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(Vice-Captain)  (Captain)  (Hon. Secretary)
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No. 60 SUMMER TERM, 1962

SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: I. G. Prior.
Second Prefect: R. J. Bradshaw.
Prefects:
P. Lindsell.

We say farewell this term to Mr. C. J. H. Ward, who is retiring from full-time teaching. In his sixteen years of teaching Mathematics in this school Mr. Ward has earned not only the admiration of his colleagues by the enviable results he produced at 'O' level, but also the respect of those he taught, by his ready wit and understanding. We offer him our best wishes for happiness in his retirement. (A tribute by the Headmaster appears on page 4.)

We also bid farewell to two of our Old Boys who have held temporary posts with us this term, Mr. S. C. Norsworthy (History) and Mr. H. S. D. Cole (Science and Mathematics). Mr. Norsworthy is off to sunnier climes to join the staff of an independent school in the Bahamas and Mr. Cole to Imperial College, London. We thank them for their help and offer them our good wishes for the future.

At Easter we said reluctant goodbyes to Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins, who has been appointed Senior History Master at King Henry VIII School, Coventry, and Mr. R. E. Knight, who has become Senior Biology Master at Endsleigh School, Colchester, both of whom spent seven years with us. Himself an accomplished club cricketer, Mr. Tompkins did much to raise the standard of our 1st XI cricket. Mr. Knight, an old boy of this school, also gave much help with outside activities, including the expeditions of the Field Survey Society. We wish them success and happiness in their new posts.

Mr. F. C. Lay, the school's first headmaster, from 1930–37, has announced his retirement from the City of Oxford School where he has been since 1944. As the City of Oxford School is merging this year with another school, Mr. Lay thus becomes the first Headmaster of Wellingborough Grammar School and the last of the City of Oxford.

Dr. P. A. J. Pettit has been awarded the John Nichols Prize of Leicester University History Department for an essay entitled "A History of Brigstock as a representative forest village".
We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Ridge on the births of daughters.

Congratulations are offered to A. Henson and A. J. W. Cox on their selection for the Midlands Schools' Cricket XI against the North at Market Harborough and the South at East Ham and on their gaining caps from the English Schools' Cricket Association. Henson, Cox and I. G. Gillett have played for Northants. Schools' XI, the first two against Lincs. and Derbyshire and the last named against Lincs. and Notts. Henson also appeared, last term, in the County Schools' Under 15 Rugby side which played against Nottinghamshire. We also congratulate N. I. Palmer, our Captain of Athletics, on his fine victory in the Midland Counties A.A.A. Youth 440 yards, with a time only seven-tenths of a second outside the English record, and P. Lindsell on gaining the County Junior Cross Country Championship.

Parties from the school have visited The Royal Institution, at the invitation of Sir Laurence Bragg (a lecture on “Waves and Vibrations”), and the Northampton Repertory Theatre to see performances of “Billy Liar” and “All of a Twist”, while on August 17th a party from the school, led by Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cheale and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. H. Ward, will set out for Austria.

On April 2nd about 300 parents watched House Plays and then attended a Bazaar held by the Parents’ Association. £77 was raised by the Committee for the School Amenities Fund.

The Commemoration Service was held on May 8th, when the address was given by the Rev. H. Voller, Vicar of St. Barnabas.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from other schools.

IN MEMORIAM

30th December, 1961:

FRANK NATHAN WALDEN (September, 1931 — July, 1935).

ENTRANTS

K. BARRON IIC.
J. M. HOBLEY IIC.
M. D. WESTLEY IIC.

J. D. BENOIST IIIa.
M. L. ROOK IIIc.
T. COPE IVC.

R. J. BENOIST IVC.

LEAVERS

J. F. BAYES
R. J. BRADSHAW
H. S. D. COLE
D. W. ELY
R. J. FROST
J. P. GRAVES
I. GRIFFITHS
L. D. KILSBY
P. E. MARTIN
R. R. MAYES
M. P. RAINBOW
R. C. SCOTT
P. M. B. SLATER
J. J. SMITH
T. E. STRICKLAND
A. J. BELLAMY
J. M. BELLAMY
R. G. DOWNING
M. W. LEGGETT
W. A. MACDONALD
A. PROKOPIUK
M. L. ROOK

Bristol University and Regent Park, Oxford.
Queen Mary College, London.
Imperial College of Science, London.
Kettering Hospital.
Queen Mary College, London.
Kettering Hospital.
Balliol College, Oxford.
Birmingham University.
Industry.
University College, London.
United Counties Omnibus Company.
Drama School.
Downing College, Cambridge.
Nash & Co., Kettering.
Farming.
AWARDS

H. S. D. COLE  Open Scholarship in Physics, Imperial College of Science, London.
R. J. FROST  Open Exhibition in Chemistry, Queen Mary College, London.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

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

D. J. GILBERT  Spanish, Mathematics.
R. B. HOWELL  Latin.
P. E. MARTIN  Latin.
D. J. PERKINS  Tech. Draw.
R. B. WILKINSON  Latin.
T. BIRCH  Latin.
M. J. DICKIE  Spanish.
R. D. WALDEN  Latin.
A. C. P. WALTON  French.
R. WILLIAMS  Latin.
I. W. R. BAKER  Spanish.
D. R. BALL  French, Geography.
I. P. CLARKE  Spanish.
C. R. DOBBS  E. Lang., E. Lit.
D. J. HANGER  Tech. Draw.
P. H. LATTAWAY  History.
D. J. SMITH  E. Lang.
I. J. TILLEY  E. Lang., French, Spanish.
P. ALLEN  E. Lang.
P. C. BATES  E. Lang.
B. J. COX  E. Lang.
A. O. DOBBS  Spanish, Physics, Chemistry.
P. F. ELLIS  Chemistry.
D. W. ELY  E. Lang.
D. R. LEESON  Physics.
B. LONGDEN  Physics, Tech. Draw.
N. I. PALMER  French.
B. L. PARSONS  E. Lang.
G. D. RUSSELL  E. Lang., French.
J. J. SMITH  Mathematics, Biology.
R. S. BUTLER  E. Lang.
A. D. NUTT  Mathematics.

T. E. STRICKLAND (who missed the July examination through illness):
E. Lang., E. Lit., History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

MR. C. J. H. WARD

This term we say goodbye regretfully to Mr. C. J. H. Ward, who has decided to retire from full-time teaching.

Mr. Ward joined the Staff in January, 1946. He has been a superb teacher of Mathematics, particularly in the Fifth Form, and a large number of boys owe their examination successes directly to him. The School Athletics organisation is largely his creation, and his sympathy and quiet friendliness have always made him immensely popular with the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward have also shared in the leadership of the annual school parties abroad.

We thank him for the wonderful service he has given to the school during the past sixteen years and we wish both Mr. and Mrs. Ward much happiness in the future.  

H. A. WRENN.
CRICKET, 1962

1st XI

There were seven regular members of last year's XI who were available again this year and three promising younger players mature enough to take their place in the side. The one place to be filled was that of an opening bowler to share the attack with Tomkins and here is surely the reason for the only moderate success to date of a 1st XI of such potential strength.

Cox, Metcalfe and Newman have all been tried as opening bowlers and in their different ways have performed reasonably adequately. Cox has proved to be the most successful and he has developed into a useful stock bowler who varies the pace and direction of attack quite intelligently. Of the others Newman is the more hostile and Metcalfe the more steady, yet neither has the ability to move the ball quickly off the good wickets on which the team usually plays. Tomkins has on occasions, notably against Oundle School, bowled accurately and with penetration, but too often he has suffered from the lack of bite at the other end. Jackson in the early part of the season tended to use his quicker ball far too often, but experience has taught him that length and flight and variation in the point of his attack are more potent weapons for an off-spinner on true wickets, and consequently against Kettering he was much more effective. Perkins, on the other hand, being very slow through the air allows the good batsmen to pick his shots and as yet he is neither sufficiently experienced nor confident of his control enough to vary his attack accordingly.

The school batting looks very good, indeed, the first ten in the order all being capable of technically sound and in certain instances really punishing stroke-play. Barden, Jackson and Tomkins, the three most experienced batsmen, have all played several good innings: one remembers Jackson's fine display of powerful driving and pulling against Bedford Modern, Barden's more delicate approach when he and Jackson batted together at Northampton, and Tomkins' solid yet never subdued innings against Bedford Modern, Oundle and Kettering. Martin, his most pleasing innings against Bedford School apart, Mason, Henson and Cox have all suffered from being ordered to hit quick runs, though the season's experience should stand them in good stead for the future.

The most pleasing feature of the side has been its excellent fielding and throwing with perhaps Cox at slip, Jackson and Tomkins in the covers and Newman and Metcalfe with their prodigious throws from the outfield most worthy of special mention.

Bradshaw has adopted a positive approach to the game, using his limited bowling resources quite astutely and batting himself according to the demands of the situation despite a natural inclination to force the pace.

