WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1st XI. CRICKET, 1949.

R. Leslie, P. A. Wills, D. S. Law (Captain), J. P. Hyde, G. P. Surridge.
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EDITORIAL. 

We should like first to express our opinion that the possibly  
bold and factual accounts, in this issue, of the numerous clubs and  
societies may not in every case indicate with what enthusiasm and  
skill their activities are conducted. It is true that one or two clubs  
have suffered a temporary or seasonal decline, but in the main, we  
can safely assert that those members of the School who persist in  
their enthusiasm not only gain a very great deal of value but also  
themselves contribute equally to their fellow members. 

It is all the more regrettable then that there are quite a number  
of boys whose progress through the School is quite unmarked by  
any interest at all in one of these societies. Possibly they have never  
realised that there is at least as much joy in giving as receiving, in  
trying for themselves instead of merely watching others attempt.  

The variety of clubs already offers a wide choice, but if still there  
are interests to cater for, their demands will be sympathetically  
received and encouraged towards the formation of new groups.  

We should like, too, to close this Editorial with a brief but not  
untimely reference to the excellent results obtained in the July  
Examinations and in particular to the twenty-one Higher School  
Certificates obtained. This achievement indicates the rapid  
development of the Sixth Form in recent years, and thanks are  
due to those masters, and in particular Mr. Nicholas, who have  
worked so hard to make it possible. 

SCHOOL NOTES. 

Prefects: 
D. S. Law (Senior), J. P. Hyde, G. Coles, J. Fuller, G. C. Neville,  
P. B. Smith, R. Leslie, S. T. Wells, P. A. Wills, R. Lawrence,  
R. Levy, P. Wilson, R. Shawley, M. A. Crawley. 

We welcome to the Staff Mr. E. J. Pfaff (of Keble College,  
Oxford) to teach music and Mr. A. E. Sparrow (of Downing College,  
Cambridge) to teach modern languages. We hope their stay with  
us will be long and congenial.  

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wintersgill and Mr. and  
Mrs. J. H. Butler on the birth of sons in the summer.
We record, with great regret, the news that Mr. G. E. Sharp is leaving the School to take up an appointment after Christmas at Salford Technical College. Mr. Sharp, who has been with the School since 1944, has contributed, with unbounded enthusiasm, much of permanent value to the School. He has taken a lively interest in School Rugby Football and has been a constant guide through the intricacies of School Photography. We hope he and Mrs. Sharp will carry with them happy memories of Wellingborough and the School, and wish them all the best in their new career.

A meeting was held in the School Hall on November 4th to explain to the Parents' Association, the effect on School time-tables of the new examination statutes. It was excellently attended by over 150 parents who heard a very capable exposition of the problem by the Headmaster.

The collection in the School for Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £2-12-5.

An innovation this term is a pair of drying cabinets in the changing rooms. Their most effective use will come as the result of experiments now continuing.

We note already the improvement in the grounds and kitchen garden which Mr. E. Bryan has effected, and congratulate him on this welcome change. Mr. T. Norris has always dealt indefatigably with the buildings, but the grounds have for some years been a problem. We also welcome Mr. C. Desborough who assists Mr. Norris and Mr. Bryan.

In the triangular athletic match at Kettering on Monday, July 25th, with Kettering and Northampton Grammar Schools, the result was School 162 points, Kettering 118 points, Northampton 102 points. The School won fourteen out of the twenty events.

In the County Swimming Championships at Kettering during the summer, I. Smith gained second place in the Junior Men's Back Stroke 100 yards and P. H. Valentine gained fourth place in the Junior Men's Free Style 100 yards.

J. Hodgkins, now at St. Peter's Hall, has had a University Freshmen's Rugby Trial this term.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of numerous contemporary School Magazines.

OBITUARY.

We record with regret the death as the result of a motor accident of G. W. Bradshaw (1936-1943) on 16th November, 1949.

Geoffrey was the eldest of three brothers, all of whom have passed through the School.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Bradshaw, of Rushden.
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N. Wildman 1944. 1st XV. Vice-Captain Athletics. Clerk, P.X. Road Transport.


A. D. Chalmers 1944. P. J. Johnson G. Taylor

K. Clipstone 1944. P. M. Lemaquand P. S. Whitney

J. B. Cooper 1944. R. A. Miller B. Wilson

R. E. Jefferson 1944. J. A. Ovens
OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

K. M. Bradshaw Principal: PM Ph Ch* Subsid.: AM
J. C. Clayton , AM Ph* Ch* AM Ph Subsid.: PM Ch
D. M. Fidler , AM Ph* Ch* Subsid.: French
J. Fuller , PM AM* Ph* Ch* Bot Zoo Subsid.: Ph
R. L. Goodbody , Ch* Subsid.: PM AM Ph
P. H. Hunt , PM Ph Ch Subsid.: AM
D. S. Law , PM* AM Ph* Ch* Ph Subsid.: AM Ch
R. Lawrence , PM Ph Subsid.: AM Ch
R. Levy , PM* AM Ph* Ch* Ph Subsid.: AM AM Ph
C. McCall , PM* AM Ph* Ch* Ch Subsid.: PM AM
M. J. C. Martin , PM* AM Ph* Ch* Fr Eng Geog
S. A. Scott , PM AM* Ph* Ch* Fr Geog* Subsid.: Eng Econ
G. P. Surridge , PM AM* Ph* Ch* Eng Geog* Subsid.: Econ
P. E. Tompkins , PM* AM Ph* Ch* Latin Fr* History Subsid.: Eng*
S. T. Wells , PM AM Ph Subsid.: AM AM Ph
G. Coles , Fr Eng Geog Fr Geog* Subsid.: Eng Econ
M. J. King , Fr Geog* Subsid.: Eng Econ Fr Geog* Subsid.: Eng Econ
R. Leslie , Eng Geog* Subsid.: Econ
G. Linnell , Latin Fr* History Subsid.: Eng*
G. C. Neville , His Geog Subsid.: Eng Econ
P. Wilson , Latin Fr Subsid.: Eng Russian**

† denotes Distinction. ** denotes Very Good. * denotes Good.

