WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI, 1958.

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(Hon. Secretary) (Captain) (Vice-Captain)
SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: D. S. Wilson.

Second Prefect: D. G. Powell.

Prefects:
N. J. Butler, G. G. Martin, C. E. Garley, K. Bailey, D. E. Billing,

We welcome to the Staff this term three new masters: Mr. J. K.
Halliwell, B.A. (Oxford), to teach Modern Languages; Mr. P. A. J.
Pettitt, B.A. (Oxford), whose subject is History; and Mr. E. A.
Pritchard, B.Sc. (Bristol), to take Mathematics and Physics.

Mr. M. J. Gray leaves us at Christmas to take up the post of
Senior French Master at Marling School, Gloucestershire. He bears
with him our cordial wishes for success and happiness in his future
career.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. J. L. Greenwood on his
recent marriage. To him and to Mrs. Greenwood we offer sincere good
wishes for their future happiness.

We were delighted to welcome back Mr. W. Holmes to School at
the beginning of the term, after a lengthy absence through illness.

Mr. J. F. Parsons, on Old Grammarian, has given valuable assist-
ance this term with the teaching of Chemistry. He leaves us at
Christmas, and we wish him well in his medical studies.

We congratulate N. Leeson on his excellent performances during
the summer for the Northamptonshire Schools' (Under 15) Cricket XI.
He scored 53 against Buckinghamshire and 75 against Lancashire.

The School Dramatic Society presented "Twelfth Night" this
term, and four performances were given. The production this year
was in the hands of Mr. Greenwood.

An unusual award has been won by A. C. Ainge, who goes to
Rhodesia next March to take up a Kingsley Fairbridge Scholarship in
Agricultural Science at the University of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.
This is one of three such scholarships offered by the University, to
the value of £600 per annum for three years, and Ainge will pursue a
course of study leading ultimately to an external London degree.

Nine members of the School’s Under 15 Rugby XV have this term
played for the Northamptonshire Schools’ (Under 15) XV. They are:
B. A. Tall (who has captained the County XV), M. Leeson, R. M. De
Banke, P. G. Tomkins, D. R. Reading, M. C. Gray, A. G. Marlow,
G. J. Drage, D. J. Stanton. D. A. Holder was chosen as reserve. J. O. Greenhalf and J. D. Poyner, of the School 1st XV, have been selected to play for the Northamptonshire Schools’ Senior XV. To all of these boys we offer hearty congratulations.

Three members of last year’s Sixth Form, Max Wyman, Roger Allen, and David Lee, distinguished themselves when they appeared on B.B.C. Television, in the ‘Ask Me Another’ quiz programme on September 1st. They defeated the “Brains of Britain” by 34 points to 23.

Parties from the School have this term visited Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Corby, and the Wellingborough Iron Works.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Magazines from many other Schools.

On November 25th the School Captain, D. S. Wilson, on behalf of the boys of this School, presented a silver cup to the Head Boy of Wellingborough Secondary Technical School. This cup, purchased as a result of the contributions of our boys, will be the Technical School’s Inter-House Football Trophy.

The old Music Room has now been converted into two small rooms for the use of Sixth Forms, and work is in progress to convert Rooms 9 and 10, the former Geography rooms, into an additional Physics Laboratory.

**OBITUARY**


**ENTRANTS**

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**AWARDS**

**State Scholarships:**
- M. V. BESWICK
- J. J. L. KNIGHTON
- P. R. SMEATHERS
- J. R. WYKES
County Major Scholarships:

A. C. Ainge  D. N. Hall  D. C. Payne
K. F. Allen  W. J. Harris  G. D. Pearson
R. F. Allen  J. S. Hobbs  J. A. Pettifer
K. Bailey  D. G. Powell
P. A. Bird  D. G. Hodson  J. D. Poyner
M. D. Clark  R. King-Underwood  I. K. Reid
R. W. A. Coates  R. V. Kliegers  M. F. Simmons
J. P. Dickenson  G. G. Martin  D. A. Sparkes
A. J. Doyle  R. F. Miles  D. O. Tall
R. J. Eyles  P. J. Moreton  D. M. Wilson
C. E. Garley  S. C. Norsworthy  E. J. Wood

Kingsley Fairbridge Scholarship (Rhodesia):
A. C. Ainge

Old Boys’ Awards:
Intermediate Laws Scholarship, King’s College, London: P. A. Tear
King George VI Scholarship (Aeric. Sci), Illinois, U.S.A.: P. Wix

General Certificate of Education
(Ordinary Level)
June 1958

E—English Language; S—Literature; F—French; Sp—Spanish;
H—History; G—Geography; A—Art; M—Mathematics; P—Physics;
Ch—Chemistry; B—Biology; C/P—Chemistry with Physics;
Rk—Religious Knowledge; L—Latin.

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| K. D. Billing | R. C. Arch | S. a m |
| D. P. Drage | R. J. Barron | H. g m ch |
| G. A. Dunkley | W. F. Bates | H. m ch |
| C. O. Gill | M. W. Chambers | S. g m p |
| T. M. Gotch | R. A. Chambers | G. a m |
| I. Griffiths | D. J. Denton | G. m |
| A. Hall | N. J. Dorks | E. m |
| G. W. Kearley | R. C. Gilmour | S. g a m |
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| G. S. Woodhams | G. S. Woodhams | E. g m ch |
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The following candidates added subjects to existing certificates:

R. J. ASHPOLE, French; J. L. H. BAILEY, Latin; R. A. BAILEY, Physics; D. F. BILLING, Latin; K. D. BINGHAM, Latin; P. R. BODSWORTH, French; D. R. CARRINGTON, Mathematics; R. J. HAWKINS, Latin; D. N. JAMES, French; M. J. NEWELL, Latin, Religious Knowledge; P. C. NEWELL, French; G. GILL, English; D. M. OZIER, Mathematics; R. H. SUGARS, Chemistry; J. L. DARBY, Physics; P. M. ROBINSON, Chemistry/Physics; R. F. ALLEN, Economics; R. D. BLAND, Economics; B. A. CLARKE, Economics; R. W. A. COATES, Russian; R. L. COX, Russian; J. P. DICKENSON, Economics; C. E. GARLEY, Russian; W. J. HARRIS, Russian; G. G. MARTIN, Economics; I. K. REID, Latin, Russian, Biology; D. A. UNDERWOOD, Russian; D. J. UNDERWOOD, Geology; I. W. VINCENT, Latin; K. F. ALLEN, French; M. V. BEESWICK, Technical Drawing; D. G. HODSON, Technical Drawing; D. G. POWELL, Technical Drawing.

**ADVANCED LEVEL**

- R. F. ALLEN (Spanish; Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; History.)
- R. D. BLAND (Geography.)
- M. BOLTON (English; History; Geography.)
- B. A. CLARKE (History; Geography; Economics.)
- C. J. COATES (English; French; Spanish.)
- R. W. A. COATES (English; History; Geography.)
- R. L. COX (English; History; Geography; Economics.)
- J. P. DICKENSON (English; History; Geography.)
- R. J. EYLES (English; History; Geography; Economics.)
- C. E. GARLEY (English; History; Geography; Economics.)
- G. GRIFFITHS (English; History; Geography.)
- W. J. HARRIS (English; History; Geography; Economics.)
- D. C. LEE (English; History; Geography.)
- G. G. MARTIN (English; History; Geography; Economics.)
- S. C. NORSWORTHY (Geography; Art: Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.)
- D. G. PEARSON (English (Dist.); Spanish; History.)
- I. K. REID (History; Geography.)
- R. L. UNDERWOOD (English; French; Spanish.)
- J. W. VINCENT (English; Geography.)
- R. J. S. WHITE (History; Geography (Dist.).)
- D. M. WILSON (English; French; Spanish.)
- M. WYMAN (English; French.)
- A. C. AINE (Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.)
- K. F. ALLEN (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics.)
- K. BAILEY (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- G. E. BERMINGHAM (Pure Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- M. V. BEESWICK (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics (Dist.); Chemistry (Dist.).)
- P. A. BIRD (Pure Maths.; Physics.)
- N. J. BUTLER (Chemistry.)
- M. COLES (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry (Dist.).)
- A. J. DOYLE (Physics; Chemistry; Botany.)
- J. O. GREENHALF (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- J. H. GRIMES (Art: Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics.)
- D. G. HODSON (Pure Maths.)
- T. F. JONES (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- R. KING-UNDERWOOD (Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.)
- R. V. KLEGERIS (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics (Dist.); Chemistry (Dist.).)
- J. J. L. KNIGHTON (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics (Dist.); Chemistry (Dist.).)
- R. F. MILES (Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- P. J. MORETON (Music; Botany; Zoology.)
- N. NICKERSON (Applied Maths.; Physics.)
- J. F. NUTT (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- R. ORTON (Physics; Chemistry; Botany.)
- T. F. PARKER (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- D. J. PAYNE (Physics; Chemistry; Botany.)
- J. A. PETTIFER (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- D. G. POWELL (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- J. D. POYNER (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry (Dist.).)
- M. E. ROBINSON (Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.)
- J. T. SMITHAN (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry.)
- M. F. SIMMONS (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.)
- P. R. SMEATHERS (Pure Maths.; Applied Maths.; Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.)
- D. A. SPARKES (Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.)
- M. A. STEPHENS (Botany.)
- D. O. TALL (Physics; Chemistry; Botany.)
- D. J. WIGNEILL (Chemistry (Dist.); Botany; Zoology.)
- F. I. WOOD (Chemistry (Dist.); Botany; Zoology.)
- J. R. WYKES (Chemistry (Dist.); Botany; Zoology.)
RUGBY FOOTBALL

