizes for Boys’ Solo. B. F. Peters was fourth in the Boys’ Solo at Northampton.
LIBRARY NOTES.

We are very grateful for a grant from the Parents’ Committee which is being used to buy some of the more popular books.

A Library Committee has been formed which is dealing with the classification of the Library and with suggestions for new books.

As an experiment the Library is now open to 5th Formers on Thursday evenings. Not as much use has yet been made of this facility as had been hoped.

Accessions:

Scott: What can I play (presented by G. J. Howard).
Lawless: Rugger’s an attacking game.
Hankinson: Cricket for Schools.
Bentley: Trent’s Last Case.
Chesterton: The Napoleon of Notting Hill.
Sugden and Hollis: Rugger, do it this way.
Also other volumes of fiction.

THE SCHOOL PICTURES.

There is at present a pause in the circulation of the pictures and last term’s set remains in the top corridor. The reason for this is that the organisers of the scheme, under which we have been sent our ten pictures every term, have decided to give the system a complete overhaul. This is really overdue, as little has been possible, during the war years, in the way of repairs, replacements or readjustments.

It is hoped we shall be able to continue with the scheme later, or else retain one of the sets as the property of the School—or perhaps both.

Meanwhile, there is an opportunity to look at “Aristocracy” again. How many of the ten pictures can you remember?

CHESS CLUB.

On October 18th, the newly-formed Chess Club held its first meeting. Since, the Club has met every Friday afternoon in the Geography Room. The support, at first, was very encouraging, but lately, only the faithful few have put in an appearance. This decrease has been due to a number of reasons but it is hoped that in the future a much greater interest will be shown in this new School activity.
Shortly the Dramatic Society is presenting Vice Versa, a comedy based on the celebrated novel of F. Anstey. It was hoped to perform it on November 26th—28th, but owing to the illness of one of the principal characters, it has had to be postponed until next term. At the time of writing dates are still indefinite as the postponement has upset the arrangements of those who help with our plays.

**CAST.**

Paul Bultitude, *Produce Broker* ... E. Cross
Dick Bultitude, his son ... R. Leslie
Barbara Bultitude, his daughter ... F. D. Martin
Marmaduke Paradise, his brother-in-law ... R. Wallis
Dr. Grimstone, *Headmaster of Crichton* ... D. A. G. Turner
Dulcie Grimstone, his daughter ... A. A. Faulkner
Mr. Blinkhorn, M.A., *Senior Master* ... Eden
Tipping ... Haynes
Ghawner, *the sneak* ... Toms
Jolland ... Hefford
Biddlecombe ... Allen
Coker ... C. Jefferies
Coggs ... Garlick
Cecily ... R. E. Neville
Peter ... J. G. Thompson
Nurse ... M. A. Goodband
Kiffin, *the new boy* ... T. S. Groome
Boaler, *the butler* ... T. L. Wright
Rhoda, *the parlour-maid* ... C. J. Maycock
Ellen, *the house-maid* ... Norman
Boys at Crichton ... Lord, J. H. Neville, P. Wilson, Newnham
Children in Act III. ... Laverick, York, Tew, Ridgewell
Cheasman, D. C. Westley, Ovens, Norris.

**2A LECTURE SOCIETY.**

The following lectures have been delivered this term under the chairmanship of S. W. Brown:


The lecture by Priestley was judged to be the best of the term.

R. L. BURTON, *Secretary.*
THE MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB.

President, Mr. H. C. Phillips; Secretary, C. Boddington; Treasurer, J. Fuller; Assistant Secretary, S. A. Scott.

The Model Aircraft Club has again been formed in the School. This time it is hoped that the enthusiasm which is at present encouraging will continue.

The club meets weekly on Thursdays after school and anyone interested is invited to attend.

We have already had some spectacular flying in the Hall. This has proved to be somewhat costly, as one member has already discovered. His model gained too much height, struck the ropes, shed its wings and plunged into the arms of an interested spectator with disastrous results.

