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SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: P. Lindsell.

Second Prefect: R. Ball.

Prefects:

- N. I. Palmer
- B. J. Ingyon
- W. R. Orton
- B. K. Tanner
- B. Bellamy
- R. L. Coley
- J. E. Pack
- S. H. Allen
- A. Randall
- L. Rawlins
- N. S. F. Wills
- L. E. Pitcher
- P. Coleman
- R. J. Pine
- P. A. Hale
- N. M. Sinclair

H. N. Parr

We say farewell this term to Mr. P. H. Templar (Biology), R. J. Shaw (English), P. Warren (Physics) and C. W. Andreae (English). Mr. Templar leaves to become Senior Biology Master at the Cathedral School, Bristol, and Mr. Shaw, Senior English Master at Leeds Modern School. Mr. Warren will be going to Tanganyika to take up a Physics post at St. Andrew’s College, Minaki, Dar-es-Salaam. Mr. Andreae has been appointed to an English post at Baldock Secondary Modern School. We thank them for their help and wish them success and happiness in their new posts.

We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Shaw on the birth of a daughter and to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bentley and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pritchard on the birth of sons.

We congratulate Mr. R. J. Shaw on the recent publication of his critical anthology of modern British poetry, “Flash Point” (E. J. Arnold).

R. Leslie, an Oxford Blue, and C. Daniels played for the East Midlands’ Rugby XV, while another Old Grammarian and Oxford Blue, D. T. Stevens, is scrum-half and captain of Blackheath. Stevens also played for the Barbarians. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes for future honours.

During the year the school has sent a considerable sum of money to Famine Relief. The last school concert raised £3 15s. 0d., the Sixth Form Carol Service £9 5s. 0d., Carol singing in the district £7 5s. 6d. and a 2A Form collection at Christmas £1 2s. 3d. In addition £16 has been contributed by boys and masters to the Pledged Gifts scheme.
organised by a sixth former P. Coleman, and £5 16s. 0d. from sales of three thriving form magazines, "The Reporter" and "The Andante Review" (3A) and "Our Paper" (3B). At the end of this term, there will be another barbecue organised by the Sixth Form, which it is hoped will beat last year's record of £27.

N. I. Palmer and B. Bellamy played for the Northants. Schools' Senior XV and nine Grammarians, K. L. Tymkov, K. A. Crossley, K. D. Shurville, R. J. Gayton, P. M. Layton, P. R. Betts, P. Marriage, B. Waite and B. L. Gilbert were in the County Under-15 XV which drew with Gloucestershire. C. J. Francis played for County Schools' Under-15 Cricket XI against Warwickshire and Lincolnshire.

So many successes have our athletes had, especially the outstanding national achievements of N. I. Palmer, that there is not space in these notes to record them. We therefore give them separately after the article on Athletics.

Both the House Music and Drama Competitions this year were won by Gryphons. Stags were second to them in the Music and Lions in the Drama.

The Commemoration Service took place on May 15th when the address was given by the Vicar of All Saints', the Rev. C. D. Payne.

The library has been fortunate in receiving the gift of books from Mrs. Desborough, Mr. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Astle, Mr. Aveyard, Mr. Dunning, Mr. Butler and Mr. R. J. Wrenn, and from the parents of P. J. Harris who left last year for St. John's College, Cambridge, five guineas. We acknowledge their generosity with thanks.

On Monday, March 23rd, about 300 parents watched House Plays and then attended a Bazaar held by the Parents' Association. Proceeds went to the School Amenities Fund. Two meetings were held for the parents of senior and junior pupils respectively to discuss their sons' prospects individually with Subject and Form Masters. The Headmaster introduced each session with a talk.

In the Easter holidays the Field Survey Society took a party of members to engage in scientific and geographical fieldwork in Snowdonia, under the direction of Messrs. Templar, Tussler, Hyde, Parkin and Beacham.

A party of boys, accompanied by Mr. M. S. Cheale and the Headmaster and their wives, will leave on July 24th to visit Italy and Switzerland.

A change in contractors led to unavoidable delay with the new school buildings but steady progress is now being made.

This year, Prize Giving was moved to Tuesday, July 14th, when General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., was Chief Guest and gave his name to the Senior History Room. A report will appear in the next number of the magazine.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of Contemporaries.
IN MEMORIAM

February 12th John Spencer Jackson (Sept. 1930 — Dec. 1935)
June 17th Stanley Griffith Underwood (1943 — 1947)

ENTRANTS

A. B. BESKINE
J. G. NOBLE
T. M. McILROY
L. D. STURGES
D. A. MILLARD
D. V. GOFF
J. COOPER
R. M. SCOTT

LEAVERS

R. BALL
Balliol College, Oxford.
P. J. HARRIS
St. John’s College, Cambridge.
P. C. BATES
Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.
K. A. BREALEY
Barclays Bank Ltd.
G. PARKER
E. Ward (Wellingborough) Ltd.
M. E. RASH
Thornton Baker & Co.
B. HARDING
D. HARDING
T. KING
R. E. PARTRIDGE
N. P. RICH
M. J. ROBINSON
M. D. WESTLEY

AWARDS

R. BALL
Kitchener Memorial Scholarship tenable at Balliol College, Oxford.
S. H. ALLEN
Kitchener Memorial Scholarship tenable at Manchester University.
R. G. FISH
Electricity Board Scholarship tenable at Sheffield University.
P. G. LEIGH
Army Scholarship at Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

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

J. M. BROWN
R. D. FENNELOW
R. J. GAGE
P. A. HALLE
R. D. HALE
M. E. RASH
P. R. SHARP
J. W. TYSON
R. J. BENIOIST
P. D. CHAMBERLAIN
J. E. CLEMENTS
M. S. GLOVER
P. P. JONES
N. B. M. STEINER
J. W. TOMKINS
J. F. VALENTINE
M. J. LAMBERT
P. G. PARNELL
R. J. WHEELER
J. E. ASTLE
D. H. WILLIAMS
N. J. WOOKEY
T. S. SHERWOOD
R. W. SOUTHWARD
R. H. ATTEWELL
A. RANDALL
B. WOODHAMS
R. A. DALTON
P. A. ELLIOTT
M. R. HALS
B. MARCHANT
J. RAWLINS
M. J. REEVES
R. SAXTON
N. M. SINCLAIR

French
English Language
English Language; French
French
English Literature
French
English Language
English Language with Physics
English Literature
English Language; Spanish
Physics
History
French
Spanish
French
Mathematics
Geography; Music
Mathematics
Spanish; Chemistry
English Language; Chemistry
English Language
English Literature
Art
Russian
Latin
Mathematics
Engineering Drawing
Engineering Drawing
Latin
Physics
French
Spanish
Russian
Russian
Latin
Russian
CRICKET

1st XI

With only one regular player, Southward, available from last year’s eleven we were faced with innumerable problems at the beginning of the season. Some of these resolved themselves fairly easily though one major problem, scoring runs, remains. Many permutations of our batting strength have been tried but we are still no nearer the jackpot. Batsmen who score runs regularly in the second eleven find the gulf between first and second eleven cricket too wide to bridge. Although several useful but short innings have been played by various people, only Ottewell has been anywhere near consistent, yet even when the bowlers are finding him difficult to dislodge (gloves or no gloves) he will do his best to run himself, or some other unfortunate, out.

Our bowlers, on the other hand, have performed reasonably well. In the current idiom we have an endless supply of medium-pace up and downers who are difficult to score off but unfortunately are never likely to run through a good batting side. Bellamy has looked the pick of the seamers and he has received useful support from Parr, Moore and J. A. Barron.

The ground fielding along with the wicket-keeping has been untidy. Our players seem to lack sufficient concentration in this vital aspect of the game. Close to the wicket Ellis and Bellamy have fielded very well and have taken several difficult catches.

W.G.S. 57. N.G.S. 58 for 7 wkts. (Bellamy 4 for 14). Lost by 3 wickets

Put into bat, our innings never got off the ground, and we struggled to reach 57. When Northampton batted they didn’t have everything their own way. Bellamy quickly established a psychological advantage over their early batsmen and a keen struggle ensued. However, a splendid innings by one of the later Northampton batsmen, the only person to put bat to ball in the whole game, saw our opponents home by three wickets.

W.G.S. 71 (Ottewell 21). King Edward VI, Nuneaton, 72 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.

Despite an efficient opening stand by Ottewell and Ellis we again struggled to score runs and as soon as a slow bowler appeared in the attack heads went up and wickets went down. Although we captured two early wickets Nuneaton had little trouble in scoring the necessary
runs. The least said about our fielding and field placing on this occasion the better.

**W.G.S. 35. Kettering 36 for 1. Lost by 9 wickets.**

The above score speaks for itself. Our batsmen were incapable of defending their wickets against useful but not devastating bowling. We were well and truly thrashed by tea-time.

**Lawrence Sheriff 91 (Bellamy 4 for 19, Moore 4 for 29).  
W.G.S. 92 for 8 (Ottewell 33). Won by 2 wickets.**

This match saw the turning of the tide and we registered our first win. It was also the game in which J. A. Barron split his trousers, the score-book was lost and extras 34 was our top score. Bellamy and Moore bowled well to dismiss Lawrence Sheriff for 91 and a very determined innings by Ottewell saw us safely home.

**Bedford Modern 2nd XI 31 (J. A. Barron 6 for 11 including the hat-trick).  
W.G.S. 32 for 2. Won by 8 wickets.**

Bedford Modern batsmen had no answer to the medium-pace bowling of J. A. Barron and were speedily dismissed. Though we lost an early wicket we ran out comfortable victors.

**Bedford School 105 for 7 dec.  
W.G.S. 52 for 2. Match drawn.**

The first draw of the season. Bedford found runs difficult to score and eventually left us 75 minutes to score the runs needed for victory. Against good swing and a variety of spin our batsmen made a very uncertain and cautious start, their reluctance to go for the runs fortified by the loss of an early wicket. Too late they realised that it is easier to use one's feet and attack spin than stay leaden-footed and defend against it. The last quarter of an hour saw a bitterly ironical onslaught on the bowling.


**2nd XI**

In spite of the repeated “poaching” of players by the 1st XI, the 2nd XI are enjoying another successful season, the only defeat occurring because of an unexpected batting collapse against Lawrence Sheriff.

Hillier and A. O. Dobbs proved a sound opening pair, but a replacement for the former had to be found after his promotion; this presented a troublesome problem, and after the Lawrence Sheriff episode, wholesale changes in the batting order had to be made. This involved the promotion of Parr to open the innings, and also the promotion of Drew and Buckby in the order. Since these changes, the batting has improved as the promoted players were discovered to
be sounder against medium-pace bowling, and a move down the
order gave Grant and Toseland more chance to face the spin bowlers.
A pleasing feature has been the ability of the later batsmen to add
valuable runs to the score at a rapid rate; Joyce deserves special
mention in this category for his swashbuckling innings against Bedford
Modern. Together with Tomkins, who has the unorthodox idea of
swinging at every ball until he gets his eye in, at which point he blocks
stubbornly, he played a useful defensive innings against Bedford
School when defeat seemed imminent.

