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The Magazine of the
Wellingborough Grammar School

SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: G. G. Martin.
Second Prefect: M. D. Kitson.

Prefects:

We welcome to the Staff this term four newcomers: Mr. P. D. J. Johnson, B.A., Cambridge, to teach Geography; Mr. G. T. Ridge, B.A., Cambridge, and Mr. C. F. Taylor, B.A., Oxford, who both join the Modern Languages department; and Mr. A. J. B. Tussler, B.A., Oxford, to take Geography and Physical Education.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. J. Pettit on the birth of a daughter.

R. Frisby, C. R. Dobbs and M. Gray have played for the Northamptonshire Schools' Under 15 XV this term, and Gray has been invited to play for the East Midlands v. West Midlands at Birmingham on December 19th. D. O. Tall has been selected to play for the Northamptonshire Schools' Senior XV. To all these boys we offer hearty congratulations.

The School Dramatic Society this term presented "Life-line", by Norman Armstrong. Dr. A. Jackson produced, and four performances were given.

Parties from the School have visited Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Corby, and the Wellingborough Iron Works. Other excursions have been made to the Stratford-on-Avon Memorial Theatre, to see "King Lear", and to the Northampton Repertory Theatre, for their production of "Vanity Fair".

Lord Birkett has accepted an invitation to present the prizes at the School Prize-giving on June 2nd, 1960.

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

The lighting in the classrooms has now been greatly improved, as a result of complete re-wiring in the main building.

We congratulate D. T. Stevens, on Old Boy of the School, now at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford, on gaining his Rugby 'Blue'. He played at scrum-half for Oxford in the 'Varsity match at Twickenham. This is the second time since the war that an Old Grammarian has won a 'blue', the other occasion being when R. Leslie appeared, also for Oxford.
ENTRANTS

VI Upper Science
H. S. D. COLE
G. A. ELLAM

5a.1
J. G. ELLAM

VI Lower Science
A. S. NORTHE
I. RAWLINS

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D. H. JACKSON

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R. B. PAYNE

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E. MARTIN
J. RAWLINS

LEAVERS

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P. A. BIRD
P. R. BODSWORTH
N. J. BUTLER
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County Major Scholarship, Sheffield University.
State Scholarship, Wadham College, Oxford.
State Scholarship, National College of Rubber Technology.
Hollerith Computers Ltd., Chelsea Polytechnic.
State Scholarship, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
County Major Scholarship, London Hospital Dental School.
County Major Scholarship, Westminister Hospital.
County Major Scholarship, Exeter University.
County Major Scholarship, Nottingham University after 12 months' practical Farming.
Open Scholarship, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
County Major Scholarship, Battersea Polytechnic.
County Major Scholarship, Regent Polytechnic.
J. D. POYNER  Adams Agricultural College.  County Major Scholarship, Sheffield University.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
D. C. STOCKS  County Major Scholarship, Battersea Polytechnic.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
R. H. SUGAKS  Avery Hill Training College, Eltham.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
R. THROBBELL  Handleby Page Ltd.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
D. J. WIGNELL  College of Food Technology, Weybridge.  "  "  "  "  "  "
E. J. WOOD  Open Exhibition, Queen's College, Oxford.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
R. D. BLAND  County Major Scholarship, Leeds University.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
B. A. CLARKE  County Major Scholarship, Manchester University.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
R. L. COX  Borough Road Training College, Isleworth.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
J. P. DICKENSON  State Scholarship, Liverpool University.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
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I. K. REID  State Scholarship, Birmingham University.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
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M. LANGLEY  Methodist Ministry.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
D. M. OZIER  Mott Training College, Preston.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
P. J. ROBINSON  Saltley Training College, Birmingham.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
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G.C.E. 'O' Level Midland Engraving Co.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
G.C.E. 'O' Level Bellini (Leather), Finedon.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
G.C.E. 'O' Level Talbot Brown, Panter & Partners.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
G.C.E. 'O' Level Police Force.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
G.C.E. 'O' Level Rubber Improvement Ltd.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
G.C.E. 'O' Level Norwich Union Insurance Co., Kettering.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
Vehicle Hire and Supply, Rushden.  C. Norris & Sons, Rushden.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
Knight & Lawrence, Rushden.  United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd.
Wellingborough Industrial Co-operative Society, Pharmacy Dept.
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Motor Engineering.  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
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AWARDS

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I. K. REID P. A. BIRD D. O. TALL

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R. E. CRICKMER G. G. MARTIN R. I. S. WHITE
P. A. DAVIS P. J. MORETON J. WILSON

OTHER AWARDS:

P. R. BODSWORTH
Stott Exhibition at National College of Rubber Technology.

B. E. GAGE
Vickers-Armstrong Scholarship at Queen Mary's College, London.
(Aeronautical Engineering).

G.C.E. ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS — JUNE, 1959

R. D. BLAND English; Geography; History; Economics.
M. J. BRUNDELL English; French; Geography.
D. R. CARRINGTON English.
B. A. CLARKE English; History; Geography; Economics.
R. L. COX Geography.
R. E. CRICKMER English; History; Geography; Economics.
S. J. DICKENS English; History; Geography; Economics.
J. P. DICKENSON History; Geography (Dist.); Economics (Dist.).
C. E. GARLEY Latin; French; Spanish (Dist.).
D. JACKSON Geography.
D. N. JAMES English; History; Geography; Economics.
H. JONES English; Geography.
M. LANGLEY English; Religious Knowledge.
G. G. MARTIN Latin; History; Geography.
M. J. NEWELL English; French; Spanish.
R. E. OBERMAN English; History; Geography; Economics.
D. M. OZIER Geography.
M. Y. PALMER English; History.
D. G. PEARSON Geography; Art; Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics.
I. K. REID English (Dist.); Spanish (Dist.); Russian.
P. J. ROBINSON Geography.
D. A. ROWE History; Geography.
J. C. SPAVINS Geography.
R. TOMLIN Geography.
I. W. VINCENT French; Spanish.
R. I. S. WHITE English; French; Geography.
D. S. WILSON English; Geography.
J. WILSON English; Geography.
R. J. H. ABLETT French; Spanish.
A. J. BAILEY Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
J. L. H. BAILEY Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics.
K. BAILEY Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
R. A. BEDELLS Geography; Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
C. E. BERMINGHAM Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
D. E. BILLING Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics.
K. D. BINGHAM Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
P. A. BIRD Pure Mathematics; Physics.
P. R. BODSWORTH Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
N. J. BUTLER Physics; Chemistry (Dist.); Botany; Zoology.
R. E. CHAPMAN Physics; Chemistry; Applied Mathematics; Botany; Zoology.
M. COLES Chemistry.
R. L. COWLEY Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
S. N. CRAMPTON Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics.
P. A. DAVIS Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
A. J. DAVY Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics (Dist.); Chemistry (Dist.).
G. GILL Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.
J. O. GREENHALF Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.
T. S. GRIGGS Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
D. H. HAWKINS Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics (Dist.); Chemistry.
D. R. HILL Physics; Chemistry; Botany.
J. S. HOBBS Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
R. H. JOYCE Applied Mathematics; Physics.
R. LEWIS Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
B. W. J. LYNN Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.
P. J. MORETON Applied Mathematics; Physics.
P. C. NEWELL Physics; Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.
J. F. NUTT Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
D. G. POWELL Engineering Drawing.
J. D. POYNER Botany; Zoology.
M. E. ROBINSON Applied Mathematics; Physics.
R. M. SHARMAN Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
M. A. SPRIGGS Botany; Zoology.
D. C. STOCKS Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
D. O. TALL Pure Mathematics. (Dist.); Applied Mathematics. (Dist.); Higher Mathematics. (Dist.).
R. TRHOSSELL Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
D. J. WIGNELL Chemistry; Botany; Zoology.