Although some of the characteristic faults of any school side are present in this year's XI, such as the inability to gauge the rate of
scoring required throughout an entire innings instead of expecting reckless efforts from numbers 7 and 8, on the whole it has proved a workmanlike and efficient side, with a keen spirit due in no small measure to Bradshaw’s example.

Results

16th May v. Corby G.S. Match Drawn.
W.G.S. 92 (Bradshaw 22, Mason 21).
Corby G.S. 79 for 9 (Perkins 4 for 34).

22nd May v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Won by 75 runs.
W.G.S. 115 for 8 dec. (Barden 39, Tomkins 36, Jackson 21).
Oundle School 40 (Tomkins 4 for 6, Cox 4 for 18).

26th May v. Bedford Modern School 2nd XI. Won by 69 runs.
W.G.S. 119 for 2 dec. (Jackson 62 n.o., Tomkins 27 n.o., Henson 62 n.o., Tomkins 27 n.o., Jackson 21).
Bedford Modern 50 (Perkins 3 for 5, Jackson 3 for 9).

31st May v. Old Grammarians. Lost by 3 wickets.
W.G.S. 95 (Metcalfe 36).
Old Grammarians 98 for 7 (Cox 3 for 19, Jackson 3 for 19).

W.G.S. 156 for 2 dec. (Jackson 67 n.o., Barden 58).
Northampton G.S. 97 for 7 (Tomkins 4 for 32).

21st June v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Lost by 48 runs.
W.T.C.C. 124 for 5 dec. (Newman 4 for 36).
W.G.S. 76 (Bradshaw 22).

23rd June v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Lost by 3 wickets.
W.G.S. 120 (Martin 44).
Bedford School 121 for 7 (Tomkins 3 for 39).

4th July v. Kettering G.S. Match Drawn.
Kettering G.S. 125 for 8 dec. (Jackson 5 for 31).
W.G.S. 97 for 5 (Tomkins 33 n.o., Barden 28, Bradshaw 20).

2nd XI

Undefeated in its eight games so far (five of them won), the 2nd XI owes its record to its battery of steady, orthodox medium-pace bowlers and the “lightning strikes” of batsmen low down in the order. Its success is all the more remarkable when the heavy demands of the “senior” side are considered.

A resounding win over Northampton G.S. in the opening match gave the side the little encouragement it needed. In the next match strong Oundle School batting was contained by a persistent rather than penetrative attack and competent fielding, and after a disastrous opening (1 for 2) Dobney and Parker made a defiant stand of 53 which proved to be the foundation of victory. Uncharacteristic unwillingness to chance wickets when quick runs were needed brought a draw with Bedford Modern, and then, after an easy victory over Daventry G.S. 1st XI, came another draw, with Laxton G.S. 1st XI when the latter “put up the shutters” with only sixty runs in just under two hours. A bitter struggle with Lawrence Sheriff followed, in which after the early batting had collapsed a typically debonair knock by Garley
staved off defeat. In the last two matches wins were recorded against Kettering, who scored only 17, Tilley and Gillett bowling unchanged to share the spoils, and Towcester G.S. 1st XI.

Tilley and Gillett have been the most effective bowlers, the one painstakingly accurate for long spells, the other more aggressive and penetrative but less consistent over a long period. Dobney, a third-year sixth former rescued from oblivion, quickly proved himself a useful change bowler, especially in breaking up long partnerships, and a hard-hitting, if unorthodox, opening batsman. Bellamy has been successful in one or two games, but his length has too often been erratic.

Southward remains something of an enigma. His wicket-keeping still disappoints somewhat, and it is, rather surprisingly, as a forcing batsman that he shows promise. With a good eye and strong drive, if he can curb his tendency to slash at balls outside the off-stump, he may well be challenging next season for a place—as a batsman—in the 1st XI. Parker, straight from the Under 14 XI, promises to develop as a left-hander with a fair range of strokes. Gibson, battling with Henson for a place in the 1st XI, fought his way out of a patch of low scores with some good innings. Mention must also be made of the thunderous melodrama of some of Garley's swashbuckling rescue operations and of two promisingly neat innings by Hoddle.

Aldwinckle has captained the side fairly well, though at times his batting order has been a puzzle. On occasions, when quick runs were needed with time short, he has either sent in a batsman with a limited range of attacking shots or (golden gift for the opposition) a left-hander to partner a right-hander. His own fielding has reached a high standard, and one would like to see it emulated by some of the younger members of the side who seem to underrate the importance of this skill. The unfavourable remarks made by Mr. A. E. Sparrow in last summer's report of the Under 15 XI still, alas, apply to some of its former members.

This is not, in any sense, a great side from a technical point of view, but it does display a healthy collective zest for the game and plays with commendable spirit.

The following have represented the 2nd XI: Aldwinckle, Southward, Tilley, Dobney, Gibson, Henson, Hoddle, Gillett, Dangerfield, Garley, Bellamy, Newman, Parker, C. R. S. Talbot, James, A. R. Hill, Squance, A. O. Dobbs, Barron, Buckby, A. G. Bryan. Pollard has been a diligent scorer.

Results

Northampton G.S. 98 (Tilley 4 for 32, Garley 3 for 22).
W.G.S. 99 for 1 (Hoddle 33 n.o., Henson 28, Southward 24 n.o.).
22nd May v. Oundle School 3rd XI. Away. Won by 4 wickets.
Oundle 123 for 7 dec.
W.G.S. 125 for 6 (Dobney 35, Parker 26).
Bedford Modern 121 for 8 dec. (Bellamy 4 for 22).
W.G.S. 116 for 5 (Southward 33, Parker 28 n.o., Dobney 28).
30th May v. Daventry G.S. 1st XI. Away. Won by 6 wickets.
Daventry G.S. 57 (Garley 3 for 5, Bellamy 3 for 14).
W.G.S. 58 for 4 (Gibson 19 n.o., Garley 17 n.o.).
2nd June v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI. Home. Match Drawn.
W.G.S. 142 for 9 dec. (Southward 59).
Laxton G.S. 65 for 1.
W.G.S. 70 (Gibson 32).
Kettering G.S. 17 (Tilley 5 for 4, Gillett 5 for 9).
19th June v. Lawrence Sheriff 2nd XI. Home. Match Drawn.
Lawrence Sheriff 100 (Dobney 4 for 17, Bellamy 3 for 26).
W.G.S. 74 for 9 (Garley 28 n.o.).
23rd June v. Towcester G.S. 1st XI Away. Won by 9 wickets.
Towcester G.S. 70 (Garley 3 for 14, Tilley 3 for 26).
W.G.S. 72 for 1 (Southward 42 n.o., Hoddle 28 n.o.).

Under 15 XI
The most encouraging feature of this season's cricket has been the manner in which the team has made best use of its limited resources. A few individual performances stand out—a fine spell of bowling by J. Barron at Northampton, consistently steady batting from Robinson, enthusiastic wicket-keeping by Drew—but the successes of the season are due chiefly to the combined efforts of the entire side. Fielding has improved during the season and Grant has matured in his planning of an attack.

The team has improved considerably during the term, and this year's cricket should provide a useful transition from junior to senior cricket.

Results
W.G.S. 34 (Hilson 20).
Wellingborough School 27 (Shortland 5 for 6).
W.G.S. 72 (Grant 20).
Corby G.S. 73 for 3 (Shortland 3 for 18).
Lawrence Sheriff School 88 for 4 dec.
W.G.S. 69 for 6.
Oundle 121 (Shoemark 4 for 20).
W.G.S. 19.
Wellingborough School 93 for 3 dec.
W.G.S. 72 for 9.
Northampton G.S. 46 for 7 (Shoemark 3 for 9, Shortland 3 for 21).
W.G.S. 69 for 8 dec. (Robinson 23).
Kettering G.S. 71 for 8 (Shortland 4 for 36, Barron 3 for 15).
W.G.S. 70.
W.G.S. 39 for 5.
Kettering G.S. 98 for 9 dec.
Northampton G.S. 85 (Barron 7 for 31).
W.G.S. 75 (Robinson 24, Hillson 21).
W.G.S. 87 for 7.
Bedford Modern 86 (Stevenson 5 for 39, Shoemark 3 for 16).
July 7th v. King’s School, Peterborough.  Away.  Lost by 33 runs.
King’s School 109 (Stevenson 7 for 32).
W.G.S. 76.

Team: S. Grant (Captain), A. R. Woods, J. Hillson, R. Williams,
D. Shortland, W. Drew, R. Stevenson, R. G. Shoemark, A.
Robinson, M. Ransom, J. Barron.


Under 14 XI
Although enjoying a reasonably successful season the side has
not always been convincing. Whilst the bowling has been steady, slow
batting and uncertain fielding have made matches much closer than they
need have been. Some of these faults were caused by inexperience and
as the season progressed have been eradicated and a general improve-
ment has been noticeable. Maintenance of enthusiasm and willingness
to learn should result in several good cricketers emerging from this
group.

