WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV, 1958-59

(Vice-Captain)  (Captain)  (Hon. Sec.)
The Magazine of the
Wellingborough Grammar School

SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: D. S. Wilson
Second Prefect: G. G. Martin

Prefects:
N. J. Butler, C. E. Garley, K. Bailey, D. E. Billing, J. O. Greenhalf,
R. Tomlin, M. E. Robinson, M. J. Newell, R. E. Chapman,
R. D. Bland, M. D. Kitson, D. J. Wignell, G. Gill.

We have to bid farewell this term to Mr. D. J. Riach, who is
taking up an appointment as Senior Geography Master at Huntingdon
Grammar School. He will be greatly missed, and we extend to him
our good wishes for success and happiness in his new post.

We welcome Mr. P. J. Delmon, B.Sc., London University, who
joined the Staff in January as Senior Chemistry Master.

Mr. A. E. Stratford left us at Easter to become Senior French
Master at Eye Grammar School, Norfolk. His work has been taken
over this term by Mr. C. B. Johnson, an Old Boy of the School, who
returns to Cambridge in October for a post-graduate course. Mr. M. J.
Gray was succeeded in January by Mr. M. Currie, who leaves us at
the end of this term for Oxford, where he will do research in French
as a State Student. To both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Currie we offer
our thanks and our best wishes.

Congratulations are extended to D. J. Stanton and A. G. Marlow,
who represented the Midland Counties Schools' Rugby XV (Under 15)
against the North of England, at Northampton.

We also congratulate M. Leeson, who was selected to attend a
cricket coaching course run by the English Schools' Cricket Association
at Lilleshall in April. Leeson, R. Barden, and P. G. Tomkins played
for the Northamptonshire Schools' Cricket XI (Under 15) v. Derbyshire
Schools, at Rushden, on June 27th. These three boys, together with
K. D. Billing, also played against Nottinghamshire Schools, at Beeston,
on May 17th.

The School has good reason to be proud of T. M. Gotch, who
received from Princess Margaret on July 4th the American Trophy,
a cup presented by the 8th U.S. Army Air Corps to the St. John
Ambulance Brigade for award to the cadet who performs the most
outstanding act of gallantry during the year. This great honour comes
to Cadet Gotch for his rescue last August of an eleven-year-old boy
from a disused and very deep clay-pit off Finedon Road, Welling-
borough.

The Headmaster's latest novel, "Unguarded Moment", was pub-
lished recently.
Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. S. Ward, on the birth of a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Greenwood, also on the birth of a daughter; and to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Halliwell, on the birth of a son.

The Commemoration Service was held on May 15th, the address being given by the Rev. J. C. Gill, Vicar of Finedon.

A party from School attended the Northampton Repertory Company’s production of “Twelfth Night”.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Priestley, of Rushden, are donating to the School an annual prize to be awarded for Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics. This is in memory of their son, David, whose tragic death in a car accident last October cut short what promised to be a brilliant career. The School will cherish his memory, and we extend to Mr. and Mrs. Priestley our gratitude for their fine gesture.

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

ENTRANTS
A. M. DESBOROUGH D. WATKINS A. J. L. JONES B. WOODHAMS

LEAVERS
G. C. HOBBY G. C.E. ’O’ Level Rural Council, Surveyor’s Department, Transferred to Cheam, Surrey.
G. J. CRAWFORD G. C.E. ’O’ Level Midland Bank, Kettering.
B. J. BRITCHFORD J. C. MADDOCK I. D. AGER
G. C. HOBBY S. F. G. JOHNSON B. LINES
M. J. HAGGER J. A. McVARISH G. BAYES
B. T. SMART M. G. CRAVESTOCK R. R. ALLEN
K. F. ALLEN D. G. POWELL
J. J. L. KNIGHTON G. C. SKERRITT D. G. NUNLEY

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER, 1958

The following boys were successful in adding additional subjects to their Certificates:—

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This summer's weather, unlike that of recent seasons, has been very much in favour of batsmen making shots and therefore runs. The outfields have been fast, the ball has come on to the bat and there could be a greater margin of error than on slow green wickets.

Even so this year's side has failed to score sufficient runs and at a reasonable rate per hour, despite numerous practice sessions to draw attention to individual weaknesses. This has not helped the bowling, which has in any case lacked variety; there being only one successful slow bowler out of numbers tried both at nets and in matches. All too often our opponents' bowling has been met with timidity. Possession of the crease is not by any means the only rôle of a reputedly competent batsman. By far the greater satisfaction and advantage are to be reaped from boldness tempered with discretion, for instance in the using of feet against slow bowlers. To play such bowling from the crease to the well pitched up ball is exactly what opponents like. Wood to leather rather than leather to wood is the better and more paying psychological approach to batsmanship. Nerves, together with lack of confidence, born of a run of low scores, would in part explain certain failures this term. There is truth, too, in the assertion that it is easier to make runs in a side which is making runs, but pluck and concentration do help and one feels these qualities have been little seen and exercised so far this season.

Vital wickets have fallen and many runs have been missed because of indifferent running between the wickets, the result of faulty calling and even inaudible calling. Many a second run could have been taken if the first one been taken more quickly. When the School started...
its innings well the middle batting as often as not lamentably failed. When the openers failed, the middle did help to stage recoveries but only of a limited character. Not once has the side batted with success throughout the order. This was, however, the summer for sides to have made runs and in this the 1st XI have been disappointing.

The best batsman of the previous season, Powell, was unfortunately not available and only after numerous experiments was an adequate replacement found to partner Palmer—Nutt. Both have done well, despite inexplicable lapses of concentration leading to the most appalling strokes. Kitson has shown no sort of form, though capable of good runs. The responsibility has thus been heavier on the younger members of the side—Leeson, and P. G. Tomkins. They have done quite well, but have lacked powerful shots and example from others. All too often they have had to bat when the bowlers held the initiative. The Captain, Tomlin, has batted commendably in his spirited way and made 36 in about 12 minutes against Oundle, after the first 13 runs of the School's innings had taken 45 minutes on a plumb, fast wicket!

The bowlers have had to work hard for their wickets. Tomlin, James, and P. G. Tomkins have all bowled with zest and energy but batsmen have not had to hurry if the School batted first. Had there been more runs to bowl against, their reward would have been greater. Nutt has bowled with skill, flighting the ball well and varying his pace. Above all he has made batsmen play forward. A slow bowler must above all bowl a length to achieve this.

The bowlers' analyses have not suffered from dropped catches so much as from rather lethargic ground fielding and throwing in at times. Snappiness in the field helps bowlers and worries batsmen. Fielding conducted in that vein is always far more enjoyable. It is not easy to captain a side lacking success and confidence but Tomlin has set a fine example with ball and bat himself, which has not been sufficiently well supported by others. Let us hope for better things in forthcoming matches!

Our thanks are due to Mr. Bryan, the groundsman, for his very careful and conscientious preparation of wickets, a task which has involved much extra work this year because of the abnormally dry weather. Good wickets are essential for aspiring cricketers of all ages, for on them batsmen can play shots with confidence, and bowlers have to bowl straight, keep a length, and do something with the ball to be effective.

RESULTS

  Kettering G.S. 115 for 5 dec.
  W.G.S. 58 for 6 (M. Y. Palmer 24).