As the weather has been unfavourable of late we have had to resort to indoor tethered flying. But as the weather improves free flying will take place on the playing field.

We understand that a model flying club has also been formed at the London Road School and if sufficient interest is maintained it is proposed that a competition between the two clubs should be organised.

Mr. Phillips has very kindly placed the Art Room at our disposal.

We welcome any prospective members and look forward to a season’s good flying.

C.B. AND J.F.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

This term we have heard many interesting lectures by members of the Society. All have been highly informative, and have been well attended, mainly by the Middle and Junior Schools. Mr. Burrell has lectured on the various types of cameras, and Mr. Sharp has illustrated to us the enlargement of photographs. Skellis, the former secretary, gave a demonstration lecture on the development of roll films and contact printing. Two lantern lectures have been given entitled: “The History of the Camera” and “The Camera does not Lie.” This, being our first term, we have dealt mainly with theory, but next term we hope to go further afield in the practical line.

D. J. Hales, Secretary.

RAILWAY CLUB NOTES.

Our membership is now rising by leaps and bounds, having reached a total of over 90. This is partly due to the large number of new boys who have joined the club, and to whom we give a hearty welcome.
On September 27th we paid a visit to the Wellingborough Locomotive Sheds, being favoured by one of the few really sunny days we have had this summer. In addition to seeing the sheds themselves we also viewed the coaling plant, repair shop and locomotives which were being prepared to start a journey.

On November 13th we had a talk on "Swiss Railways," by Mr. Boyce, who has recently visited Switzerland to see the railway system there. He described how electric locomotives were used there far more than steam ones, how rack railways were used on steep gradients, and mentioned the safety devices in use in the long mountain tunnels, and the suspended cars by which passengers were carried across the deep valleys. After the talk he answered a large number of questions put by enthusiastic members of the audience.

We should again like to emphasize that we should be very grateful to any of our readers who would care to give us a short talk on any matters connected with railways.

G.E.R.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.


This term, under the chairmanship of G. J. Howard, the Society has continued to hold its meetings on alternate Wednesdays.

Up to the time of writing, papers have been read to us by G. N. Wells, D. J. Hales, M. Hight and R. L. Jellis. All of their lectures, and the able way in which questions have been answered, show that the speakers have a good knowledge of their subjects.

If any paper deserves special mention it is that of G. N. Wells whose talk on "Evolution" has provoked practically continuous discussion amongst the Upper Sixth ever since its presentation.

In conclusion we wish B. O. Elmore, our former chairman, every success in his studies at University College, Hull.

SCOUTS.

The 6th Wellingborough (Grammar School) Troop has been going strong.

The Patrol Leaders have been doing their job well and under them the patrols have grown to such a size that we are considering forming another troop. We are forming our seniors into a senior patrol.
The weekly meetings have been well attended and a lot of useful work done—work which will bear abundant fruit next year when we get out of doors.

There is room for another thirty scouts if we form another troop—we want volunteers for the best possible from the best possible.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

Members enjoyed some stern battles each evening until play was restricted by accidental damage to the table, which is being renovated.

It is hoped that a match between School and Staff can be arranged at the end of the term. There is also a proposal for a match between the Girls’ High School and the 6th Form.

PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Parents’ Committee was held on 13th September. Present: Mrs. Wrenn (in the chair), Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Toms, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Fair, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Boddington, Mrs. McCall, Miss Bavin, The Headmaster, Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Wintersgill.

The following decisions were reached:
1. That £5 should be contributed to the Old Boys’ War Memorial.
2. That £20 should be given to the School Library for the purchase of fiction and technical books for boys.

The Committee also arranged the following programme of social events for the ensuing year:
- 23rd January: Whist Drive.
- 20th March: Whist Drive.
- 26th April: Jumble Sale.
- 19th June: Parents’ Day.

It is hoped that as many parents as possible will be able to attend these functions.

