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(1945—)

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(1937—1945)

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(1930—1937)

The Headmasters of Wellingborough Grammar School since its foundation, taken on the occasion of the O.B.'s Annual Dinner, February 23rd, 1952.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect : J. Hyde.

Second Prefect : D. W. Barber.

Prefects :
J. A. Whiffing, P. Coles, R. D. Boyd, S. W. Brown, M. G. Horne,
P. J. Frogley, A. Towers, P. S. Valentine, A. B. Crawford, D.

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pfaff, to
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Branson, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pine, on the
births of daughters.

It was with regret that the School said farewell to Mr. W.
Henderson and to Mr. W. J. Jessup at the end of the Summer Term.
Mr. Henderson joined the Science Staff five years ago and later
became Senior Physics Master. He has been a most congenial
colleague and, besides his keen interest in School science, was most
helpful in Rugby and behind the stage.

We welcome this term Mr. J. W. Huddart, B.Sc.(Hons.),
Manchester University, and Mr. R. C. Parish, B.Sc., London
University, to the Science Staff.

Miss N. Bavin has bought, with part of the gift made to her to
mark her long association with the School, a fine framed reproduc-
tion of The Vale of Dedham, by J. Constable. With the remainder
she has bought a portable radio.

Interesting and instructive visits have been made by members
of the Upper School to Stewarts and Lloyds' works at Corby and
Wellingborough, and to the British Sugar Corporation works at
Peterborough.

Lectures have been given to selected groups by Lt. Commander
Roe, R.N., on the Royal Navy, and by Mr. Barclay on International
Help for children.

A group photograph of the whole School was taken this term
by Panora Ltd.

Mr. Butterfield has captained Yorkshire's successful R.U. XV.
this season.

He and D. F. White have been selected to play in the first
English Rugby Football Trial.
There are some signs of new classrooms for next term. The Masters' furniture has arrived.

Visits have been made to the Memorial Theatre, Stratford, to attend plays by Shakespeare.

Acknowledgments are due with thanks for many contemporary School Magazines.

ENTRANTS.

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G. A. Langford : Farming.
L. F. Ingram : Decorator, Irthlingborough.
P. S. Kiellor : Garley and Soames, Wellingborough.
R. Nicholson : Thompson, Irthlingborough.
D. Stevens : Pentelow and Martin, Higham Ferrers.
P. Roddis : Transferred to Kettering Grammar School.
E. R. Elliott : Transferred to Aylesbury Grammar School.
M. J. Goss : Transferred to Long Eaton Grammar School.

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Subjects passed at Ordinary level.

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P. W. Buckey s g a m ph ch bio
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B. Hartwell g a m bio
F. J. Jennings g a m ph ch bio
K. C. Lovell e
D. W. Maddock g bio
D. Shrive e h g m ch
E. C. Sibley ch
M. J. A. Wadsworth g m ch
P. C. Bonham e g a m
J. Buckby h g m ch bio
R. J. Carter f(o) g a m
P. M. Clark e g a m bio
J. W. C. Cook e s h g
A. Dickens m
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J. Fairbrass g
T. C. Goodman e s g a m ch
P. E. Groome e s a
P. E. D. Howes e g a
B. Humphrey g a m
M. A. Kay h g ch bio
J. M. Kirby g m ch
L. Mayes e s f(o) g m
P. J. Negus s h g ch m
H. S. L. Nicholson e g m ph ch
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J. Pearson e m
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W. Priest e g a m ch
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S. W. Brown               E h l f
P. B. Burt                H G
L. Clipstone              E F(o) Sp(o) A l
A. A. Crawford            E F(o) Sp(o) l r
G. B. Norris              G e h ec
R. J. W. Plackett         g f
W. Sherwood               E F(o) a l
D. N. Stratton            h g e f cc
M. F. Wakelin             E F(o) Sp(o) l
J. A. Whiffing            e f(o) sp(o)
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H. G. Fitch               PM AM Ph Ch
R. E. Goosey              PM AM Ph Ch
R. W. Howell              PM Ph am f
J. Hyde                   Ph B Z
K. B. Jones               Ph Ch B Z
AWARDS.

STATE SCHOLARSHIP:
J. W. Gilbert  King's College Hospital Dental School, London.
A. M. Jessop  Nottingham University.

COUNTRY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP:
C. B. Johnson  B. Horn  D. Priestley
A. B. Crawford  A. M. Jessop  A. Towers
M. A. Crawley  K. B. Jones  B. J. Tyler
J. W. Gilbert  J. A. Norris
R. E. Goosey  K. Bradshaw

DUNLOP SCHOLARSHIP IN RUBBER TECHNOLOGY at the Northern Polytechnic,
London:
H. G. Fitch

THE SIXTH FORM ODYSSEY.
(Freely adapted from The Aeneid of Virgil).

