WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1st XI. — 1957

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(Captain) (Hon. Sec.)
SCHOOL NOTES

Second Prefect: D. N. Hall.

Prefects:

We welcome to the Staff this term two new Masters, Mr. J. L. Greenwood, b.a. (Sheffield), and Mr. C. McCall, b.sc. (Hull). Mr. Greenwood comes to teach English, and Mr. McCall, an Old Boy of the School, takes Chemistry and Physics. Both play rugger for the Old Grammarians, and we are very glad to have their assistance with School games.

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huddart on the birth of a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stratfold, to whom also a son was recently born.

Work on the extensions to the School building is now well under way. It is hoped that it will be completed by Easter, when we shall have a new Music Room, Biology Laboratory, and an extra classroom.

Sir John Cockroft, k.c.b., has accepted an invitation to distribute the prizes at the School Prize-Giving next June, and has also consented to give his name to the new laboratory.

We were extremely glad to welcome back to School this term B. A. Tall and D. W. Munns, both having now made good recoveries from the injuries they sustained when struck by lightning during a cricket match at Peterborough last summer.

M. D. Kitson, R. D. Summers, and A. Angel have this term played for the Northamptonshire Schools (Under-15) XV, and J. Tye was chosen as reserve. P. R. R. Attley, S. C. Norsworthy, and R. King-Underwood have been selected for the Northamptonshire Schools’ Senior XV and are to play against Greater Birmingham Schools during the Christmas holidays. We heartily congratulate all these boys.

The influenza epidemic struck the School in the early part of the term, and reached its peak during the first week of October, when 260 boys were away ill. After that, however, it died out fairly quickly.

Parties from the School have this term visited Towcester Grammar School, to see their production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, and Northampton Repertory Theatre to see “She Stoops to Conquer”. Fifth Form boys have also visited Stewarts & Lloyds, Corby.
We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Magazines from many other Schools.

Congratulations are extended to B. A. Clarke and J. P. Dickenson, who were recently made Queen's Scouts.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

Hon. Secretary: J. O. Greenhalf.

1st XV.

The 1st XV, so far, has done extremely well. In terms of results they have achieved some very creditable performances, having beaten King’s G.S. for the first time for some years and accounted for strong Stowe and Oundle teams, as well as bringing home the expected victories. The two losses were against undeniably superior sides, but neither game was by any means one-sided.

The most pleasing yet surprising feature has been the performance of the pack. Confronted with the smallest and most inexperienced pack for some time, some misgivings were felt, but these forwards, ably led and inspired by King-Underwood, have exceeded anything that could be expected of them. Always outweighed, often badly, they have played with great spirit and zest. Their quickness about the field, coupled with the extreme vigour of their play have laid the foundations of success. All of them have worked superlatively well, being in the thick of things at all times without ‘resting’ or hanging on the fringe. Their foot rushes, quick and hard tackling, pouncing on mistakes and increasing ability to handle deserve high praise, together with their proficiency in set scrums and line-outs. Two faults can be found, however. Inexperience has led to a certain hesitancy at times, though this is fast disappearing, and binding in the loose and pushing together over the ball could well be improved.

The three-quarters have always looked capable of scoring tries. An earlier defensive weakness in the centre and an insufficiently long and quick pass from the scrum have been remedied, making them a well equipped division who pass well and run strongly. Much has depended on two people: Attley, at fly half, whose cool generalship, sensible kicking, very useful covering and ability to make opening after opening have been of great value, and Norsworthy, whose magnificent tackling, well-timed passing and new found guile in his incisive running have provided stability and essential thrust in the centre. This
is not to say that the remainder have not pulled their weight both in attack and defence. Bland, at full back has improved with every game, fielded well, kicked safely and shown a good sense of when to run with the ball.

It is convenient to deal with forwards and backs separately, but the strong point of the team has been, in fact, its play as a team. The great enthusiasm and spirit of all, their careful refusal to accept any notion of opponents' superiority and their willing co-operation have made this term most enjoyable as well as successful.

We congratulate R. R. Attley, R. King-Underwood and S. C. Norsworthy on their selection for the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools' (over-15) XV.


The following have also played: R. F. Denton, G. M. Parnell, M. Y. Palmer, R. Orton, R. V. Klegeris.

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2ND XV

On results alone it must be said that during the first half of the season the 2nd XV have had only moderate success. However, there are signs that they can and will develop into a useful team.

At the moment the side consists of fifteen individuals and as individuals they play well, but in order to obtain favourable results team-work is essential. The forwards must work as a pack and the backs as a line.

Tomlin at stand-off has striven with considerable success to hold the side together as a team and by his play and enthusiasm has proved to be an excellent captain.

If the side can play as a team in the remaining matches then they will win more often than they will lose. The individual talent is there, but it must be blended into team-work to show at its best.

RESULTS

Oct. 12 v. Deacon’s G.S., Peterborough 2nd XV (H) Won 26—3
Nov. 7 v. Bedford School 4th XV (H) Lost 20—0
Nov. 9 v. King’s G.S., Peterborough 2nd XV (H) Lost 12—3
Nov. 16 v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XV (H) Lost 6—5
Nov. 23 v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 12—3

UNDER-15 XV

This has, to date, been a mixed season. After an initial defeat, to which an Eastern virus contributed, the side began to play together as a team and a series of victories resulted. Two defeats recently, however, have shown up weaknesses.

Defeat by King’s School, Peterborough, showed a lack of covering by the forwards who must learn to ‘corner flag’ when opponents are building up an attack. Two ‘break throughs’ resulted in tries which cost us the match.

Against Oundle we learned the hard way that fitness is a ‘must’ for any team. With darkness immediately after School, time for training is difficult to find, but all members of the team should train as frequently as possible.

The forwards, apart from failings already mentioned, have worked hard in the loose and are beginning to realise that a quick heel from a loose scrum is invaluable. Often outweighted, they have still managed to give their backs a fair share of the ball.

The backs have played quite well individually, but better passing, and better positioning are necessary for full cohesion as a line. Tackling, although not always low, has usually been effective.

A little more determination, a little more keenness, and this could be a good side.

Congratulations to M. D. Kitson, R. D. Summers and A Angel on selection to play for Northamptonshire Schools’ 15 Group XV of which Kitson is Captain.


The following have also played: C. R. Ealey, C. Simpson, R. J. Wrenn, A. G. Bryan, J. F. Goosey, B. Mason.

RESULTS

Oct. 5 v. Corby G.S. U-15 XV (A) Lost 11—0
Oct. 12 v. Deacon’s G.S., Peterborough U-15 XV (A) Won 30—0
Nov. 9 v. King’s G.S., Peterborough U-15 XV (A) Lost 8—3
Nov. 19 v. Oundle Junior Colts (A) Lost 26—3
UNDER-14 XV

The Under-14 XV, under the able captaincy of B. A. Tall, has so far enjoyed a most successful season, winning all but one of its games. A most pleasing feature has again been the great enthusiasm shown by all players, and victories have been gained by efficient team-work rather than by the outstanding contributions of a few individuals.

The team has always endeavoured to play attractive attacking Rugby, and the handling has usually been very good. There has been, on occasion, a lack of thrust in the centre, and a lack of speed in getting the ball away from the scrum, but these have been only minor blemishes which, it is hoped, will disappear as experience is gained.

The forwards have become a very workmanlike combination. Their line-out work and set-scummmaging have been efficient, and the only weakness has been an occasional failure to heel quickly enough from the loose scrums.

There are several boys on the fringe of this XV whose opportunities to play in School matches have been restricted by the consistent performances of the regular team members. These occasional players have, when called upon, shown considerable promise, and we are fortunate in having such competent and keen reserves. They will doubtless have more and more opportunities as they progress through the School.

Altogether, a most enjoyable and encouraging term.

The usual XV has been: M. Leeson, R. M. De Banke, P. G. Tomkins, D. R. Reading, R. A. Barden or R. C. Scott, M. C. Gray, T. M. Gotch, R. J. Buchta, A. G. Marlow, G. J. Drage, D. A. Holder, P. Catlin, R. J. Bradshaw, B. A. Tall, D. J. Stanton.

The following boys have also played: N. King-Underwood, P. E. Jackson, D. W. Munns, M. L. Rogers, J. G. Allen, P. A. Tompkins, D. L. Murray.

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UNDER-13 XV

The Under-13 XV has suffered very mixed fortunes so far this season. Any early over-confidence rapidly disappeared when Rushden Tennyson Road fielded a big, strong Under-14 XV and proceeded to score tries almost at will. Such an unequal match should have con-
vinced the team that good tackling is essential if a team is to win matches. When every member of the team appreciates this the Under-13 XV should be a fairly good side. They have some good strong runners among the backs, and the forwards must realise that, on dry grounds particularly, their main duty is to give these backs the chance to show their abilities. Only by packing well in the loose scrums and ceaselessly pursuing the loose ball can this duty be effectively carried out. They should not be disheartened by their defeats, but show increased determination in their future matches.