16th May v. Old Cytringanians. Lost by 12 runs.
  Old Cytringanians 139 (Tomlin 5 for 46).
  W.G.S. 127 (M. Y. Palmer 51, Bradshaw 30, Tomlin 22).
27th May v. Deacon’s School. Lost by 7 wickets.
W.G.S. 127 (Leeson 45, Tomlin 26).
Deacon’s School 132 for 3.

30th May v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Drawn.
Oundle School 2nd XI 181 for 5 dec.
W.G.S. 115 for 8 (Tomlin 36, P. G. Tomkins 32).

3rd June v. Bedford Modern School 2nd XI. Won by 80 runs.
W.G.S. 132 (M. Y. Palmer 38, Nutt 20).
Bedford Modern 2nd XI 52 (Tomkins 5 for 16, James 5 for 22).

18th June v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Drawn.
W.G.S. 144 for 9 dec. (Nutt 39, Tomlin 31, Leeson 28).
W.T.C.C. 144 for 8 (Nutt 4 for 43).

20th June v. Kettering G.S. Drawn.
W.G.S. 111 for 8 dec. (M. Y. Palmer 28, Maher 24 not out).
Kettering G.S. 93 for 8 (Nutt 4 for 31).

27th June v. Northampton G.S. 1st XI. Drawn.
N.G.S. 148 for 3.
W.G.S. 77 for 7 (Tomlin 23, Green 20, Kitson 16 not out).

4th July v. King’s School, Peterborough. Drawn.
King’s School 141 (Tomlin 4 for 37, Nutt 3 for 42).
W.G.S. 92 for 9 (Leeson 21).

2ND XI

This year, we have been in the unusual position of not knowing whom to leave out of the 2nd XI. Sixteen were worthy of a place in the team, which had available 5 batsmen who could open the innings, 7 slow bowlers, 4 fast bowlers and no No. 11 batsman! Sorting 11 names into a systematic order has not been easy.

Keenness and drive have been shown by the team, ably and purposefully led by Clarke, who is always willing to learn. This year, there has been more vigorous batting, with more varied stroke-play and more effective hitting of loose bowling; running between wickets has been good at times. Bowling has been more varied and it has been difficult to let all the slow bowlers prove their worth; there has been more bite and precision in the fast bowling. The ground fielding and throwing in have been proficient, though catches have been dropped by fielders not keeping alert, especially at slip. There has been a desire to get on with the game and achieve a result one way or the other—a pleasing change from last season’s series of draws. The 2nd XI enjoy their cricket.

Of the first 8 games, 6 were won and 2 lost. The two games lost were the result of batting failures; otherwise, the batting has been consistent. White hit 65 not out against Bedford Modern Colts and achieved a hat-trick against Corby G.S. Greenhalf and P. A. Tompkins have taken the most wickets.
RESULTS

Deacon’s School 84 (Greenhalf 6 for 15).
School 86 for 4 (Coles 31, Clarke 17, Goosey 16).

Sat., May 30th v. Oundle School 3rd XI. Away. Lost by 120 runs.
Oundle 155 for 3 dec.
School 35.

School 166 for 6 dec. (White 65, Goosey 33, Wrenn 21,
Clarke 14).
Bedford Modern Colts 30 (Greenhalf 5 for 9, Tompkins
5 for 12).

Sat., June 6th v. Towcester 1st XI. Away. Lost by 68 runs.
Towcester G.S. 119 for 5 dec.
School 51 (Sauntson 14).

School 124 (Munns 34, Goosey 22, Sauntson 17).
Corby G.S. 71 (White 3 for 9, Tompkins 3 for 23).

Kettering G.S. 28 (Greenhalf 3 for 15, Tompkins 4 for 9).
School 36 for 0 (Munns 20 not out).

Thurs., June 18th v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI. Away. Won by 38 runs.
School 101 (Greenhalf 14).
Laxton G.S. 63 (Sauntson 3 for 11).

Ketering G.S. 78 (Sauntson 6 for 20, Billing 3 for 30).
School 81 for 4 (Billing 25, Coles 17).

School 98 for 8 dec. (Galloway 35, Wrenn 19).
Daventry G.S. 99 for 7 (Billing 5 for 33).

UNDER 15 XI

The Under 15 XI has done extremely well this year in remaining
undefeated so far, winning decisively five of the seven matches played.
It has been a well balanced side and success has been due to good
performance in all departments.

The responsibility of scoring runs has fallen upon the shoulders
of the first five batsmen and all have played sound and valuable
innings during the season. Frisby has had two outstanding innings,
one of 51 against Northampton G.S. and another of 100 not out
against King’s, Peterborough. They have been assured, technically
correct and possessed of some good scoring shots together with a
refreshing willingness to use them. Only once has the early batting
really failed and then Bayes came to the rescue and made a reasonable
score possible. The running between the wickets has been quick and
safe, sharp singles being well taken. Although the later batting has
been somewhat undistinguished, some useful runs have accrued from
it.
The team has been fortunate in having many bowlers to call upon. While not commanding real pace, the quicker bowlers have bowled quite well and taken their quota of wickets. Of these, Newman and latterly Tilley have shown commendable accuracy. Jackson and Bayes have proved very effective with their off-breaks. Both have turned the ball appreciably and have posed a different problem to batsmen as Jackson pushes the ball through faster than Bayes.

Fielding has been generally good—as good as permitted by the uneven ground on which most matches have been played, and comparatively few chances have been missed. The most pleasing feature has been the brisk, business-like, competent and thoroughly organised way in which the side has comported itself in the field. For this a great deal is owed to Bradshaw, who has captained it most ably and thoughtfully.

**Results**

12th May v. Northampton G.S.  Won by 88 runs.
  W.G.S. 122 for 5 dec. (Jackson 48, Gray 24, Bradshaw 20).
  Northampton G.S. 34 (Lambert 3 for 13, Burrell 3 for 10,
  Newman 3 for 1).

  W.G.S. 111 for 4 dec. (Gray 31, Frisby 22, Jackson 24).
  Wellingborough School 70 for 7 (Jackson 5 for 30).

27th May v. Deacon's G.S.  Won by 14 runs.
  W.G.S. 89 (Jackson 18).
  Deacon's G.S. 75 (Jackson 5 for 27, Bayes 4 for 16).

30th May v. Oundle.  Drawn.
  Oundle 150 for 8 dec.
  W.G.S. 82 for 7 (Frisby 32, Stevenson 19 not out).

  W.G.S. 79 (Bayes 37).
  Bedford Modern 69 (Bayes 5 for 15).

10th June v. Corby G.S.  Won by 49 runs.
  W.G.S. 92 (Stevenson 30, Bradshaw 24).
  Corby G.S. 43 (Lambert 3 for 12, Newman 3 for 4).

16th June v. Northampton G.S.  Won by 6 wickets.
  Northampton G.S. 99 (Burrell 3 for 17, Tilley 3 for 31).
  W.G.S. 101 for 4 (Frisby 51, Gray 19).

4th July v. King's School, Peterborough.  Drawn.
  W.G.S. 173 for 3 dec. (Frisby 100 not out, Stevenson 22,
  King's 126 for 4 (Bayes 3 for 42).

