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Head of School   R. J. Pine
Second Prefect  P. Thacker

Prefects
P. R. Hale       P. R. Betts
R. J. Iliffe     P. Marriage
C. J. Bennett    K. J. Merrick
S. W. Grant      J. Nesbitt
W. Drew          G. Wyman
B. L. Gilbert    R. J. Gayton
D. Toseland      H. J. Elliott
J. M. Brown      N. A. Fairey
I. Clark         D. J. Folkard
K. P. Ash        J. A. Jack

B. Waite

This term we say farewell to Mr. J. G. Dunning who is retiring after nearly 35 years with the School.

Mr. A. J. L. Alden is leaving us to take up an appointment as head of the Geography department at Cowbridge Grammar School, Glamorganshire; and Mr. R. A. Stevenson is going to Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, to read law.

We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cox and Mr. and Mrs A. J. L. Alden on the birth of daughters, and to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Wilson on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to Mr. R. B. Taylor, who, after two years on the international touchline, gained his England Rugby cap when he played against Wales in January this year.

On May 6th we welcomed Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma to the School. Lord Mountbatten presented the prizes and gave his name to the School Hall. He spoke of his experiences in the Royal Navy and paid tribute to the great humanity of Sir Winston Churchill.

We congratulate W. S. Homan who played for the County Under 15 X, against Norfolk.

The Commemoration Service took place on May 27th and the Reverend Canon R. W. Davison gave the address.

During the Easter holidays Messrs. Alden, Hyde, Parkin and Tussler took a party of 24 members of the Field Survey Society to Morfa Bychan, Port Madoc in Caernarvon. The same masters will take another party during the summer holidays.

This year’s House Plays were judged by David Frost, who began his stage career in the House Plays Competition when he was at school here. His judgments were interspersed with characteristic comments and the audience seemed to have an enjoyable afternoon’s entertainment.

On 16th August, Mr. M. S. Cheale will take a party of boys to visit Paris and Montreux.
MR. J. G. DUNNING

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mr. J. G. Dunning, who is retiring from teaching. After taking his degree at Peterhouse, Cambridge, in History and Geography, Mr. Dunning taught for three years in the Friends' School at Lisburn in Northern Ireland, and came to us in April, 1932, so that practically the whole of his teaching life has been devoted to Wellingborough Grammar School. And a devoted life it has indeed been.

He will be remembered above everything else for his brilliant work in the Geography department, which soon reached and always maintained an extremely high level through his forceful teaching and insistence on high standards of work and behaviour. The mere mention of the words "Geography Room" still brings back to his former pupils vivid memories of his forthright methods and unfailing enthusiasm. But there is always, among his older pupils at any rate, a deep sense of respect and of gratitude for all the trouble Mr. Dunning took on their behalf.

His other contributions to School life are many and varied, and in all he made his mark. He gave unceasingly of his energies to his work with the School Magazine, with the Athletic Sports, with the Sixth Form General Courses, with the School Excursions, with Toc H and above all with the Scouts, who for nearly twenty years profited from his wise guidance and unbounded enthusiasm. His remarkable gifts of leadership and organization combined to make a great success of all these activities.

During the War he served with distinction in the R.A.F., where he reached the rank of Flight Lieutenant and was twice mentioned in despatches.

We all wish Mr. Dunning a long and happy retirement, sharing with him the hope and expectation that a life of ease and freedom from the anxieties of School life will see the end of the ill-health which has troubled him in recent months.

IN MEMORIAM

23rd January, 1966—T. Reynolds, Esq., Hardwick, for many years a Governor of the School.

ENTRANTS

G. F. OVERTON  J. A. FRASER  F. T. POULTON
N. R. DAVIES  A. LEWIS  P. G. BUCHANAN

LEAVERS

P. J. BAILE  J. T. FENSONE
I. G. FRASER  R. J. GAGE
S. M. HILL  S. W. HOWE
G. LEVER  K. LEVER
P. MACKNESS  R. P. MARSDEN
J. NOBLE  R. J. PINE
M. ROBSON  Queen Mary College, London.
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
Imperial College of Science, London.
H. W. Chapman Ltd., Wellingborough.
Transferred to Mansfield.
Banking.
Balliol College, Oxford.
Eagle Star Insurance.
Imperial College of Science, London.
Phillips & Halliday, Accountants, Wellingborough.

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P. A. L. ROWLEY
C. N. SEAMARKS
R. A. STEVENSON
R. W. THOMPSON
D. A. TURNBULL
P. UNDERWOOD
G. F. OVERTON

University College Dental School, London.
Cyril Norris, Engineers, Rushden.
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
Imperial College of Science, London.
Transferred to Bath.
Nene Valley Printing Works.

AWARDS

R. J. PINE
Open Exhibition in Engineering at Imperial College of Science London.
Civil Engineering Society Scholarship tenable at Imperial College of Science, London.

R. P. MARSDEN
Kitchener Scholarship tenable at Balliol College, Oxford.

G.C.E. RESULTS

December 1965

D. M. ALLEN
R. T. BAILEY
K. P. BARLEY
P. W. BROWN
R. G. CLAPHAM
M. A. COX
P. F. CURTIS
R. T. DENNY
P. J. DOBNEY
W. DREW
J. F. ELDREDGE
J. T. FENSOME
R. J. GAYTON
M. W. GILKS
G. H. B. HARRIS
R. A. HARRIS
J. M. HOBLEY
R. W. KIZIAR
J. M. A. LETT
T. E. LINE
A. J. McArdle
P. MACKNESS
J. MAYCOCK
K. J. MERRICK
E. R. NEVETT
J. NOBLE
P. D. PALMER
B. D. SCHOLES
C. N. SEAMARKS
J. E. SHEEHAN
R. SHEFFIELD
M. J. STROUD
B. W. SUMMERS
P. TOOMBS
I. S. TUCKLEY
P. UNDERWOOD
J. S. WEBB
A. G. WHEELER

English Literature, Physics.
English Language, History.
French.
Mathematics.
English Literature.
Mathematics.
Engineering Drawing.
Physics.
Physics.
French.
English Literature, Mathematics, Art.
Engineering Drawing.
French.
Biology.
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Engineering Drawing.
Geography.
French.
Physics.
Physics.
English Language, Physics, Chemistry.
English Language.
Art.
English Literature.
Physics.
English Language.
French.
English Language, Biology, Engineering Drawing.
Biology.

1st XV PHOTOGRAPH

LIONS

The Spring and Summer terms are perhaps the most eventful of the school year: since Christmas, the House Rugby has been brought to a close, and the Athletic activities have come and gone. The Drama and Music Competi-
tions have also been completed. House Cricket, however, has been considerably handicapped this year by bad weather and virtually no complete match has been played.

The Lions have, as usual, maintained a consistently mediocre standard. It was almost predictable that we should once more come third in the Rugby Competition, yet despite the efforts of Eldridge in the House Music, and Denny with the House Drama, we could obtain no better than third place in these competitions also.

The high-watermark of the achievements of the House this year has, therefore, been in the Athletics Competition. Marriage ably organised the House athletics, and largely due to his personal efforts we finally achieved second place in the competition. This was considerably better than in previous years.

It is fortunate that much of the talent of the House has been retained in the sixth form, so we may confidently look forward to greater success in the coming year.

**DRAGONS**

*House Masters:* Mr. Pine, Mr. Leftwich, Mr. Sparrow  
*Head of House:* R. J. Pine  
*House Secretary:* R. J. Gayton

This truly has been a memorable year for the Dragons; memorable for both good and bad reasons. For instance, this is the first year for at least one generation of the school, that we have not won the athletics competition. We finished third.

However, we can reflect on three notable successes. Firstly, we convincingly won the Rugby Cup and followed this by winning the Ferguson Trophy, presented for school work. The most remarkable success of the year, though, was in the House Plays, when I. Clarke’s rendering of "The Bespoke Overcoat" by Wolf Mankowitz impressed David Frost so much, that he placed it way ahead of the other plays.

This year we must say goodbye to R. J. Pine, the head of the House, who, throughout his school career has contributed wholeheartedly in School and House activities, and the House expresses its gratitude to him, and wishes him the best of luck for the future.

**GRYPHONS**

*House Masters:* Messrs. J. D. Dunning, A. J. Tussler, D. S. Wilson  
*Head of House:* C. J. Bennet  
*House Secretary:* P. M. Layton  
*School Prefects:*  
C. J. Bennet, S. W. Grant, G. Wyman, N. A. Fairey, P. R. Betts, H. J. Elliot.

We say goodbye at the end of term to Mr. J. G. Dunning, who has served the House for many years. We wish him a happy retirement.

The last two terms have been a great disappointment to Gryphons. Any hope in the House Rugby was smashed by three resounding defeats inflicted on the Junior side.