Hon. Secretary: R. D. Bland.

1ST XV

The 1st XV made an excellent start to the season by winning their first four matches. As last year, teamwork and a rousing, fighting spirit rather than individual brilliance contributed largely to this early success. It was noticeable that these matches were conclusively won in the second half, the results being more clear cut than two of the scores suggest. The onslaught of the side against Stowe, for example, in the second half was a tribute to their stamina and will to win.

The basis of these victories was the play of the pack. Most of them are experienced and know their duties well. They played with tremendous zest and no little skill. In the set scrums, concerted push coupled with good hooking, won us a generous share of the ball. Line-out work was effective, but the forte of the pack was its work in the loose, from which heeling was an improvement on last year. A forward rush and a clean, quick heel when checked is of great value in attack. Every individual in the regular eight has given of his best and accomplished much. The only lack has been an experienced open side wing forward.

The three-quarters in these first matches tackled well and ran with determination. Palmer's performance exceeded expectations. His service was good and he kicked and used the blind side intelligently. Tomlin proved a competent fly half while Green, Denton and Poyner, particularly the latter, made good breaks and penetrative swerving runs. Bland, at full back, was steady, fielded well and kicked an accurate if not a long touch.

There is, however, a debit side. The next two matches emphasised flaws which already existed. In the first of them the forwards met their match and in the second they were depleted. Their lack of ascendancy exposed the weaknesses of the backs. Tomlin, though neat and competent, does not always get off the mark quickly enough to get the line moving at speed. The passing is below 1st XV standard and the line does not move up concertedly and quickly in defence. Marking (not tackling) has too often been inexcusably poor. Gaps have not been exploited enough by fast, straight running and too many movements have been executed at half pace. This last has resulted in the wings having little chance.

These faults derive largely from failure to observe elementary principles. Potentially, the back division is good, but it has failed so far to produce its true form. It rests with individual players to rectify errors which have so often been pointed out.

The match against Towcester was deservedly lost due to poor marking, passing and running, and the absence of pace, bustle and determination in the play as a whole. It is a pity that so few reserves can readily adapt themselves to the speed and vigour of 1st XV Rugby.
The 1st XV has, then, experienced mixed fortunes, but it is confidently anticipated that because of the potential talent and the marked keenness of the whole side, that the lapses mentioned will prove temporary and that the season will continue as successfully as it began. Matches will be lost and won, but it is the manner and spirit in which they are played and the quality of the Rugby that matter most.


The following have also played: R. R. Allen, M. D. Kitson, D. J. Wignell, K. Bailey, R. F. Underwood.

RESULTS

Oct. 4 v. Bedford School 2nd XV (A) Won 6—5
Oct. 11 v. Deacon's School, Peterborough, 1st XV (A) Won 20—6
Oct. 18 v. Kettering G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 16—0
Nov. 1 v. Stowe School 2nd XV (H) Won 8—0
Nov. 8 v. King's School, Peterborough, 1st XV (A) Lost 14—3
Nov. 13 v. Towcester G.S. 1st XV (H) Lost 11—8
Nov. 26 v. Northamptonshire Constabulary (A) Won 16—6
Nov. 29 v. Bedford Swifts (A) Won 19—3

2ND XV

With only one victory in four games the 2nd XV has made a most disappointing start to the season.

The season began with a heavy defeat but since that time some improvement has occurred and the last game was lost by only a very small margin.

There are, however, still obvious weaknesses which must be remedied if the team is to win its remaining matches.

The tackling has been woefully weak, with the majority of the team suffering from the unhappy delusion that the best way to bring down a big player is to take him by the neck. There is but one method of tackling with effect and that is to tackle low, round the legs. Once this becomes firmly entrenched in the minds of the players and duly put into effect, they will find that their line is crossed far less frequently. Notable exceptions to the above criticism are Bayes, Wignell and Carrington, the latter being without doubt the most improved player in the team.

The forwards, while playing fairly well together as a pack, have generally found themselves beaten by the speed and fire of their opposite numbers, qualities sadly lacking in the School eight.

With improved tackling generally, and more dash by the forwards, things can improve. The spirit is there and the skill is there but as yet these qualities have not been properly exploited.

The following have represented the 2nd XV this season:—
J. H. Robertson, J. C. Maddock, A. A. Bayes, R. H. Sugars, D. R. Carrington, D. S. Wilson, J. B. Sauntson, R. H. Sharman, R. Leslie.
R. D. Summers, B. A. Clarke, D. N. James, R. F. Underwood, J. R. Dickenson, K. Bailey, C. O. Gill, M. D. Kitson, G. E. Bermingham, R. H. Brawn, D. J. Wignell (Capt.).

Results

Oct. 4 v. Bedford School 4th XV (A)  Lost 22–0
Oct. 11 v. Deacon's School, Peterborough (A)  Won 12–3
Oct. 29 v. Bedford Modern (A)  Lost 15–9
Nov. 8 v. King's School, Peterborough (A)  Lost 11–9
Nov. 22 v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV (A)  Won 12–3

Under 15 XV

The Under 15 XV has so far enjoyed an outstandingly successful season, winning every game, and amassing an exceptionally large number of points. In the six matches played to date, the team has scored 250 points, whilst conceding only 9 points to opponents.

Far more important than the number of points, however, has been the manner in which they have been scored. The side has invariably played exhilarating open Rugby, and most of the tries have come as a result of clear-cut passing movements and fast, direct running. The handling has again been extremely good, and there has always been a willingness to throw the ball about.

The forwards have improved immeasurably this year, especially in the loose scrum-mages, where the binding and heeling have been much more swift and effective. Some of the line-out work in early matches was not as tidy as it might have been, but this weakness has now been largely remedied. The pack have provided the backs with a magnificent supply of the ball, and the halves and three-quarters have been quick to take advantage of their opportunities. There has been much more thrust in the centre than there was last season, largely because players have grasped the importance of taking their passes on the run.

Special mention must be made of the place-kicking. A large number of tries have been converted, many from difficult angles, and the full-back, M. Leeson, has been particularly successful in this respect.

B. A. Tall has again led the team very capably, and the enthusiasm of previous seasons has been fully maintained. The selection of no fewer than nine members of the side for the Northamptonshire Schools' Under 15 XV is a tribute to the all-round qualities of the team.

We look forward eagerly to our remaining fixtures, and especially, perhaps, to the matches against Northampton Grammar School and Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby, which promise to be our sternest tests.

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Under 14 XV


It is pleasing to report a fairly successful season so far. Of eight matches played, six have been won, and only one lost. The most marked improvement has been in the forwards, who have played much more as a pack than they did last season, and gained a good supply of the ball from tight and set scrums. In the line-outs too much has been left to Dobbs, and most of the other forwards are still too earthbound. There is room for improvement here, and one would also like to see more advantage taken of opponents’ mistakes. Forwards must realise that they can never afford to rest on their laurels—games can easily be lost by slackness in the last quarter.