At the Whist Drive held in the School Hall, on 31st October, 160 parents and friends were present, a far larger attendance than has been usual hitherto. As a result £16 was added to the School Amenities Fund. The Parents’ Committee were responsible for all arrangements and provided refreshments while Mr. F. C. Gent and the Headmaster acted as M.C.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

At the Annual Meeting of the Old Boys’ Association, the Headmaster handed over to the Association the Old Boys’ War Memorial Fund, standing at approximately £130, on
behalf of the War Memorial Fund Committee (Chairman Mr. F. C. Gent). The Committee, having taken careful note of the opinion expressed by those contributing to the Fund, decided to offer the Fund to the Old Boys' Association on the following conditions:—

1. That the money should be used to purchase a Playing Field.
2. That the Field should be called the Memorial Field or bear some such title.
3. That the Old Boys' Association should be responsible for the subsequent upkeep of the Field.

The gift has been accepted by the Old Boys' Association and it is hoped will eventually be used for the purpose specified. In the meantime a War Memorial Tablet recording the names of the Old Boys who died in the War is being prepared and will be placed in the School Hall.

HARVEST CAMP AT EVESHAM.

The School has taken parties on Forestry work and harvest work before, but we’ve never had so large a camp, or a more successful one than that held this year on Mr. F. George’s fruit farm at Evesham.

The Ministry of Agriculture, through the Worcestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee made expert arrangements—helped us to find an excellent site, loaned us all the equipment we could possibly have required, from a huge open-air coal stove, to dish cloths, and from a marquee to straw for our palliasses. All we were required to provide was a mug each (no limit to size!) and cutlery—and even those we couldn’t take care of!

On 17th July the advance party arrived, Lusty and Howes by cycle, Dick Hales and K. Tompkins by train, Mr. Dunning and Mr. Wintersgill by car. No one, not having seen a field kitchen in its dozens of pieces can appreciate the value of crossword solving as training for assembling stoves. Two tents were erected—food obtained and water carried, and then it was bed time.

The next day the main party arrived at Stratford by train (the weather being too wet for even our hardy cyclists), and they cycled the fifteen miles to Evesham. Mr. and Mrs. Pine arrived too and in a short time eight bell tents and the marquee were up and very hungry folk fed.

On Friday, work began and Mr. Forrester the "bailiff," found it difficult to find enough work for our crowd—but he managed to supply a lot of them with blisters and others with a healthy respect for the horny hands of real agricultural workers. Meanwhile the kitchen staff were laying in what seemed to be fantastic stores of food—but fifty folk can make mole hills of mountains of food, and did.
The Headmaster and Mr. Nicholas came to see us on Sunday and thought we were having a lovely holiday. The Headmaster stayed over Monday—saw us work—and hastily departed on Tuesday (but he did come and join us again for our last week).

Mrs. Pine was quite expert with the coal and oil stoves—produced marvellous steamed puddings—Yorkshire pudding and even scones. Mr. Wintersgill roasted joints—made meaty stews (we were working on special rations, thank goodness) and the daily orderlies were managing to avoid any food being wasted.

After working hours the boys were finding plenty to do—an Evesham Youth Club kindly made them welcome each evening and at the week end parties were off on their bikes all over the Cotswolds and Chilterns.

It would be difficult to say what were the “high lights” of the camp but we shan’t soon forget Cross trying to swallow a mutton bone—Mr. Pine chasing a noisy cockerel round the camp at 5 a.m. one day—K. Bradshaw trying to find the camp all through one showery afternoon when everyone else had found it easily—Mr. Dunning and his portable bank—Hale’s beard—and the concert on the last night—or “pay day” one day in September.

The folks at Evesham made us very welcome. Mr. Collins the butcher, Mr. French the grocer made catering easy; Mr. Alcock (for Mr. George) and Mr. Forrester made work pleasant, and they are all anxious for us to go again. Mr. Homer of the War Agricultural Committee attended to our every need—it was a grand three weeks—we picked forty-five tons of plums and earned over a hundred and twenty pounds. We had good weather—excellent health—and a jolly good time all round.

J.G.D.

HASELOR, HOME OF REST.

