WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1st XI. - 1955.

A. YOUNG    T. A. FIELD    G. ROSE    D. G. HODSON    D. P. FROST    A. E. BEAN
B. K. RIGBY    W. PRIEST    D. T. STEVENS    M. R. DILLEY    J. R. WILLS
(Capt.)
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No. 47 AUTUMN TERM, 1955

SCHOOL NOTES

Head Prefect : R. O. Knight
Second Prefect : B. K. Rigby

Mr. D. C. Clutterbuck left the staff at the end of the summer term to take up an appointment as Biology master at the Technical School, Kingston-on-Thames. We wish him and Mrs. Clutterbuck success and happiness in their new surroundings.

To the staff have been welcomed this term Mr. R. E. Knight, Hull University, to teach Biology; Mr. T. B. J. Mardell, London University, and Mr. T. J. C. Sulch, Nottingham University, to teach Mathematics.

Building operations within the School have now ceased and Art is now taught in more fitting conditions, the Staff has almost luxury in its new Common Room, and the old Common Room has made a useful Sixth Form room.

The sum of £20 has been given to the School Prize Fund by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moreton, in generous appreciation of the success of their son, D. R. Moreton, who gained a State Scholarship to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. The prize will be the Moreton Lecture Prize, awarded annually for the best lecture given by a member of the Scientific Society.

On October 21st, a lecture of great interest to the Sixth Form was given by Dr. Hemming, of Leicester University, on "St. Exupéry, l'homme et son œuvre".

Visits have been made this term to Stewarts and Lloyds, Corby, and to a nickel refinery at Acton.

Towcester Grammar School’s production of “St. Joan”, and Kettering Grammar/High Schools’ production of “King Henry IV”, Part I., were attended by members of the School this term. Both plays were highly commended and thoroughly enjoyed.

M. W. French and K. Nicholson took part earlier in the year in a Mummers Play from Titchmarsh, produced in the B.B.C. Children’s Hour.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of many contemporary School Magazines.
OBITUARY


OXFORD GENERAL CERTIFICATE—JULY 1955.

ADVANCED LEVEL

E—English F—French S—Spanish PM—Pure Mathematics
AM—Applied Mathematics P—Physics C—Chemistry
B—Botany Z—Zoology

*—indicates distinction.

P. R. BILSBOROUGH E F S State Scholarship
C. BRERETON F S* 
A. G. FOKERD E F S
B. J. HOLSER E F S
G. T. RIDGE F S* State Scholarship
R. SHERWOOD E F S
D. T. STEVENS F S
P. T. TEAR E F
J. M. WARWICK E*
R. E. BURFOOT P C B Z
R. COTTINGHAM P C B Z
T. A. FIELD PM AM P* C
A. B. HOLMES PM AM P C
A. JACKSON PM AM P C
D. F. JOHNSON AM P C
R. O. KNIGHT P C B Z
J. L. McARDLE AM P C
A. W. MASON PM AM* P
A. G. MAYCOCK PM AM P* C State Scholarship
D. R. MORETON PM AM* P* C
P. M. MURDIN C B Z
J. F. PARSONS P B
W. PRIEST PM AM P C
B. K. RIGBY PM AM P C
R. ROBERTSHAW P C B Z
G. ROSE PM AM* P* C
R. A. SHARP PM AM P* C
W. S. TOLMAN PM AM P C
C. R. TURNER PM AM P
G. R. WEST PM AM P C

ORDINARY LEVEL

The following boys have been successful in the recent General Certificate of Education Examination in the subjects indicated:

E—English Language S—English Literature F—French
Sp—Spanish H—History G—Geography M—Mathematics
B—Biology C/P—Chemistry with Physics L—Latin
Russ.—Russian.

K. F. Allen MPB A. C. Ainge E G A M P C B
P. J. Allen S A M P P. R. R. Attley A
J. G. Barber S F M P B M. H. Bellham E S H G M B C/P
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**Notes:**
- County Major Scholarship
- Prefect

**Addresses:**
- Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
- Teachers' Training College, after Nat. Service.
- Royal Navy.
M. G. FEARY
A. R. STEEL
F. WARD
G. A. BROWN
R. W. DICKS
V. E. IRONS
C. C. KENNEDY
W. S. HOWLETT
G. S. DESBOROUGH
D. E. R. THOMAS

ENTRANTS

L. 6 Sci.
E. Sanders

5b
C. E. Milton
G. Gill

4b

1a
C. O. Gill

2a
1b
1e

R. A. Barden
A. J. Bevington
G. A. Billett
M. V. Brown
R. S. Carter
R. P. Clarke
D. W. Colson
R. J. Coles
M. R. Corby
S. M. Day
R. M. De Banke
C. M. Ellard
R. L. Foster
M. A. Garley
D. J. Gilbert
P. V. Godfrey
J. C. Green
The lst XV. has been unfortunate in that injuries have prevented a full team being put out in every single game this term. Both matches against King's, for example, were decisively lost by a sadly depleted side. When at nearly full strength, the team has done well. Individual brilliance has taken second place to teamwork and the enthusiasm with which the team has played has been a marked feature of the season. It was because of this fighting spirit that an exciting game was narrowly won at Oundle, seemingly against all odds; that a very strong Northampton side was held to 14 points and that the game against Bedford School ended in a pointless draw with honours on our side. The importance of wholehearted and determined play is to be stressed. It counts for a lot.

The forwards have knit together into a useful and hardworking pack. They have been at their best in foot rushes, short passing and tackling. Line-out work has become better but still is not good and quick, clean heeling after binding in the loose and pushing over the ball still calls for improvement. At half, we have been very well served, both in attack and defence. The halves' covering, kicking and individual breaks have been of great value. The three-quarters have not yet acquired the precision and polish that should be the basis of a smoothly functioning attack, yet they have run strongly and directly and have always been potentially dangerous in attack, though at times rather uncertain in their defensive marking. Generally speaking, tackling has been good and hard on the part of most, if not all.

