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N. I. PALMER
All-England Schoolboys' 440 Yards Champion

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No. 65 AUTUMN TERM, 1964

SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: B. K. Tanner.

Second Prefect: B. Bellamy.

Prefects:

W. R. Orton
A. Randall
J. Rawlins
P. Coleman
R. J. Pine
P. A. Hale
N. M. Sinclair
S. G. Bird
J. R. Forster
N. J. Wookey

D. J. Shortland
R. D. Hale
R. J. Iliffe
P. Thacker
P. J. Bale
C. J. Bennett
S. W. Grant
W. Drew
R. Gilbert
D. Toseland

This term we welcome to the staff six new masters. Mr. A. R. Kingston (Physics); Mr. R. J. Lane (Chemistry); Mr. R. E. Oberman (English); Mr. D. F. Sturman (English); Mr. R. B. Taylor (P.E. and Mathematics); Mr. T. G. Tomlinson (Metalcraft and Engineering Drawing) and Mr. D. S. Wilson (English).

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mr. C. F. Taylor who leaves us to become Head of the Modern Languages Department at King Edward VI School, Bury St. Edmunds. We thank Mr. Taylor for his many contributions to school life and wish him success and happiness in his new post.

We congratulate N. I. Palmer on winning the All-England Schools’ Quarter Mile in a time of 48 seconds.

J. E. Pack won the 1964 Prize of the Royal Geographical Society for the best Geography result in the country.

B. Bellamy, R. J. Pine, and P. Thacker have played for the Northamptonshire Schools’ Senior XV and C. M. Farrow has played regularly for the County Under-15 XV. B. L. Anker and E. W. Davies have also played, and P. J. Sullivan has been reserve for the junior side.

Visits have been made this term to the Palace Theatre, Wellingborough, to see Molière’s “Le Médecin malgré Lui”, and to the London Planetarium.
The new classroom block has been in use this term and the connecting bridge is now completed. As the Assembly Hall will not be in use until next term the School play will be produced in March of next year.

The Gymnasium is now in use and has proved a great stimulus to the Gymnastics Club, and other groups of enthusiasts.

Mr. D. F. Sturman, who is a fencing instructor, has begun a School Fencing Club.

We congratulate Mr. R. B. Taylor on being chosen to play in the first England Rugby Trial on Saturday, 5th December.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge receipt of Contemporaries.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

P. D. S. WHITE
P. C. NEWELL
G. RANDALL
R. M. WARRINGTON
K. D. BILLING
R. A. BAILEY
M. E. RIDGE
P. T. WOODING
S. J. DICKENS
G. W. KEARSLEY
J. L. H. BAILEY
T. R. HUTCH
C. V. J. SIMPSON
D. G. ROBERTS
R. J. WRENN
D. G. PEARSON
K. D. BINGHAM
R. I. S. WHITE
G. GILL
J. F. PARSONS
D. R. HILL
D. J. PAYNE
I. H. NICHOLAS

1st Class Hons. Natural Science, Pembroke College, Oxford.
1st Class Hons. Physiology, London Hospital.
1st Class Hons. Physics, University College, London.
II. 1 Hons. Mechanical Engineering, Leeds.
II. 1 Hons. Modern Languages, Nottingham.
II. 1 Hons. Mechanical Engineering, University College, London.
II. 1 Hons, English, Birmingham.
II. 1 Hons. Geography, Queen Mary College, London.
II. 2 Hons. Economics, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
II. 2 Hons. Physics, Sheffield.
II. 2 Hons. Civil Engineering, Sheffield.
III. Hons. Law, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.
III. Hons. Architecture, Sheffield.
General Ordination Examination, Mirfield.
B.D.S. Hons., London Hospital.
B.Pharm. Hons., Leicester College of Technology.
Diploma of Agriculture, Harper Adams College.
Diploma of National College of Food Technology.
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C. M. ABBOTT
P. R. BETTS
R. J. BENGOIST
P. J. CAVE
A. CLARIDGE
D. J. COLLINS
A. J. H. COX
C. R. DAVIES
B. L. GILBERT
D. J. HILL
T. E. LINE
D. G. LITCHFIELD
S. J. NESBITT
E. R. NEVETT
I. J. PARTRIDGE
P. W. SEAL
A. D. SHORT
R. J. SMART
P. J. SMITH
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M. W. GILKS
H. J. M. HARRIS
R. P. KINGLE

Lang.; Lit.; F; Sp; H; M; P; C.
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This season has seen the emergence of the strongest and most efficient 1st XV produced for some years. A certain amount of self-doubt was felt when the first match was lost at Towcester in a close and keenly contested game, but thereafter fortune has smiled upon us, although a benevolent Providence has not been the sole agent of a success to which the results below bear ample witness.
Naturally, there have been some faults. The technique of packing and pushing in set scrums has not been above reproach. We have lacked a dominant line-out forward. Marking and tackling by the centres have caused a few anxious moments in the harder games, but these loose threads have not spoiled the texture of play as a whole.

The vital issue of this season—bearing in mind the problems of last year—was whether the forwards could become sufficiently dominant to serve a back division of known potential. This they have done well and adequacy in set pieces has been reinforced by speed and stamina in loose play, from which possession is crucial. Each of the eight has become proficient in handling and their share in initiating and continuing attacking movements has been of great value. There has always been someone in support of the man with the ball. Initiative and enterprise in broken patterns of plays have been encouraged and have developed increasingly.

The halves have continued from where they left off last season. The new laws favour the running scrum-half and many breaks have come from the base of the scrum. A quick service has helped Bellamy, last year’s captain, to establish a rhythm in the line. He is a complete player and his breaks, kicking and covering have often decided the course of the game. In the centre, thrustful if not guileful running has brought many tries, though as yet not enough use has been made of speed on the wing. Any wing must have the ball early, with room to move, in order to be effective. At full back we have been served reliably and few errors have been made in fielding.

We have depended less on individual talent than on the cohesive play of the side as a whole. Solidarity and determination has been there in plenty. At half-time against King’s we were but 6—5 up, just having lost our hooker with a broken collar bone, and having one centre with a pulled thigh muscle. Yet, against the odds, we fought strongly enough to finish well on top.

There has been an excellent self-generating spirit in the side, well led by Tanner through precept and example, which has seen them through difficult moments, enabled them to add something to the sum total of individual capacity and to feel a genuine pride in what has been achieved.

One must not omit to add a word of thanks to our two regular touch judges, Dofort and Olney, who have fulfilled their task assiduously and with marked efficiency.


S. Johnson, K. D. Shurville, W. Drew and A. Randall have also played.
Results

October
Wed. 7 v. Towcester G.S. 1st XV Lost 6—9
Sat. 10 v. Deacon’s G.S. 1st XV Won 35—0
Sat. 17 v. Kettering G.S. 1st XV Won 32—0
Thurs. 29 v. Oundle 3rd XV Won 34—0

November
Sat. 7 v. King’s G.S. 1st XV Won 22—10
Tues. 17 v. Stowe 2nd XV Won 13—0
Sat. 21 v. Dunsmore School 1st XV Won 27—16

2nd XV

This has been a moderately successful term for the Second XV, with three victories and three losses. Only five or six of last year’s team have been available this season, and the lack of experience has been one of the most obvious features of the team’s play. This, coupled with a lack of weight and strength, has meant that the side has seldom been able to dominate a game, especially in the forwards. Resolute play has been the saving grace, and as the skills of the game improve so will the performance of the side. With so many young players in the team this year the future prospects look brighter.

Rawlins, the captain, and Drew have been the strong men of the pack, and have also set a high standard of play. Betts, the stand-off, shows considerable ability but is hampered by his small stature. The whole team shows a constant improvement and looks forward to continuing success.