**Under 14 XI**

The team has shown commendable keenness under the able captaincy of Martin. Our playing record (Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 2) shows the degree of success achieved. Except in the game against Bedford Modern, when the batting cracked badly, opposing bowlers have had to fight to get wickets, and although the team has no out-
standing batsmen they have all been reasonably consistent, though running between the wickets has at times had a nightmarish quality.

The bowling has been accurate, without being deadly. Again there has been no lack of bowlers, only a lack of variety.

A pleasing feature of this season has been the contribution made by the First Formers, four of them having played in the team.

RESULTS

May 12th v. Northampton G.S.    Won by 4 wickets.
   W.G.S. 107 for 4 dec. (Martin 28 not out, Mawson 28 not out)
   Northampton G.S. 63 (Smith 4 for 20, Cox 4 for 13).

   Bedford Harpur 82 for 9 dec. (Wills 3 for 13).
   W.G.S. 76 for 5 (Cox 29, Bonham 21).

May 27th v. Deacon’s G.S., Peterborough.    Won by 4 wickets.
   Deacon’s G.S. 56 (Cox 4 for 11, Bellamy 3 for 7).
   W.G.S. 58 for 6 (Martin 16 not out).

May 30th v. Towcester G.S.    Won by 78 runs.
   W.G.S. 100 for 9 dec. (Mason 40 not out).
   Towcester G.S. 22 (Cox 7 for 8).

June 3rd v. Bedford Modern School.    Lost by 77 runs.
   Bedford Modern 108 for 6 dec. (Bellamy 3 for 29).
   W.G.S. 31.

June 16th v. Northampton G.S.    Won by 3 wickets.
   Northampton G.S. 65 (Cox 7 for 18).
   W.G.S. 67 for 7 (Martin 25 n.o., Palmer 15, Hoddle 15 n.o.).

June 20th v. Kettering G.S.    Lost by 1 wicket.
   W.G.S. 57 (Cox 12, Mawson 11).
   Kettering G.S. 58 for 9 (Turnell 3 for 3).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

1958

RESULTS

Nov. 26 1st XV v. Northants. Constabulary (A) Won 16–6
Nov. 29 1st XV v. Bedford Swifts (A) Won 19–3
   U-14 XV v. Northampton G.S. (H) Lost 15–5
Dec. 11 1st XV v. Oundle 3rd XV (H) Won 11–6
   U-15 XV v. Oundle Junior Colts (H) Lost 8–5

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Jan. 24 1st XV v. Rushden & Higham 1st XV (A) Lost 33–3
   2nd XV v. Rushden & Higham ‘A’ XV (A) Lost 28–3
Feb. 7  U-15 XV v. Bective School (H) Won 6–0
   U-14 XV v. Northampton T.H.S. (A) Lost 18–8
   U-13 XV v. Rushden Sec. Mod. (A) Won 28–6

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Feb. 11 1st XV v. Northants. Constabulary (H) Won 40—3
Feb. 14 1st XV v. Old N'ptonians Ex. 1st XV (H) Lost 11—3
2nd V v. Old N'ptonians 'B' XV (H) Lost 11—8
U-15 XV v. Rushden Sec. Mod. (A) Won 6—0
U-14 XV v. Rushden Sec. Mod. (H) Won 35—3
Feb. 21 2nd XV v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 25—0
U-14 XV v. Daventry G.S. (H) Won 12—0
Feb. 26 1st XV v. Wellingborough School (H) Won 51—0
2nd XV v. Wellingborough School (A) Won 19—3
Feb. 28 1st XV v. Old Boys (H) Lost 23—5
2nd XV v. Old Boys (H) Won 11—9
U-13 XV v. Beehive School (A) Won 14—6
March 3 1st XV v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. (H) Won 3—0
2nd XV v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. (A) Won 9—6
U-15 XV v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. (H) Lost 8—0
U-14 XV v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. (A) Won 25—3

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**Playing Record**

**Points**

**Colours**

1st XV Full Colours:


1st XV Half-Colours:

*Awarded to:* R. F. Nutt, R. F. Denton, A. Angel, M. D. Kitson, D. J. Wignell.

*Renewed for:* M. W. J. Green, D. S. Wilson.

2nd XV Colours:

*Awarded to:* B. A. Clarke, D. Carrington, A. A. Bayes, R. Leslie, R. D. Summers, C. O. Gill, D. N. James, J. P. Dickinson.

Under 15 XV Colours:


Under 14 XV Colours:

HOUSE MATCHES

First Round—October 16th, 1958.
- **Seniors:** Lions 12, Stags 3. 
- **Juniors:** Lions 16, Stags 0.

- **Seniors:** Stags 0, Dragons 25. 
- **Juniors:** Stags 12, Dragons 8.

Third Round—February 12th, 1959.
- **Seniors:** Lions 3, Dragons 21. 
- **Juniors:** Lions 50, Dragons 0.

Dragons 23, Gryphons 3. 
Dragons 3, Gryphons 50. 
Lions 3, Gryphons 8. 
Lions 26, Gryphons 10. 
Stags 23, Gryphons 13. 
Stags 15, Gryphons 29.

HOUSE POINTS

1. = Dragons . . . . . 18
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3. Gryphons . . . . . 14
4. Stags . . . . . 10

Last season was a very successful one for School Rugby as a whole. The level of performance and enthusiasm was high throughout. We thank all those Masters and boys who helped to achieve this.

ATHLETICS

*Captain:* M. J. Sharman

Mason, Busby, Reading, B. A. Tall and P. G. Tomkins ran regular cross-country with Wellingborough Athletic Club during the winter, while Pearson and N. J. Palmer competed for Finedon Star Boys’ Club and Geddington Boys’ Club respectively. Both competed in the Northants. Association of Boys’ Clubs Cross-Country Championships at Geddington, Pearson securing second place in the senior event and Palmer fourth place in the junior event. As a result, both represented the County in the National Boys’ Clubs Championships at Melton Mowbray.

Although Standards were begun much earlier than usual this year, we managed to complete them before Easter. The holiday training sessions were well supported by the usual enthusiasts, but we were disappointed that only a few juniors attended.

On Sports Day the weather was ideal, and we were very pleased to welcome such a large gathering of parents and friends. Naturally, performances were good, and in particular we must mention: Dean, for equalling the record in the 220 yards Middle and setting up a new record in the 100 yards Middle; King-Underwood for a new best performance in the Middle High Jump; and the Gryphons’ Middle Relay team for again improving on the record which they set up last year.

Once again we were successful in the Triangular Athletics match with King’s and Deacon’s Schools. This was entirely due to the Middle
and Junior teams, as the former won all their six events and the latter four out of five. They deserve our congratulations. Performances were good, but particular mention must be made of: N. J. Palmer for establishing a new School record in the 880 yards Middle, and P. Allen who won the Junior High Jump and Long Jump.

In the Northants. County A.A.A. Championships, held at Northampton on June 6th, the following positions were gained:—One Mile, Youth: 2nd Mason; Long Jump, Youth: 3rd M. J. Sharman; High Jump, Youth: 3rd A. A. Bayes.

Five boys competed in the Northants. Schools’ Athletic Association Championships, held at Northampton on June 20th, with the following results:—Age 15–17: Mile, 3rd Mason; Long Jump, 3rd M. J. Sharman. Under 15: 100 yards, 3rd Dean; High Jump, 2nd King-Underwood; 880 yards, 1st N. J. Palmer. We must congratulate Palmer on his performance, for not only did he establish a new School record of 2 minutes 11.1 seconds, but he also bettered the previous best performance at this meeting.