Hilson, Allen, Dobbs and Waite have all played useful innings,
while Drew deserves special mention for the way he has risen from
No. 10 to make the No. 4 spot his own.

The team has been endowed with at least five pace-bowlers in
every match, but some of these are primarily batsmen, and have not
bowled. A team of four pace bowlers has always been an adequate
striking force, except for the match against Bedford School when only
Joyce had any success on a lifeless wicket. It was in this game that the
lack of spin-bowlers of any standing was emphasised; it was further
driven home by the fact that the opposition possessed two very capable
"tweakers".

Buckby and Barron proved a capable opening pair, using pace,
swing and seam bowling to good effect, especially against Kettering
who were demolished in 16 overs. Then Barron was promoted, and
Hodges took his place, but bowled well with little luck until, using a
grip taught by a veteran Wollaston cricketer, he shattered the Old
Grammarians. Parr has been an accurate bowler whose best perform-
ance was against Lawrence Sheriff, whereas Joyce has been valuable
in breaking up stubborn stands, and usually managed to get some life
out of a pitch when others failed.

Drew has kept wicket very efficiently, and if he has a fault, it is
that in his enthusiasm, he will try for catches destined for second slip,
with unfortunate results. The rest of the fielding has not been so
efficient, and many players wander around in a coma, or when a ball
is hit in their direction suddenly develop bow-legs! Much of the
throwing-in has been wild, but credit must be given to Grant, Toseland
and Tomkins especially for raising the standard a little.

Team morale has, in general, been high, and Buckby in his second
year of captaincy has benefited from the previous year’s experience.
Several exciting finishes have been recorded, notably against Nuneaton
who were beaten on the very last ball of the game.

The following have played: Buckby (Capt.), Drew (Wkt.), Parr,
A. Joyce, Hilson, Tomkins, Grant, Toseland, Waite, Dobbs, Hodges,
K. Allen and Smart have scored, and we thank Mr. Templar, Mr.
Alden and associates for umpiring.
Results


May 16th v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XI. Won by 9 wickets. Away
Northampton G.S. 51 (J. Barron 4 for 26, Buckby 3 for 11).
W.G.S. 52 for 1 (Dobbs 22 n.o.).

May 9th v. Nuneaton K.E.S. 2nd XI. Won by 57 runs. Home
W.G.S. 99 for 8 dec. (Hillier 50 n.o.).
K.E.S. 42 (Buckby 7 for 32, J. Barron 3 for 8).

May 27th v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XI. Won by 100 runs. Away
W.G.S. 115 for 3 dec. (Dobbs 38 n.o., Allen 35 n.o.).
K.G.S. 15 (J. Barron 5 for 7, Buckby 4 for 6).

May 30th v. Lawrence Sheriff 2nd XI. Lost by 2 runs. Home
Lawrence Sheriff 50 (Parr 6 for 14, Joyce 2 for 6, Buckby 2 for 12).
W.G.S. 48 (Waite 24 n.o.).

June 4th v. Oundle School 3rd XI. Cancelled—rain. Away
June 10th v. Towcester G.S. 1st XI. Drawn. Away
T.G.S. 115 for 7 dec. (Buckby 3 for 32, Parr 3 for 35).
W.G.S. 76 for 8 (Dobbs 20, Buckby 16).

June 13th v. Bedford Modern Colts. Drawn. Home
W.G.S. 137 for 9 dec. (Joyce 41 n.o., Toseland 28).
Colts 37 for 6 (Buckby 4 for 16, Joyce 2 for 8).

June 20th v. Bedford School 3rd XI. Drawn. Away
Bedford 150 for 3 dec. (Joyce 2 for 14).
W.G.S. 53 for 8 (Joyce 19 n.o., Drew 17).

June 27th v. Wellingborough O.G.'s 2nd XI. Won by 71 runs. Home
W.G.S. 125 (Hilson 47, P. Ellis 13 n.o.).
W.O.G.'s 54 (Hodges 6 for 25, Buckby 4 for 23).

UNDER 15 XI

To date, the Under 15 proper has played comparatively few matches and had but little opportunity for practice, owing to the late start of cricket this term, the attentions of the weather and the need to adjust the team to meet age requirements in certain matches. Little development has taken place. Limitations have been exposed but remedy has not followed.

The batting has been rather thin. Francis and Hill are quite sound, while Gayton and Crossley have contributed, but thereafter the accumulation of runs has been a precarious business. The bowling too is limited. Hobley has bowled accurately and at a lively pace and has met with success. McGeorge, too, has given little away. Eldridge turns the ball, but has not bowled a length.

In spite of these frailties, performance has not been without merit. The defeat by Northampton was an honourable one, while the game against Bedford Modern was keenly contested. If skill has been at a premium, compensation has come from the keenness of the fielding which has been uniformly good and, in some cases, brilliant.
Gayton and McGeorge have handled things firmly and well and a pleasant atmosphere has resulted. One has the feeling that with more opportunity better things might have come.

Results

May 5th v. Northampton G.S. Lost by 5 wickets. Home
W.G.S. 103 (Francis 38, McGeorge 22).
Northampton G.S. 107 for 5.
May 9th v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 64 runs. Away
K.G.S. 97 for 7 dec. (Hobley 3 for 27, McGeorge 4 for 21).
W.G.S. 31.
May 30th v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. Won by 9 runs. Home
W.G.S. 74 (Hill 23).
Lawrence Sheriff G.S. 65 (Hobley 6 for 9).
W.G.S. 68 (Brown 18, Gayton 22).
Bedford Modern 71 for 7 (Hobley 4 for 23).
June 27th v. Wellingborough School. Drawn. Home
Wellingborough School 106 (Lever 6 for 15).
W.G.S. 35 for 6.


UNDER 14 XI

After a disastrous start to the season the side has improved considerably in recent matches. Lacking a really quick and penetrative bowler opposing sides have been able to amass formidable totals which brittle batting has not been able to reach.

There has also been room for criticism of the fielding; much too inconsistent. Fielders with one or two exceptions have been too slow in starting to move thus converting difficult singles into easy ones. The field placing has also lacked imagination. No attempt has been made to force home the advantages gained by early bowling successes.

The improved form shown in recent matches has coincided with the return of Lever after illness and Dobbs' return to form with the bat. With more runs to bowl against the bowling has also improved but the lack of a really quick bowler is still a great handicap to the side.

Results

v. Northampton G.S. U-14 XI. Lost by 78 runs.
v. King Edward VI U-14 XI. Lost by 6 wickets.
W.G.S. 32. King Edward VI 33 for 4.
v. Lawrence Sheriff U-14 XI. Lost by 59 runs.
W.G.S. 47. Lawrence Sheriff 106 for 4 dec.
v. Bedford School U-14 XI. Lost by 90 runs.
   Bedford School 135 for 1 dec. W.G.S. 45.
v. Bedford Modern U-14 XI. Won by 7 wickets.
   Bedford Modern 88 for 4 dec. (Dobbs 51 n.o., Lever 22 n.o.).
   W.G.S. 89 for 3.
v. Kettering G.S. U-14 XI. Lost by 2 wickets.
   W.G.S. 104 (Dobbs 44). K.G.S. 105 for 8 (Gray 4 for 10).
v. King's School U-14 XI. Match Drawn.

UNDER 13 XI

More than any other school side this season's Under 13 XI has been unfortunate as regards the weather. Of five matches played so far, two have been cancelled and one abandoned after the completion of only one innings. However, the two games that have been finished have produced two closely contested struggles.

The batting with one or two exceptions has been of a poor quality, although Homan, Beard, Phillips and Howes have shown promise. The bowling has been very steady with Thacker and Gray taking most of the honours. The fielding has been erratic though several members of the side are beginning to see what is required if a high standard is going to be achieved.

Wellingborough Junior School 93 for 1 dec. v. W.G.S.
Match abandoned.

In a game in which the rain won hands down our bowlers found the Junior School batsmen in good form. Thacker bowled steadily and claimed the only wicket but our fielding, after a keen start, degenerated and in the last overs before tea we looked very shoddy indeed. More rain presented any attempt by our batsmen to try to redeem the position.

Kettering G.S. 40 (Gray 5 for 7). W.G.S. 43 for 9. Won by 1 wicket.

Kettering batted first and against good bowling by Gray, supported by Butler and Hoddle, were all out for 40. Our early batsmen made no impression and with the score at 18 for 7, things looked very black for us. However, Homan and Beard batted sensibly, and we eventually scraped home by one wicket in the last over of the match.

Northampton G.S. 64. W.G.S. 52. Lost by 12 runs.

Northampton mustered 64 against steady bowling by Thacker (4 for 20) and erratic but successful bowling by Hoddle (4 for 15). After another shaky start (we were at one time 3 wickets down for only 1 run), Phillips and Howes rallied the side with some steady batting. Unfortunately, however, the recovery did not last beyond the tea interval, and we lost an enjoyable struggle by twelve runs.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Results

Saturday, 7th December, 1963.
2nd XV v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XV (H) Won 6—0
U-14 XV v. Rushden S.M. U-14 XV (A) Lost 8—11
U-13 XV v. Rushden S.M. U-13 XV (A) Won 28—0

Wednesday, 11th December.
1st XV v. Northampton G.S. 1st XV (A) Lost 0—19
2nd XV v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XV (A) Lost 0—55
U-13 XV v. Bedford Lower School (A) Lost 6—11

Saturday, 14th December.
1st XV v. King Edward VI, Nuneaton, 1st XV (H) Won 3—0
2nd XV v. King Edward VI 2nd XV (A) Won 14—3
U-15 XV v. King Edward VI U-15 XV (A) Won 8—3
U-14 XV v. King Edward VI U-14 XV (H) Lost 8—13

Saturday, 11th January, 1964.
1st XV v. Corby G.S. 1st XV (A) Won 16—3
U-15 XV v. Corby G.S. U-15 XV (A) Won 17—3
U-14 XV v. Corby G.S. U-14 XV (H) Drawn 8—8
U-13 XV v. Corby G.S. U-13 XV (H) Won 6—0

Saturday, 1st February.
U-14 XV v. Northampton T.H.S. U-14 XV (H) Won 9—8
U-13 XV v. Northampton T.H.S. U-13 XV (H) Lost 8—0

Saturday, 8th February.
U-14 XV v. Rushden S.M. U-14 XV (H) Won 11—3
U-13 XV v. Rushden S.M. U-13 XV (H) Won 13—0

Wednesday, 12th February.
1st XV v. Northampton G.S. 1st XV (H) Lost 31—0
2nd XV v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XV (A) Won 6—5

Saturday, 15th February.
1st XV v. Bedford Athletic 3rd XV (A) Won 12—3
2nd XV v. Bedford Athletic Colts (A) Lost 3—31

Thursday, 27th February.
1st XV v. Wellingborough School 1st XV (A) Won 8—0
2nd XV v. Wellingborough School 2nd XV (H) Won 46—0

Saturday, 29th February.
1st XV v. Old Boys’ 1st XV (H) Lost 0—11
2nd XV v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 21—0
U-14 XV v. Daventry G.S. U-14 XV (H) Won 9—3

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS

Senior 1st Round—Wednesday, October 9th, 1963.
Dragons 11 Gryphons 0
Stags 19 Lions 12

Junior 1st Round—Thursday, October 10th.
Dragons 9 Gryphons 8
Stags 15 Lions 0
Senior 2nd Round—Wednesday, November 27th.
Gryphons 5 Stags 8
Lions 0 Dragons 14

Junior 2nd Round—Thursday, November 28th.
Gryphons 0 Stags 11
Lions 11 Dragons 3

Dragons 15 Stags 5
Lions 3 Gryphons 6

Junior 3rd Round—Tuesday, February 11th.
Dragons 6 Stags 13
Lions 14 Gryphons 6

Final Positions
1. Stags 24 points
2. Dragons 22 points
3. Lions 8 points
4. Gryphons 6 points

Colours Awarded 1963–64
2nd XV: S. W. Grant, B. P. Joyce, H. N. Parr, I. Rawlins, D. Toseeland, D. H. Williams.