G.C.E. ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS — JULY, 1959

E—English Language; S—English Literature; F—French; SP—Spanish;
H—History; G—Geography; A—Art; M—Mathematics; P—Physics;
C—Chemistry; B—Biology; C/P—Chemistry with Physics;
Mus—Music; RK—Religious Knowledge;
TD—Technical Drawing; L—Latin.

M. J. BILLING S F H M P C B
C. A. BINGHAM E S F H M P C
R. J. BRADSHAW E S F S P G M Mus.
M. J. BRITTON E S F M P C B Mus.
R. J. BUCHTA E S F S P A M P C
P. J. BURRELL E S F A M P C
P. CATLIN E S M P C B Mus.
T. G. CHAPMAN E S H M P C B
S. J. DOBNEY E S H M P C B
A. I. FENNER S F S P H G M
R. J. FROST E S F S P H M P C
R. J. GIBSON E S F H M P C B
G. G. HODGKINS E S F S P H G M
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I. H. NICHOLAS E S M P C
D. NICKERSON E S F H M P C B
I. G. PRIOR E S F H M P C B
P. ROBINSON E S F A M P C B
R. C. SCOTT E S F S P H G M C/P
D. G. SPENCER E S F S P G M
C. R. S. TALBOT E S F A M P C B
B. A. TALL E S H G M
P. G. TOMKINS E S A M C B
P. A. TOMPKINS E S G A M
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The following candidates added subjects to their existing certificates:

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- L. D. Kilby
- M. D. Kitson
- M. N. Macrae
- A. P. Partridge
- P. M. B. Slater
- R. J. Wrenn
- K. D. Billing
- R. Britton
- G. A. Dunkley
- C. O. Gill
- T. M. Gotch
- B. M. Maher
- D. R. Reading

- C. V. J. Simpson
- B. L. Vorley
- P. D. S. White
- P. T. Wooding
- M. J. Brunedell
- D. R. C. Carrington
- J. P. Dickinson
- G. G. Martin
- D. M. Ozier
- M. Y. Palmer
- D. G. Pearson
- R. I. S. White
- P. C. Newell
- D. O. Tall
- T. D.
RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: M. Y. Palmer.    Vice-Captain: M. D. Kitson.
Hon. Secretary: C. O. Gill.

1st XV

The season so far has been rather a frustrating one. The abnormally dry summer and autumn resulted in the field being hard and sparsely covered with grass. Consequently it was impossible to play Rugby on it until November, and normal practice was out of the question. Thereafter, when the ground did soften, it was galling not to be able to hold practices owing to early darkness. The term, then, has been one of cancelled fixtures and inadequate preparation for those which have been played.

All this has had its repercussions, certainly on the 1st XV, which is potentially, although not in the event, quite as good as the successful ones of recent years.

The forwards have developed skill in set scrums and line-outs with reasonable proficiency in the loose, and at times have achieved notable vigour. Their performance against King's and in the second half against Stowe was very good. It was only in the last match played at Oundle that they were completely outgunned by superior weight, technique and vitality. There is the basis, in individual ability, of a good pack, if a light one.

The backs promised to be good. Palmer has played extremely well at the base of the scrum, giving a good service and his covering, tackling and kicking have been of great value. Leslie, at stand off, while not as quick as might be desired, has passed and kicked most intelligently. His generalship in the second half against King's when, for a time, we had two men off the field, deserves special mention. The wings are strong runners and good tacklers and have made the most of what opportunity they have had, but in the centre there has been a weakness in tackling and defensive marking that has caused anxiety. The backs as a whole have not moved up quickly and concertedly in defence and have shown reluctance to move fast with the ball in midfield. At full back Leeson has fielded and kicked very well indeed, though he is prone to be caught out of position.

One result of our early season difficulties is indifferent tackling, which should characterise no 1st XV. "Rugby Touch" seems to have encouraged high gropings and too many opponents have been brought down at the fifth rather than the first attempt. There is also a lack of polish. Careless passing, handling and positioning have cost us ground and tries only too often. Finally, speed about the field and backing up have not really been good enough.

The team have played quite creditably, have won two good matches and lost to two undeniably good sides. Oundle are better than of late and Stowe paid us the compliment of including their 1st XV halves. Yet one has the feeling that the side's performance could be bettered and one hopes that more match experience will see promise fulfilled.
The 2nd XV also promised well and includes much talent. In the two matches played, however, the forwards suffered a disadvantage in weight for which their efforts could not compensate, and the scoring potential of the backs could not be realised.

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UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 XV have so far enjoyed a successful season and have played attractive, open Rugby. Nearly all the tries have been scored by the backs and in most matches the forwards have given them a good supply of the ball from both loose and tight. Perritt, of the backs, and Lauder, in the forwards, have played consistently well in every game and deserve special mention.

The weaknesses in the side were clearly shown against Bective School who exploited to the full weak tackling in the centre. Without exception, the marking of the backs has been too casual, while the tackles have been too often shrugged off by contemptuous opponents who would only submit to hard, low tackling. The forwards are still too slow in covering to form a second line of defence, although they have worked well as a pack.

If these faults are corrected the Under 15 XV need fear no opponents.

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UNDER 14 XV

This has been a frustrating season for the Under 14 XV. Most matches came early in the term and had to be postponed owing to exceptionally hard grounds. In the one match played to date King’s School were defeated 19—6 pts. at Peterborough. In practice games the team has looked impressive in the forwards but more direct running will be needed in the backs. Against King’s, tackling was very high, but this is understandable, as practice games excluded low tackling.

It is to be hoped that we shall be able to play all remaining fixtures without further interruption by the weather.

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**UNnder 13 XV**

The Under 13 XV were very eager to start their programme of matches against other schools, and found it most frustrating to have match after match postponed because of the hard ground. However, the regular practice sessions were well attended, and enthusiasm remained high. It was rather unfortunate that when matches did at last become possible, conditions were such that handling was extremely difficult, and skilful play behind the scrum was out of the question.

Of the two matches so far played, one has been won and the other drawn. The backs were given little opportunity to attack, but showed promise when in possession, and defended well. The forwards, though lacking weight, and thus finding difficulty in gaining possession from set scrums, did well in the line-outs and the loose. It is hoped that they will be able to make up for their lack of weight by speed, mobility and team-work.

The XV has, on the whole, made quite an encouraging start.

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**CRICKET**

**1st XI**

The last match of the season produced the School's best score, despite reasonably accurate slow bowling, against which the XI had failed lamentably earlier in the season. Green, at last, showed welcome confidence, and the batting of Leeson and P. G. Tomkins augurs well for next season.

Thanks are due to those Masters who have helped with coaching and umpiring, and to the groundsman, Mr. Bryan, who has worked so hard to effect a recovery of the playing areas after such a hot and dry season.

**1st XI v. The Masters**

The Masters' match was played on a bright, hot afternoon. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Sparrow opened the batting and, after a quiet start, runs came freely. Mr. Tompkins was in splendid form, and scored a punishing 106 before lifting his head to a ball from Greenhalf. The Headmaster, as usual, proved very difficult to dislodge, and the School team had a strenuous afternoon in the field before the Masters declared with their total at 204 for 5 wickets.

Mr. Halliwell and Mr. Butcher opened the bowling for the Staff, and the School batsmen made a rather poor start, considering the excellent state of the wicket. P. G. Tomkins and Leeson came to the rescue with a fine stand, scoring at a steady rate. It was left to Green, however, to demonstrate the proper way of dealing with the bowling,
and he hit out lustily to make a brisk half-century. The result was in the balance as the School's last batsman, James, took his guard. However, he and D. S. Wilson held out, and raised the total to 195 before stumps were drawn, thus achieving an honourable draw.