In conclusion, may we thank those who have given up so much time on our behalf, mentioning in particular Mr. Hyde, Mr. Pine and Mr. C. Ward.

**RESULTS**

**Athletics Match**

May 14th v. King’s School and Deacon’s School, Peterborough (Away).

School 85 points King’s 60 points Deacon’s 44 points

**School Sports — May 7th**

Mile, Senior (Record: 4 mins. 29.8 secs., D. W. Barber, 1954).
   Time: 4 mins. 49.6 secs.

Half-Mile, Senior (Record: 2 mins. 5.8 secs., J. T. Sharman, 1957).
   Time: 2 mins. 10.1 secs.

   Time: 2 mins. 18.8 secs.

Half-Mile, Junior (Record: 2 mins. 29.4 secs., R. Ball, 1958).
   Time: 2 mins. 37.4 secs.

Quarter-Mile, Senior (Record: 53.7 secs., R. Miles, 1956).
   Time: 55.1 secs.

Quarter-Mile, Middle (Record: 56.4 secs., M. J. Walker, 1955).
   Time: 57.9 secs.

220 Yards, Senior (Record: 22.7 secs., J. P. Hyde, 1949).
   Time: 23.8 secs.
220 Yards, Middle (Record: 24.8 secs., R. T. W. Oakley, 1946).
Time: 24.8 secs. (Equals Record).

220 Yards, Junior (Record: 27.2 secs., M. P. Dean, 1957).
Time: 27.2 secs. (Record).

100 Yards, Senior (Record: 10.1 secs., J. P. Hyde, 1949).
Time: 10.5 secs.

100 Yards, Middle.
Time: 10.9 secs. (Record).

Time: 12.3 secs.

High Jump, Senior (Record: 5 ft. 6 ins., M. Tye, 1957).
and Sharman, M. J. equal. Height: 5 ft.

High Jump, Middle.
Height: 5 ft. 2¼ ins. (Record).

High Jump, Junior (Record: 4 ft. 9 ins., N. King-Underwood, 1957).
and Hill, A. R. equal. Height: 4 ft. 0½ ins.

Long Jump, Senior (Record: 21 ft. 1½ ins., J. P. Hyde, 1949).
Distance: 19 ft. 0½ ins.

Long Jump, Middle (Record: 18 ft. 4½ ins., R. Nevett, 1953).
Distance: 16 ft. 10 ins.

Distance: 15 ft. 1 in.

House Relay, Senior (Record: 1 min. 12.2 secs., Dragon, 1949).
1. Dragons  2. Gryphons  3. Lions
Time: 1 min. 14.7 secs.

House Relay, Middle.
1. Gryphons  2. Dragons  3. Lions
Time: 1 min. 18.3 secs. (Record).

House Relay, Junior (Record: 1 min. 27.4 secs., Gryphons, 1957).
1. Lions  2. Stags  3. Dragons
Time: 1 min. 29 secs.

Martin Athletic Cup:
1. Dragons 168 points.
2. Gryphons and Stags equal 144 points.
4. Lions 80 points.

Henson Relay Cup:
1. Dragons 28 points.
2. Gryphons and Lions equal 24 points.
4. Stags 8 points.
HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

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

Head of House: J. O. Greenhalf.


House Prefects: B. A. Clarke, R. L. Cox, J. F. Nutt (Secretary).

Five cups have been awarded since the last Magazine was published, and Dragons have won two and a half of them. We had to share the Rugby Cup with the Lions, but it was our best performance for some years.

Congratulations must be extended to Clarke and his cast for winning back the Drama Cup, and also to Sharman and his team for carrying off the Athletics Cup.

The following appointments were made at the House Meeting this term: Captain of Swimming, Greenhalf; Vice-Captain, Simpson; Captain of Cricket, Green; Vice-Captain, Maher; Junior Captain, Bellamy; P.T. Captain, Reading.

At the time of writing, both the Cricket and Swimming competitions are in full swing. In the former we are doing fairly well; the Seniors have five members in the 1st XI, and if the Juniors do better than they did at Rugby, we may well win. The Swimming Cup is expected to be ours for the tenth successive year.

We congratulate P. G. Tomkins on his selection for the County Under 15 Cricket XI.

On the whole, the House has had a successful year. All that remains is to offer our best wishes to those Dragons taking G.C.E. this term.

GRYPHONS

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


School Prefects: D. S. Wilson, D. E. Billing, R. E. Chapman,
M. D. Kitson, G. G. Martin, D. J. Wignell.

House Secretary: R. J. Wrenn.

Since the publication of the Autumn magazine, five competitions have been decided. Neither of our Rugby teams fulfilled early expectations, and as a result we gained only third position. In the Music Competition it was once more proved that individual efforts are pointless without the support of others, particularly from the Seniors, and we were placed third. However, we congratulate R. J. S. White for his
three years of valuable service to the House as Music Captain. Moreover, we enjoyed a fairly successful Sports Day, finishing in second place to the Dragons. Special mention must be made here of A. A. Bayes—our Athletic Captain—D. S. Wilson, and Dean. We also achieved second place in the inter-House Drama Competition—our production being “The Bishop’s Candlesticks”.

So far this Cricket season, both teams have been successful under the competent leadership of James, and we feel confident that the Cricket Cup will once again be in our possession.

We won the Ferguson Trophy once again by a handsome margin from the Stags—our nearest rivals. Since we have only lost this valuable trophy once in the past six years, we now regard it as a permanent acquisition. Special mention here must be made of J. R. Wykes, who won a State Scholarship last year.

At the House Meeting, held at the beginning of the term, R. Jolley was elected Captain of Swimming, and D. S. Wilson Captain of the House P.E., and we wish them success.

We congratulate D. S. Wilson on his fine achievement in winning a Kitchener Scholarship.

Congratulations are also offered to Carrington, R. L. Gotch, Mason, Wignell and Wrenn on being awarded House Colours.

Finally, we wish success to all Gryphons who are taking the G.C.E. this summer, and we hope that all Gryphons leaving this year will enjoy future happiness and prosperity.

LIONS

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

Head of House: N. J. Butler.


House Prefects: R. E. Oberman (Secretary), D. G. Pearson, J. Wilson.

After our success in gaining an equal first place in the Rugby Cup, the Lions set out with high hopes for this term. In the House Music, Garley, in his first year as House conductor, succeeded in giving the eventual winners a great deal of worry, until we were finally placed second. In the House plays, however, we were placed third, chiefly due to bad positioning on stage.

Once more the House failed to rally to the cause of Standards, with the result that on Sports Day we were irretrievably behind. Despite the efforts of Pearson and the Junior Relay team we could not catch up and were placed fourth.

Yet to be decided are the P.T. and Swimming competitions. In the latter, particularly, we hope that the able leadership of Clark will succeed in raising us from the last position which we have indomitably held since time immemorial!

In conclusion, the House wishes all boys taking examinations the best of luck, and hopes that they will uphold the standard of the Lions.
STAGS

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

Head of House: K. Bailey.


House Secretary: M. J. Newell.

Since the last publication, the Rugby Cup has been decided. Although the Stags beat the Gryphons, the final position for the House was fourth. We congratulate Tomlin and Gill on their hard, though unrewarded, efforts.