ATHLETICS

Sports Day provided a most interesting duel between Dragons and Stags with the former just maintaining the advantage gained in Standards. The weather, fine but with a blustery wind, made good times rather difficult and only one new record was set up and that by Palmer in the Senior 220 yards.

The school have been fortunate to have performers of the quality of N. I. Palmer, P. Lindsell, R. Ball, G. G. Walden and R. J. Pine. These have inspired the younger members of the Athletics team and both matches with other schools have been won through the overwhelming superiority of the Seniors combined with steady performances by the Middle and Junior sections.

We must congratulate Palmer, Bell, Pine, Lindsell, Walden, R. W. Dalton and L. G. Pearce on their successes in the County A.A.A., and County Schools’ Championships.

Palmer, Lindsell and Pine have been chosen to represent the County at the All-England Schools’ Championships to be held at Hendon, and we wish them success.
Undoubtedly the most outstanding athlete this year, if not in the school’s history, has been N. I. Palmer. His successes are far too numerous to be listed here but special congratulations must be extended to him on his selection for the A.A.A.’s team v. Cambridge University. His recent performances when running in Senior events against some of the country’s leading 440 yards athletes lead us to hope for even greater things in the future.

Results

100 Yards—Senior.

100 Yards—Middle.

100 Yards—Junior.

220 Yards—Senior.

220 Yards—Middle.

220 Yards—Junior.

440 Yards—Senior.

440 Yards—Middle.

880 Yards—Senior.

880 Yards—Middle.

880 Yards—Junior.

One Mile—Senior.

High Jump—Senior.
High Jump—Middle.
1. Pearce, L. G. (L) 2. Laughton, P. F. (S) 3. Weekley, R. W. (S)
Height: 4 ft., 8 ins.

High Jump—Junior.
1. Willers, A. D. (S) 2. White, B. J. (S) 3. George, A. M. (D)
Height: 3 ft., 10½ ins.

Long Jump—Senior.
Distance: 18 ft., 10½ ins.

Long Jump—Middle.
1. Povey, A. W. (S) 2. Weekley, R. W. (S) 3. Farrow, G. M. (S)
Distance: 14 ft., 10½ ins.

Long Jump—Junior.
Distance: 13 ft., 9 ins.

Final Placings
1. Dragons 185 points
2. Stags 180 points
3. Lions 119 points
4. Gryphons 82 points

HENSON RELAY CUP
Senior: 1. Stags 2. Gryphons 3. Disqualified
Middle: 1. Stags 2. Gryphons 3. Lions

Final Placings
1. Stags 48 points
2. Gryphons 16 points
3. Lions 12 points
4. Dragons 4 points

MATCH RESULTS
Wednesday, 13th May.
School 105 pts. Deacon’s, P’boro 47 pts. King’s, P’boro 37 pts.

Tuesday, 9th June.
School 113 pts. Kettering 86 pts.

ATHLETIC HONOURS
Schools’ County Cross-country Championships (over 5 miles):
2nd P. Lindsell, 3rd R. Ball.

L.A.C. Schools’ Meeting:
N. I. Palmer, 3rd 440 Yards; R. J. Pine, 2nd Junior High Jump.

A.A.A. County Championships:
Youth: High Jump, Pine 1st; Long Jump, Pine 2nd.
Midland Counties Championships:
Senior: 440 Yards, Palmer 3rd.
Junior: 440 Yards, Palmer 1st; 1 Mile, R. Ball 3rd.

Inter-Counties Championships:
Senior: 440 Yards, Palmer 5th.

Schools' County Championships:
Senior: 880 Yards, Lindsell 1st, Walden 2nd; 1 Mile, R. Ball 2nd.
Junior: High Jump, Pearce 2nd.
Palmer (440), Lindsell and Pine have been chosen to represent the County in the All-England Championships at Hendon on July 18th.

Midland Counties Boys' Clubs Championships:
Junior: 440 Yards, G. Walden 1st; 880 Yards, Lindsell 1st; 1 Mile, R. Ball 3rd.

All-England Schools' Championships:

G. Walden has been chosen to represent the above Association in the 440 Yards at the National Finals at Crystal Palace on July 18th.

N. Palmer has run for the A.A.A. team, and is a regular member of the Midlands A.A.A. team. He has a best time of 49.0 secs.

Walden, Lindsell, Ball, Palmer and Pine have also competed for the Northants. A.A.A. team in inter-County matches.

HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

Head of House: B. Bellamy.
Secretary: W. R. Orton.
Athletics: R. J. Pine.

Prey to ‘fortune’s buffets and rewards’ this House can review the culmination of the last two terms’ activities with mixed feelings.

A very competent Senior Rugby team won all its matches under Bellamy’s captainship but the Junior were successful only once. The final position was second.

Athletics showed a very pleasing and now expectedly high standard. Captain R. J. Pine, deserves double honours for his own exceptional efforts which greatly contributed to Dragons again winning first place.
W. R. Orton found himself a very keen, competent, efficient, enthusiastic troupe of actors and a hopelessly out-of-date play. The efforts which therefore went into the play were completely wasted and the resultant position in the Drama Competition was fourth.

The placing in the Music Competition was third equal. G. N. Bishop was at the outset at a disadvantage; the choir which he had almost forcibly to recruit showed itself on the whole to be solely notable for its apathy, lack of interest and general unwillingness to co-operate. Perhaps if these so-called ‘members’ of the House were not so begrudging of their time and their interest, Dragons might experience more success than at present.

**LIONS**

**Head of House**: P. Lindsell.  
**School Prefects**: J. E. Pack (Secretary), A. Randall, J. Rawlins.  
**House Cricket**: (Senior) R. P. Buckby. (Junior) T. D. Reade.  
**P.E. Organiser**: R. Shoemark.

Since the publication of the last issue of the School Magazine, Lions’ performances have improved slightly.

In the Spring Term Lions were placed third in the House Rugger and Music Competitions, and Lions’ production of “St. Michael comes to Shepherds Bush”, by James Parish, was placed second in the House Drama Competition, a creditable performance for a cast which included several inexperienced members.

In spite of Lindsell’s valiant efforts in the Athletics Competition—three ‘firsts’ and a ‘second’—Lions were placed third. Lions’ senior and junior teams have both lost and won one match in the Cricket Competition at the time of writing. High hopes were raised by a ten wickets’ win in the Senior first round, but since then the performances of both teams has been rather disappointing. It is hoped that Lions will improve on this record in the P.E. Competition at the end of term.

**GRYPHONS**

**Head of House**: N. I. Palmer.

At the time of writing the Cricket has not been completed, and the P.E. Competition has not begun.

R. W. Southward and his cricketers have won one match and lost the other, and we hope the winning trend will continue in games which have to be decided. However, the Juniors have not had as much success as the Seniors, losing both matches.

In the House Rugby Competition, we were placed fourth, and again the Juniors were much to blame. The Seniors just saved us from complete disgrace by winning the last match of the three, while the Juniors lost every one of theirs.
Once again the Gryphons have acquired the Ferguson Trophy for school work.

The Drama Cup again fell into our hands, with an excellent production of "The Balwhinnie Bomb", by Gordon Daviot. We congratulate the cast and the producer P. Coleman.

In Athletics our deficit of points awarded before Sports Day proved insuperable despite the moderate success on the day of the team under N. I. Palmer, who himself won three races. Surely we cannot be as bad as the points seem to indicate?

In the Music Competition the Gryphons under the leadership of J. R. Forster were placed first, narrowly defeating the Stags.

Finally, we congratulate H. N. Parr and B. Liddington on winning the Senior and Junior Reading Competitions respectively, and A. K. Joyce, K. L. Allen, J. R. Forster, and H. N. Parr, who have been awarded Colours.

**STAGS**

**House Masters:** Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. T. D. Norman.

**Head of House:** R. Ball.

**House Secretary:** N. S. F. Wills.

**House Prefects:**
R. Coley, B. K. Tanner, N. S. F. Wills, P. Allen, K. Lewis, R. Walden.

This term has been one of mixed fortunes for the House, with the greatest success in the Athletics Competition, where we came second to Dragons. We congratulate Ball, the senior Athletics captain and Farrow, captain of the juniors.

Stags were unlucky in the House Drama Competition to achieve only third place, with their play "Day of Atonement", by Margaret Wood. We congratulate the producer, K. Lewis, and the actors on a good performance. In the House Music Competition Stags finished second after having been in the lead for most of the contest, and our congratulations are extended to B. K. Tanner.

Although the Seniors have had little success in the Cricket Competition so far, the Juniors have won both their matches; Shortland and Dobbs have both led their teams extremely well.

As expected, Stags won the Rugby Cup, with the Seniors winning two of their matches and the Juniors three. We congratulate B. K. Tanner and Farrow.

House Colours have been awarded to P. Thacker, P. Allen, K. Lewis, and R. Coley.

“ARSENIC AND OLD LACE”
by Joseph Kesselring

“As arsenic and Old Lace”, a thriller-comedy by Joseph Kesselring, was presented by the Dramatic Society in the School Hall from 10th to 13th December, 1963.

DRAMATIS PERSONE.