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

**CRICKET**

**1st XI**

So far as results were concerned the playing record of the team in the latter part of the term was not impressive. From the end of June no further match was won or advantageously drawn.

Several factors would seem to account for this. Missed chances, though one or two were difficult, meant that two dominant and decisive innings were played for Kettering Grammar School and King’s School. Here and on other occasions the bowling lost its hostility, fieldsmen failed to cut off numerous boundaries and field placing was not as scientific as it might have been. Defensive field placing is essential against batsmen well set. Above all, batsmen in form earlier in the term failed to make many runs later. Concentration and application, together with adequate footwork, are essential against the slow bowler, in particular, when making shots off the front foot.

Nevertheless the past season had its redeeming features. Perhaps the successes of May and June were in part due to the magnificent weather—an indispensable requisite for an enjoyable game of cricket. Later preoccupation with external examinations meant that most members of the side were unable to secure regular practice for about three weeks, which was undoubtedly a handicap in several cases.
For the first time for a number of years the Masters gained a very decisive and well deserved victory. Batting first, the Masters soon lost Mr. Mardell, but an excellent first wicket partnership by Mr. Wrenn (69) and Mr. Tompkins (59) took the score to 138 before both were dismissed. Mr. Butcher added a brisk 34 and Mr. Riach 12 before the Masters declared at 185 for 6. Bean (2–54) and James (3–57) worked hard for their small reward. The 1st XI added 27 for the first wicket but thereafter wickets fell at regular intervals to the very accurate bowling of Mr. Butcher (6–51) and Mr. Wrenn (2–37) and the 1st XI were dismissed for 124 leaving the Masters victors by 61 runs. Only Wilson (70) and Bean (22) showed the ability to play the spin bowling of Mr. Butcher, who bowled unchanged throughout the innings.

RESULTS

22nd June v. Kettering G.S.  Drawn.
  W.G.S. 44 for 6.
  Kettering G.S. 151 for 3 dec. (Coles 101 not out).

29th June v. King’s School.  Lost by 90 runs.
  W.G.S. 89 (Hodson 30, Clayton 24).
  King’s School 179 for 6 dec. (Huggins 91).

6th July v. Kettering G.S.  Lost by 7 wickets.
  W.G.S. 58 (Horne 17).
  Kettering G.S. 61 for 3.

11th July v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C.  No Decision.

23rd July v. Masters’ XI.  Masters won by 61 runs.
  Masters’ XI 185 for 5 (Mr. H. A. Wrenn 69, Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins 59, Mr. E. P. Butcher 34).

PLAYING RECORD

Played—12  Won—3  Lost—3  Drawn—4  No Decision—2

The team was selected from :— Bean (Capt.), Sharman, Frost, Wilson, Attley, Hodson, Clayton, Powell, Horne, Tear, James, Green, Tomlin, Young, M. E. Robinson, Tunney.

1st XI Colours were awarded as follows :—

  **Full Colours**: Attley, Wilson, Clayton.
  **Half Colours**: Tear, James, Horne.

2ND XI

The 2nd XI had a rather indecisive season. First, although only two games were lost, no fewer than five were drawn. Secondly, in spite of various bowling experiments, a successful combination remained undiscovered at the end of the season. Thirdly, lapses in concentration and a lack of keenness in the field often weakened the effectiveness of the bowling.
The strength lay in the batting, which improved considerably as the weeks passed. With growing strength and confidence, Roberts transformed his former latent batsmanship into reality. Young, if he survived the initial nervous prodding, played some attractive innings—his 98 at Kettering was distinguished by an array of crisp, accurate, powerful shots to the off boundary. Green and Tomlin made many good strokes, especially when they got off to a sound start. Palmer, Robinson and Jones sometimes made runs when needed, but all were guilty of a faulty, probing technique on the off instead of either moving across to the ball and hitting it hard or leaving it alone altogether.

Young and Tomlin bore the brunt of the bowling. Unfortunately, Jones, Green and Leslie did not bowl as well as was hoped. Fielding positions, including that of wicket-keeper, presented problems. Young captained the side quite efficiently.

It was thus a moderately successful season and to most players, certainly, an enjoyable one. However, it did appear on a number of occasions that at least two players displayed a lack of team spirit—notice must be read and, for home fixtures, there is always a little work to be done to prepare the ground.

RESULTS

22nd June v. Kettering G.S.            Won by 5 wickets.
    W.G.S. 68 for 5 (Roberts 23, Tomlin 23).
    Kettering G.S. 67 (Young 3 for 13).
29th June v. King's School, Peterborough.  Drawn.
    W.G.S. 144 for 5 dec. (Roberts 53, Green 34, Young 32).
    King's School 74 for 6 (Tomlin 3 for 15).
    W.G.S. 167 for 6 dec. (Young 98).
    Kettering G.S. 74 for 3.
13th July v. Deacon's School.           Won by 6 wickets.
    W.G.S. 30 for 4.
    Deacon's School 29 (Young 4 for 13, Tomkin 4 for 13).
20th July v. Old Grammarians' XI.       Drawn.
    W.G.S. 89 (Green 36).
    Old Grammarians 43 for 9 (Young 6 for 15).

PLAYING RECORD

Played—10  Won—3  Lost—2  Drawn—5.

The following played during the term:—A. Young (Captain), Roberts, Green, Tear, Tomlin, M. E. Robinson, M. Y. Palmer, T. F. Jones, Tunney, Leslie, Greenhalf, R. King-Underwood, York, R. E. Smith, J. L. H. Bailey, Maddock, R. D. S. White, G. Bayes, D. S. Wilson, Sugars.

Colours were awarded to:—Young, Green, Tunney, Roberts, Tomlin.

UNDER-15 XI

The Under-15 XI completed the season rather as they began it, being let down by their batting. In only one of the remaining games, that against King’s, were runs scored in sufficient numbers and at a quick enough rate to give a chance of victory. A disastrously slow start against Wellingborough School forced us to bat longer than we should before declaring and robbed us of what should have been a certain win. In the other two completed games our batsmen lacked the confidence and footwork to play the good fast bowling of Kettering and the inviting slow bowling of Bedford School. Our bowling and fielding was of a reasonably good standard, but considering the potential talent in the side the batting disappointed in comparison.

RESULTS

29th June v. King’s School. Won by 23 runs.
W.G.S. 112 for 3 (Kitson 56 not out, Maher 33 not out).
King’s School 89 (Partridge 6 for 29).

2nd July v. Bedford School. Lost by 10 wickets.
W.G.S. 43.
Bedford School 44 for 0.

W.G.S. 82 (Nunley 19, Dunkley 19).
Wellingborough School 32 for 8 (Maher 3 for 5).

11th July v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 6 wickets.
W.G.S. 47 (Maher 20).
Kettering G.S. 48 for 4.

18th July v. Blackfriars’. No Decision.
Blackfriars’ 44 for 5.

PLAYING RECORD

Played—11 Won—3 Lost—4 Drawn—3 No Decision—1.

The team was selected from: — Partridge (Captain), K. D. Billing, Goosey, Millwood, Kitson, Robertson, Sauntson, Wrenn, Dunkley, Maher, Nunley, Underwood, Griffiths, Reading.

Colours were awarded to: — Partridge, Dunkley, Maher, Kitson, Nunley.

Fielding Caps: — Sauntson, Goosey, Wrenn, Robertson.

UNDER-14 XI

The Under-14 XI continued their good start to the season, winning three of the four remaining matches, thus maintaining an unbeaten record for the second season.

Notable amongst good batting performances was an unbroken stand of 100 by Bradshaw and Billing against Kettering G.S. The firm foundations laid by the batsmen were well supported by the bowlers, who frequently returned good figures.
No little contribution was made to the successful season by the keenness of all in the field, few chances being missed. The match against King's School, Peterborough, was brought to a premature close by a most unfortunate accident. Play had just been resumed after tea when the field was struck by a single but very violent and freakish flash of lightning. Boys awaiting their innings were affected, two, Barry Tall and Derek Munns, seriously. We are very pleased to be able to say that both have made good recoveries. Munn's eyesight continues to improve and we hope to see him amongst the runs again next season. Tall now shows no ill effects—indeed he is Captain of the present Under-15 XV.

Our thanks are due to all who rendered assistance in this unusual occurrence.