In the Music Competition, adjudicated by Mr. K. F. Ward, the Stags were victorious, bringing the cup home after seven years' absence!

The Dramatic Competition was less successful, from our point of view, the House performance of "The Crimson Coconut" being placed fourth.

At the House Meeting after Easter, Tomlin and Sauntson were elected Senior Cricket Captain and Vice-Captain, with Martin and Mawson captaining the Juniors. P. T. Captain is Sugars, with Hobbs as Vice-Captain, and Swimming Captain and Vice-Captain are Tomlin and Penness.

In the School Sports, the Stags were placed second equal, together with the Gryphons. We congratulate N. King-Underwood in breaking the School High Jump (Middle) record.

Finally, we extend our sympathies and best wishes to all Stags doing G.C.E. examinations.

PARENTS' DAY AND PRIZE-GIVING

June 4th, 1959.

Favourable weather conditions once again permitted the ceremony to be held in the Quadrangle.

The School was fortunate this year to have as guest of honour Sir W. Lawrence Bragg, O.B.E., M.C., F.R.S., the distinguished scientist, who distributed the prizes and gave his name to the new Physics Laboratory. He spoke of the great value of the work done in laboratories by research workers, without whose practical contribution the ideas of the "theoretical" physicists and chemists could never be developed. Science, he firmly believed, could be a constant source of delight, if approached in the right way, in a spirit of enquiry, and with a genuine desire to find out how things worked. The most fascinating and satisfying discoveries were often those concerning the everyday things around us rather than those concerning the "wonders of the universe". The true scientist approached his subject with humility, and with a willingness to sit at the feet of Nature. Sir
Lawrence stressed the need for a balanced education in our schools, which meant that the scientific and the arts subjects must be given equal prominence, for both were essential components of the "spectrum of knowledge".

In presenting his annual report, the Headmaster spoke of the much improved facilities for the teaching of science afforded by the three new laboratories, and referred to further development scheduled for 1960–61, which would include an assembly hall, gymnasium, kitchen, and changing-rooms. The past year, he said, had been a most satisfactory one, both in academic and in sporting activities. It was pleasing that every one of the 30 boys wishing to go to a University obtained entrance, in spite of the increased competition for places. The Sixth Form had reached a record number of 130, and a further increase seemed likely this year. Once again he referred appreciatively to the whole-hearted co-operation of the parents, without which no school could succeed.

Alderman E. A. Steele, Chairman of the Governors, presided, and welcomed the guests, who included Mr. George Lindgren, M.P. for Wellingborough.

A vote of thanks to Sir Lawrence Bragg was proposed by Mr. G. E. Churchill, Chief Education Officer for Northamptonshire, and D. S. Wilson, the School Captain, seconded.

After the Prize-giving, the following exhibitions were presented: Physics, Technical Drawing, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Foreign Travel, Model Railway, Photography.

Tea for all visitors was, as usual, provided by the indefatigable Parents' Committee, to whom our sincere thanks are extended for their help in making the occasion so pleasant and successful.

### PRIZE LIST

**SIXTH FORM—**

| Upper : Arts | I. K. Reid | R. J. Eyles | E. J. Wood | M. V. Beswick | P. R. Smearshers | J. R. Wykes |
| Science | I. K. Reid | R. J. Eyles | E. J. Wood | M. V. Beswick | P. R. Smearshers | J. R. Wykes |

**David Priestley Memorial Prizes:**

| Chemistry | A. J. Doyle | R. F. Miles | D. O. Tall |
| Physics | A. J. Doyle | R. F. Miles | D. O. Tall |
| Mathematics | A. J. Doyle | R. F. Miles | D. O. Tall |


| Headmaster’s Prize | D. S. Wilson | R. M. Parker |
| D. R. Moreton Scientific Society Prize | D. E. Billing |
| Miss Cook’s Prize for English | P. D. S. White |
| “Robert Trotch” Prize for History | R. J. Warrington | R. Leslie |

| IVc | B. Mason | R. J. Frost |
| IIIa | C. R. S. Talbot | R. A. Cobley |
| IIIb | C. Newell | R. V. Duffin |
| IIIc | R. F. Blunt | T. A. Wood |
| IIa | A. B. Sawford | R. P. Neville |
| IIb | A. B. Sawford | R. P. Neville |
| IIc | G. Bird | R. Ball |
| Ia | R. J. Frost | P. J. Harris |
| Ib | R. G. Fish | T. C. Rippin |
| Ic | P. T. Wooding | G. A. Dunkley |

**Prize for Divinity:**

| Junior Art Prize | I. F. Clarke | J. M. Newell |
| Senior Music Prize | A. C. Wilkinson |
| Junior Music Prize | A. C. Wilkinson |
| Senior Public Reading | J. Wilson |
| Junior Public Reading | P. R. Needle | A. M. Henson | T. A. Wood |
"Robert Troath" Prize for
Geography ............................................. J. V. G. Howard
French ................................................ P. M. B. Slater
Spanish ..................................................... R. J. Wrenn
Mathematics ........................................... T. M. Gough
"F. J. Thorpe" Prize for
Physics .................................................. K. D. Billing
Chemistry ............................................... G. Randall
Biology ................................................... C. O. Gill
FORM PRIZES—
IVb .......................................................... W. T. Aldwinckle
IVc .......................................................... D. Craddock
Old Boys’ Prizes for
General Literature :
IVb .......................................................... D. A. E. Holder
IVc .......................................................... L. Lawrence
IIIa .......................................................... P. J. Stevenson
IIIb .......................................................... D. J. Hanger
IIIc .......................................................... N. S. F. Wills
IIIa .......................................................... M. F. Eakins
IIb ............................................................ P. Summerfield
Ib .............................................................. B. K. Tanner
Ic .............................................................. A. G. Lord
IC ............................................................. R. J. Lancaster

HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

The House Drama Competition was held this year on Friday, March 20th, the adjudicator being Mr. John Ellen, of the Northampton Repertory Company. He placed the Houses in the following order of merit :


Dragons presented a comedy, “Money Makes a Difference”, with B. A. Clarke producing. This was a very wise choice, for it offered several good parts, and the cast made the most of their opportunities. The pace and “attack” was good, the grouping was excellent, and all members of the cast were perfectly audible. B. L. Vorley and M. A. Spriggs, in particular, gave splendid performances.

Gryphons, with “The Bishop’s Candlesticks”, were the only House to attempt a serious play. D. S. Wilson, the producer, gave a nicely-judged performance as the Bishop, and B. Westcott was especially commended by the adjudicator for a clever portrayal of Persomé, the Bishop’s sister. Audibility was very good, but some of the grouping was indifferent, and at times the pace was too slow.

Lions staged “Refund”, a comedy, with production by J. Wilson and R. Oberman. The dialogue was most amusing, but could not always be clearly heard. The grouping was rather awkward, and there was some “masking”. The audience was distracted occasionally by restlessness among non-speaking actors. Bland gave a natural performance as the Mathematics Master.

Stag’s choice was “The Crimson Coconut”. M. J. Newell was their producer, and also played the part of the comic waiter. This farce, a very old favourite, now seems very dated, and if it is to have any hope of succeeding, a very fast pace is essential throughout. This was not maintained, and the performance suffered accordingly. The grouping was skillfully handled, the difficulties presented by the small stage being ingeniously overcome, and the audibility was generally good. G. G. Hodgkins was praised by the adjudicator for his skilful handling of his part as a female anarchist.