The backs have played well at times, particularly in attack where Frisby has made good use of his speed and elusive running. Their tackling, however, with the exception of Bayes at full-back, who has consistently set a model for the rest of the team, has been very weak. Close marking and hard, low tackling are just as important as good attacking play. When this is fully appreciated, the Under 14 XV will be a difficult side to defeat.

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Under 13 XV

To date the Under 13 XV has been very successful, having won all four matches played, each by a good margin. Although the team has had a weight advantage over opponents they have laid the foundations of victory by skilled play rather than by the crude use of weight. The forwards have played well in the loose and it has been gratifying to see them develop short passing movements, from several of which they have scored. The push in the tight scrums has not been so good but this is mainly due to the difficulty of matching each row. It will improve.
The backs have not been so dominant, having to master the difficult arts of passing at the right moment and running hard and straight, but they have all tried hard and have made noticeable improvement.

The whole team has shown commendable keenness and eager reserves await their call to the team. With this attitude, allied to the skills they already possess, the team can look forward to a very promising future.


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

CRICKET

1ST XI

Most cricketers would agree on 1958 being the worst season within living memory, for the number of really warm sunny days and hard wickets could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Memories of such a summer now seem remote but the consistent and attractive batting of Powell must be highly praised. The team's performance was satisfactory in view of the circumstances, when one considers the number of players without real first team experience—of these Kitson, as a batsman, promises well. The batting and bowling were steady, but lacked the fire and consistency necessary for outstanding success. Inaccurate spin bowling was a definite weakness in the side, apart from Hodson.

It is to be hoped that those here next season will fare better in view of greater 1st XI experience and that the coaching freely available for cricketers, both Senior and Junior, at the County Cricket Club Indoor Cricket School will be beneficial in remedying deficiencies in technique. Our thanks are due to Mr. Ernest Bryan, the Groundsman, for his conscientious and careful preparation of match wickets. Some would even suggest that the wicket for the Staff match was too good!

1ST XI v. MASTERS

The Staff were able to field one of their strongest teams in recent years, and, having won the toss, batted first on a perfect wicket. Mr. Sparrow and Mr. Butcher opened, and, though they took no undue risks in the early overs, 100 runs were on the board after only 65
minutes. Soon afterwards, however, both were out—Mr. Sparrow for 48, and Mr. Butcher for 57. Two more wickets fell quickly, but then came another good stand between Mr. Tompkins (73 not out) and Mr. Wrenn (27 not out). They took the score to 219 for 4 wickets by teatime, and at this total the innings was declared closed.

When the School batted, they too found that the wicket was a batsman's paradise. The first wicket fell at 29, but when Wilson joined Powell the rate of scoring increased, and 71 runs were quickly added, both batsmen making attractive strokes and looking very assured. Wilson was caught after scoring an aggressive 50, but Powell continued to bat steadily. He received useful support from Kitson, who contributed a sound 23 before being caught. Powell was undefeated at the close of play, with 82 runs to his credit. The game ended in a draw, the School having scored 181 for 4 wickets.

**1st XI Results**

12th July v. Deacon’s School. Lost by 38 runs.
Deacon’s 112 for 5 dec.
W.G.S. 84 (Powell 41, Palmer 24).

17th July v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Won by 31 runs.
W.G.S. 113 (Sharman 29).
Wellingborough Thursday C.C. 82 (Tomlin 7 for 34).

W.G.S. 115 (Tomlin 41 not out).
Old Grammarians 54 (Hodson 3 for 6, T. F. Jones 3 for 18).

24th July v. The Headmaster’s XI. Drawn.
The Headmaster’s XI 219 for 4 dec. (Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins 73 not out, Mr. A. E. Sparrow 48, Mr. E. P. Butcher 57, Mr. H. A. Wrenn 27 not out).

**Playing Record**


The Team was selected from:— J. T. Sharman (Capt.), D. M. Wilson, Hodson, Powell, James, Green, Tomlin, Kitson, Millwood, Maher, Sauntson, D. S. Wilson, M. Y. Palmer.

1st XI Colours were awarded as follows:—

*Full Colours*: Tomlin, James.

*Fielding Caps*: Green, Palmer, Millwood, Maher, Kitson.

**2nd XI**

The preponderance of drawn matches was due partly to the unreliability of the batsmen and partly to the lack of penetration in the bowling. Not enough attention was paid to field placing; however, by the end of the season, Jones was captaining the side quite competently.
RESULTS

5th July v. Kettering G.S.          Lost by 41 runs.
Kettering G.S. 89 (T. Jones 4 for 10, Greenhalf 3 for 19).
W.G.S. 48.

12th July v. Deacon's School.      Won by 8 wickets.
Deacon's School 37 (Greenhalf 3 for 5, Dunkley 3 for 11).
W.G.S. 39 for 2.

PLAYING RECORD

The following played during the term:—T. F. Jones (Capt.),
Maddock, Nunley, Wrenn, Sugars, M. E. Robinson, Dunkley, Green- 
half, A. V. Brown, Goosey, Partridge, B. A. Clarke, Nutt, Galloway,
M. Coles, J. Bailey.

Colours were awarded to:—T. F. Jones, D. S. Wilson, Nunley,
Sauntson, B. A. Clarke, Sugars, Maddock, Nutt, Greenhalf.

Fielding Cap:—Wrenn, Goosey, Galloway, Partridge.

UNDER 15 XI

The Under 15 XI completed their season with two victories, against
Kettering Grammar School and Deacon's School, Peterborough, and
a draw at Corby, when the game had to be abandoned because of rain.
In these last games, as in the earlier ones, the team gave a good account
of itself. Its greatest strength, perhaps, was in the fast bowling, and
because of this opponents were almost invariably dismissed for fairly
low scores. The batting improved as the season progressed, and it was
pleasing to see that the middle-order batsmen were not afraid to attack
the bowling at every possible opportunity. The fielding was very keen
throughout the season; little was given away, and some excellent
catches were made. R. J. Bradshaw captained the side, and he and his
XI can look back with satisfaction on a successful season.

RESULTS

10th July v. Kettering G.S.          Won by 24 runs.
W.G.S. 82 (Leeson 25).
Kettering G.S. 58 (K. D. Billing 4 for 16).

12th July v. Deacon's School.       Won by 65 runs.
W.G.S. 102 for 4 dec. (Bradshaw 26 not out, Barden 22, P. G.
Tomkins 17).
Deacon's School 37 (P. G. Tomkins 3 for 11).

19th July v. Corby G.S.              Rain stopped play.
Corby 72 (P. G. Tomkins 5 for 27).

PLAYING RECORD

The following played during the term:—Bradshaw (Capt.), P. G.
Tomkins, P. A. Tomkins, K. D. Billing, Barden, Munns, Gray, Leeson,
Jackson, Barber, Tall, Reading, Cousens, De Banke, Robertson.

Colours were awarded to:—Bradshaw, P. G. Tomkins, P. A.
Tomkins, Billing, Leeson, Barden, Munns, Gray, Jackson.

Fielding Caps:—Reading, Cousens.
The season concluded with a victory and a defeat. Looking back on a season of mixed results, weaknesses in batting made victory difficult, even after the bowlers had dismissed the opposition for comparatively low scores. Several batsmen had ability, but lacked concentration. Misjudgement of running contributed to their downfall and all too often tail end batsmen had to retrieve the situation.

However, close games are both enjoyable and exciting, and there were several excellent finishes.

**RESULTS**

8th July v. Kettering G.S.
- Kettering 32 (Burrell 5 for 14, Lambert 3 for 15).
- W.G.S. 33 for 9 (Bradshaw 22 not out).

12th July v. Deacon’s School.
- Deacon’s School 128 for 6 (Lambert 3 for 36).
- W.G.S. 31 (Frisby 17).

**PLAYING RECORD**

- Played—10, Won—5, Lost—3, Drawn—2.

The following played during the term:— Frisby (Capt.), Bonham, Burrell, Stevenson, Lambert, Newman, Perritt, Perkins, Corbyn, Talbot, Martin, Prior, Dobney, King-Underwood, Tilley, McDougall, J. J. Smith.

Colours were awarded to:— Frisby, Stevenson, Burrell, Newman.
Fielding Caps:— Martin, Lambert, Perkins, Perritt, Corbyn, Bonham.