MR. WITHERSPOON, the superintendent of Happy Dale - R. A. Stevenson
ABBY BREWSTER, a dear old lady - M. N. Eakins
THE REV. DR. HARPER, a minister - W. R. Orton
TERRY BREWSTER, a young man - R. Lines
OFFICER BROPHY, a police officer - A. Randall
OFFICER KLEIN, another police officer - B. Liddington
MARTHA BREWSTER, another dear old lady - D. F. Ong. v
ELAINE HARPER, Dr. Harper’s daughter - I. G. Fraser
MORTIMER BREWSTER, a dramatic critic - K. Lewis
MR. GIBBS, a lonely gentleman - D. C. Edwards
JONATHON BREWSTER, another young man - R. Highman
DR. EINSTEIN, a plastic surgeon - R. P. Buckby
OFFICER O’HARA, another police officer - K. Lewis
LIEUTENANT ROONEY, a lieutenant - R. Highman
MR. SPENALZO, another lonely gentleman - R. Highman

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer - Mr. C. W. Andreae.
Stage Director - Mr. M. S. Cheale.
Stage Manager - L. Pitcher.
Assistants - P. R. Smith, A. D. Short.
Stage Hands - The Railway Club.
Decor - R. Dunkley.
Assistants - Mrs. M. S. Cheale.
Effects - P. Coleman, P. Reynolds, M. F. Jackson.
Wardrobe - MRS. C. H. Stevenson.
Dressers - Dr. A. Jackson.
Make-up - Mrs. M. S. Cheale.
Prompter - Dr. P. A. J. Pettit.
Call Boy - P. Needle.
Business Managers - J. C. Holdom.

As “Arsenic and Old Lace” is one of the stock plays of amateur dramatics and had already been produced on the Grammar School stage (1951, by Dr. A. Jackson), its choice as school play this year may well have been considered unusually unambitious and uninspired. Developments since John Osborne’s “Look Back in Anger” in 1956, with the drama of social protest, the epic and the absurd, have placed “Arsenic and Old Lace” firmly in that ‘No Man’s Land’ of the late ’30’s and ’40’s. which seem to have been inhabited only by light comedy and Home Counties domestic drama. In 1951, one felt, it might well “have brought the house down” as the Headmaster protested, but an audience brought up on good T.V. drama, on Osborne and Pinter…? Hadn’t “Arsenic and Old Lace” gone out with clothing coupons and the Home Guard?

Fortunately, the gamble came off. The play was not only a box office success. First, the play proved to have stayed the course fairly well. Secondly, Mr. C. W. Andreae, producing for the first time at this
school, wisely decided on a new interpretation rather than an attempted replica of Dr. Jackson's earlier successful production. He did this by taking the play back in time (to some Chaplinesque 'gagging') and by bringing it up to date and to the Goons. The time setting was equally eccentric, there being references to 'personalities' of the present as well as those of the year in which it was first performed. Again, where Dr. Jackson had stressed the "thriller" element, while not neglecting the comedy, Mr. Andreae swamped it in burlesque, the parts being played some of the time THREE degrees over. Our loss was that the "old maids" were peripheral compared with the centre of interest the orthodox production gives them; our gain, the engulfing of the worn and dated parts of the play. Once or twice the production was nearer the Marx Brothers than Kesselring.

The acting had an air of gay abandon and spontaneity and, if there were glaring faults, they were so absorbed by the strange episodic humour that we did not care.

One remembers with gratitude: W. R. Orton as the maniac (who was not?) Teddy Brewster charging an invisible host and looking like a teaplanter from a superannuated tea advertisement; N. S. F. Wills and J. G. Fraser as two impossibly melodramatic villains; Wills an oily Chicago-style Public Enemy No. 1 (shades of Cagney and Bogart!) and Fraser, as a crazed Central European 'doctor'; Manton ("lonely gentleman"), as himself in one of his characteristic poses—an amiably diffident and scholarly penguin; and R. Highman, a most Tassaudesque and unlikelike corpse, a small but excellent exercise in the macabre—has Alfred Hitchcock seen him? B. Liddington and M. N. Eakins acted very intelligently as the two old maids, though the characters seemed strangely subdued, necessarily so perhaps because those around them were more boisterously portrayed than is usual. D. F. Olney was a very competent Elaine. K. P. Buckby, as her fiancé and a dramatic critic, was a good fiancé. K. Lewis, R. Lines, A. Randall and D. C. Edwards all looked good comic policemen. P. Coleman (Rev. D. Harper) was rather too restrained, surrounded as he was by larger than life performances. R. A. Stevenson also gave a small scale, if workmanlike, performance as the Superintendent of "Happy Dale" mental home.

It is invidious no doubt to pick out individuals among the production team, but equally so to ignore individual contributions. Mr. Andreae I have already praised for a most entertaining production. One must also compliment Mr. M. S. Cheale on another professionally exact and smooth interpretation of the rôle of Stage Director, firing (and quelling!) the enthusiasm of a large team of helpers, and L. Pitcher, the latest in a very good line of Stage Managers. Pitcher lacked his predecessor's (W. Parkin) flamboyance of gesture and language but directed his motley crew in an intelligent and conscientious manner. One can only hope that these individual praises will be taken as applying to all who helped back-stage. Their expertise and
enthusiasm can hardly go unnoticed, but those who are not members of the crew cannot know the vast amount of time they give to backstage work, before and after, as well as during a production, evenings, week-ends, and even school holidays.

Congratulations then to all involved in this very good production, however much one's own enthusiasm is tempered with regret that such a successful team and receptive audience did not have something a little more challenging (and not necessarily less enjoyable) to get their teeth into, and that it was necessary to repeat an earlier achievement. (Since 1956 the flood of new writing for the theatre in various modes should have brought an embarras de richesse.)

Lastly, reference to the “New Drama” gives me the opportunity to conclude with a paradox that its critics would do well to consider: contemporary drama is often accused of being morbid in subject or treatment, compared with pre-war theatre: “Arsenic and Old Lace” is an extended joke about “looneys”, mental illness, murder and old age: “Arsenic and Old Lace” is not considered to be in bad taste or morbid or unenjoyable. Why?

**HOUSE PLAYS**

This year there was again variety, though of subject matter and setting rather than of form such as we had in the previous two competitions. In marked contrast with the restless energies of these, which brought Ionesco, Campton and John Mortimer into the school, there was a noticeable reluctance to experiment. (At least, one House played ‘safe’ because of the fate of the Campton which ran into criticism from last year’s adjudicator, because it didn’t have a “proper ending”.) So we were back into the familiar territory of three years ago, the land of the well-made one acter, whimsical and with recognisable shape (‘a beginning, middle and end’). Nevertheless, the plays were new to the competition and the acting, possibly because the plays were less demanding, was of a higher standard than any, at least, of the last three predecessors of this competition. We were also fortunate to have Mr. Mark Elwes, a leading actor of the Northampton Rep., an intelligent and entertaining adjudicator, whose comments were always constructive and generous. We are grateful to Mr. Gordon, the County Drama Organiser, for bringing Mr. Elwes along.

The winning play, set in a Highland post-office, was a comedy, “The Balwhinnie Bomb”, produced for Gryphons by P. Coleman, who also deputised very well and at very short notice for I. Fraser as Peter the Polis in the repeat performance for parents. The “star” performance, of this play and indeed of the competition, was that of H. Parr, as Finlay MacPhail, the foxy old village gossip, on whose practical joke, aimed at exposing the vaingloriousness of a young village postman, the plot centres. Parr’s main job was to act as a sardonic chorus, commenting shrewdly on the progress of the plot. He not only drew our attention without difficulty but also reacted so intelligently to the
other characters that he tactfully passed our interest on to them neither too late nor too soon. A less experienced and modest actor would surely have succumbed to the temptation, given the audience reaction Parr had won, to go it alone and play up to the audience. A beautifully relaxed performance! Yet this could not be a one-man triumph. Parr himself had partly ensured this by using the interest he attracted from the audience in the interests of the play as a whole. Secondly, a greedy triumph for Parr would so have disturbed the balance of dramatic interest that it is unlikely that the play would then have won the competition. Thus, B. Liddington, a mere third-former, was able to give a very mature performance as Roddie Ross, the egocentric young postman, playing very well across the comic sympathy Parr had gained from the audience for Finlay. Liddington's only fault was exaggerated use of gesture: he must remember that the stage magnifies—a little goes a long way! M. Hughes, too, was enabled to master the difficult rôle of Annabella, Roddie's girl friend and the postmistress. He admirably conveyed her vexation with Roddie and, in addition, caught a nice ironic effect by giving her a few airs, as postmistress, to match those she disliked in Roddie A little more relaxation and slower delivery and he would have been excellent. Inevitably, the dialect faded, very early on with these last two, the kind of lapse which at best irritates and at worst can smash altogether the illusion of reality the proscenium demands. I. Fraser was a suitably comic village policeman. His main lapse was to fly the country (for a holiday) at the end of the first performance without warning some of those concerned, so that on the day of the winners' repeat for parents his ears must have been burning as bright a red as Mr. R. J. Shaw's face as Coleman struggled with his part during rehearsals. Fortunately, the parents were rewarded by a courageous piece of acting by Coleman so, all is forgiven, and Fraser may come home.

Lions took second place with "St. Michael comes to Shepherds Bush", a very slight play about St. Michael and the Devil leaving their home in a shelled French church to recover their property, which, in the form of fragments of a stained glass window, had been taken home as souvenirs by a British soldier, now henpecked in suburbia. Randall nicely characterised St. Michael as a gawky, gum-chewing American, and C. Sadier was a charmingly mischievous pint-sized Devil. The ultra violet effects intended were faint and unimpressive; the producer is not the first to underestimate the amount of ultra violet make-up needed to make a real impression. T. Reade (Olive) and R. Anker (Henry) had a good stab at the domestic irritations of the suburban couple. R. Buckby is to be congratulated on a thorough, neat production with careful attention to make-up and the timing of lighting effects.

Stags cannot have been too far behind Lions. They had a better play, "Day of Atonement", set among refugees and with not contemptible argument and dialogue, but K. Lewis' production just did not get off the ground. The lighting was too subdued and voices were con-
sistently allowed to lose power when their owners (necessarily) were hunched over tables or with their backs to us. The play thus had only a muffled effect on us. We sat in a kind of twilight of the senses and the characters were seen as if in a murky aquarium. By all means suggest despair and brooding disaster but inaudible delivery as opposed to an audible representation of murmurs and low voices conveys this no more than shouting for joy. The acting, not surprisingly, seemed to lack definition and one felt that N. S. F. Wills (Dr. Kraus), P. Clarke (Jacob), P. Leigh (Marthe) and P. Robson (Otto), the first a good actor and the remainder, competent, were one degree, at least, under.