The Dragons and Gryphons performed their plays a second time on Monday, March 23rd, before a large audience of parents and friends.
"TWELFTH NIGHT"

"Twelfth Night" was Mr. Greenwood's first production at this School and he deserves our congratulations on his success. It is never easy, on our make-shift stage, to produce any play; it is doubly difficult when there are constant changes of scene. By skilful use of different levels, varying lighting and curtains, the several localities were admirably suggested. Mr. Cheale, Mr. Huddart, and their helpers can be proud of the results they achieved.

"Twelfth Night" has other difficulties. There is the problem of the twins; the importance of the female characters; the task of finding a clown who can sing, and, above all, the necessity of keeping the action moving. If the production flags the whole play becomes very boring.

That the play kept up its tempo was largely due to the enthusiasm of the comic characters: Oberman, a vigorous Sir Toby; Scott, a lively Fabian; Vorley, a rather out-size but engaging Sir Andrew; and Westcott, a vivacious Maria. There was a tendency to over-act, especially on the part of those who were performing for the first time, but this is a fault that can be remedied. The "women" did well in their exacting rôles. Spriggs, an experienced actor, was always convincing, and Norman, despite the handicap of lack of inches, was most feminine. His voice was particularly pleasing. Clarke, as Orsino, showed the necessary authority, and was competently supported by his courtiers, as was Olivia by her maid-servants. J. Wilson again succeeded in a difficult rôle, this time as Malvolio. Possibly the most convincing performance was that given by D. S. Wilson as Feste. There was a maturity about his acting that was most praiseworthy.

Next term, Dr. Jackson will produce "Lifeline", a drama based on the part played by the Merchant Navy during World War II.

READING COMPETITION

Competitors this year reached a very high standard, and were congratulated by the judges on their diction and expression.

In the Junior competition, the prize-winners were: 1st, P. R. Needle, 2nd equal, T. A. Wood and A. M. Henson.

In the Senior section, the order was: 1st, J. Wilson; 2nd, I. G. Prior; 3rd, R. J. Bradshaw.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.

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


Committee:

Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich, R. Miles, R. E. Chapman, J. J. L. Knighton and T. S. Griggs.
Eleven meetings were held during the Spring Term. These lectures were:

1. "Cloud Formation", by R. A. Bailey—10 main types of cloud were defined and discussed.
2. "Leather Tanning", by R. Sugars—The various processes involved were described in detail.
3. "Evolution", by M. W. J. Green—An account of the study of evolutionary trends was given with examples such as the development of the foreleg of the horse.
4. "Ants", by G. Gill—The communal life of ants was described in detail.
5. "The Special Theory of Relativity and the Fourth Dimension", by D. E. Billing—This was a mathematical treatment of a small section of Einstein's work.
6. "Rocket Propulsion", by D. Stocks—Various types of fuel from gunpowder to atomic power were discussed.
7. "The London Planetarium", by A. J. Bailey, and "Plastics" by D. R. Hill—The uses and construction of a Planetarium were discussed. Preparations of various plastics such as Nylon were described.
8. "Guided Missiles", by R. Lewis, and "Bacteriophages", by B. W. J. Lymn—Navigational aids to a missile were described and the structure and chemical nature of Bacteriophages were discussed.
9. "The Slide Rule", by S. N. Crampton, and "The Aquatic Habitat", by P. A. Davis—The construction and uses of a slide rule were discussed and an interesting account of 'pond life' was given.
10. "Radar", by K. D. Bingham—An interesting history of the development of radar was given.
11. "The Steam Locomotive", by R. Sharman, and "Clocks", by J. L. H. Bailey—The workings of a locomotive were described and a brief history of the development of clocks was given.

The average attendance per lecture was 33 people. This figure was considerably higher than for the previous year; we look forward to even higher attendances this coming School Year.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President: Mr. A. W. Leftwich.


Treasurer: P. C. Newell.

Several meetings were held early in the Spring Term when film strips were shown, showing the animals of the countryside, including one on Badgers. The commentary was spoken by Mr. Leftwich.

Various outings have been arranged throughout the term including:—the River Nene from Chester House to Fourteen Arches, a visit to a Badger's Set, and a visit to Irchester Quarry.
A Saturday visit to Castle Ashby is being planned in conjunction with the Photographic Society who wish to attempt to take photographs of the wild life there.

A new scheme for raising money to replenish lost or broken equipment was introduced this year and seems to be working successfully.

Attendances have been very good and new members will always be welcome to the Society.

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

The indoor season has given the Seniors ample opportunity for badge work: —Public Health, with Mr. Hopkins; Fire Fighting after a course of lectures at the Fire Station; First Aid, taken by Mr. Gotch; and Tracking, tested by Mr. Stratton. In this last badge three Seniors were joined by Talbot. Holder has recently passed his 1st Class Hike.

This year’s “Bob-a-Job” Week was our best ever effort. £20.7.0 was earned—almost £1 each. We had a full team out for the St. George’s Day parade at Burton Latimer and had a chance to admire their new H.Q. Any reports of squatters in Rooms 15 and 16 are entirely false.

A new Icelandic tent has been purchased in preparation for this year’s Camp which will be at the Headquarters site at Chalfont St. Peter. We hope to have a full turn-out.

Although we came 4th in the Silverwood Cup competition, it was a good fourth and congratulations are due to Allen and his Patrol for their wrestling with the new regulations. Palmer is in charge of the Gilbey Cup team.

We have subscribed 3/- per head to the B.P. Memorial House, thereby becoming founder members.

RAILWAY CLUB

A day excursion to London during the February half-term enabled about 30 members to visit Motive Power Depôts.

Some weeks ago, a few boys travelled on the last run of the Cromford and High Peak Railway, which is now closed to all passenger traffic. A diesel train grinding its way along the single line into the heart of the moors followed by a rough ride in open wagons partly downhill at 1 in 14 brought us to the top of the famous inclines of 1 in 9. It was difficult to believe that the primitive winding-engines in daily use could do anything but worsen the financial position of British Railways.

Our whole day excursion in July will cover Motive Power Depôts from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Darlington: 40 boys will make the trip.

Model railway work has for some time been devoted to the elimination of connection problems between the baseboards. Although rather more expensive than the previous method, the new is considerably easier and less liable to faults. Considerable progress has been made in the re-laying of track on six new baseboards which will replace the two large ones formerly in Room 2.
THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.
Secretary: C. E. Garley.

Recognising the need for more practice in spoken French and Spanish, some members of the Sixth Form suggested, early in the Spring Term, that a Society be formed when opportunity would be given for discussion in the languages. Helped by the Modern Language Masters, they formed the Modern Language Society to meet on certain Wednesdays after School. During the last two terms subjects such as “Le rallye de Monte Carlo”, and “Las corridas de taros” have been discussed.

Unfortunately attendance at the meetings has been somewhat small, especially for the Spanish discussions, with a surprising lack of Lower-Sixth linguists. The Masters have given their support, both by their presence and interjections in the discussions. Sixth Formers studying French and Spanish next year are urged to make use of the opportunity that the Society provides, and we hope that, despite the fact that certain vociferous members will have left, the Society will develop both numerically and linguistically.