Spirits were running high, despite the fury of the elements as, groaning beneath its load of expectant, relieved, and well equipped adventurers, the train shunted slowly from its berth. To a man we were out for a good time and to forget our late horrors; even our revered chef was constrained to cease his gentle remonstration that “when the notes go up the tune goes up.”

In short, we were in search of that “néant divin” which, over the past months had so successfully eluded us.

As a representative of the late Haselor W.M.C. of “Pandemonium” and their satellites, I attempt to enlighten the reader as to the joys and sufferings which attended this dauntless crew as they hovered round the daily task.

Hardly did the proverbial chariot quit its saffron bed before our slumbers were rudely interrupted by the piping
cry of "Wakey, Wakey" from that inimitable little man "Chunkey." Eventually, complete with an impressive display of varied headgear, we reached the kitchen, though still in a state of semi-somnolence. There we were greeted by the bearded face of our above-mentioned cook, and the cheerful smile of his never failing partner in the mysterious art of dietetics—Mrs. Pine. After a brief and frugal repast we were hailed to the scene of work by Mr. Dunning, there to suffer untold agonies from the perilous heights of the ladder, or the broiling agonies of the beanfield. After two hours of this ostentatious work we returned, and after once again satisfying the demands of the inner man, retired to a well earned siesta. This some did, and despite the green hue of their countenance others claimed to find that peace which passes understanding in the fragrance of the leaf, whilst lying in the shade of the tent and, with paper over face, listening to the far off piping of the flute which rose into the sultry air.

A further hour or two saw us once again back from work and "toggling up" for the evening sport. It was during the evening hour that most sought that pleasant forgetfulness, except of course, the Deadly Trio, from the kitchen, who would, with the aid of Mr. Dunning's car, slip off unbeknown to all, but the poor downtrodden orderly who was left to "bash spuds." But they would appear upon the scene once more just before the return of the labourers and stand with an innocent and hard-done-by expression as they stirred the savoury entrails of the stew pot.

From four o'clock onwards a general exodus from the precincts of the camp took place—some, fancying themselves in the field of love, sped off to the side of their newly acquired friends, only to return wiser people, greatly enlightened on but gently cursing, the evils of co-education—a prevalent horror in the town of Evesham.

Others, to drown their doubts and fears, hastened to the local Cider Mill from which they returned with dampened spirits, and bearing to the consternation of all, imaginary threats from enemy raiders. The remainder of our company were to be found either quietly floating up stream, or enjoying the beauties of the surrounding countryside.

By eleven o'clock even the most erring of the fraternity had staggered to their bed, the stentorian voice of the master had sped its message to the furthest tents, singing and jollification had died away, and all that could be heard were the gentle snores which tell of hard earned repose.

VISIT TO LEATHER MANUFACTURERS.

On the 26th November, the Science Upper Sixth and the Fifth Form visited Strong and Fisher, Ltd., Leather Manufacturers, of Rushden. Mr. Holmes was in charge of the party. On arrival, the party split up into three groups
and the first thing seen was an exhibition of all the leathers produced by the firm. Following this, the party was shown round the factory where they saw the skins being washed, dyed, softened with grease, stretched, surfaced, dried and sorted. Finally the boys were taken to the laboratory where they saw the chemical side of leather dressing which was of considerable interest to the chemists present. M. Hight thanked the guide for a most interesting afternoon spent at the factory.

VISIT TO JOHN CAVE, LTD.

The first department that we visited was the stores where we examined several samples of upper leather, mainly calf skins, but also sheep, goat, lamb, crocodile and lizard. Some common skins were stamped with a design to imitate crocodile and lizard skins. Most of these leathers were chrome tanned but some were vegetable tanned and others half-chrome, i.e., they are imported already vegetable tanned and are afterwards chrome tanned. Next we looked at various samples of sole leathers, these being divided into three classes: bellies, shoulders and sides. At this stage of our journey we were told that the standard of measurement in the trade is the "ion," this being one forty-eighth of an inch.