**HOUSE MATCHES**

Result of Competition:
1. Stags ... 28 points
2. Gryphons ... 16 points
3. Dragons ... 13 points
4. Lions ... 9 points

In future years points awarded will be as follows:—
- Win—6, Tie—3, Draw—2.

**ATHLETICS**

In the Open Meeting at Duston on July 5th, the following successes were obtained:— Junior 880 yards Handicap, 3rd Jose; Relay (4 x 110 yds.) Under 16, 2nd M. J. Sharman, Day, Richardson, A. A. Bayes. At the same meeting Sharman and Bayes represented the County Junior Team in the Long Jump and High Jump respectively, against M.T.V. Celle, Nr. Hanover, Germany.

Mason secured third place in the One Mile Open Handicap (15—18) at Finedon, on July 12th.

The Triangular Match against Northampton and Kettering Grammar Schools was held at Kettering on July 21st. It was keenly con-
tested throughout and Northampton with their all-round superiority thoroughly deserved their success. The final score was Northampton 187 points, School 124½ points and Kettering 72½ points. Our team performed well, but special mention must be made of A. A. Bayes, who won the Middle 220 yards and High Jump; Palmer, who set up a new School Record of 2 mins. 15.3 secs. in the Middle 880 yards; and Norworthy, who after a season of inactivity due to injury, reached a distance of 20 feet in winning the Senior Long Jump.

Colours were awarded to:
- Senior: Norworthy.
- Middle: A. A. Bayes, Palmer, Stanton, B. A. Tall.

P.T. COMPETITION
23RD JULY, 1958

The Competition, held towards the end of last term, provided spectators and competitors alike with one and a half hours of enjoyment and excitement.

All the contests were keenly fought, with the final result depending upon the last event.

**RESULT:**
1. Dragons .. 30½ points
2. Stags .. 29 points
3. Lions .. 26½ points
4. Gryphons .. 24 points

SWIMMING SPORTS
JULY 1958

The Dragons started the Sports with a four point lead in the distance swimming. They took first place in ten of the 22 events, and increased their lead to win by 36 points. The order of the other Houses was: 2—Stags, 3—Gryphons, 4—Lions.

In the distance swimming, over 200 boys reached the target of a quarter-mile. This is a very creditable performance considering the facilities for swimming in this district. J. W. Penness, of Stags, reached quite a high standard in the Open Diving competition, while G. E. Tall and J. O. Greenhalf, of Dragons, gave good performances in the Under 15 and Open Free-style events.

**RESULTS**

Under 13 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Exley (D) 2. Mason (S) 3. Palmer (G) 4. Bonham (L)
   Time: 22.3 secs.

Under 14 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Newman (D) 2. Sewell (G) 3. Dicks (L) 4. King-Underwood (S).
   Time: 23.6 secs.

Under 15 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Allen, J. G. (G) 2. Buchta (D) 3. Dobbs (S)
   Time: 18.5 secs.
Under 16 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Day (S)  2. Sims (G)  3. Kirk (L)  4. Linnitt (D)
Time: 19.6 secs.

Open 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Tomlin (S)  2. James (G)  3. Bermingham (D)
Time: 18.2 secs.

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

Under 13 25 yards Breaststroke:
1. Rippin (S)  2. Neville (D)  3. Tite (G)  4. Cullip (L)
Time: 22.6 secs.

Under 14 50 yards Breaststroke:
1. Palmer (D)  2. Talbot (G)  3. Ely (S)
Time: 42.4 secs.

Under 15 50 yards Breaststroke:
1. Pettit (L)  2. Roche, C. R. (G)  3. Stanton (D)  4. Childs (S)
Time: 40.9 secs.

Under 16 50 yards Breaststroke:
1. Allen, R. R. (L)  2. Simpson (D)  3. Marlow (S)  4. Mason (G)
Time: 41.0 secs.

Open 100 yards Breaststroke:
Time: 1 min. 36.1 secs.

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

Under 13 25 yards Freestyle:
1. Alderson (D)  2. Taylor (G)  3. Williams (S)
Time: 21.4 secs.

Under 14 25 yards Freestyle:
1. Roche, C. J. E. (G)  2. Hammond (D)  3. Bollard (L)  4. Gillett (S)
Time: 17.4 secs.

Under 15 25 yards Freestyle:
1. Tall (D)  2. De Banke (G)  3. Colson (S)  4. McIntyre (L)
Time: 15.5 secs.

Under 15 50 yards Freestyle:
1. Baxter (D)  2. Robertson (G)  3. Harris, M. (S)
Time: 46.3 secs.

Under 16 50 yards Freestyle:
1. Penness (S)  2. Jolley (G)  3. Drage (D)  4. Wittering (L)
Time: 34.8 secs.

Open 50 yards Freestyle:
1. Wilson, D. M. (S)  2. Poyner (D)  3. Lymn (G)  4. Clarke, J. (L)
Time: 36.0 secs.

Open 100 yards Freestyle:
Time: 1 min. 10.2 secs.

Under 13 4 x 1 length Relay:
Time: 2 mins. 36.9 secs.
Under 15 4 x 1 length Relay:
Time: 2 mins. 2.7 secs.

Open 4 x 1 length Relay:

FINAL POSITIONS

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SCHOOL JOURNEY TO NORWAY
AUGUST 1958

Writing about this year’s foreign tour presents a new difficulty in
that two distinct parties made the tour, each with its own experiences,
but with apologies to the second party, this account necessarily re-
counts the main itinerary through the eyes of the first party and mem-
bbers of the second party will find some items of particular interest to
them in the last paragraph.

To tackle a sea voyage for sixty persons is a formidable under-
taking, particularly on the very popular Bergen Line, and we therefore
found ourselves split up to sail on consecutive Saturdays. August 16th
found the first party with Mr. and Mrs. Cheale leaving Wellingborough
at the hitherto-unheard-of time of 9.52 a.m., comfortable only in the
fact that we had reserved seats to Peterborough, details further ahead
being shrouded in mystery, thanks to British Railways. However, at
Peterborough a cheerful Stationmaster knew all about us and in res-
served seats we made a rather slow and tedious journey to Newcastle.
The lunch provided was also late, but welcome and well-cooked and, at
least refreshed, we reached the M.S. “Venus” the last passengers to
join the ship, having to carry our own baggage!

The party settled down to life on board at once and full enjoy-
ment of the meals in the cafeteria was greatly helped by a really calm
voyage. All next day along the Norwegian coast, calling at Stavanger
and Haugesund, we had sun, even if the cool breezes did remind one
of being so far north. Bergen at 10 p.m. looked charming with a host
of twinkling lights setting off the broken coastline and the mountains;
and in the morning no less so, in brilliant sun (we have heard it rains
two days in three!) as for the first time we went ashore. Having left
our luggage at the station we tackled Mount Floien by funicular at
once and enjoyed the full spectacle with good visability over many
miles of coast and mountain with the city below. At lunch in the
Neptun Hotel we met Bobby Pagan, of B.B.C. fame, who congratula-
ted the party on its unobtrusive behaviour, and a head waiter, who
complained that the party ate nothing! Joining a thoroughly local
train for Voss which stopped at many stations with only a yard or two
of platform but each with passengers, and larger ones where coming
to see a train is popular entertainment for all ages, travelling for what seemed half the journey either on the extreme edge overhanging a fjord or in a rough-hewn tunnel we covered 65 miles in three hours! From Voss to Vinje is about 12 miles and on this journey we already began to wonder how problems of passing traffic on narrow roads, blind hairpins and the inevitable rock-strewn river bed at the side, might be solved; but the scenery proved attractive and we left such matters for later investigation. At Vinje we found a warm welcome and dinner. From our rooms we could see snow on the mountains, a trout stream ran almost past the door and the whole building of wood had a rope fire-escape at every window! — items for thought as we unpacked and settled in.