In the House Music and Drama, Gryphons came second in both and we thank the Captains, P. J. Gilbert and B. Liddington, for their devoted work.
Although an inspired effort by some members of the House saved disgrace in the Athletics, the annual lack of standards made winning impossible. The House thanks K. L. Allen for his services as athletics Captain. The House Cricket is to be decided on the Junior competition and we hope the juniors are better at Cricket than Rugby.

We wish H. J. Elliot success in organising the P.T. competition.

It is hoped that next term a greater effort will be made by members of the House in all competitions.

STAGS

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. T. D. Norman
Head of House: P. Thacker. House Secretary: R. J. Iliffe

This term has been a most successful one; in fact, better than expected. Our greatest success came in the Music Competition, where thanks to the sterling efforts of Thacker, we were placed first. This was equalled also by our well-earned victory in the Athletics Competition, in which our original lead in standards and the juniors' efforts pulled us through. We also owe our second placing in the Rugby Competition to the juniors who won all three matches. However, this overall picture was marred by our abysmal performance in the Drama Competition. Although the Senior Cricket Competition this term has been abandoned, the Juniors have so far won both matches played. Thus, in all, it has been a very good term, the House having responded much better than usual.

CRICKET

1st XI Report

Despite an encouraging beginning to the season and the Headmaster's optimism on Speech Day, the results have not been entirely successful. The School, however, was intent on playing attacking cricket with the objective on attaining a definite result. In the nine matches played to date, there has been no draw; but our tally of victories could have been increased if activities in the field had been more enthusiastic. Dropped catches were commonplace and the throwing, too, could have been better.

There is no lack of individual skill in the side, but on few occasions did everyone hit his best form in the same match. Francis, Grant, Hill, Toseland and Waite have all got runs, but not consistently. Dobbs and Lever, both junior members of the team, have shown themselves to have great potential as batsmen after being somewhat apprehensive in the early season about their ability to play in the first eleven. The former also kept wicket well considering his size!

The bowlers have been unfortunate in meeting few wickets that held any life, although they have toiled hard and each had his successes.

Hobley has bowled quite fast and has moved the ball, but he is inclined to lose effect after his opening spell. Howard has improved with experience and has earned his place in the team, despite his tendency to be rather erratic and bowl the occasional beamer. Waite, with his whirling action, has proved himself to be adequate as a first change bowler with his renowned off cutter. He maintains, however, that he is still unable to bowl a straight ball. The
School "tweaker," Toseland, has been useful in awkward situations, taking
the odd (very odd) important wicket.

Thanks are due to Gilbert for his enthusiastic work with the scorebook
over the last three years.

Results

W.G.S. 141 for 7 dec. (Waite 52 n.o.). Northampton T.H.S. 61 (Hobley 6 for
18). Won by 80 runs.
W.G.S. 48 for 5. v. Oundle 2nd XI. Match abandoned.
W.G.S. 83. Lawrence Sheriff 84 for 5. Lost by 5 wickets.
Kettering G.S. 102 for 6 dec. W.G.S. 103 for 5 (Dobbs 40, Toseland 31 n.o.).
Won by 5 wickets.
Wellingborough Thursday C.C. 151 for 4 dec. W.G.S. 128 (Dobbs 47)
Lost by 23 runs.
King's 127 for 3 dec. W.G.S. 95 (Toseland 42). Lost by 32 runs.

2nd XI

Although the results this season do not contain many victories, very often
the team has managed to hold the upper hand at some stage or other in their
matches. That most of the games ended in draws is not surprising for the side
lacked either a reliable aggressive batsman or a consistently accurate bowler.

Alexander had the temperament for an opener though after his second
score of any size he won promotion to the 1st XI. This left our batting strength
very thin and although all enjoyed momentary flickers of bat on ball, the best
comment to make is that Summers, Gayton and Harris look promising.
Unfortunately, our bowlers were one or other extreme. Either they hit the
bat or they hit the stumps. Hobbs and Rollings possessed most penetration
and Eldridge somehow achieved success although usually among the tail
enders. Our fielding was a cheerful mixture of "Bland type swooping" and
near complete incompetence.

The team was chosen from: Eldridge (Captain), Allen, Sugars, Summers,
Crossley, Drew, Alexander, Dobney, Warburton, Cleaver.

Results

v. N.G.S. (A)—Match Drawn.
v. Bedford Mod. (H).—Match Drawn.
W.G.S. 100 for 1 dec. (Alexander 39 n.o., Allen 30, Summers 22 n.o.).
Bedford Mod. 95 for 5 (Summers 3 for 29).
v. Kettering G.S. (H)—Match Drawn.
Kettering 76 for 8 (Rollings 6 for 21). W.G.S. 57 for 8.
v. Towcester G.S. (A)—Match Drawn.
v. Oundle 3rd XI (A)—Lost by 6 wickets.
W.G.S. 78 (Brown, A.R. 26 n.o.). Oundle 79 for 4.
v. Lawrence Sheriff (A.)—Won by 47 runs.
W.G.S. 103 for 7 (Alexander 54). Lawrence Sheriff 56 (Hobbs 4 for 23,
Eldridge 3 for 6).
W.G.S. 29 for 5.
v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI (H.)—Lost by 6 wickets.
W.G.S. 99 for 9 (Grant 40). Laxton 100 for 4.
v. Kings School, Peterborough (H.)—Won by 63 runs.
W.G.S. 129 for 8 dec. (Sugars 47). King’s 66 (Crossley 5 for 21 Eldridge 3 for 25).

Under 15 XI

All but one of the completed matches so far played have been lost decisively and inevitably. The reason has been quite simply the collapse of the early batting. In every match five wickets went down for under twenty runs and this gave us but little chance. It so happened that the tail wagged successfully against Corby, and indeed, twenty more runs would have seen us home in the other matches. Our fielding was adequate, if a trifle ragged at times, and the bowling proved good. Hoddle, Homan and Thacker bowled steadily, the virtue of the latter two being their accuracy. Gray bowled intelligently and effectively with his off breaks, but must learn to flight them more. If any moral is to be drawn from this season, it is that in the absence of natural batting ability, concentration and the application of correct technique are of vital importance.

Results

APRIL
Sat. 30 Northampton T.H.S. 66 (Gray 3 for 0)
W.G.S. 50 (Hoddle 21) Lost by 16 runs

MAY
Sat. 7 W.G.S. 57
Northampton G.S. 61 for 7 (Gray 3 for 23) Lost by 3 wickets
Sat. 14 W.G.S. 34
Kettering G.S. 35 for 5 Lost by 5 wickets
Sat. 21 Corby G.S. 52 (Thacker 5 for 6)
W.G.S. 55 for 6 (Taylor 21 not out) Won by 4 wickets

JUNE
Sat. 11 Lawrence Sheriff 88 (Gray 5 for 13)
W.G.S. 73 (Hoddle 23) Lost by 15 runs
Sat. 25 W.G.S. 46 for 3 v. Wellingborough School—match abandoned

Team

W. S. Homan (Captain), D. C. Hoddle, G. N. Phillips, P. K. Beard, 

Under 14

The Under 14 have not had a successful season, winning only three of the eight matches played to date.

York and Clarke have shared the bowling honours, though Marlow, with limited opportunities, has shown himself to be a promising slow bowler.

The batting has been unreliable. Rawlins has hit the ball hard and made one or two good scores and the batting of Partridge has shown promise. It is pleasing to note that the more recent members of the side have shown a desirable inclination to hit the ball rather than to concentrate solely on defending their wickets.
The general standard of the out cricket of the side has not been very high. The team has had an untidy look in the field. They seem to have enjoyed their cricket, however, and we hope for better things from them next year.

We thank M. J. Wrenn for being a willing and efficient scorer.


The following have also played: R. M. Allen, A. Whittaker, A. R. Quartermaine, H. L. Davies and A. W. Jessop.

Results

v. Northampton Grammar School—Lost by 3 wickets.
   W.G.S. 37. Northampton G.S. 38 for 7 (Rawlins 3 for 9).
v. Bedford Modern—Won by 3 wickets.
   Bedford 70. W.G.S. 71 for 7 (Rawlins 37).
v. Northampton Trinity High School—Lost by 53 runs.
   Northampton 69 (York 7 for 21). W.G.S. 16.
v. Oundle Junior Colts—Lost by 6 wickets.
v. Bedford School—Lost by 104 runs.
   Bedford 157 (Clarke 4 for 9). W.G.S. 53.
v. Lawrence Sheriff School—Won by 10 wickets.
   Lawrence Sheriff 15 (York 4 for 7, Clarke 6 for 2). W.G.S. 16 for 0.
v. Kettering Grammar School—Lost by 135 runs.
   Kettering 201 for 5 dec. W.G.S. 66.
v. King’s School—Won by 3 wickets.
   King’s School 58. W.G.S. 62 for 7.