The strain of examination for higher things having abated and
it being necessary to seek out new fields for study, after a formidable
controversy we begin to prepare our ship. We perform religious
rites to appease the gods. According to ancient custom the top
lip is shaved yet the beard remains untouched; the garments about
the neck are left away. Others shave their heads. The crew use
vile oaths, they blaspheme, yet they confess and are saved.
The sun had passed noon by two hours on the fifth day of work
and though the master of the ship was sleeping, lulled by a low
murmuring drone we set off silently. We directed our course, as
the fates called us, to Universitus, intending to pass some days at
Oxonia and Cantabrigia that we might land some of our crew by
this time sick with paralytic study. Our food consisted of pies of
roast pig until Old Anchises, weakened by some foul poison therein,
and it being impossible to revive him by injecting drugs, died, and
as we passed the island of Coventus his body was laid there, no
other place being fit to receive him. Due funeral rites are performed
whilst muted recorders play a funeral march. Once again we set
sail accompanied by the dulcet harmonies of violins. Our journey
is spent by playing games on board, twelve men attacking twelve
and each loser forced to retire until no combatants remain on the
losing side. This thrills us from the rising to the setting of the sun.
It must be confessed that we were one day amazed by the
doctor of the ship. "Dash it" he cried, "Behold: a pirate ship." We
fell amongst the pirates, who, seeking to disturb our games,
assailed with pungent odours and, the advantage gained, confined us
to our cabins. Eventually released it was discovered that all the
furniture had been removed. Struggles ensued and our Captain
was attacked. One of the pirates by a vicious kick broke a limb
of our steersman.
A short space of time having elapsed we passed Scylla and Charybdis. Scylla was a phenomenon of science whose hair bristled as a brush-head, and when wild with frenzy he would utter savage sounds and throw diverse objects. Charybdis floated on the surface of the water supported by massive flapping feet and spouted out lands and altered all geology.

Having been sufficiently tested during this time we arrived at Delphi where two of our crew landed to consult the oracle. They appeased the idols, then burned incense and were borne away to the upper regions. We set about preparing a feast for the end of our exile, yet discussed it in secret lest the Harpies should discover our projects.

Thus after years of wandering, on the eighth day of the last month we said goodbye to our friends as they set out to seek new adventure. Would they return successful? Or would they be forced to seek elsewhere and suffer as Old Anchises?

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain : J. A. Whiffing. 
Vice-Captain : J. Hyde.
Hon. Secretary : M. I. Beeby.

It was expected that with so many of last season's side still available we should have a good 1st XV. this year, but the play of the team as a whole has been rather disappointing. The forwards have usually managed to hold their own, but we have suffered from a surprising lack of thrust behind the scrum and we have no one who can regularly be relied upon to make an opening. The defence has been good and the tackling is much improved, but there has been a certain half-heartedness about much of our play, and more than one important game has been given away through hesitation and carelessness.


The following have also played : A. J. Smith, R. D. Boyd, B. T. Tapp, J. A. Norris, J. M. Kirby, M. J. Raven.

We congratulate Whiffing, Hyde, Daniels, Towers and Coles on their selection for the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools XV.

The 2nd XV. has been stronger than for some seasons past and has played some good games. There is generally too little combined play and the team relies mainly on individual efforts. The defence is not very sound, as much of the tackling is too high.


The Under 15 XV. opened the season with a win against Northampton Technical High School, but defeats by Bedford School and Bedford Modern School followed. The forwards have played well, but must remember that their strength lies in playing together as a pack. Though they are good in the tight scrums, they are weak in the loose, because they do not combine effectively. The backs have run well at times, but faulty handling has too frequently ended good movements: more practice is indicated. The tackling has been too high and has failed to stop opponents from breaking through our defence.


The Under 14 XV. has, so far this season, been quite successful and is developing well. Unfortunately, however, in only two games have the backs had a fair share of the ball, as the forwards have been usually out-weighted. The forwards have borne the brunt of the games, and have worked hard, the only disappointing thing being their lack of concerted push in the set scrums, while the backs after a few early lapses in positional play have defended well and seized on what chances they have had.


The Under 13 XV. has shown promise but is inclined to mar good performances by a lack of cohesion when under pressure. This will be overcome as experience increases. The forwards have played well as individuals, but do not make the most of their weight in scrums: they must learn to push together. The threequarters usually pass and run well, and their tackling is steadily improving. With a better supply of the ball the backs will score frequently.