RESULTS

27th June v. Northampton G.S.  
W.G.S. 81 for 3 (Billing 45, Leeson 28 not out).  
Northampton G.S. 77 (Billing 4 for 12, Jackson 4 for 20).

29th June v. King's School, Peterborough.  
W.G.S. 6 for 0. Rain stopped play.  
King's School 57 (Jackson 5 for 9).

4th July v. Kettering G.S.  
W.G.S. 100 for 0 (Billing 47 not out, Bradshaw 46 not out).  
Kettering G.S. 32 (Billing 4 for 9, P. A. Tompkins 3 for 5, Jackson 3 for 11).

6th July v. Corby G.S.  
W.G.S. 82 (Leeson 41).  
Corby G.S. 45 (Jackson 4 for 5, P. A. Tompkins 3 for 28).

PLAYING RECORD

Played—10  Won—8  Lost—0  Drawn—2.

The following played during the term:—Bradshaw (Captain), K. D. Billing, Kitson, Leeson, Frisby, Gray, P. G. Tompkins, P. A. Tompkins, Stevenson, Burrell, Perkins, Tall, Munns, Talbot, Jackson, Barber, Barden.

Colours were awarded to:—Bradshaw, Billing, Munns, Leeson, Jackson, P. A. Tompkins.

Fielding Caps:—P. G. Tompkins, Frisby, Gray, Burrell, Perkins.

HOUSE MATCHES

RESULT OF COMPETITION

1. Gryphons . . . 21 points
2. Lions
   Stags . . . 18 points
4. Dragons . . . 15 points
ATHLETICS

As a result of his performance in the County Championships, M. J. Sharman represented Northamptonshire in the 220 yards (Junior) in the Schools' Inter-County Championship held at Southampton on 19th and 20th July.

In the Open Handicap Meeting at Finedon on July 13th the following successes were obtained:—100 yards, aged 12: 1st Mitchell, 3rd Bonham; 880 yards (15—18): 2nd Cook. On July 20th J. T. Sharman secured a second place in the 880 yards Handicap (Junior) in the Open Handicap Meeting held at Duston.

The annual Triangular Match against Northampton and Kettering Grammar Schools was held on our ground on July 22nd. As usual it was a very close contest, with the result remaining in doubt until nearly the last event. We were eventually successful with 150 points, Northampton scoring 140½ points and Kettering 93½ points. Our team performed well, but special mention must be made of J. T. Sharman, who set up a new School Record of 2 mins. 5.8 secs. for the Senior 880 yards; M. Tye for a Senior High Jump record of 5 feet 6 inches; King-Underwood who won the Junior Long and High Jumps, the latter being a new record of 4 feet 9 inches; and Dean who equalled the record in the Junior 100 yards and set up a new record of 27.2 secs. in the Junior 220 yards.

Colours were awarded to:—


Middle: M. J. Sharman, Richardson, Day, Jose, Mason.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual Inter-House sports took place at Wilby Lido on July 19th. Prior to this the House had obtained points for distance swimming, and in this 150 boys achieved the maximum distance of a quarter of a mile. At this stage the Dragons were in the lead and they forged farther ahead as the sports progressed. They now have eight successive wins to their credit.

The inter-form relays as usual caused the most excitement, apart from the jackdaw's hop along the spring-board during the diving competition.

RESULTS

Under-13 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Newman (D) 2. McIntyre (L) 3. Roche, E (G) 4. Sherer (S)
Time: 24.6 secs.

Under-14 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Allen, J. G. (G) 2. Buchta (D) 3. Dobbs (S)
Time: 20.5 secs.

Under-15 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Clarke (L) 2. King-Underwood (S) 3. Linnet (D) 4. Robertson (G)
Time: 24.6 secs.
Under-16 25 yards Backstroke :
  1. Tall, D. (D) 2. James, D. (G) 3. Pope (S) 4. Favell (L)
  Time: 18.0 secs.

Open 25 yards Backstroke :
  Time: 18.9 secs.

Under-14 Diving :
  1. Billett (G) 2. Hammond (D) 3. Marlow (S) 4. Dicks (L)

Under-13 25 yards Breaststroke :
  1. Palmer (D) 2. Gillet (S) 3. Talbot (G) 4. Bonham (L)
  Time: 22.6 secs.

Under-14 50 yards Breaststroke :
  1. Roche (G) 2. Foster (L) 3. Colson (S) 4. Catlin (D)
  Time: 48.8 secs.

Under-15 50 yards Breaststroke :
  1. Simpson (D) 2. Tye (S) 3. Wrenn (G) 4. Ward, V. (L)
  Time: 42.1 secs.

Under-16 50 yards Breaststroke :
  1. Brown (S) 2. Palmer (G) 3. Green (D) 4. Oberman (L)
  Time: 44.1 secs.

Open 100 yards Breaststroke :
  1. Wilson, W. J. (S) 2. Robinson (D) 3. Willey (L) 4. Pettifer (G)
  Time: 1 min. 28.5 secs.

Open Diving :
  1. Cox (D) 2. Attley (S) 3. Smith (G) 4. Foster (L)

Under-13 25 yards Freestyle :
  1. Drage (G) 2. Hammond (D) 3. Bonham (L) 4. Ely (S)
  Time: 18.2 secs.

Under-14 25 yards Freestyle :
  1. Murray (S) 2. Tall, G. (D) 3. De Banke (G) 4. Creasey (L)
  Time: 18.0 secs.

Under-15 25 yards Freestyle :
  1. Jolley (G) 2. Marlow (S) 3. Baxter (D) 4. Lewis (L)
  Time: 17.7 secs.

Under-15 50 yards Freestyle :
  1. Penness (S) 2. Drage (D) 3. Kirk (L) 4. Sweatman (G)
  Time: 41.0 secs.

Under-16 50 yards Freestyle :
  1. Cairns (D) 2. Allen, K. (L) 3. Tomlin (S) 4. Gotch (G)
  Time: 37.0 secs.

Open 50 yards Freestyle :
  1. Wilson, D. M. (S) 2. Cox (D) 3. Coates, R. (L)
  4. Wilson, D. S. (G)
  Time: 38.0 secs.

Open 100 yards Freestyle :
  1. Greenhalf (D) 2. Murray (S) 3. Seekington (L)
  4. Sharnan (G)
  Time: 1 min. 9.0 secs.

Under-13 4 x 1 length Relay :
  Time: 2 mins. 24.8 secs.
Under-15 4 x 1 length Relay:
Time: 2 mins. 21.0 secs.

Open 4 x 1 length Relay:
Time: 1 min. 51.1 secs.

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**P.E. Competition**

Despite the late date of the competition and consequent difficulty in finding sufficient players for Senior teams, the battle for the P.E. Cup proved to be quite keen and reached an exciting climax with the final result depending upon the last event.

The form of the competition calls upon each House to provide some 82 of its members to participate and it can be truly said that this is a House competition.

The Stags and Dragons alternated in first place throughout, until the final event brought the former victory by a mere two points.

**Final Positions**

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**SCHOOL JOURNEY—PALMA AND BARCELONA**

We made our usual early start—5.30 a.m.—on August 23rd for what was to be our longest journey yet—over 1,200 miles from Wellingborough to Palma—but the absolute punctuality of everybody, a meeting of both coaches to the second at Rushden and a comfortable short sea route crossing to Paris proved good omens for our outward journey. In Paris, at the Café Biard, the self-service was a model of spotless efficiency, but the anxious enquiries “What’s that stuff?”, “How do you eat this?” proved that the party was still mindful of food in Wellingborough. Having persuaded Gilmour to remain with us although he seemed reluctant, we saw a little of Paris from the coaches and at least felt the satisfaction of being in the larger vehicles in the Paris traffic battle.