Results

Oct. 3 v. Northampton T.H.S. 1st XV Lost 0—24
Oct. 7 v. Towcester G.S. 2nd XV Won 48—3
Oct. 17 v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XV Won 23—0
Oct. 21 v. Bedford Modern 2nd XV Lost 5—18
Nov. 7 v. King’s G.S. 2nd XV Lost 10—22
Nov. 14 v. Bedford Athletic Colts ‘A’ Won 18—8

UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 XV is a team which seems to improve noticeably with each game it plays. The bare statistics of its record give no real indication of the team’s ability, and some of the best rugby has been played in matches which the records merely list as defeats.

After a good start to the season—wins over Deacon’s and Kettering—the team suffered four consecutive defeats when its forwards, outpushed and outjumped, were unable to obtain the
possession which is vital to allow its penetrating backs to move. Reorganisations took place, and now the pack is larger, livelier, and far more confident. The front row is solid, the second row, large and hard-working, and the back row a surprisingly constructive force.

Outside the scrum Farrow and Pearce have been outstanding, while the other backs, although lacking a little in speed, have conceded nothing to these two in thought and determination. The wingers are probably the strongest in the district—alas, how rarely they see the ball! However, the foundations of a good team have been laid, and the second half of the season should show a distinct improvement in the record. It will also, it is to be hoped, not bring with it such a crop of injuries as have been so far experienced.

Colours have been awarded to: Huddart, Anker, Freeman, Farrow, Pearce, Sullivan, Hill.

The following have also played: Betts, Hall, Povey, Aveyard, Rollings, Hawthorn, Cox, Roberts, Ager, Cooper, Elliott, Fielder, Wiegleb, Lever.

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**UNDER 14 XV**

The standard of play has improved throughout the term with the backs usually playing a pleasing, open game. The forwards have been active and impressive both in the tight and in the loose. There is, of course, still room for improvement—and there are a number of promising reserves pressing for places in the team. Of the present team, Howes has been a most efficient full back, Molcher the most energetic of the forwards, and Murdin and Munday have both been efficient captains.

Results

Oct. 17 v. Kettering G.S.     Drawn 21—21
Oct. 21 v. Bedford Modern     Won 8—6
Nov. 7 v. King’s, Peterborough Won 29—0
Nov. 10 v. Oundle Berrystead Won 0—66
Nov. 21 v. Rushden Secondary Modern Won 11—37

A.L.J.A. & D.S.W.

UNDER 13 XV

To date only two matches have been played. After defeat in the first the team learned many lessons and looked a much more effective unit.

The forwards have shown more spirit, unity and power recently and could weld into a powerful pack. Passing has been weak amongst the three-quarters. Too often the ball is ‘carried’ or lobbed to the next in line and such movements are easily countered. The ability to pass is not easily acquired and the backs will have to practice assiduously.

Tackling is improving rapidly and if present enthusiasm is maintained this group will have a successful future to look forward to.


Results

Oct. 21 v. Bedford Modern Under 13 XV Lost 3—6
Nov. 14 v. Corby G.S. Under 13 XV Won 8—0

R.V.S.W. & T.G.T.

CRICKET

1st XI

Of the six matches played in July two games were won and four were lost. Yet in many ways the cricket played was more rewarding than in the earlier, more successful part of the season. Bellamy, taking over the captaincy, infused new life into the team. The fielding improved considerably, largely due to the fact that wicket-keeper Drew gained in confidence and set an example which was splendidly followed by the rest of the side.

Low scores continued to prevail but nevertheless we saw a delightful attacking cameo from Moore in the match against Wellingborough Thursday and a sensible innings from Shortland in the last game of the season. Of the bowlers Barron and Bellamy toiled away magnificently till the end of the season but received little help from either the wickets or the change bowlers.
King's School, Peterborough 83 (Bellamy 5 for 36) : W.G.S. 84 for 6.

Won by 4 wickets.

On a really fast track Bellamy's pace off the wicket was uncomfortable to bat against and he returned the excellent figures of 5 for 36 with a fine maintained spell of fast bowling. However, despite having over two hours' batting time we made very hard work of scoring the runs needed for victory and at one stage a draw was by far the likeliest result. Eventually we scraped home with a few minutes to spare.

W.G.S. 83 : Deacon's School, Peterboro' 52 (J. A. Barron 7 for 22).

Won by 31 runs.

Batting first we managed to score 83 against some very useful off-spin bowling. Deacon's found Barron on the spot and they just reached the fifty mark. Barron once again showed that if you bowl a steady length you will get wickets in time.

Old Grammarians 146 for 8 dec. : W.G.S. 84. Lost by 62 runs.

Once again we made early inroads into the O.G.'s batting and once again their middle order batsmen demonstrated their powers of recovery. Despite steady bowling the runs mounted steadily and a fair declaration was made eight short of the one hundred and fifty mark. The school's early batsmen made little attempt to go for the runs thus putting our lower batsmen in an impossible situation. A win for the O.G.'s was the right result—a tame draw would have been a travesty of justice.

W.G.S. 61 : Kettering G.S. 62 for 1 (J. A. Barron 5 for 25).

Lost by 2 wickets.

The Kettering game produced a fascinating struggle. Kettering, understandably as they had earlier defeated us by 10 wickets, expected an easy victory. We were dismissed for 61 leaving Kettering plenty of time to score the necessary runs to win. Barron and Bellamy bowled magnificently and broke through the early batting and then a shower of rain brought the element of time into consideration. As the wickets fell the Kettering total slowly mounted until they deservedly scraped home, having produced the only really positive batting of the match. All praise to our Eleven for a courageous fight.

W.G.S. 98 for 11 : The Masters 99 for 4. Lost by 7 wickets.

In a twelve-a-side match the school received their customary defeat. Against a very varied attack, six different bowlers figured amongst the wickets, the school only mustered 97 and this was due mainly to determined batting by Shortland and a hilarious last-wicket stand by J. A. Brown and Shoemark. However, the Masters' batting was equally determined and useful innings by Messrs.
Bantoft, Templar and Sparrow saw the school heavily defeated. An enjoyable game which was a fitting climax to the end of the season.

1st XI Colours were awarded to B. Bellamy and J. A. Barron. Half-Colours were awarded to: Southward, Ellis, Ottewell, Moore, Drew, Shoemark.

2nd XI

The Second Eleven concluded their season with three exciting, tight and enjoyable games in which their team spirit and enthusiasm, still strong despite Buckby’s absence, carried them through.

King’s 2nd XI 97 (Stevenson 6 for 28) : W.G.S. 98 for 8 (Drew 36).

King’s collapsed to fine slow bowling by Stevenson, the medium pacers for once having failed to reap the spoils. As usual a hundred runs were hard work for the 2nd XI, but a sterling innings by Drew saw us through by the handsome margin of two wickets.

W.G.S. 60 : Deacon’s 59. Won by 1 run.

Against Deacon’s the batting once more failed to run up a huge score but the bowlers rose nobly to the challenge. Various permutations were tried and the wickets began to fall. In a most exciting finish the last Deacon’s batsman was dismissed with two runs needed for victory.

Kettering G.S. 68 (Hodges 7 for 13) : W.G.S. 69 for 9.

The 2nd XI kept its reputation to the last for surviving in very close finishes. Good bowling by Hodges saw Kettering castled for 68 and victory was finally accomplished with our last pair at the wicket.

The fact that the 2nd XI has had such a successful season is due mainly to Buckby’s excellent leadership and ability to arouse enthusiasm and a will to win from a very average side. One hopes that their efforts will not have gone unnoticed by other school sides.