Thanks are due to all those who have in any way helped in the organisation of the School Rugby.
RESULTS.

Oct.  1  "A" XV. v. Towcester G.S. 1st XV. ... Away Lost 6–3
"     Under 14 XV. v. Towcester G.S. ... Away Lost 12–3
4     1st XV. v. Old Boys ... ... ... ... Away Won 15–0
"     Under 14 XV. v. Tennyson Rd. School, Rushden ... ... ... ... Away Won 15–0
7     1st XV. v. Oundle School 3rd XV. ... Away Won 32–8
"     Under 13 XV. v. Oundle Junior House ... Home Lost 14–6
11    1st XV. v. Deacon's, Peterborough ... Away Won 14–3
"     2nd XV. v. Deacon's, Peterborough ... Away Lost 8–3
"     Under 14 XV. v. Deacon's, Peterborough Home Won 24–0
14    Under 13 XV. v. Kettering G.S. ... Away Won 17–6
15    1st XV. v. Bedford Modern Sch. 2nd XV. Home Won 48–0
"     2nd XV. v. King's, Peterborough ... ... ... ... Away Lost 21–0
"     Under 14 XV. v. King's, Peterborough Away Won 27–6
18    1st XV. v. King's, Peterborough ... Home Lost 14–11
"     Under 15 XV. v. King's, Peterborough Home Lost 9–6
"     Under 14 XV. v. Northampton T.H.S. Away Won 6–3
22    Under 13 XV. v. Bedford Lower School Home Lost 9–0
23    1st XV. v. Bedford School 2nd XV. ... Away Won 15–0
"     2nd XV. v. Northampton T.H.S. ... Home Won 13–6
25    Under 15 XV. v. Bedford School ... Away Lost 18–3
"     Under 14 XV. v. Bedford School ... Away Lost 16–8
Nov.  1 1st XV. v. Old Northamptonians Extra 1st XV. A Won 5–0
"     2nd XV. v. Old Northamptonians 'B' XV. Away Won 11–6
6     2nd XV. v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV. ... Away Drawn 0–0
"     Under 14 XV. v. Daventry G.S. ... Away Won 6–3
8     1st XV. v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... ... Away Lost 11–3
"     2nd XV. v. Northampton G.S. ... ... ... ... Away Drawn 6–6
"     Under 13 XV. v. Northampton T.H.S. Home Won 19–0
15    1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... ... Away Lost 11–8
"     2nd XV. v. Kettering G.S. ... ... ... ... Away Won 26–3
"     Under 15 XV. v. Bedford Modern Sch. Home Lost 17–0
"     Under 14 XV. v. Bedford Modern Sch. Home Drawn 0–0
22    2nd XV. v. Bedford School 4th XV. ... Away Lost 9–3
"     Under 13 XV. v. Northampton G.S. Away Lost 6–0

HOUSE MATCHES.

First Round, October 8th:
Seniors: Dragons 0 Lions 0 Stags 5 Gryphons 0
Juniors: Lions 3 Dragons 0 Stags 9 Gryphons 6

Second Round, October 30th:
Seniors: Dragons 30 Gryphons 9 Stags 16 Lions 14
Juniors: Dragons 8 Gryphons 0 Lions 0 Stags 0

CRICKET.

1st XI.

The matches during the second half of the season followed a similar pattern to those in the first half, most of which were drawn. However, there were one or two encouraging features. Steven’s bowling improved considerably and he showed that he could maintain an accurate length for long periods. Secondly, the match against Bedford School 2nd XI. enhanced our reputation among opposing Schools. We lost, but the way in which the boys went for the runs, in spite of the fact that at times they were losing wickets quickly and were behind the clock, was a delight. It is better to lose fighting than play out a tame draw.
Thirdly, the batting against an Old Cytringanian attack, the speed of which would possibly have frightened many schoolboys, augurs well for the future, for the boys who did so well in this match will be with us again next year.

The following represented the 1st XI.: Whiffing (Capt.), Gilbert, Humphrey, Hyde, Priest, Evans, Redman, Peacock, Stevens, Bradshaw, Negus, Buckby, Bayes, Hunt and Abbott.

Masters Match.

The Masters won the toss and batted first, they started well against a slightly weakened School attack. Mr. Henderson enjoyed a little luck in his valuable innings but Mr. Sparrow played excellently for 57.

This knock held the innings together. Buckby bowled well for his 6 wickets. The Masters were all out for 134, leaving the School the same time to get the runs.

The School made a safe although not enterprising start. The batting was laborious throughout except for Redman who added a little colour to a dull display. The game finished with the School needing 26 runs to win with 4 wickets remaining.