Results
16th May v. Corby G.S.  Home.  Won by 9 wickets.
Corby G.S. 29.
W.G.S. 30 for 1.
Lawrence Sheriff 57 (Pine 7 for 11).
W.G.S. 58 for 7 (Hillier 31 n.o.).
Bedford Harpur 38 (McGeorge 5 for 12).
W.G.S. 35.
Northampton G.S. 70.
W.G.S. 71 for 5 (Leeson 38).
Bedford School 74 (Pine 5 for 29).
W.G.S. 75 for 4 (B. Barron 34, Leeson 29 n.o.).
23rd June v. Towcester G.S. Away. Won by 9 wickets.
    Towcester G.S. 40 (Bull 4 for 9).
    W.G.S. 44 for 1 (Hillier 21 n.o.).
    Kettering G.S. 59 (McGeorge 6 for 12).
    W.G.S. 60 for 6.
    W.G.S. 56.
    Bedford Modern 59 for 7.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL**

**Results**

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Colours

1st XV Full Colours:
Renewed for: R. J. Buchta, B. A. Tall, R. J. Bradshaw, G. J. Drage.

1st XV Half Colours:

2nd XV Colours:

Under 15 Colours:

Under 14 Colours:

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

1st Round—Monday, October 9th:
Juniors: Dragons 37, Gryphons 0. Stags 6, Lions 6.

2nd Round—Wednesday, November 22nd:
Seniors: Stags 0, Dragons 9. Lions 11, Gryphons 11.

Final Round—Wednesday, March 7th:
Juniors: Dragons 16, Lions 5. Stags 0, Gryphons 10.

Final Placing
1. Dragons ... 24 points
2. Gryphons ... 23 points
3. Lions ... 11 points
4. Stags ... 2 points

ATHLETICS


Athletic standards this year were badly affected by bitterly cold winds before Easter, and Sports Day itself was plagued by a stiff breeze which, while helping the sprints, seriously handicapped runners in longer distances and the jumps.

The Dragons, by virtue of a team strong in depth rather than outstanding athletes, retained the Martin Athletic Cup despite a strong challenge from the Stags.
N. I. Palmer (G), D. R. Shortland (S) and P. Marriage (L) were the outstanding athletes in the Seniors, Middles, and Juniors respectively.

N. I. Palmer, the School Athletics Captain, has had a quite excellent season to date. Apart from winning the School 100 yards, 220 yards (equalling the record) and 440 yards his successes include the County Schools' 440 yards (15-17 years) and the Midland Counties' Youth 440 yards at Duston in the time of 50.6 seconds (a new School record), only seven-tenths of a second outside the English record.

This year has seen only one match against other schools that being a Triangular match v. King's, Peterborough, v. Deacon's, Peterborough, at Peterborough.

Five members of the school represented the Wellingborough District in the County Schools' Championships and all performed well. N. I. Palmer, P. Lindsell and R. Ball were subsequently chosen to represent the county in the All England Schools' Championships, to be held in Hull on 20th–21st July. These three all ran in the County Championships held at Peterborough and with considerable success.

**MARTIN ATHLETIC CUP**

**Results**

100 Yards—Over 15:
1. Palmer, N. I. (G)
2. Jackson, P. (S)
3. Tomkins, P. G. (D)
Time: 10.2 secs.

100 Yards—Under 15:
1. Shortland, D. J. (S)
2. Bradshaw, J. C. (D)
3. Hale, P. (D)
Time: 11.5 secs.

100 Yards—Under 13:
1. Marriage, P. (L)
2. Safford, R. (S)
3. Hill, S. M. (D)
Time: 12 secs. (Equals record).

220 Yards—Over 15:
1. Palmer, N. I. (G)
2. Jackson, P. (S)
3. Tomkins, P. G. (D)
Time: 22.7 secs. (Equals record).

220 Yards—Under 15:
1. Shortland, D. J. (S)
2. Bradshaw, J. C. (D)
3. Pine, R. J. (D)
Time: 25 secs.

220 Yards—Under 13:
1. Marriage, P. (L)
2. Hill, S. M. (D)
3. Safford, R. (S)
Time: 27.6 secs.

440 Yards—Over 15:
1. Palmer, N. I. (G)
2. Palmer, N. J. (S)
3. Lindsell, P. (L)
Time: 53.2 secs.

440 Yards—Under 15:
1. Shortland, D. J. (S)
2. Bradshaw, J. C. (D)
3. Pine, R. J. (D)
Time: 58.4 secs.

880 Yards—Over 15:
1. Lindsell, P. (L)
2. Palmer, N. I. (G)
3. Ball, R. (S)
Time: 2 mins., 9.9 secs.
880 Yards—Under 15:
1. Shortland, D. J. (S) 2. Bradshaw, J. C. (D) 3. Pine, R. J. (D)
Time: 2 mins., 22.9 secs.

880 Yards—Under 13:
Time: 2 mins., 36.8 secs.

Mile—Over 15:
1. Ball, R. (S) 2. Lindsell, P. (L) 3. Harris, D. H. (S)
Time: 4 mins., 44.1 secs.

High Jump—Over 15:
1. Abrahams, R. E. (L) 2. Tall, B. A. (D) 3. Parker, M. R. (S)
Height: 5 ft. 3½ ins.

High Jump—Under 15:
1. Pine, R. J. (D) 2. Watts, P. J. (L) 3. Shortland, D. J. (S)
Height: 4 ft. 10 ins.

High Jump—Under 13:
Height: 4 ft. 1½ ins.

Long Jump—Over 15:
1. Walden, R. D. (S) 2. Tomkins, P. G. (D) 3. Palmer, N. J. (S)
Distance: 17 ft. 10½ ins.

Long Jump—Under 15:
1. Pine, R. J. (D) 2. Watts, P. J. (L) 3. Shortland, D. J. (S)
Distance: 16 ft. 3 ins.

Long Jump—Under 13:
Distance: 13 ft. 6 ins.

Final Placing
1. Dragons . . . 160 points
2. Stags . . . 157 points
3. Lions . . . 150 points
4. Gryphons . . . 77 points

HENSON RELAY CUP

Results
Time: 1 min., 14 secs.

Time: 1 min., 18.7 secs.

Time: 1 min., 26.52 secs. (New School Record).

Final Placing
1. Stags . . . 28 points
2. Dragons . . . 24 points
3. Lions . . . 20 points
4. Gryphons . . . 12 points
Match Result:
School v. King’s, Peterborough, v. Deacon’s, Peterborough.
School ........ 120\frac{1}{2} points
King’s ........ 41 points
Deacon’s ....... 27\frac{1}{2} points

Cross Country:
County Junior Champion — P. Lindsell.

Midland Counties Championships:
440 Yards 1. Palmer, N. I. 50.6 secs.

County Championships:
Youths:
100 Yards 1. Palmer, N. I. 10.5 secs.
220 Yards 1. Palmer, N. I. 22.8 secs.*
880 Yards 1. Lindsell, P. 2 mins., 7 secs.
Mile 1. Ball, R. 4 mins., 43.9 secs.*

* Championship Best Performance.

County Schools’ Championships:
440 Yards (15–17 years) 1. Palmer, N. I. 51 secs.
880 Yards (15–17 years) 1. Lindsell, P. 2 mins., 8.1 secs.
Mile (15–17 years) 1. Ball, R. 4 mins.
High Jump (Under 15) 1. Pine, R. J. 4 ft. 11\frac{1}{2} ins.
220 Yards (Under 15) 3. Shortland, D. R.

HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

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


School Prefects:
R. J. Buchta (Captain of House Senior Rugby XV) and P. Catlin.

House Prefect: P. G. Tomkins. House Secretary: M. J. Weekley.

A well deserved win in the Rugby Competition set the scene for one of the most successful years ever for the Dragons’ House. The junior XV won all their three matches very easily and the senior XV won two and lost one of their games.

Although the Music Captain, P. F. Baxter, won the unheard of maximum marks for his playing of the flute, and his manipulation of the choir’s standing arrangements won the most laughs, the choir disappointed, and we came 4th in the Music Competition.

R. C. Scott left the school in a blaze of glory as a result of his and P. F. Baxter’s excellent acting in the House Drama Competition in “Maid to Marry”, by Eugene Ionesco. This modern play, so different from anything seen here before, won us first place.
B. A. Tall led the athletics team to a fine win in the Athletics Cup and to 2nd place in the Relay Cup.

For the second year running the Ferguson Trophy is ours.

The House Cricket XI have so far won one senior match and one junior game and lost one senior game.

The last year’s results have been a fine achievement. Congratulations, all Dragons.

**GRYPHONS**

**House Master**: Mr. J. G. Dunning.

**Head of House**: C. R. S. Talbot.

**School Prefects**: C. R. S. Talbot, N. I. Palmer, A. C. Bond.

**House Secretary**: P. H. Lattaway.

The past year has not been one of notable success for the House. In the Drama Competition we were unplaced. Our musical talents, however, received a little more reward, with a second place.