UNDER 15 XI

An excellent spell of sustained pace and accuracy by Crossley put the match against King’s within our grasp, but we struggled mightily in compiling the meagre total required. The batting again failed miserably against Kettering, apart from Dobbs who batted stoutly in a guest appearance, and we were well beaten.

The Under 15 XI had not changed its spots, and although bowling and fielding were commendable we had few batsmen capable of scoring against accurate bowling. The few with potential too seldom showed the necessary application to stay long.

Colours were awarded to: Gayton, Francis, McGeorge, Hobley, D. J. Hill.
Results

July 7  King's G.S. 40 (Crossley 8 for 10).    W.G.S. 42 for 7.  Won by 3 wickets.
July 18  Kettering G.S. 96 (Crossley 5 for 34, Hobley 3 for 27).  W.G.S. 38 (Dobbs 30).

UNDER 14 XI

The Under 14 XI finished its season with a heavy defeat by Deacon's. A. Brown bowled well but Deacon's scored well over the hundred. We only managed to score forty-eight in reply.

UNDER 13 XI

The Under 13 XI finished their season on a high note. Two good wins were recorded against Deacon's and Corby. A notable feature of both games was the keenness shown in the field and the recognition that cricket is a team game.

Certain individuals deserve mention: Phillips at last came good with a sparkling innings against Deacon's and also shows signs of developing into a competent wicket-keeper. Butler, Gray and Homan had useful spells with the ball and Willmott showed that fielding can win matches. They have shown that there is a useful nucleus around which to build next year's Under 14 side.

Fielding Caps were awarded to: Gray, Homan, Phillips, Thacker, Howes, Butler, Hoddle.

Results

Deacon's 53 (Butler 6 for 5) : W.G.S. 58 for 7 wickets.  Won by 3 wickets.
Corby G.S. 59 (Gray 4 for 16, Homan 4 for 14) : W.G.S. 60 for 5.  Won by 5 wickets.

P.E. COMPETITION

1. Dragons  .....  ....... 31½ pts.
2. Stags  .....  ....... 28 pts.
3. Gryphons  .....  ....... 25½ pts.
4. Lions  .....  ....... 25 pts.

WARWICK HURDLES CUP

1st Forms  2nd Forms  3rd Forms
1. Willers, A. D.  S  1. Hager, M. F.  D  1. Pearce, L. G.  L

4th Forms  5th Forms  6th Forms
2. Stoker, G.  G  2. Betts, P. R.  G  2. Lindsell, P.  L
Final Result

1. Dragons ....... 33 pts.
2. Lions ........... 21 pts.
3. Stags ........... 20 pts.
4. Gryphons ...... 12 pts.

HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

House Masters:

Head of House: B. Bellamy.
Secretary: W. R. Orton.

Prefects:

This term the Hon. Secretary finds surprisingly little to complain about. The success of our senior rugby team is virtually predictable since two members play in the County XV and at least half the others compose the School 1st XV. The junior team perhaps need not be so confident since they have lost their only match so far. Both Bellamy and Molcher are to be thanked, nonetheless, for devoting so much time and energy to the priming of their respective teams. Bellamy especially should be bestowed with honours befitting his formulation of an intriguing code-language.

Finally D. H. Williams, W. Drew, S. G. Bird, N. M. Sinclair, N. J. Wookey and D. Toseland join the esoteric few who have the privilege of flaunting House Colours.

GRYPHONS

House Masters:

Head of House: P. Coleman.
House Secretary: P. R. Betts.

At the end of the summer term we regretfully said goodbye to Mr. P. H. Templar. We welcome in his place Mr. D. S. Wilson and we hope he will enjoy his stay as House Master.

Since the publication of the last magazine three competitions have been decided, the results of which do not make very good reading for Gryphons. In the cricket competition, in spite of gallant efforts by all the players, the seniors only succeeded in winning one match while the juniors lost all of theirs. Other disappointments were in the P.E. and Hurdles competitions—our final placings being third and fourth respectively.
In the Rugby competition, the seniors, under the able leadership of Grant, have won one and lost one match, and the juniors, under Phillips, have lost both theirs.

**LIONS**


**Head of House:** A. Randall.

**Senior Rugby:** I. Rawlins.  **Junior Rugby:** B. Murdin.

**Secretary:** P. J. Bale.

**Drama:** A. Randall, R. Anker.  **Music:** M. J. Lambert.

We welcome all new Lions to the House.

Since the publication of the summer term edition of the magazine, the Cricket and P.E. competitions have been decided, but we were not successful in either.

At the initial House Meeting the hope was expressed that this year would bring improved results, and it was up to all Lions to see that this happened.

In spite of spirited efforts, our senior Rugby team has lost both rounds of the House matches played so far. We are somewhat encouraged, however, by the performances of our junior XV, who have succeeded in winning their first match, but who have lost to the Stags in the second round.

Finally, we would like to wish all Lions, past and present, a Happy Christmas.

**STAGS**

**House Masters:**


**Head of House:** B. K. Tanner.  **House Secretary:** R. Munday.

**School Prefects:**


**House Prefects:** K. Lewis, R. Munday.

Since the last issue of the magazine two competitions, the Cricket and the P.T., have been decided, Stags coming second in each. In the Rugby competition being played this term, our position looks favourable, for in the two rounds so far played the seniors have won one match and the juniors two.

Finally we wish all Stags, past and present, a Happy Christmas and all success in the coming year.
The Summer Music Recital was given in the School Hall on Tuesday, 21st July, and was well supported by parents and friends who made an appreciative audience, and who caught the spirit of a number of unusual items.

The Junior Choir's items were well received; their words were clear and there was a sense of enjoyment in their singing. The three folk songs with percussion accompaniment proved a popular item, and the audience joined in the choruses of "Down in Demerara" with considerable enthusiasm.

The Recorder Club continues to flourish under Mr. Taylor's direction, and the choice of music was particularly interesting this time, being a composition by one of their members, J. R. Forster. Though somewhat lacking in contrasts, it was a workmanlike piece, and we look forward to hearing more from him in the future.

The three items which followed were first heard at this year's House Music Competition, and were placed first by the adjudicator in their respective classes. The pieces were well contrasted in style and received good performances.

The singing of J. Joyce was much appreciated: he has a fine voice and good diction, which owes not a little to the training of Mr. Taylor who accompanied at the piano. The setting of "Sweet Polly Oliver", by Benjamin Britten, was a good choice, and Joyce brought it off well.

Elgar's "Three Bavarian Dances" were played by the Brass and Woodwind Ensemble with commendable enthusiasm. They did well to settle down after what might have been a disastrous start to the first movement. The final dance suffers from being too long, and the heavy brass became rather ponderous after a time. However, the piece finished with a flourish, and the general standard of playing was adequate, though not as high as last year. We are grateful to a number of Old Boys, and two other helpers, who increased our playing strength considerably and made it possible to perform these pieces.

The Senior Choir's item was a memorable one this year: the melodies of Borodin's "Polovsian Dances" are familiar to everyone, and the choir sang with real fervour. The orchestral colour was missed, but the two-piano accompaniment by Mr. Taylor and M. J. Lambert added immensely to the success of the piece, and they did well to cope with the complications of this most rhythmic music. The addition of some percussion parts added a spice to the performance by the choir, which was considerably larger this year, having some 65 voices.

Altogether, a most successful evening and one to remember with pleasure.
Excursion Day this year was on 15th July, and a party of 20 musical enthusiasts visited the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill, London, to see a collection of instruments which is reputed to be the finest of its kind in this country.

It had been planned to attend a concert in the City in the evening, but no musical performances were available that night, so this part of the project had to be abandoned.