Even so, Dragons with “On the Frontier” (R. Orton, producer) must have been a long way behind as fourth. This was an execrably written, though undoubtedly sincere, dramatisation of pacifist arguments (the conversion of some frontier soldiers to revolutionary pacifism). The trouble here was not inadequate dramatisation of propaganda and ideas (T. S. Eliot’s ‘objective correlative’) but inadequate ideas. The arguments chosen to represent pacifism were worthy neither of that ideal nor of serious theatre. The trouble with the play was not that it had too much to say, but that it had too little. Not that the dramatic lapses were to be sneezed at! Poor Sinclair, the officer deserted by his men—and the dramatist, was condemned to wander on to the stage (the play’s climax) and, after scanning the horizon, eyes shaded, of course, to cry plaintively like a commissioned Robinson Crusoe, “Men, where a-r-e y-o-u !’’ This, understandably, brought the house down. Without Eccles and Moriarty, preferably appearing from a trap-door, it was unplayable. Another high point resulted from one of the producer’s attempts to improve things. The soldiers were commanded by the officer to put out cigarettes—which they hadn’t got! Presumably, lines had been inserted without the accompanying stage direction. Or was it just reluctance to smoke in the presence of the Headmaster? Let it be recorded that in these trying circumstances, I. Sinclair, D. Edwards, R. Hale and R. Benoist kept a straight face. The costumes were good.

**READING COMPETITION**

**Senior:**
**Junior:**

**MUSIC NOTES - JULY, 1964**

The Christmas Music Recital.

The School Christmas Music Recital took place on Wednesday, 18th December, 1963, before an appreciative audience. It began with three carols by the Junior Choir: “Falan-tiding”, “A Cradle Song”, and “God rest you merry, gentlemen”, and continued with two pieces for recorder consort, directed by Mr. Taylor, who also took an active
part in it. The items were “Lift thine eyes”, by Mendelssohn, and the “Pastoral Symphony”, and extracts from Handel’s “Messiah”. Considering the difficulties of the medium these were well done.

The two highlights of the first part of the recital were a vocal solo, Gounod’s “Ave Maria”, confidently sung by J. Joyce, and a delightful “Suite in E Flat” for wind ensemble by Gustav Holst.

After the interval the Junior Choir sang two more carols, “In Bethlehem” and “Masters in this Hall”. These were followed by two fascinating arrangements by Mr. Chesters of “The Holly and the Ivy” and “Infant Holy” for vocal quartet. The Senior Choir then gave a competent performance of the “Fantasia on Christmas Carols”, by Vaughan Williams. The participation of the audience in the better-known carols helped in no small way to make this concert a rewarding experience. (Contributed by R. B. Wilkinson).

The House Music Competition.

The House Music Competition was held on Friday, 14th February, 1964. Our adjudicator this year was Mr. Paul Paviour, of Bedford, who is organist of Highgate Parish Church, London, and Music Master of Newnham School, Bedford. We are grateful to him for coming at very short notice.

The set piece for House Choirs (S.A.T.B.) was “It was a lover and his lass”, by Geoffrey Bush. Three Houses had conductors who were performing for the first time, and the quality of singing was not quite up to last year’s standard, due partly to lack of experience and partly to the difficulties posed by the modern setting of Shakespeare’s familiar words.

The winning choir was Gryphons (conducted by J. R. Forster) who gave a creditable performance after a somewhat uncertain start. The task of organising a House Choir is not an easy one, and it is to be hoped that the experience gained by the conductors this year will give them greater confidence for next year’s competition.

The solo piano class was won by M. J. Lambert, who played the “Prélude” from “Pour le piano”, by Debussy. The other pianists were B. K. Tanner (Stags), P. J. Gilbert (Gryphons), and G. Bishop (Dragons), who all achieved a good standard.

In the instrumental class R. D. Walton presented an unusual piece: “Aubade” for alto saxophone by Racine Fricker. The boldness of the choice obviously pleased Mr. Paviour, who awarded Stags first place. Competitors for the other Houses were G. Cox (Lions), R. Hale (Dragons), and D. Gomm (Gryphons).

The ensemble class was won by Gryphons with a cornet-and-euphonium duet “Glorious Fountain” (G. Marshall), played in the best brass band tradition by Gomm and Gilbert, and accompanied by Forster. Gryphons also won the composition section, and at the end of the competition were two points ahead of Stags. The Headmaster presented the Appleby Cup to J. R. Forster.
The other conductors were B. K. Tanner (Stags), M. J. Lambert (Lions), and G. Bishop (Dragons).

Results

1. Gryphons . . . 125 points
2. Stags . . . 123 points
3. Lions . . . 119 points
4. Dragons . . . 118 points

“Noye’s Fluodde”.

Benjamin Britten’s setting of the Chester Miracle Play was presented in St. Mary’s Church, Wellingborough, on Wednesday, 13th May, by the County Advisers for Music and Drama, Mr. Thorne and Mr. Gordon. About thirty of our boys took part in what was a memorable performance before a very large congregation. The three principal boy-soprano parts of Shem, Ham and Jaffett were sung by J. Joyce, D. Olney and M. Hughes, whose voices blended extremely well together. Fourteen boys formed the tenor and bass sections of the Chorus of Animals, and a number of them put in a great deal of work making heads of bucks, does, lions, leopards and horses to wear on the occasion. Our thanks are chiefly due to Mr. Phillips for his achievement in producing such good results in so short a time. A number of boys played in the orchestra, and the stage setting and lighting were looked after by our stage hands.

It was an evening to remember with pleasure, and a fine achievement for all concerned.

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Two other events are worthy of mention. The Junior Choir contributed four items to the “Festival of Queens” held in aid of the National Children’s Homes, at Park Street Methodist Church, on Monday, 16th March; and the Senior Choir sang the anthem “O come, ye servants of the Lord”, by Christopher Tye, at the Commemoration Service, held in the School Hall, on Friday, 15th May.

Preparations for the Summer Concert are now intensifying. Rehearsal time is so severely limited during the summer term, that most of the work has to be done in the last two weeks of term, when the demands of examinations have been met. But we remain hopeful of some interesting events to come.

A. R. Chesters.

YOUNG WRITERS


JOCK’S HOLE, ADIEU*

Not unwept, with parting glance we see thee go,
For now to pastures new the mighty hero moves.
He leaves his sweet-perfumed den of former days
Of briar, coke, old sacks and several cats
The drowsy fumes and boiler cardiac.
One morning full displayed to all
The fearful monster crane of iron jaw
Approached the unmolested gates of Jock's sweet Paradise
And groping downwards did despoil
It of its boiler tubes.
And from their sockets wrenched did bring
The arteries all barnacled and red with rust
Dying to the surface;
Whereupon an ignominious pile
It laid them in a heap.

In vain Jock hurried to the scene
(Or so it seemed) to rescue his proud place from Death.
But soon forgot will be when in a newer Paradise
Wherein the tired workers trudge
To smoke, or do their 'pools' or chat with Jock.
Set by no marvels save in Eastern scene
This little Eden, wondrous, neat and clean,
And brush and broom and Jock are from it gone.

I. G. Fraser (VIb).

* A reference to the replacement of the present boiler-house used by Mr. 'Jock' Walker, our caretaker, by a modern edifice—Editor.

A LETTER FROM ONE "ARMCHAIR HERO" TO ANOTHER, 1918.

All over now, my friend,
The battle's at an end.
We're heroes every one;
Each father and his son
Will cheer uproariously
—Although it wasn't we
Who staggered through the mud
And through the seas of blood,
Who died and rotted there
Without a thought or care.
But why should they be praised?
Let every voice be raised
To honour us who planned,
With neat maps of a land
We've never seen before,
The way to fight a war.

P. Kitchener (4B).
A CURSE ON CARTOGRAPHERS
For those who draw or study maps
And those who Oxford Atlas know
May they lie forever cold
On Welsh hillsides, grey and old,
May they tramp forever on, from
New York State to far Hongkong,
And for their meals instead of food,
Eat miles and miles of longitude.

M. A. Cox (4B).

MEDITATION
Clinging to the roulette-wheel world,
I stand
Ephemeral.
A bird passes overhead,
Leaving its shadow on the still grass,
Finally to be enveloped in the shadow of the red-brick wall.
The clouds drift inevitably past and no gun can make them move, and
maybe no bomb either,
But at last they are absorbed in the spewed-up mists of eternity.
I'm going the same way as Hitler, my granddad, and Dostoevsky,
Yet I embrace the pure blue skies like a drunkard,
I yearn for the cool caresses of the fragrant wine,
I see a girl pass, we'll drift apart
In the inevitable mistiness of
Time.
Yes, I will walk beneath the stars on grey highways, reeling in, with
no end,
I will read poetry in neon cafés,
And hear wild jazz in Hyde Park.
But still
the world
goes round.

A. D. Holloway (3A).

NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR
As January 1st was born, a
Thousand million voices pleaded to God
—for sanctitude, mercy, food, and
Peace.

Through the thick, misty blankets of dawn, a
Shout, a horn, the sound of yapping, hungry dogs and
Sweating horses,
A “Tally Ho” and that first day was
Spattered with the warm blood of a
Fox.
On that day, far, so far, ad
infinitum, from those gaily dressed 'gentlemen' a
Child was crying.
Its abdomen was swollen, from lack of
Food.
Its cries were drowned by the blast of a
Horn.

In the graveyards, where many men were finding
Peace, the peace for which they had
Prayed so long,
Voices pleaded for peace on earth.
Peace, so that their children would not feel the
Warm, almost gentle rush of heat, of an
Atomic Explosion.
Their cries were buried beneath the thundering
Hooves.

Out in the fields, Black men were
Sweating, groaning, crying out for
Pity.
Their voices, though, for some time they were
Carried on the wind,
Their voices died away as the torn, dying fox was
Caught and
Killed, while White men enjoyed their
Sport.

B. LIDDINGTON (3a).

A FAMILIAR FACE

I was walking down the High Street one afternoon after school,
There was nothing too unusual, nothing to see—
'Cept a few new pop records
In Wright's window.
I was just walking along when I felt
As if someone was watching me—you know the feeling.
Who was it
Dare I look ?

Would it be right ?
Perhaps I was imagining it, yet I had That Feeling.
So I looked, coolly and pretending to be thinking of something else.
But yes! There was a face!
A familiar face—so familiar
And yet,
I..... well....
I didn't know it.
It was gone in a flash, that form.
I could never draw or describe, the chin, the nose, the hair-style,
But I somehow knew it;
Did it remind me of anything? No, not to my knowledge.

I tried for days later to describe or draw that face,
But something always kept me back,
Stopped my memory.
I couldn't think.
Something held back my expressions—
That face was BLACK.

R. WALDEN (3a).

THE SUMMER HEAT

We weren't to be phlegmatic.
  Our prey—the world
  Was before us.
We weren't to be phlegmatic.
Our father, the sky, was safe:
So we dived, in different way
  Around Humans
  Together. So
We dived, in different ways.
Mother Sun was sudorific.
So much that Humans cursed us,
  Yet grumbled when
  We were away
So much that Humans cursed us,
So we invigorated.
We parched their throats so much that
  They hated us.
  But we are neat.
We parched their throats so much that
We afflicted them. Alas,
Nothing happened save the cool
  Paregoric
  Drink dried up to
Nothing. Happened save the cool
Destructive wind killed us so.