Despite the Trojan efforts of our Athletics Captain, N. I. Palmer, we met with failure, especially in the lower half of the school. Palmer, himself, won three events, and almost won the senior relay in the last two hundred and twenty yards. Recently, with a magnificent time of 50.6 seconds, he has established a new 440 record.

So far out of four matches played in the Cricket Cup Competition four have been lost. As consolation we have been second in the Ferguson Trophy for school work. This has for some time been out of our reach, but we seem to be near to regaining what was once fondly regarded as our rightful property!

**LIONS**

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

**School Prefects**: A. G. Bryan, W. T. Aldwinckle, R. F. Gardiner (Secretary), P. J. Stevenson, P. Lindsell.

**Cricket Captain**: P. J. Stevenson. **Vice-Captain**: W. T. Aldwinckle.


Since the last issue of the Magazine, four competitions have been decided: Rugby, Drama, Music, Athletics.

In all four, Lions have been placed third. In Rugby failure was due mainly to the lack of success by the juniors, but the seniors could have done better and both must improve if next year we are to regain the cup which we held for three years. In Athletics, our ‘volunteer evenings’ brought in many points, but on Sports Day we could only manage third place.

At the time of writing, two rounds of the Cricket Competition have been played. Both the seniors and juniors have lost one and won the other match.

At the House Meeting, House Colours were awarded to B. E. Ward, T. L. Greenwood, and R. A. Knight.
STAGS

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. E. Phillips, Mr. S. W. Brown.
Head of House: R. J. Bradshaw. Secretary: P. E. Jackson.
Captain of Cricket: R. J. Bradshaw. Vice-Captain: P. E. Jackson.
Captain of Swimming: C. Dobbs. Vice-Captain: I. Lauder.

We failed dismally in the Rugby Competition, finishing fourth with two points. However, we redeemed ourselves thanks to Bradshaw and his musicians who finished first, and Hodgkins, Frost and the actors who finished second in the House Drama with the comedy “Rory Aforesaid”.

With one game to play we are heading the table in the Cricket Competition. At last a Stags’ senior side which has looked good on paper has been successful on the field of play.

We congratulate Bradshaw and Prior on gaining second and third places respectively in the Senior House Reading Competition and Harris (3b.) on gaining third place in the Junior Competition.

We were second in the House Athletics Competition and once again won the Relay Cup.

PARENTS’ DAY AND PRIZE-GIVING


The nation’s insatiable demand for scientists was the theme of the speech made by Sir William Penney, K.B.E., Director of Britain’s Atomic Energy Commission, when he presented the prizes to successful pupils on Parents’ Day at the Grammar School. Sir William stressed the increasing importance of scientists in commerce and administration and dwelt on the material rewards open to those of his listeners who cared to follow such a career. In following this argument he made out a case for the “Organization Man” in science, the team worker, the man who dedicated himself to applying the discoveries of others to our society. The popular image of the scientist as a rather absent-minded, long-haired genius who spent his days in the solitary pursuit of some exciting discovery was already obsolete, he declared. He also paid tribute to the way in which science was taught in our school—he had been most impressed by what he had seen.

In his annual report the Headmaster once again had a record number of examination successes to report: four State Scholarships, sixty-three County Major Scholarships, sixty-eight successful candidates at Advanced and Scholarship level, and eighty-seven at ‘O’ level (with an average of five and one third subjects per head). Thirty pupils had gained entrance to Universities, Medical Schools and Dental Colleges, and ten to training colleges and Colleges of Advanced Technology. The sixth form had grown to one hundred and thirty and was likely to increase further. There was good news of the school buildings. The plans for the long-awaited extensions had been prepared by the
architect—including a new assembly hall, gym., art room, music room, kitchen, metalwork room, engineering drawing rooms, and eight classrooms. There would be alterations to the existing buildings: the hall would become a library and reading room, and there was a possibility of our having a modern Mathematical laboratory and even a sixth-form common room. The Headmaster thanked the governors for their tireless efforts in the past year. Finally, he spoke of the retirement of Mr. C. J. H. Ward who had spent sixteen years in the school teaching Mathematics.

Sir William Penney was thanked by Mr. G. E. Churchill, the County’s Chief Education Officer, and I. G. Prior, Head of School. Alderman E. A. Steele, Chairman of the Governors, presided. Also present was the Chairman of the Northamptonshire County Education Committee, Mr. W. J. Penn.

After prize-giving parents saw an exhibition of work and hobbies and the Old Grammarians in the course of victory over the School lst XI.

Fortunately, the weather held fine this year and allowed the whole school to witness, as well as hear, the afternoon’s ceremony.

### PRIZE LIST

#### SIXTH FORM:

**Arts**
- S. J. Dickens
- M. N. Macrae
- P. M. B. Slater
- G. Randall
- P. T. Wooding

**Science**
- R. J. Frost
- H. S. D. Cole
- C. R. S. Talbot
- B. Westcott
- G. H. Ginns

David Priestley Memorial Prizes:
- Chemistry
  - R. J. Frost
- Physics
  - H. S. D. Cole
  - C. R. S. Talbot
- Mathematics
  - M. L. Abrahams
  - G. H. Ginns

Lower Arts:
- R. F. Blunt
- B. J. Legg
- S. R. Wilbur

**Science**
- T. Birch
- R. F. Blunt
- B. J. Legg
- S. R. Wilbur

Headmaster’s Prize
- J. G. Prior

Mr. Lay’s Divinity Prize
- J. F. Bayes

D. R. Moreton’s Scientific Society Prize
- P. E. Fosakes

Miss Cook’s Prize for English
- P. H. Lattaway

Robert Troath Prize for Geography
- J. E. Pack

Robert Troath Prize for History
- P. J. Harris

French
- N. F. Foster
- B. J. Ingyon
- R. W. Mason

Spanish
- P. F. Ellis
- R. W. Southward

Mathematics
- P. C. Bates

“F. J. Thorpe” Prize
- R. Ball

Chemistry
- P. Lindsell

Biology
- S. H. Allen
- A. C. Bond

### FORM PRIZES:

**IVb**
- R. Chapman
- W. R. Orton

**IVc**
- A. G. Tomlin

**IIla**
- B. K. Tanner

**IIlb**
- M. J. Reeves

**IIIIb**
- N. B. M. Steiner

**IIIC**
- J. M. Bassett

**Ila**
- R. A. Stevenson

**Iib**
- J. B. Stranger

**IIc**
- P. G. Upton

**Ib**
- P. J. Smith

**Ic**
- R. J. Smart

**Senior Art Prize**
- J. T. Fensome

**Junior Art Prize**
- P. F. Baxter

**Senior Music Prize**
- P. A. Manton

**Junior Music Prize**
- D. B. Gomm

**Senior Public Reading**
- C. J. Norman

**Junior Public Reading**
- R. J. Bradshaw

**Old Boys’ Prizes for General Literature:**
- J. B. Smith
- P. K. Cross
- R. A. Stevenson
- A. Atwell
- D. J. Abbott
- P. G. Upton
- N. B. Wheatley
- A. R. Brown
- P. J. Sullivan
- No Award

“THE ‘CAINE’ MUTINY COURT - MARTIAL”

by Herman Wouk

Mr. S. W. Brown’s debut as a producer in his old school was an auspicious occasion. “The ‘Caine’ Mutiny Court-Martial” was not only a box-office success and a considerable test of the acting talents of the school, but also (for most of the time) a vindication of the right of the individual to defy irresponsible authority—a timely enough reminder when Adolf Eichmann’s defence was being fought on the thesis that this is never justifiable. The production itself was impressively functional and shorn of “gimmicks” and “business”.

Like all good plays, this one breaks important dramatic “rules”: it is static and it tells the story through retrospective narration. But it happens in a court-room and therefore has dynamic elements—conflict, confession, insight into character, and suspense—which spring from what are, by orthodox dramatic standards, its “deficiencies”.

Kenneth Tynan has called “the fundamental rule of all theatre... a chain of events both logically and morally accounting for a plight from which there is no escape”, and in “The ‘Caine’ Mutiny” we have just this. The events are both logically and morally accountable. First Officer Maryk’s one-man mutiny against the neurotic Captain Queeg, who has lost his nerve and is trying to run the ship away from the storm, is the first link in this chain. Maryk’s disobedience saves all their lives, but when the play opens his court-martial is about to begin. Can Greenwald, Maryk’s counsel, not merely claim but also demonstrate to the court that Queeg is completely unbalanced? Queeg more than Maryk is on trial and the suspense hangs on his attempts to avoid breaking under the calculated stresses Greenwald seeks to lay on his brittle personality.