1st XI. Results.


v. Bedford Modern 2nd XI. Drawn.
   W.G.S. 81 for 5 (Peacock 23 not out, Priest 17).
   Bedford 136 for 2 dec.

v. King's, Peterborough. Draw.
   W.G.S. 58 for 6 (Humphrey 23 not out).
   King's 167 for 7 dec. (Humphrey 3 for 20).

   W.G.S. 116 for 6 dec. (Peacock 32 not out, Whiffing 34 not out).
   Thursday 79 for 7 (Gilbert 5 for 25).

v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Lost.
   W.G.S. 121 (Priest 30, Humphrey 20).
   Bedford 131 for 7 dec.

v. Deacon's, Peterborough. Draw.
   W.G.S. 78 (Peacock 22).
   Deacan's 54 for 7.

   W.G.S. 133 for 7 dec. (Evans 37, Peacock 34).
   Old Cytringanians 94 for 7 (Stevens 3 for 26).

   W.G.S. 109 for 6 (Priest 39, Redman 22, Evans 21).
   Masters 134 (Mr. Sparrow 57, Mr. Henderson 19).

1st XI. Averages.

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UNDER 14 XI.

The Under 14 again finished the season with an excellent record being defeated once only. The defeat by Bedford School provided an exciting finish, the last two balls taking our two outstanding wickets. The team was well led by R. Wills who obtained the most wickets although Dilley ran him close. The team’s batting was strong and several excellent performances were recorded.


Scorers: D. Wilson, M. R. Smith, J. Eady.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS.


   Bedford Harpur 24 (R. Wills 6 for 4).
   W.G.S. 25 for no wicket.

   Bedford School 128 for 4.
   W.G.S. 78 (Byford 21, Thompson 19).

   Deacon’s 32 (R. Wills 6 for 14, A. Young 4 for 12).
   W.G.S. 33 for 3.

   Northampton G.S. 58 (R. Wills 9 for 27).
   W.G.S. 59 for 3 (Byford 26, Brown 22).

ATHLETICS.

We completed our athletic fixtures last term with the Triangular Match against Kettering and Northampton Grammar Schools at Kettering on July 15th. After a very keen contest we won the match with 168 points, Northampton scoring 108 points and Kettering 107 points. Special mention must be made of the following for their good performances: Fensome, Daldy, Ridge, G. T., Samples, Miles, Murdin, Hyde, Gilbert and Barber. The last named broke the School Record for the 880 yards Senior with a fine time of 2 mins. 7.1 secs.

Our Athletics Captain, D. W. Barber, who is keeping fit this winter by cross-country running as a member of Kettering Harriers, has the following performances to his credit from last term and deserves congratulations:

(a) Midland Counties A.A.A. Championships at Bedford, July 5th, 880 yards Youths, 3rd. Time 2 mins. 5.2 secs.
(b) Schools' Inter-County Athletic Championships at Bradford, July 11th—12th, 880 yards Intermediate, 5th in Final. Secured Standard Medal (standard time 2 mins. 7 secs.)

It is hoped that all members of the Athletic Team will resume evening training when this becomes a regular feature at the beginning of next term.

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1952.

The Annual Swimming Sports at Wilby Lido were again very successful. The distance swimming gave the Dragons an early lead in the points with Gryphons running a close second. The positions set by the distance, however, were held throughout the Sports, the Dragons building up a commanding lead early on.

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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters:
Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. H. Ward, Mr. A. E. Sparrow,
Mr. A. W. Leftwich.

Head of House: J. Hyde.

House Prefects: R. D. Boyd, M. G. Horne, M. I. Beeby, T. A. Field,
W. Sherwood.

Since the publication of the last Magazine only the Cricket and Swimming Cups have been contested. Unfortunately our Cricket was much below par and in one round our Senior and Junior Teams scored 25 and 16 runs respectively.

We were, however, more successful in the Swimming Competition and carried the Cup off for the third successive year.

We are well represented in the 1st XV., Hyde, Daniels, Boyd, Horne, Field, Smith, A. J., Kirby, Boyce and Tapp having played. Hyde, Daniels and Field played in the County Trial Match and the former two were selected to play for Northants.

Two rounds of the Rugby Competition have been completed and we are at present lying in second place. The Senior team has won and drawn one and the Junior team has won and lost one.

The following appointments were made at the House Meeting at the beginning of the term: Vice-Head of House, M. Beeby. Junior Rugby Captain and Vice-Captain, Sanders and Nicholson. Music Conductor, C. B. Johnson.

We congratulate those Dragons who were successful in the General Certificate of Education, at both levels, in July.

To conclude we wish all Dragons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GRYPHONS.

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

Head of House: D. W. Barber.