If any moral is to be drawn from those matches now played, it is that constant practice in, and perfection of the essentially basic techniques—passing, close dribbling, kicking, tackling and catching—will repay the greatest dividends.

The following have also played:—B. R. Clayton, J. T. Sharman, S. H. Fox, D. N. Knighton, P. A. Tear, G. F. Drage, C. S. Fensome.

2ND XV.

The 2nd XV. has been far from strong this season and has been further weakened by the demands of the 1st XV. Most matches have been heavily lost and the general standard of play has been low. Tackling in particular has been very weak. It must be said, however, that there is in the team a handful of keen and quite useful players who have tried very hard.


UNDER 15 XV.

Our results this term have been quite satisfactory, but the quality of our Rugby has given less cause for satisfaction. Our victories have been won by strong forward play, by strenuous efforts on the part of a few individuals, rather than by team work. Seldom have there been concerted movements, and the backs have not been given a real chance. Tackling has, on the whole, been very weak, too many players persistently refusing to tackle low and, because of this, several tries have been quite unnecessarily conceded. Rugby is essentially a team game, calling for discipline and unselfishness and, until this lesson is learned, our play will leave much to be desired. There is much talent in the XV., but players must pay less heed to individual achievements, and more to the smooth working of the team as a whole.


UNDER 14 XV.

The Under 14 XV. has enjoyed an odd season so far. Of eight matches played, five have been won in a most convincing and satisfying fashion, with the team as a whole playing good constructive Rugby. Three have been lost, however, in an equally convincing but most unsatisfactory fashion, and on these occasions, the team—even allowing for the effect of injuries upon the Northampton game—has given
a creditable imitation of a netball team. This inconsistency will be
ironed out only when the team finds the spirit to fight back twice as hard
from a losing position, and learns to tackle hard on every occasion.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Hirons, whose unflagging enthusiasm
and encouragement from the touchline have helped the whole team—
this season, as last, home or away—to enjoy the game.

Under 14 XV. : M. W. J. Green, P. Richardson, D. W. Mumford,
R. Bedells, D. L. Miles, R. Leslie, M. Y. Palmer, R. L. Gotch,
M. Hirons, D. N. James, M. Toseland, R. Hawkins, R. H. Brawn,
N. J. Dorks, J. C. Maddocks, D. A. Sweatman.

Also played : H. Jones, M. J. Sharman, R. C. Arch, G. Bayes, G. M.
Jose, B. F. Blunt, P. R. Bodsworth.

**UNDER 13 XV.**

The team started the season with high hopes but found that lack
of weight in the scrum was a severe handicap. The three-quarters have
shown on occasions that they can combine together extremely well—
one or two tries have been real gems—but too often careless passing
or positioning have spoiled smoothness in attack. The forwards have
played well at times but develop too frequently into individualists.
The main weaknesses to be overcome are two in number. Firstly, most
of the team must tackle much lower. Several tries have been scored
against us because high tackles have failed to have any effect. Secondly,
the team must learn that they cannot afford to relax their efforts,
especially when they only have a small lead.

Under 13 XV. From :-R. J. Partridge (capt.), J. M. Robertson (vice-
capt.), D. G. Nunley, R. F. Underwood, R. D. Summers, A. A.
Bayes, D. G. Wagg, B. M. Maher, A. Angel, J. F. Goosey, R. E.
Busby, J. G. Galloway, C. O. Gill, W. T. Aldwinkle, M. James,

We congratulate B. K. Rigby on his selection for the Northampton-
shire Grammar Schools’ XV., and also R. Tye, R. King-Underwood,
C. Frost and M. Tye, who have played for the Northamptonshire
Schools’ Under 15 XV.

Thanks are expressed to all those, both Masters and boys, who
have helped in various ways with the organisation of the School Rugby.

**RESULTS.**

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2nd XV. v. Northampton G.S. (H) Lost 27—0
U 14 XV. v. Northampton G.S. (A) Lost 60—3
U 13 XV. v. Northampton G.S. (A) Lost 9—3

2nd XV. v. Kettering G.S. (H) Lost 9—0

Oct. 22 1st XV. v. Old Boys (H) Lost 26—0
2nd XV. v. Old Boys (H) Lost 8—0
U 15 XV. v. Northampton G.S. (A) Drawn 6—6
U 13 XV. v. Kettering G.S. (A) Lost 8—6

Oct. 25 U 14 XV. v. Oundle Berrystead (H) Won 12—5
Oct. 26 U 13 XV. v. Bedford Lower School (A) Lost 25—0
Oct. 29 U 15 XV. v. Bedford School (H) Drawn 8—8
U 14 XV. v. Bedford School (H) Lost 28—0

Nov. 2 1st XV. v. R.A.F., Wittering (H) Won 27—3
Nov. 5 1st XV. v. King's, Peterborough (A) Lost 12—3
2nd XV. v. King's, Peterborough (A) Lost 20—0
U 15 XV. v. King's, Peterborough (H) Won 12—0
U 14 XV. v. King's, Peterborough (H) Won 12—3

Nov. 12 1st XV. v. Bedford Colts (H) Won 33—0
2nd XV. v. Blackfriar's 1st XV. (A) Lost 28—0
U 14 XV. v. Blackfriar's (A) Lost 38—0
U 13 XV. v. Rushden Tennyson Road (A) Drawn 3—3

Nov. 15 1st XV. v. Bedford School 2nd XV. (H) Drawn 0—0
2nd XV. Bedford School 3rd XV. (H) Lost 33—0

Nov. 23 1st XV. v. King's, Peterborough (H) Lost 20—3
2nd XV. v. King's, Peterborough (H) Lost 22—5
U 15 XV. v. King's, Peterborough (A) Lost 6—0
U 14 XV. v. King's, Peterborough (A) Won 15—3

House Matches

First Round—October 17th.

Seniors: Stags 22, Gryphons 0.
Lions 27, Dragons 0.