U.13 XI

The U.13 XI has been the most successful of the School sides this year. Of five matches played, four victories have been recorded as against one defeat. Jacobs has been the best of the batsmen so far, though Smart, Throssell and Mawson, each in their own way, have threatened to make big scores. However, it has been the bowlers that have won the matches. Brown has been outstanding with more than useful support from Mawson. With Wynd beginning to shape like a wicket-keeper we have the makings of a useful side for future years.

Results

Wellingborough Junior School 86 (York 5 for 29). W.G.S. 34. Lost by 52 runs.
W.G.S. 89 (Jacobs 30, Smart 31). Towcester G.S. 40 (Brown 8 for 9). Won by 49 runs.
W.G.S. 102 for 9 dec. (Mawson 34, Throssell 28). Bedford School 84 (Brown 6 for 29). Won by 18 runs.
Northampton G.S. 30 (Brown 4 for 5, Mawson 4 for 21). W.G.S. 31 for 2. Won by 8 wickets.
W.G.S. 63 (Jacobs 21). Kettering G.S. 53 (Brown 5 for 17, Mawson 4 for 29). Won by 10 runs.

Athletics

As usual, the last part of the Easter term was a period of inclement weather, which hindered the running of Standards. Even the Summer term failed to provide the weather required and Sports Day was a cool and uninviting day.
No records were broken this year, and in general the performances compared unfavourably with those of recent years. P. Thacker, Captain of Athletics, won the two sprints, whilst P. Marriage won the 880 Senior.

The disappointing Standards of Sports Day were reflected in the Triangular match against King’s and Deacon’s of Peterborough. Despite excellent sprinting by D. Angel, E. W. Davies and P. Thacker, our team was unable to beat King’s. This is only the second time the School has failed to win the trophy awarded for this annual match.

**SPORTS DAY**

**Results**

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**Junior Relay**

1. Stags 2. Dragons 3. Lions

**Middle Relay**

1. Stags 2. Gryphons 3. Lions

**Senior Relay**


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Martin Athletic Cup: Stags
Henson Relay Cup: Stags
Shipman Mile Cup: M. F. Hager
N. I. Palmer 440 yard Cup: P. R. Betts
Bradshaw 100 yard Cup: P. Thacker
Williams High Jump Cup: P. F. Curtis
England Junior 100 yards Cup: S. Groome

**FINAL POINTS**: Stags 260; Lions 189; Dragons 176; Gryphons 162.
BASKETBALL CLUB

This has been the School’s first full season of fixtures, with four representative sides. The four teams are: Under 14’s, Under 15’s, Under 16’s and School Seniors. All have enjoyed successful seasons and out of a total of 57 matches played, 40 were won.

At the end of the Spring term the Seniors and Under 15’s went on a tour of Hampshire.

PLAYING RECORD

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SCHOOL SENIORS

The play of our Senior team reflects very much on the lowness of our Gymnasium roof. It is perhaps a little unfair to make too much comment on our own playing arena but there is no doubt that our being used to the conditions has given us a distinct advantage. This should not, however, detract in any way from the standard of play achieved 18 months after being first shown the game. The final playing record shows a favourable balance of wins over losses but a look at the points scored soon reveals that most of our victories were close and that our losses were rather on the heavy side. However, these comments are of a general nature and a closer look at the players shows that there is considerable potential at hand.

Playing a fast break type of game, the majority of our scoring power was in the front ranks. Undoubtedly the most reliable shot was D. Toseland, the Captain, and his points total for the season is very nearly equal to that of the remainder of the team added together. Unfortunately, easily our best pivot player, K. Allen, was also our most erratic player. He was the one player capable of really splitting our opponents’ defence with his deceptive ploys but all too often spoilt good moves with very bad finishing. J. M. Brown and R. J. Gayton were players of very much the same style and size. Both had a tendency to try long shots instead of working in to the basket. However, when these two players were on the court together our rebound from the opponent’s backboard was always at its best. R. D. Fennelow, P. M. Layton and S. M. Grant were our chief defenders and usually managed to do a good job. All three are tall and we could, therefore, rely on possession from our own backboard and their ability to move the ball away from our zone very quickly was undoubtedly one of the team’s really strong points.

SCHOOL SENIORS

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At no time during the season did the Under 16’s achieve the success that their potential threatened. After a doubtful start involving two heavy defeats and three easy wins, the team developed a better balance in its play and used the ability of the more reliable shots to better advantage.

Sinclair and Cooper, with 168 points and 143 points respectively, were the side’s leading scorers and most dangerous players. Ager, Betts, Pearce and Sullivan all played well and improved as the season progressed, but throughout the season practice sessions were poorly attended, thus leaving any cohesion in their play to be developed in actual matches. Roberts and Cox also played.

The majority of the Under 16’s fixtures were in the newly re-formed Northants Junior League. The team led throughout the season and at the end tied for first place. After a Championship play-off on a neutral court we lost to Wellingborough School in a match which really produced all the vagaries in the team’s play.

UNDER 16’s

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(League Play-off)

(L denotes fixtures in the Northants Junior League).

UNDER 15’s

Results alone make this our most successful School side, but the manner in which they played was what made this such a good team.

With several reliable shots, scoring was never a problem providing the chances were created. In this respect only Smith was ever regularly able to produce the necessary easy situations and he, in fact, came to be relied upon too much by the other members of the team. Undaunted, he still provided danger with his own accurate shooting as well as chances for Hoddle, Phillips and Howes, the side’s next three leading scorers. The play of Hoddle and Phillips matured considerably during the season but Howes will need to slim
if he is to keep up with the team next year. Taylor suffered, mainly through lack of stature, from a brevity of match practice, though it is to be hoped that his keenness will not have suffered. Porter, the captain, was easily the side’s most accomplished defender, with a rare ability to provide aggressive attacking play. Hodson, Molcher and Page were the team’s other regular defenders, helping to provide a solid background to the attacks.

Perhaps the greatest strength of this side was the fluency of teamwork achieved, mainly by continual practice together, enabling them to defeat sides with a taller average height.

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**UNDER 14’s**

There are at present a large number of boys capable of playing in the Under 14 team. Though this is a happy position to be in, it has not allowed much match practice for all the team. However, the experience of the games played this year should provide a sound start for the increased fixtures to be played next year.

Apart from the tendency to over dribble, the play of the team has been fast and direct and bodes well for the future.

The following boys have all played for the Under 14’s: Moore, Partridge, Rawlins, Clarke, Foster, Webb, Allen, York, Gavin, Angel, Warburton, Cowley, Pinney.

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SUMMARY

Apart from the School sides there have been Inter-Form competitions in the Lower School. The respective winners were 4B in the fourth and fifth forms, 3B in the thirds and 2 alpha in the seconds.

Due to the increased interest in the Senior School it is intended next year to enter a second team in the Northamptonshire League Division II in order that Mills, Cleaver, Jack and others who have regularly attended the senior practice sessions without the reward of actual match play may obtain this experience next season. Also the 2nd team should provide a natural progression between Under 16’s and Seniors.

It is proposed to make the Basketball Tour an annual event and next year, if possible, extend it to include more teams.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Results

DECEMBER
Sat. 4 1st XV v. Cambridge G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 43—0
U.15 XV v. Cambridge G.S. U.15 XV (H) Won 10—0
U.14 XV v. Rushden Secondary U.14 XV (A) Lost 5—3
U.13 XV v. Rushden Secondary U.13 XV (H) Won 9—0
Sat. 11 1st XV v. K.E. VI Nuneaton 1st XV (H) Lost 9—0
2nd XV v. K.E. VI Nuneaton 2nd XV (A) Won 14—8
Thur. 16 U.14 XV v. Northampton G.S. U.14 XV (A) Lost 8—19
U.13 XV v. Northampton G.S. U.13 XV (A) Lost 0—37

JANUARY
Wed. 26 1st XV v. M.C.S. Brackley 1st XV (A) Won 6—3
2nd XV v. M.C.S. Brackley 2nd XV (A) Won 19—0
Sat. 29 1st XV v. Old Boys’ 1st XV (H) Drawn 3—3

FEBRUARY
Sat. 5 1st XV v. Bedford Athletic Colts 1st XV (A) Won 45—0
2nd XV v. Bedford Athletic Colts ‘A’ XV (A) Won 40—0
Wed. 16 1st XV v. Northampton T.S.H. 1st XV (A) Won 9—0
Sat. 19 1st XV v. Lawrence Sheriff 1st XV (A) Won 5—0
2nd XV v. Lawrence Sheriff 2nd XV (H) Drawn 8—8
U.15 XV v. Lawrence Sheriff U.15 XV (H) Lost 3—12
U.14 XV v. Lawrence Sheriff U.14 XV (A) Lost 0—38

MARCH
Wed. 9 1st XV v. Northampton G.S. 1st XV (A) Lost 0—11
2nd XV v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XV (A) Lost 6—19

COLOURS, 1965–6


* Old Colours.