M. RICHARDS (2a).

THE SEA

Sand stretches
In golden ripples toward the sea
That bides, cat-lazy in the sun;
And like a cat
Can swiftly lash in fury at the helpless land,
Biting, clawing, gnawing at the sand.

F. E. CHAMBERS (2a).

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ELEPHANTIASIS

1. What is an inch long and can sink a battleship?
2. What is the difference between an African and an Indian elephant?
3. What do you get if you cross a greyhound with a chicken?
4. What is bread?
5. What is a wog?
6. What do elephants do at the bottom of the sea?

[Answers at end of Clubs and Societies section]

THE CLACTON RIOTS

Good Friday saw the arrival in Clacton of the Mods and Rockers. These rival childish institutions clashed almost immediately and fought and brawled their way through the town while their girl-friends screamed their encouragement. Some members of the gangs, after having enough of this, tried to cure their 'boredom' by throwing a few slot machines into the sea. Others amused themselves by wrecking beach huts. Some youths were breaking car windows while their friends were busily engaged in completely wrecking a clubhouse.

Activities such as these kept them occupied until Sunday night, by which time over ninety arrests had been made, the charges ranging from drunkenness and attacks on police and civilians to burglary and wrecking property.

A bright twenty-one year old explained, "We just come down for a giggle with the lads. But some of the rockers were looking for a rumble and the law got leery and started knocking off some of us mods."

The 'poor' bored teenagers that remained spent the night in the beach huts they had broken open and continued the activities on Monday when over thirty more arrests were made.

A tough-looking gang leader who was bragging about having struck a policeman said, when questioned by a reporter, "Don't put me name down. Me mum would be upset."

Another youth, asked why they chose Clacton, offered this explanation, "Well, see, we come from London because we can break things up here more easily. No one knows us in Clacton and the police are softer than in London. We can have a lot of laughs, and usually get away with it. Southend and places won't let us in any more. It will get difficult here—so next year we'll probably go to Ramsgate or Hastings. There's nothing to do. Anyway nobody has much money, so the rockers start picking fights with the mods, and it goes on from there."

The Chairman of Clacton Council, Mr. Moody, said of the weekend's activities, "I am not very worried about it, I believe the whole thing to have been magnified out of all proportions," But the Chairman of the Hotels' and Restaurants' Association replied, "Mr. Moody should have been down here where all the trouble was." And a senior
police officer estimated that the Easter visitors had caused several thousand pounds' worth of damage.

What are they trying to prove, the meticulous doll-like mods and the leather-jacketed belligerent rockers? The reason for their behaviour seems very remote. It is a serious state of affairs if a thousand teenagers can cause so much damage in four days, because they were fed up, even if the reports were exaggerated. In a senseless and childish way they are a danger to communities like that of Clacton and, most certainly, they are something to be reckoned with and controlled.

Perhaps the events of that Easter week are best summed up by a Cummings' cartoon. It depicts a hefty leather-packeted youth, wide-eyed and seemingly innocent, mounted upon a motor scooter amidst broken bottles, bricks, cudgels, stones, and a policeman's helmet. And underneath is the caption: "Punish me?!! But I'm only a poor suffering victim of an acute attack of boredom..."

R. I. Cox (48).

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ARTS CLUB

Two outside speakers have given interesting talks on their respective jobs: Mr. Will Warren, the area Oxfam organiser and Mr. Perkins, a local trades unionist. The aesthetes in the ranks should be content with one meeting devoted to reading of John Clare's poems and another to records of folk-music. Discussion-wise a balloon-debate proved the most rewarding with Wills in the guise of Shakespeare, Buckby as the cut-price king John Bloom, Stevenson as the eighth wonder of the world, Kruschev, and McIver simply as McIver.

At present the club seems to be passing through that inevitable stage of growth that can either make it a success or kill it. Initial interest having worn off, inertia is beginning to set in. This is largely due to the loss of Mr. Brown whose unflagging impetus carried the club along in its early days. The prime aim of the society was to make people think about what was going on around them, and it seems a pity that ideals of the enthusiastic cortège at its initiation should slide discreetly into oblivion.

One sure way of maintaining interest is to rely upon a steady stream of interesting speakers, but ultimately the problem rests with the members themselves. Have they sufficient initiative to talk and discuss among themselves without the exterior interest aroused by an outside speaker? Outwardly the answer appears to be a most definite "No"; the reluctance on the part of members to speak in debates is all too apparent. But Sixth-form table-thumpers are certainly not lacking—they can be heard at any time of the day ranting about The Bomb, inequality, the unfairness of the educational system, the impossibility of a god, the magnificence of Harold Wilson, etc., etc.—but either modesty of shyness keeps them from airing their views before an audience of more than two. Both Mr. Bantoff and Mr. Taylor have
made efforts to encourage debates and discussion, but the response has been so meagre that unless more interest is taken in the club it will soon fade out of existence.

**ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**

The inauguration in May of an Astronomical Society represented a new venture in the school. Judging by the interest so far shown, it could become one of the most popular societies here, with many well-informed members. At the first meeting the following officers were elected:

Chairman: M. J. Reeves.
Secretary: K. Lewis.
 Treasurer: N. M. Sinclair.

A series of lectures was arranged to cover the whole field of astronomical interest to provide a basis for future, more and detailed study. These are:

- "An Introduction to the Universe" K. Lewis
- "The Solar System" N. M. Sinclair
- "The Sun" M. J. Reeves
- "The Moon" P. J. Bale
- "The Stars" P. G. Leigh
- "Comets and Meteors" I. G. Fraser

It is hoped that a good reflecting telescope kit will be purchased and by the Autumn regular observations will be made from a suitable place on the roof of the new buildings.

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

During the Spring Term our meetings were devoted to studying the relevance of St. Paul’s life, experiences and preaching to our contemporary situation. We also enjoyed a visit from the London City Missioner to Covent Garden and Post Office workers. “The Church Today” was our theme during the Summer Term. We broke with tradition and invited visiting speakers for each study. This idea may have been inspired by our laziness, but the excellent speakers certainly opened our minds to new problems and challenges. To them we express our sincere gratitude. We held one after-school meeting to which we welcomed the Rev. Frank Scuffham, the Diocesan Industrial Chaplain; the High School Christian Union were our guests on that occasion.

We have noted that members of our Fellowship seem to prefer private meditation to public discussion; unfortunately, this has often meant that we failed to get to grips with a subject.

As P. Thacker succeeds A. J. L. Jones as Secretary, we take this opportunity of thanking Jones for his conscientious work.

**FIELD SURVEY SOCIETY**

This year’s Easter Expedition was to Snowdonia, based once again on Golan School loaned to us by Caernarvonshire County Council. The party numbered 30 persons, 5 staff and 25 boys, travelling in three vans.
The party was divided into four sections for work, two groups of biologists and two groups of geographers. In both cases there was an advanced group and a first year group. The advanced biologists and geographers joined together to carry out work at Morfa Nefyn, and then carried out work separately on the Afon Glaslyn. The first year biologists and geographers carried out a programme basically the same as that followed the previous year.

An innovation this year has been the presentation of prizes for work carried out during the Expedition. The prizes were awarded this year to B. Longden (Advanced Work), D. Powis (First Year Biology), D. P. Abbott (First Year Geography).

OXFAM

During recent months much of the school, especially the third forms, has been busy raising money for Oxfam.

At fairly regular intervals, unsuspecting bystanders were seized upon and forced or persistently pestered until they bought a copy of any of three magazines. “The Reporter”, “The Andante Review” and “Our Paper” have grown up together, but in stiff competition with each other in the search for original material and ideas. However different in attitude and appearance the magazines were, they were united in their purpose—to raise money for Oxfam, which they did quite successfully.

A more conventional and now almost traditional activity was the Sixth Form Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term. Any surprise amongst the boys was completely surpassed by that of the builders on finding boys equipped with a banner and collecting tins, walking around the scaffold of the then uncompleted third floor of the main block of the new buildings. Despite their surprise, the men contributed quite willingly.

In the months after Christmas, P. Coleman began collecting for the Pledged Gifts Scheme, and boys from the second form to the sixth form, together with the masters have contributed £16 in the five months from January to May.

During the Easter holidays, several boys assisted in organising a performance given by the escapologist Mordini, in the Market Square one Saturday morning. Mordini gave an interesting display for which he charged nothing so that all the more money could be sent to Oxfam. This was timed to coincide with the arrival of Oxfam’s double-decker ‘bus carrying an exhibition describing the Pledged Gifts Scheme. However, owing to a ‘hitch’ the ‘bus did not arrive, but the event still raised nearly £12.

As a result of this activity, during recent weeks, the Wellingborough Youth Oxfam Group has been formed.
With the kind permission of the Headmaster, the first meeting of the Group was held in the School Hall. Mr. Will Warren, the area organiser for Oxfam, who complimented this school on the original ways in which it raises money, outlined a possible programme of events. After this, a committee of representatives from each school present, was elected. P. Coleman was appointed Secretary and M. J. Lambert was elected as the school's representative. The meeting concluded with a decision to have a dance as the first activity.

This was a great success, raising a total of £46 and, as a result, there will be another dance in the Autumn.

Activities will probably be suspended during the summer holidays but will recommence afterwards, when it is hoped they will be well supported, and as successful as the first ventures. P.C.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

It is pleasant to be able to report an increase in the use of the darkroom during the term when activity is usually at its lowest ebb: we hope for an even greater interest next term.

The only formal activities during the summer have been demonstrations of the techniques of developing films and of enlarging. After the demonstrations, members were able to practise what had been preached and most have now produced at least one presentable print (although there are still some weird and wonderful things emerging from the little room at the top of the stairs).

After a brief venture with 16 mm ciné films we have now decided that it is both unsatisfactory not to be able to process the films, and uneconomical to send them away for processing, and so we are concentrating on still photography. New members are welcome even if they know very little about photography—most of us know even less.

**RAILWAY CLUB**

Final arrangements are now being made for our rather ambitious programme in South Wales on 15th July. Leaving overnight, we expect to visit Newport, Pontypool Road, Aberbeeg, Rhymney, Merthyr, Dowlais, Aberdare, Treherbert, Ferndale, Abercynon, Radyr, Barry and Cardiff. As British Railways now insist on rail travel for the major part of the journey, the cost is rather higher than we would like and it is, therefore, particularly pleasing to find that Mr. Beacham will be accompanied by a party of twenty-four.