Mr. Riach and Mr. Butcher each took 4 wickets for the Masters, but the match was interesting mainly as an exhibition of attractive batting by both sides on an ideal pitch.

1ST XI RESULTS

18th July v. Old Grammarians
Old Grammarians 166 for 3 dec.
W.G.S. 79 for 9 (Tomlin 51 not out).

24th July v. The Headmaster's XI
Headmaster's XI 204 for 5 dec. (Mr. B. Tompkins 106, Mr. A. Sparrow 37, Mr. H. A. Wrenn 33 not out).
W.G.S. 195 for 9 (Green 50, P. G. Tomkins 36, Leeson 34; Mr. D. Riach 4 for 35).

PLAYING RECORD


1st XI Colours were awarded to:

Fielding Cap awarded to: D. S. Wilson.

The following played for the 1st XI:
Tomlin (Capt.), Kitson, M. Y. Palmer, D. S. Wilson, Maher, James, Green, P. G. Tomkims, Leeson, Nutt, Barden, K. D. Billing, Sauntson, Munns, Greenhalf, Dunkley, Bradshaw.

2ND XI RESULTS

27th June v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XI
Lost by 3 wickets.
W.G.S. 78 (B. A. Clarke 23)
Northampton G.S. 79 for 7 (R. I. S. White 4 for 22).

18th July v. King's School 2nd XI
Won by 1 run.
W.G.S. 112 (Goosey 25, M. Coles 21)
King's School 111 (R. I. S. White 3 for 37).

PLAYING RECORD


Colours were awarded to:

Fielding Cap: Griffiths.

The following played:
B. A. Clarke (Capt.), M. Coles, Sauntson, Goosey, Sugars, Wrenn, Griffiths, R. I. S. White, Galloway, Partridge, Dunkley, Munns, Greenhalf, P. A. Tomkims, K. D. Billing, Robertson, Barber.

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UNDER 15 XI RESULTS

10th July v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 65 runs.
Kettering 116 for 7 dec. (Tilley 3 for 24, M. W. Bayes 3 for 39)
W.G.S. 51.

18th July v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 3 wickets.
W.G.S. 85 (Stevenson 27)
Kettering G.S. 86 for 7.

PLAYING RECORD

Colours were awarded to:
Bradshaw, Gray, Stevenson, Frisby, M. W. Bayes, P. Jackson.

The following played:
Bradshaw (Capt.), Stevenson, Frisby, M. W. Bayes, Jackson, Gray,
Lambert, Perritt, Newman, McDougall, Burrell, Corbyn, Perkins,
Tilley, P. R. Martin, Bonham, Southward.

UNDER 14 XI RESULTS

W.G.S. 127 for 7 dec. (P. R. Martin 43, A. J. W. Cox 37)
Bedford School 86 for 2.

27th June v. Corby G.S. Drawn.
W.G.S. 104 for 7 dec. (P. R. Martin 51 n.o., R. K. Gibson 22)
Corby G.S. 70 for 8 (J. J. Smith 5 for 21).

9th July v. Kettering G.S. Won by 7 wickets.
Kettering G.S. 36 (Turnell 7 for 9)
W.G.S. 38 for 3.

18th July v. King’s School Lost by 41 runs.
King’s School 139 for 3 dec.
W.G.S. 98 (Bonham 23, Henson 24, N. J. Palmer 22).

PLAYING RECORD

Colours were awarded to:
P. R. Martin, J. J. Smith, A. J. W. Cox.

Fielding Cap:
Mason, Hoddle, N. J. P. Palmer, R. K. Gibson, R. K. Gillett,
Bellamy, Henson, Marson, Wills, Turnell.

The following played:
P. R. Martin (Capt.), Bonham, R. K. Gibson, A. J. W. Cox, N. J.
Palmer, Mawson, Mason, R. R. Smith, Gillett, Hoddle, Turnell,
Wills, Bellamy, Henson, Townshend, Tite, Buckly, Sculthorpe,
Lindsell.

HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION 1959

Winners
1. Gryphons ... 22 points
2. Stags ... 20 points
3. Dragons ... 16 points
4. Lions ... 8 points
ATHLETICS

In the Open Meeting at Duston on June 27th, M. J. Sharman secured first place in the Youths' 440 yards Scratch.

The following successes were obtained in the Handicap Meeting at Finedon on July 11th:— 100 yards and 220 yards (12—14): 1st Dean, 3rd Mitchell; One Mile (15—18): 3rd Mason; 880 yards (15—18): 2nd Mason.

The Triangular Athletic Match against Kettering and Northampton Grammar Schools was held at Northampton on June 20th. Competition was keen throughout, and the result was always in doubt until the Relays gave Northampton victory. The final score was: Northampton 86 points, School 79 points, and Kettering 26 points. Our boys performed well, but special mention must be made of: Mason, for his excellent running in the Senior Mile and 880 Yards; N. J. Palmer, for another School Record of 2 mins. 11 secs. in the Middle 880 Yards; N. I. Palmer, who won the Junior 100 Yards and 220 Yards; and Parker, who was the winner of the Junior High Jump and Long Jump.

The Hurdles competition was held over a distance of 80 yards with the following results:—

Senior.
   Time: 12.7 secs.

Middle.
   Time: 13.4 secs.

Junior.
   Time: 15.5 secs.

Colours were awarded to:

Senior: A. A. Bayes, Mason, M. J. Sharman.


SWIMMING SPORTS

JULY 24TH, 1959

The swimming bath at Wilby Lido was only half full on the day of the Sports, but rather than cancel the event we worked on a much amended programme. Diving events were omitted, and all races had to start with competitors already in the water. Despite these difficulties, the contest was just as exciting as usual.

The Stags gained a very narrow victory over the Dragons. This was quite an achievement, as the Dragons had held the Swimming Cup for the last nine years.
RESULTS

Under 13 25 yards Backstroke :
1. Bird (D)  2. James (G) and Sherer (S)

Under 14 25 yards Backstroke :
1. Exley (D)  2. Palmer (G)

Under 15 25 yards Backstroke :
1. Pollard (L)  2. Newman (D)  3. Dobbs (S)  4. Sewell (G)

Under 16 25 Yards Backstroke :
1. Penness (S)  2. Allen (G)  3. Buchta (D)  4. Foster (L)

Open 25 yards Backstroke :
1. Tomlin (S)  2. Tall (D)  3. James (G)  4. Summers (L)

Under 13 25 yards Breaststroke :
1. Ablett (S)  2. Steiner (G)  3. Randall (L)  4. Smith (D)

Under 14 50 yards Breaststroke :
1. Harris (S)  2. Neville (D)  3. Tite (G)  4. Greenwood (L)

Under 15 50 yards Breaststroke :
1. Palmer (D)  2. Perritt (S)  3. Talbot (G)  4. Gardiner (L)

Under 16 50 yards Breaststroke :
1. Pettit (L)  2. Simpson (D)  3. Harris (S)  4. Mason (G)

Open 100 yards Breaststroke :
1. Roche (G)  2. Tye (S)  3. Robinson (D)  4. Morris (L)

Under 13 25 yards Freestyle :
1. Allen (G)  2. Williams (L)  3. Gillett (S)  4. Dofort (D)

Under 14 25 yards Freestyle :
1. Taylor (G)  2. Davis (S)  3. Alderson (D)  4. Abrahams (L)

Under 15 25 yards Freestyle :
1. Lauder (S)  2. Hammond (D)  3. Sawford (L)  4. Drage (G)

Under 15 50 yards Freestyle :
1. Newman (D)  2. Roche (G)  3. Palmer (S)  4. Bonham (L)

Under 16 50 yards Freestyle :
1. Tall (D)  2. Cullip (L)  3. Sims (G)  4. N. Bayes (S)

Open 50 yards Freestyle :
1. Tomlin (S)  2. Kirk (L)  3. Poyner (D)  4. Gotch (G)

Open 100 yards Freestyle :
1. Greenhalf (D)  2. Penness (S)  3. Jolley (G)  4. Clarke (L)

Under 13 4 x 1 length Relay :

Under 15 4 x 1 length Relay :

Open 4 x 1 length Relay :

FINAL POSITIONS

1. Stags  ..  281 points
2. Dragons  ..  276 points
3. Gryphons  ..  213 points
4. Lions  ..  182 points

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P.E. COMPETITION

This provided one of the most entertaining and exciting competitions with the result in doubt to the end.