Juniors: Gryphons 3, Stags 0.
Lions 11, Dragons 6.

Second Round—November 17th.

Seniors: Stags 8, Lions 3.
Dragons 9, Gryphons 9.

Juniors: Lions 8, Stags 6.
Gryphons 17, Dragons 0.
CRICKET

1ST. XI.

Towards the end of the term the team showed some improvement on its all round capabilities. Greater consistency and concentration were more evident in the batting, several noteworthy performances being made. Particularly encouraging was the opening partnership of 102 against King's School, Peterborough, and the resourcefulness of Sharman's batting. The most outstanding individual performance during a successful season was that of Dilley, who took 58 wickets.

MASTERS v. SCHOOL 1ST XI.

The Masters batted first. However, Bean quickly broke the opening partnership and Dilley, in his usual devastating form, took the next 5 wickets at a personal cost of 9 runs.

Then, with the total at 16 for 6 wickets, came bowling changes, and a very entertaining stand by Mr. Pine and Mr. Cooksey, which added 24 runs. Finally, the School returned to the pavilion facing a total of 71.

With Mr. Davies opening the bowling, runs came slowly. Mr. Tompkins, replacing Mr. Sulch, took two wickets in his first over, but the School managed to pass their objective with two wickets in hand.

PLAYING RECORD


RESULTS.

28th June v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Drawn.
Bedford 147 for 4 dec.
W.G.S. 62 for 7 (Sharman 20 not out).

16th July v. Kettering G.S. Drawn.
W.G.S. 128 (Stevens 29).
Kettering G.S. 92 for 6 (Wills 3 for 26, Dilley 3 for 35).

20th July v. King's School, Peterborough. Won by 9 wickets.
King's School 109 (Dilley 7 for 25).
W.G.S. 110 for 1 (Rose 49, Frost 45 not out).

21st July v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Won by 72 runs.
W.G.S. 143 (Rigby 24, Sharman 24, Hodson 22, Stevens 21).
Thursday C.C. 71 (Dilley 7 for 29).

The team was selected from: Stevens (capt.), Priest, Field, Rose, Frost, Wills, Dilley, Yung, Bean, Hodson, Rigby, Wilson, Sharman, Dickens, Barclay, Attley.

1st XI. Colours have been awarded as follows:—

Full—Rigby, Dilley, Rose, Frost.
Half—Bean, Young, Hodson, Sharman.
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Stags 28 points
Gryphons 17 points
Lions 15 points
Dragons nil.

2ND XI.
The 2nd XI. did not maintain the promise it had shown earlier in the season. Although the batting became more consistent, especially from Tunney and Carvell, the bowling was not able to press home the advantage gained.

However, there were several most enjoyable games. The most exciting was that against Blackfriars, who scored 165 before declaring; in reply the School scored 164 for 8 wickets in 1½ hours when stumps had to be drawn!

RESULTS.
2nd July v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI. Lost by 3 wickets.
W.G.S. 101 (Carvell 42 not out, Tunney 24).
Laxton G.S. 104 for 7 (Bean 4 for 30).
9th July v. Blackfriars' 1st XI. Drawn.
Blackfriars 165 for 7 dec.
W.G.S. 164 for 8 (Attley 59, Tunney 32, Carvell 22).
16th July v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XI. Drawn.
W.G.S. 144 for 6 dec. (Tunney 73, Powell 31, Sharman 26 n.o.)
Kettering G.S. 95 for 6 (Tear 3 for 9).
23rd July v. Old Boys. Lost by 4 wickets.
W.G.S. 87 (Field 26, Ridge 22).
Old Boys 88 for 6 (Tear 4 for 47).

PLAYING RECORD

The following played during the term in addition to boys who played for the 1st XI. :—Ridge (capt.), Clayton, Carvell, Tunney, Tear, Cooper, Bridgeford, Knighton, D. N., Smith, M., Parker, Hilton, Smith, A., Dunn, Maher, Roberts, Tyre, R.

UNDER 15 XI.
9th July v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 8 wickets.
W.G.S. 38.
Kettering G.S. 41 for 2.

PLAYING RECORD


Colours were awarded to :—Robinson, M. E., Powell.
UNION XI.

19th July v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 6 runs.
Kettering G.S. 83 (Knight 5 for 14).
W.G.S. 77 (Palmer 22).
The side was captained by Jones, T.

ATHLETICS

Several boys competed in the Open Handicap Meeting at Finedon, on July 9th, and the following successes were obtained:—100 yards Under 14: 2nd Sharman; 220 yards Under 14: 3rd Sharman; 440 yards 15—18: 3rd Samples; 220 yards 15—18: 3rd Miles; One Mile 15—18: 1st Nice, 3rd England.

The second Triangular Match against Northampton and Kettering Grammar Schools, was held at Kettering, on July 12th. Competition throughout was keen and the School eventually finished as winners with 149 points, Kettering scoring 135½ points and Northampton 99½ points. In particular, mention must be made of: Rigby, who equalled the School record in the Senior High Jump with 5 ft. 4½ ins., Walker, who established a new School record of 56.4 secs. in the Middle 440 yards; King-Underwood, for a new School record of 2 mins. 17.2 secs. in the Middle 880 yards; and Sharman, who won both the Junior 100 yards and 220 yards.

The Hurdles Standards were completed last term with the following results:—

80 yards Hurdles, Senior:
80 yards Hurdles, Middle:
   Time: 11.5 secs.

80 yards Hurdles, Junior:
   Time: 12.8 secs.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Dragons set up a good lead in the points for distance swimming and increased this lead as the Sports progressed. They were easy winners. The Gryphons were short of good swimmers and although finishing last are to be congratulated on their efforts in the distance swimming.