Granted that this is a “dramatic” situation, the cast must nevertheless work hard to maintain the illusion of reality. There is nothing to relieve (or distract us from) the sombre knife-edge balancing of the main characters, all of whom had to be portrayed in depth, and the cast successfully met this challenge. R. Scott, as Greenwald, gave a high-powered performance, beautifully suggesting the latter’s own schizoid approach to the task of stripping Queeg’s nerves bare, managing to suggest both diffidence and ruthlessness, a hurt ironic smile flickering round his lips. J. F. Bayes gave an equally masterly interpretation of Queeg, plotting with precision Queeg’s progress from plausible earnestness, as he took the stand, to the hysteria of his exit. A memorable moment was when Queeg, his case and career tottering, in a last attempt to win the Court over turned on a smile, crooked with desperation and self-pity. (In that claustrophobic setting Hell is Sartre’s “other people”.) G. G. Hodgkins’ playing of Maryk as a dumbfounded, reluctant hero was, on the whole, convincing, while R. Buckby, who one feared would be handicapped rather by lack of “presence” and experience, was surprisingly impressive as Lt.-Com. Challee, the
prosecuting counsel. There was plenty of competent acting within the limits of their parts by B. Haswell, well cast as the cheeky signalman Junius Urban, I. G. Prior as Captain Blakely, Chief Judge, stern embodiment of justice—and looking the part, N. S. F. Wilis as Lt. Keefer, N. I. Palmer as Dr. Bird, B. A. Tall as Lt. Keith, J. Rawlins as Dr. Lundeen, and P. Martin as Capt. Southard. A. Randall and L. E. Pitcher also had small parts.

One's only criticism must surely be Greenwald's curious volte-face during the celebration party which ends the play. In what is an extraordinarily irrelevant climax, in which Greenwald declares that he is a Jew, that his grandmother was melted down for soap by the Nazis, and thanks be to heroes like Queeg who saved American Jews from the same fate, the "real" villain becomes Keefer, the discontented "intellectual" (used disparagingly) who incited Maryk to rebel. Keefer has a glass of champagne thrown in his face by Greenwald. Yet, Queeg, the evidence has made clear, was always a coward and more likely to lose lives than save them, while the implications that a paranoiac militarist is a better citizen than a nonconformist intellectual, that the latter should run away from school to join the Navy, and that authority, however unfit, must always be obeyed are exceedingly unpleasant. Mr. Brown's faithful production ruthlessly spotlighted these fallacies as brilliantly as it did the excellence of the first nine-tenths of the play. Fortunately, this ending is so inorganic that it is the hypnotic power and moral force of the major part of the play that we remember.

The stage direction was in the hands of Mr. M. S. Cheale, and the casual onlooker back stage (if he survives) can only marvel at the precision and speed of his well-drilled stage crew, ably led by Nicholas, now very much the veteran and confident Stage Manager. Their only complaint is that there is not enough to do in recent School Plays! Mr. J. W. Huddart was in charge of lighting and Mrs. M. S. Cheale was wardrobe mistress. Dr. A. Jackson helped with make-up.

Congratulations to all concerned on an exciting production.

**HOUSE PLAYS**

The highlight of this year's competition, held on 30th March, was the Dragons' successful experiment. Producers have for too long shown a reluctance to risk anything that is not already on the list of past successes, so that the Dragons' attempt at "Maid to Marry", by Ionesco, was especially welcome. This playwright, on his own admission, works at two distinct levels; in addition to ordinary conscious experience, he expresses himself through "the unreal transparency of the world", hovering between reality and a dream world. In "Maid to Marry" he uses this approach to illustrate the blindness and ineffectualness which result when communication is restricted to platitudes and prejudices. R. Scott and P. F. Baxter gave a mature and intelligent presentation in which they found just the right balance to give the dialogue its full force. Mr. Kenneth Loach, a past President of O.U.D.S. and now with the Northampton Repertory Theatre, was very impressed by the performance and awarded it first place.
Stags were second with “Rory Aforesaid”, by John Brandain. This effort, too, showed initiative as dialect plays usually provide insuperable difficulties for amateurs. But the cast managed to control and subordinate the accent problem from the beginning and an enjoyable comedy emerged. G. G. Hodgkins took the lead as a Highland farmer seeking legal remedy against a rascally shepherd, played cunningly (and naturally) by B. Haswell. The play was produced by R. J. Frost, and competent supporting roles were played by K. Lewis, P. E. Jackson, N. S. F. Wills and P. J. Robson.

Third place went to Lions with “Queer Street”, by J. D. Kelly. This easily digested situation comedy never fails to get the laughs, but, although this was an enjoyable production, it had faults which showed the dangers of losing control of such material. Swept along by an over-enthusiastic audience, the actors often failed to hold their poise, sometimes enjoying a sympathetic snigger at their own jokes, so that the piece threatened to degenerate into a series of music-hall gags. This doubtless came from a lack of experience and in other respects R. P. Buckby and P. R. Needle made the most of their opportunities. They were supported by M. Gilks, J. Rawlins, A. Randall and R. F. Gardiner. Gardiner also produced the play.

In the words of the adjudicator, Gryphons “failed to solve the basic dilemma” of “A Night at an Inn”, by Lord Dunsanay. With careful adjustments it is capable of being played as a comedy or a melodrama, but Gryphons never showed clearly which they intended it to be. With the exception of N. I. Palmer, the approach was slack and indecisive, with uncertain positioning and movements. In attempting tense drama in a House Play competition, a producer must realise that until the atmosphere is established he will be playing against the boisterous, laughter-seeking audience. D. R. Ball, P. H. Lattaway and C. J. Norman played crooks, G. Billett, J. M. Bassett and J. M. McIver were Hindu priests, and R. J. Sewell appeared in exotic costume as an Indian god. C. J. Norman produced.

As last year, there was excellent support from behind the stage. Each House was provided with the most effective set consistent with restricting interval times to a minimum. Nicholas, the Stage Manager, is to be congratulated on the effective set of “Maid to Marry”, consisting of tree branches, a wheelbarrow and piles of dead leaves; together with subdued lighting, it achieved an atmosphere which the author himself would doubtless have considered sympathetic to his purpose.

THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC RECITAL

The Christmas Music Recital, given by the Senior and Junior Choirs and the School Orchestra, on 19th December, 1961, was well attended. The main choral item by the Senior Choir was “A Christmas Carol Sequence”, by Eric Thiman, an attractive and tuneful composition for four-part chorus. The Junior Choir sang with evident enthusiasm, and their songs were well received by the audience, who
also joined with the performers in the singing of two traditional carols. "O come, all ye faithful" made a fitting climax to a programme of Christmas music.

Thanks are due to Mr. C. Taylor for his accompaniment of both Senior and Junior Choirs and for his interest in the musical life of the school generally, especially in his running of the Recorder Club this year.

(Had Mr. Chesters not been writing with his customary modesty, there might also have been mention of his two extremely rhythmic and interesting original compositions. Both were thoroughly enjoyable. We hope we shall hear more of these—or their successors. Ed.).

Programme

National Anthem.

1. Junior Choir: "Make we merry" - Chas. Wood
   "The heavenly hosts" - Dunhill
2. Trio in F (Op.1, No. 1) for Flute, Clarinet and 'Cello - Loeillet
   (P. Baxter, R. Williams, M. Lambert).
3. Junior Choir: "Sheep may safely graze" - Bach
   (Flute obligato by R. Bradshaw, P. Baxter).
   "Torches" - Joubert
4. Junior and Senior Choirs and Orchestra:
   "Good King Wenceslas" - Trad.
5. Junior Choir: "Eia, Eia", "A babe is born" - A. Chesters
6. Piano solo: "Barcarolle" in A Flat (Op. 44) - Fauré
7. Orchestra: March from "Scipio" - Handel
   Minuet and Trio from "Military" Symphony - Haydn
8. Senior Choir: "A Christmas Carol Sequence" - Thiman
9. Junior and Senior Choirs and Orchestra:
   "O come, all ye faithful" - Trad.

THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House Music Competition took place on 16th February, 1962. The Adjudicator was Rev. M. Pettitt, of Wellingborough School. The piece set for House Choirs was "Follow me down to Carlow", an Irish folk-song arranged for S.A.B. It was a more ambitious piece than in previous competitions and received an intelligent performance by Stags' House choir, who won this section by one point from Gryphons.

Conductors need to pay more attention to words in their preparation of choral music: most choirs were guilty of incoherence in this respect, and in some cases this spoilt otherwise good performances.

A high standard of instrumental playing was reached, and the following items were especially commended by the Adjudicator: Flute solo (P. Baxter) "Syrinx", by Debussy; 2nd movement of Clarinet Sonata in F minor, by Brahms (R. Williams); Piano solo (R. B. Wilkinson) "Berceuse", by Chopin.
DEATH
Sorrow and mirth
Joust in this heart no more.
Since the swift bullet tore
The delicate tissues,
Resolving all issues.

D. J. MILLS (Ic).

DREAMY DICK
It was a day in May
When Aunty came to stay,
And the first thing she did say was
Dreamy Dick.

I lay in bed quite cosy,
When she came in and called me
Dozy.

It really made me feel quite sick.
When she called me
Dreamy Dick.

And then she got a big surprise.
She looked at me with
Bulging eyes.

I told her I had won a prize
And she said “What!
Dreamy Dick?”