Standing, left to right:

- P. R. BETTS
- R. J. BENOIST
- W. DREW
- P. M. LAYTON
- N. A. FAIREY
- K. SHURVILLE
- T. M. McILROY
- E. R. NEVETT

Seated left to right:

- K. L. ALLEN
- P. THACKER
- S. W. GRANT (Vice-Captain)
- R. J. PINE (Captain)
- J. M. BROWN (Hon. Secretary)
- D. TOSELAND
- B. WAITE
HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

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Final Positions

1. DRAGONS  26 points
2. STAGS    18 points
3. GRYPHONS 12 points
4. LIONS    4 points

MUSIC NOTES — JUNE 1966

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert was held in the School Hall on Monday, 20th December, 1965.

The programme opened with a cosmopolitan group of carols sung by the Junior Choir. Its tone was somewhat harsh in the opening English carol, "This have I done for my true love," probably the result of nervous tension. "A Polish Lullaby" was similarly affected, but was followed by a jolly performance of a two-part Spanish melody, "Chiquiriquitin," and in this the choir showed us its capabilities.

It was interesting to hear the syncopations of the Negro Spiritual played on the courtly Elizabethan recorder. The simplicity of the arrangements brought the pieces within the capabilities of the performers, and made these items both refreshing and enjoyable. The "Madrigal" from the "Mikado" proved rather taxing, the main weakness lying in inaccuracy of notes, betraying a lack of rehearsal time. The piano accompaniment provided a reliable framework upon which the players could weave their melodies. One felt that the direction of the performance could have been more convincing, so giving the performers the confidence they obviously required. Despite these weaknesses, however, the spirit of the item was well transmitted.

The hall is already well-known for its lack of resonance, and the introduction of amplification for this concert provided a partial remedy. However, the Boismartier G minor Sonata was deprived of the interest it doubtless contains by the close proximity to the microphone, and consequent excessive volume, of the flute and cello. The clarinet and treble recorder (J. Willmott and L. Joyce), by nature less prominent instruments, were thus further relegated to a place of obscurity. This acute lack of tonal balance spoilt what would otherwise have been a pleasing performance.
At this point there was consternation among some members of the audience: the young son of a member of staff was heard to ask if it was the "Salvation Army." It was in fact the Brass Ensemble, effectively hidden in the wings, playing the "March" from Handel's "Occasional Oratorio."

The second half of the programme began with a further trio of carols from the Junior Choir, now refreshed by ice cream. A negro spiritual and two French carols were given convincing performances, and the singers obviously enjoyed the robust pulse of "The March of the Kings."

The choice for the Senior Choir of the cantata "Christmas" by Somervell was ambitious, for it calls for division of chorus parts as well as for several soloists. Its recitation of the whole of the Christmas story provided a work of substance as a climax to the varied programme. The chorus parts were secure, and the soloists fulfilled their tasks with commendable efficiency. J. Joyce, R. Kingham and S. Grant, together with the quartet of "angels," deserve special congratulations for their accuracy and beauty of tone.

The programme, conducted by Mr. Chesters, was well constructed, and the insertion of "congregational" carols provided a welcome element of "traditional Christmas."

J. R. FOSTER.

THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House Music this year was held on Friday, 18th February, 1966, in the School Hall. We were pleased to welcome Mr. C. F. Taylor again, this time as our adjudicator.

The afternoon showed clearly the need for a permanent system of amplification in the hall, and we hope this will be achieved in the near future.

The competition was slightly altered this year by the introduction of a class for vocal solo, in place of the section for composition. This, unfortunately, made a larger programme, and the usual climax was missing from the competition owing to the exit of half the School at 3.50, to catch the inevitable buses.

The general standard of performance was lower than usual, and many pieces chosen were unsuitable: either as technically too difficult for the player, or too long for the occasion, or as showing merely a lack of careful preparation. However, there were some notable exceptions: the piano solo class, won by P. J. Gilbert, playing "Windmills" by E. J. Moeran; the vocal solo by R. Lines, singing a folk-song, "The water is wide," to his own guitar accompaniment; in the Ensemble class, a quartet singing "The handsome Butcher" by Matyas Leiber (Dragons), and an arrangement of Negro spirituals for a brass quartet (Gryphons).

The singing of the House Choirs showed us how important is a competent conductor in concerted music. All the conductors this year were quite new to the task and felt their responsibilities very heavily. One hoped they learned a great deal from their experiences, and will be able to profit from it in the future. Stag's performance of the set piece, the 3-part madrigal "Ye restless thoughts" by John Wilbye was easily the best of the four we heard, but none of the Houses really captured the mood of the music well.

The competition was significant in bringing to our notice a number of promising players and singers from the junior part of the School, some of whom show very good promise for the future.
The Headmaster presented the Appleby Cup to P. Thacker for Stags House. The other conductors were: P. J. Gilbert (Gryphons, runners-up), R. Benoist (Dragons) and J. Eldridge (Lions).

RESULTS—
1. Stags 91 points; 2. Gryphons 90 points; 3rd equal Dragons and Lions 84 points each.

At the Commemoration Service, held on Friday, 27th May, the Senior Choir sang Stanford's setting of the Magnificat in C. The preacher was Canon R. W. Davison, Vicar of Higham Ferrers.

Preparations for the Summer Concert are under way, lack of time being the usual obstacle, made even greater this year by the term being some ten days shorter than usual. However, with good will on all sides, we hope to present a programme of music on Thursday, 7th July.

LIBRARY

This term's principal news is undoubtedly the generous grant of £500 from the County, intended especially to build up the Reference Section. Most of our time is being spent in choosing books and dealing with their preparation as they come in, and the Reference Section is slowly growing.

At the same time, the use of the library is steadily being extended to a greater number of boys.

I must sincerely apologize for forgetting, in last December's magazine, to make acknowledgment for gifts to the library.

The following kindly donated money or books: P. Coleman; M. J. Dofort; The Reverend and Mrs. Crawford-Jones; and the parents of Alan Randall; Elliott; D. J. Shortland.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: H. A. Wrenn
Committee: Mr. A. W. Leftwich, Mr. J. W. Huddart, Mr. A. Bantoft
Chairmen: R. Howlett and R. J. Gage
Secretaries: B. L. Gilbert and P. R. Betts

After the Christmas break the Scientific Society resumed its role in producing a new Einstein. Although attendances were low, some very good lectures were given, and those people who did not attend cannot feel their education complete. We congratulate B. L. Gilbert for his excellent lecture on "Diesel Engines," for which he was given the Scientific Society prize for the best lecture of the year.

P.R.B.

The lectures this term were:

"Plant and Soil Nutrition" by N. A. Fairey. Mr. Fairey explained how certain soil constituents aided the living processes of plants.

"Microminiaturisation" by A. McArdle. The reduction in size of valves was explained in terms of the increased reliability of the machine concerned.

"Bio Luminescence" by I. S. Tuckley. The lecturer explained the different theories of the cause of luminescence, which he supplemented with his own views.
"Diesel Engines" by B. L. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert explained the principles of the Diesel engine by following the path of fuel through it.

"Tidal Power" by A. A. Gautrey. The statement "Tidal power could be used for the generation of electricity" was expounded and explained.

"Computers" by A. Chapman. The various processes of the computer, from the punching of cards to the storing of information, were explained.

"Tape Recording" by G. Wyman. A history of the tape recorder was given and the functions of its components explained.

"Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastics" by I. J. Partridge. Mr. Partridge explained the uses of fibres in strengthening high polymer plastics and other materials.

"Principles of Colour Photography" by A. J. H. Cox. The additive and subtractive systems of producing a coloured photograph were explained.

"Quasi Stellar Objects" by H. Shaw. The measurement of the composition and shape of galaxies by the spectrum "red-shift" was explained.

"Radar" by J. Lett. Mr. Lett gave a history of the development of radar and explained how it worked.

"Dyes" by D. J. Collins. A comprehensive picture of the types and properties of dyes and dye-stuffs was given.

"The Probability of life on Mars" by J. Thursby. Similarities between Mars and the Earth were shown and evidence to support the theory was given.

"Rare Earths" by A. D. Short. A study of the extraction, properties and uses of the rare earth metals was given.

"Vitamins" by R. P. Kingham. Mr. Kingham explained how the constituents of vitamins prevented various ailments.