Promptly to the second the ‘Barcelona Express’ left the Austerlitz and with satisfaction we began to settle for the night in a train which proved so empty that we were even able to spread over empty seats; but the emptiness of the train brought ticket collectors and comments of pointed unpleasantness for those in comfort? on the rack! One should record Mason’s public-spirited action in finding out ‘opening-time’ in the Refreshment Car and his tragic lapse into sleep during the whole of the time in question! With ease the 18-coach train averaged
63 m.p.h. during the night and from Toulouse we had the honour of being hauled by BB 9004 which holds the world record of 206 m.p.h., but fortunately not with us. The speed through the darkness did, however, lend point to a boy's remark of "I hope the driver's not as sleepy as I am". Breakfast in the Restaurant Car brought us all to life and we viewed with interest the southern vegetation, the vineyards and the rapidly approaching Pyrenees. Soon we were waiting and still waiting to enter Spain through a tunnel of most amazing filthiness. Mason and Galloway, who thought a lunch in the Restaurant Car a reasonable investment in order to get a drink, can vouch for the fact that much of the 'coal' used by Spanish locos emerges from the chimney quite unburnt since they ate a quantity with the otherwise good meal, but since some of these engines date from 1885 this is not surprising. With the aid of a rather newer loco we were able to manage about 28 m.p.h., which, over a track which seemed in some places laid on sleepers retaining many of the characteristics of the original tree, was quite reasonable. A rather dingy approach down what in this country might pass for neglected goods sidings brought us 40 minutes late to Barcelona. Informed by the agent meeting us that this was very good time, we sat down at 2.45 p.m. to a luxurious 5-course lunch. Everyone seemed to do justice to the food and, still wearing quite well after 34 hours, we went to have a quick look at Barcelona—wide avenues to cross, plenty of trams to avoid, and traffic police and signals which have to be obeyed on pain of a fine! To the airport where the usual smooth arrangements were met with, including an application for an extra £38 before the party could embark—due to the devaluation of the franc! Mr. Cheale provided this without pleasure and both air parties enjoyed an uneventful flight. At Palma the first party was greeted by Don Pedro, who gave us the first example of his organising ability by settling in most of the party by the light of a few meagre candles during an electricity failure. The second party arrived still comparatively fresh, having put up a new School record of a 40-hour journey. Dinner at 10.15 p.m. and the restoration of the electricity coincided to complete our revival and by 11.30 p.m. silence? had descended.

Next morning found some of the party up about seven, and breakfast at the typically Spanish time of 9.15 did not meet with approval. However, the brilliant blue sky, the equally blue Mediterranean to be inspected from the flat roof, the palms, oranges and the other strange vegetation of our own patio already presented a very pleasing foretaste of the days to follow. After breakfast with its inevitable 'ensaimada'—eaten, it is said, every day by everyone in the island—we followed our own inclinations, some to walk to town, some by what are reputed to the slowest trams in the world, and the remainder to the swimming-pools of the luxury hotels. The late afternoon found us, with thousands of the local population, crowding into the bull-ring to witness an extremely messy 'entertainment', not one which many of us have any desire to repeat.

On Monday we set off on the first of our day excursions—without Mrs. Ward, Galloway and Mason (who had been struck down!) and
Mrs. Cheale (on 'medical' supervision). Both coaches had narrow escapes which are such a feature of Majorcan driving skill? and after a most interesting run right across the island past the primitive farms, each with its windmill pump and irrigation ditches, almond trees, figs, locust beans and giant clusters of prickly pears, we reached the famous caves of Drach. In company with some hundreds of other visitors we walked through the caves, always downwards, to the sea, past thousands of stalactites and stalagmites in fantastic formations until we reached the great cavern with its underground lake. Here, seated on benches, we heard the acoustics demonstrated by a concert given by an orchestra on boats, the programme finishing with fine lighting effects, but even more impressive, perhaps, was the transportation of about 700 people across the lake so rapidly in only four boats. The afternoon was spent at Porto Cristo buying souvenirs and swimming. On the return journey a stop was made at Manacor, where what are reputed to be the finest artificial pearls in the world provided even more purchases.

Next day, during sightseeing in the town, Don Pedro escorted us to the Lonja and afterwards to the cathedral, where we viewed the magnificent interior, the rich robes and jewelled ornaments of the cathedral treasure and ended our visit with an organ recital to show the wonderful harmony of instrument and building.

Our next full day outing took us across the great almond orchards up through the mountains to Valldemosa for a visit to the monastery. Although some boys in shorts were refused admission to the church, we all visited the cell where Chopin lived and composed in 1838 (one boy even struck a note on his piano) and, equally interesting, admired the magnificent views from the terrace. The visit concluded with an attractive demonstration of Majorcan national dances. We came out to the coast, passing through the countryside of rocky ‘fields’ of olives, paused high above the shore for the view and then wound our way, far above the rocks below, along the narrow road (one-way by time control) to the port of Soller, lying among orange and lemon groves. Here, in the comfort of a restaurant, we ate our packed lunches, Don Pedro treated us to ices, and the rest of the afternoon was spent shopping and swimming. Slowly we climbed from Soller over the 55 hairpin bends to the Arabic gardens of Alfabia, with its water ‘tricks’ amply showered by Don Pedro on the unwary. Boys also found this an opportunity for cooling each other's enthusiasm.

We were variously occupied on our last day in Palma. Boys who had missed an excursion due to indisposition went to Soller by train while others swam, went to town, visited Bellver Castle or the hill village of Genova. Here a few of us tried the prickly pears against local advice and found them distinctly prickly! Both Mallows and Warden were observed trying to clean their tongues with a knife: dangerous—but preferable to a mouthful of spines!

So to our departure from Palma—Mrs. Cheale was out waking some of the party at 5.15—when Don Pedro alone got breakfast for half the party who left with regret at 7! for the airport. The morning was already hot when the first party took off and the second soon
followed. The first flight was rough—very—and several paper bags were used, but the second was, as the air hostess put it, one of the really bad ones of the season! As we entered the clouds the first bump flung all the luggage from the racks to the floor, all the glasses and bottles in the galley were smashed, and then for fifty-five long minutes we rocked and bumped our way to the welcome sight of Barcelona far below! We arrived to find the airport almost flooded and the temperature about twenty degrees lower than in Palma—the worst summer day in Barcelona for years. With rapid efficiency we were transported to our hotel right in the centre of the city and there, with equal efficiency and no sign of the proverbial ‘manana’, we found our accommodation. How small the world is!—in a few minutes boys spotted a formed Wellingborough Town player in the lounge. A very good lunch over, we took advantage of a break in the rain to begin our exploration of this city of contrasts, great modern office blocks in equally modern avenues and squares, modern tubes and double-decker buses and, by contrast, our hotel just off the most popular Ramblas in a street almost too narrow for any traffic!

Next day Mr. Cheale was also ‘struck down’, but the remainder of the party completed a morning’s sightseeing in the city, including the cathedral, points of association with Columbus and the recently-excavated Roman remains. But the afternoon was an even stiffer programme—a long walk through the back streets, a funicular up to Montjuich where we found the military, and then through slums of unbelievable filth to the Spanish Village, a fine collection of typical Spanish regional architecture and crafts. It was nearly 8 p.m. by the time Mr. Ward brought in the last of the party.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Ward took some of the party to a ‘night club’ for a brilliant programme of national dances from all the provinces of Spain. One could only marvel at the freshness and enthusiasm of the performers who gave three shows of an hour (all different)! Later, the returning party about 2 a.m. gave their own noisy performance to the rest of the hotel as they attempted to waken Sharman who had fallen asleep and locked his returning room-mate out. Hammering the door, kicking it, and ringing again and again on the house telephone having produced no result, Billing and Bailey used a much-branched hat-stand which, pushed across the well through his window, at last succeeded!

Sunday in Barcelona left us to our own plans: a visit to the swimming-pool, an ascent of the Columbus Monument, Mount Tibidabo which seems to be the focal point of interest for the local population, standing 1,600 feet high and topped with a church and a rather dignified amusement park, the bull-fight and, for the second time, the Spanish Village. Two examples of the cost of living discovered were: Tibidabo by two trams, tube and funicular at 2/- return, and a taxi across half the city for 2/6!

Just the morning remained for last-minute shopping and a last desperate fight with over-filled cases. At the station all seemed uncertain—departure time drew near but no train or certainty of the right platform—until just as we should have been leaving the train
came in, crammed with arriving passengers. A little despairing, we waited, jammed in the surging crowd, but Spanish organisation was equal to the occasion. There was our coach, quite comfortable and safely guarded, and the train left with commendable promptness. With envy we took a last look at the sea, slowly making our way along the Costa Brava and at last reached the frontier 35 minutes late. Here, order came from chaos, and the French got their train away only twelve minutes late, almost too quickly for the porter with Mr. Cheale and Mr. Ward’s luggage, but he got all he deserved—100 francs (2/-) for eight cases—as he threw it in with the train on the move!

Once again the train was pleasantly empty and after breakfast in the Restaurant Car we arrived in Paris right on time. We had about three hours in which to ‘do’ Paris and, having left our luggage at the Gare du Nord, we took the Metro to the heart of the city and Notre Dame. From there we walked past Sainte Chapelle, the Palais de Justice and the Conciergerie over the Seine and along to the Louvre. Metro again took us to the Place de la Concorde from where we had good views of the Arc de Triomphe, the Tour Eiffel and the Assemblée Nationale, and after walking up to the Madeleine we parted for half-an-hour’s shopping. Just keeping our appointment for lunch at the Café Biard, where it was noted that boys now dealt with the food in much more familiar fashion, we caught our train in comfort at 13.48.