Greenhalf (Dragons) put up the best performance in winning the 50 yards Free-style Under 15 in 30.3 secs., and R. Tye (Lions), and Wilson (Stags), as second and third, were very good challengers. As usual the Form Relays produced the most excitement.
### W.G.S. INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

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### P.T. COMPETITION

About 300 boys were taking part in this competition. The Houses were divided into Form groups, each group competing in a different minor game, which demanded skill in ball handling and positional play. Many thanks to members of the staff who allowed themselves to be made referees.
RESULT

1. Stags . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 25 points
2. Gryphons . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 24½ points
3. Lions . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 21½ points
4. Dragons . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 19 points

DRAGONS

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

Head of House: Clayton

School Prefect: Clayton, Cooper

House Prefects: Bilsborough (secretary), Betts, Stratton, Sherwood

Since the magazine was last published the Swimming and Cricket cups have been contested. Both Senior and Junior Cricket teams were weak and no successes were recorded. However, the Swimming cup once again became our property.

Two rounds of the Rugby cup have been played, the Juniors losing both and the Seniors losing to the Lions. They did well, however, to draw with the Gryphons.

The following appointments were made at the beginning of term:

House Captain and senior Rugby Captain: Clayton
Junior Rugby Captain: Leslie
Music Conductor: Sherwood.

We congratulate all Dragons who were at all academically successful during the summer term.

To conclude, we welcome all new Dragons and wish them and the rest of the House a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GRYPHONS

House Masters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. D. J. Riach, Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins

Head of House: B. H. Whitney


House Prefects: The above, and R. E. Burfoot

House Secretary: R. Cook

The Gryphons seem to have been playing second fiddle just lately in nearly everything (which is no reference, incidentally, to the Music Competition). Second places in the Cricket and P.T. competitions have followed up the 'next-bests' gained in Athletics and Drama earlier in the year. A little more enthusiasm by everyone might have made us the most powerful House in the School.
At the Swimming Sports the House sank to the bottom after holding second highest number of standards. Kendall had great difficulty in raising a team, due to the apathetic attitude to the sport.

Our supposedly talented Senior XV. is not combining well, though individuals are working hard. The Stags gained an unexpectedly easy win over us, but to draw with the Dragons was utter humiliation! There is no cause for alarm, however—the Juniors are unbeatable.

The House has won the Ferguson Trophy so often during the past few years that to other Houses it has become a mystic, far-off object, comparable to the Holy Grail.

There seems to be more black, red and green ties about the School than any other colour and we congratulate the latest wearers of the House Colours: Walker, Sharman, Kendall, Barber, Parker, Cook and Bridgeford.

Finally we welcome all new Gryphons and wish all members of the House a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

**LIONS**

*House Masters:*
Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. J. P. Hyde  
*Head of House: R. O. Knight*  
*School Prefects: R. Robertshaw, A. B. Holmes*  
*House Prefects: B. Tunney, B. M. Barclay, A. J. Carvell,*  
D. Roberts (secretary), R. L. Nice.

Since the publication of the last Magazine, the Cricket competition has been completed and the P.T. and Swimming contests have been held. In the former we finished in second position and in the P.T. we were third. In the Swimming competition we were also third, which is a great improvement, as we have been last in this event for the past five years!

At the House Meeting at the beginning of this term, R. Robertshaw was chosen as Rugby Captain, with A. J. Carvell as Vice-Captain, and R. Knight as Junior Captain. R. O. Knight continues as Music Conductor, and D. Roberts as House Secretary and Drama Producer.

So far this term two rounds of the Rugby House Matches have been played. In the first, against the Dragons, we gained full points, the Seniors winning 27—0 (although they played with only 14 men), and the Juniors 11—6. In the second round, against the Stags, we were not quite so successful, for although the Juniors again won 8—6, the Seniors were a little unlucky to lose 8—3. A notable feature of the Senior team was the enthusiasm with which they played. We are now in the lead in this competition (2 points in front of the Stags) and everything depends on the final matches against the Gryphons.
Congratulations are extended to all Lions who were successful in this year's G.C.E. We congratulate also A. J. Carvell and B. Tunney, who were selected to play in the County Rugby Trials, and the Tye brothers, who have played for the County Under 15 team.

We welcome all new Lions into our midst and hope that they will not only be happy with us but will also contribute to the future success of the House. Finally we wish all Lions, past and present, the compliments of the coming season.

STAGS

House Masters:
Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. G. W. Cooksey

Head of House: B. K. Rigby


House Prefects: M. Samples, M. R. Dilley.

Our last magazine was published a little too soon to announce the final results of the inter-House Cricket, Swimming and P.T. competitions. We put up extremely good performances in each of these competitions, retaining both the Cricket and P.T. cups, the former with a 100 per cent. record, and finishing runners-up to the all-powerful Dragons in the Swimming competition. With more distance points our position at Wilby could be improved next year.

At the House Meeting held at the beginning of term, B. K. Rigby was unanimously elected Head of the House. Rigby was also appointed Captain of Rugby. N. J. Dorks was chosen to lead the Juniors. The vacancy of House Prefect was filled by Lt. R. Dilley.

So far this term two rounds of the Rugby competition have been played. The Juniors have found their opponents a little too strong for them and so there is a chance that the Rugby Cup this year may not make its usual journey into the Stags' 'camp'. However, the competition is far from over yet.

May we extend our congratulations to B. K. Rigby on being the sole representative of the School selected for the County Schools' Rugby XV? We wish him the best of luck. We must also mention C. Frost and R. King-Underwood, who have been regular members of the County Under 15 team this year. We also congratulate all Stags successful in the General Certificate of Education in July, and wish success to those taking examinations in December.

Since August House Colours have been awarded to J. M. Clarke.

To conclude, may we welcome the newcomers, and wish all Stags, past and present, a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.
PARENTS' COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting of the Parents' Committee, it was reported that the total amount now standing in our account was £222-3-8, having made £33-5-6 on Speech Day.

After some discussion, it was decided that in the coming year, we should not have stalls on Speech Day, although we would still continue to supply teas. Instead, we propose to have an Open Evening, when the best plays from the inter-House competitions would be given, and the stalls usually organised on Speech Day would be held. It is hoped to hold this evening on 20th March, when we shall be asking for gifts for the stalls. An admission charge of 1/- will be made.