House Prefects:
A. B. Crawford, A. R. Evans, R. Westcott, B. J. Tyler.

House Secretary: B. Knight.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new Gryphons who have joined our ranks this year and we hope that they will continue to strengthen the reputation of the House.

This term the first two House Rugby matches were played and not one victory was recorded, in fact both the Seniors and
Juniors sustained two defeats against the Dragons and Stags. The Seniors were defeated by better and more experienced sides, but the Juniors were unlucky and should have gained at least one victory. Let us hope for more success next term.

At the end of last term the Swimming Competition and the House Cricket Cup were decided with moderate results for the Gryphons. The Senior Cricket Team, ably led by Evans, met with moderate success. Unfortunately the Juniors won only one game and the Gryphons, 11 points behind the Stags, took third place.

Some consolation for this low place was found in the Swimming Competition, when the House Team, captained by Hartwell, swam well and gained a comfortable second place.

Congratulations are extended to Barber on being elected Head of the House, to Westcott, Ward, Wakelin and Abbott on receiving House Colours, and to Negus on being elected Captain of Rugby.

May we finally offer the compliments of the forthcoming Season to all Gryphons, past and present.

LIONS.

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

Head of House: J. A. Whiffing.


Our achievements in the Inter-House Competitions last term were somewhat uninspiring. It is disagreeable to report that the Swimming Hoodoo still hangs over us and keeps us from doing well in that sphere. In spite of our heroic win in last term's first House Match we were left, when the reckoning came, at the foot of the table.

At the beginning of this term twenty-four newcomers were welcomed to our midst in the House Meeting. We hope they will do their best for us with regard to House activities.

The following appointments were made at this House Meeting: Senior Rugby Captain, J. A. Whiffing, and Senior Vice-Captain, A. Towers. R. O. Knight was selected to be our conductor in the forthcoming Music Competition.

We extend a very warm welcome to Mr. J. Butterfield who takes over Mr. Henderson's position as House Master. Our spies have already noted him urging on our players in Rugby Practice Matches with that distinctive catch phrase of his (too hallowed for inclusion in this report).

We congratulate all Lions who secured the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary and Advanced levels in July.
With regard to House Rugger this term, we drew nil—nil with the Dragons in the opening House Match and missed another draw by two points when playing against the Stags.

Congratulations are extended to Whiffing and Towers on being selected for the County Schools' Rugger XV. We wish them all success.

May we finally offer the Compliments of the Coming Season to all Lions, past and present, wherever they may be.

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STAGS.

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

Head of House: S. W. Brown.


The House extends a warm welcome to all new members. We hope that they will not only maintain but improve the high standard of performance in previous years.

Since the last Magazine was published the only results available are those of the Cricket and Swimming Cups. In the former we again won the Cup, making this the fifth successive year in which we have held it. In the Swimming Competition, however, we were not so successful and only came third.

At the House Meeting at the beginning of this term J. W. Downing was elected to fill the vacancy for a House Prefect. Also P. S. Valentine and C. S. Dickens were appointed Senior and Junior Rugby Captains respectively.

So far this term two rounds of the Rugby Cup have been played. The Seniors won both of their matches, whilst the Juniors beat the Gryphons but only managed to draw with the Lions. We have a good chance of retaining this Cup for the fourth year in succession.

Congratulations are extended to P. Coles on being selected for the County Schools' Rugger XV. We wish him the very best of luck in the various matches. We also congratulate all Stags successful in the General Certificate of Education in July and wish success to those taking examinations in December.

Finally, we wish all Stags, past and present, a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.
PARENTS' COMMITTEE.

At the Annual Meeting held on the 16th September, it was decided to hold a meeting this year inviting all parents to meet the masters and the Headmaster to speak to them on “Lost kit, letters, etc.” This was held on 21st October and we were pleased to welcome a good attendance of parents. From various words of appreciation, it seems that there are a number who would like to make this an annual event. A Whist Drive has been fixed for 10th February. Those held this term have been successful and the Fund has profited.

We were pleased to welcome several new members to the Committee.

CYCLING CLUB.

The activities of the Club since the end of last term have been somewhat curtailed by bad weather. The only ‘all day’ ride was to Ely. The majority have been Sunday afternoons when distances of 40 to 50 miles have been covered.

Rides for the winter have ceased but we shall be starting again in February next. We still need new members and we will welcome any boy that turns up for Club Runs or Meetings at School.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This term the Society is performing the celebrated legal play “Libel” by Edward Wooll. An account of this play and of next term’s three plays will be given in the next issue of the Magazine.

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GYMNASTIC CLUB.