Next morning came our first excursion—coach to Voss along the familiar route, then a train to Granvin on the Hardangerfjord. This railway seemed to overcome any little difficulties of rise and fall in the landscape by just following them, tackling the steepest hill with hardly a slack. From Granvin by coach to Ulvik with a first taste of real hairpins and gradients, where the first souvenir buying began in earnest, and so to return to Vinje. On the way for the first time we had the narrow escape which is such a feature of Norway’s roads. Not wide enough for two because such expense would not be justified, much depends upon constant vigilance, as indeed we found in meeting a lorry from a local glass factory! The lorry left the road altogether, but both drivers thought this but an incident in a successful day! On the journey back we also passed the Skjerva waterfall with its spectacular roadworks—hairpins cut right back into the rock, sheer drops and not a hope of passing!

The next day—free, to be spent in a variety of ways—fishing (a great favourite), a walk to the next lake, a trip to Voss, local photography, and, for one group, a strenuous walk of five hours and many miles to the snow, reached with photos to prove it!

Bergen was an all-day trip—away at 6.20 a.m.—a very grey morning—but we made it and, just awake on the train, realised that it had begun to rain. Luckily, though, it lasted only while we visited Grieg’s house and the Fantoft Stave Church, the latter dating from the 11th century, of wood, and very much in demand for local fashionable weddings! Our coach guide did full justice to an interesting trip round the suburbs of Bergen and we rounded off our programme with a visit to the Hanseatic Museum where the behaviour and misbehaviour of these bygone German traders received most witty treatment from a Norwegian girl whose command of English was amazing!

A second free day again produced a variety of interests. Fishing seemed on the wane after poor catches but boating on the lake and an unsuccessful second expedition to the snow proved popular. Then, another early start, this time for Gudvangen down the terrific hairpins of Stalheim but unfortunately in bad weather, brought agreement with the opinion that this is the gloomiest valley in the country. At Gudvangen we joined a ferry to travel up to the main Sognfjord. A feature of all such transport is the provision of comfortable lounges and meals on all but the shortest crossings. In mid-fjord we changed to a steamer
for Balestrand where we disembarked after about 40 miles on the fjord. The steamer itself would travel on to Bergen. We spent a few hours in Balestrand—a warm sheltered resort—and here Chatwyn, Ealey and Kitto were lucky enough to be taken to lunch in the Kviknes Hotel by four ladies visiting from Canada. From Balestrand we crossed the fjord to Vangsnes, seeing on the ferry the extreme problem of crowding on all kinds of traffic, including coaches. The final lap of the day was to be the most breath-taking. The road over the mountain is quite new, in many places unprotected at the side, reaching a height of about 3,500 ft., and a particularly tight schedule has to be maintained. We reached the top as quickly as possible, paused for five minutes and then fairly flew down with scarcely a pause for the most staggering corners! Small wonder that some boys’ stomachs complained at this unusual exercise!

And so to the last excursion — Norway in a Nutshell! — which has been famous for many years. This morning in more leisurely fashion we were able to walk right through the lounge of the Stalheim Hotel and look down over the precipice to the valley below before continuing down in the coach. Incidentally the driver stopped on the steepest bend for photos! From Gudvangen we took ship this time to Flaam, stopping on the way at one village whose sole link with the outside world is by water! Of course in Flaam we gravitated to the only café open, which was doing a roaring trade. Nothing but the arrival of an occasional ship or train ruffles the local calm. We finally left by one of these trains up one of the most amazing railways in the world. We averaged 1 in 22 for 12 miles, past waterfalls, through spiral tunnels and finally emerged from the snowsheds at Myrdal. The Oslo Express is worth seeing, having lounge coaches with reclining seats, tables produced by the staff at will, drinking water with a continuous supply of cardboard cups for each coach, first-class washing and lavatory accommodation and absolute cleanliness! A loudspeaker service announced points of interest and the next station throughout the train. We felt a particular satisfaction in thus completing our last excursion.

Next morning we awaited the second party for lunch. Coming straight from the ship at Bergen they were to do extra sightseeing in the city on the way home. We greeted them with enthusiasm, eager to try out our experiences on their credibility and perhaps by a little exaggeration get them in the right mood to enjoy their excursions! After the group photo the dining-room was strained to capacity for lunch and all too soon the first party were being whisked rapidly away towards Voss, leaving the newcomers in possession. For the last time we viewed the fine scenery of the Bergen Railway, this time from a really fast train, and at Bergen met with the courteous reception of the embarkation staff who had us and baggage quickly and comfortably on board. For some who woke during the night there was the eerie sensation of varying speed as we navigated the twisting channels of the coast but we safely docked in Stavanger on time and 8.15 a.m. found us on shore. Once again the weather was kind and two hours passed all too quickly in brilliant sunshine in this interesting city. Last
souvenirs were bought, nobody managed to lose himself and by 10.30 we were at sea again. Calmly we crossed, enjoyed the food again and got up early for the last time. Even Newcastle looked pleasant on a fine morning, for we had returned in a minor heatwave! All went well, reserved seats turned up everywhere, a very good lunch was provided after Leeds and we reached home at 4.20 p.m.!

For special mention:— the Norwegians who face daily quite impossible meals—everything at breakfast from cornflakes to cheese (5 varieties), tinned and pickled fish, cold meats and pickles—the same for lunch plus several hot dishes and a dinner where one helping taken from the dish is but a signal to fill it up again: Norwegian transport for efficiency and cleanliness: Mr. Vinje and his son Knut, for their warm welcome and continuous attention to our comfort: and among the party—Palmer for a trout on a bent pin: D. Underwood not wisely but too well: De Banke’s group always last: and he of whom an American lady said “He looks just like a little movie actor”.

The Second Party.

By contrast our transport went anything but smoothly both at the beginning and end of the tour—a coach breakdown on arrival in Bergen found us catching the train by rushing through the city in pouring rain in a fleet of taxis, but reserved seats in the observation coach rounded off pleasantly what might have been a very awkward start. On the last day, too, a coach booked for 8.45 a.m. had not arrived by 9 o’clock and when we eventually started we had to beat all records along the Voss road to catch the train which with typical courtesy had been held up to make our journey possible. Under the heading of transport might also be mentioned our very rough crossing on the homeward voyage, with half the passengers sick, but only six of our boys.

An idea of what Norwegians can manage in the way of celebrations was gained when wedding festivities were held in the hotel. Guests in national costume kept it up until about 5 a.m.!

On the way home members of the party met Russian sailors from a cruiser at Bergen. Several photos were taken of happy but uncommunicative groups who had exchanged badges with boys.

For particular mention we single out Bobby Pagan, who has broadcast many times, playing for us at the Neptun Hotel during dinner and ‘Joe’ Underwood, who accepted an invitation to play the organ at the Fantoft Stave Church.

VISIT TO THE BRUSSELS EXHIBITION

Perfect weather, a placid sea, perfect travel arrangements and a wonderfully hospitable hotel all made the visit by Mr. Cheale’s party a very happy one.

We travelled outwards on Thursday night, 11th September, spent Friday in Brussels and crossed back on the Friday night. It was hard going but everyone enjoyed it.
The city itself had something to show us with its underground trams and its overhead motor road, but we no more than noticed these on the way to the Exhibition.

The many aids to getting about, on the ground and in the air were features of the Show—which was so lavish that they needed all of the 45 million visitors in order to make it pay.

Some of our party were beguiled into trying national foods in some of the pavilions—and had pangs of remorse, or something more painful. Most of us walked and walked . . . . and walked.

The Belgians made much of their colonial empire and the burnished copper dome of the Katanga exhibition will long remind us of at least one source of copper. The sheer size of the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. pavilions took our breath away—and when we got it back, lo! our hands were full of leaflets, pamphlets and even full-sized books thrust upon us by ardent attendants. The Israel pavilion had on show one of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Burmese Temple was all one expected of oriental magnificence. The French exhibition seemed to be just that, whilst the British was more of an exposition of our past and our future (and we had to go to Brussels to see Zeta—to see how polythene was first made—and to see Queen Victoria's wedding shoes from Northampton Museum).

But everyone has his own memories! Some will remember Brussels for the Atomium—some for its chips! As for me—I remember the lights, the myriad light at night. J.G.D.

A VISIT TO THE ROYAL NAVY, PORTSMOUTH

On Monday, 28th July, a party of boys and two Masters, Mr. A. E. Sparrow and Mr. R. V. S. Ward, left Wellingborough for a three day visit to the Royal Navy. The journey was uneventful and the sky overcast, but when we arrived at the Frazer Gunnery Range some of our party had the unexpected thrill of firing some real Bofors A.A. guns.