FIELD SURVEY SOCIETY

During the past year the Society has firmly established the second (summer) expedition. This has been introduced to cater for the increasing number of sixth formers who wish to attend the courses provided.

Unfortunately, the Golan School, which we have used for the past three years, was not available for our Easter expedition, as the building has been used by the Caernarvonshire Welfare Committee to house an evicted family. However, the Education Committee have allowed us to use the Morfa Bychan School, which is sited close by the famed Black Rock Sands.

North Wales is becoming a familiar area to many of the Society, some of the members having attended three expeditions now.

The Society’s prizes were awarded this year to S. Leeson (Biology) and J. Johnson (Geography). Johnson’s work on the glaciation of the Cnicht area of North Wales has been highly praised by all who have read it, including members of University Staffs.

At the end of this year we are saying goodbye to Mr. A. J. L. Alden, who has been a consistent and enthusiastic supporter of the Society. As driver,
translator, teacher and companion, his service has been much appreciated. We will also miss the guidance and advice of Mr. J. G. Dunning, who has always given freely of his experience and enthusiasm and encouraged the formation of the Society.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The demand for variety in our meetings seems to increase with each successive term. Again we have studied a range of topics that are vastly different from each other, yet which we hope have some bearing upon each one of our lives.

The Spring term began with a debate on the rights and wrongs of a Continental Sunday in Britain. This meeting incidentally, was several times in danger of becoming a discussion on football.

A new line of interest was begun early in the term when we reviewed some English religious poetry. From the readings, which spanned ten centuries, we learned something of the character of religious poetry, and some at least were stimulated by its "message." We also reviewed C. S. Lewis' books, "Out of the Silent Planet" and "That Hideous Strength," thus completing the trilogy of his books, all of which stimulated many questions concerning the Universe, Evil and Society.

Perhaps the most significant happening in the whole history of the Christian Fellowship took place when Father Harris, the Roman Catholic Priest from Rushden came and spoke on his view of Church Unity. We were all surprised to find that there were fewer differences between Protestants and Catholics than we had thought. His visit brought home to us the fact that the whole Church is undergoing a massive change, since such a meeting would have been unheard of only a few years ago.

The London City Missioner made his annual visit in March, and as usual we found sincerity and good humour to be his dominant characteristics. He told of his life amongst the railwaymen of London and encouraged us all with his direct and meaningful anecdotes.

"Religion in schools" was a topic in which no one was at a loss for words. Nearly everyone criticised the present method of teaching R.I., and also the principle of having a morning assembly. The two meetings allotted to this subject we felt were well used.

The Spring term was concluded with "Baptism," a subject of vital importance in the moves toward unity. The Baptists "ganged-up" on everyone else, but credit must be given to Messrs. Wilson and Dorney for keeping their heads above water.

The most interesting topic of this short term was that of the "Lord's Supper." Many different views were expressed.

Perhaps the most noticeable point about all our meetings is that they bring out our ignorance on subjects that Christians ought to know their own minds about.

In these rapidly changing times, perhaps the best thing that is gained from Christian Fellowship is that each member learns to think more for himself about his personal faith, and then how it may fit into his everyday life.

Next term we welcome all members of 4th, 5th and 6th forms, and best wishes go to C. Misselbrook at the commencement of his term of office as Secretary.

P. THACKER.
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Since the officers and senior members have been occupied with G.C.E. examinations, there have been no meetings during this term.

Next term there will be meetings as usual at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, in Room 14.

We would like to thank Mr. Tomlinson for arranging the trip to the Old Greenwich Observatory and the Planetarium, on Excursion day.

H. SHAW (Secretary).

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President R. J. Allen
Secretary P. M. Layton

The term has been uneventful because of exams and lack of funds due to injudicious investment during the Spring term. However, the Society did cover Lord Mountbatten's visit extensively.

The photographic prize of the year must go to some nameless soul, who in his excitement, took a close-up picture of a dissected rat, a picture of three people around an aquarium, and finally one of a reflex action machine, without winding on his film.

Anyone wishing to acquire any knowledge of photographic technique is welcome to join the Society.

BADMINTON CLUB

President : T. M. McIlroy
Secretary : P. M. Layton
Captain : R. J. Benoist

A sudden upsurge of interest during the Spring term necessitated the formation of a Junior Club on Thursday evenings.

The Senior club has prospered and several interesting fixtures have been played with the High School against the Technical School.

The match against the Masters was not an unqualified success, the School just failing to take a game. However, the unco-ordinated rushes of the short-sighted President and flat-footed Secretary caused some people amusement.

RAILWAY CLUB

On speech day we decided to exhibit roughly the same layout as last year, as this would give the greatest running distance, but we also showed two of the latest sections to be made, one of which was a second turntable, and part of the control equipment for the new sections. Most of the track of these has been laid, and we are at last beginning on the scenery.

Unfortunately, due to a controller failing to work, we were unable to work engines over the branch line, but we hope to have avoided any further trouble of this sort, as we have now purchased a Hammant & Morgan controller.
Our excursion on June 29th was to Stratford (E.15), Nine Elms and Guildford motive power depots, and the Bluebell Railway Preservation Society’s line between Sheffield Park and Horsted Keynes, in Sussex, when we were pleased to have Mr. Beacham accompanying the party of twenty.

We discovered that the entire area of Nine Elms shed is going to be the site of the new Covent Garden market, which is being moved out of central London to ease congestion and access. At Guildford shed we were taken round by a most helpful guide, who moved locomotive no. 77014 out of the shed, onto the turntable so that we could photograph it more easily. This engine, which had received minor repairs after a breakdown the previous day, has for a long time been allocated to the North-Eastern region, but is now being transferred to the Southern region.

At the Bluebell line, we went round the locomotive shed and saw a variety of locomotives, including a petrol-driven one which was owned by the Britannia Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. of Bedford, and the Stroudley designed tank “Fenchurch” of the L.B. & S.C.R., which was built in 1872, and was the oldest locomotive there. We then went for a ride on a train, hauled by a former S.E. & C.R. loco, number 27, which proved capable of hauling about two coaches.

Everybody agreed that it was a most successful excursion.

P. R. L. JONES

RECORDER CLUB

Membershipwise, this year has not been a happy one. We have no new members and have lost four. However, we still manage to keep the flag flying at the School Music Concerts, and this term we shall perform a suite from “The Beggar’s Opera,” a modern “beat” composition by Brian Bonsor, called “Beguine” and “Scottish Suite” for solo treble recorder by the modern composer, Norman Fulton. This break away from the Seventeenth Century will, it is hoped, attract more interest from boys and help to boost our declining membership.

C.J.C.

JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

Meetings of the Junior Chemistry Club were held throughout the Spring term and until the Whitsun break during the Summer term. The members attended regularly and numbers necessitated two meetings a week.

Many different aspects of chemistry were investigated. Fractional distillation was used to separate two organic liquids and also to study the tar which was a bi-product obtained when coal gas was being produced by heating coal. A partially successful attempt was made to analyse an alloy using qualitative analysis techniques. Many other experiments were performed, some of which were followed up by members at home with their own chemistry sets.

R.J.L. & R.B.

TOC H

During the Summer term the activities of Toc H have been somewhat curtailed by the pressure of examinations. However, a few meetings have been held, one of which was attended by the area padre, who gave a talk dealing with the work of Toc H in the world today. We have also joined with
other secondary schools in the town in starting an experimental scheme of Community Service Volunteers. The hospitals library service has been regularly maintained throughout the term.

The group would like to take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Mr. Dunning for the assistance he has given since the foundation of the School Toc H branch ten years ago. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

It is hoped that next term membership will be increased by boys from the 5th and lower 6th forms.

SCOUTS

THE TROOP

The Scout year has passed much as usual. The hut still requires some attention, admittedly, since a hole in the roof renders the climate within somewhat damp in rainy weather. But otherwise we have done most of what we set out to do.

The Silverwood Cup team, led by a veteran and somewhat tubby Jessop, performed at St. Mary’s Paddock. The Gilbey Cup team camped at Gibson’s Farm, Orlingbury, ably led by a strangely subdued and conscientious Wrenn. Both teams came third out of six, but the latter achievement was markedly the finer, as Jessop will acknowledge, seeing that it was he that did not read his instructions carefully enough to mash the all-important potatoes! (One team in the Silverwood actually used Y-OM-N instant mashed—the competitions committee will have to revise their rules on the basis of the subtle distinction between "mashed potatoes" and "potatoes, mashed").