Members of the Gymnastic Club, meeting every Monday evening and Friday whenever possible, are practising hard. The emphasis at the present rests on simple gymnastics which will soon lead to the performance of advanced movements. We are aiming high and hope to reach a very good standard of performance during the next year.

LIBRARY NOTES.

At the end of last term J. R. Harris, G. J. Jolley and B. A. Ward cleared away considerable arrears of cataloguing work.

This term new Librarians from the Lower Sixth have been appointed.

The new fiction books we obtained last term have been very popular among readers. Those who borrow books are urged to return them quickly when they have finished with them.

R. Westcott is Secretary of the Library Committee this year.

Recent additions include:

- L. H. Matthews: British Mammals
- A. D. Imms: Insect Natural History
- J. E. Fisher: Nature Parliament
- A. C. Clarke: The Exploration of Space
- E. N. Bradley: Radio for Boys
- O. S. Nock: The Railways of Britain
- M.C.C.: Cricket Coaching Book
- N. Cardus: Cricket all the year round
- Poets of the English Language (a five volume anthology)
- S. Potter: Gamesmanship and Lifemanship
- C. Wilmot: The Struggle for Europe
- J. M. Thompson: Napoleon Bonaparte
- R. Fulford: Queen Victoria
- D. C. Somervell: 100 Years in Pictures
- J. Slocum: Sailing Alone Round the World
- W. S. Thatcher: Economic Geography

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the new school year the Photographic Society welcomed among its followers new blood and interest in Mr. Parish. He brought a badly needed enlarger and a quantity of apparatus which he generously placed at the Society's disposal. Several juniors have also joined the Society this term.

These have attended a series of demonstrations and lectures given by two senior members, R. Cottingham and D. A. Harris. The Society now has a small dark room in which to hold its meetings.
Thus, with a dark room and apparatus our two major problems have been solved. It is now hoped that the Society will take full advantage of these facilities and that the junior members will, in time, become the backbone of the Society. At the first meeting officers were elected; these, however, are unchanged from last year.

With the approach of spring the Society will be able to do outside photography, from which, now that the members can process their own work, the Society will be able to produce some first-class photographs for its next exhibition.

MUSIC NOTES, AUTUMN TERM, 1952.

The Senior and Junior Choirs are preparing for the Carol Services, and, in spite of the loss of several of the more experienced Senior Choir members last term and the inexperience of the new boys in the Junior Choir, it is hoped that a reasonable standard of performance will be attained. The Recorder Group, although small, is progressing satisfactorily, and will be incorporated in the Orchestra for the Music Recital next term. The string players in the first and second forms are making good progress, and the senior string players performed with the High School Orchestra at their Speech Day.

PUPPET CLUB.

A number of new members have joined us this year, and very creditable puppets have been made by them. This is particularly pleasing as the majority of them are from the first and second forms. The Club is producing this year the pantomime “Aladdin” with other variety items and we have already quite a few fixtures. For Coronation Day the Council has asked us to produce a show in the Castle Fields. A very successful season is hoped for.

RAILWAY CLUB.

President : Mr. M. S. Cheale.

The Annual Christmas Tea is being held on Thursday, 18th December. A programme of Railway Films and party games is being arranged.

A day outing to Derby Sheds and Locomotive Works is being arranged for Wednesday, 17th December.

Our model railway continues to grow with the hard work of many active members. The completed layout is now too large for any room except the Hall.

Present membership is about sixty, increasing steadily.
SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

OFFICIALS, 1952-53:

President: The Headmaster.
Secretary: D. W. Barber.
Committee:


Meetings of the Society have been held every Wednesday this term. The attendances and lectures have been generally good.

R. M. Hall. Science and Firefighting. The principles of several types of fire extinguisher were explained together with methods both old and new of fire extinguishing.

M. Hornsey. Viruses and Plant Diseases. The various types of germs, including bacteria, fungi, and protozoa causing harm to plants, and the ways of preventing them were described.

G. Jolley. Photo-electric Cells. Several types of cell were explained with diagrams and actual instruments with reference to their common uses.

R. Cottingham. Commercial Photography. Exhibits were examined during the lecture showing the various faults in printing, developing and enlarging. These faults were compared with faultless prints.

M. I. Beeby. Modern Aviation. Beeby gave an instructive and interesting lecture about the rocket and its advantages over the aeroplane. He concluded by expressing his views on future inter-planetary travel.

C. P. Daniels. Model Aeroplanes. Modern model planes are far more efficient than the old ones. Daniels explained why and pointed out the features of plane construction on models which he had made.

D. A. Harris. Tortoises. The anatomy of the tortoise was described in detail.

P. J. Richardson. Alchemists. Methods of attempting to obtain gold from base metals were given.

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUT TROOP.