We were then taken aboard H.M.S. “Vanguard”, which was to be our headquarters. Our hammocks proved to be very comfortable, but in spite of this, most of the party slept very little, owing no doubt to the novelty and excitement of the occasion.

In the morning we were introduced to the complicated workings of the fifteen inch gun turrets and after visiting the bridge of H.M.S. “Vanguard” we toured the harbour by boat. Then came a study in contrasts—a most interesting and educative visit to H.M.S. “Victory”, followed immediately by a tour of the Atomic Warfare Centre.

One of the most memorable experiences of our visit was an inspection of the engine rooms of H.M. Cruiser “Kenya”. Our visit to H.M.S. “Dolphin” will be remembered by at least one member of our party, who, while looking through the periscope of a submarine, dropped his raincoat down the periscope well, from which it was retrieved by one of the crew, who was lowered on a rope. Back on “Vanguard” a film show provided a suitable ending to an enjoyable day.
Wednesday morning saw us saying our last farewells to H.M.S. “Vanguard”, all her gangways and low water-tight doors along the companion ways, and, of course, her food which was in the best tradition of the Royal Navy!

On our homeward journey we called at the Royal Naval Air Station, Lee-on-Solent, where we saw varied types of Naval aircraft. At H.M.S. “Collingwood”, the Electrical Training Centre, and at Southampton, the last port of call, we toured the harbour and saw the “Queen Mary”.

It was a most enjoyable visit, and we are very grateful to our hosts, the Royal Navy.

A MONTH’S FREE HOLIDAY IN MAJORCA

After Don Pedro, the principal of the school at which last year’s foreign party stayed, saw how well-behaved the boys were, he wrote asking that two boys go to Majorca for a free holiday, and we were fortunate enough to be chosen. After all the necessary preliminaries, on Tuesday, August 19th, we left Wellingborough for Palma. We were both leaving England for the first time, apprehensive yet confident, a little anxious but optimistic. The journey was quite uneventful, and we experienced no rough passages as last year’s party did.

As soon as we set foot in Palma, we observed that it was a city of contrasts. Alongside the “barrio nuevo” (new district) with its wide avenues, blocks of flats, offices, modern shops and magnificent hotels was the “barrio viejo” (old district), with its narrow side streets, small, dark terraced houses, dingy shops and smelly little “bodegas” (taverns); taxis, buses, luxurious American limousines and swarms of motor scooters were travelling together with donkey carts, hackney carriages and old, doorless water lorries. The casual stroller along the main streets was besieged by wandering salesmen, “linpiabotas” (shoeshiners), and many sellers of contraband goods.

Like many who have visited Palma, we were very much impressed by the beauty and grandeur of the Cathedral, and we saw for ourselves the unforgettable spectacle of the sunlight filtering through the wonderful rose window above the main altar.

Thanks to the generosity of our host Don Pedro, we were able to visit many of the places of interest about the island, the most notable being the Caves of Drach, and, like last year’s party, we were thrilled by their natural beauty.

All too soon our delightful holiday came to an end. After a month without any rain, we were not looking forward to England with its autumnal showers. We were given a foretaste of these, however, on landing in Barcelona, although we encountered no freak storms during the flight to the Spanish mainland. The journey home was as uneventful as the outward one, and after a sleepless night on the none too comfortable French leatherette upholstery, we arrived home very pleased with our holiday, and knowing a little more about Spain and the Spanish way of life.

C. E. GARLEY & M. J. NEWELL
HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

House Masters:
Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. Ward, Mr. A. E. Sparrow,
Mr. A. W. Leftwich.
Head of House: J. O. Greenhalf.
Secretary: J. F. Nutt.

Last term we were successful in two competitions, the P.E. competition and, of course, the Swimming Cup. Although our performances in the Cricket matches were somewhat improved on previous years, still more effort is required to win.

This year the House is well represented in the 1st XV, having seven boys in all, including the complete three-quarter line and the Captain. Two of these, J. O. Greenhalf (Capt.) and J. D. Poyner, have been selected to play for the County, and M. E. Robinson, who was injured in the trial, will be considered. We congratulate them on their selection.

At the time of writing, two rounds of the Rugby competition have been played. The Seniors have won both their matches with ease against the Gryphons and Stags, but the Juniors lost on both occasions.

During the House Meeting at the beginning of term, the following new appointment were made:—
Captain of Rugby, J. O. Greenhalf; Vice-Captain, D. O. Tall; Captain of Junior Rugby, Newman; Vice-Captain, Bayes. House Prefects—R. Cox and J. F. Nutt, the latter also being elected Secretary.

Congratulations are extended to those boys who gained their House Colours at the end of last term.

In conclusion, we would like to wish all Dragons a Merry Christmas and good luck in 1959.

GRYPHONS

House Masters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. D. J. Riach, Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins.
School Prefects:
D. S. Wilson, D. G. Powell, D. E. Billing, R. E. Chapman,
M. D. Kitson, G. G. Martin.
House Secretary: R. J. Wrenn.

Since the last magazine was published, three competitions have been decided. Our best hope of success was in the Cricket competition, in which we finished second to the Stags. Our results in the Swimming and P.E. competitions were disappointing, our final positions being third and fourth respectively.
In the first inter-House Rugby match, our Senior XV were well beaten by the Dragons, but our strong Junior XV fared much better, and overwhelmed their opponents. We have two enterprising Rugby Captains in D. S. Wilson of the Senior XV, and in Frisby of the Junior XV.

We congratulate R. I. S. White, who has been re-elected as Music Captain for the third successive year, and we all wish him success in the coming Music competition.

Congratulations are offered to D. S. Wilson on being appointed Head of the School.

We welcome all newcomers to the House. We remind every Gryphon that much depends on him, if we are to win more cups.

In conclusion, we wish all Gryphons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LIONS

House Masters:  
Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. J. P. Hyde.
Head of the House: N. J. Butler.
House Prefect: R. E. Oberman (Secretary).

Since the publication of the Summer magazine, the Cricket, P.T. and Swimming competitions have been held. In the Cricket competition our young, inexperienced team tried hard but was overwhelmed, and in the Swimming Sports it was once more shown that individual efforts are pointless without the support of others, and we were placed last. In the P.E. competition we were not quite able to hold on to our fractional lead, and were forced into third place.

At the House Meeting, held at the beginning of the term, K. F. Allen was elected Senior Captain of Rugby, M. C. Gray as Junior Captain.

At the time of writing, one round has been played and with two wins to their credit the Lions are top of the table.

Other appointments included C. E. Garley, House Music Captain, and J. Wilson and R. E. Oberman as producers for the House Drama. R. E. Oberman was also elected to fill the vacant post of House Secretary.

This year 23 new boys were welcomed to the House, and we hope that they will make a useful contribution in the House competitions.

In conclusion we offer the compliments of the festive season, and hope that in the New Year the Lions will once more be rampant.

STAGS

House Masters:  
Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. E. P. Butcher.
Head of House: K. Bailey.
House Prefects: Hobbs, Sugars, Nunley, Underwood.

We extend a warm welcome to all new Stags, and we hope they will all pull their weight either athletically or academically to enhance the prestige of the House.
Since the publication of the last magazine, the Swimming and Cricket Cups have been contested. In the former we were placed second, and in the latter first equal. We congratulate all concerned for these fine efforts.

At this term's House Meeting, K. Bailey was elected to fill the vacant position of House Captain, with R. Tomlin as Vice-Captain. M. J. Newell is the House Secretary, and new House Prefects are Hobbs, Sugars, Nunley and R. Underwood. Tomlin was elected Senior Rugby Captain with G. Gill as Vice-Captain. Junior Captain and Vice-Captain are Perritt and Dobbs.

Already the first two rounds of the Rugger Cup have been played, the Seniors losing both matches and the Juniors winning one and losing one.

We congratulate R. Sugars, J. Hobbs and G. Gill on being awarded House Colours.

Finally, we wish all Stags, past and present, a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE

At the Parents' Committee's Annual Meeting it was arranged to hold Whist Drives on 28th October, 25th November, and 27th January, and the Annual Bazaar and School Plays on 23rd March, 1959.

It was agreed to make donations to the Railway Club, the Dramatic Society, Photographic Society, and the Puppet Club.