At Boulogne, boys knew nothing of how our fate depended upon the speed of Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Cheale who, leaving the rest of the party far behind, had to rush on board to arrange dinner for us all. The Second Class Dining Room would have been completely inadequate in size, but as we finally got on board, we were greeted with the welcome invitation to make our way to the First Class Restaurant, where it must be said that not only did we eat a first-class meal, but the whole party proved themselves perfect travellers by their complete composure and quiet behaviour. Little remains to tell—perhaps only to enquire how it is possible for British Railways to take so long to get away from Folkestone a train apparently already loaded with passengers and luggage. We finally got home about 2 a.m.

For mention we pick out: Billing and Wrenn risking the plague by counting over seventy thousand very dirty pesetas; Catlin and Tall, who started off unfit, but managed very well; Clarke, who most alarmingly introduced us to the doctor; the doctor and his drugs for dealing so well with our patients; the patients for their quick recovery; Cole for losing all his money; the most likely recipient of it who followed us hoping for more; and the boy who brought back so much money because he couldn’t find anything to spend it on!

Finally, we must mention Don Pedro, who looked after us so well and who mentioned that the party was the best behaved school party he had even seen!

VISIT TO ROYAL NAVY (PORTSMOUTH)

On Wednesday, 4th September, a party of 34 boys and 2 Masters began a three day visit to the Royal Navy. Rain fell heavily during
the journey and indeed prevented us firing guns at the Frazer Gunnery Range that evening; instead we tried our skill in the Dome attempting to shoot down attacking aircraft. Modern methods of range-finding and radar control of guns were also demonstrated here.

Then we were taken aboard H.M.S. “Vanguard” for our first experience of life aboard. Hammocks, in spite of apprehensions, proved to be most comfortable. In the morning, after a tour of the harbour by boat, we visited the Navy of the past, H.M.S. “Victory”, and were then shown various types of ships in the dockyard. It was interesting to see H.M.Y. “Britannia” being dry-docked. Whilst on H.M.S. “Victory” we were joined by representatives of the “Evening Telegraph”, who spent the remainder of the day photographing the activities of the party. We were later the subject of a leading article in the “Wellingborough News”.

After lunch on H.M.S. “Vanguard” we were initiated into some of the mysteries of the submarine at H.M.S. “Dolphin”. Here we were given the freedom of H.M.S. “Taurus”, a distinguished veteran of the last war.

After tea and many photographs by the Press on H.M.S. “Vanguard”, the party was given the freedom of Southsea, returning to those hammocks (now very welcome) by 21.30 hours.

Breakfast over, we left H.M.S. “Vanguard” and began our homeward journey. First stop was the Royal Naval Air Station at Lee-on-Solent; here were helicopters going up in all directions and many types of naval aircraft in the numerous hangars through which we passed. From Lee-on-Solent to H.M.S. “Collingwood”, The Navy’s Electrical Training Centre, where we were shown radar ‘pictures’ of the area and electrical systems of warships. After lunch at H.M.S. “Collingwood” we began the homeward journey proper, pausing at Southampton to make a tour by water of the docks, contrasting the vessels there with those of Portsmouth. Thence back to the land-locked Midlands.

We are very grateful to the Royal Navy for making our visit so enjoyable, and to the “Evening Telegraph” for providing us with a permanent record of our activities.

HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

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

Head of House: D. N. Hall.


House Prefects:
D. N. Hall, M. Wyman, M. E. Robinson, R. Orton, R. O. Greenhalf,
B. A. Clarke.

Secretary: M. Wyman.

At the beginning of term, several new appointments were made. Tall and Spriggs were put in charge of music, with Clarke and Allen as play-producers.
Senior Rugger Captain is Orton, with Greenhalf as Vice-Captain, whilst Tall fills the Junior Captain position, supported by Tompkins. Hall was elected House Captain.

Our position in the Cricket Competition (third) leaves much to be desired, as does our showing on the Rugger field (two matches won, two lost) but we may be proud of our achievements in the swimming pool. The Dragons' perennial, the Swimming Cup, has now been with us for nine years—no other House seems to be in the swim!

Third places in Drama and Athletics earlier in the year also leave considerable room for improvement but a little more enthusiasm by everyone may easily make us the top House.

Orton has been working hard in his capacity as Rugger Captain, and if we do not win the Rugger Cup this year, it will not be through lack of interest.

Our congratulations go out to all Dragons who were academically successful in the past year.

Finally, a hearty welcome is extended to all new Dragons, and we send, to all Dragons past and present, the warmest compliments of the coming season.

GRYPHONS

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

Head of House: S. C. Norsworthy.

School Prefects:
S. C. Norsworthy, J. T. Sharman, D. G. Powell, G. O. Mortin,

House Prefects: As above.

House Secretary: D. M. James.

Since the publication of the summer edition of the Magazine, three cups have been decided and the Rugby Cup is under way once more. The first to be decided was the Swimming Cup. Although we won seven of the twenty-two events the House only managed to reach third position, the same as in the previous year. In the Cricket Cup both teams were unbeaten, but unfortunately the Juniors did not win a match, whereas the Seniors won their match against the Lions. The Senior match versus the Dragons looked as if it would soon be over after James took two wickets in his first over and soon followed up with three more but only one more wicket fell, so the House had to share first place with the Stags instead of winning it outright. Two days before last term ended, the P.T. Competition was decided, but we attained only fourth position although everyone participated enthusiastically.

In this term's Rugby, we congratulate S. C. Norsworthy, who was selected to play for the Northamptonshire Senior Grammar Schools' team. Two House Matches have so far been played; the Seniors have won both their matches, thanks to a strong three-quarter line, whilst
the Juniors have had an overwhelming win and a defeat. These results put us in joint top position in the Cup.

Finally we congratulate those who gained House Colours last term, as well as all newcomers to the House.

LIONS

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

Head of House: P. R. Smeathers.


House Prefects:
G. C. Willey (Secretary), K. F. Allen, N. Nickerson.

Since the last Magazine was published we have seen the Swimming and House P.T. Competitions, but unfortunately the swimming "hoodoo" is still with us and we were placed last.

At the House Meeting at the beginning of this term Smeathers was elected Head of the House. Rugby Captains for this year are K. F. Allen (Seniors) and M. C. Gray (Juniors). At the time of writing this report, two rounds of the Rugby Competition have been held and the Seniors, lacking a strong side, have suffered two defeats, and the Juniors have done no better either. Our congratulations to those boys in the House who gained their G.C.E. and good luck to those taking exams this Christmas.

We welcomed 26 new boys into the House this term and we hope they will do their utmost to improve the fortunes of the House.

Further elections for this year are two new House Prefects, N. Nickerson and K. F. Allen.

Congratulations are offered to Smeathers, Bland, Willey, Richardson, Jose and Nickerson, who have been awarded House Colours.

We are hoping to do well this year in the inter-House Competitions and with the full co-operation of all concerned we shall achieve our aims.

Finally we offer the compliments of the coming season to all Lions, both past and present.

STAGS

House Masters:
Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. E. P. Butcher.


School Prefects:
D. M. Wilson, P. R. R. Attley, R. King-Underwood, K. Bailey (Secretary).

House Prefects: D. Sparkes, R. Tomlin.

The House is able to look back on the past year with much satisfaction; the Stags were first or second in all ten major Competitions, with five first and five second places.
The Stags were victorious in the P.T. Cup under Miles’ leadership and were first equal with the Gryphons in the contest for the Cricket Cup. The Stags’ Senior and Junior Captains for Cricket were D. P. Frost and R. A. Barden respectively. We were second to the Dragons in the Swimming Cup, and have W. J. Wilson to thank for his hard work in leading the Stags to this creditable result.

The major contest of this term is, of course, the Rugger Cup, which we won last year. The second round has been played, and the Stags are at present lying equal first in this event. The praise for the first round goes to the Seniors who, although much hampered by injuries and having players away with the ‘flu, defeated the Dragons. The Juniors were unsuccessful in their first match. We hope that they will do much better in the next rounds.

Appointments made for the year were D. M. Wilson as Head of the House, and R. Tomlin and D. S. Sparkes were elected to become House Prefecs. Attley was elected to captain the Senior Rugby team with R. King-Underwood as Vice-Captain. Marlow and Barden are Captain and Vice-Captain of the Junior team.

M. D. Clark was re-elected to lead the House in the Music Competition of the next term, and relies on us to do our best to help him to bring the Stags to first place. He asked that R. Bradshaw should help him with the Junior School. The producer of the House Play will be K. Bailey.