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MR. C. F. TAYLOR: The departure of Mr. Taylor for Bury St. Edmunds at the end of this term will leave a vacuum in the school's musical life which will be hard to fill. He has been actively engaged in the making of music here for a number of years, and, as well as being responsible for the existence of the Recorder Club, he has helped regularly with the Junior and Senior Choirs, both as accompanist and as singer. He sings bass, tenor and alto with equal success, and when he has been unable to attend rehearsals with the Senior Choir, there is always one section which feels itself less adequate than usual, and at least three-quarters of the Senior Choir will now feel his absence keenly.

A number of boys will remember Mr. Taylor as a piano teacher, and perhaps more still as choirmaster and organist of All Saints' Church, Wellingborough.

We are all the more grateful for Mr. Taylor's interests in the school's music, since his primary function here has been the teaching of modern languages, and we thank him for giving so freely of his spare time in fostering musical activities.

We wish him success in his new post.

IMPERIA AND LUCERNE — 1964

Plans for this tour had met with a serious setback in October, 1963, when, having booked the party for Lucerne and Lugano, our Lugano hotel suddenly got into financial difficulties and suspended business. So great is the pressure on accommodation for school parties that bookings for summer parties have to be completed by the previous November, and we were therefore very fortunate to get the co-operation of other schools already booked, reverse the order of our tour and get Imperia on the Italian Riviera instead of Lugano. We had now to face an outward journey about 400 miles longer than originally intended and as the last straw British Railways put us on a relief train to reach our destination after midnight on Sunday, having left Wellingborough at lunch-time on Friday! How nice it would have been to manage to do so!

Four hundred miles added to the itinerary by our change of centre had to be paid for and, to save money, we were for the first time to make the complete run to Dover by coach. This journey is quite far
enough for a party with luggage but when 57 are invited to get into a 43-seater and a minibus (10) conditions become impossible, particularly for the hopelessly overloaded minibus. To put a journey of seven hours briefly—we stopped 20 minutes at the Busy Bee, a few minutes on the outskirts of London to get into the 49-seater we should have had in the first place and then went straight for Dover and just managed to beat the boat-train to the ship, to be the first on board! For once we were able to watch others crowding on in discomfort! Jumping forward to the next morning, we were to leave Basel in the Gotthard Express (the best train on the route) at 11.37, but when we were standing in Basel until nearly noon, experienced travellers feared the worst! Due to a slight accident on an adjacent track we found that instead of stopping twice only in Switzerland we made our way slowly across country, stopping at every station and many times in between. At Milan, one and a half hours late we found the inevitable, our international connection had already left! Station officials did their best for us, got us reservations in the next train, and at 10 p.m. we set off for the last stage of the journey and just before 5.45 a.m. on Sunday morning most of the party had to be woken from a sound sleep to find we had really arrived!

Mediterranean sun, a warm sea, the comfort and good food of the Hotel Sirena soon restored our capacity for enjoyment and in a few hours all the troubles of the journey were forgotten! Imperia, perhaps the last town on the Riviera to offer accommodation at prices which school parties can afford is obviously a resort with a great ‘future’, once the tourist agencies get their hands on the hotels. But at present it has small pleasant beaches, enough café life and general entertainment to interest visitors and in these surroundings where mimosa, bougainvillea and palm trees grow like weeds. The old town round the cathedral has changed little since the middle ages and offers fine views over the bay and great opportunities to the photographer.

While at Imperia we made an excursion along the Italian and French Rivieras as far as Nice. San Remo, Bordighera, Ventimiglia in Italy, and in France, Menton, Villefranche, Beaulieu and Nice, we passed through all these world-famous resorts, halted for an hour in Nice and then went on to the fascinating village of Eze for lunch. Built in an impregnable position for defence, this little resort of artists can be entered by just one narrow gate and to wander through its little streets where wheeled traffic is impossible, where restoration of medieval buildings has been carried out with care and intelligence, is an unforgettable experience. Leaving with regret we made our last stop of the day in the little State of Monaco, perhaps even better known for its luxury area of Monte Carlo. At the end of the day among all the subjects of conversation from our experiences, one theme was common to all, how impossibly expensive it is to visit France, even for the day!
All too soon we had to say goodbye to the Mediterranean and, by contrast with the outward journey, all was easy for our transfer to Lucerne, a through train all the way. This time, without worry, the scenery of the famous Gotthard route was much more appreciated. At the Hotel Löwen, Herr Fässler welcomed us with true Swiss hospitality and mealtimes at the hotel were very memorable.

At Imperia any mention of the weather was unnecessary—just continuous sunshine and blue skies—but in Switzerland we were not quite so lucky. For our first excursion up Pilatus, we used lake steamer, rack railway, suspension cable railway and then a little 4-seater ‘chairlift’. The weather was good with plenty of sun and the summit of just under 7,000 feet provided plenty of interest.

August 1st is the Swiss National Day. We left the afternoon and evening free for joining in any suitable celebrations but we found the day passed off very quietly—simple ceremonies alone marked the occasion. But in the morning we saw all that is best-known of Lucerne—the Lion Monument, the Glacier Garden where we could have used more time, the city walls (the most important mediæval remains of the type in Switzerland), the ancient picturesque city squares and the famous wooden bridges over the River Reuss—there is far more to see in Lucerne than many visitors appreciate.

Our excursion to the Three Passes and the Rhone Glacier began in gloomy conditions—very low cloud and the certainty of early rain. After the Brunig Pass, which must be the very lowest of the Alpine Passes to merit the name, the real climb to the Grimsel Pass took us through Guttanen, a village completely cut off from the outside world for several months every winter, and, as we wound our way slowly upwards, the road narrowed, each hairpin seemed more awkward than the last and passing downcoming traffic became a very delicate operation! Unfortunately we had to pass the famous Grimsel Lake, reservoir of the huge power station, in thick cloud and in the same conditions reached the very welcome hotel at the 7,000 ft. summit. Hot soup in early August can be very welcome! One of the best known views of the Rhone Glacier can be seen just over the summit of the Grimsel and here luck was with us. The glacier revealed itself in full sunshine just below cloud level and after some delay in rounding a breakdown and then having to obey the instructions of a Postal Motor Coach as to the correct passing place (these Coaches have the absolute right to choose where they shall stop to be passed and may if they wish force drivers meeting them to take the left-hand side of the road if this will make the mails safer!), we crossed the Rhone and reached a place suitable for photographs of the glacier, and here the driver’s warning before we got out was to be very careful of the high wind. This was the understatement of the day, ‘hurricane force’ was a better description. Several lighter members of the party found themselves being carried away. But for those who managed to get right to the glacier and even into the tunnel which has been dug for about 50 yards right...
inside these common spectacles of the Swiss alpine scene took on a
new reality. We battled back through the wind and found our
coach still intact, but, just in front the back of a Postal Motor had
disappeared over the hotel roof into the valley and passengers left
wrapped in blankets. We passed over the summit of the Furka at
8,000 ft. and then went down through the famous winter resort of
Andermatt to stop for an attempt at photography in the Devil's
Gorge. Well named we found, as once again members of the party
just managed to escape disappearing with the wind! At the southern
end of Lake Lucerne the threatening weather finally broke for the
day and we finished the day in conditions which served to emphasise
how fortunate we had been!