Two Whist Drives have been held during this term, resulting in a profit of £16-10-0. We received wonderful support at that held on 29th November, and wish we could always choose a date when so many friends are able to support us.

A meeting for Parents was held on Thursday, 6th October, when Mr. Wrenn again outlined the School programme, chiefly for the benefit of new parents. We were pleased to welcome such a good number to this meeting.

DEBATING SOCIETY

A Debating Society has been formed this term to discuss topics of general interest. The President is Mr. Gray, and the Secretary is Painter. So far, subjects discussed are “The Effect of Television on Contemporary Society,” and “The Abolition of Capital Punishment.” It is hoped to hold formal debates in the near future. Meetings are held in Room 10, after First Dinner, on Thursdays.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Four performances of “Macbeth” were held by the Society on December 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, of this year.

The Cast was as follows: — 1st Witch, D. Roberts; 2nd Witch, B. A. Woods; 3rd Witch, J. Garley; Duncan, R. O. Knight; Malcolm, S. H. Fox; Donalbain, M. Wyman; Macduff, G. S. Regis; Lennox, D. J. Cooper; Attendants, R. W. Alderson, R. J. Hilton, M. T. Parker; Sergeant, J. Sharman; Ross, B. R. Clayton; Macbeth, J. Betts; Banquo, D. P. Frost; Lady Macbeth, J. Wilson; Messenger, G. Willey; Attendants, G. G. Martin, N. J. Butler; Porter, A. J. Carvell; Old Man, A. Eady; Fleance, M. Y. Palmer; 1st Murderer, R. F. Miles; 2nd Murderer, D. O. Tall; 3rd Murderer, N. J. Butler; Lords, K. A. Bailey, R. J. Eyles, T. P. G. Arnold, R. Cook; Lady Macduff, R. F. Adams; Young Macduff, P. D. White; Doctor, J. F. Murdin; Gentlewoman, D. Roberts; Menteith, K. A. Bailey; Seyton, N. J. Butler; Old Siward, J. Sharman; Young Siward, G. G. Martin.

The Producer was Mr. G. W. Cooksey; Assistant to Producer, D. P. Frost; Stage Manager, Mr. P. Goodman; Assistants, A. T. Murton, R. W. Alderson, J. Seamark, N. R. Johnson, G. S. Swailes, M. T.
Parker, D. J. Payne, G. A. Dickens, M. D. Clarke; Property Manager, Mr. M. S. Cheale; Assistants, P. C. Bint, D. A. Parkes, G. R. Titmus, D. S. Tyler, R. M. Smith; Lighting, Mr. J. Huddart; Assistants, C. T. Osborne, W. W. Stevenson, R. Burfoot, J. F. Parsons, D. E. Billing; Wardrobe, Miss N. Bavin, Mrs. Temple; Sound Effects, Mr. Riach, R. M. Smith; Prompter, A. T. Murton.

The Dramatic Society would like to thank all those who have helped with the production, and in particular The Masque Theatre, Northampton, for costumes, and Mr. Pepper, of Hardwick.

HISTORY SOCIETY

For a combination of reasons there has only been one meeting this term. Langley read a well arranged paper on “The Historical Origin of Irish Grievances”, but it is hoped that Frost, despite commitments to the stage, will be able to read his paper on “Important Murders in History”, before the end of the term.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Librarians who have been appointed for the present year are:

W. J. Harris (Secretary)

R. J. Eyles  K. Nicholson
C. J. Green    S. C. Norsworthy
D. C. Lee      B. D. Stokes
J. M. Pattison R. Klegeris
M. Wyman      R. Sturgess

Among a number of new books added to the Library this term, attention is drawn in particular to the following:

A. R. Humphreys—“The Augustan World”
A. Kettle—“Introduction to the English Novel (vols. 1. & II.)”
F. R. Leavis—“The Great Tradition”
F. R. Leavis—“D. H. Lawrence”
Dylan Thomas—“Collected Poems”
J. D. Jump—“Matthew Arnold”
Sandy Duncan—“Athletics—do it this way”
G. R. Elton—“England under the Tudors”
A. J. P. Taylor—“Bismarck”
H. Seton-Watson—“The Decline of Imperial Russia”
H. Butterfield—“Man on his Past.”

MUSIC NOTES

The Autumn Term is one chiefly of preparation for the Christmas Festivities which, this year, will take the form of a Concert of Carols given in the School Hall by the Junior and Senior Choirs.

The Senior Choir has a much larger treble section this year than last and at times produces a very satisfying tone. Let us hope that the
Carol Concert will be at such a time. Rehearsals have been very difficult, owing to the conflicting interests of Rugby Football practices and, latterly, of rehearsals for "Macbeth".

The Junior Choir is slightly larger than last year, and some two-part work is being undertaken.

The Male Voice Choir, under its conductor R. Sherwood, gave a concert at Irthlingborough in October. Several boys, in addition to singing, gave instrumental performances.

The Madrigal Group, run jointly with the High School, began belated but encouraging rehearsals some time before half-term, but owing to pressure of work for the soprano and altos, rehearsals ceased soon afterwards.

A number of Staff and boys meet regularly for the playing of chamber music. When asked for what occasion they rehearse, guarded replies like "We do it for the pleasure it gives us," are received.

The boys in the Fifth and Sixth forms taking music in the G.C.E. examination visited the Royal Festival Hall, London, on November 1st, when they heard the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra give a concert of music by J. S. Bach.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term we welcomed several new members and regretfully accepted the resignation of our Chairman, T. Painter, after long and distinguished service. R. Adkins was elected Chairman and R. F. Miles Secretary. We have now acquired a much more satisfactory dark-room. During this term we have been busy with Practical Photography, and several illustrated lectures have been supplied by Messrs. Kodak, Ltd. Lectures by members have been given, and discussions have been held concerning the desirability of an enlarger. The result of these discussions is that now we are looking for a second-hand model.