CHESS CLUB

The Club has been in temporary retirement during this term but it is hoped to resume activities during the Autumn.

Not many of the younger boys have joined us this year and in an effort to increase interest we shall be reintroducing chess classes during the special periods on Monday afternoons. It is hoped that in this way boys will become interested in the game whilst in the Junior forms, so that in three or four years' time we may produce a team of some ability.

In addition we shall hold our usual weekly meeting after School, especially for Senior members.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The drowsy heat of the Summer Term has had an enervating effect on this Society, and we await the cooler days of autumn to air sensible and nonsensical opinions.

Last term we acted as hosts to Kettering G.S. in a debate: “That the Guitar is incompatible with the Rifle”. Although it was a pity that most of the speakers buried their heads in scripts the debating was of a good standard. Brundell and Vincent brought the weight of their erudition to support the motion, but were reduced to silence by a Kettering speaker whose vocabulary and attempt to quote from as many English poets as he had ever read, gained the dumbfounded admiration of all. In open house Jolley apologised for speaking in such an august assembly, a Kettering speaker said that young Rock 'n
Roll singers expressed the mood of their generation, while Mr. Currie showed a refreshing ignorance of the name of Terry Dene. The motion was subsequently carried by 10 votes to 4.

The debate would have been enlivened if more had been present, and it is hoped that next term's debates will be attended by more boys. So far the Science Sixth has been represented by a very tiny majority.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We thank Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pettit and Mr. McCall for their help in forming this new Society at the beginning of the Spring Term. The Christian Fellowship attempts to bring together older boys of varying denominations to discuss their faith, to engage in devotional study, and to promote the spread of the Christian Gospel in the School.

The Fellowship meets on Wednesdays at 1.05 p.m. in the Library. The first term's programme was mainly given to the study of the Acts of the Apostles and one evening, after School, the film "God of the Atom" was shown, with an encouraging attendance of boys.

A more varied summer programme included three outside speakers who spoke on the appointed subjects of "Prayer", "Bible Study" and "Responsibilities of Church Membership". The Epistle to the Philippians was selected for Bible study during the term and the discussion meetings included "The Christian at School", "Mere Christianity" and "Evolution". Another film, "Dust or Destiny" was shown after School.

Suggestions which will help us in planning the future programme are welcomed; above all, we welcome boys from the Vth and VIth forms who are attached to a Church but have not yet joined with us. Let it be a challenge to demonstrate your faith.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We have been pleased to welcome this term one or two new members who have helped us considerably in the Prize-giving Day exhibition. This year our exhibition contained several items, including an exhibition of cameras and a ciné film with background music supplied by the School tape recorder. We are indebted to Mr. Barwick, an Old Boy of the School, for the loan of equipment.

During the Spring Term we welcomed Mr. Delmon for the first time to some of our meetings to speak about colour photography and to show some of his colour slides. Most members tried their hand at printing, enlarging, and glazing during the term.

For the remainder of the Summer Term we are getting "out and about", taking pictures to enter for the School Camera Club's photographic challenge trophies, to be presented in December.

THE LIBRARY

The policy of adding books to the Library in as wide a range of subjects as possible, has been maintained. Yet somehow the number of science books added still seems to be the largest!
Rather more care in the handling of books and in borrowing them is necessary. Ten opportunities exist each week for borrowing books in the correct way. Periodicals should never be taken out of the Library, save with express permission.

MUSIC NOTES

The Recital of Christmas Music was given in the School Hall. Traditional and Modern carols were performed.

The House Music Competition was held on Friday, March 13th, the Adjudicator being Mr. K. F. Ward, Music Master at Towcester Grammar School. Mr. Ward was assisted by Mr. L. Dann, also of Towcester Grammar School. The set piece for House Choirs was the Hymn “City of God” to the tune “Richmond”. In the individual items there is still a tendency to choose music which is too difficult for the performer. The placings of the Houses was as follows: — 1st Stags, 2nd Lions, 3rd Gryphons, 4th Dragons.

At the End of Term Service before Easter the Senior Choir sang the chorus “Surely he hath borne our griefs”, from “Messiah” by Handel, and at the Commemoration Service on May 15th S. S. Wesley’s anthem “Blessed be the God and Father” was sung. The treble solo part was shared by P. Needle and M. Lambert.

A party of Masters and boys visited Bedford on 11th March to hear an excellent and enjoyable performance of Bach’s “St. John Passion”, conducted by David Willcocks, Organist and Choirmaster of King’s College Chapel, Cambridge.

We supplied several items for the High School Concert at the Technical School.

The orchestra is now functioning again and the School Hall has echoed the phrases of Bizet’s “March from Carmen” and the slow movement of Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto. It is encouraging to note the increasing number of string players we are producing. Three violas! — once thought of as an impossible luxury. Thanks are due to Mr. Harding for his encouragement and tuition and to Miss Thomas for allowing some of her girls to assist. The wood-wind section, consisting of two flutes and two clarinets, is quite strong, but how welcome would be the addition of an oboe and a bassoon or two! After some early difficulties with high pitched instruments the brass section has now settled down and provides us with smooth sonority or brilliant energy—whichever is required.

Other strains have filled the Hall on Thursdays when the Upper V1th Jazz Group has met for practice.

The joint High School—Grammar School Madrigal Group continues to progress, several very difficult examples having been tackled with varying success this term. Both Junior and Senior Choirs are preparing for the Summer Concert, but rehearsals of the latter group have been hindered by examinations.
TOC H

In spite of the necessity of lunch hour meetings, owing to the intervention of examinations, the group has continued to function as usual. This term, members of the group have taken an interesting part in many charitable activities, not least among these being the Hinwick Hall Garden Party, Wellingborough Fête and Carnival Parade, and the Park Hospital Fête, where members ran the now-famous perpetual draw. The most interesting method of raising funds this term was a Car Rally, and many other such activities are being planned for the future.

Books are still being distributed to the patients in the Highfield and Cottage Hospitals. The School Toc H group was the first of its kind to be formed and even today there are very few groups within schools. There is a continual need for new members and any member of the 5th or 6th form is welcome to attend meetings as a visitor to see how the group is organised; if he became a member he would derive great satisfaction from his participation in the many activities of Toc H.

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION


As in the past few years, the Memorial Sports Ground has again been our chief concern during the last twelve months. The Rugger Club have played on it for the whole of the season, and the Cricket Club should have a respectable wicket next year. Our roadway from London Road is now in reasonable condition, and we are hoping shortly to erect a small pavilion. Eventually we plan to have a proper Club House near the London Road entrance.

We have purchased a tractor and gang-mowers which are now housed on the ground, and volunteers cut the field each week. We also have a small motor-mower and a start has already been made on the cricket square.

Our Annual Dinner and our Ladies' Night have this year been most successful. At the Dinner, Dr. Jackson expressed regret that all our activities were on the sporting side, and nothing of a cultural nature was done. This has spurred us on to try to form a Drama Group.

We hope that we shall be able to cater for many more of your varied interests as you come along to join the Association.

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster and Staff for their support, and we wish success to examinees and a happy holiday to all.

K. J. HOLMES.

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RUGBY CLUB REPORT

Season 1958/59

The season’s results were as follows:—

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The season did not prove as successful as was hoped for. Both teams lost more games than they won.