The next day we had an excursion planned for Interlaken and
Kleine Scheidegg, from where we would get a really close-up view of
the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau, the 13,00 ft. range which has
become so well known in recent attempts to climb the first. Once
again the weather seemed really doubtful and in Interlaken we
revised our itinerary to give more time in Interlaken and less up where
we fully expected to be right in the clouds. But the weather
improved, we had considerable sunshine and through the continually
cloud sheet we got occasional glimpses of the whole of the Jungfrau
and, for about ninety seconds, most of the Monch. The Eiger
remained obstinate throughout. Photographers were kept in states
of alternate hope and fury as all too often a promising view vanished
either before they could get their cameras out or, more exasperating
still, get other members of the party out of the way! Returning to
Interlaken through the famous resort of Grindelwald we reached
Lucerne late in the evening after an impressive outing. A 13,00 ft.
mountain so near looks very, very high indeed even when one is
standing at the 7,000 ft. level.

This completed our sightseeing programme and, with the last
day free for shopping and individual enterprise, we began the very
easy journey home. Leaving Lucerne after dinner, a comfortable
crossing, a good lunch at Folkestone and then just 5 hours to
Wellingborough—what a contrast to the outward journey, but a
journey which in the course of a most enjoyable holiday had been
completely forgotten.

THE SCHOOL SENIOR SCOUTS' VISIT TO SWEDEN, 1964

The party of ten Senior Scouts from the school troop, led by
Steve Allen and Ron Palmer, left Wellingborough on Saturday, 25th
July. We spent the night at Baden Powell House, a very modern
Scout hostel in London, and on Sunday we left for the Continent
(by train) via the Dover—Ostend ferry. The journey took us across
Belgium, Germany, and Denmark, via Aachen, Cologne, Hamburg
and Copenhagen. This part of the journey, the longest, was
reasonably comfortable, though very tiring. We slept as best we
could on the floor and on seats, and occasionally we had a two hour 'kip' in a vacant first class compartment, before being told very politely to "hop it" by the German guard. Considerable ill feeling was caused by being charged 2/4d. for a 'Coke', with nothing back on the empty.

We changed trains in Copenhagen at 11-00 hours on Monday, having spent two hours sightseeing there. We then crossed the sea from Helsingör (Elsinore, of castle fame in Hamlet) to Helsingborg by the train ferry and continued up the west coast of Sweden, changing trains at Gothenberg. There we met the Dutch scouts and British guides, on their way to the camp. We finally arrived at Karlstad at 23-00 hours on Monday 27th.

There we spent two nights in a brand new gymnasium, and the day in between, sightseeing. We found Karlstad, county town of Varmland, extremely clean, and the people very friendly. We were amazed at the good English spoken by everyone, and were impressed by the standard of living.

On Wednesday 29th we had a coach journey to the camp at Ransäter via Rottneros, a Swedish stately home. We were met at Ransäter by the Kristdala scouts and guides who were to be our hosts at the camp and afterwards. The camp was to last a week—until the 5th of August.

During the camp, we built many mighty, and ingenious architectural masterpieces (trees and wood were unlimited) including the tallest flagpole on the site (Rule Britannia!), a gateway like the rugby posts at Franklin's Gardens, and a table for twelve.

The food we were given was excellent, being both tasty and quick to cook, for example there were pre-cooked stews in tinfoil dishes, instant mashed potato and soon the Swedish sweet-bread and hard bread was also very popular. Milk was plentiful—1 litre (just over 1¾ pints) per person per day, but we sweet-toothed Englishmen soon ran short of sugar.

There were many very interesting camp activities. Pine and Betts went on a 12 kilometer compass hike through dense forest, and both received certificates for finishing. We played the U.S.A. contingent at 7-a-side rugby, and maintained a 100% record. In the camp athletic championship, Pine won the 60 metres, the long jump and the gold medal for the best individual performance, and Havery won the shot. We also won the team championship.

Stevenson, Parkinson, Ager and Havery won medals for swimming 200 metres in the fast flowing, freezing cold Klärälv, the second largest river in Sweden, down which, incidentally, floated hundreds of logs. Some primitive cooking was also attempted, which was taught to us by a Danish Scouter. We all earned diplomas for tossing pancakes.
There was a camp-fire nearly every evening, and Ron Palmer and Steve Grant earned reputations for their fine singing. We also attended the opening ceremony of a Scout H.Q., converted from an old Manor house, a performance of a Swedish folk play, and a very good folk and modern dance.

The camp was in every way excellent. We especially enjoyed the very informal atmosphere (and the Swedish [and Norwegian] girl guides).

Alan Mills had his birthday celebrated for him on the 2nd of August, and on Wednesday, 5th August, we broke camp and travelled 300 miles south-east to Kristdala, a small town near Oskarshamn. There we were the guests of the local scouts and guides, and stayed for nearly a week in their homes. The hospitality was really marvellous—no expense seeming to be spared. We did much sightseeing, visiting the Baltic coast (we went for a boat trip near Vastervik), the famous Orrefors glassworks, Kalmar, Karlskvona, and Oskarshamn.

We were delighted to be able to ride mopeds around, quite legally, although we had no licences, and some of us were under sixteen. We also went to several dances and socials, and to the local church. The service was almost identical with that of the Church of England. On the evening of Tuesday 11th we were given a magnificent crystal glass vase from the scouts, at our leaving ceremony, which was honoured with the presence of the Mayor.

We left, very reluctantly, on the Wednesday morning, returning by the same route, and arriving in Wellingborough at 2.00 hours on the Friday morning.

Needless to say we enjoyed this visit enormously, it being well worth the work put in beforehand. To Steve Allen must go our special thanks for the entire organisation. Finally, we hope to have a return visit from some Swedish Scouts and Guides, here in Wellingborough next July. R. J. Pine.

UBI SUNT QUI ANTE NOS FUERUNT

The Ruined Monastery

It is winter. Cruel, heartless winter.

It is dusk. Cold, grey dusk.

A mist drifts slowly through the trees. An owl hoots in the distance and some poor field-mouse dies.

There stands the monastery, its naked outline silhouetted against the darkening sky.

Alone. As it has been for centuries, piles of rubble covered by the ever-encroaching weeds.
The entrance. Delicate grey cobwebs cling to the cold, damp stones.
The courtyard. Silent. Deserted.

It is difficult to believe that these same ruined cloisters were once thronged with monks making their slow meditative way from one part of the monastery to another. Here, too, the young novices hurried to the midnight mass, jostling and pushing.

But now there is no one. All is silent. The moss-encrusted walls no longer echo to the solemn chants of the dedicated worshippers.

The moon comes out and the dark building is bathed in a pale yellow light.

In this light, the mind transforms the shadows into the kneeling figures of monks, bowed before the altar, praying in silence.

But the altar is just a pile of rubble and the shadows are just shadows.

An owl hoots, almost overhead.

The moonlight fades slightly as a thin cloud passes over the face of the moon, creating a ghostly feeling, and one can imagine the spectral figure of the old abbot hovering over his old home.


The owl hoots and the moon is totally eclipsed.

Panic. Fear.

One blunders from the monastery, but pauses on the road to civilisation for a last glimpse of the skeleton of the once impressive building.


S. K. Clark, 3a.

AFTER BEECHING

I walk up the country lane; it is dusk—misty dusk; the fog deadens the world.

The only life is a solitary owl that hoots distantly through the tree-tops, the mist-shrouded pillars of death.

A building confronts me, then crawls submissively from the murk, cringing to me, the master.

It is a railway station, disused, ignored, degenerate.

A dead, grey-stone, stone-grey mansion covered with green ivy. A decrepit Beeching-axed nonentity, pitifully gaunt.

I draw near to the rotting shell, and push in through the mouldering waiting-room door, which creaks on its cankered hinges.

Everywhere is dead, not even a mouse scurries as I wander through.

The ceiling, underhung with endless hoary, gossamer cobwebs, seems distant through the haze.
Hidden ghouls, their bated breath disturbing, the ethereal gossamer bade me ill, and I depart and make my way to the platform.