At the end of last term we brought home the Gilbey Cup from the District Camping Competition. Allen as Patrol Leader led a good patrol.

We were in camp for ten days at Imperial Headquarters Site No. 1 at Great Tower, Windermere, during the holidays. This was a good place populated by scouts from all over Britain, from France and even two scouts from Latvia. We had been warned about
Lake District rain—but it was kind to us, with one exception which we will not forget when we saw Drybeck become very wet, and the rain came at night. The forester working near our site had willing learners of axemen'ship, and Stratton was especially his friend (Stratton has gone to work for the Forestry Commission and intends to do so again after military service). McArdle and Lightfoot were specially good at tracking the deer in the forest.

Cook did his first-class hike (with Jimminson) and went to Hawkeshead. It rained so hard that they did not get up till 1 p.m. and could not cook any food. Skiddaw and Helvellyn were climbed by different parties and everyone was in or on the Lake for much of the time.

This term our numbers were very low until the influx of new boys, when Mr. Parish took over the Scout Troop leaving Mr. Dunning to cope with the Seniors.

Combined efforts at collecting Jumble were well rewarded and helped by Miss Bavin, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Stratton, we raised nearly £17 at our Jumble Sale.

Now we've got down to our usual meeting routine all of which prepares us for the camping season.

Horne is still Troop Leader and Evans and Lightfoot have been made Patrol Leaders.

STAMP CLUB.

Membership this term has reached the record figure of fifty, and all meetings have been well attended. Club nights are now held on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays, an arrangement which enables the maximum number of collectors to attend at least half of the term's meetings and also to fit in other out-of-school activities.

Club nights have included a film strip on the line-engraving process of making stamps; a display of Canadian Stamps by A. G. Maycock; a talk on some Victorian issues of Great Britain by M. A. Kay; selected Air Mails and First Day covers; and a vote to determine the popularity of various King George VI. designs.

Each meeting opens with a Stamp Competition for which a small philatelic reward is given, and members with the highest and next highest scores each week receive points which accumulate during the term. Additional prizes will be given at the last meeting of the term to the members with the highest aggregate of points. An auction sale is planned for December 2nd, and at the end-of-term meeting there will be displays of stamps to illustrate selected themes, presented by Club Members.

We are grateful to Mr. W. E. Capon for donations of Empire and Foreign Stamps from time to time. These are distributed among members at Club Meetings.
PARIS TRIP.

In July this year over 30 boys, together with Mr. and Mrs. Cheale and Mr. and Mrs. C. Ward spent a very enjoyable holiday in Paris.

The journey, travelling by coach to Victoria then via Newhaven—Dieppe, proved to be very pleasant. The Channel was very calm and no one suffered from sea-sickness. Arriving at Paris soon after 6 p.m. a coach was waiting to convey the party to its lodgings.

First impressions of Paris were gained as the coach sped along the noisy streets, bordered on either side by numerous cafes. The coach soon reached the lodgings, however, where the party were not long in experiencing their first French meal, which to the majority was very enjoyable.

During the week the party visited most of the famous sights of Paris, as well as spending a day at Versailles where the court and gardens of the Palace of Louis XIV. were seen. The party walked down the famous Champs Elysees seeing the Arc de Triomphe and la Place de la Concorde. We visited Montmartre, Notre Dame, Sainte Chapelle, the Opera, Napoleon’s Tomb and the Louvre.

Many of the party went to the top of the Eiffel Tower; everyone went to the Gare de Lyons where numerous trains were seen arriving from and leaving for the Continent, and everyone walked through the beautiful Gardens of the Luxembourg.

The party travelled widely on the Paris Metro. Similar to the London Underground but with 1st and 2nd class, less seating room and no smoking, the Metro is the Parisians' main mode of transport as some of the party found out when caught during rush hour.

After a week in Paris the party returned home, again having an enjoyable journey when the Channel, as before, claimed no victims. Very tired but very happy the party arrived home soon after 11 p.m.

The week provided a splendid holiday, thoughtfully planned to the most minute detail by Mr. Cheale, whom we must thank, together with Mr. C. Ward for all they did to make the holiday one that will never be forgotten.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Grammarians' Association was held in the School Hall on October 14th, twenty-five members being present.

The President, Mr. H. A. Wrenn, said that as the number of boys in the School continued year by year to rise, there would, of course, be a more rapid increase in the potential membership of the
Association. A large proportion of these leavers were joining local rugby clubs and he considered this would firmly establish the game in this area and eventually benefit the Association Club.

Mr. Wrenn stated that two more photographs had been received for inclusion in the War Memorial Book. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Woodhead for preparing the photographs without charge.