The Gilbey team’s achievement was indeed very creditable, the team consisting of Wrenn, Heighton senior, Edwards, Smart junior, Stevenson junior and Huddart junior, the underest-fifteen team we have ever fielded. The programme seems to have been somewhat too much of a cross between the Patents Office and Christian Dior for some, including as it did the requirement of devious inventions and fashion modelling in newspaper creations, but on the whole the weekend was thoroughly enjoyed (which is, we sometimes forget, the main idea).

The County Camp, over the Whit weekend, was at Bulwick Park, supervised by the senior scouts. The Summer Camp will be at Youlbury Scout Camp, Oxford, from the 14th to the 21st of July.

THE SENIOR SCOUTS

Thanks, largely, to their own devices, the seniors have progressed further upon their way to the Queen’s Scout badge and several are now upon the "brink" of that achievement. Mike Lane held a Forester Badge course and a Part 2 Venturer Badge course which four seniors attended. Finally, a Public Health Badge course was kindly provided by Mr. Hopkins, of the Wellingborough Health Department, and the Medical Officer of Health. Our thanks to them for their services to us.

Steve Allen and Robert Pine recently made the tough trek along the Pennine Way. They both enjoy this sort of punishment, though the mortification of Steve’s feet didn’t go down too well at the beginning. We hope to see Hugh Nicholas for a very welcome return to scouting at Summer Camp.

Mr. Dunning retires, of course, at the end of this term, and we would like to wish him better health very soon and to thank him for his long service to scouting in the School.
Another member of staff will be joining us as a second Scouter in September.

MATTERS FORENSIC

A bone of contention has, of course, been thrown into the works, so to speak, by the publication of the recent report, re new uniform, long trousers, etc. Let me, while I have this soap-box handy, put over a couple of points, a little controversial maybe, but perhaps of some interest to parents.

Firstly, the definition of scouting may vary (all to the good?), but ours has been, and remains: "Scouting is a game, a great game and a good one." The new report seems to me (this truly is merely my own opinion) to hit somewhat at this idea. The suggestion of a sort of civics curriculum seems (as the report almost admits) to be in danger of replacing scouting with something else.

Secondly, while the report admits that the new uniform will be rather more costly in initial outlay, it fails to admit or realise that scouts have "mums." The new uniform, the long trousers, that is, will get into an awful mess much more quickly. The uniform's avowed purpose is greater smartness —yet it will stay smart a much shorter length of time. Poor old mum! Finally, I had always understood that the natural purpose of scout uniform was this: "I am wearing scout uniform to show that I am about scout business and am not ashamed of the fact." (There is nothing military about scouting—parade-wise or manoeuvre-wise). Baden-Powell always insisted on that fact. Scout uniform, then, by definition, is to be functional—and if the boy is smart, his uniform will be as smart as he is.

County Camp, Bulwick Park.

(Here followeth Parkinson's Law?)

SCOUTS — WHITSUN CAMP

The county camp this year took place at Bulwick near Corby. A party of eleven juniors lead by four seniors represented the troop at the three-day camp. The troop arrived on the Saturday morning and were soon busy trying to convert a nettle and thistle patch into a camp site. Smart, acting in the temporary absence of Willson and Wrenn, quickly and efficiently got his patrol working and his tent was soon erected. By lunch time all the tents were up and there was some semblance of order. The seniors built a sturdy table in the kitchen which fell only when one member of the troop (who shall remain anonymous), tried to use it as a stage on which to perform acrobatics. Many other ingenious gadgets were constructed by the juniors.

Other highlights of the camp included a campfire, a "Scouts' Own" and the only working gateway in the subcamp. The providore was disappointingly understocked and after the trudge across the fields to reach it in the blazing sun it had inevitably sold out of ice cream and drinks.

On the Sunday night all the troop went on a night hike. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all (by order), despite the fact that the map was about twenty years old and a large section of the forest through which we were walking had been cut down, causing us to "temporarily lose our way."

At the closing ceremony of the camp the troop was presented with a pennant for the high standard of camping that was displayed. The camp site was then cleared and the troop dispersed. Before the seniors left, however,
they managed to distinguish themselves by playing a leading role in the extinguishing of a fire in the woodpile.

The weather was perfect for Huddart's, Blades' and Billings' first camp and we hope that they enjoyed it. J.R.P. (L.6 Sc.)

**CYCLE CLUB**

The Cycle Club has changed considerably in character during the year and our main activity this term has been the staging of Time Trials. Several half-day tours had to be cancelled, as did a projected week's tour in the summer holidays, owing to lack of sufficient support. We hope to remedy this with a concentrated recruitment campaign next term.

At the end of term a check on all cycles used by members of the School will be made. This activity proved its worth last year when several cycles were found to have no working brakes and one to have a front wheel that could be pulled clear from the forks. The risks taken by the riders of these cycles make Russian roulette seem as safe a sport as Chess.

During the winter we shall be completely rebuilding several decrepit cycles and carrying out general maintenance work on cycles brought in by boys.

Our Cycle Club appeared in the press for the first time in a report on The Cycle Club Northants Schoolboys Ten Mile Time Trial. J. Inglis of 1a came second in the Under 13 class with a time of 34m. 40s. and has been awarded a Bronze Medal. He has since put in two faster times than the winner of the above event and we have high hopes for him in the future. Scholes of the Lower 6th, came third in the Senior Section of the same event.

We thank Batten, Gibbon, Lewis D., Monck, Neal, Nevett, Payne, Pentlow, Poole, Tomkins and Wilson of the 1st form, who have given their time to marshal the School's own Ten Mile Time Trials. The results of boys who have competed more than once are tabulated below:

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**AIR LEAGUE—A PILOT SCHEME**

In January of this year a pioneer scheme with the aim of promoting "airmindedness" in Britain was begun at Sywell. Several large aircraft companies have volunteered to help sponsor the scheme and it is hoped that local education authorities will follow suit. Ten young people were selected from secondary schools throughout the country to be the first participants in the course. These people will undergo two years spare-time flight training and if more capital is forthcoming a further group will be selected.
Training was scheduled to begin during the Easter holidays, but the British weather (true to form) forced the postponement of instruction for several weeks. Finally, however, together with my instructor and with some difficulty I climbed into the cockpit for my first lesson.

Once airborne, the instructor demonstrated the various effects of the controls and then I took over. The average student makes his first solo flight after about 7 hours of instruction. Forty flying hours are required before a Private Pilot's Licence is granted and during these one must make a cross-country flight to another airfield.

Apart from the flight training itself, several trips have been made, including a visit to Norfolk where we met members of the original training group—who have now obtained their licences. (This visit included a flight in a Tiger Moth biplane).

A future excursion is planned to the Farnborough Air Display in September

H. J. ELLIOTT (L.VI Sc.).

**ULTRA-MODERN CRITICISM**

When a selection of English nursery rhymes appeared on the Advanced Level English Literature syllabus in 1972, the demand for textual notes was met by the book "Christopher Robin Revisited," from which the following extract is taken.

**THE POEM**

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water,
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

**NOTES**

*Line 1* The hill is, of course, symbolic of man's striving after the unattainable. Note the alliteration of "Jack" and "Jill." One early manuscript reads "Zak and Jill" but this is probably corrupt.

*Line 2* The exploitation of natural resources. Obviously a protest that two persons should be necessary to do the work of one—an example of Hubris followed, of course, by a dramatic Nemesis or Fall.

*Line 3* Jack here probably refers to King James the Second who lost his throne—"broke his crown"—in 1688. It has been suggested that the act of breaking the crown was self-inflicted as a result of Jack's frustration at his inability to reach the water. One can picture an intensely emotional man, as Jack is portrayed, beating his head on the earth in fury. A more widely accepted view is that Jack fell down—and broke his crown.

*Line 4* The fall of a great man is, of course, accompanied by general destruction, including the fall of his associates. The story's similarity with the Adam and Eve theme is obvious. Both fell as a result of a desire for that which was withheld deliberately by God—the forbidden fruit and the water. Milton had this poem in mind when writing his "Paradise Lost."

The work has been called "the greatest and simplest English tragedy" by J. Arthur Proudfoot in his book "Sleepy-time Tales." The unanswerable question of the opus is "Did Jack in fact attain his goal before his reversal
of fortune and die in victorious ecstasy, or did he, like Hamlet, "take up arms against a sea of trouble and by opposing end them?" We are left wondering—well, did he or didn't he? P. G. UPTON (VI Arts).

"EARTH HATH NOT ANYTHING TO SHOW MORE FAIR"
(An ode on a distant prospect of Higham Ferrers)

There are only three topics of almost universal appeal on which articles interesting enough for a school magazine can be written. The first is precluded by editorial policy and the Lord Chamberlain, the second is the British Liberal Party, and the third, of course, is Higham Ferrers.