I peer over the edge, something strikes me—no rails, only bare, rotten sleepers.

Alone, at the far end is the old, rotting, station-master’s ‘office’—a mean hovel of a place with self-set weeds for a floor.

The fog thickens, and carefully wending my way past cracking beams, their heart removed by rot and damp, I hurry from that place.

For it seems that I am descending into death; the desolation overcomes me.

My pace quickens; each sound is magnified a thousand-fold. I shudder as a startled rabbit bounds away.

Will I win this race against death, desolation, Satanic doom? I am falling deeper, deeper, the fog thickens yet again, I cannot see... I stumble...

Then I am home. The cheering light welcomes me, and breathlessly I enter.

T. W. Jones, 3A.

THE THREE TRAVELLERS

They were travellers; three travellers moving through the universe in a craft of light at the speed of thought; three great minds hurtling through space on a curious quest. They were looking; searching for the intangible. They were being attracted by an enigmatic force which was greater than even their stupendous minds. Galaxy after galaxy, sun after sun, planet upon planet; all passed by with endless repetition. Nothing was different; nothing was outstanding.

Gradually the adductive force seemed to increase. Their speed was accelerated. A galaxy neared their craft. They were attracted to one particularly ordinary sun sustaining a family of planets. As they neared and slowed, these minds underwent a change. They were debased; reduced by a force of great pain. Their minds shrunk; squeezed and shrivelled. They grew long spindly appendages; weak additions of no apparent use. Previously they were only minds. Now they were creased and furrowed versions of their original selves, contained in a casing of organic material. Their race had evolved until it no longer needed bodies. Now they were retrograding—evolving back to a lower form of life.

They were put down gently on to the third planet of the system, an ordinary green and blue planet with the universe as its vault. Their shimmering vessel of light hung overhead like a brilliant star. They were placed among strange beings of ungainly appearance and gait, and as their craft moved overhead they followed, drawn by the same irresistible force.
They halted. They had arrived. Their guiding light hung motionless as they dismounted and entered the crude, ramshackle construction. There was something wonderful in a monotonous universe. There was the attractive force. They had been debased to come before a mightier mind. Joining the throng surrounding the babe in its mother’s arms, they fell down and worshipped.

K. Lewis (3rd yr. VI Arts).

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

This comparatively young society has continued to flourish this term with a steadily increasing number of members. Lectures have again proved interesting with Mr. Kingston giving one of the best. Regular circulars, pointing out objects of interest in the night sky, have been pinned to the notice board and seem to have attracted much attention. A party of 40 boys went to the Planetarium, which despite the weather, was a great success.

On the personal advice of Patrick Moore the society applied for affiliation to the British Astronomical Association. We were accepted and the society will now receive the association’s handbooks, journals and circulars regularly and will also benefit from being able to seek advice from experts.

Mr. Temple has kindly bought twenty pounds’ worth of books on astronomical subjects for the library and we thank him for allotting to us such a large sum of money.

Future plans include showing films, observation nights at school on the flat roof of the new classroom block, and further visits to places of astronomical interest. We also hope to invite distinguished speakers to speak at meetings.

Meetings are held nearly every Tuesday in Room 14 at 4 o’clock and new members are always welcome.

K. Lewis.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

At the beginning of this term we welcomed two new masters, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Oberman, both of whom were once members of the Fellowship as pupils. Also we were pleased to receive several new members. May they all be happy with us.

The first meeting of the term was led by the Rev. G. G. Carnell, who spoke on “The Clergyman’s Calling”. The other weekly meetings were under the two general headings of “Social Problems” and “The Apostles’ Creed”, and various speakers dealt with different facets of each subject in alternate weeks.
C. R. Misselbrook started the ball rolling with the problem of gambling, which caused no little controversy amongst the members. We were pleased to invite the Rev. J. Slow, of Finedon (who spoke on "I believe in God"), and the Revs. J. D. Searle ("Charity and Chastity") and D. J. Elliott ("Stewardship"), both of Rushden, to our Fellowship on different occasions during the term.

Unfortunately, there has been the traditional reticence on the part of most members. Perhaps it's nerves, or perhaps it is lack of knowledge. The more members feel free to engage in discussion, the more we shall all profit from the sharing of our different experiences of Jesus Christ. P. Thacker.

FENCING CLUB

Although the sword is a very ancient weapon indeed, the modern sport is no more than two hundred years old. It has been developed from the weapon used for practice in the eighteenth century, when any gentleman had to be prepared to defend his honour with cold steel.

Few non-fencers realise that the sport demands an extremely arduous technical preparation. Nobody can expect to become a d'Artagnan—or even a Zorro—after a couple of lessons. One good thing about this long period of instruction is that less keen beginners are weeded out, and those who continue are all enthusiasts.

Nor do many people realise that although the foil is almost invariably used for initial instruction and is a fascinating weapon in its own right, there are two other weapons which may be used, each with its own technique. There is the épée, a replica of the duelling sword, heavier than the foil and having the whole body as target, and the sabre, of which the edge may be used as well as the point.

The school club has just begun activities. I hope that some of the members will develop into enthusiastic and competent fencers. This is a sport in which the national standard is steadily rising and consequently interest is growing. Even if Wellingborough Grammar School cannot hope to produce a champion for a few years, those who persevere through the gruelling initial stages are sure of plenty of enjoyment and of very healthy exercise. D.F.S.

JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

The Junior Chemistry Club recommenced its weekly activities this term with an encouraging number of keen members. They are pursuing experiments and investigations in which they are interested.

A most encouraging start has also been made on the distillation of coal tar, to separate the various constituents, and on the separation of inks and dyes by the fairly modern technique of chromatography. R.J.L. & R.B.
LIBRARY

We thank Mr. Dunning for a most generous gift of books to the school library this term.

R.H.T.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

As an introduction to the visit to the Palace Theatre, Wellingborough, early in November, we enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mr. C. F. Taylor on Molière and the play we were to see, "Le Médecin malgré Lui". In his talk Mr. Taylor expertly pointed out the elements of Molière's comedy and their origins, which, we found, made the performance all the more enjoyable on November 4th.

R.H.T.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term we welcomed several new members including about four first formers.

All members can now develop and print and a satisfactory standard of work has been achieved. Meetings have been held every Wednesday after school and have included demonstrations on photo-copying, intensification and reduction, and photo-finishing. Several film strips have been shown and members have also brought along colour slides. A print competition has been held and we are hoping to visit the "Evening Telegraph" darkrooms at Kettering.

THE PUPPET CLUB

The club has been meeting regularly as usual in this term and some good puppets have been made. In spite of this, and to the disappointment of those who have made them, we shall not be giving our show to local schools and other organisations as we usually do. This is the first time this has occurred since the Puppet Club was formed as we have always been able to produce a combination of new acts and old ones. At present all our members are juniors while the more experienced boys, to whom we look to operate the stage, the lights and the music, have been too busy to come. It is these older members, too, who would have been able to complete our new stage. No doubt next year we shall be able to produce our usual show.

RAILWAY CLUB

Before this magazine appears we should have carried out a successful excursion to the sheds at Stoke, Stafford and Crewe and Crewe Works. A party of 30 will make the trip.

Suggestions for further excursions (reasonable excursions, please!), particularly for next summer term are urgently needed.

This term has seen the enrolment of many new members from the First Forms. It is hoped that they will continue to support the
Club enthusiastically, as, unless weekly meetings are successful, interest in other occasional activities is bound to wane.

Two new baseboards for the model railway have been started, the laying of papier-mâché, with its attendant risk of hands, clothes and even hair coated with paste, has begun. The completion of the scenery on all the newer baseboards will occupy members for some considerable time.