AWARDS.

On the result of July, 1949, H.S.C. County Major Scholarships were awarded to:

and County Exhibitions to:

G. Linnell was also on the reserve list for State Scholarships.
This list of Higher School Certificates is a School record.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1949.

Capital letter in italics indicates "Very Good."
Capital letter indicates "Credit."
Small letter indicates "Pass."

J. H. J. Beckwith E S H G F(o) M BIO CH PH
A. R. Brealey E S H G F M bio ch ph
D. C. Buckey e s h g f M BIO CH ph
A. M. Buckmaster e S H g f M CH ph a
R. Clarke E S h G F(o) M PH
J. Coleman E S h g f M A
K. D. Cornwall e S H f A
M. A. Crawley e S G F(o) M BIO CH PH A
C. D. Digby e S g F(o) m A
I. G. Dunn E S G F M BIO CH PH A
F. V. Faulkner E S G F(o) m a
H. G. Fitch E s G F(o) M bio CH PH A
E. Frankland E S H f ch ph
P. J. Froogle E S H G F(o) span M A
J. W. Gilbert E S G F M BIO CH PH A
S. R. Hobbs e s h g f m bio ph
B. Horn e S G F(o) span M CH PH a
The most conspicuous feature of the form this term is its size. While it consists in part of surplus stock awaiting redistribution, an interest in learning is shown as praiseworthy as it is surprising. Proof of this is the zeal of its members in the study of obscure Slavonic languages, a pursuit in which they have been joined by some senior members of the form, whose enthusiasm is regrettably more restrained.

For the sake of our morals we have not visited the Prefects' Room recently, but delicate sound apparatus has detected the existence of a Glee Club, of which the predominant feature is the vigorous operatic style of the tenor soloist. The members of this society have also attempted to verify the law of gravity at the expense of a member's satchel. Fortunately the principal onlooker observed these remarkable events in the Newtonian spirit.

The linguistic accomplishments of the Upper Sixth are expanding miraculously. Rivaling in importance the evergreen Latin class, a new society for French studies has been formed. It is believed that the motto of its members is 'cherchez la femme.'

Time leaves little room in which to record the outstanding scientific exploits of the term. Sporadic explosions led to the supposition that experiments were being made with a view to the destruction of the School, as an appropriate commemoration of Guy Fawkes' Night, but nothing more has been heard. A premature celebration of the Fifth in Room C was abandoned at a critical stage. The final blow came alas, or should we say ‘crikey,' the luckless inhabitants were expelled from their ancient abode. But let us draw a veil over these sad events.
A new scientific law has been discovered, which it is hoped, will eventually bear the name of its discoverer, viz.: The number of absentees from games is inversely proportional to the maximum air temperature on Thursday morning.

In conclusion, we bid a hasty and, we trust, permanent farewell to our indulgent readers, particularly to those so often labelled in these columns, who will be leaving us for numerous better places.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain: G. C. Neville.  
Vice-Captain: D. S. Law.  
Hon. Secretary: R. Levy.

With so many of last season’s team still available, it was expected that we would have a good 1st XV. this term. The team certainly has done well, beginning the season with a good away win over Stowe School 2nd XV. The strength of the team lies in the backs, who have now played long enough together to develop some understanding and they have learned to make the most of their opportunities. Their handling is at times careless but they generally look dangerous when they have the ball. The forwards are, as usual with us, on the light side, but they have played with much dash and enthusiasm, though this does not always make up for their poor scrummaging.

Six members of the 1st XV. played in the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools Trial Match. They were: G. C. Neville, R. Leslie, D. S. Law, B. A. Groome, R. Levy and G. Coles. J. P. Hyde (who has unfortunately played little Rugger this term owing to an ankle injury), G. C. Neville, R. Leslie and D. S. Law have been selected to play for the County XV. against the North Midlands.


Full Colours have been awarded to R. Levy, G. Coles and P. B. Smith, and Half Colours to B. A. Groome, J. Fuller and R. Shawley.

The 2nd XV. has so far played only three matches, but has six more fixtures before the end of term. They have unfortunately in each match been able to field a very weak side, but they have always played with great spirit and enthusiasm.


The most notable feature of the Under 15 team has been a crop of injuries, some serious, which have robbed the team of some of its keen members. We sympathise with those who are still out of the
game and hope that they will soon be fit again. Our first game, played against Bedford School, at Bedford, was very promising. The team played well together and produced some excellent Rugby in very adverse weather conditions. Unfortunately we have not played so well since. The chief points of criticism are the failure of the back division to mark well up on their opponents and failure of both forwards and backs to back up a break-through. In the first case the team must remember that the sooner an attack is smothered the less ground our opponents gain and in the second case they must not be content to stand and watch one of their own men trying to beat the enemy's defence, they must be there with him if they are going to cross the goal-line and score. The best features of our play have been in attack. Our threequarter line has produced some very good movements and the forwards, on occasion, have combined very well to press home an attack.


The Under 14 team has had a poor season so far, but in mitigation it can be said that we always find ourselves playing against bigger boys and that in the course of the season a steady improvement has been noted. The outstanding faults are lack of determination and the will to win, combined with some deplorably half-hearted pretences at tackling. The tackling of some boys has improved considerably, but those who persist in refusing to tackle will have to be dropped.