As you wait at Sanders Lodge junction in your 4 p.m. bus home, cogitating idly on the folly of misogyny and on other kindred subjects, raise your eyes. There, spread out before you, beyond the caravan park and the sand and gravel works, is a vista of unparalleled familiarity. My friends, that is Higham Ferrers.

Higham is much more than a "mere geographical expression." It is a way of life, a plane of existence never striven after and seldom attained, except by those who "transcend the limits of Rushden." What, you may ask, is this "many splendoured thing," this bourne from which no traveller returns? The first question must go unanswered, but, in reply to the second may I recount a little history. Higham had three castles. One of these was stolen by perfidious Kimbolton. The others (sic transit gloria mundi) were unfortunately mislaid in the Town Hall along with the charter and the Town Clerk. Higham has produced many famous men, of whom Archbishop Chichele is only one (cynics say the only one). Chronologically, Higham’s history is turbulent and far from simple.

1631 Church spire collapsed.
1644 O. Cromwell stabled his horses in the crypt.
1966 Anti-amalgamation Meeting.

Passions run high in Higham, they tell me. As well as the nationally famous anti-amalgamation meeting there has been the annual no-popery march on St. Mary’s Church, contemporary with the Raunds Bread Riots and the Brigstock Insurrection. With cries of “In hoc signo vincemus;” and “Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres,” inhabitants marched from the Methodist Chapel to the College and were only dispersed by a papal dispensation and promise of indulgence.

Then there was the bid to convert the disused railway terminus into a Youth Club. If questioned on this subject inhabitants shrug and mutter darkly, "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la gare."

As linguists may have remarked, the culture of Higham Ferrers is directly proportionate to the number of guitars, motor cycles and dogs resident there. In fact, the 4,061 inhabitants are heavily outnumbered, a situation familiar to them since 1088 and the rise of Rushden. Nonetheless, undaunted they plough their lonely furrow to the stars (or was it the moon?).

Higham is a disturbing phenomenon, an indictment of our modern world which it is hard to ignore. One is left asking, is this "The End," or, in the modern world of David Frost and atomic holocausts will the Duchy of Lancaster find room in its realms to allow Higham to expand to, perhaps, 4,250 and ultimately absorb Rushden, Irlingborough, Finedon, Santa Pod and Sunderland? For how much longer must we answer every question on the future of Higham with the fatuous platitude "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice"? J. O. UPTON (VI Arts).
A DEATH

A rugged outcrop outside the city—Golgotha—"place of a skull"—place of death. Three gaunt crosses stand against a cloudless sky. Three crosses—three offenders. Two for treason and violence, one for blasphemy. Three penalties of death—but what a death!

They hang naked, humiliated before a large fun-seeking crowd. Nails—eight inches long—thick—sharp—hammered through their hands—screams of utter agony as the cross drops into its socket. Blood drips from half living corpses. Blood, heat, sweat, flies, jeering. Flies crawling, buzzing, sucking at the blood, crawling over the salt covered bodies—into open mouths, crawling on staring eye balls.

Hands and feet are a horrible bluey-black colour—dead. Death is creeping over the hanging bodies.

But the middle criminal looks worse. Has had no sleep, been cross-questioned for many hours, then flogged. The flesh hangs in strips on his back. Flies and blood cover him. The crowd kicked and punched him and then the dead weight of his own cross all but killed him.

He wears a crown of thorns on his gory head. Three inch spikes dig far into flesh and veins. Blood flows down his face and drips off his beard. His hair is now red. He suffers from loss of blood.

Screams, jeers, blood, sweat, flies, heat—then darkness creeps in. Darkness to cover the most ghastly deed man has ever done. Darkness. Death.

"IT IS—FINISHED."

C. R. MISSELBROOK.

TO THE FIRST FORMERS

At the beginning of term they come,
Frightened, quiet and seemingly dumb;
Walking around carrying their maps,
Always afraid to take off their caps;
Wand’ring about, some in their shorts,
Thinking of home, with all its comforts,
Wearing their satchels, even in class;
First time at rugby, Oh, what a farce I
And yet, by the time that three terms are spent—
They’re acting completely different!

G. A. KEECH (3a).

DRAG RACING

The American sport of Drag Racing increases in popularity in England almost daily. Only two vehicles race at a time and they may be in any one of ten classes among which are motor cycles, modified production, and dragsters. Most of these are home-built but usually with ready-made parts.

When watching a "slingshot dragster"—the most publicised type—one realizes why it is called a "rail," for it is very long and narrow in construction. The frame is usually of tubular steel with a cockpit mounted behind the rear axle between the wheels. A semi-circular "roll bar" protrudes above the cockpit to provide protection for the driver if a "rollover" occurs. The engine is situated (in most cases) immediately in front of the cockpit, for reasons of weight distribution, and is highly tuned. Between the cockpit and the engine is a fire wall to prevent fire from the engine spreading uncontrolled to the driver's cockpit. Radius rods, controlled from the cockpit, steer the front wheels. Everything in front of the engine is often "faired in" to reduce wind
resistance. The rear wheels are usually made of magnesium, bearing large treadless tyres or "slicks," and the front axle carries small spoked wheels.

Most dragster racing is done over a quarter of a mile and the fastest cars reach speeds well in excess of 200 m.p.h. These cars run on special fuel and are classed according to their cubic capacity in litres. Safety rules require that all cars capable of 150 m.p.h. or more have a parachute to aid breaking, and also that the driver shall wear a fireproof suit, face mask, helmet and goggles. He must sit in a seat harness at least three feet away from the transmission, which is covered by a shatterproof bell housing.

The British Drag Racing Association was formed in 1964 to help and encourage enthusiasts to build dragsters. Along with its sister organizations—The British Hot Rod Association and The National Sprint Association (which had been formed some years before)—it organizes Drag events all over the country. It has a monthly magazine and headquarters in Kent. It has organized two international competitions at which an American team gave exhibitions and to a lesser extent competed with the British enthusiasts. These "Dragfests" as they were called were a great success and in 1966 a drag championship is planned—two rounds of which have already been run.

British Dragsters look rather amateurish in construction, but nevertheless they still turn in good times for the quarter, and are improving rapidly in design and in theory. In Britain most Drag racing is done on airstrips. Paddockton aerodrome has recently reopened as a Drag strip—the first permanent one in Europe. It has been "christened" Santa Pod (after Santa Barbara—officially the world's fastest strip).

The B.D.R.A. has recently suffered a serious loss with the death of Sydney Allard, who pioneered the sport in this country.

For anyone who wishes to learn more about Drag Racing or Hot Rodding, there are several excellent magazines, details of which will be gladly supplied on request.

J. C. WARNOCK (5Z) and
P. P. R. FRENCH (U.VI).

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMANS REPORT

There is very little new to report at present since we have not made any progress in negotiations regarding the present Sports Field, although no effort has been spared by our experts. This is still unfortunately holding up progress on the Headquarters and no start is possible until this matter has been finalised.

We can, however, be very proud of the new Sports Field which is looking in excellent condition following the attention it has received this Spring and Summer. It will be in first-class condition by the time we wish to use it next year.

The Association is still centred around its sporting activities, with the Table Tennis section being very active and we congratulate them on their successes of the past season. The Rugby and Cricket clubs are still the main organisations in terms of numbers and they are still gaining in strength and support.

Other sections are Badminton and Tennis, and if any member wants to take an active part in these sections he should contact the respective secretary.
If any members have ideas with regard to new activities, your committee will be very pleased to consider them.

Our main fund raising activity, the tote, is still functioning but it needs every possible support. I urge any member who at present does not have a book to contact Mr. A. Smith and help in this; any support, however small, will be welcomed.

Once again I must remind you that our Annual Dinner and A.G.M. are approaching and I hope that these will gain increased support.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' CRICKET CLUB REPORT

Playing record to 28th June, 1966:—

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Faced with the problem of raising four senior sides and a youth eleven, the Club got off to a very good start this season. The playing membership increased, and the Match Secretary reports little difficulty in obtaining the necessary numbers each week.

The first eleven got off to a very good start, winning their opening two games. They have since struck a bad patch, drawing three, and losing four. The last game prior to this report was abandoned, leaving eight matches in which to obtain a position in the league table above the relegation zone. This is a vital object as relegation would automatically force the second eleven out of the league.

In their first season in County League cricket the second eleven have won two and lost four; the wins being a “double” over Raunds second XI. One match was lost in the last over, and another was in easy reach had the middle batting been more aggressive. The future, however, is bright, the team is settling down, and their entry into the league has been fully justified.

On Sundays the “A” and “B” sides are balanced to match the strength of the opposition. This is working quite well, except where opponents are unknown quantities. On Whitsun Sunday the “A” eleven travelled to Ilkeston and drew with the local Club, they had an enjoyable day out, guaranteed the fixture for next season, and have the possibility of another fixture in the area for Whitsun Monday, so making a short tour highly probable for next year.