We then proceeded to follow the process of manufacture round the factory the first stage being the cutting of the sole roughly to shape in a hard press. It was then cut down to size in another machine. In this department was a very remarkable machine which cut the sole to an even thickness and then stamped it with its size and thickness. One machine in this shop cut a ridge on the inner sole while another turned its edge up to facilitate stitching.

We went next to the designing shop and saw cartridge paper pinned to lasts in order to obtain the shape of the upper leathers. This shape was then cut out in stiff cardboard and the edges bound with brass, these patterns are used to cut out the uppers by hand.

When the upper leathers were cut out the edges were thinned to get a better join when they were stitched together. The pieces are machine-stitched and the two complete sides are fixed at the heel by a strip of leather, next the eyelets are put in for the laces.

The shoe is then fastened on to a last by hand then the upper leathers are pulled tight and nailed to the inner sole by machine. The sole is then fastened on to the shoe and the heel built up. The heel is then brought down to its final shape by an emery wheel and the sole polished after being thinned down a little. The shoe is now complete and only remains to be polished.

Before leaving the factory we saw an exhibition of footwear containing many varied examples of government and civilian shoes.
EDITORIAL.

Formed in the misty thirties, the Old Boys' Association crept quietly upon an unsuspecting world, almost unnoticed and certainly unheralded. Bereft of the support of many members who joined the services, it survived the war years.

The time is now ripe for the Association to expand and become an institution. With this aim in view, this supplement is being distributed free, gratis, and for nothing (no coupons) to all Old Boys whose permanent addresses are known. It is proposed to publish a supplement bi-annually, but owing to the cost of Mr. G. B. Shaw's time, future copies will only be sent to members of the Association.

The Committee appeal to all Old Boys to join the Association. The Annual Subscription, running from September to September, is 5 shillings. Life membership is £2/2/0. The Secretary is K. J. Holmes, 6, Upper Havelock Street, Wellingborough, and the Treasurer is F. J. Port, 32, Castle Street, Wellingborough, either of whom will be pleased to receive subscriptions or members' changes of address. Subscriptions may also be paid to members of the Committee. The Association provides Rugger and Cricket Clubs; Dances; and it is hoped to start in the near future a Glee Club.

The success of an Association depends on its members. Officers and Committee have been elected. It is up to you to "plank down" your five silver coins or two guineas in the case of the more affluent, and become an active member of an Association which exists for and by your interest.

GENERAL MEETING.

The General Meeting for 1946 was held at School in October and some fifty members attended.

The retiring Secretary stated that, excluding life members, less than 10 members had paid their current subscription.

The following Officers were elected:—

President: The Headmaster, H. A. Wrenn, Esq.
Secretary: K. J. Holmes. Assistant Sec.: A. K. Gent.
Treasurer: F. J. Port.

Masters, past and present, were voted Honorary Old Boys.
The Meeting accepted the Fund on behalf of the Association from the Memorial Fund Committee, subject to the following conditions:—
(a) That it be used to purchase a Playing Field.
(b) This be named the Memorial Sports Ground or something similar.
(c) 'The Old Boys be responsible for its upkeep.

OLD BOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

This season sees us at the testing time of our career. In the face of pre-war clubs starting up again with their old allegiances and fixture lists we have to keep, and indeed, raise our standard. We made a name for ourselves in war-time and we still want to hit the headlines. Support will be greatly appreciated, especially in our home matches, most of which are after Christmas.

Our team has changed frequently and so has taken a long time to settle down. We have had some bad luck with injuries too. On the field or on the touchline our Captain, N. P. Betts, has been inspiring, and we have a body of stalwarts who do their best when the game is toughest.

OFFICERS.

Treasurer : A. Bird.


Also played : F. Fair, G. Brown, R. Tyers, G. Crompton.

Results to date :—

Oct. 5 v. Corby ... ... Away Lost 0—21
19 v. Queen's Works, Bedford Away Lost 0—25
26 v. Old Wyggestonians ... Away Drawn 0—0
Nov. 2 v. Old Northamptonians Away Won 18—14
9 v. Northampton G.S. 1st Away Lost 0—5
16 v. Wellingborough Town Home Won 9—0
23 v. Olney ... ... Away Lost 0—11
OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

For our first post-war season we entered the Wellingborough Town League. We were glad of regular fixtures and prepared pitches, and until we obtain our own playing field, we shall no doubt, continue to enter this League.