Our layout for Parents' Day will be materially the same as last year's but in a much more completed condition, particularly electrically. The last track item, the turntable, has been nearly finished with the help of gifts of an old gramophone motor and a cycle hub and Pope hopes to see it in full working order before he leaves. His departure will be a great loss to the Club.
RECORDE R CLUB

The Recorder Club continues to flourish. Thanks to the ingenuity of Mr. Chesters some of the players will have the experience of orchestral work in the Summer Recital of Music, while two members have taken to composing. Indeed, Forster (VIa) has written the four-part passacaglia to be given its premier this term.

SCOUTS

The Scouts’ year has gone by very much as usual—Autumn jumble sale, Christmas party, B.P.’s birthday party on the 22nd of February, Bob-a-Job in April, Silverwood Cup in May and Gilbey Cup in June. Summer Camp took place earlier than usual, during Whit week, at Drum Hill, the Derbyshire Association’s camp site at Little Eaton, near Derby.

The B.P.’s Party was more honoured than usual, the parental contingent this year including both the Headmaster and the District Commissioner. Six more scouts were invested at the party and the usual hoary jokes were resurrected and mildly murdered in the vaguely dramatic way that passes for entertainment on such occasions. We hope that the parents enjoyed their refreshments anyway!

The Silverwood Cup was (to Baldwin’s honest disbelief) once again returned by us to the jewellers for engraving. Well done the judges, say this year’s patrol!

The Gilbey Cup (to Huddart’s disappointment) was lost to Burton Latimer (owing perhaps to the exit of the fire at a crucial moment?). Nevertheless, well done indeed to come second.

Summer Camp for this year is over already, though we hope to enjoy some more camping, perhaps, before the year is out. It was a camp, all will agree, not without incident—a sort of conflation of Fireman Badge and Emergency Ward 10. We helped deal with one brush fire during Whit week-end, when a swarm of campers descended on the flames with water hot and cold and soon put it out. (Our water was hot—much to the chagrin of the duty patrol, who then had to repair to the nearest billabong, replenish the dixie and reboil, in order to provide enough hot water for the Quix one-drop test after dinner.)

The second fire we dealt with was more spectacular. There were two troops only on site by then—ourselves and one other. The gorse a few feet from their camp fire caught fire and flared up into the few small trees nearby. As we ourselves were encamped in a circle of dry gorse ourselves we took somewhat prompter action than the other troop, who stood by and watched, with the avowed intention of “letting it burn itself out” (farewell Drum Hill!).

Steve Allen pedalled off furiously to the nearest telephone, pursued by Pine, whose bike it was that was being pedalled. (The road was very rough.) However, Pine and the troop had reduced the fire to
mere ashes, before the fire brigade arrived and proceeded to slake the "thirsty ashes" with such a torrent of good Derbyshire water as would have broken the hearts of the Mid-Northants Water Board.

A certain scoutmaster spent eleven hours in all seated in the casualty waiting room at the Derby Children's Hospital, once with a knifed member of, I am a glad to say, another troop, and further with two less spectacularly injured of his own.

However, partly we feel for "services rendered", we received the most glowing of reports from the Camp Warden at the end of our stay.

Now we are hoping to be able to raise money for some sort of scout hut to be erected at school. We feel that a clubroom would give the troop a more continuous life and a more permanent centre on which troop activities might be focussed.

The seniors have taken one Public Service badge—the Ambulance badge, examined by Mr. L. Gotch; and one badge towards their Bushman's Thong, the Meteorological badge. We are grateful to Mr. L. Gotch and Mr. Tussler for their repeated kindness and help.

A party of ten seniors are going as the British representatives to the International Scout Camp at Karlsstad, in Sweden, at the end of July. S. Allen and R. Palmer will be in charge and S. Allen has done all of the considerable amount of work arranging the visit. After the camp they each have been invited to a Swedish home for a few days.

J.G.D.

STAMP CLUB

Meetings have been held regularly this term—although membership has been dropping.

We are very grateful to Mr. R. H. Temple for his many gifts of stamps which have made regular competitions both possible and exciting.

All budding philatelists are invited to come along on Friday lunchtimes in Room 13. There are new catalogues and magazines, to say nothing of stamps, awaiting them.

TOC H

Although the summer is the 'off' season as far as Toc H members are concerned, we have not done too badly. The Jumble Sale raised £10, not bad considering the weather. Our regular jobs of providing a library service for the Cottage and Highfield Hospitals and from time to time delivering grocery parcels to needly old people have continued efficiently. Next year we hope to have plenty of bright new members from the present third form.

I.G.F.

ANSWERS TO ELEPHANTIASIS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our main activities have largely been directed towards the headquarters building and an alternative playing field. We have not been able to finalise our plans on the headquarters, owing to problems of planning permission. However, it has been decided to appeal against this decision and steps are being taken to overcome the County Surveyor's objection as far as possible. A further meeting has been held with the Council regarding our sports field and although proceedings are slow we are hopeful that we shall obtain another playing area in the near future.

A very successful Ladies' Night was held in May thanks to the excellent arrangements of the Entertainments Committee.

The Rugby Club is flourishing and last season ran three teams, and the Cricket Club, although not very successful this season, is gaining in experience. The Table Tennis and Badminton Clubs are still functioning.

The Supporters' Club is gaining in strength and provides our main source of income. Once again it should be stressed that this organisation requires the full support of us all.

Much work has been carried out by the various sub-committees during the past year and we offer them our sincere thanks.

R. E. BRIDGEFORD.

CRICKET CLUB REPORT

Playing record:

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A mid-season look at the Club's playing record shows the present season to be a moderate one—so far.

In their first season in the County League, Division 2, the 1st XI have had some interesting matches, and of those lost, there have been some close and exciting finishes. Skipper A. Bird and D. Barker have been the outstanding performers, and with a little more support a respectable position can be held in the championship table at the season's end.

The 'friendly' cricket in the Club is being enjoyed as usual, the Sunday XI having an even record to date. The 2nd XI on Saturdays have been strengthened by several new club members, and the standard of cricket in this team is much improved.

Any Old Boy or school leaver interested in playing for the Club should contact the Match Secretary—J. BRIDGEFORD, 59 Gisburne Road, Wellingborough.
RUGBY CLUB REPORT

Results for season 1963–4:

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The season taken as a whole was a decided success and the playing results were gratifying. Both the 1st XV and the ‘A’ XV won more games than they lost. The ‘B’ XV in its first full season played 19 games, which is most promising for the future of the Club.

The 1st XV, captained by Bob Gotch, had a strong fixture list and was never disgraced in defeat. Whilst the performances of the team were never equal of the previous season in terms of games won, it nevertheless has several promising players in the side.

The ‘A’ XV, ably led by Bob Bridgeford, achieved a record that will be difficult to better. The standard of their attacking play was excellent, as the record of the points scored shows. The team spirit produced by the players was extremely high. The side generally is a young side and much will be heard of some of the members in seasons to come.

The ‘B’ XV surprised many members in the regularity with which it was possible to field a team. It must, however, be admitted that the team was not always at full strength, but there is no doubt that the members of the team enjoyed themselves. It was nursed along at the start of the season by Don Houghton until his enforced retirement through injury, and lated by Barry Drage. Both players are to be congratulated on their efforts for the Club.

The need for experienced older players to give a few year’s service towards the end of their playing careers to help the junior sides is a point to be stressed.

Any school leavers keen on Rugby are assured of a warm welcome.

D. G. STRATTON,
Hon. Secretary.

108 The Pyghtle,
Wellingborough.

UNIVERSITIES’ NEWS

BIRMINGHAM

S. J. DICKENS (Finals, English), ‘Sid’, driven by his disillusionment with Midlands soccer, to study English would offer no comment on rumours that his thirst for soccer had driven him to refuge at “The Dog and Duck” ground.
CAMBRIDGE

Two Old Boys went down this June. J. L. H. Bailey and R. J. Wrenn.

J. L. H. BAILEY (Selwyn) joins Shell-Mex and B.P. in September as a Trainee Manager. He skippered the very successful Selwyn team into the finals of the University Challenge competition on I.T.V., and has never dared to step foot in the Selwyn J.C.R. since.

R. J. WRENN (Caius) in August goes to Guildford for six months to attend the Law Society's College of Law for their final examinations in February next. He will then serve two years' articles with a firm of solicitors, probably in Northampton, prior to being admitted as a solicitor.

P. M. B. SLATER (Downing) is in his second year and reading Modern Languages. He has enjoyed the year, and is still a Baptist.

R. J. BLUNT (Fitzwilliam House), commonly known as "the Badge-man of Fitzbilly", is in his first year and reading Natural Sciences.

DERBY TRAINING COLLEGE

Now the only male among one hundred and thirty-five female students, SAWFORD has given up rock-climbing, but not train-spotting, in which cause is sometimes seen at midnight in Derby sidings, a lone figure, eyes aglow and notebook trembling in his hand, which exertions are the probable cause of his unquenchable thirst.

DURHAM

For the ninth successive term: "THOMPSON and SUMMERS, and his own characteristic amiable reticence prevented MacCRAE from reporting on O.G.'s this term." Is this a record?

HULL

D. R. BALL has friends among both mods and rockers, not from cowardice but from wish to hear both sides, he claims. Confesses he can find nothing wrong with University but its students.

G. TALL is a member of a small party-going clique. Is rumoured to have supped cider with the Chaplain.

LEEDS

R. COWLEY (Finals, Leather Science) is President of Leather Society. Has the appearance of a contented, well-fed farmer with a large subsidy.

C. BINGHAM occasionally appears from under chemical apparatus and files.

DOBNEY and SIMONS continue to create havoc in the Physics labs.

PAILING and STEVENSON are seemingly always boiler-suited and bespannered.
R. A. BAILEY is the author of lengthy fictional works and the inventor of a new literary genre. So far he has failed to interest the University’s literary magazine, “Poetry and Audience”. Has now graduated in his ‘other’ interest, Civil Engineering.

LAUDER (1st year Civil Engineering). His cropped head, bland smile and enigmatic spectacles continue to grace the civies’ coffee bar, with a regularity that suggests prosperity and confidence—or what you will.

STEVENSON is assiduously cultivating his reputation as the most hardworking O.G. ever to refuse the temptation to abandon hope and enter the Union buildings. Is so cautious that he has even stopped his rugby (or soccer) v. the Turkish Society for fear of offending General Grivas.

LONDON

King’s College

T. G. CHAPMAN has been lost to even the keenest eye since his unsuccessful attempt to smuggle on to a Birch coach a duffle bag thought to contain the penniless R. A. KNIGHT, financially ruined by his failure to propagate a hybrid of Indian plants and Virginia tobacco.

A. G. MAWSON is a devotee of the Stones. Contemporaries will recall Alan’s own musical talents, and the endless varieties of tone and pitch he could produce from an otherwise ordinary 6 inch ruler.

S. R. WILBUR has this term found London more of a magnet. The standard of Rushden’s weekend fish deliveries has consequently declined.

Queen Mary College

D. POWELL, by virtue of his car, his weekend journeys home, and his known charity, continues to prove the O.G. most popular amongst his fellows.