The ‘A’ XV, however, did show that their defence was reasonably good and scored more points than they gave away. In fact they had no more than 15 points scored against in any game whilst they did score 41 points in one game at the beginning of the season.

Sixty-nine members played for the Club during the season and of these 44 appeared for the 1st XV. The number of schoolboys appearing in the Club colours was fifteen. This total is pleasing to the Committee who always encourage schoolboys at every opportunity and welcome any boy who wishes for a game. This support is the life-blood of any Old Boys’ side.

The Club entered the Peterborough “Sevens” at the end of the season, but without success. The Round Table Cup was re-taken by Wellingborough on Boxing Day, when they scored 12 points without reply from the Old Boys.

All the home fixtures this season have been played with much pleasure on the new Old Boys’ Association Sports Ground in London Road. With the access road completed and the prospects of a pavilion bright, we look forward eagerly to next season.

D. G. STRATTON,
Hon. Secretary.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

OXFORD

ROSE (Wadham), a little bundle of confident energy, seems to have quickly become a “chap”. As Secretary of Cricket, he plays in his College side, which has not lost a match this Trinity Term.

STEVEN (St. Peter’s Hall) also plays for his College 1st XI and has personally had a successful season.

BROWN (St. Catherine’s Society) obviously enjoys his engaging life as an undergraduate. He plays for the 1st Tennis team when at Oxford.

BRERETON (Pembroke) is assumed to be still here, probably writing poetry.
THOMPSON (St. Edmund’s Hall) is tipped for a place in the Oxford Tiddleywinks team against Cambridge. Already he has been in the winning team in the inter-College Rugby cuppers.

WYKES (Christ Church) in the true style of his College, has been living grandly; he runs a car. This has staggered some of his quieter rustic comrades, who have nevertheless quickly appreciated its advantages. He plays bridge, which is the prevalent craze at Oxford.

SMEATHERS (Merton) has been working for Honours Moderations, and so has had to be persuaded with difficulty to leave his figures for the more pleasant pastimes of being punt ed and watching people fall riverwards.

HALL (St. Peter’s Hall) stalks methodically to lectures, and from there to the laboratory. He has now deliberately arranged his life in an anti-Oxford fashion.

STEVenson (St. Peter’s Hall) has played in the College 1st Tennis team. After drinking too much of the fullness of life, he finds that Finals hang over his head.

CAMBRIDGE

P. WELLS (Queen’s). Though there is no direct news we understand he has now completed his research—we wish him every continued success.

M. HORNSEY (St. Catharine’s) has now completed his fourth year on a Dip. Ed. course (including a tennis teaching practice at Northampton). He now leaves, with our best wishes, for a teaching post in King’s Lynn.

B. J. TYLER (Christ’s) has been continuing his research; succinctly he says, “It sometimes explodes” but is quite philosophical about it.

T. PAINTER (Caius) hasn’t been seen in his regular haunts this term (Tripos?) but as far as we know no one has persuaded him to join C.U.C.A. as yet!

D. P. FROST (Caius) has been helping to maintain literary standards in Cambridge—by writing in “Varsity”!

D. J. COOPER (St. Catharine’s) has had an enjoyable second year and now looks forward to changing his subject to Chemical Engineering.

LONDON

University College.

B. K. RIGBY. Has completed his third year and is (at the time of writing) anxiously awaiting the result of his Finals. We wish him the best of luck for the future. He hasn’t yet decided whether he will remain at College to do research, or, dare we say it, become salary earning. It all depends on the result of his little “competition”.

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B. R. CLAYTON. Now enjoys a peculiar type of independence—he lives in a furnished flat. The only drawback is cooking. However, that job is now in the somewhat discoloured hands of the gentleman named below. The subject of this paragraph has turned his hand over to housework. He finds it easier; after all one has to eat more than once in three weeks!!

J. W. PENDERED. Is now in the green pastures and blue lakes of "Finlandia". Well at least, he is scraping clean the underneath of buses and trams of Helsinki City Transport. He hopes to travel through Sweden and Norway, and then spend a time in Copenhagen, to see Tivoli Gardens. However, one here detects a twinkle in his eye. It couldn't be that little mermaid instead—or could it?

London School of Economics.

J. H. MANN. For most of this term, he has been in hibernation owing to the pressure of exams. However, now that they have finished, he is directing a little personal research into just why he is at L.S.E., slaving away at finding out how so few can spend so much in so short a time in Westminster.

R. J. EYLES. Aldwych has not seen much of Mr. Eyles this term! However, we understand that he is a keen follower of José Greco and his Spanish dancers (his Latin blood, he says), a keen gardener in Streatham (lawns?) and also a keen member of the Tiddleywinks Club. P.S.—he is not keen on work.

SHEFFIELD

FOKERD. Little has been seen of him this term, except for isolated appearances at annual Society dinners, and presumably he has spent the rest of the time hidden behind his books, studying for his Finals—for which we wish him the very best of luck.

SHERWOOD. Sherwood, on the other hand, has been hidden away behind his beard all the time, so that little has been seen of him either. His voice, however, can regularly be heard giving out the Union news—bulletins, reminding us all of home with his sweet Northamptonshire accent.

BETTS. Betts is at present spending a term in Barcelona, and he has lost no time in making this city aware of his presence. He has broadcast on the radio there with "The John Betts' Hot Five", and has since retreated into the nearby hills for a period. Whether these two events are connected is not certain.

ROBERTS. Roberts is also spending the Summer Term abroad, enjoying the sunshine of the South of France in Toulouse before moving on to Madrid for two months. Apparently his French is improving by leaps and bounds: he has even found out at last that "Hors d'œuvre" does not mean "Out of work"!

WARREN. Warren, strangely sane again now that he is far away from the influence of his jazz-playing room-mate, continues to work regularly—though at the most surprising subjects. His
meteorological studies are progressing steadily, and he tells us that Sheffield has been having a lot of weather for the time of year.

CLARKE. Having come to University for a rest after a year in industry, Clarke seems to have disappeared completely. Growing concern is being expressed as to whether he did, in fact, survive his first Sheffield winter.

COATES. Coates, with the prospect of Intermediate examinations looming before him, has been swotting up his Latin with great zest, trying hard to remember all that he should have learnt "owing to the kindness of the aforementioned gentlemen". We hope that his memory will carry him through successfully.

LEE. Lee has now completely recovered from his earlier depression, and he attributes this to his trip to Manchester last term. What happened there to effect this change is not known, but it is believed to be due to a meeting with a certain "Chas." who is in residence there!

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

CAMBRIDGE
D. J. COOPER (St. Catharine's)—Nat. Science Tripos Part I, Class I.

LONDON
B. K. RIGBY (University College)—B.Sc. with 1st Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering. Awarded the A. P. Head Medal and Memorial Prize.

LEEDS
W. PRIEST—B.Sc. (Chemical Engineering).
M. F. WAKELIN—B.A. Honours (English) Class II, Division I.

SHEFFIELD
A. FOKERD—B.A. Honours (French).

NEWS OF OLD BOYS
BRIAN LIGHTFOOT is employed by Shell Tankers. He has been cruising around South America on the "S.T.S. Hinnites", and has successfully completed his 2nd Year's examinations.

P. J. BRYAN has been awarded a Boots' Pharmaceutical Scholarship at Chelsea School of Pharmacy.
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1959

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