The results were: Won 7, Lost 12, Drawn 1.

We did not have much success in our league fixtures or knockout competitions, but won all our friendlies with the exception of one. Some of the results were most disappointing, others gave cause for jubilation.

Broadly speaking, our batting let us down far too often. The end of the season saw a much improved side. The batting was strengthened by the addition of K. Bond and D. Pearce, and on occasions R. Loomes, whilst the bowlers after a mid-season lapse, seemed determined to improve their averages. We had the misfortune to lose the playing services of our Hon Sec., R. Tyers, quite early in the season with a broken ankle.

The mainstay of the bowling was N. P. Betts, who bowled really well to take over 50 wickets for an average of 7.2 runs. F. Fair also bowled well. He was the only member to get the coveted hat-trick during the season, and finished with an excellent average of 6.2 runs.

The Captain for 1946 was A. Bird, his first season since 1939, and in common with the other ex-servicemen, hopes for more success next year.

K. Bond and D. Pearce batted well for us during their College vacation, the former finishing top of the batting averages with 15.4. N. P. Betts provided the best knock of the season with 59 not out in twenty minutes. G. Stevens and D. White showed promise as all rounders. The fielding on the whole was poor for a team of young men. C. Pine, B. Sturgess and K. Holmes set a good example by their keenness.

Next season we must start practising well before our first match and prove to the Town League teams that Dodgington Road can produce good players.

The Cricket Club extend their thanks to the Headmaster for the use of the nets during last season, and for the loan of some kit.

For next year we want more players, and in particular a wicket-keeper. All Old Boys interested should contact the C.C. Hon Sec., R. Tyers, 82, Melton Road North, Wellingborough.

OLD BOYS' DANCES.

Several dances have been held in the School Hall recently. All of them have been successful, and have raised appreciable sums for the General and Rugby Club Funds. It is hoped that it will be possible to organise dances approximately once
a month during the remainder of the winter, and that they will all prove as successful and enjoyable as the last one on November 16th, when a record crowd filled the Hall.

These Dances are rapidly fulfilling their chief object of providing occasions for personal reunions between Old Boys, and pupils of any year can safely count on seeing some of their form-mates at these functions.

The Committee would like to place on record their appreciation of the efforts of various helpers and friends who have generously and willingly given of their time to ensure the success of the catering.

A request has been received that, in view of the hospitality extended by the School to the Old Boys’ Association, the hospitality should not be abused by unauthorised entry to parts of the School not open during dances. Such abuse can only lead to future difficulties in obtaining the use of the School Hall, now so freely gained.

We congratulate:

Joseph Keep—the School’s first Borough Councillor.
Don White—on selection for the Army Rugby side to tour B.A.O.R., and on selection for 1st England Trial Game of this season.
K. N. Clarke—on his appointment with Scottish Airways.
R. H. Spurrier—on his appointment to the Planning Department of the City of London Corporation, and suggest a second appointment with a barber.

We sympathise with:

Clifford Bond—on his long illness.
Len Holt—on his recent operation.
K. Fillingham and J. Sharp—(from ex-service members) on the extension of their sentence.
The Landlord of the “Angel,” who endures impromptu Old Boys’ Gatherings (Glee Club please note) with both “patience and fortitude.”

The above mentioned gatherings—on the strength of the beer. The ever increasing number of members who continue to give up personal liberty in favour of matrimonial bondage.

These we have loved:

Mr. Laurie’s Baby Austin.
The Holmes moustache (lush, old boy, lush).
The “breaking up” hymn (“All the toil and sorrow done.”)
C. B. Brown’s yarns (There was the one about . . . . .)

The Committee will be glad to receive any items of news for publication in the next supplement and invite all Old Boys to send in contributions.