Only half a point separated the first three Houses on the final reckoning, with the Stags winning from the Lions and the Dragons, who were equal second.

1. Stags .. .. 29 points
2. =Lions and Dragons .. 28½ points
4. Gryphons .. .. 24 points

SCHOOL JOURNEY TO ROME AND SORRENTO

AUGUST 1959

This year’s foreign tour, which took the party nearly fifteen hundred miles from home, was carried out so smoothly, with practically none of those little hitches which so often prove more memorable than the finest scenery, that it is to the final impressions of the country of which we saw so much that we must turn for most of this account.

One should mention, certainly, the continental habit of punctuality on the railways which brought us to Rome, after 1,204 miles, on time, despite a delay of 43 minutes at Lille due to an accident to a nearby train. There is, too, an agreeable standard of cleanliness in the trains, a high standard of meals in the restaurant cars, and, in Italy, a service throughout the train of coffee, iced drinks, ices and fruit, which proved a severe tax on the pockets of the less-resistant members of the party.

Rome’s magnificent Termini Station, the focal point of all the city’s traffic, welcomed us late in the evening, and after dinner we strolled out for a first impression. Fountains!—one cannot go far without realising that these are to the Roman one of the most important features in beautifying his city. Then, at once, one encounters the ever-present reminders of the past; here a piece of wall, there an arch, over there a column. Modern Rome lives with the past, by the past, too, in its tourist trade, but has so far resisted any temptation to be too pushing in the display of its treasures. In particular, the floodlighting is a model of the unobtrusive.

The details of the sightseeing in the city may be found in any guide-book, but of our first drive one may highlight our admiration of the Early Christians after a visit to the catacombs, for they spent years in their cave-dwellings lighted by the glimmer of a primitive oil lamp; the Pantheon, the original Roman building unaltered since the second century with its original bronze doors; and the magnificent, nearly-completed Olympic Stadium.

A visit to St. Peter’s made a deep impression. Its enormous dimensions have to be looked for, so perfect are its proportions, and many of the party at once decided on a second visit.

In the Colosseum and the Forum the lack of display, the absence of good paths, a minimum of notices, and, everywhere, the dust of
time, made for us all a reality of the past. We went on to visit Michelangelo's perfect Square on the Capitol Hill. Some of us are still wondering why it is necessary to keep a wolf and an eagle in cages here. Surely the past needs no such sorry emphasis!

Hadrian's Villa, about 20 miles from Rome, is now but a reminder of the grandeur and waste which was common in Roman times—seven square miles of palaces, theatres, ornamental pools—enjoyed by him for but three years before he died. We strolled through a small part of the grounds, past the longest wall of any building. Excavations are still proceeding, but for the most part the mosaic paths disappear into the banks of the olive groves.

The Villa d'Este was more interesting this year because of the immense quantity of water running to waste, though a thing of great beauty, in the hundreds of fountains. In cooling each other, several of the party got completely soaked!

All too soon we were leaving Rome, thinking perhaps of what we had not seen, despite the considerable additional sightseeing in free-time, evidenced by frequent meetings with members of the party, in churches, shopping, 'resting' in cafés, or dropping small change in the Trevi to ensure a return. Round and Thompson had been to the Opera in the Caracalla Baths and a large party had supported our swimmers in a Triangular Match with Sweden and Italy at the Olympic Pool. From accounts we believe our support roused the opposition, at least vocally.

Naples, too, will soon have a fine new station. Demolitions over a large area were going on to ensure plenty of space for a complete transport centre. This meant for us a considerable walk to our coach, during which we were easy prey for touts of every type, selling in particular 'gold' watches and 'Parker' pens! We set out on a tour of the city in great heat, all of us looking for the traditional beauty of Naples, finding it perhaps in the fine setting of the Bay with Vesuvius in the background, but reminded too often of the terrible poverty of this area by washing festooned across every side-street and smells which it seemed unfair to associate with the palm-lined avenues which form the main streets. Our objective was Solfatara, a semi-extinct volcano. In sizzling heat we followed the guide—single file! As he hurled a heavy stone to the ground, we were quite prepared to believe the ground is only eight feet thick—its hollowness sounded much thinner. The bubbling pools of hot mud with their sulphurous fumes looked very 'active', but we were more inclined to look askance at odd spots in the ground which just roasted the feet, or that wisp of smoke just by one's toe, from the earth! Not a shoe alight, yet!

We lunched at the fine new University Hostel, where some met spaghetti for the first time—at least, the long, trailing Italian kind. Out to the Autostrada, which will soon stretch from Milan to Salerno, to be called—'The Road of the Sun'. Round the Bay, past Vesuvius, with Ischia away to our right, we came to the Sorrentine Peneinsula, to Meta di Sorrento and the Hotel Aranceto. We were now really in the south—
much of the hotel plumbing was right outside the walls, we ate in the open, the more important meals being visited by a large lizard which, fly-hunting, hung right over the tables! The hotel garden was well and temptingly stocked with grapes, of course, oranges, lemons, peaches, persimmons, aubergines, pimentos, and more, unknown to us. With southern abandon every car passing the hotel rounded the corner with a most painful screech of protesting tyres. This, in the middle of the night, was a little difficult to become accustomed to, but in such a climate seemed of little importance.

Capri itself needs no description. The Blue Grotto, too, is visited by everybody and that in itself is surprising, because of the transfer, three at a time, to a small boat amid cries of rage from those who think they should have priority, and all for perhaps five minutes in the absolute blueness of the Grotto. "Well worth it", was the verdict! In Capri, the eccentricities of female fashion have reached their zenith. If it exists, you will see it there!

At lunch we enjoyed the foresight of the owner of the open-air cinema who allows picnic lunchers to use the balcony which seems to hang right over the sea, a wonderful view.

At Pompeii we walked for two hours and saw a little only of the immense excavations but, as one member of the party said, "This must be one of the wonders of the world!" Streets, arrow straight, at right angles, one-way, with still the wheel marks of chariots, wheels a standard distance apart, said to have fixed our rail gauge! The Public Baths still have their roof, the lockers for clothes, the mosaic floors, and an inscription recording the gift of money for repairs after an earth-quake. A 'beware of the dog' sign with dog in mosaic and a villa with wonderful paintings, fresh and clear glowed with colour. After lunch we drove round the Sorrentine Peninsula—how colourless that sounds! In fact, this road cut into the cliffs, high above the sea, with its hairpins each merging into the next, is a challenge to the finest driver. As mile succeeded mile, we became overwhelmed with the panorama of tiny villages, small sandy beaches and the valleys full of lemon groves. This is indeed the best road for scenery in all Italy!

North again to Rome for one night!—just time to visit again some favourite corner or café or see what one missed last time! By tradition a visit to the floodlit Forum from the Capitol had to be included!