Mr. Wrenn thanked the Association again for their support in giving prizes for the School's Annual Reading Competition and concluded by thanking the Officers for their year's work.

The Secretary, R. P. Crawley, gave a review of the work of the Committee during the year. He emphasized the lack of interest in the Association in the Rushden area and said that the Committee would welcome any ideas for increasing interest.

There were, he said, 175 Life Members and 148 Annual Members, an increase of nine Life Members and four Annual Members over the previous year.

In his report the Treasurer, D. G. Stratton, showed that there had been an excess of expenditure over income of £26-19-8 during the year, reducing the balance in the Accumulation Account to £354-11-4. The Memorial Fund stood at £243-9-1 an increase of £53-10-0 and total assets were £636-5-5 which included the valuation of the Memorial Sports Ground at £526-19-1.

G. C. Addis, reporting on the Sports Ground, said that little work had been done on it this year and he felt that the time had been reached when any further development would require costly mechanical means.

The following Officers and Committee Members were elected for the year 1952-3:

Hon. Secretary: R. P. Crawley.
Assistant Secretary: P. J. Hawkins.
Hon. Treasurer: D. G. Stratton.
Committee:

OLD GRAMMARIANS' RUGBY CLUB.
The Club this season is again regularly turning out two full teams and so far has kept a record of which we are justly proud. We have not yet played a man short—a different story from last season. Then we were often two or three players short but happily
we now have those few extra players available and eager for a game. The results to date are:

Points for 51. Points against 113.

Points for 105. Points against 86.

From these results it is obvious that our opposition is strong. We believe, however, that our fixture list is one to be proud of and consider that it is preferable to play the best teams available in the expectation that our standard of play will improve.

The social activity of the Club continues to flourish.

We spent a pleasant day out when we travelled to play St. Peter’s Hall, Oxford, when the referee was Old Grammarian Bob Leslie, who was trying out an injured knee. A sausage and mash supper has been arranged for the week before Christmas and the Annual Club Outing to Twickenham takes place in March, when we hope to see our late member Don White lead the England team on to the field.

To all boys at School we offer the hospitality of the Club when they leave. They can be assured of a warm welcome from the players and the prospects of a good game.

BADMINTON CLUB.

A small but enthusiastic group of Old Boys plays Badminton every Monday evening in the School Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m. School-leavers will be very welcome, they need have no fear of not being good enough—we are by no means experts at the game.

NEWS OF O.B’s.

J. Hodgkins and R. Leslie were both selected to play in Oxford University Senior Rugby Trials this term.

Both of them, together with D. F. White and J. P. Hyde, have played in County Championship Matches for East Midlands this season. To have four O.Bs. at once in this team is a fine record for the School.

G. P. Surridge ran for Cambridge University against Oxford on December 6th. He was reliably tipped as Cambridge’s best runner, but was forced to retire.

M. Wells, transferred to Newcastle-under-Lyne last year, has been awarded a State Scholarship.

S. T. Wells now works, after his National Service, as Senior Laboratory Assistant for a pottery manufacturer in Stoke-on-Trent.
R. Hales has taken up a teaching appointment at Bristol Grammar School.

A. Carter has been appointed to Rock Ferry Grammar School, Birkenhead.

R. Knifton, J. Darnell, J. Hill and H. K. Bean have successfully taken examinations of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

A. Emery with the R.A.F. is on a Radar Course in Colorado, U.S.A.

B. R. Toms has obtained a First Class Honours Degree at Oxford in Russian and French.

C. Craddock gained a Second Class Honours Degree at Leicester in Economics.

D. Durham also gained a Second Class Honours Degree in Economics at Sheffield University.

J. Hodgkins obtained a Third Class Honours Degree in geography at Oxford.

J. Buckby is working in the Analytical Laboratory at Colworth House, Sharnbrook.

B. M. Smart, a Chartered Accountant, is now working for a cake manufacturer at Quinton, Birmingham.

R. Leach has given up journalism to return to flying. He is now Chief Flying Instructor for a civilian firm.

D. M. Henley has completed his apprenticeship at B.T.H. and obtained the Nat. Cert. of Engineering (Elec.) He aims at A.M.I.E.E. after National Service.

P. E. Richardson is working as airframe fitter with the R.A.F.

J. I. Lovell is with the Army in Egypt and is working for the examinations of the Royal Inst. of British Architects.

G. Hunter has passed the Retail Jewellers' preliminary examination.

L. R. Bailey was selected as full back for Surrey County XV.

F. D. Martin, at the early age of twenty-one, has passed his Third Officers examination (Merchant Navy).

We welcome news of O.B's. everywhere.