RESULTS.

1ST XV.

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2ND XV.

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#### HOUSE MATCHES.

**First Round, Thursday, October 20th.**

Seniors:
- Dragons: 8
- Gryphons: 6
- Stags: 12
- Lions: 3

Juniors:
- Gryphons: 6
- Dragons: 0
- Stags: 6
- Lions: 0

**Second Round, Monday, November 7th.**

Seniors:
- Stags: 3
- Gryphons: 0
- Lions: 9
- Dragons: 3

Juniors:
- Gryphons: 12
- Stags: 0
- Dragons: 6
- Lions: 0

Once more thanks must be recorded to all those, both masters and boys who have in any way assisted with the running of the School Rugger.

### CRICKET NOTES.

#### CRICKET CLUB.

**1st XI.**

*Captain:* D. S. Law.  
*Vice-Captain:* P. A. Wills.  
*Hon. Secretary:* P. A. Wills.

Only two matches were played after the Summer Edition of the Magazine and both resulted in easy victories for the School team. In both cases the bowling of P. A. Wills and Hunt was much too accurate and venomous for the opposition and further served to show that these two boys have improved a great deal since last year. The batting showed a consistency which had been previously lacking and Whiffing’s innings against the Staff especially augurs well for the future.
Next season we will be without Leslie, Hyde and Coles and we will be very sorry to lose them, but the “blooding” of young players in the 1st XI. towards the end of last season showed that we still have plenty of talent at our disposal.

However, in this respect, Whiffing would be well advised to improve his defence on the leg-side, Holmes to check a somewhat youthful impetuosity in his batting and Wills to get rid of an annoying nonchalance in making defensive shots. Only continuous practice will get rid of these faults.

The 1st XI. was chosen from: D. S. Law, P. A. Wills, J. P. Hyde, P. Hunt, G. P. Surridge, R. Leslie, G. Coles, W. Lee, I. R. H. Wills, J. Simmons, R. J. Holmes, A. G. Smith, J. Whiffing.

1st XI. Colours were awarded to P. H. Hunt, W. Lee.
Half Colours were awarded to A. G. Smith, I. R. H. Wills.

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<td>v. Old Boys' C.C.</td>
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<td>117</td>
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<td>50*</td>
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<td>27</td>
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UNDER 15 XI.—MATCHES PLAYED.

Bedford 45 (I. R. H. Wills 5 for 14, Whiffing 2 for 19).
W.G.S. 50 for 7 (Walden 12, I. R. H. Wills 10).

Bedford 74 (Partridge 5 for 25, Wills, I. R. H. 4 for 23).
W.G.S. 99 (Fountain 23, Homan 22).

Under 15 XI. Cricket Colours were awarded to Whiffing, I. R. H. Wills, Walden.
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UNDER 14 XI.—MATCHES PLAYED.

Bedford 47 for 6.
W.G.S. 35.

,, 12 v. Elementary Schools of Wellingborough. Won by 2 wickets.
Elementary Schools 79.
W.G.S. 83 for 8.

Northampton 43.
W.G.S. 72 for 7.

,, 23 v. Leicester City Boys’ School. Draw.
Leicester 103 for 7.
W.G.S. 85 for 9.

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ATHLETICS, SUMMER TERM, 1949.

Accounts of meetings have been given in a previous issue. Over 15 Colours were re-awarded to G. P. Surridge, J. P. Hyde and J. L. Simmons, and Under 15 Colours to E. E. Moore, J. A. Whiffing, and W. E. Peplow.
SWIMMING, SUMMER TERM, 1949.

Statistics show that over 250 boys in the School can swim. 238 of these gained distance points with 122 doing the maximum distance of a quarter-of-a-mile. We doubled the number of events on Sports Day, and thanks to the co-operation of officials and swimmers, no more time than usual was spent. With the new events almost 100 boys were competing in the 22 events.


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1st, Stags Distance Sports 143 2nd, Gryphons Distance Sports 129
146 126
289 points 255 points

3rd, Dragons Distance Sports 127 4th, Lions Distance Sports 101
112 106
239 points 207 points

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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

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

Head of House: J. P. Hyde.

House Prefects: R. Leslie, R. Lawrence, R. Levy, B. A. Groome, (Secretary), P. Hunt.

Since the last edition of the House Notes were published only the Swimming Cup has been contested. As a result of the distance swimming points the Dragons started third, and although A. G. Smith, Daniels and Lee won their respective races, and several other Dragons gained places, we were unable to better the position, and were finally placed third.

At the House Meetings at the beginning of term the following appointments were made. Captain of Rugby Football, J. P. Hyde; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, R. Leslie; House Secretary and House Prefect, B. A. Groome; House Prefect, P. Hunt.

The House is well represented in Rugby Football by J. P. Hyde playing for Northampton, and Leslie, Groome, Lawrence and Levy playing for the 1st XV. It is interesting to note that at the time of writing R. Leslie has scored 97 points of the 165 points scored for the 1st XV. We congratulate Leslie, Groome and Levy on being selected to play in the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools Rugby Trial.

This term we have the unhappy duty of saying goodbye to Mr. G. E. Sharp and to J. P. Hyde. Mr. Sharp has been the Senior House Master and he has led the House through one of the most successful periods of its history, and no small part of its success must be attributed to him.

Hyde has been Head of the House for the past three years and has gained distinction in the Rugby world by playing for Northampton, the East Midlands and the England Public and Secondary Schools XV.’s. He has also been Captain of Athletics and holds the School records for the 100 yards, 220 yards and long jump events.

We wish them both every success and happiness in their future careers.