And now, really on the last lap homewards, some of the party had the unwelcome experience of sharing a compartment with two Danish ladies, one of whom decided to throw a bottle out—bad enough—but without opening the window! The resulting hole considerably annoyed the Italian rail officials. Whether the ladies' real punishment was to remain in the windowless compartment all night we never found out, for we changed at Basel.

Now we come to the failure of an experiment; for the first time we travelled to and from London by train. But British Railways stopped our boat train from Folkestone—ten coaches and a van—and
the engine was not powerful enough to get it going, at least in time for us to catch our connection at St. Pancras. Next time it is London by coach!

Home, however, at last, after seeing more of St. Pancras than we intended! One recalls some personalities of the tour—Round and Thompson for taking our juniors out in the evening and up the Dome of St. Peter's, Billing for leading an expedition up Vesuvius, and Tomlin and Hobbs for paying up and looking, at the same time, fairly pleasant!

To finish with a question—is there not still, both on the part of the public and certain officials, particularly the Customs, a prejudice against the travelling School Party, which completely fails to take into account the fact that such parties form the larger part of the public travelling abroad? It is to School Parties that transport and hotels look for continued business immediately after the high season.

MALLORCAN REMINISCENCES

As we struggle through the seemingly interminable English period, and our fingers drum impatiently on the desk lid, our thoughts return to those far-off summer days which we spent in Palma de Mallorca. We wistfully recall various incidents such as the time when we walked over three miles at midnight to the Palma football ground to watch Newcastle United play Mallorca, and our unsuccessful attempts to make our cheers heard over the Spanish hisses and boos as the English team was announced. We remember the time when we were assumed dead, killed in the disastrous Barcelona air-crash, by some Spanish friends just because they had not seen us for three days—what a delightful thought!

Of the more sordid events we recall with most pleasure our exciting and extremely interesting visit to the bull-ring where we witnessed one of the best programmes of the season. We heartily applauded the skill of the matadors, particularly Peralta (a caballo), and revelled in the blood-spilling—the blood of ferocious bulls and incautious matadors alike. We laugh silently at our mistaken fears when a case of typhus was announced five houses away and we believed it to be one of typhoid. We recall the stirring incidents at Barcelona airport when we were informed that our luggage was on a plane bound for Rome, and the chase to get it back before the plane left in ten minutes' time. We remember proudly the various arguments we had with Spaniards in Spanish, especially the one at Barcelona airport when we impressed on the Spanish personnel that we did not want to fly to Rome.

But then the bell rudely interrupts our nostalgic memories, and we realise, rather thankfully, that "Pope" is over for the day.

M. D. Kitson and R. J. Wrenn.
HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

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

Head of House: M. J. Green.

School Prefects: M. J. Sharman, I. Griffiths (Secretary), M. E. Round.


Last term was an unsuccessful one for Dragons in sport. For the first time in nine years we lost the Swimming cup; and although our performance in the Inter-House Cricket Competition was somewhat improved, the cup still eluded us.

House meetings were held as usual on the first Monday of term, when Mr. C. A. Pine welcomed the new boys on behalf of the House. The following appointments were also made: — Captain of Senior Rugby, M. J. Green; Captain of Junior Rugby, R. Bellamy; and House Drama Producer, B. Vorley.

Once again Dragons have a powerful senior Rugby team, of which seven members play in the School 1st XV, and we should do well. The juniors, however, will have to improve if we are to win the Rugby cup.

Congratulations are extended to those boys who gained their House Colours at the end of last term, and we must also congratulate D. O. Tall on his selection to play Rugby for the county.

In conclusion, we would like to wish all Dragons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GRYPHONS

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

Head of House: G. G. Martin.

School Prefects:
G. G. Martin, D. S. Wilson, D. E. Billing, M. D. Kitson,

House Secretary: B. Westcott.

Since the publication of the Summer Term magazine, the Cricket, Swimming and P.T. Competitions have been decided. The Cricket cup is once again in our proud possession, thanks to the competent leadership of James. We congratulate him and both the teams for their splendid achievement. In the Swimming and P.T., however, Stags enforced their supremacy, and we managed a rather dismal third and a very dismal fourth, respectively.
At the time of writing, the House Rugby competition has not yet started, but we wish both teams all success in their venture. We congratulate G. E. Drage and M. D. Kitson on playing in the County Rugby Trial, and especially Drage on his eventual selection as reserve.

Congratulations are extended to G. G. Martin as yet another Gryphon to be appointed Head of the School; to M. Y. Palmer as both School and House Rugby Captain, and a School Prefect; to M. D. Kitson on being appointed the School Rugby Vice-Captain and Second Prefect; to R. P. M. Jolley on being elected Music Captain; and to R. J. Wrenn on being appointed a School Prefect.

Finally, we hope that all new-comers will enjoy a successful School career in the House, and we remind all Gryphons that House cups are only won by combined efforts and constant practice. It only remains to wish Gryphons and ex-Gryphons everywhere a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

LIONS

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


House Prefects: R. E. Oberman (Secretary), R. D. Summers.

Since the last magazine appeared, several important competitions have been decided. In the Cricket cup the seniors were hampered by a lack of experienced batsmen and despite some good personal performances, the team failed to reach the high standard hoped for. Individuals worthy of praise were Billing, for his bowling and captaincy, and Gray for his careful confidence as opening batsman. We may justifiably hope that next season the additional experience will produce a more successful team.

In the Swimming Competition the House made every effort to rise above the bottom position which it has held almost continuously in spite of all competition. Despite the work of Clark, who produced an extremely good team, considering his material, the effort broke down, partly due to the lack of original standards, and partly due to a lack of water in the pool!!

The P.T. Competition, by dint of the personal labour of Summers, the House Captain, resulted in our gaining second place. This standard of physical fitness seems to be a good omen for the coming Rugger season.

This term has produced a new quota of boys for the House. They promise to be a great asset in future years, and the House, in welcoming them, hopes they will settle down quickly and enter into the competitively friendly spirit of the House competitions.

Finally, we wish all Lions, past and present, famous and obscure, an exceptionally Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
STAGS

*House Masters*

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

*Head of House*: J. B. Sauntson.


*House Prefects*: Gill, Bedells, Warrington, Kearley.

At the House meeting held at the beginning of term, Dr. Jackson welcomed the large number of new boys to the House. Sauntson was elected House Captain with M. J. Newell as Deputy Head and Secretary. Senior Rugby Captain is C. O. Gill, with Sauntson as Vice-Captain. Mason and P. Allen were elected Junior Captain and Vice-Captain.

Last term the Cricket Cup was contested and Stags gained second place. In the Swimming Competition we gained first place, and congratulate all swimmers for their magnificent effort.

Finally, we extend our sympathy to Stags taking G.C.E. examinations this Christmas, and we wish all Stags, past and present, a very happy Christmas.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

This year’s camp was our biggest for some years. We visited the H.Q. site at Chalfont St. Peter’s, Bucks., where the tents were pitched in a 10 acre field, adjoining a large area of woodland which supported an abundance of wild life, including grey squirrels, badgers and many varieties of birds (not to mention Scouts from Epping Forest). The Camp Bailiff, as Palmer soon discovered, was a ‘cheery soul’. Only Stratton succeeded in ringing the Bailiff’s bell without being ‘lumbered’, and when he did ring it, it is worthy of note that, for the first time in the Bailiff’s life, flag-break was prevented! Stratton, incidentally, was in charge of the organisation of the camp as part of his “Camp Warden” badge.

After a week of walking for our morning wash through an avenue of trees we reluctantly returned to the bathroom of urban life. Having packed our kit we climbed aboard our van and set off for Watford and home. Several elaborate plans for revenge on the Bailiff were mooted, but none materialised. We did, however, have the satisfaction of finding sixpence on our cleared site after the Bailiff had gone over it with his tooth-comb and magnifying glass.