The laurels in the summer photographic competition were carried off by Hunt and Miles. Altogether, it has been an active term, and attendance has been good.

THE PUPPET CLUB

For perhaps the first time, a new play or pantomime is not being prepared this season. Instead, the new show is to be a combination of new and old acts, to conclude with a Grand Circus, itself, of course, a group of small items introduced by a ringmaster and presented against a background of the Big Top, with appropriate music. A number of new members have joined the Club, who have been patiently learning the mysteries of puppet making and expect to make their contribution to the success of the new show. We are looking forward to using the new sound apparatus, given to us by the Parents' Committee, which should afford an improvement in the presentation. Altogether we are hoping for one more interesting and successful season.
RAILWAY CLUB

Our round trip to Bristol via Birmingham, returning via London, which took place on July 12th, proved very successful. The party, which consisted of 43 members, found for the first time a reasonable standard of punctuality and the increased provision of buffet-car facilities was most welcome since, it will be remembered, the day was very hot. In fact our efforts to obtain refreshment seriously interrupted the service of restaurant-car meals. At Bristol, members visited the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Docks while others spent the time train-spotting at the station. The only possible hitch in our arrangements occurred through the absence of reservations from Bristol to Paddington on "The Bristolian". Certainly we were the first School party to make this journey, but an officially approved concerted effort just as the train came in at Bristol secured seats for all. We timed the train, but after finding three successive timings at 90 m.p.h., decided that further observations were unnecessary and gave up our time to the enjoyment of really fast travel. Arriving at Paddington—a minute early—we completed the journey home via Euston and Northampton.

Our work on the model railway this term has been directed towards the improvement of the baseboards which we already have, and the provision of more rolling stock.

We hope to put a scheme of electric signalling into operation next term.

The railway is now so large that a layout in the Hall is only possible once a month—the second week-end of the month. A full attendance for this meeting is essential.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President : The Headmaster
Chairman : A. B. Holmes  Vice-Chairman : B. M. Barclay
Secretary : B. H. Whitney
Committee :
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Leftwich, Mr. Huddart, B. H. Whitney, A. B. Holmes  B. M. Barclay

Eleven meetings have been held this term, and the Science Society of the High School were invited to one. Attendance, which has been poor this term, unaccountably doubled on this occasion.

Lectures given this term were :
1.—"Magnetic Recording", by A. T. Munday: An explanation was given why magnetic tape was so attractive in the use of present day tape recording.

2.—"Cinematograph", by P. Brookes: The development of the cinematograph was explained and the basic principles of its working were elucidated.
3. — “Evolution of Photography”, by R. C. Adkins: Light was thrown on this subject and the composition of the photographic plate was explained to us.

4. — “Telescopes”, by J. Walpole: The fundamental principles involved were explained and the lecturer discussed the various types of telescopes.

5. — “Telephone System”, by S. H. Fox: The lecturer gave us a line on how the complex system of a modern telephone exchange works.

6. — “The Story of Radar”, by R. Miles: The story of how radar developed out of an Air Ministry specification for a “death ray” was explained to us in this interesting lecture.

7. — “A Star is Born”, by G. S. Regis: The birth of a star and much other astronomical information was given in this lecture.

8. — “Hypnosis”, by D. Brown: An entrancing lecture in which the theory and practice of hypnosis was expounded to us.

9. — “Control of Rainfall”, by C. D. Warren: The methods by which the artificial production of rain was achieved were fully explained.

10. — “Bird Migration”, by R. P. Stratton: The navigational ability of migrating birds was explained to us by the “sun arc” theory.

11. — “Investigations into Extra-Sensory Perception”, by B. H. Whitney: The existence of telepathy, clairvoyance and precognition was shown, and it was found that “mind over matter” mattered a great deal.

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

The end of the Summer term saw the usual preparation for going to Camp. We chose Blackthorn Wood, where Northampton Scouts made us very welcome, and where the Blackthorn flies were even more pleased to taste us. The Swimming Pool was in constant use during ten days of wonderful summer weather, and tree climbing was almost as popular. Several Scouts went to Camp on bicycles—mainly used for ferrying sweets from Billing. At the end of Camp we had five Second-Class Scouts—the result of a lot of hard work. Kitto achieved a record in getting his Second-Class in two months.

Lightfoot, Fox, Drage and Wignell are now 1st Class. Lightfoot and Fox did their Venturers Badge during the holidays and had a long canoe trip up the Nene—getting drenched on their return trip, as well as being shot at by some irresponsible ‘sportsman’ near Ditchford bridge.

This term we have had to make a third patrol and our Patrol Leaders are Drage, Willey and R. M. Smith. We have two Scouts, Morris and Stratton, whose brothers used to be in the Troop.

Our Jumble Sale was the usual good fun and we raised £16-10-0 for our funds.
The winter evenings are spent in Scout games and working for 2nd Class and 1st Class badges—which is good fun and useful. The Tenderfoot Scouts this term are Stratton, Holder, Jolley, Nicholas and Cartwright.

For the first time for many years one of us, Lightfoot, got his "Bushman's Thing", and both he and Fox are hoping to reach Queen's Scout standard—and that would be something to boast about!

STAMP CLUB

This term, under the leadership of Mr. Riach, a number of lectures and exhibitions took place, including "Starting a Stamp Collection", by J. P. Langley, and "Watermarks and Perforations", by W. W. Stevenson, and an interesting Third Form exhibition.

We welcome all new members, and wish all our members a Happy Christmas.

TOC H.

Before giving an account of our activities it would be as well first to say something about Toc H. itself. Founded in the First World War and re-created in 1920, Toc H. seeks to bring together groups of men from every walk of life to share in a common fellowship. 'To love widely, to build bravely, to think fairly and to witness humbly', are headings contained in the Main Resolution.