Congratulations are heartily tendered to those who are keeping up the House’s reputation in scholastic achievements, especially Lawrence, Leslie, Hunt and Levy in gaining their Higher School Certificates.

Finally to all Dragons we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
GRYPHONS.

House Masters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. T. G. Cook, Mr. L. J. Jay.

Head of House: D. S. Law.


Secretary: H. G. Fitch.

With the start of another School year the House has high hopes for future success. At our House Meeting our stock of new blood was on display and we are, of course, hoping for great things from them.

The close of the summer term saw the result of the Swimming Cup. In this we were placed second to the Stags. This was due to individual efforts rather than whole-hearted long distance swimming by the House in general. The team, in the capable hands of P. B. Smith, was excellent, with Kiellor, Lee, Partridge, Byles, Sharpe, Hartwell and Marshall outstanding. If we have more long distance swimmers this year, our chances in the Cup are rosy.

The only competition this term is the House Rugby Cup. So far the Seniors have lost both their matches in spite of strenuous efforts by Law and P. B. Smith. On both occasions the prospect of a good game was spoilt by rain which turned the game into a succession of forward mauls. The Juniors, however, shed a pleasing ray of hope on to an otherwise dull display. They have won convincingly both their matches, which is a good sign for the House’s future. They have been well led by R. Field, and will no doubt do well when their elders have departed.

The following members have been chosen for School Rugby Fifteens:
1st XV. Law, P. B. Smith and Shawley.
2nd XV. Marshall, Brigstock, Partridge, Crawley and James.
Under 15 XV. Lee and Walden.
Under 14 XV. Field, R., Negus, Stratton, Priest, Houghton and Barber.

Congratulations are extended to over a dozen who obtained their School Certificates, and several their Higher School Certificates. All this, of course, helps us in our total of points for the Ferguson Trophy. Good wishes are also extended to Law on his second year as Head Prefect, and to Crawley and Shawley on becoming School Prefects. Several of our stalwarts have left, and to these we say good luck, and hope that during the coming year the House will go on from success to success.
I.IONS.

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

Captain of House: G. C. Neville.


Before reviewing the activities of the House during the past term, we must first recall the results of the summer term sports.

The last cricket match was played against the Dragons; it was an extremely good game and ended in a draw. In the final result we were placed third.

In the Swimming Gala our hopes for better things were not realized; the result (we were fourth) was again disappointing.

Another School year starts and we welcome all new-comers to the Lions and urge them to do their best for the House both in sport and scholastic efforts. Our congratulations are extended to P. Wilson on being appointed a School Prefect, and to J. Coleman on his election as a House Prefect.

The Higher School Certificate result was very favourable for the Lions; G. Linnell and G. Coles obtaining County Major awards; and P. Wilson and K. M. Bradshaw were awarded County Exhibitions. We congratulate these and all other Higher and School Certificate winners.

Our prospects on the Rugger field have greatly ameliorated this term. G. C. Neville has been appointed the Captain of Rugby, and we have five Lions who play for the 1st XV. Another Lion, J. A. Whiffing, holds the Captaincy of the Under 15 XV., and yet another, G. T. Ridge, of the Under 13 team.

In the first round of the Rugger Cup we played the Stags. Owing to the unfavourable elements, no one but the players saw much of the game; it was a very fiercely fought fight and we were unfortunately beaten 12–3.

The second round is much more worthy of account when our opponents were the Dragons; here mirabilis dictu we beat the old ‘invincibles.’ Once more the match was played in appalling conditions, and the victory was due to the excellent kicking of G. C. Neville who scored two penalty goals in spite of the ‘sticky wicket.’ The final score was 9–3, and we hope this is the prelude to a very successful season.

We congratulate our two outstanding rugger players, G. C. Neville and G. Coles on being chosen to play in the County Trial match for school boys. We wish them every success.

Finally we extend our best wishes to G. Coles who is going ultimately to St. Peter’s Hall, Oxford—in him we have seen a very competent fellow, full of willingness and enthusiasm in all his undertakings for the House. The younger Lions should take the example he has set.
STAGS.

House Masters:
Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. J. W. Davies.

House Captain: G. P. Surridge.


Few Cups have been contested since the last edition of the Magazine, and, in fact, only the results of the Cricket and Swimming Cups are available so far.

The result of the latter competition was never in doubt; the House had built up a considerable lead in the distance points, and maintained this lead to gain the Cup.

Whilst on the subject of swimming, it will be worth noting that, last term, two Stags put up very creditable performances during the County Swimming Championships at Kettering Baths.

Success in the Cricket Competition was not so easily achieved as in the Swimming, and we have to be content with only sharing the Cup with the Gryphons.

Our hopes of retaining the Rugby Cup remain high, as we have lost only one Junior Match in the two rounds so far played.

During the customary beginning of the term House Meeting, among other appointments, S. T. Wells and W. Lee became Cross-Country and Rugby Captains respectively; E. R. Tilley was elected to fill the vacancy in the ranks of the House Prefects.

Congratulations go to all those Stags who were successful in the School Certificate Examination, to G. P. Surridge on being awarded a County Major Scholarship, and also to J. C. Clayton, S. T. Wells and J. Fuller, successful candidates in the Higher School Certificate.