We have to thank Parents for the gift of a new tent; for their help at the Jumble Sale, which realised £26 7s. 6d., and paid for another tent; and for their excellent taxi service for the gang show at Northampton.
We welcome a new group of 1st Formers. The new P.L.'s are Warr and Allen. Palmer continues as Otter P.L. Bird and Talbot now have their Senior Swimmer's Badge.

The troop rejoices that it will be spared the Seniors' cooking at Christmas. We thank 2nd Wellingborough Guide Company for the invitation to their party.

MUSIC NOTES

This term we welcome Mr. Taylor, who has assisted Mr. Stanley at both Senior and Junior Choir practices. Both Choirs are preparing for the Recital of Christmas Music which will be given on December 15th. The brass ensemble has been re-formed to play at this event.

The Madrigal Group has welcomed new singers in all parts and is now settling down to work on madrigals and part-songs. It is hoped to work at some Church music next term when the group is used to singing together.

At the time of writing an excursion is planned to the Royal Festival Hall to hear the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. Included in the programme is Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis" which is a set work for 'O' level General Certificate of Education candidates. Other visits this term have been made to St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, for a performance of Handel's "Israel in Egypt", and several boys were invited to the demonstration-recital given by the McNaughten String Quartet at the High School. We thank Miss Horton for this invitation.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.
Secretaries: P. D. S. White, P. T. Wooding.
Committee:
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich,

Eight meetings have been held so far this term. The lectures were:

1. "The Origin of Life on the Earth", by C. O. Gill. The older theories for the origin of life, together with some newer ideas, were discussed.
2. "Low Temperatures", by J. Clarke. The production of these temperatures was described and the properties of "cold" substances were enumerated.
3. "Alchemy", by G. Randall. This was an account of the beliefs of alchemists and a brief summary of the subject's history.
4. "The Atom and the Energy Revolution", by T. Gotch. In this lecture the reserves and sources of power in the world were described, including the production and use of nuclear energy.
5. "Particles within the Atom", by J. B. Sauntson. The basic structure of the atom was outlined and the connection between matter and energy stated.

6. "Paper Manufacture", by B. Maher. A description of the various stages in this process was given.

7. "The Hovercraft", by C. V. J. Simpson. The principle of levitation of the craft was explained and its applications mentioned.

8. "Water Supply", by P. T. Wooding. The occurrence, collection and purification of water for domestic purposes was described.

The attendance at these lectures was, on average, 20, and any interested Fifth and Sixth Formers are welcome at the meetings.

ROYAL INSTITUTION LECTURES

On Speech Day Sir Lawrence Bragg, F.R.S., kindly extended an invitation to members of our Sixth Form to attend lectures given at the Royal Institution to sixth form pupils of grammar schools in the London area. Parties from the School have attended two lectures given by Sir Lawrence on "The properties of Matter". In these lectures the physical properties of inorganic, organic and metallic substances were explained by simple principles of atomic structure, and illustrated by numerous demonstrations which could not have been performed at school with the apparatus available. Some of these experiments have been seen in subsequent television programmes from the Royal Institution.

The visit was of interest not only because of the subject and the lecturer, but because of the historic Institution in which the lectures were delivered, and it was with reluctance that members of the party left the building.

A lecture on "Electronic Brains", by Dr. H. A. Thomas, is to be attended in December.

The members of the Sixth Form who have attended these lectures regard themselves as privileged, and the School is grateful to Sir Lawrence for providing this opportunity.

R. J. HAWKINS.

RAILWAY CLUB

Owing to illness, Mr. Cheale was unable to accompany the party on last term's overnight excursion to Newcastle and we have to thank Mr. Halliwell for volunteering to take the party at very short notice. The excursion, which began at the Motive Power Depôts in the Newcastle area, and then proceeded by coach, visiting otherDepôts en route, ended at Darlington. Despite a mistake in the number of seat reservations from King's Cross right at the beginning of the overnight journey, which resulted in Mr. Halliwell and some boys having to stand, the excursion proved most successful. Quite a feature of the trip was the excellence of the food!

This term we are trying to make arrangements for an excursion on January 6th. So far plans to visit Chester, Wrexham, Oswestry and
Shrewsbury have had to be rejected as impossible owing to train timings and a previous plan to do Swindon and Eastleigh by road proved equally impossible owing to the tremendous distances involved. The possibility of a January excursion to Eastleigh by rail, or to Doncaster, or Salisbury and Templecombe, is now being investigated.

In future, absolute priority on excursions will be given to paid-up members, and places will only be offered to others if it is necessary to fill the party.

Members are urged to think now of future plans for excursions, particularly for the summer. If possible, details of train timings should be obtained before putting forward such suggestions, as this avoids wasting time on the impossible.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The programme this term was quite varied. Following the example, from last term, of having talks given by local Ministers, a series entitled “The Christian Race” was included in the programme. The sub-titles of the talks were: “The Starter”, by the Rev. V. Evans; “The Obstacles on the Course”, by the Rev. W. G. Muir; and “The Prizegiver at the Finish”, by the Rev. C. L. Glassford. Studies were given of Bible characters by members of the Fellowship, and one, by the Rev. M. Bent, on Samuel. Matters for thoughtful discussion included “Is Honesty Always the best Policy?”, “The Christian’s Attitude to Nuclear Warfare”, and “Church Unity”.

A sound-strip, “Mid-Century Martyrs” and a film “The Stones Cry Out”, were shown after School. The former keeps alive in the mind the sacrifice Christians are prepared to make to spread the Gospel, even in this modern era.

Assistance in preparing future programmes will be gladly accepted and it is hoped these programmes will be both interesting and helpful.

TOC H

Several new members, welcomed to the group this term, have joined in rendering services to those in need, which is one of the prime aims of the group and, indeed, of the whole Toc H organisation. Christmas parcels were sent to homeless Borstal boys and help was given in a local hospital to put up Christmas decorations.

An interesting part of the group’s business is devising means of raising money for charitable activities. This term has seen the disposal of some two hundred pairs of second-hand shoes and a Jumble Sale is being organised for early next term.

When Lieut.-Col. W. R. Elliott, Toc H Schools’ Secretary, visited the group in November, he greatly encouraged us by his account of schemes for groups in Schools, especially an “overseas” scheme for boys awaiting college entrance.

A splendid “bust-up” was had by all at the annual end of term beanfeast with Broadway’s Branch.
CHESS CLUB

The Club is suffering from its usual malady—very little support from the senior members of the School. We now meet on alternate Monday and Thursday evenings in an effort to enable Sixth and Fifth Formers to come at least once a fortnight, but very few have taken advantage of this.

We shall never be able to raise a team of sufficient strength to represent the School if, when a boy reaches the Fourth Form, he loses interest.

The juniors have, however, supported us well this term and there are several promising players amongst the First Formers.

May we make a further appeal to the seniors to come along, even if they have not played for years and are by no means brilliant? Their mere presence encourages the juniors.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Club has welcomed some new members this term from the First Forms who have been learning the rudiments of developing, printing, and enlarging; they already have something to show for their pains.

Early in the term, the older members paid a visit to Wellingborough Iron Works where they found ample scope for picture taking. Some of the prints obtained were entered for the School’s Photographic Competition.

The Society is now organising a photographic competition which is open to all members of the School. The rules will be placed on Form Room notice boards. There will be cash prizes for the three best entries on a chosen subject. If you have a camera, why not enter a photograph yourself?