The usual Annual Meeting of Parents was held on Tuesday, 14th October, and we were pleased to welcome such a large number of parents.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

Camp this year was held at Youlbury Scout Camp, near Oxford. We made our customary early start, the weather being uppermost in our minds. Would we be able to pitch the tents in comfort? On arrival we found parts of the site rather damp, but, except for one day, we had very favourable weather—a surprising fact considering the conditions during the rest of the Summer. Perhaps Mother Nature was trying to make up for the 1956 catastrophe.

The Camp, which was our largest for 10 years, was very enjoyable, this being in part due to the situation in extensive woodlands, and in part to the excellent organisation, for which Taylor is to be congratulated. Taylor now holds the Camp Warden's badge.

During the summer holidays Dobney, Gray, Nicholas, Palmer and Talbot passed their First Class hike.

Holder, Kitto, Morris and Stratton have now joined the Senior Scouts and are busy with Public Health and First Aid work. The new Troop Leader is Taylor, and new Patrol Leaders are Gray, Nicholas and Palmer.
This year's Jumble Sale was a very quiet affair and we were very surprised to discover that the proceeds were over £18. Our thanks are due to Miss Bavin, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Leftwich and Mrs. Nicholas for help during the sale.

Our Hallowe'en celebrations were held on the eve of half term, when Allen won the prize for the best turnip. We have now settled down to normal meetings and we welcome Dofort and Williams, of 1c. There are still two places in the Troop vacant. Meetings are on Fridays, from 4.15 to 6.30 p.m.

**MUSIC NOTES**

The annual Concert was given on July 22nd. It included items by Junior and Senior Choirs and Madrigal group as well as several solo instrumental and vocal items. The audience was not quite as large as it has been in recent years.

The strength of the Madrigal group has been increased to four sopranos, 2 contraltos, 2 tenors and 2 basses which enables us to sing 5-part madrigals and to enjoy the interplay of contrasting sonorities afforded by a 5-part texture. The Madrigal group sang at a party for blind people given by the Wellingborough Rotary Club in November.

The Record Society is now firmly established, meeting during the lunch hour each Friday. The Society thanks the Parents’ Association for the grant which has enabled it to purchase recordings of music by Borodin, Chabrier, Debussy, Dukas, Falla, Haydn, Ibert, Prokofiev, Ravel, Rossini, Saint-Saens and Tchaikowsky. Although meetings are very well attended, there is still room for more. Any special requests for future programmes should be made to a member of the Committee.

The Senior and Junior Choirs are at present rehearsing for the Recital of Christmas Music to be given on December 15th.

**CHESS CLUB**

The Club has been holding regular meetings during this term but the membership has fallen off somewhat. We ask all who may be interested in the game to make the effort and come along on Tuesdays at 4 o'clock.

Not many first-formers have joined us this year, and we should be pleased to teach any first form boy to play chess.

The fall in membership has also been the result of many of our sixth form members leaving School last term. Boys in the Middle School do not seem to come along to take their places. Anyone who wishes to join the Club will be very welcome.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

This term we said goodbye to Mr. Goodman who has taken a post at Ealing Technical College and we welcome in his place Mr. McCall. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Goodman for his work in the Society. R. Jolley was elected as Chairman and R. Ablett as Secretary.
The term's work started well with talks by members on Printing, Developing and Enlarging. A film strip called "Bottled Sunshine", and flash photographs were taken the next week with the help of Mr. Stanley and his Madrigal Group. Altogether the term has been most successful and thanks to a donation by the Parents' Committee we hope to make next term's work even more interesting.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.

Chairmen: J. J. L. Knighton and R. Miles.


Committee:

Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich, Mr. Knight, J. J. L. Knight, R. Miles, R. E. Chapman and T. S. Griggs.

Eight meetings have been held since the beginning of the Autumn term and the attendance at all meetings has been good. The lectures have been varied and interesting and have included the following:

1. "Flax", by R. Cowley.—In the first lecture of the term the processing and uses of flax were described.
2. "Robots", by P. Bodsworth.—The working of an electronic machine imitating certain human reflexes, e.g. eyesight, was outlined.
3. "Rockets and their Uses", by R. Throssel.—Different types of rockets were described and various factors affecting their launching were discussed.
4. "Photo-electricity", by R. J. Hawkins.—Several photo-electric cells were described in very close detail and a number of early experiments in the subject.
5. "The Mechanical Treatment of Steel", by R. Joyce.—Industrial methods of processing steel were discussed.
7. "Field Ecology", by D. Page.—An account was given of several botanical methods for the estimation of plant distribution.
8. "The Theory of Numbers", by T. S. Griggs.—Various relationships which exist between integers were proved, and mention was made of Fermat's famous Last Theorem.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society has, on the whole, had a most successful term. Several quite well attended debates have been held in the dinner hour, and negotiations are in progress for a return debate with Kettering Grammar School.

The motions have been on subjects of vastly different appeal, and have on many occasions been of topical interest. Motions have ranged from the sublime ("Is Science taking the place of Religion?") to the ridiculous ("Hancock's Half-hour is the best form of Modern Art").
It is pleasant to note that scathing personal attacks from the floor are no longer in vogue, and a modicum of respect for the Chair seems to be appearing.

This term we must note with regret the departure of Mr. Gray who has spent much time in fostering the Society. We would like to express our gratitude to him and hope that he will be happy in his new appointment. His place as President will be ably taken over by Mr. Greenwood, who has already shown a keen interest in the Society.

The Society welcomes any interested persons to its meetings, and wishes all would-be orators the compliments of the festive season.

RAILWAY CLUB

Leaving Wellingborough by the last train on July 15th, our South Wales party travelled overnight, reaching Swansea ready for breakfast, which was ready right opposite the station. Much refreshed, we joined our coach and after visiting four sheds in Swansea, travelled on to visit Neath and from there crossed the mountains to Pontypidd for lunch. The lunch was good, too good really, as we sat so long over it and could only do three more sheds afterwards—Abercynon, Radyr and Cardiff (Canton). An excellent packed meal from Cardiff Station was some compensation for the dinner on the train refused to the party by British Railways and after a punctual journey to Paddington we finally reached Wellingborough at 10.37 p.m. It is believed that the day’s bag for some boys was nearly 400!

Mr. Burrell, who was a founder member of the Railway Club, left us last term and, in wishing the Club every success, presented a Railway History to members, for which we are very grateful.

This term has brought a most pleasing number of members from the new boys and meetings have been well attended and enthusiastic. Progress has been made in the construction of new base-boards to replace those formerly in Room 2.

Our recent work has been the scenery for “Twelfth Night” which will, it is hoped, form a thoroughly robust background to the play.

TOC H REPORT

Meetings are held regularly every Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Library, and a full programme for the term has been arranged. Speakers have included a representative from the International Bible Reading Association, when we were joined by the Christian Union of the High School, and the Rev. Michael Campbell, a Toc H padre who has just left to take up an appointment in New Zealand. All such talks have been interesting and enlightening.

At the beginning of this term, the following Officers were elected: R. E. Oberman (Chairman), P. D. S. White (Treasurer), R. Jolley (Jobmaster), C. E. Garley (Secretary).
We continue to serve two of the hospitals in the town with a library service, taking around both books and cheery words to the patients, and have other useful jobs under way. Our very existence is activated by a desire to serve—"to love widely, to build bravely, to think fairly and to witness humbly"—as we try to spread the Gospel without preaching it.

Several members also attend the meetings of other branches in the district, notably Broadways, our parent branch. We are pleased to note that G. S. Regis, one of our founder members has passed into the staff of Toc H for a period of two years, and thence he is to train for the Ministry.

A few new members have been welcomed this term, and any other members of the 5th and 6th forms willing to give voluntary service, and interested in Toc H and its aims, are invited to attend our meetings.

P.E. CLUB

The P.E. Club was re-formed again this term after a long period of non-existence. Attendance has been very good, especially from the Lower School, and great disappointment has been shown when meetings have been impossible—which is very encouraging. Arrangements have now been made whereby, in the event of the absence of Mr. Hyde, the Club will continue to function with Mr. Sulch in charge.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — CHRISTMAS, 1958

This will be the last report I shall make in my capacity of Chairman, because when this report is read, we shall have embarked on another Old Boys' year, and a new Chairman, Mr. Kenneth Holmes, will be in charge. I hope all of you, Masters and boys, will give Mr. Holmes the help and encouragement that I have enjoyed in my four years in office, and I am sure you will join with me in wishing him every success in what promises to be a successful year in Old Boys' activities.