There is an obvious conclusion to be drawn from the records of the past year—that the Stags’ House is the best in the School! Let us be certain that it remains so.

Finally, we wish all members of the House a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

MUSIC NOTES

The Christmas celebrations this year are taking the form of a performance of part one of Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio”, followed by a miscellany of Christmas carols and hymns. This programme is more ambitious than those of recent years and it is hoped to make it a memorable occasion musically.

Both Senior and Junior Choirs will be taking part in the oratorios and carols. We are unfortunate in not having a regular, competent accompanist, although there are several boys able to help.

On October 8th a coach party of Masters and boys visited Bedford to see and hear a section of the London Philharmonic Orchestra play a programme of music by Dvorak, Brahms, Sibelius and Elgar. The concert was much enjoyed by all who went. It is hoped to arrange a similar visit in the future.

Mr. Greenwood has launched a new branch of musical activity this term. His ‘Record Society’ meets on Thursday evenings, and is already proving popular among the Senior boys.
6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

This year's Summer Camp was one which none of us will forget. We were situated on Old Hall Farm, Shenstone, whose owner Mr. Foden—himself on old Scout—visited us on several occasions.

Shenstone is only three miles from Sutton Coldfield and the site of the Jamboree, which was visited daily by many of our Scouts. The duty patrol could always look forward to some new account of happenings at the Jamboree, including the latest news of Willey's kilt and other acquisitions.

Our own site had something of an international flavour during the four days in which we were joined by two Scouts from Germany. While on the subject of flavours, mention should be made of Stratton's steamed puddings.

We enjoyed another thunderstorm this year, which gave the new tents a chance to prove their mettle. This storm gave us a reminder of last year's 'one-night stand', but we weathered the storm in complete comfort.

Our first job at the beginning of this term was the annual Jumble Sale. Despite considerable competition, the sale and subsequent disposal of material by the Seniors realised over £18.

Our first real meeting took the form of a Hallowe'en Party. R. Palmer won the prize for the best turnip lantern, and everyone agreed that the Seniors should qualify for 2nd Class Cooking! Their 'bangers' were done to perfection.

Wignell and Willey were invested as Queen's Scouts by Mr. Silverwood, the District Commissioner, on September 28th.

Taylor and O'Key have now joined the Seniors. Our new Patrol Leaders are Stratton, Kitto, and Walton. We welcome Talbot, Fish and Allen to the troop.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.
Chairman: P. Gage. Vice-Chairman: P. R. Smeathers.
Secretary: R. F. Miles.

Committee:
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich, P. R. Smeathers, B. E. Gage, K. Bailey, R. F. Miles.

Nine meetings have so far been held this School year. The attendance has mostly been good this term and the lectures have been of a high standard.

Lectures delivered were:

1. 'The History of Surgery,' by D. Payne. In this interesting lecture the speaker described the developments in surgery from the Middle Ages to the present day.
2. 'Radiation and its Uses', by J. S. Hobbs. The utilisation of atomic power was discussed in this lecture.

3. 'Fuel Elements in an Atomic Reactor', by P. Bird. The purification and 'canning' of uranium was described in this lecture.

4. 'The Virus', by D. Wignell. Among other things the most topical subject of 'Asian 'Flu' was explained to an interested audience.

5. 'Power Units', by A. J. Doyle. The development of power units was described in this interesting lecture.

6. 'Space Travel', by G. Bermingham. The principles of space travel were interestingly expounded to a rather amused audience.

7. 'The Efficiency of the Internal Combustion Engine', by R. King-Underwood. In this lecture the speaker described the various factors which affect the efficiency of an engine.

8. 'Glass', by G. Willey. The manufacture and uses of glass were explained and the art of the glass blower expounded.

9. 'Sugar', by J. F. Nutt. The principles of sugar refining were interestingly expounded in this detailed lecture.

THE RAILWAY CLUB

Several meetings have been held this term to continue the construction of our layout, which is now sufficient to fill most of the Hall. For the present, however, a few week-ends are being spent on completing the scenery for the forthcoming School Play. Members will also act as scene shifters during the play. It is felt that this work should offer to members interesting and useful experience and that in future much of the woodwork required for the stage might be built by members interested in carpentry. Membership among the new boys, however, always presents a problem, and it is hoped that boys who may think of joining will not be put off so easily as two first formers, who, finding that we were working on the stage at a Railway Club Meeting, left at once! Attendance at meetings is always particularly important on Saturdays.

For excursions, suggestions have been made of both South Wales and Edinburgh, and, rather nearer, Crewe Works. A decision about these will be made this term.

TOC-H.

The group is flourishing this term and meetings have been held regularly in the Library. Two of our group have become full members of Toc-H. and several new boys have joined us this term.

We have had a few speakers and Bob Purdy, Secretary of the West Birmingham area, gave an interesting talk on Toc-H. to the Sixth Form.

We have continued to distribute library books to the patients at Cottage and Highfield Hospitals and have raised some money for charity.

The object of Toc-H. is to help those in need and any member of the Fifth or Sixth Forms who is interested in the movement and its activities will be welcome at our meetings.
PUPPET CLUB

This year a few new members have joined us and many new puppets have been made. Some very successful experiments have been carried out in the use of new materials, providing us with some very good puppets. An almost entirely new show has been produced and we already have several bookings. The show this year will be a series of short acts, including a new Calypso Group, an Underwater Fantasy and, of course, the Skeletons. Some new items of scenery have been prepared and further improvements to the stage should contribute effectively to the smooth running of the show. Once again we are looking forward to a successful series of shows, to the satisfaction of ourselves and our audiences.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term’s meetings have been held on Tuesdays. At the first meeting M. J. Newell was elected Chairman and R. B. Jolley Secretary; the latter—doubtless with the old adage in mind—at once swept out the stock cupboard and made an inventory of the equipment.

At three meetings filmstrips were shown—“Making the Most of Your Camera”, “Beginners’ Album”, and “Tracing Negative Troubles”. It is to be hoped that the information gained from these will be reflected in the quality of prints to be exhibited on Parents’ Day next year.

The possibilities of practical photomicrography, using the School’s microscopes and members’ cameras were investigated and some pleasing photomicrographs obtained. In addition normal practical work—developing, printing and enlarging has been carried out with some success.

Thanks are again due to the Parents’ Committee for their generous help in the purchasing of new apparatus and materials.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

With the use of the new table, so kindly presented to us by the Parents’ Committee, we have been able to improve our standard of play. The table has come just at the right time because our numbers have been swelled by newcomers from the First and Second Forms.

Next term we intend to play the Masters again and hope to beat them as decisively as in the last match.

This term we welcome some new members, who show signs of becoming good players.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

The beginning of term saw the formation of the Play-Reading Society, which meets on Monday at 4.0 in the Library.

At the moment, membership numbers are low, but we welcome the attendance of Sixth Formers at any meeting.
So far, we have read “Saint Joan”, by Shaw, and “The Cherry Orchard”, by Chekhov. In the near future we hope to read “Look Back in Anger” (John Osborne), “Nekrassov” Jean-Paul Sartre), and plays by T. S. Eliot and Terence Rattigan.

CHESS CLUB

Since the reorganisation of the Chess Club the ranks of our supporters have swelled considerably—there now being some forty members.

During the term there was usually a good attendance, but where is the Senior talent of the School? There are a few faithful Seniors who usually turn up, but the great majority are Juniors and had to be taught the game or were beginners.

During the coming months it is hoped to play other schools, but an inter-House Chess Tournament is almost impossible due to the lack of interest in the Senior School.

So any who are interested in Chess do come along on Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m.

TODAY

Today
is another day.
Yesterday is finished for ever
down the long centuries rolling
with an unheard rumble,
adding its groan to the noise of the years
and tomorrow is straining
and cannot be held back,
eager
to add its imagined thunder
to the silversweet music of the spheres.
Inexorable logic demands that
today should follow
in the steps of yesterday
with the same different motion
as has always been
and always will be,
but we dissatisfied timids
secretly hope and inwardly fear
that today will be a different yesterday,
not the usual differently-clothed
version of the day before
but a genuine difference,
a new genesis
of our useless life.

M. WYMAN (VI Upper Arts).
SCHOOL PLAY

Actors here, masters there, prompters dashing everywhere,
Pieces of stage, tackle and block, cries from an actor who just had a shock,
Boy calling out his costume’s ripped, little Jones Minor reading the script—
And panic reigns supreme.
Stage-hand painting rows of houses, make-up boy with grease on his trousers,
Spotlight changes from red to blue, boy in the wings has missed his cue,
Cries from artist—colours don’t match, producer retires to Colney Hatch—
And starts to shout and scream.
Paint congealing on the stage, kicked by an actor in a rage,
Smoke is drifting on the set, there’s a big brown scorch where the bare wires met,
George down-centre, Bill up right, dress-rehearsal for Scene III fight,—
It’s chaos in extreme.
Show is over, audience gone, master’s face is pale and wan.
Here’s the producer, now for the worst: Will he be blessed and praised, or cursed?
The former’s thinking of the play, and softly he is heard is say—
“It went off like a dream”.