She went away upon the train
I hope she will not come again.
For her visit will be in vain
Dreamy Dick
Won’t stand for it again.

R. A. MERRICKS (Ic).

Science Fiction.

“THE MAN, LOT”

Nearly 5,000 years ago, there was a desert, as deserts always are and are for ever-lasting, in a remote corner of the world. The name of the wilderness was Stur, the wildest and most desolate place known to men who lived then. And on the northernmost fringes of this wilderness were towns, many and small but these were towns that were overlords of the weak, as men are; and in one of these towns was the man Lot.

Imagine yourself there at that time, as the present.
A man is standing at the door of his house, which is small, crude, hewn up and thrown up along a red, dusty sand-lane where the travellers tramp and beggars sleep. The man is disturbed. He has been worried by his neighbours, who hate him for he is not an unscrupulous man and they despise him for it; they have tried to drive him from his house and seize his property and murder his children, but he has managed to drive them away. The man is sorry to have to leave the city, but he despairs of it; the town is full of buildings, yes, but just how strong are they? There is only one way to tell and that is to take them to pieces and examine them, but who is willing to take his house down to see if its foundations are sound?

The man has just been to meet a friend of his. He is a great man, sound and wise, yet even he despairs of the city and has advised the man, Lot, to leave it. The day is moist, the atmosphere turbid and huge thunderclouds are building up along the skyline.

At last the man is ready to go, he has gathered up his belongings, saddled his mule and prepared his tent. He calls to his family and they are about to leave when a neighbour notices them and questions them sardonically, but Lot will give nothing away. The neighbour and Lot are now having a heated argument. Lot warns his neighbour and tells him he would be better to quit also; Lot tells him that something fearful is going to happen to wicked people such as himself. The neighbour gets increasingly angry with Lot and, summoning his friends, proceeds to drive Lot's family out, pushing and driving them along and telling them they ought to have had their throats cut long ago.

When the man, Lot, has gone some way out of the city he climbs with his family up a craggy mountainside to see if he is going to be pursued. Looking into the sky he witnesses the towering thunderclouds rise in purple splendour out of the sun, and notices two glinting, glimmering objects, shining like silver flit about in the sky many miles overhead and very far away. He feels the wind begin to rise, whistling in and out the stacks of red-brown rock and whirling up the sand into twisting eddies, performing weird dances on the plain of sand. He remarks that it was a wise thing to have got away from the city, even to escape the furious storm that is blowing up, down below him. They climb further, until the wind becomes calmer, and watch it lash furiously beneath them. Lot then notices the two flitting shafts of silver prancing closer; they approach at a terrible speed, rushing upon them like demons screaming past in an earsplitting screech of noise and seared air, hurling the very rock about their heads down to the plain below.

Lot is extremely frightened and makes up his mind to abandon everything to run for his life. There is a roar of thunder and the ground quakes beneath the fleeing people. Lot glimpses the city for a second or so as he leaps in his terror from rock to rock. The tumult is fearful now, even at their distance from the centre of the storm which is now converging on the centre of the city. The silver objects hurtle past, for the last time; belching red flame, they plunge in, dip into the centre of the tempest. A great tremor flings Lot to the ground. He yells
to his family but cannot see them and in a roaring, blinding flick of
demonic energy the whole world about him seems to burst and rip,
tearing the very atoms apart. Lot is hurled between two great rocks
and lies there, senseless, as the great blue flame roars over him. It
seems as if the pillars of heaven have crumbled and crashed about him
and the fires of hell have momentarily been released.

It is night when Lot again finds his senses, he wanders about the
mountainside, now crumbled, base and different. He cannot find the
 slightest trace of anything recognisable; no family, no mules, tent or
even city. He collapses in a heap on the ground in exhaustion, mental,
physical and spiritual. He can see only the red-brown rocks of the
hillside and... looking at his feet, many yards below him, a great,
shapeless, but strangely moulded, pillar of salt.

I. G. Fraser (3a).

AN EXTRACT FROM “THE GREEN ROD”
(A novel by A. T. Stanton, 2c)
Chapter I. — Suspension of Disbelief.

The green waters of the sea which have never been still since the
beginning of time broke upon the lonely pebbled beach, and the pallor
of the sun came faintly reflected across the water through the early
morning mist. From the beach rose the sand dunes, their tufts of
course grass bending slightly in the breeze, and, behind them, an old
sea wall, stretching into the distance, with slow attrition of time and
weather breaking up. Its huge blocks of concrete, long ago reinforced
by protruding bars of iron, were buckling and crashing to the ground,
forming rock pools or lying like broken cenotaphs draped with slimy,
slippery, seaweed, barnacles and limpets.

But suddenly the familiarity of the scene, the look, touch, smell
and feel of routineness broke down. Even as I watched, the water
became as still as a mill-pond; the breakers ceased. For the first time
in history the sea was calm. An eerie humming vibrated through my
head, and from the sea there grew a pool of phosphorescent light.
My first instinct was to run, but my limbs ached in a kind of
paralysis. Then from the pool of light there emerged a small object.
about a foot long and two inches in diameter, made, apparently, of
some metal which glowed internally, and as it glided up the beach it
gave off a dazzling greenish-purple light. Even the pebbles in its
advance were vanquished into this strange light, but, as it reached the
sea-wall, the stones glowed for a few seconds and then gradually the
light became fainter and fainter, along with the hum in my head. The
pebbles returned and my limbs regained power: the angry cries of the
raging sea and its restless motion broke in again on my consciousness.

I started into a run for the coastguard station.
SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE ARTS CLUB
 Secretary: W. R. Orton.

This Club held its first meeting in the Spring Term. The few masters who started it had the intention of raising the standard of our appreciation of all the aspects of art we meet with in our daily lives and to bridge the gap between 'arts' and 'science'.

So far, despite our struggling existence, we have had a very full programme, with a meeting every week or so.

There have been a number of debates which included "Nationalization of Industry is not justified" (defeated), "Pop Music has a definite intellectual and emotional value" (defeated), and "Britain is too dependent on the U.S.A." (carried). This last debate extended further in scope than was intended and ended by being a debate on The Bomb, rather than on American influences! Lively speeches and strong argument have not been restricted to the main speakers—indeed, many of our sixth formers have been quite carried away. We had an interesting and entertaining talk on "The Social Function of the Press" from Mr. Shaw, for which we had a good attendance.

On two occasions coaches have been hired to take parties to the Northampton Repertory Theatre; once to see the recent London success "Billy Liar" and later to see "All of a Twist", a new review whose co-author, Mr. Kenneth Loach, adjudicated the House Plays and who has promised us a visit to speak on "The Theatre Today".

There have been readings of two of Arnold Wesker's plays, "Chicken Soup with Barley" and "Roots", and we have had a promise from the author that he will come and talk to us on his work when Centre 42 comes to Wellingborough in September.

For the future we have plans for a visit to the new Coventry Cathedral and hope to extend our range of activities further.

New members are welcome.

FIELD SURVEY SOCIETY

This year's expedition was to Porthallow on the Lizard Peninsula, Cornwall. The party consisted of four members of staff and fourteen boys. Our headquarters were the Adventurous Training Centre, Porthallow, which was loaned to us by the Cornwall County Council.

Catlin, and Foakes and Kingham carried out work on their own problems. The last two hired a rowing boat and under Mr. Halliwell's "captaincy" and "steam power" spent twenty-four hours on the open water, trawling for plankton.

The geographers investigated the Lizard's coastline and made a land utilization survey of a local parish.

Unexpectedly fine weather was not conducive to work, but our results were most pleasing.
We look forward to next year's expedition and hope that Mr. Knight, who has now left us, will be able to join us with a party from his new school.

**JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB**

The first meeting was held on January 17th, 1962, when so many boys attended that it was decided to split the club into two working groups.

The aims of the club are to foster an interest in the study of chemistry and to carry out various chemical investigations.

The following experiments have been performed: (1) crystal growing; (2) soap-making; (3) the investigation of different detergents; (4) the manufacture of rayon; (5) the extraction of crystals from natural substances.

Two lectures have been given, both by R. Denny (1a).

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

This year we had pleasure in welcoming several new members to the Society.

Using the grant from the Parents' Committee, for which we are most grateful, we were able to buy a quantity of ciné film. Part of this has been shot and 'home-processed' by the Society. (A technique yet to be perfected.)

On Speech Day the ciné process and techniques of developing and printing were on view. Entries for the Photographic Competition, which was open to the whole school, were exhibited, and three prizes were awarded.

**RAILWAY CLUB**

The excursion organised for the Easter holidays provided for morning visits to the sheds at Northampton and Bletchley followed by an afternoon visit to the Wolverton Carriage Works. Much of the work being carried out at the carriage works showed that, whatever we may think of the attitude of many employees of British Railways, pride in real craftsmanship still has a real place in railway operation.

On Parents' Day we were able to exhibit a portion of the newer part of our layout and, although during much of the afternoon we experienced difficulties owing to short circuits and faulty supply, at the end of the afternoon, when most parents had left, track operation improved so far beyond expectations that we had to call in members of the staff to bear witness to our success!