As it is nearly Christmas, all that remains is to wish all Stags a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This year the play chosen to be acted by members of the Dramatic Society is R. L. Stevenson’s Treasure Island, freely adapted from the novel and produced by Dr. A. Jackson with Mr. T. G. Cook as stage manager.
The Cast:

**JIM HAWKINS** ... ... ... ... S. W. Brown
**MRS. HAWKINS** ... ... ... ... R. A. Da Costa
**CAPTAIN BILLY BONES** ... ... ... ... J. Coleman
**DR. LIVESY** ... ... ... ... G. C. Neville
**SQUIRE TRELAWNEY** ... ... ... ... R. Leslie
**BLACK DOG** ... ... ... ... P. A. Wills
**LONG JOHN SILVER** ... ... ... ... R. Shawley
**CAPTAIN SMOLLETT** ... ... ... ... M. A. Crawley
**BENN GUNN** ... ... ... ... W. Lee
**ISRAEL HANDS** ... ... ... ... B. Cross
**BLIND PEN** ... ... ... ... P. B. Smith
**MERRY** ... ... ... ... J. P. Hyde
**REDRUTH** ... ... ... ... D. C. Westley
**GRAY** ... ... ... ... K. Bradshaw
**HUNTER** ... ... ... ... M. A. Goodband
**JOYCE** ... ... ... ... J. W. Gilbert
**MORGAN** ... ... ... ... A. G. Smith
**JOHNSON** ... ... ... ... R. Boyd
**DIRK** ... ... ... ... J. Clifton
**O'BRIEN** ... ... ... ... M. Magee

**COUNTRYFOLK (men)** R. Britchford, A. James, J. H. Rich and W. D. Cox

**COUNTRYFOLK (women)** P. H. Norman and M. F. Wakelin

**PIRATES** B. J. Soames, D. Emerton, L. Walters and P. L. Thorne


The society gave three performances of the play on 6th to 8th December.

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**LIBRARY NOTES.**

We are very pleased to report the redecoration of the Library together with the addition of more shelves and a notice board. The result is a very pleasant room which users of the Library will do well to maintain in its good condition. The migration of books made necessary by the redecoration was well carried out by members of Forms VA, IA and IB at the end of the summer term. At the beginning of this term assistant librarians from the Lower Sixth Arts replaced the books helped by members of IIA.

A new set of library rules has been drawn up and is displayed on the notice board. The library is open each day at the end of afternoon school but not at other times as previously.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts to the Library from Canon Chambers, Mr. E. J. Ward, R. K. S. Baker and Messrs. Nicholas, Henderson and Cheale.
The book stock is growing rapidly. A count taken at the end of the summer term produced a total of 2,366 books in the Library.

A number of paper-covered books have been bound by P. F. Jones, R. E. Knight, J. W. Gilbert and H. G. Fitch.

**RECENT ADDITIONS INCLUDE:**

Van Nostrand’s Scientific Encyclopaedia.
Oxford Junior Encyclopaedia, Volumes II. and III.
Armstrong ... King Cotton.
Low ... Years of Wrath.
Rowse ... The English Spirit.
Shaw ... Sixteen Self Sketches.
Saunders ... The Left Handshake.
Oliphant and others The Atomic Age.
Butterfield ... Origins of Modern Science.
Shore ... The Orchestra Speaks and Sixteen Symphonies.
MacLean ... Eastern Approaches.
Gunther ... Inside Europe’s Curtain.
Eden ... The Parliament Book.

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**PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Library on Thursday, September 22nd, when the programme for the year was arranged. It was decided to call a meeting of all parents on Friday, 4th November, when the Headmaster would give a talk on the New Leaving Certificate, with the details of the requirements of the various professions, so far as the information was available. This has been held, and proved a great success. It was gratifying to see the hall so well filled, and to realise the interest that it evoked.

Two Whist Drives have been held this term, and the sum of £10-8-6 has been added to the Parents’ Fund, as a result. The next one is planned for Thursday, February 16th, but the suggestion has been made that we should change the day of the week, as so many Whist Drives are held on Thursdays, and we always seem to clash with others in the town. If we do this, this next one may be on Friday, February 17th.

We are pleased to welcome several new members on the Committee, and thank all of them for the hard work they put in to our activities.

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**MUSIC NOTES.**

Preparation for the Carol Service on December 14th is the main task in out-of-School music this term. We are glad to see in addition that the germ of an orchestra is growing under Mr. Harding’s capable hands, and it is to be hoped we shall eventually accompany School music with a body of players instead of the ubiquitous piano.
THE MICROSCOPE CLUB.

The Natural History Society having lapsed during the winter months, the Microscope Club has been formed in its place. This is primarily for boys who have their own microscopes and who wish to learn the art of slide making. Meetings are on Monday afternoons, so if you possess a microscope, even a small one, why not come along and try your hand at mounting a fly’s wing or a bee’s sting. During the course of a term you will have the opportunity of building up quite a collection. We could do with a few more members and boys from any form are cordially invited.

PUPPET CLUB.

This season we hope to present the play “The Three Princes,” originating from the Arabian Nights. We must thank Wakelin for adapting this play for the puppets. We are opening our season with a performance at Rushden for the National Children’s Home on Thursday, November 24th, and there are sufficient bookings to keep us occupied for the rest of this year and the beginning of next.

Our good wishes and thanks should be recorded to members who have left us, and a welcome to those joining.

RAILWAY CLUB.

We were very pleased to welcome nearly thirty new members this term. At a meeting at the beginning of term a new committee was elected, which has already discussed some good excursions for the coming year.

Last summer a party visited Blisworth and spent the time playing rounders while no trains were about. We shall shortly be paying a visit to Wellingborough Locomotive Power Department with the object of finding out all about a locomotive.

We are grateful to Mr. Boyce, employed by the Railway Company who came along one evening to give us a talk on signalling. He explained the development of the signal from early times, and some of the modern safety devices. Hall and Rich gave us a talk on locomotives of the world, illustrated by the epidiascope.