Shortly before Christmas of last year, Mr. F. G. Chesworth, editor of the Toc H. Journal, talked to us about Toc H. Since then we have had many other speakers, the last of which, Mr. A. S. Greenacre, Toc H. Area Secretary for Southern England, presented us with a rushlight. We are thus officially recognised as a Toc H. group and as such the first of its kind in the country, an example which it is hoped other schools will follow.

How much have we achieved?

'To love widely':—As a group we have attempted to form a fellowship between boys in the School—the more differences they have the better. In this we have been fairly successful, many firm friends have been made through the group.

'To build bravely':—Our services to the public are extensive. We run weekly library services in two of the Wellingborough hospitals. No other regular jobs are done at present, but at Christmas we are to help a local Toc H. branch run a party for under-privileged children and we are also organising visits by the School Choir to the hospitals shortly before Christmas.

'To think fairly' and 'To witness humbly':—We try not to be prejudiced—to see the other person's point of view as well as our own. Thus, although at our meetings (held once a week) we may have violent arguments, at the end we consolidate our feelings in mutual friendship, realising that we are all equal in the eyes of God.
To be the servants of others is at times hard, but we strive—as it is put in the Royal Charter for Tcc H. 'to spread the Gospel without preaching it.'

**PARIS AND THE RIVIERA**

Vincent was unable to join the party owing to illness, Tomlin almost found the effort of early-rising too much, and we took White with us in plaster; but otherwise the party got away with its usual enthusiasm at 5.30 a.m. on the day after breaking-up! The first stage of the journey—to Paris—was short and simple after our expeditions of previous years and we all arrived for dinner eager to begin our extensive programme. In four days we not only managed to cover as much of the city as had previously taken us a week, but also included a free day. The 'Metro' again proved that boys who so easily get lost on London’s Underground never do so in Paris. Perhaps one should mention the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Notre Dame, to the flagstaff on the roof, and all 985 feet of the Eiffel Tower, as some of the places visited. On Sunday we spent our customary day at Versailles—the journey there being remarkable for a most modern double-decker train. Our visit to the Palace was enlivened by the details—historical, we hope—of the private lives of the French monarchs, as revealed by our English-speaking guide.

In Paris we found our accommodation greatly improved since our last visit in 1952, and excellent meals were rounded off with a welcome liberality of chips! An experiment of extending permission to be out late was most successful, all boys returning on time. Any slight noise made by our late return competed most unsuccessfully with that of a 'dodge-'em' and fair in the street outside, and we were silent indeed compared with other schools—notably one from Scotland!

We had chosen the busiest week-end of the year for travel in France for our move to Nice, and were glad enough of our reserved seats from which we surveyed the French, who faced the prospect of standing for thirteen hours rather than reserve for themselves. Through the Burgundy vineyards in a 19-ccach train at 90 m.p.h. we reached the Rhone, and then watched the gradual change to southern vegetation, dust and heat, and the first glimpse of the Mediterranean. After Marseilles came our fight for dinner, already paid for at 14/- each. We coped with mountains of luggage, we fought the French who packed the corridors, and in half-an-hour reached the dining-car! The meal was worth the money and considerably refreshed we reached Nice punctually at 10 p.m.

Next morning many of the party seemed to have explored the town before breakfast and soon after we were on our way by coach to the Italian frontier. Fortunately we had not arranged to go further as the queue of vehicles there had to spend two hours going over. A brief halt for a few souvenirs at our furthest point—over 1,000 miles from home—and we returned to Menton for lunch and a swim. Later we were able to explore the tiny state of Monaco and the luxury of
Monte Carlo. The suggestion by our guide that he should show us the 'old town' and other sights in Nice the next day, revealed that boys had already seen most of them!

Our next excursion took us first to Cap Ferrat, where in perfect scenery we passed the houses of the famous—M. Dubonnet, Maurice Chevalier and the Duke of Windsor, etc., etc.—and then on to Cannes where with groans a willing(?) crowd of volunteers carried the 'packed lunch' to our boat. Peaches may be a luxury in England, but here they rapidly become a weighty nuisance. Any slight inconvenience was quickly forgotten as we landed on the island of the "Man in the Iron Mask", and viewed the prison in its magnificent scenery. Deafened by the chirp of cicadas we sat in an open-air restaurant for lunch under the pines right by the sea, where we were able to survey the beauty of the island. We landed next on the equally attractive island of St. Honorat, where our interests seemed divided between refreshment, swimming, and a walk round the island. Miles, assisted by our guide and natural agility, actually captured a cicada. It was with regret that we left this spot, at which Lady Docker had chosen to moor her yacht.

More free time in Nice followed as, in perfect weather, we lazed and shopped and swam—the latter with the aid of much newly-purchased breathing equipment!

All too soon we found our seats for the return journey, leaving behind the cacti, the orange trees, the palms, the heat, a blue sky and a bluer sea.

Breakfast in Paris and then a return via Bologne-Folkestone instead of Newhaven, owing to the huge crowds travelling—what had the crowds done to the tempers of Passport and Customs Officers? Stewart will tell us.

Now back in Wellingborough perhaps we remember—Miles, well-done on both sides, Keller a little modest, Bayes in conflict with a door—or just the beauties of the South?

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VENICE - FLORENCE - SIENA - PISA
A CANADIAN VISIT

Our party of 34 Cadets left London for the 1955 visit to the Dominion during the last week in July. Flying via the Azores and Newfoundland we arrived, after 19 hours in the air, at Montreal. After being allotted temporary living quarters in the city we were given an itinerary of forthcoming events.

During the first week we visited major cities such as Quebec, Ottawa and Montreal, and were splendidly entertained in the most prominent hotels by the organisers. Throughout the whole time we were shown an extremely high standard of living, without being allowed to obtain a false sense of value. On a particular visit to Montreal Baseball area we were introduced to baseball and American football, both of which were enjoyable, although a little confusing. This part of the stay was terminated by a 100-mile ride on the newest Canadian Pacific locomotive and a week-end of water ski-ing and swimming at St. Agathe, in the Laurentian Mountains.