**THE RECORDER CLUB**

The Recorder Club will be making two contributions to the Christmas Recital of Music. Together with a small drum they will provide an appropriate accompaniment for the carol “Patapan”. In addition, a four-part consort is preparing three sixteenth century Italian dances.

Next term, the Club will be directed by Mr. Cox who has kindly offered to replace Mr. Taylor who takes up a new post in January.

C.F.T.

**SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

*President*: The Headmaster.

*Chairmen*: N. M. Sinclair and D. Bostock.

*Secretaries*: R. J. Gage and R. H. Howlett.

*Committee*: Mr. Bantoft, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich and Officers.

The Lectures this term have included:

1. “The Synthetic Elements”, by A. J. Dorney. The production of these elements using a cyclotron was described in the lecture.
2. “Mathematics by the Trachtenburg System”, by R. P. Marsden. Arithemtical process using the Trachtenburg System were explained.
3. “Ancient Glass”, by J. E. Clements. A description of the production of modern and ancient glass was given in the lecture.
4. “Black and White Developing”, by M. J. Butler. Details of the process of film developing were discussed.
5. “Blood”, by D. V. Goff. The lecturer described the functions of the constituents of blood.
6. “The Stereo Chemical Theory of Odour”, by N. B. M. Steiner. Details of a theory put forward to explain the sense of smell were given.
7. “Farming the Sea”, by M. Prior. The basic principles of how the sea could be farmed were described.
9. "Radio Valves", by J. W. Tomkins. Radio valves and circuits involving the use of these were explained.

10. "Number System", by R. J. Gage. A description of ancient number system including the binary was given.

The average attendance at these lectures was 19 and it is hoped that there will be more support from the 5th and 6th forms next term.

SCOUTS

This year's summer camp having paradoxically already taken place at Whitsun, this report will have to content itself with somewhat meagre reference to this term's normal winter programme—accidit miseris crambe repetita (exploratorium) magistros, as you all know. In fact a resumé of activities for this term of the school year never seems unduly thrilling in retrospect.

In September we begun by collecting jumble, and then the mothers, impeded by numerous small scouts, sold it for us. Belatedly, we would like to thank those who helped make the sale a success yet again.

Then we began ordinary meetings. Four new members adopted us this year, two brothers of senior scouts, Smart Junior and Stevenson Junior, as well as Edmunds and Worrell. We welcome all four.

The newcomers have probably shown themselves keener than the rest of the troop put together, the latter seeming to spend the first few meetings in failing to realise how much work was in front of them if they were to be reasonably up to standard according to the length of their service. We hope that now, having at last become aware of their deficiencies, not entirely of their own volition but largely as a result of having been made a captive audience to a stiff lecture from the Troop Leader, Robert Pine, they will begin to do something about the situation.

Games have on one occasion, so far, been translated from the old hall into the new gym. Since the old hall is to become the new library and since the new hall and gym are not really suitable or available for ordinary scout work with all its trappings, bits of wood, rope, bandages, grass, leaves, dried peas, chalk, scout staves and anything else you care to think of, we are in process of acquiring a hut, which we hope will provide a permanent home for all the above bits and pieces and prove a convenient if rather more cramped meeting-room.

P.G.

STAMP CLUB

We have been pleased to see some new members this term. Meetings have been held regularly at 4-00 p.m. on Fridays in Room J.
One competition has been organised, and we hope to have another soon. A popular feature of these competitions has been that every entry secures a prize.

Anyone interested in philately will be most welcome to our weekly sessions. We have catalogues, magazines, and many collectors anxious to make a good swap.

**TOC H**

Once again the group has proved its flexibility, and membership has risen to fifteen. Along with this new blood have come many changes, the most welcome of which is the return of the ritual tea-drinking.

During the term entertaining talks have been given by Bill Whittle, of the Wellingborough branch, by the Reverend Kingsley Smith, who revealed to us the mysteries of religious training colleges, and by Dr. Fletcher, who performed the same operation on medical colleges. In the future we hope to make yet more changes and increase our membership. The outside world has gained two of our most prominent members, Robert Fish and Tony Jones, and we wish them all possible success in their careers.

**WELLINGBOROUGH**

**OLD GRAMMARIANS' ASSOCIATION**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — DECEMBER, 1964**

The Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner have been held recently, again on separate nights. These functions were not well attended and both could do with much more support from members. It is disheartening for the organisers of these events to see such little return for all their hard work.

It is hoped that 1965 will be a memorable year for our Association since we have now received permission to develop 46 Oxford St. as our Headquarters. The past twelve months since we purchased the building have been rather trying but we have now been able to overcome the objections of the local authorities with regard to access and car-parking. The sub-committee in charge of this venture will, I know, see that no time is lost in providing the Association with the first class facilities that we need.

Meetings have also been held with the local Council on the provision of an alternative sports field. These meetings have progressed satisfactorily and at long last we have been offered accommodation which your committee considers will meet our need.
for the foreseeable future. It is quite a distance from the centre of the town but with a central Headquarters this is not thought to be a disadvantage. The field will have to be developed next spring and should provide playing facilities for 1966.

I feel that 1965 will be a year to be remembered by all our members. Our future is now secure and this will give full satisfaction to all the Old Boys who have worked so tirelessly during the past years to achieve this.

R. E. BRIDGEFORD,
Chairman.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' CRICKET CLUB REPORT
Season 1964

The 1st XI, playing this year in the County League Division 2 for the first time, did as well as was expected. Of the 17 games played, 5 were won, 2 drawn, and 10 lost.

The 2nd XI was rather disappointing and lacked support. However, thanks to some schoolboys the season was completed, and it is hoped that next season, with a little more organisation and a little more support, the 2nd XI will again flourish. Out of 8 games played, 3 were won and 5 lost.

The Sunday XI played several new fixtures this year including Colworth House and Birstall, and the side enjoyed a fairly successful season, the highlight being our defeat of the Wellingborough Town team at Redwell. It was pleasing to see several young Old Boys playing regularly and it is hoped that many more will follow. The Sunday team playing record: 16 games—7 won, 4 drawn, 5 lost.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club will take place in January, 1965. Any schoolboy interested can contact me for details.

JOHN BRIDGEFORD,
Hon. Secretary.

59 Gisburne Road, Wellingborough.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' RUGBY CLUB REPORT
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The Club continues to field three teams each week, and has had quite a successful start to the season. There is, however, always a need for new players in the Club.
The annual Sausage & Mash Supper will be held on Wednesday, 16th December, and a visit will again be made to Twickenham this season to see the Scotland game.

D. G. STRATTON,
108 The Pyghtle, Wellingborough.

UNIVERSITIES’ NEWS

CAMBRIDGE

SLATER, P. M.—No change. On the pretence of reading Modern and Mediæval Languages has fulfilled his life’s ambition to drive a railway engine. Apart from work with the Baptists he has left organised sport strictly alone, and bemoans the fact that the chief attractions of life in Cantab. left after completing their teacher training course.

BLUNT, R. F. (Fitzwilliam) is a second year natural scientist who lives in close proximity to locomotives and coal-yards. He has taken up horse-riding and mucking-out stables which, he says, is of great assistance to his other hobby—growing prize marrows.

HARRIS, P. J. (St. John’s) is also a natural scientist, and claims to know some interesting facts about R. F. Blunt, which, however, he declined to disclose. He is said to work hard and is enjoying his first term at Cantab. Last seen sampling the oratory of the Leader of the Opposition at the Union.

HULL

BALL, D. R.—With his confidence boosted by playing for the University 1st XV he is now beginning to talk again. His supervisor told him that he was suffering from morbid depression and that work was the best answer. However, he prefers disease to cure.