Interest in the modelling club is growing. They have obtained some suitable base board and will shortly begin to make a layout of their own.
SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Officials:

President: The Headmaster.  Chairman: K. M. Bradshaw.
Vice-Chairman: J. C. Clayton.  Secretary: J. W. Gramshaw.
Committee: K. M. Bradshaw, J. C. Clayton, Mr. W. Holmes, J. W. Gramshaw, R. Levy.

This term the Society has held meetings on alternate Wednesdays; attendance has been good, but we have yet to see members of the fifth forms with us.

Up to the time of writing, papers have been read to us by B. Bazeley on “Forensic Chemistry,” W. S. Meadows “The Quantum Theory,” and H. Clarke “The Bio-Chemistry of Blood.” The standard of the lectures has been high and has shown the amount of work that has gone into their preparation, and the knowledge of the subject.

SCOUTS.

Meetings have been held as usual throughout the term, and several new members have been invested, who are now well on with second class work.

The summer camp mentioned in the previous notes was held at Nashway farm, Brill, and was a great success. Owing to certain miscalculations on the part of Carter Paterson and Pickfords we nearly spent the first night in Mr. Saich’s “Cookus.” A record of the odd jobs done and the meals eaten was kept in lieu of a diary by the official diarist, “P. Burner,” and in off moments “Wooly” entertained us with his laugh. One member of the troop found the food too rich after school meals and had to go home. S. A. Scott, whose leaving is much regretted, and S. T. Wells ran the camp according to “Camping Standards,” the first time this has been done since the troop was formed. The Inspecting D.C. said the camp was in excellent condition.

At the latter end of last term M. Horne accompanied by M. Wells made his First Class journey, and during the summer holidays M. Wells and P. N. Stratton also made their journeys. Since then M. Horne has gained his First Class, and one or two more are in the offing.

During the term a private “Bob-a-Job” week was held for Scout Funds which realised £1-9-6.

It is hoped that the Annual Christmas orgy will be held at the end of the term.
STAMP CLUB.

Outstanding among the fortnightly meetings of the Stamp Club during the autumn term was the visit of Mr. S. J. Andrews on 8th November. Mr. Andrews, who is Hon. Secretary of the Northamptonshire Philatelic Society, has made a life-long study of the postal history of Belgium, commencing with the envelopes and franked covers which preceded the use of adhesives, down to the most recent and very attractive commemorative issues. Members were rightly impressed by the care and neatness with which the sheets forming the display had been written up, and it was a memorable meeting.

On 11th October Mr. Jay gave a talk on the work of the Universal Postal Union, illustrated by blocks of the Great Britain issue which had appeared the previous day to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Union, and at the meeting a fortnight later B. Parker, Form VA, exhibited his collection of European Air Mails and recent First Day Covers.

The Library Committee has recently purchased a copy of the Stanley Gibbons 1950 Catalogue of Europe, which is accessible to members at Club meetings, and we are now subscribers to “The Stamp Lover” as well as “Gibbons Stamp Monthly,” so that the Club is building up a valuable set of reference books. Other benefits of membership are gifts and prizes of stamps, which are given from time to time to the Club by various Governors and Masters of the School.

VISIT TO PORTSMOUTH.

On Wednesday, August 24th, at 5.45 p.m., thirty enthusiastic boys from the Third Form and upwards, under the surveillance of Messrs. Sharp and Temple, arrived at Whale Island, Portsmouth, and boarded the Royal Yacht, which was to be their temporary home.

The programme began an hour later, with a visit to the Gunner School, on Whale Island. Here, different guns and parts of guns were explained to us by a naval gunner. At night and on the following night we went to Southsea Beach. On Thursday morning we made an extensive tour of the dockyard on foot, where we were shown round a destroyer. We later visited the famous H.M.S. Victory. In the afternoon a tour of the docks was made by motor boat, at the end of which we visited the Submarine and Motor Torpedo Boat Depots. At the Submarine Depot a short film on Submarines was shown.

We left the Royal Yacht for the last time on Friday morning, journeying to Lee-on-Solent Naval Aerodrome, where we were shown round the Control Tower and inspected many naval aeroplanes before going home. The visit, which was a great success, was not hampered by bad weather and lasted one-and-a-half-days, everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves.
VISIT TO THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY.

On Saturday, 24th September, a party composed of Mr. Holmes, Mr. Sharp and the Sixth Form Science, with the addition of four girls and a mistress from the High School, visited the N.P.L. at Teddington.

An official of the N.P.L. introduced himself as the guide, and then proceeded to give us facts as to the size, 50 acres, and the personnel, 1,100, of the laboratory. As the time was limited, it was suggested that a fairly comprehensive tour of three or four departments would be better than a lightning tour of the whole laboratory.

The first department visited was the Engineering Department. Here the vibrating machines for testing the effect of continued expansion and contraction on metal rods was first explained, followed by an explanation of the use of the "deadweight" machine. Machines for measuring tensile strength and apparatus for measuring the limiting stresses on aircrafts wings were also examined. The supersonic model wind tunnel was shown next, together with photographs illustrating shock waves. This evoked great interest. The draw-bar tester followed, and was described as "a nasty piece of work," as it apparently shook the whole building whilst in use. The engineering shop, where prototype apparatus is made was shown next, and examples of the ingenuity of the N.P.L. personnel explained.

The second department to be visited was the River Research; the two rivers under examination being the Forth and the Weir. The problems of silting up of these rivers was being examined with the use of two scale models, which included devices for producing tides and currents at will. The finite size of sand particles seemed to bother some members of the party.

The Ship Research department was next on the list. Here the two large tanks used for investigating the efficiency of ships' hulls were explained. The intricate art of making scale models aroused interest, and questions galore were fired at the guide. It appeared that every model required a different propeller, and all the propellers made were exhibited in glass cases.