R. E. OBERMAN (VI Lower Arts)

RURAL RIDES
(by two who’ve tried it)

Have you ever felt the pull of the open road, the urge to get on your cycle and ride somewhere—anywhere, for a long, free holiday? Have you?
Well, take our advice—don’t. We felt like that, too. We thought a quiet little cycling tour of our island would be just the thing. So we went.
We loaded our bikes up with tent, billycans and assorted kit, and started.
Neither of us was accustomed to cycling long distances, but we did 61 miles on the first day, went boating on a local river that evening—and didn’t wake up until eleven the next morning! But the soreness had worn off by the time we went to bed again.
What was that word—bed?
You wouldn’t believe that so few areas of meadow eight feet by six could contain so many miniature mountains.
But there were compensations. Like being able to daydream, for instance, lazily sprawled outside a clean, airy tent, watching the blue wood-smoke curl into the sun-drenched summer sky.
Wherever we went we had neighbours—nosy, cosy, impudent, friendly, good humoured neighbours. Cows!
One pair of yearling calves were determined to have our tent—and we were just as determined to keep it. So they simply uprooted the pegs, and it collapsed on us.

At one place we visited, it had just finished raining non-stop for two days. Everywhere was soaked. So the old farmer generously offered us his cowshed for the night—and calmly collected half-a-crown rent the next morning, saying; "You can't get accommodation like that for nothing, you know".

One day, on the return journey, we rode from Taunton to Bristol (42 miles) during the afternoon and early evening. Arriving just outside Bristol at 7.30, and intending to have an early night, we began to put up the tent. It was then that we discovered that we had left the tent-poles at Taunton.

We thumbed a lift to Taunton, and were there by 9.30. One difficulty: how to get back? The hours passed—one three-mile lift. Midnight. We stopped on a village green not far from the foot of the Mendips, intending to sleep there. But it was too cold, so we continued to walk. Two o'clock. 30 miles from "home", cold, despairing, hungry. No vehicle since midnight. Then, suddenly, a lorry. We were saved.

That morning, we went to bed at 4.0.

Disaster seemed to follow disaster. The next day, the front wheel of one of our cycles nearly dropped out. It was totally unfit to ride, so, borrowing £1 each from the suspicious Chipping Sodbury police, we sent our bikes home by rail.

Nine hours and 120 miles of hitch-hiking later, we reached Wellingborough, and, after our restful holiday, very, very tired.

M. Wyman.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — CHRISTMAS, 1957

The main activities since my Summer Report have been the final cultivations of the new Memorial Sports Field. We have ploughed, levelled and seeded the field, and at the time of writing the young grass appears to have rooted strongly.

Viewing the field as it now stands, one really can imagine the completed sports field, with its Pavilion and other amenities.

No doubt you will find the trend of our reports very much single-tracked, i.e. sports field, but you must appreciate that the 'practical' future of the Association rests on the development of this project. As present-day members of the School, it must be evident to you, as it was to me on my recent visit, that the numbers at School are fast outgrowing the existing premises, and therefore we in the Association foresee that our Sports Field may be available for School use in times of emergency. You can thus realise the significance of this project to the School as well as to the Association.
I was again honoured to be among you on the Day of Remembrance this year.

Our sporting activities are still going from strength to strength, with the 1st XV having another successful season, the ‘A’ XV not so successful, but the Badminton Club continuing to show a profit.

It remains for me to wish all Masters and boys a very happy Christmas on behalf of the Association, and a very happy and successful New Year.

M. C. C. KNOWLES.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' RUGBY CLUB

The season to date has not yet produced the splendid results of last season, which proved to be the best in the history of the Club.

Whilst the 1st XV is winning many of its matches the ‘A’ XV is having a lean time—only temporarily, we hope.

The season’s results so far are:

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Alan Partridge is Captain of the 1st XV for the second season and the team is producing some very attractive attacking Rugby. A fine start to the season, however, has not been maintained. The advent of the wet weather finds the handling in all departments lacking in certainty.

The ‘A’ XV is again skippered by Jim Shortland, whose veteran experience is extremely useful to the younger players. Several players from this side have been given their chance in the Senior side, with marked success.

Whilst two sides are regularly fielded each Saturday, there is no surplus of players. Schoolboys are always welcome in the Club and we shall be pleased to offer a game to any interested.

The Club has great expectation of expanding during the next few seasons. Socially the Club is strong and, with the use of the new Association field next season, it is felt that great things will be possible.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE

The Parents’ Committee were pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Annual Business Meeting on 1st October.

The meeting for all parents was held on 17th October, and nearly all the Masters were there to talk to parents about any personal problems. Mr. Wrenn explained the School curriculum.

A Whist Drive was held on 12th November, and another is planned for 3rd December, and one for 4th February, next term.

The Annual Bazaar, when the winning Plays are performed, will be held on Monday, 31st March.
D. R. “Sputnik” MORETON (Caius).—So known because of the dynamic energy which emanates from his every movement: has found that, much to his disgust, changing subjects entails a certain amount of work. However, his activities with the University Tiddlywinks Club and his excursions home have not been affected and it is felt that his sudden burst of enthusiasm will soon fade.

J. M. WARWICK (Fitzwilliam House).—Has also changed his subject and is attacking it with typical gusto. Apparently he is already looking forward to serving Her Majesty—an experience which we feel he will enjoy.

B. TYLER (Christ’s).—Inquiry produces the summary “Visits home: squash: work”.

M. WELLS (Queens’).—Various unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact him and one must presume he is buried way in some corner of the Laboratories engaged in his research work.

G. T. RIDGE (Caius).—Hoping to win again his College Cap and Colours for Soccer though fervently maintains this is not because last year’s would not fit! Next May’s Finals seem to be no deterrent to visits in the Newnham and Homerton directions. Occasionally manages visits to the Arnold and Spanish Societies also.

R. T. PAINTER (Caius).—Has, so he informs me, fulfilled his intention of attending a minimum of one lecture a week, so far. Can occasionally be found in some obscure corner of Caius.

M. HORNSEY (St. Catharine’s).—Now in his third year and is reputed to have said that he is determined not to let the weight of “Finals” get him down.

D. J. COOPER (St. Catharine’s).—Is merely savouring Cambridge life this term and is reported to be working—says that he has every intention of doing some Chemistry and Physics as well, next term.

OXFORD

D. W. BARBER (Merton).—Is engaged on chemical research now that he has graduated. He has been running for the University Cross Country team, but has been unlucky in straining his Achilles’ tendon. His Miltonian motto “No lights, but rather darkness visible” has led to severe ‘cycle-logical’ disagreements with the Oxfordshire Constabulary.

N. R. RICH (St. Catherine’s).—Plays hockey for his College first team in the vulnerable position of goal-keeper. He also ‘sails in Port Meadow’. I am informed from an unreliable source. Now reading Geography in his fourth year, his interests in people from abroad seem to have been widened to a considerable personal extent ...
R. WESTCOTT (Christ Church).—His chief pursuits are squash and work—though not necessarily in that order. He tells me he is "duly perturbed" by the prospect of 'Final Honours', which face him at the end of this, his third, year. He is still attempting to fathom the unfathomables . . .

S. W. BROWN (St. Peter's Hall).—Is taking work very seriously this year. He plays Rugby for his College second XV, although he had to give up rowing to afford full precedence to studying. His not infrequent visits to Leicester are 'explained' by that town's having "a good Law library" . . .!

C. BRERETON (Pembroke).—Has gained notoriety in being the unhappy victim of circumstances and events, and he has been developing a sort of physical schizophrenia in trying to be in two places at the same time. He plays football for the College first XI, and claims to possess the only living electric fire in Oxford . . .!

D. STEVENS (St. Peter's Hall).—Is playing Rugby for his College first XV—but unfortunately 'fluid on the knee' has temporarily incapacitated him. I hope that the fact that he doesn't seem to take work seriously does not mean that he doesn't do any!

G. ROSE, (Wadham).—Has settled down comfortably to a quiet University life. His life would be even quieter were he not afflicted with a staircase of frustrated musicians and boisterous opera-lovers! Gerald plays football for his College first XI. When he is not working, he is trying to boil kettles of water.