G. W. KEARSLEY is anxiously awaiting the result both of finals and his application for (another) overdraft.

Nothing, however, would dare to perturb R. J. BRADSHAW: his disastrous flirtation with “Beowulf” elicited merely a reluctant confession of genius, and an assurance that sessional examinations are a reliable guide neither to ability nor to industry. Other flirtations have proved more successful.

R. J. FROST grows so tall that even I. G. PRIOR only reaches his shoulders. Even so, Milton’s ‘superior by a head’ is more usually applied to Brad.

M. L. ABRAHAMS wears pink shirts and shorter-than-short hair, but denies being a mod. For Abe, Leytonstone Bowl has proved a greater attraction than Ascot, Lords, or Wimbledon.
G. H. GINNS. Franco and sickness have proved too much for the quixotic Gerald, who after three months' wandering on the peninsula, has beaten a hasty retreat for fear of being classed as a tourist.

University College

N. A. BAYES. The coinciding of the arrivals in Denmark of this gentleman and Mr. Kruschev is confidently expected to topple the Danish government.

With the end of the Rugby season last term, Messrs. BILLING, BUCHTA, and WARRINGTON have been forced to work, if only to fill in the time until the vacation.

M. ROUND is (of course) still smiling, despite the imminence of finals, and the struggle of every Economics student to shun identification with that weekly.

P. ROBINSON has found out the hard way that Bamber Gascoigne is no substitute for college lectures.

G. RANDALL, when not working, is dancing in caves and on islands.

Battersea College

R. BRYAN has returned to the home of the farmhouse pie after another successful term, once more to bless "United Counties" with his labours.

G. HODGKINS has every Monday provided cabaret on Birch's 8-15 a.m. London coach. Most enchantingly has proved his rendering of "Little Children" to the young ladies of Bedford's Dame Alice Harpur School. Many predict that Geoff. and his guitar will go far; for JAMES, his neighbour, it cannot go far enough.

P. WALTON has this term been engaged upon food research believed to be aimed at meeting the ad. man's challenge to 'unzip a banana'.

Borough Road Training College

R. BROWN appears to have forsaken Jim Hardie for Dusty Springfield; all but Miss Springfield are relieved.

R. A. BARDEN is the epitome of sartorial and tonsorial elegance, and now among the élite who have made the pilgrimage to The Cavern.

D. CRADDICK works hard and is fast developing into an all-round man.

R. F. GARDINER, P. E. JACKSON, and J. KIRK have all joined the fraternity of the Redundant Rugby Player, and are occupying their spare time with less energetic indoor 'sport'.

J. TYE is usually to be found in Norman's Café. We suppose he is still at college.
London Hospital Medical School

P. CATLIN is still his jovial, communicative self, especially after learning that his overdraft isn't! Another habitué at Norman's, he seems to get home even more than Abe.

BRITTON, alternatively, has never been seen, not even by Catlin. Perhaps two Old Grammarians have proved too much for these old walls to contain.

P. F. BAXTER (Royal College of Music) returns to Wellingborough every Thursday, because, he claims, his mother's washing machine supports his music better than a music stand. Receives astronomic fees for recording T.V. jingles.

A. C. BOND (Charing Cross Hospital Medical School) and B. MAHER (King's College Hospital) are both despairing after the admission of nurses to the University Union. Maher seeks oblivion in work, while Bond remains cheerful with the thought that neither Jim Kildare nor Ben Casey, can play drums.

C. R. DOBBS (College of SS. Mark and John, Chelsea) is now the unquestionably proud possessor of stainless steel bones in his right forearm, which, he says, go well his iron nerves. We hope the arm mends satisfactorily.

Another casualty this term has been T. A. WOOD, and we wish him a speedy return to health.

T. BIRCH (Royal Dental College) claims never to have heard of Messrs. Neville and Coleman.

R. J. SEWELL (Northampton College) is another elusive character, save for brief but spectacular appearances at local carnivals.

H. S. D. COLE, the scrap-man's good angel, is as active as always in the second-hand car trade. "Driven by Cole" is becoming synonymous with "M.O.T. tested".

NEWCASTLE

FOAKES (2nd year, Dental) appraised his old mentors in the Common Room at the end of the Summer term and caused many of them to complain that he looked them straight in the teeth in a most engagingly professional and clinical manner.

NOTTINGHAM

M. E. RIDGE (Finals, Mod. Lang.) rejected all temptations, even the opportunity of hearing R.J.S. address the University Nuclear Disarmament Society, of which he (Ridge) was an officer, and has now been rewarded with an Hons. B.A. degree.
OXFORD

D. O. TALL (Wadham) has been seen reading enormous French mathematics books while waiting to be served in Woolworths. He claims, at last, to have discovered what the problem is and is now able to keep his two first year students fully occupied. I also hear from an unreliable source that he has conducted the College orchestra with extreme competence.

K. BINGHAM (St. Peter's) has been assured of a degree in Chemistry of some sort if he can survive another three terms of practical research. There is a real danger, however, that this degree will be awarded posthumously, unless he overcomes the habit of exceeding the speed limit down the Cornmarket on a bicycle.

M. J. NEWELL (Regent's Park) has not been seen since he announced that he was reading theology—he may be doing the practical course.

P. NEWELL (St. Peter's) failed to enjoy a party given by D. O. Tall because of a five lobed sea shell on the mantelpiece; he just gazed in awe at this biochemical paradox all evening.

P. WHITE (Pembroke) has taken Physics finals this term. It could be he who discovered how to make Cadbury's chocolate wrappers explode, and installed a Cadbury's chocolate wrapper machine beside his much-loved coffee machine in the chemistry laboratory.

B. WESTCOTT (Balliol) a second year mathematician indulges in long, excited conversations about D. O. Tall's conducting technique. These discussions are unintelligible to the uninitiated but one word "delius" always figures prominently; considerable research shows this to be a noun derived from the Latin verb "deleo" meaning to destroy or annihilate.

I. GRIFFITHS (Balliol) is spending this long vac. carrying out a geographical survey of the country yokels near Cambridge. This puts him right in his element and all questions are answered by a hearty "Arrr...rr." Still of fine physique and amazingly fit he has made several high scores for the Balliol Erractics—a cricket team specially for gentlemen who have never played before.

B. J. LEGG (Balliol) a first year physicist rowed for the College school's eight. This dishonesty was justly rewarded as the boat was overtaken in less than a minute on four days running. On returning home he is somewhat disillusioned to find that he still cannot answer 'O' Level questions on magnetism and electricity.

J. KNIGHTON (Balliol). Unfortunately I have no idea which of the 10,000 members of the University he is—I couldn't interview everyone!

C. TALBOT (St. Catherine's) rowing for St. Catherine's first eight could easily have allowed Balliol's second eight to win but he didn't. Not waiting to get his degree, let alone a D.Phil., he is spending this long vac. selling his British genius to the U.S.A.
SHEFFIELD

TERRY GOTCH (Physics). Terry spends his time working hard for his finals and visiting one of the local training colleges. In congratulating him on his engagement, no one need guess which takes priority.

CHRIS. SIMPSON (Civil Engineering). Our 'smooth' man in Sheffield is also attempting to work for his finals. Similarly he has a distraction, though he is aided by being in a Hall of Residence where visiting hours are limited.

JOHN RAWLINS (Metallurgy). Still supports a beard and owns a car (of a sort!). He been elected to the Students' Representative Council, the Student Finance Committee, and is the Treasurer of the Folk Song Society—thus one understands how John is able to run his car.

BARRIE TALL (Economics). Barrie has been swotting conscientiously for all of his final exams this year. He has also been elected to the S.R.C., plus the Union House Committee and the University Catering Committee. He denies that he and Rawlins intend to take over the University.

RICHARD LOMAS (Economics). We are sorry that Dick has not been able to attend at Sheffield since before Christmas owing to ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him around next year.

"NOGGY" PEARSON (Architecture). One sees him only rarely to wish him the occasional good morning. I do hope it is Noggy.

SUSSEX

W. T. ALDWINCKLE (lst year, B.Sc.) has not been seen since the mod-rocker riots disturbed him in his search for the missing drains in Sir Basil Spence's new buildings. It is feared that lacking a soldier's or policeman's uniform or cricket whites he may have incurred at Whitsun the suspicion of the Brighton police authorities of not being a respectable citizen. Another rumour attributes engagement to him.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

R. A. BAILEY has been awarded a D.I.S.R research grant and is to study at Leeds University for a Ph.D. in the determination and utilization of water resources in the Pennine Chain.

P. J. DICKENSON is now an Assistant Lecturer in Geography at the University of Liverpool and is visiting South America to collect research material.
D. R. LAWRENCE has passed the Intermediate examination of the R.I.C.S. and is now working for the Final part I examination which he hopes to take in Spring, 1966.

J. O. GREENHALF is now a House Surgeon in Gynecology for the Westminster Group of Hospitals and resident at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. He was captain of swimming at Westminster Hospital and recipient of Hospital Colours for swimming and rugby.

A. C. HAMMOND is working at the President Steyn and Welkom Gold Mines, Johannesburg, South Africa, under the terms of his mining scholarship. Since Christmas his work in the Survey Dept. has allowed him to measure gold reserves and check for gold still underground which should have been removed. He fears that Mr. Ridge will be horrified to hear that he has to use Spanish for some of his conversations with Portuguese East African workers there. Hammond records that the latter too derive considerable amusement from his efforts in this direction. Though or rather because, the Editor disagrees with the doctrine, he thinks that Hammond's justification of "separate development", i.e. Apartheid, is worth quoting because of the insight it offers into the issues of Apartheid, "Too many people consider the natives as black white men; I consider them to be of their own kind, their own culture, and I want to see them keep their own way of life—hence I believe in separate development." He paints a happy picture of "natives" putting on weight on their joining the mining company and enjoying "free food, free housing, all sports and entertainments and (very important) beer free," and later comments thus on the wages of his 'boss boy', "For a man who cannot read or write, to be able to send £5 a month to his wife and have his own banking account is not too bad in my opinion." Outside the mine, Hammond has taken up surfing and listening to late-night Beatles' programmes. He is due to fly home for a holiday in the first week in August.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES


J. L. H. Bailey—B.A., Hons., Class II ii, Economics, Selwyn, Cambridge.

M. E. Ridge—B.A., Hons., Class II i, Mod. Lang., Nottingham University.


E. M. Warrington—B.Sc., Hons., Class I, Physiology, London.

T. M. Gotch—B.Sc., Hons., Class II, Sheffield University.

J. O. Greenhalf—M.B.B.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.) and M.R.C.S. (Eng.), College Prize in Pathology and Bacteriology, Westminster Hospital, London.

S. J. Dickens—B.A., Hons., Class II i, English, Birmingham University.

G. W. Kearsley—B.A., Hons., Class II i, Geography, Queen Mary College, London.
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