The metrology department was the final one visited. Here the standard yard was shown, and the process of making derivatives therefrom explained. The comparator method for comparing lengths was examined to the delight of a certain member of the party, but who expressed regret that the apparatus was not mounted on solid concrete posts. The tour ended with an examination of that veritable instrument of precision, the standard screw lathe.

The guide was then thanked, reference being made to the fact that none of the countless questions was denied an answer. An enjoyable journey home completed an excellent outing.
EDITORIAL.

In the development of every association, when the beach-heads—
to borrow a military metaphor—have been stormed and won, there
must be a period of consolidation before further offensives can be
launched. It is probably true to say of the Old Boys' Association
that these two stages have been successfully accomplished. What
then of the future?

In the aftermath of the war many Old Boys returning home
were very glad to renew old ties in the body of the Association. That
is perhaps still true of the National Servicemen after their period
in the Forces. But there seems recently to have been a falling away.

It is not fitting that the causes of this should be analysed here.
But it may be worthwhile to devote this Editorial to a consideration
of the remedy. And the remedy is keenness—a greater keenness
in the present members of the Association, and a vigorous policy
of recruitment.

What then does the Association have to offer? The Rugby
Club is thriving but the Cricket Club had a comparatively lean season.
The Editorial section functions efficiently but we have had seriously
to consider our future policy on the dances—at the moment they are
uneconomic. We would most earnestly solicit more support for
these activities: your suggestions and criticisms will be welcomed
and most carefully considered. These features of our activities
have been most enjoyable and successful in the past, and can, with
adequate support, be even more worthwhile in the future.

But what, you may ask, is our ultimate aim? We want to see
the Association as the centre of the social activities of all old members
of the Grammar School. We want our own sports field with a
pavilion; we want a clubhouse, a headquarters, open all the week,
where members can come—with or without their wives or girl
friends; where we can hold suppers, dances or any sort of social
function. We want Old Boys, wherever they may be, to write
to us, telling us what they are doing; maintaining that link which,
as members of the Grammar School—a school of which we are proud
—exists between us.

This comprehensive scheme may sound ambitious, idealistic,
futuristic, or what you will. But given the co-operation and
sustained effort which keenness will ensure, it is within the realms
of possibility. Let us at least keep the ideal constantly before us.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing every Old
Boy, wherever he may be, the merriest of Christmases and every
success in the future.
OLD BOYS' MEMORIAL BOOK.

To provide a Memorial for the Old Boys of Wellingborough Grammar School who lost their lives in the War, the Headmaster and a Committee of Parents issued an appeal for donations. As a result of suggestions received from those who subscribed, it was decided that the fund should be used for the purchase of a Playing Field for the use of Old Boys' teams, and on this condition the money collected was entrusted to the Old Boys' Association.

Constant efforts are being made to find a suitable piece of land, but the task is proving difficult and it may be some time before the Committee's efforts meet with success. In the meantime, it was suggested that as a tangible reminder, a Memorial Book should be compiled, and the Committee of Parents readily agreed to this. The work is now almost completed and it is expected that the Book will be ready very soon.

Each left-hand page of the Book will contain the photograph of one of the Old Boys and on the opposite page there will be an account of his School achievements, his career, and his record in the Services. The Book will be bound in red morocco and placed in a glass-topped cabinet of oak in the entrance hall of the School. The pages will be turned periodically by boys now at School.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held at School on Tuesday, 27th September, 1949, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Wrenn. About sixty members were present.

In his opening address the President thanked officers and committee members for their efforts during the past twelve months and added that last year had been a difficult one following two very constructive years immediately after the war.

Both the Secretary and Chairman in their addresses appealed to Old Boys to keep up their subscriptions—a financial loss had arisen partly because annual subscriptions had not been paid.

The Treasurer presented the Accounts and reported a loss of £50-16-0 on the year.

The Rugby Club had been particularly successful last season and had now secured a pitch of their own. An 'A' team had been formed and nearly twenty fixtures had been arranged for the forthcoming season.

The Cricket Club had not gained quite the same success but had, in spite of a serious shortage of players, been runners-up in both Knock-out Competitions.

The Secretary told the meeting that the committee had decided against introducing a new Old Boys' Tie because of present-day conditions of cost and the delay in production.
The Chairman ended the meeting by expressing thanks to those in attendance.

Officers elected were:

**Secretary**: D. W. Redhead.  
**Assistant Secretary**: R. P. Crawley.  
**Treasurer**: B. M. Smart.  
**Auditors**: F. C. Coles and P. F. A. Wyldes.

**General Committee**:


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**WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS' R.F.C.**

1st XV. Captain: J. B. Shortland. Vice-Captain: R. Bridgeford.

*A* XV. Captain: A. Bird.

**Hon. General Secretary**: R. V. S. Ward.

**Hon. Treasurer**: F. C. Coles.

The season opened full of promise and that promise is being fulfilled. The first team has played seven games, of which five have been won and two lost. The *A* team has played five games, won two and lost three. This is a most encouraging beginning.

The playing strength of the club has increased, and the difficulty is becoming not one of raising two teams but of deciding whom to leave out. We are always anxious to find and try out new players—anyone who wants to play rugger should get in touch with any committee member who will be only too pleased to bring his name—AND HIS ADDRESS—to the notice of the selection committee. We should be most gratified if the demand justified the organising of a third fifteen.

It is very pleasing to note that on the worst and wettest Saturday of the year to date, eight spectators travelled to Bedford to watch an away game. We should like to fill the bus on all away games—it would make all the difference to our finances. And talking of finances, we should like to urge all Old Boys to support generously any of our efforts in that direction. The Rugby Club is most anxious to pay its own way and thus ease the burden on the Association.