Liverpool is to be our goal on July 11th, when some thirty members will visit sheds in the area, travelling out via Northampton—Crewe and returning via Crewe—Derby. Motor-coach transport will be provided in Liverpool.

Finally it may be appropriate to mention that during next year weekly meetings will resume without interruption and, it is hoped, will be well attended.
RECORD SOCIETY

The Record Society has continued to function in a small way, meeting in the Music Room during Friday lunch hours. The arrangement of programmes has been in the hands of H. Nicholas, who has presented a wide choice of recorded music.

RECORDER CLUB

Week by week the technique of the players has improved. The younger members, particularly, are to be congratulated at the competence with which they tackle three and four-part pieces. At the summer Recital of Music, the consort will perform a Haydn Divertimento, the climax of an interesting year’s work.

SENIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This academic year has been one of the most successful in the life of the Senior Christian Fellowship. Numbers have been well maintained and considerable interest is apparent. The spring term was devoted to a series of themes based on the Life of Christ. Most weeks boys led the studies and discussion, but we were pleased to welcome also the Rev. H. Voller, Vicar of St. Barnabas, to speak on “The Incarnation”, Captain Watkins, of Wollaston Salvation Army, on “Discipleship”, and Father Brown, Vicar of St. Mary’s on “The Character of Christ”.

This term several Old Testament prophets have been studied. The breadth of the subject matter and an unfamiliarity with the interpretation of the Old Testament in modern terms have tended to restrict discussion. We appreciated the visits of the Rev. L. R. Misselbrook, of Park Road Baptist Church, Rushden, and the Rev. W. G. Muir, Vicar of St. Peter’s, Rushden.

We thank A. J. L. Jones and R. G. Fish for their administrative work, and next term we welcome all boys from the IVth, Vth and VIth forms who wish with us to explore the Christian faith.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Numbers attending the Junior Christian Fellowship have fluctuated and its main strength has lain with boys in IIIa who will next term be seniors. Its future, consequently, depends on far wider support from the junior forms.

During the spring term we considered the emphases of the major denominations; this term our thought has been provoked on a wide variety of topics. We should like to thank the visiting speakers and those who served on the “Any Questions” team.

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

The Troop is full at present, but there should be several places to be filled next term.
The B.P. party on 22nd February was a very happy affair and we were glad to entertain about fifty parents.

Bob-a-Job Week at Easter once again raised our record, and nearly seventeen shillings was the average. The Troop attended the County Rally in Overstone Park at Whit week-end. A.S.M.'s Nicholas and Holder ran the camp which was judged the best in our district.

In the Silverwood Cup, Stevenson led our patrol and it was placed second—only half a point out of a hundred behind the 11th Wellingborough.

The Gilbey Cup Patrol on July 14th and 15th will be led by Pine. Pine, Hale and Ransome have reached First Class standard, and Betts and Fairey have done their First Class Journey. Cole got his Naturalist Badge in Geology, Pine his Cyclist, and Pine and McArdle their Wirelessman's Badge.

The Seniors have finished their canoe. The two Senior patrols joined in the County Adventure Week-end in the Peak District, cold but dry, and fifteen miles of rough hiking. They have all obtained their Fireman's Badge and Ambulance Badge and we are grateful to Mr. Keech of Wellingborough Fire Brigade and Mr. Gotch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for generous help.

Camp this year is 1st to 8th August at Headquarters' site at Youlbury, near Oxford.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club meetings have been held on Mondays since the Spring Term. All collectors are welcome to join. The subscription is 1d. per week, funds being distributed in the form of prizes in the monthly competition. Efforts are being made to contact stamp clubs abroad, and also to find other sources of foreign stamps.

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Meetings have not been held so regularly this term owing to examinations. Our funds have been increased by the grant of £25 from the Wellingborough Charities Fête Committee and our Jumble Sale which helped us to continue our distribution of parcels to the old and needy.

The generous reply to an appeal for books in the Journal has allowed us to continue our library services to the Cottage and Highfield Hospitals.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting three new members were welcomed. Grants were authorised as follows:

- Scout Troop £25;
- Field Survey Society £15;
- Dramatic Society £15;
- Photographic Society £8;
- Recorder Club £5;
- Table Tennis Club 30/-.
A successful Parents' Meeting was held on 13th March when the Headmaster outlined the School Programme and answered questions. The Chair was taken by Mr. G. Wheeler.

The Annual Bazaar was held on 2nd April and the record amount of £78 was added to the Amenities' Fund.

Members of the Committee provided refreshments for Parents on Speech Day, 31st May.

Any Parents wishing to join the Committee will be welcome at the Annual Meeting on 25th September, at 7-15 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The news that the Urban District Council will require our Sports Field for development is a severe blow to the Association. The Committee has the matter in hand, but has as yet nothing to report.

The Rugby Club enjoyed one of its best seasons, and the Cricket Club is fielding three teams with a fair amount of success. The "Tote" continues to be a popular source of income.

Another excellent Ladies' Night was held in May, and other less formal dances at Sywell have been very enjoyable. The outings to Northampton Repertory Theatre have continued, and another Car Rally has been run.

Our increasing activities show that we have an enthusiastic and energetic Committee.

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster and Staff for their help and co-operation.

We wish you all a happy holiday. K. J. Holmes.

WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS' CRICKET CLUB REPORT

President: C. A. Pine, Esq.

At the halfway mark in the season the First Eleven is third from the top of Division Three in the County League, having played nine matches, won six, and lost three. The team has completed the double over Wollaston Seconds and beaten Corby Town who, until they met us for the second time, had not lost a match.

First Eleven skipper Alec Bird is keeping up his average of over thirty runs a match and Bob Chapman has taken thirty-two wickets to date. Unfortunately, two of the lost matches showed quite a reversal of form and these could well cost the team the Third Division Championship. If, on the other hand, present form is maintained we should be playing in the Second Division next season.

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The Second Eleven in the Town League has not had a very happy start. Lack of regular players, umpires, and scorers has brought the team a loss of confidence. Out of eight matches played three have been won, and five lost. The committee feel that the facilities offered by teams in the Town League, through no fault of their own, are not helping us as a Club. We are considering the possibility of playing friendly games in the 1963 season. The remainder of the season looks brighter for the Seconds now that the Old Boys from the Universities are returning home; four have already joined us.

Our Sunday friendly matches have been played in the usual spirit. We have not recorded many wins, but a number of excellent evenings have made up for the chasing done in the field and the ducks recorded in the score book. The fixture list has been considerably strengthened this season but opponents have not had it all their own way.

For the first time for a number of years the Old Boys beat the School. The three wicket margin by which they won looks convincing enough, but only stout batting by the seventh wicket pair who put on over fifty runs saved the day.

On July 1st we had as our opponents a mixture of Masters, Schoolboys, Old Boys, and the father of two potential Old Boys. This was the President's eleven and, with the President standing as umpire at one end, it looked a very formidable and capable side indeed! However, the Old Boys found their best form and won the day after a very enjoyable game, and one which we hope will feature in the fixture lists of coming seasons.

R. T. NEWNHAM, Hon. Secretary.

**RUGBY REPORT — SEASON 1961/2**

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The season was a success for all three teams in that they all won more games than they lost. The 1st XV had one of its best seasons to date, whilst the Colts' XV excelled themselves by being undefeated.

The Round Table Charity Cup was wrested from the Wellingborough R.F.C. in the annual Boxing Day game by 8 points to 5. Bad weather forced the cancellation of the game at Christmas and it had to be played in February.

Two Colts' players, David Stanton and Geoff. Billett, are to be congratulated on having played for the East Midlands Colts' XV, and Mike Sanders was a travelling reserve. The Colts' XV entered a team in the East Midlands Colts' Sevens at Bedford and covered themselves in glory by reaching the final, only to lose narrowly to Bedford Athletic Colts.
The club held a most successful Captain's Dance at Sywell Airport Restaurant in April and made their usual trip to Twickenham. Two Rugby Union films were obtained and shown to members of the school.

The annual Sausage and Mash Supper was held just before Christmas and was well attended. Plans have been made for a second Easter Tour next season, and fixtures have been made with teams in the Worthing area on the Easter Saturday and Monday.

The number of club players available continues to grow and the value of running a Colts' XV is very evident. Any schoolboy is welcome to playing membership of the club during the coming season.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

BIRMINGHAM

DICKENS, S. J., is so loftily absent-minded that he has forgotten the exact location of Wellingborough. A prophet at Villa Park.

REID, now an honours graduate, is about to be whisked from Irthingborough to Russia, which he claims is to enable him to write a thesis.

CHAPMAN (Physiology) divides his time between taking coffee and playing with chimpanzees.

CAMBRIDGE

HOLSER having escaped from the clutches of the G.P.O., we have no O.G. news except of our other correspondent, WRENN, who is in Italy.

Somewhere in the Fens work HAWKINS, BILLING, MILES and J.L.H. BAILEY.