LIGHTSTRUNG STOP

Lightstrung, with all thy faults I love thee still—
My bus-stop, and, while yet a bus is left,
Where Lightstrung songs and prefects may be found,
Shall be constrained to love thee. Though the bus
Be early, and the shelter be exposed
To dripping rains, or bitten with the frost,
I would not yet exchange thy tired walls
And roof, with all their leaks, for warm Room 10
With all its pipes, nor for the stoke-hole’s wealth
Of glowing boilers and of radiant heat.
To point thy leaks, and, from heights sublime
Of schoolboy eloquence, to bring down scorn
Upon thy faults, shall never be my will,
And when I feel your coldness, when exposed
To storm and wint'ry gale, with feet as frozen
As any prefect there, when I can feel
Thy icy leaks, I with a proud disdain
Frown at effeminates whose very looks
Reflect dishonour on the stop I love.

G. W. KEARSLEY (VI Upper Arts).
(with apologies to William Cowper).

ENGLISH PREP.
When I was told to write a rhyme,
Instead of English prep.,
I thought, "Oh, what a pantomime!"
Some verse on love, or hate, or crime,
Or maybe one of ancient time,
To add a little pep.

Alas! it did not work so well,
My thoughts roved far and wide,
Now should I write of Little Nell?
Or should it be some tale to tell?
Adventure—glory—fame—Oh . . . !
I really can't decide.

I pondered thus from five till nine,
Until I went to bed.
This homework I'd considered fine—
This easy task I'd thought was mine—
I couldn't even write a line,
No thoughts came in my head.

S. BIRD (2.A).

THE CHILDREN OF THEIR MASTER
Now the bell hath rung, and the children of their master, which is in the Common Room, settle their bodies in their desks. Soon the master cometh, and saluteth his children, saying, "Thou shalt not make any manner of noise, without my consent, during this period". He then commenceth to teach them, saying, "Prepare ye a way for the G.C.E., which will soon come to pass."

Soon, one of his children beginneth to talk unto his neighbour. They begin to smite each other, until the master stoppeth them saying, "Verily, verily I say unto you, love thy neighbour as thyself." He then continueth with his teaching until the bell ringeth and the number of those children who listen exceedeth twenty and five.
When the bell ringeth, he saith, "For your prep. this night ye shall prepare exercise two, on page three score and twelve in thy red scroll."

Having spoken these words he passeth into the peace and quiet of the Common Room, there to rest, and pray that he might not have too much work to mark on the Sabbath. Then he sleepeth, to forget his children. But he hath an anxious mind, and is sorely troubled by a dream. He dreameth of a multitude of children, who know not those things they ought to know. So he awaketh, but hunger is about him, so he breaketh bread, and eats thereof.


OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the publication of your last magazine, we have held our Annual Dinner, at which the Guest of Honour was Dr. A. B. Adamson. Dr. Adamson was Senior Science Master at School until 1943, and he started the School A.T.C. Unit. He now teaches in Cambridge.

Work on the Cricket square on the Memorial Sports Field has now commenced under the personal supervision of Mr. Brailsford, the County Groundsman. He is convinced that we shall have a good wicket for next season.

The Pavilion is due to be erected shortly, just as soon as the builders are ready.

The Rugby Club has a full fixture list for the two teams, though their records to date are not very inspiring.

We congratulate D. T. Stevens on gaining his Rugger Blue at Oxford this term.

On behalf of the Association, I extend to all Staff and boys the Season’s Greetings.

K. J. Holmes.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB REPORT

SEASON 1959.

We are pleased to report another very successful season. We played more matches, our membership has risen, and we have had our best season in the league, finishing third in the final table.

PLAYING RECORD

Played—40 Lost—13 Drawn—3 Won—23 Abandoned—1

The friendly matches, as usual, proved a very welcome change from the needle match atmosphere of league cricket, and the Club enjoyed an excellent social life. For the coming season we shall again be playing league cricket on Saturday, and have already booked our friendly Sunday games.
With the prospect of playing on our own ground in 1960 we have strengthened the Sunday opposition and shall be meeting new teams, and travelling further afield. If the new ground comes up to expectations, then we can fulfil our ambition, which is to play in the County League.

Another new venture is planned for next season. The Club will be touring the Cambridge area over Whitsun Bank Holiday, and will play three games. The centre of our activities will be Cambridge itself. The Old Boys will also be taking an active part in your very important Speech Day, and will, as an experiment, provide the opposition for the School 1st XI in a day match.

As usual, we extend a very warm welcome to all School leavers, and feel that we can offer facilities, and an environment which in 1960 should be on a par with School Cricket, and the top town teams.

R. T. NEWNHAM (Hon. Secretary)
158 Wollaston Road,
Irchester, Northants.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

OXFORD

C. BRERETON (Pembroke), was once an exalted rowing man, but unfortunately has had to give up the sport owing to health reasons. He works away in his retirement quite happily, and is unknown to most of us here.

D. STEVENS (St. Peter's Hall), moves in higher circles now he plays regularly for the University 1st XV. We wish him the best of luck and hope he gets a 'blue'.

D. BROWN (St. Catherine's Society), and the present writer met when travelling in opposite directions along a one-way street. He appears to be taking up the aristocratic pastimes of shooting and horse-riding. The fishing is said to be strictly limited to Wellingborough.

G. ROSE (Wadham), was unfairly kicked (by one of the opponents) whilst playing for his College. Disregarding all the pain, he played on until the end of the match, thus aggravating the injury. This led to partial confinement to his lodgings, and he has not really been the same since.

W. W. STEVENSON (St. Peter's Hall), is best summed up scientifically:—

(i) As usual is too modest to discuss his varied achievements.
(ii) Does not do anything.
(iii) Cannot remember anything.
(iv) Is asleep again!
J. WYKES is the proud owner of a palatial bedroom in Christ Church; the patterns in pink and blue ease his weary brain, when engaged in physico-chemical thought. He has suffered a social set-back by having to sell his car (perforce). This has since been observed on the premises of a demolition firm.

P. R. SMEATHERS (Merton), claims to have no political leanings, but has joined the Conservative Club, the Labour Club, and, as an afterthought, the Liberal Club. He works (occasionally), and was last seen vanishing in the direction of Lady Margaret Hall.

D. N. HALL (St. Peter’s Hall). Some people wondered if this awkward old soul would leave off farming and come back to the University. He has! In characteristic fashion, he has ‘digs’ in Berkshire, as far away as possible. It is rumoured that he plays the piano next door, giving (or receiving?) lessons to the daughter.

P. A. BIRD (Wadham), made his first blunder by saying he did not know the editor of these nefarious truths. His solitude at College is disturbed by a bassoon-playing room-partner. He seems to be working steadily—in a dressing-gown when cold.

A. J. DOYLE (St. Edmund’s Hall). Venerable third and second year men wondered how this gentleman managed to enter a College of Rugger Captains. It is understood that, as rough games are essential, he has joined the Judo Club. After being thrown across a room, he received chest injuries, and was X-rayed at the Radcliffe Infirmary; here complications with a nurse ensued. Mr. Doyle certainly appears to have settled down!

E. WOOD (The Queen’s), has the dubious honour of having being recognised by the University disciplinary authorities (Proctors) on November 5th, when the more respectable of us were abed. He said he has become a supralapsarianist—but consultation with a dictionary suggests a bit of a leg-pull.

J. J. L. KNIGHTON (Balliol). To Jerry’s dismay, he finds that abstract essays in English are a regular feature at his College. One, on “The seven deadly sins”, seems rather apt in the Knighton context. He is a member of the Crime Club, and lives above a Proctor.

K. BAILEY (St. Catherine’s Society). The smiling face from North Oxford can occasionally be seen at the Labs. or the Union Society, but otherwise very little is known of him. We hope he does not become another Brereton.

LEEDS

MILES. Rugby, Scouting and Bridge are beginning to wilt in the face of Finals.