P. J. RICHARDSON (Wadham).—Decided against doing research and is reading for a Diploma in Education. He seems to enjoy his work. He plays an occasional game of squash, but prefers to play the piano since he finds this less competitive and less strenuous.

L. CLIPSTONE.—The well-known human being from 'the other place' is also taking a Dip. Ed. at Oxford. He has taken up golf, and can be seen most afternoons looking for golf balls in ditches, hedgerows, and along railway embankments. He claims to have established a relationship between his golf and Allport's psychological theory of "the functional autonomy of drives" . . .!

W. W. STEVENSON (St. Peter's Hall).—Is obviously enjoying life and work immensely. Questioned as to his sporting activities, he told me with disarming ingenuousness that he "watches for the University". He claims to be studying the chemical properties of tea . . .

D. BROWN (St. Catherine's).—Plays tennis, snooker and badminton, for his own enjoyment. He works voraciously, probably in an attempt to justify his status as exhibitioner in Chemistry. For our purpose, however, he appears otherwise to be distressingly un-eccentric!
B. K. RIGBY commenced his second year by falling headlong down the drawing office steps. He still continues with his infallible method of completing reports which has apparently paid dividends, since we are pleased to note that he has passed Part I B.Sc.(Eng.).

J. W. PENDERED and B. R. CLAYTON, two of the three freshers doing engineering this year, appear to strike harmony in digs together. The former spends much of his leisure submerged in the new London Union Swimming Pool. He reports that his work is apparently satisfying the lecturers, but wishes they would supply his note-poper, folders, ink . . .

The latter is training hard for the engineers’ stair climb, and, when not exhausted, endeavours to complete reports and problems. He continues to enjoy “toad” in the refectory, misdirect strangers in the building, and has started to collect bus tickets.

A. E. BEAN, the other fresher, has found that the quickest way to travel from St. Pancras to Highgate at 2 a.m. is to walk! He told us that work was proceeding steadily, but complains of lack of sleep, money, and . . . ; well perhaps not this time!

A. MASON, the lone engineer, faces Finals in June, and has the knack of appearing to work quite hard, while at the same time making many sorties to a Brixton training college.

R. O. KNIGHT insists on being called a botanist, and not a common or garden “medic.” He is barman at his Hall of Residence, Treasurer of the King’s Biological Society, and a member of the Musical Society. The rest of his time is spent repairing a 1932 Morris Eight.

R. ROBERTSHAW plays regularly for the King’s Hospital Rugby team, and, although he faces the dismal prospect of second M.B. in the near future, pays frequent visits to Dulwich Hospital for “social” purposes.

J. F. PARSONS, it is reported, has added several inches to his waistline. The contented smile on his face may also be a result of this—who knows?

P. A. TEAR is very proud of having walked backwards down the length of the Strand and wants to know if this is a record. He admits to doing a certain amount of work, and also to playing Rugby occasionally.

A. YOUNG, being a country type, finds the current tendency among students towards long hair and bushy beards reminiscent of home. He informs us that his mathematical course has been mainly concerned with tracking Sputniks, but finds football pools harder to solve.
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

J. H. MANN appears to be making the most of life, and as yet he has not ventured near the Library. His thought concerning work—there's always time next year—is rapidly gaining popularity amongst other students.

QUEEN MARY COLLEGE.

A. JACKSON, yet another engineer, spends much of his time at the Dramatic Society doing stage work, as well as being a member of the rifle club ("it helps the examiners to become friendly"), and on the Committee of the Political Society. He is disturbed at having to keep such late nights, but as yet cannot find a remedy for this.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

M. GOODLIFFE appears to spend much of his leisure in entertaining the Hospital staff with his version of rock 'n roll. Apart from this he seems to specialise in Harley Street parties.

D. E. R. BRITTON has accumulated a fine glossary of peculiar characteristics of the human race, and now recognises the ones that go backwards when dancing. Work is reported to be progressing well, but there still seems to be an attraction in Wellingborough.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.

A. B. HOLMES is now in his second year, and, while finding the work interesting, reports that it is unfortunately very arduous. He is the only W.G.S. Old Boy at Guy's and would welcome more, but would warn them in advance that Dentistry is a subject requiring a good memory and manual dexterity.

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF RUBBER TECHNOLOGY.

C. J. DAVIS, now in his second year is now well acquainted with the ins and outs of London life. He has also discovered that rubber has more uses than that of projecting paper missiles across the lecture room.

S. H. FOX reports that he is doing very nicely, thank you, but in which direction—who knows? He reports that his work and pleasure mix freely, and is anxiously awaiting further developments.

BOROUGH ROAD TRAINING COLLEGE

At Borough Road just five there are
From W.G.S. afar:
Tom Boyce, Nozz Norman, make up two;
Bob Whitworth joins them in the queue.
Then Terry Goodman to the fore
In Old Boys' Scarf (for evermore?)
Last but not least comes Paddy Mayes,
A biol. expert—so he says.
Let us consider first The Tom
(Since bells will chime for him anon).
English and French claim him each day
(Except when Rugger’s played away).
Now Tom is very keen on bop
And each lunch-time is seen to hop
To beat of skiffle, rock ‘n roll
More than enough to save his soul.
And after tea he still does this
Cavorting with some hep-cat Miss.
Now from Tom to Nozz we turn,
Hidden beneath his beard-like fern—
Sorry! I mean his fern-like beard
(Foul and disgusting, truly weird!)
If you call to see this fella’
You’re told he’s in a skiflle cellar,
But should this prove a fruitless try,
You’ll find him at the flicks nearby.
Bob Whitworth is the darkest horse
Seldom consistent in his course—
He claims that he works hard all day
To earn that gen’rous teachers’ pay,
But speaks at length on true blue stuff
Till left-wing types have had enough.
Sometimes to choir The Whitworth wanders
And o’er angelic choir girls ponders.
Debating too is his delight
And occupies him many a night.
Now Terry Goodman he likes maths.
And follows geometric paths.
His mates around him all appealed;
“Shove off! Watch Rugger on the field!”
With pen and pad he drew a graph
Of scores seen from the touchline path
From all sides colleagues came to gape
As Goodman’s twirls took graceful shape . . .!
On some occasions there’s a cheer
When Mayes, P. A. D., does appear.
For Paddy’s presence is governed by
The films and parties on nearby.
Paul’s glad to leave his little terrors
And hasten home to Higham Ferrers.
Here’s salutations, one and all,
From Terry, Tom, Nozz, Bob and Paul.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

There are only five Old Boys at Nottingham this year. However,
they are fairly well distributed throughout the academic strata, and
though perhaps not exactly leaders of the University’s life, they man-
age to make their presence felt.
THORNEYCROFT, who is at present doing research in Electrical Engineering, replied when asked how his project was faring, that he had not yet finished setting up his apparatus. His research grant enables him, apparently, to lead a full social life, and he also plays Rugger for Hugh Stewart Hall.

EVANS, recently returned from a year in France, lives in a garret in Hugh Stewart Hall. He appears to have developed a taste for colourful Continental clothes, and is usually to be found in the Coffee Bar.

WEST, now in his second year of Honours Chemistry, is something of a mystery. Having acquired a "vintage" motor cycle, he disappears with suspicious regularity every week-end.

WALPOLE and WHITNEY, both reading Chemistry, are freshers. Walpole has taken up a new interest, which he is pursuing with characteristic thoroughness—Big Poker. The game, he says, has great mathematical interest. Whitney goes Folk-Dancing.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY

JOLLEY (Final Year—Engineering) : Is Treasurer of Crewe Hall Common Room and is the only one who has no monetary worries. In this year’s “Boat Race” (?) he finished sixth on a pair of Vampire wing-tanks.

FOKERD (3rd Year—Modern Languages) : Is at present enjoying a term in France, and consequently the report on his activities has had to be censored.

SHERWOOD (2nd Year—Modern Languages) : Is occasionally seen disappearing in the opposite direction through the industrial smog of Sheffield. He is Vice-Editor of the Students’ Union Newspaper, though, for obvious reasons, he insists that his title is ‘Sub-Editor’.

BETTS (1st Year—Modern Languages) : Who has been appointed assistant barman at Crewe Hall, mysteriously lost his voice during rag day, and apparently spent the whole evening in the streets of Sheffield looking for it.

ROBERTS (1st Year—Modern Languages) : Has a part in the Dramatic Society’s production of “Macbeth” this term (not as a witch this time) and is also Junior Sales Manager. Any rumour that he has decided to work this year is completely unfounded.

WARREN (1st Year—Chemistry) : Shares a room with Betts. On Wednesday afternoons he may be seen setting out over the moors, to return some hours later in an almost unrecognisable condition muttering something about “these —— geology expeditions!”