As forecast, the new playing field is in use for Rugby this season and early observations show that in a few years we shall have a first class Sports Field. On one occasion this season we saw two Old Boys' XV's playing home matches on their own ground; it is a very encouraging sign when we can entertain two Clubs on the same day on our own ground.

The projected Pavilion is still in the discussion stage, but I know that the re-formed Committee will give this matter their urgent attention. As you probably know, there are many new developments planned in and around the town and we have to be very careful not to spend money on certain services when probably a few months' delay would enable us to acquire these services (e.g. electricity and water) at much lower costs.
This year, we had as our Guest of Honour at the Dinner Dr. A. Jackson, whom everyone was delighted to see again. In his speech Dr. Jackson suggested that the Old Boys should direct their energies not only towards material things such as the field, and physical pursuits like Rugby and cricket, but also toward more cultural activities. I think Dr. Jackson has made an important observation and already plans are being made regarding the formation of a Dramatic Society. Nevertheless, however we widen our field, we must have support, and we look forward to the years when you will become Old Boys with us and join us in expanding the Association and so help us to carry on in the traditions of our parent School.

Finally I would thank you all once again for your loyal support over the past four years and I wish all of you a Happy Christmas and successful New Year.

M. C. C. Knowles.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

OXFORD

BRERETON, a quiet, homely chap, after walking back from Spain, writes poetry in his native tongue and on paper. He rows for his College—an earful lot.

BROWN is an active sportsman, especially when playing against any of the ladies' Colleges. He goes home very frequently, for purposes unknown, although he says, “We are still good friends”. He has a few other activities . . .

HALL serves his time at Church and musical chemistry. Composes duets but he is not noted in any other key activity.

ROSE has risen to become Cricket Secretary. He drinks fully of public and party life and is considered to belong to the “gin’try”. After many attempts, he wishes it to be known that he is now the College “hula-hoop knees champion”.

SMEATHERS is a more serous type and belongs to the usual clubs and intelligentsia groups. His chief aim in life, at the moment, is to find a place where something is free.

STEVENS plays regularly as scrum half for St. Peter’s Hall 1st XV. STEVENSON is a keen social worker. Since becoming the representative for the Scientific Society at St. Peter’s Hall and reading the “Times” daily, he has become a new man. Plays the gentleman’s game of hockey.

WYKES made a tactical move in losing his chess match against an undergraduette. He now fancies himself as a film critic.

Our life here is summed up as :—

“ To suffer woes which Hope thinks infinite;
To forgive wrongs darker than death or night;
To defy Power which seems omnipotent . . .
Neither to change, nor falter nor repent,
This . . . is to be good, great, and joyous,
beautiful and free.”
CAMBRIDGE

M. WELLS (Queens').—no report, unfortunately, except for definite news that he is “in stat pup.” this year.

B. J. TYLER (Christ’s).—A fleeting glimpse is all that we have seen of Brian so far this year; on reflection, this is not so surprising!

M. HORNSEY (St. Catharine’s).—Is reported to be doing a Dip. Ed. this year as a means to a fourth year in Cambridge.

T. PAINTER (Caius).—It is rumoured that Tim is concerned in the Sociedad Hispanola production this year; since several Girtonians are also involved, we are somewhat sceptical. Politically, he is, as usual, definitely anti— . . . ! !

D. P. FROST (Caius).—We are all wondering how he manages to play Soccer, act in the A.D.C., and attend all the meetings of his Societies, in addition to 12 lectures per week. However, we feel confident that he will soon brings things into their proper perspective and cut out the lectures.

LONDON

B. K. RIGBY (University College).—Is very proud of the fact that he has played Rugby before Royalty. The Duke of Edinburgh was present at Wye College (Kent) during a game in the U.L.U. Cup first round. However, he did not obtain a medal for this feat—or a handshake!

J. W. PENDERED (University College).—Now feels completely at ease riding his newly purchased motor cycle. It is a Triumph ‘Speed Twin’, “just like the speed cops have”. All he needs now is a telephone, so that he can dial HAVoc 999.

B. R. CLAYTON (University College).—Has started playing Rugby this season, as can be seen from the traditional “limp and wince” on Mondays and Thursdays. However, he prides himself on being reasonably fit, albeit without the aid of hula-hoops!

P. A. TEAR (King’s College).—Has pursued his legalistic way with an unquenchable thirst. We dare not presume to ask—thirst for what? He has been to theatres, dances, parties and has occasionally worked, and played Rugby, for his sins.

M. GOODLIFFE (London Hospital).—Informs us that when he can spare the time from “coffee” parties, and frequent visits to Canterbury Hall, he would be willing to tackle needy patients. Any offers? It’s free if you bring your own teeth!

P. BRYAN (Chelsea Polytechnic).—Can be seen cycling every day across Battersea (!) Bridge in an effort to make his grant cover “working expenses”. His work seems to consist of investigating properties of frogs under various degrees of inflation.

C. DAVIS (Royal College of Rubber Technology).—Was last seen at Trafalgar Square on November 5th. He has not been seen since, although it is understood that elastic bands were not prohibited!
J. MANN and R. J. EYLES (London School of Economics).—Are unaccountably attracted by a certain effigy "guarding" the entrance of the Comeo Royal. However, the third member of their party could see little difference between HER and herself.

H. D. CLARK (Queen Mary College).—A Part I Engineer. He continually complains of financial hardship, but seems to have learned from his friend RIGBY, of University College, the secret of writing up lab. reports quickly. He seems to be combining study and London life quite satisfactorily, while still retaining a great interest in Rushden affairs.

A. JACKSON (Queen Mary College).—A Part II Engineer. Complains of overwork, but reports that he enjoyed a pleasant vacation, having been led to study "Welsh Castles".

NOTTINGHAM

The Autumn Term is the height of the social season here, and with no important exams. imminent, everybody becomes very sociable.

J. SHARMAN, a fresher reading Maths., has joined the Rugby Club, but complains that work is so pressing that he has no time to play. Well, that's his story.

M. THORNEYCROFT, now in his second year of research, divides his time between an old van and a pile of meters, dynamos and tubes which he calls his "research project". The van, a replica of Boadicea's chariot, bewilders him as much as his research does.

J. WALPOLE is torn between Crib and Fencing. When seen, he is usually muttering darkly "15–2, seconde, 15–4 touché . . .".

G. WEST has now rejected alcohol in favour of the Philosophical Society, but has crossed his wines somewhere because he firmly believes in the dogma "Imbibo ergo sum".

M. WYMAN, a "T.V. celebrity", is a fresher reading English. He is producing "End Game", by Becket, for the Dramatic Society and has become hirsute in the process.

B. H. WHITNEY, second year now, still doesn't go folk dancing.

SHEFFIELD

FOKERD is doing Finals this year, and consequently little else. What an anti-climax after a year in France!

SHERWOOD has just started to grow a beard. Most probable suggestions so far as to its purpose are: (1) to stop soup from dripping on to his shirt; (2) to replace the scarf he lost last year.

BETTS still manages to find time for his musical (?) activities. He has recently formed a Modern Jazz Group and his written some pieces for it which he assures me are masterpieces!

ROBERTS spent Rag Day in pirate costume on board the Spanish Society's 'Galleon'. Apparently quite a profit was made by parking it on a zebra-crossing and victimising the halted traffic.
WARREN has been studying the Sheffield weather again, but after a recent trip to Huddersfield (purpose unknown!) he assures his incredulous friends that that noble city is even worse than Sheffield.

CLARKE has joined the Campanology Society, but he says that the main drawback is that they have no bells yet!

COATES has been seen only occasionally, squeezing through doors in the opposite direction. It is rumoured that he has taken up bird-watching—species of bird unknown.

LEE confesses that he has already considered suicide this year, and was deterred only by the thought of spoiling his landlady’s new carpet. Such is the price of fame!

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD:
D. BARBER (Merton). Class II Honours in Chemistry.
G. ROSE (Wadham). 1st Class Honours Moderations in Mathematics.

LONDON:
J. HYDE (Charing Cross Hospital). Has obtained his Final M.B.