WOODALL. Now that Aston Villa are top of Division II, Finals will present no problem to him.
PETTIFER has not been seen for some time, so we conclude that the pursuit of Science is proving a full-time job.

VINCENT—having ruefully admitted that laboured puns in a Rushden accent just aren’t understood in Leeds, is now resolutely studying the local jargon in order to complain about the quality of café tea.

WHITE is enjoying life, and has only one complaint; work is included in the timetable. By sheer coincidence, he once found himself in the same concert hall as Bland.

BLAND is, of course, working hard, although he finds time to attend occasional concerts, coffee parties, Methodist Society meetings, and visits to the theatre to see the highly esteemed H. Secombe.

LONDON

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

B. K. RIGBY. We congratulate Brian on gaining a 1st Class Honours and the A. P. Head Memorial Prize and Medal for Mechanical Engineering. He has also been awarded a Full Purple at Rugby. At the moment he is engaged on a research project concerning the wiggles of (not in!) railway carriages. As a member of the Engineering Society Committee he is still the only one without a job, but the local Employment Office will not uphold his plea!

B. R. CLAYTON. Still has the doubtful pleasure of seeing the individual below first thing in the morning. Ugh! He also plays Rugby for the College, and has now started to explore the Manchester area—purely personal reasons—no chaperons please! Also engaged in a spot of research with his co-partner on the instability of coned wheels—but as yet having great difficulty in making the $-\pi?z!x-$ things go unstable!

J. W. PENDERED, oddly enough, managed to find his way back to England after a summer trip to Finland—can’t see why, after the stories he has been telling. He spends most of his time relaxing during the week, and working at the week-ends! Is proud of the fact that together with his “mate”, was one of the first to drive along the M.1 in an undated car—despite protests from the police!

QUEEN MARY COLLEGE.

A. JACKSON. He has not been seen at College much this term, perhaps because he has started working for his Finals. It appears that he is more inclined to work when scent is in the air.

M. D. CLARK. Is rejoicing over the fact that his name appeared in the College newspaper, ‘Cub’. On investigation, it was found that this was not due to an academic success, in spite of the fact that he says he works hard, but because his pyjamas were discovered in a piano at a House Party of the Christian Union, of which he is Assistant Secretary.
B. E. GAGE. After a year soiling his hands at Vickers-Armstrong Aircraft Ltd., he is settling down to the 'old routine'. He has come to the conclusion that the aircraft industry will be more efficient without his services and is intending to join the workers (Mechanical Engineers!). He is a keen member of the Swimming Club.

D. G. POWELL. Little has been seen of him in the social life of the College. He maintains that he works whilst in London and waits for the social life until his frequent week-end trips along the A.6. He is conserving his energy for the summer when he intends searching for poultry in a College team.

T. PARKER. His three main efforts this term have been in helping the Bamboo Coffee Bar in outer London to make a huge profit, play hockey (for the mixed team—it's rougher!), and grow a beard, the latter being the least successful.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

J. H. MANN is now reported to be amongst the regular clientèle of the Dorchester and appears to be keeping a good balance between business and pleasure. He is often to be found in the Library searching aimlessly under piles of books for his comrade . . . .

R. J. EYLES. The social world of L.S.E. has seen little of him this term, although it has been possible to locate him sometimes buried under a pile of books in an obscure corner of the Library. At other times he has passed, only giving an intellectual nod, and with a faraway look in his eyes.

CHELSEA SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

P. J. BRYAN. Lives a very peaceful life in the heart of the great metropolis—at Clapham Junction—'Gateway to the South'! Apart from playing Bridge and other games of skill he is to be found lurking behind his pharmacopœial (!) bibles in preparation for Finals.

MANCHESTER

ALLEN. As Secretary of the University Bridge Club he spends most of his time in the Union lounge. He had the honour of speaking with Prince Philip on his recent visit to Manchester.

CLARKE. He has the lead in the Economic Faculty's play "Alf's Button". Plays hockey whenever possible and thinks that mixed hockey has its advantages. Can also boast of having spoken with the Duke.

SHEFFIELD

SHERWOOD. We offer our congratulations to Sherwood on his recent marriage. He seems to be thriving on married life, since he now arrives at lectures in a car (?), wearing a trilby hat. Apparently he
uses the latter to bail out after going through large puddles in the former.

BETTS. Asked about his activities this term, Betts replied that he divides his spare time between playing jazz eight nights a week with various bands and also trying his hand (or should it be 'feet'?!) at "action painting". This apparently consists of throwing paint at the canvas and then trying to think of a title!

ROBERTS. Roberts, though now returned from his stay in Spain, seems to be still imbued with the Spanish spirit—perhaps in more ways than one! He was last seen on Rag Day practising his bull-fighting technique on passing cars and shouting "Olé!"

WARREN. Warren seems to have been very quiet recently and rumour has it that he has still not recovered from his day-trip to Dublin last term, but he assures us that this was not a Guinness-hunting expedition.

CLARKE. Contrary to the fears expressed in the last notes, Clarke did manage to survive the Sheffield winter. This time, however, he says he is taking no chances and he is at the moment making the necessary preparations for a period of hibernation.

COATES. Coates continues to take University life very calmly. He puts in an occasional appearance at lectures, and is from time to time seen in the Library, but no one seems to know what he does all the rest of the time.

LEE. Lee has so far spent more of this term in Irthlingborough than in Sheffield, since shortly after his arrival here he fell a victim of chicken pox, from which he has only just recovered. Perhaps the attack was caused by the shock of passing his Latin examination in September.

BERMINGHAM. Bermingham is studying engineering and he seems to be well on the way to becoming a typical example of this species of student. He comes out of hiding only on Saturday nights and for the rest of the week hides behind an extraordinarily long growth of hair.

PEARSON. Pearson, who is studying architecture, lists among his spare-time activities membership of the Bell-ringing Society, in which the School is already represented by J. M. Clarke. He describes this as the art of dropping clangers at the right moments.

POYNER. We are told that Poyner has come to Sheffield to study dentistry—but that is all that we know about him. Apparently he was seen during the first week of term disappearing in the direction of Nether Edge and has never been seen since.

WILSON. Wilson, the fifth W.G.S. Old Boy in the Spanish Department here now, has joined the Light Opera Society and also the Film Unit. He says that his only reason for joining the latter is to enable him to see the film shows free.
NOTTINGHAM

While they cannot exactly be termed "the University power block", W.G.S. representatives at Nottingham still play their part in the life of this six-mile-perimetered community.

JOHN SHARMAN, for instance, regularly puts in an appearance—"Just to please the fans, you know"—at the Union coffee bar. "Sharmanned, I'm sure," gaily remarked a young lady introduced to him recently.

MALC. THORNEYCROFT, now a veteran researcher, and top man in the Graduates' Association, can often be seen flitting vaguely between the graduates' Common Room and the Union offices. Rumour has it that he's running for President in a couple of years . . . .

JIM WALPOLE, between acute bouts of Rodgers Hammersteinia and verbal indigestion, has become the proud father of two Societies—President of Folk-Dancing and Chairman of Morris Dancing. "You may not believe it," he says, "but I'm a bit of a Fred Astaire on the quiet."

GRAHAM WEST lives a full intellectual life. Among his many activities he manages to fit in several hours of bridge a day, and proudly claims to be the only "thinker" to get a partner at the Palais.

BRIAN WHITNEY, star croquet player ("when the weather's right") is thinking of taking up Zen Buddhism. "What it did for India it can do for me," he says.

MAY WYMAN has left the realms of English literature ("I've read it all," he claims confidently) to become a Russian. Now he plans to produce "Camino Real" for the Dramatic Society, and is due to go to stay with a Russian family in the summer.