TALL, G. E.—Has been elected to Union Council, so his influence is creeping, like gangrene, into University life. He has been seen reading books on genetics but assures us there is no inference to be drawn. Seems doomed to become a good citizen.

LEEDS

BAILEY, R. A.—Out of touch at the moment because his research into the water resources of the Yorkshire Pennines is hampered by ‘flu and fog. Spends his time giving Christian Question Week coffee parties and learning ALGOL so that he can converse with computers.
SPRIGGS, M. (5th year Dental) making many ‘restorations’ to old W.G.S. teeth in the ‘Conservative Room’—it’s painless, and free to over 21’s. He is a married man(?) now and has a “lil’ boy”.

DOBNEY, S. (3rd year Physics)—Steve is a keen footballer (round ball variety) who, apart from working for finals, is busy telling the North that the ‘Cobblers’ are the best team in Division II.

SIMMS, D. (3rd year Physics)—The invisible man. No one has seen him and those who have sought him have not succeeded.

PAILING, J. (2nd year Mechanical Engineering)—Seldom seen in the Union, but then rumour has it that he is courting strongly.

PEAKE, K. R. (1st year Mechanical Engineering)—Has quickly settled down to the engineering way of life. Can be seen any Wednesday in (or under) Union Bar.

BUCKBY, R. P. (1st year Geography)—Has lost his Finedon accent and professes to follow Hunslet R.L. Club. Has he been converted by the natives?

BINGHAM, C.—Our correspondent either cannot or refuses to make any comment.

STEVenson, P. and LAUDER, I. S. play rugby regularly for the Engineers’ R.F.C. and give this as the reason for the team having won all nine matches this season.

LONDON
College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea

BURTON, J.—A first year student(?) . He has reached the heights of the College 1st XV—an undoubted honour. In all other fields he claims to be an ‘also ran’. Appears to be settling down to his first term in true holiday fashion.

DICKIE, M.—A second year degree scientist. Rarely seen, but when he is he complains bitterly about people who borrow his notes and then leave them in “silly places”.

DOBBS, C. R. complains—of the Chelsea postal service and the fact that he has but six days a week when he can lie abed till noon (or lunchtime—whichever is the later). Now settling down to London flat life!

SHARMAN, M. J.—A completely unknown quantity. He uses Birch Bros. services regularly and so must surely be in his final year.

St. Thomas’ Hospital

PALMER, N.—The only O.G. at St. Thomas’ and loathe to say much about his activities, except that he is working hard and maintaining a high state of physical fitness. His methods for keeping fit are not disclosed.
Queen Mary College

ABRAHAMS, M. L. is our correspondent for the many Colleges which make up the University of London. He is working hard and complains bitterly of the postal services between Wellingborough and Walthamstow. This, he says, is the reason why the Metropolis has been so poorly represented in this term's issue.

MANCHESTER

BALL, R. (1st year Chemistry). A 'fresher' this year who is finding that there is plenty of work to be done. Reports indicate that he is living in an attic and eating Indian food with his hands.

CARTER, R. S. (3rd year Electrical Engineering). With finals this year he has become involved with work. He keeps very much to himself and proves this fact by saying that he has only seen two O.G.'s in two and a half years. We wonder if he has anything to hide.

STRATTON.—Now doing a post-graduate course in metallurgy. It is not certain whether 'post' refers to his decease or his condition.

OXFORD

TALL, D. O. (Wadham). Yes, still at Oxford. Undoubtedly the most distinguished O.G. in these parts. He is preparing a D.Phil. in Maths. and at the same time giving tutorials to first year students. His wages have enabled him to rise above a subsistence standard of living for he is now the proud possessor of a T.V. set and a cat (which, it is said, is as mad as its owner).

LINDSELL, P. (Wadham). Mr. Tall's rooms in Wadham are directly opposite those of Mr. Lindsell. This is very convenient for the former who often seeks refreshment in the latter's rooms. Mr. Lindsell came fourth in the Oxford University Freshmen's Cross-Country Trial and was selected to run for the University v. Herne Hill and South London Harriers. He also distinguished himself by finishing second in the Mile in the University Freshmen's Match against Cambridge.

BALL, R. (Balliol) is in his first year and is reading Physics. He is a member of the University Second Cross-Country Team. When asked if he participated in any other sporting activity he replied, "Well, I sort of play ping-pong." He may be seen in the J.C.R. reading the "Daily Mirror".

LEGG, B. (Balliol) is in his second year reading Physics and gives the impression of working hard. He is not often seen in the J.C.R. but does play table tennis for the College First Team.
WESCOTT, B. (Balliol). At present working hard—it is said he works round the clock. His main distraction is table football and others may be added in due course.

GRiffITHS, L (Balliol) supports a vivid Norwegian sweater and the table football game. He plays for the College 1st XI regularly and works most of the remainder of the time.

WHITE, P. (Pembroke) is now engaged on a D.Phil. in Physics. Now that finals are behind him he has found time to develop his latent sporting talent. He plays table tennis and billiards and has found a niche for himself as coffee-maker in his College’s Middle Common Room.

BINGHAM, K. (St. Peter’s) is a fourth year Chemist and not seen often—except in the Chemistry Laboratories, where there is an automatic coffee-making machine.

WILLIAMS, R. (St. Peter’s). Has the reputation of being a ‘hard’ man. He sports a fine pair of sideboards, great lengths of rope and an ice axe (highly polished). Rumour has it that he thinks he is a mountaineer.

PACK, J. (Hertford) was the winner of the 1964 Royal Geographical Society’s Prize and is reading Geography. He is a quiet fellow who is working hard for the spring exams. He finds geology a difficult subject and lectures a generally useless occupation.

WILLS, N. and TALBOT, C. are also at Oxford but our correspondent has been unable to locate them. The former is thought to be preparing for December exams and the latter (who has taken to wearing a black suit) has been seen disappearing into the distance. [Ed.].

SHEFFIELD

DRAGE, D. (3rd year Civil Engineering). Made a welcome return to Sheffield this year. He has a flat now and has become quite domesticated; indeed, he says that should he fail his degree, he can always take up housekeeping.

POPE, D. T. (1st year Chemistry). Considers himself to be one of the elect since his is the only O.G. ‘freshet’ at Sheffield this year. It is said that he only went to Sheffield because of the close proximity of the railway works at Doncaster.

RAWLINS, J. (3rd year Metallurgy). Everyone had great hopes for John this year—a new old car—a new John? However, neither works.

TALL, B. (3rd year Economics). Barrie prides himself on becoming the first O.G. to hold the World Record for hitting a croquet ball from Birmingham to Sheffield. Since he appeared on
Granada T.V. in this connection, little has been seen of him. He says he is afraid of overexposure by the press, though rumour has it that he is in training for the 1968 Olympics.

LOMAS, R. (1st year Economics). Unfortunately Dick was taken ill during his first term last year, and as a result he was unable to complete his Intermediate course. We wish him better health this year.

SUNDERLAND TRAINING COLLEGE

COLES, R. J.—Who was sent almost to Newcastle has become a Geordie and has recently taken to producing Rag Shows—anyone want to buy a set of drums?

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

R. F. ALLEN (1951–58). Having qualified at Manchester University and St. Luke’s, Exeter, as a teacher he went to Canada with the ultimate intention of going to the University of Toronto to improve his qualifications and widen his experience. At present he is teaching at an independent boys’ boarding school in Victoria, British Columbia, where the staff is overwhelmingly English and the games, oddly enough, are rugby and cricket.

Dr. M. M. WOOLFSON has been appointed to the Chair of Theoretical Physics at York University.

R. LEVY, a former Captain of Athletics is now a lecturer in Electrical Engineering at Leeds University.