KING'S COLLEGE, DURHAM

JOHN HOWARD. A huntin', shootin', fishin' type, Vince prefers the lure of fresh fields and is seldom found in College.

M. N. MACRAE has learnt that there is more to life than skittles.

R. D. SUMMERS has played Rugger for the College.

T. J. J. THOMPSON. T.J.J.T. has probably made a greater impression on the University than the University has made on him.

LEEDS

WHITE, BLAND, VINCENT and PETTIFER have been through the ordeal of finals, but we do not know the results, except for White who is now a B.A. with a second class degree.

JAMES remains an elusive character. As far as we know he is still alive but more than this we are quite unable to say.

COWLEY similarly has been invisible but there are reports that he has acquired a mellow taste.
SPRIGGS...er...well...but then he is a dentist and they are always down in the mouth anyway. In spite of this, however, he still gives the impression of being somewhat odd.

WILSON is still studying the local dialect and trying to represent the odd mumblings, groans, and other extraneous noises in impressionistic transcription of phonetics. He has been elected to the post of Bar Secretary at Devonshire Hall, thereby carrying on the tradition of the family.

BAILEY, R.A., is doing quite a trade in second-hand motor cycles and having a long correspondence with H.M. Inspector of Taxes.

LONDON

RITCHIE: working, and enjoying life in general.

LEWIS (University College): often at Higham, less often at College. Has worked for exams. (he says).

GRIGGS (University College): has been working very hard, eschewing wine and song.

BILLING (University College): last seen skulking around Leicester Square.

ROUND (University College): denies that his hasty departure is anything to do with the Immigration Act.

KEARSLEY (Queen Mary College): has not been seen by the author of these notes, which is indeed a surprise, and a pleasant one at that. Sends glossy magazines to Mr. Shaw.

WARRINGTON and MAHER had plans to do the Hospitals' London to Brighton walk. Not seen since.

READING: reads engineering—in intervals between combing his hair. A very suave man about town.

WOODING: further information obtainable from All Saints.

BRUNDELL (Queen Mary College): occasionally takes time off from hedonism to contemplate the problems of that necessary evil, work.

JONES, R. B.: fell into the Thames and caught a cold so that he could come home early.

ALLEN: worked for engineering Finals on his motor-cycle.

DAVIS: now admits that dentistry is not his forte.

OBERMAN (London School of Economics): is now full-time promoter and recording agent of the London concerts of the Labio Wind Organ Society.

NOTTINGHAM

M. E. RIDGE and M. D. KITSON are spending the term in Spain. Last seen disappearing into a large creamy birthday cake near Seville.

OXFORD

P. D. S. WHITE (Pembroke) coxed his college eight. He is one of the few Old Grammarians to become a rowing chap in recent years.

M. J. NEWELL (St. Catherine's Society), is still a "quiet type" and has just completed his second season of ducks for the college cricket team.
D. O. TALL's thespian talents were revealed this year in Wadham's summer play.

J. ELLAM (St. Peter's College), J. J. L. KNIGHTON (Balliol), and G. G. MARTIN (Hertford), have been continuing the gay round of pleasures, while K. BINGHAM (St. Peter's College), has also been to his fair share of parties.

P. A. BIRD (Wadham), K. BAILEY (St. Catherine's Society), A. J. DOYLE (St. Edmund's Hall), P. C. NEWELL (S. Peter's College), E. J. WOOD (Queen's) and J. R. WYKES (Christ Church) have all been going round with long faces this term—could it be due to finals . . . ?

D. N. HALL (St. Peter's College) and also J. R. WYKES are leaving Oxford this term, both for far better worlds, they assure us. We offer them our best wishes for the future.

SHEFFIELD

It has been exceptionally difficult to collect notes this term as the Wogs have been — surprisingly — hiding themselves away behind their books. However, the following were not so taken up with their studies as to be unavailable socially.

BERMINGHAM (3rd Year). As a law student, he is an ardent fan of Roger Thursby every Wednesday night. He has "natural breaks" for work.

PEARSON (3rd Year Architect). Denies having had anything to do with a new 11-storey Physics edifice which is splitting in the middle and is about to collapse on to the Union building, thereby depriving Wilson of his second home.

WILSON (3rd Year Arts). As a result of his three years' experience at Sheffield, he is at present preparing a book entitled "Your B.A. on a minimum of work". It should sell a million.

ROBERTS (Education Diploma). When the one-day-a-week concert season ended, Roberts replaced it with a seven-days-a-week Bridge season. He seems to have enjoyed his practice period of teaching.

POYNER (3rd Year Medic) was last seen being helped across the road by an old lady.

SIMPSON, DRAGE, GOTCH and JOYCE are believed to be around somewhere. Their absence from the social scene indicates that they are working far too hard . . . .

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

C. J. ROCKINGHAM has been for the past year Mayor of Higham Ferrers.

M. WYMAN is on the staff of "T.V. Times".


W. PATENHALL was producer of television's "Spy Catcher" series.

D. T. STEVENS, a "Blue" has captained Blackheath R.F.C., and has married Miss Shirley Tebbutt, of Bedford.

A. EADY is appearing in rep. for the season at St. Anne's-on-Sea.
M. C. GRAY was the outstanding cadet of the year at the Metropolitan Police Cadet Training School, Hendon.

M. DILLEY received two match balls mounted and inscribed from the Northants. County Cricket Club Chairman, Mr. A. C. Payne, to mark his two hat-tricks last season.

I. BULL has been ordained deacon by the Archbishop of York.

Air Training Corps Cadet Sergeant R. A. COBLEY, now employed at R.A.E., Bedford, has been selected by the R.A.F. for a visit to the U.S.A.

S. C. NORSWORTHY has spent this term as a member of our staff, teaching History, and is off next term to a Senior post in an independent school in the Bahamas.

A. C. AINGE is working for Unilever at Colworth and hopes eventually to return to Rhodesia with the United Africa Corporation.

R. BIRKA, 36232 Weideman Dr., Mt. Clemens, Michigan, U.S.A., has now completed his High School course there, and will soon be entering College. (He has now managed to accept the co-educational system.) He is pleased to hear that Mr. Hyde is still playing for the ‘Saints’, but respectfully points out that 220 lbs. is the minimum qualification for the American game!

G. GRIFFITHS has won, against very keen competition, a scholarship to the Royal College of Art.

M. THORNEYCROFT has gained the Ph.D. degree at Nottingham and is now with G.E.C., Birmingham.

A. JACKSON is Lecturer in Aeronautical Engineering at University College, Swansea.

C. FOSTER is Deputy Conductor of the band of H.M. Welsh Guards.

W. S. POOLE has been commended in the trade press for his work as a haute couture fabric designer for Liberty’s.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES

**Oxford:**
- P. A. Bird.
- A. J. Doyle.
- D. N. Hall, II. Chemistry (St. Peter’s College).
- J. R. Wykes, II. Biochemistry (Christ Church).
- E. J. Wood, Part I. Biochemistry (Queen’s).
- P. C. Newell, II. Hons. Mods. Biochem. (St. Peter’s Col.)

**Cambridge:**
- B. J. Holser, II.2. Modern Languages (Queens’ College).
- R. F. Miles, II.2. Chemistry (Selwyn).

**London:**
- R. Cottingham, B.A. Pharm.
- D. G. Powell, 1st Hons. Mech. Eng. (Queen Mary Col.)
- D. C. Stocks.

**Manchester:**
- B. A. Clarke, II.2. Economics.

**Birmingham:**
- I. K. Reid, II.1. Russian, and a trav. schol. to Russia.

**Liverpool:**
- J. P. Dickenson, 1st Hons. Geography.
I. W. Vincent.
R. I. S. White, B.A. Hons., II.2. General Studies.
J. A. Pettifer, III. Chemical Engineering.
Sheffield: J. Wilson, B.A. General Studies.
Leicester: R. E. Crickmer, B.A. Hons., II.2 Geography.
STAFF

H. A. WRENN, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford. (Headmaster).
I. J. NICHOLAS, M.A., Jesus College, Oxford. (Second Master).
H. C. PHILLIPS, A.R.C.A.
J. H. BUTLER, B.A., St. Catherine’s Society, Oxford.
A. JACKSON, M.A., Ph.D., University College, London.
R. V. S. WARD, B.Sc., (Econ.), Lond., University College, Nottingham.
W. HOLMES, M.Sc., Manchester.
M. S. CHEALE, B.Sc., (Eng.), London.
R. H. TEMPLE, M.A., Queens’ College, Cambridge.
J. W. HUDDART, B.Sc., Manchester.
J. P. HYDE, Loughborough College.
E. A. PRITCHARD, B.Sc., Bristol.
C. F. TAYLOR, M.A., St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
P. GILLIBRAND, M.A., Pembroke College, Oxford.
P. H. TEMPLAR, B.Sc., Bristol.
R. BENTLEY, B.Sc., Birmingham.
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R. MILES, B.Sc., Leeds.
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