Finally we should like to put on record our thanks to Mr. Wyldes for allowing the club to use his field. Now that we have our own pitch—on the Embankment—come down to watch us play.
WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS’ CRICKET CLUB.


Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer : D. W. Redhead.

In spite of continued difficulty in raising a team during the latter part of the season, the Cricket Club members played steadily and gave quite a reasonable account of themselves. It was with pleasure we received two cups for being runners-up in both Knock-out Competitions, and it was only by one run that we failed to become the winners of one of the competitions. In the League Championship we were not quite so successful, but we trust we shall be more fortunate next season.

Meanwhile, thanks go out to those who have continued to support us, and we do ask in earnest for more Old Boys to turn out and help us to gain a name worthy of the Association.

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**KNOCK-OUT FINALS.**

“**SIR PERCY DANIELS SHIELD.**”

July 12 v. United ... ... ... ... Lost 73 74

“**HANKINS CUP.**”

July 26 v. United ... ... ... ... Lost 68 84

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT.


In our last Association Notes we reported that attendances at the monthly dances had been on the decline. We have been studying the reasons for this lack of interest in the activities organized for you
and as a result have decided to defer the next monthly dance until the New Year. We are a new Committee and have new ideas, and it is our sincere desire that the entertainments we are planning for the forthcoming season will prove to be not only social but financial successes.

We shall, of course, be holding the New Year’s Eve Ball. This year it takes place on Friday, 30th December, instead of the usual 31st, so that dancing may continue until 1 a.m. Arrangements have been made for refreshments, prizes, special lighting effects and band. All we ask now is for you to come along and make the event a great success. Tickets for the Ball may be obtained from any member of the General Committee.

As we go to press we learn that Mr. Davies has expressed his willingness to organise an Old Boys’ Dramatic Society, so if any of you has latent acting ability, no matter how little, send in your name and address to Mr. Davies at the School.

OXFORD NEWS LETTER.

There are eight of us here at Oxford at the present time, three on research and five reading for degrees.

Of the former, K. R. Spencer (Merton), is undertaking mathematical research into the relationship of relativity to time-keeping; D. W. Robinson and J. H. Frisby (both of Wadham) are at the Clarendon Laboratory, the former investigating properties of matter at low temperatures and high pressures, whilst the latter is on atomic disintegrations (Atom-splitting to the uninitiated!)

R. A. Hales and J. Hodgkins (St. Peter’s Hall) are reading Geography, D. A. G. Turner (St. Edmund Hall) English, and while P. T. Eden studies the Classics in the academic shades of Balliol, B. F. Toms (Christ Church), complete with moustache, can be seen browsing in local bookshops for obscure books on Russian.

Despite these learned activities, the sporting side of our University life is not neglected. (Mens sana in corpore sano).

Spencer has achieved no small success as an oarsman, Robinson plays for the Wadham 1st XV. and Hodgkins, following in Remmington’s footsteps, represents St. Peter’s Hall and played in a University Freshman’s Trial. Hales has diverted his sporting life from Rugger to Hockey which he plays with equal success.

Tom’s sporting activities consist of running up and down four flights of steps to his College rooms and Frisby, the only married man, undertakes the more domesticated but none the less strenuous task of gardening.

J.H.F.
CAMBRIDGE NEWS LETTER.

Wellingborough Grammar School is represented more strongly now in Cambridge than at any earlier period, excluding possibly the war years. Five Old Boys are at present in residence and two more went down only at the end of last term.

J. W. SHERWOOD, B.A. (St. Catharine's)—last year took the course for the Diploma of Education; went down in June; has taken up a teaching post near Stoke-on-Trent.

R. CROSS, B.A. (St. Catharine's)—also took the Diploma of Education course last year; married in August; now living at Stevenage where he is an English master at Alleyn's Grammar School.

R. D. STUART, B.A. (Christ's)—Natural Science Tripos, 1947; now engaged in post graduate research work on Radio Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, having been awarded a Batchelor Scholarship at Christ's in 1947.

R. H. BAILEY, B.A. (St. John's)—obtained his degree (Hons. English) in June of last year; now taking the Diploma of Education course with a view to becoming a teacher; recently spent a fortnight in hospital but is out and about again now (I am pleased to say) and is once more the terror of the Cambridge streets and lanes on his motor cycle.

A. M. HALL (St. Catharine's)—is in his second year, reading for the Geographical Tripos Part 1, next May; still in lodgings at Newnham for his second year; filling in his spare time playing rugger for St. Catharine's and the L.X. Club.

E. CROSS (St. Catharine's)—a freshman this year; in lodgings in the Newmarket Road; reading English and so following in his brother's footsteps; the first W.G.S. O.B. to take up rowing? has spent many pleasant afternoons coxing a St. Catharine's boat into the bank and training his voice for the cox's trade.

R. F. MAYES (St. Catharine's)—Geography Exhibitioner and freshman this year; enjoying Cambridge life now that he has exchanged his first gown for one of masculine style! lives out in the Newmarket Road area and so finds his cycle very useful.

A.M.H.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

WELLS, G. N. Agricultural Course, Moulton Institute.
CRAWLEY, F. J. Ministry of Agriculture, Nottingham.
FAIR, F. B. Assistant to Treasurer, Wellingborough Rural District Council.
PATENALL, W. P. Student at Old Vic Theatre School, Bristol.
HUDSON, A. Experimental Post, Civil Service Laboratories, London.
PARKER, H. C. School of Dental Surgery, Liverpool University.
ADDIS, T. F. H. Ground Nuts Scheme, Urambo.
JOHNSON, L. B.Sc. (Engineering) London 2nd Class.