On May 6th (Speech Day) the Old Boys drew with the School who, faced with a total of 131 for 6 were, 15 for 7 in reply when rain caused the game to be abandoned. Moral victory can be claimed but the record shows a draw, and the School live, only just, to fight again.

Another successful new venture is the Colts eleven. They play on weekday evenings and have lost two out of seven matches played and can well bn runners up in their first season. The team consists of schoolboys with Stevee Grant as team manager. The Old Boys provide the ground for home matches, transport for away matches, equipment and officials. Already there are signs that the policy to sponsor this eleven will pay off and provide the vital link between the Club and the schoolboy.

R. T. NEWNHAM, Hon. Secretary
113 Northampton Road, Wellingborough.
OLD GRAMMARIANS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
Season 1965/66

RESULTS

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From the above records you will see that the Rugby club enjoyed a successful season.

The 1st XV scored many convincing victories and in the seventeen games from mid-December until the end of the season only one defeat was received and fourteen victories were recorded, including the last ten games; truly a convincing finish. Again we retained the Round Table Charity Cup in the annual Boxing Day fixture. Credit for the 1st XV good season must largely be given to Peter Robinson, the Captain of the side, who by personal example and often inspiring leadership, moulded fifteen players into a very worthy side, and although the side did not score as many points as in previous seasons, Peter, for the second year running, scored over a hundred points and was in fact the only member of the club to achieve this creditable figure.

The "A" XV was again lead very ably by Bob Bridgeford and their record shows that a successful spirit prevailed.

On the playing side, the "B" XV under Graham Brown’s guidance, did not have a brilliant season but all games were thoroughly enjoyed and the spirit of this XV throughout the season could not have been bettered.

This season there has not been an Easter Tour, although preparations are well in hand for the 1967 tour to the North-West. Socially, the club has continued to flourish with two highly successful evenings at the Redwell Cricket Pavilion. Another item of interest worth recording was the Coaching Course held at the Grammar School in February, when 47 members of the School, Gaynes Hall and the O.G.’s rugby clubs attended the all-day session run by the East Midlands Rugby Football Union.

Finally, we would like to thank all members of the School who have assisted during the last season, whether on the field or off, and we do extend to any boy interested in Rugby Football, regardless of ability, a very hearty welcome to come along and join us for the coming season.

DON BURTON
Hon. Secretary
159 Gold Street, Wellingborough.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

BIRMINGHAM

P. A. CLARKE (Economics, Politics and Sociology) was busy for a while, propagating the Gospel according to Dave Bowen and is gradually overcoming the traumatic shock caused by the Cobblers’ relegation, convalescing in the uneasy atmosphere of Gotham City and the activities of a certain Batman. He was last seen eating pie and chips after a good jar of ale in the "wee" small hours and explaining to a policeman why he was carrying a Keep Left bollard.

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P. COLEMAN (Spanish) has perfected a Brum accent and passes quite well as an indigenous species. Photography has taken up much of his time and he can be seen at most dances, clutching a camera in his hand in his official capacity as a Student Newspaper Photographer—perhaps he’ll learn to dance sometime. He reads all the best magazines and all the worst Spanish books. He now has home connections and is thankfully as reticent about his activities in that field as he is in others, following the tradition of previous correspondents.

P. NEVILLE (Economics, Politics and Sociology) is exhausted after several demanding appearances in the audience of “University Challenge”—any resemblance between him and the Gonk, he claims, is purely coincidental. His performance in the exams, he fears, may be marred by his having to invent a New Poor Law Amendment Act as the original had, for the moment, escaped him. He wears bare feet and hipster jeans with no back pockets when it’s hot.

L. D. KILSBY (Post-graduate Spanish) must be the most distinguished O.G. in these parts. He settled down to work after Christmas but had to change his research topic as his original choice of author is still alive and kicking and Les did not fancy a lawsuit. It appears that he may have carried out his threat to go to Spain.

B. P. JOYCE. Inquiries have revealed that “Pimer” does Min. Eng., whatever that is, and his disappearance this term is attributed by some to work and by others to misadventure in a mineshaft.

P. J. COALES is apparently reading something vaguely scientific and could be in his third year—nobody knows. However, we do know that he eats buttered toast in the Refectory because he was spotted by our secret agent, who immediately gave U.N.C.L.E. a “buzz.”

D. H. WILLIAMS (Birmingham Training College) was seen wandering through the crowded thoroughfare of a double-decker bus, looking rather bewildered by it all. When asked what he had done, the startled reply was “Well, nothing really.” So that’s that.

D. J. AUSTIN. “Horace” is here too, so we are reliably informed. He is definitely not at the University, as no-one has seen him, but he is believed to be on a librarian’s course at a college lost somewhere in the conurbation. Other than that we cannot disclose—because we don’t know any more—but it is generally assumed that he has renounced his regal activities.

NEWCASTLE
(ex-Kings, Durham)

P. FAUKES (5th year Dentistry). Rarely seen except for occasional sprints along the Coast Road in his white sports car, strangely indifferent to such technicalities as speed-limits and traffic-lights. Assumed to be working constantly.

H. PARR (2nd year Physics). An umbrella-brandisher of the highest order, he maintains a sober, hard-working appearance, despite reports of prolonged absence from the Physics Department. Last seen after a night on the brown ale, when he attempted to prove his theory of being able to walk across the Tyne.

B. J. INGYON (2nd year Geography). Lives dangerously near a women’s hall of residence, but dutifully continues to uphold the Meths Society (=Methodist), of which he is president. Adopts a benevolently paternalistic attitude towards a certain first-year geographer!

J. McIVER (1st year Geography). Already a fully-fledged Geordie, he plays Animals’ records far into the night. Attempted unsuccessfully to infiltrate the Students’ Representative Council, since when he has led a secluded existence.
LEEDS

ADNITT (First Year Engineering). He hasn't changed appreciably; the same spectacles, same gaberdine raincoat, same blank look. The greatest feat of his first year in Leeds has been to make a paper dart out of graph-paper which travels twenty yards at one go. This, unfortunately, met an untimely end when it collided with a rather shocked professor.

BELLAMY (First Year Engineering) must have the broadest chest in the University, though his height has scarcely increased. He plays rugby and all sorts of other ridiculously healthy games and remains as cheerful as ever.

BUCKBY (Second Year Geography) remains elusive. He belongs to the most exclusive set in the University, “The Geographical Society,” which is always dashing off to the Lake District, “to study the strata,” says Buckby, whatever that means.

CHAPMAN (Second Year Engineering) enjoys playing snowballs when there’s snow. When there’s not, drinking and loafing appear to be his principal activities. He claims that he is the “in” person at Leeds. No-one else seems to have noticed.

FORSTER (First Year Theology) gives blessings at a small fee to supplement his dwindling grant. He succumbs to all temptations of the flesh without any qualms. Goes to concerts, sits in the front row and coughs loudly every time there’s a mistake.

LORD (First Year Engineering) appears convinced that he’s to be here for a long time since he now sports a university blazer and tie. The only blow his ever-bright advancement has suffered so far was not being allowed to take his transistor into a Physics exam to listen to the Test Match.

LAUDER (Third Year Engineering) disappeared from public view (that is, from the public bar) to work hard for his finals. He has now re-emerged and we wish him every success in his future career.

NEEDLE (Second Year Theology) must be congratulated on his recent engagement. He is as perky as ever but refused point-blank to dress up in a bikini for Rag Week Procession. Dines with Orton and dreams of becoming Bishop of Irthingborough.

ORTON (First Year English) has done away with the “student look” and now wears white shirts and ties. He appeared in a university production of “Twelfth Night,” recites Anglo-Saxon poetry unprompted, goes to late night films and claims to be able to tell the difference between port and sherry. Last seen sticking flags into irate old gentlemen for Rag Week.

PALING (Third Year Engineering), too, is bidding farewell to Leeds to start work. Let us wish him every happiness both in his job and in his forthcoming marriage.

PEAKE (Second Year Engineering) appeared in Rag Procession dressed in next to nothing, throwing bags of flour at unsuspecting onlookers. The theme of the float he was on was rather vague; it consisted of half-naked girls shrieking comments about lavatories, bearing placards with inscriptions like “Don’t laugh, sir, your daughter’s in here.”

SAXTON (First Year Engineering) now lives in a mixed student Hall of Residence. When questioned about his activities he assumes an enigmatic smile, coughs politely and says “Hm . . . ” He works, too, presumably.

STEVENSON (Third Year Engineering). Another finalist to whom we also send our best wishes for the future. A married man now, who has fast become mature, sober and responsible. What a change! Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. S.