Flying westward over countless miles of uninhabited backwoods we entered the Province of Ontario, and were allowed four free days in Algonquin National Park. Here we did exactly as we wished, eating and sleeping in the open and putting to good use the numerous sporting facilities which were available. We flew south after this stay through the formidable hurricane 'Connie', to St. Catharine, the Garden of Canada, which was close to the junction of Lakes Ontario and Erie. Here we saw the unforgettable Niagara Falls and rapids, and some of us were allowed to cross the Rainbow Bridge into the 'States. We stayed in private accommodation and were properly introduced to the average Canadian's way of life.

Returning to Montreal via Toronto, Berden, Trenton and Dorval, we ended our stay by really living day by day in our own time in the cities' routine. It must be emphasised that during the whole 3½ weeks we were shown splendid hospitality and friendliness, both by the people we were arranged to meet and those we met on our own accord. The trip, quickly as it passed, presented us with a rare opportunity for gaining the experiences of a life time.

B. M. BARCLAY, U. VI. Sc.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

In October the new Committee was formed, with a mixture of old and new faces, and after two meetings there are signs of a very active year ahead.

Apart from our usual activities of Rugger, Badminton, etc., we are now discussing outings for next summer, e.g. a proposed visit to the Police Driving School at Hendon, but as many Chairmen have said before, "activities are useless without support". Nevertheless we, the
Association, cannot complain at recent numbers joining the Association from School. Indeed, the percentages have been very high of late, which leads one to believe that security measures have been tightened up to minimise the numbers of school leavers slipping through the corridor doors without paying their 2/6d. initial membership fees.

On a more serious note though, I hope all boys soon leaving School will give real thought to joining the Association, both to share in its activities and to support its most important function—that of upholding, maintaining, and furthering the traditions which are initiated by the Parent School. Old Boys, with the world as their sports' field, have great opportunities to perform these functions and services.

On behalf of the Association, I would thank the Staff and boys of the School for their continued help and support, and finally, wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and Good Luck in the New Year.

M. C. C. KNOWLES

RUGBY REPORT

The results to date so far this season have not been of the highest order, but many stiff fixtures have been encountered. The club continues to turn out two teams and the table of results is:

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The 1st XV., under the capable leadership of Peter Smith, has now settled down after a bad start, and the team is producing attacking Rugby that should bring a few more victories. Several players have been promoted from the 'A' XV. which, skippered by Don Burton, proves so useful to the club. Several boys of the School have been given games this season and this policy is being pursued by the selection committee.

The social activities of the members continue to flourish. Two dances have already been held at the Gloucester Hall, which proved to be very successful. A further two are arranged for the latter part of the season.

The usual sausage and mash supper is being held and the annual visit to Twickenham this season will be to the Ireland game.

OXFORD NOTES

This term nine Old Boys, at present in residence in Oxford, met at a party given by S. W. Brown and N. Rich. It was decided to hold an annual dinner with the Old Boys from Cambridge. This year arrangements are being made by A. B. Crawford to hold the dinner sometime during the Trinity term in Oxford.
R. Shawley (St. Peter’s Hall), M. G. Horne (St. Peter’s Hall), and A. B. Crawford (Christ Church), are working hard for their Finals, to be taken next summer.

This term, two Old Boys came up to Oxford as Freshmen: S. W. Brown (St. Peter’s Hall) and R. Westcott (Christ Church). The former has taken to rowing, and has been training hard for the Novice Eights, held at the end of the Michaelmas term.

P. J. Richardson (Wadham), was elected to a scholarship as a result of a 1st in Physics Moderations. He has also played Squash.

D. S. Law (Merton), is reading for his Part II. in Chemistry. He has captained Merton Rugby this term and the College has had a very successful season.

D. W. Barber (Merton), University Cross-County Team. Half-Blue for cross-country.

P. Eden (Balliol), has returned to Oxford this term, after having completed his National Service and is doing research.

N. Rich (St. Catherine’s Society), has played Hockey for the Society. He spent four weeks of the long vacation with a University party in Spain and Majorca.

CAMBRIDGE NOTES

P. F. Jones continues to play Rugby for Trinity Hall . . . enjoying life generally . . .

P. A. Groome has not been seen too often and is presumably working hard for this year’s exams.

J. Edwards has divided time between bridge, table tennis and soccer—having played for the College team in the latter.

P. Frogley has really settled down to work this term.

C. B. Johnson has been dancing regularly with the University Old Time Dance Club.

B. Tyler has found time from work to hold the Treasurer’s position in C.U.T.W.C., and plays Squash.

L. Clipstone has been working hard but has turned his sporting instincts to table tennis, for which he has represented his College.

M. Hornsey has been working hard—much to his disappointment.

J. Warwick hasn’t found sufficient time as yet to indulge in any campanology, but hopes to, soon

D. R. Moreton, having been informed that everyone plays something at Cambridge, has turned his Maths. training and sporting skill to ‘tiddleywinks’.

G. T. Ridge has represented his College on the Rugby field.
NEWS OF OLD BOYS

D. S. Law has played for Oxford University Rugby XV. this term and travelled as a reserve to the University Match at Twickenham.

D. Barber finished 5th of the Oxford University Cross-Country team of 8 runners which beat Cambridge at Roehampton. His time of 41 mins. 10 secs for the 7½ mile course was only a few seconds outside the course record.

P. J. Richardson has been elected to an Honorary Scholarship in Natural Science at Wadham College, Oxford, having obtained 1st Class Hons. in Physics Moderations in the summer.

J. P. Hyde, J. Hyde, and C. P. Daniels have played for the East Midlands Rugby XV. this season.

P. R. Wix has had an article on Swine Erysipelas published in a Veterinary Journal, following research into the disease.

P. W. Furnell has been awarded a David Richards (Geography) travel scholarship for 1955.

A. Towers, as Secretary of his College Rugby Club, was presented to the Queen Mother, on the occasion of her installation as Chancellor of London University.