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SCHOOL NOTES

The magazine will now be published at the beginning of the Autumn Term and at the end of the Winter Term. It is hoped that this move will result in better coverage of School activities.

Seven masters left last term to take up appointments in other schools and colleges: Mr. E. A. Pritchard to Kettering Technical College; Mr. T. D. Norman to be Senior History Master at his old school, Royal Liberty School, Romford; Mr. A. Bantoft to be Senior Chemistry Master at Tadcaster G.S.; Mr. N. M. C. Anderson to teach History at Cheltenham G.S.; Mr. C. R. Isted to teach Mathematics at Wrekin College, Staffordshire; Mr. R. J. Lane to be Senior Chemistry Master at a new comprehensive school, Wroughton Park School, Swindon; Mr. P. J. Warren to Chiswick Technical College. The School sincerely thanks these masters for their work (academic and extra curricular) over the years, and wishes them happiness and success in their new surroundings.

This term we welcome seven new masters: Mr. I. L. MacDougall (Bristol University), formerly of King’s School, Grantham, to be Senior History Master; Mr. T. A. J. Rowe (Northampton College of Technology and Sir John Cass College, London), to teach Mathematics; Mr. T. C. Goodman (W.G.S. and Borough Road College of Education), to teach Mathematics; Mr. N. S. F. Wills (W.G.S. and Magdalen College, Oxford), to teach History; Mr. M. K. Wright (Kettering G.S. and Birmingham University), to teach English; Mr. R. P. Turville (High Pavement G.S. and Loughborough University), to teach Chemistry; Mr. L. J. Alvis (King Edward VI, Bath, and Borough Road College of Education), to teach Chemistry. We hope that they will be happy here.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pritchard on the birth of sons; and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Norman on the birth of daughters.

The School extends its congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barker who were married at Easter, and also to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor who were married during the Spring holiday.

Mr. R. B. Taylor gained a regular place in the England Rugby XV last season and was selected to tour Canada with an England XV in September.

Prize-giving was on May 11th and the School welcomed Group Capt. Douglas Bader, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., as the Chief Guest. It was a very hot day and the Group Captain dispensed with formality and took his coat off. The assembled boys, parents, governors, and friends of the School, were treated to an uncensored speech of wit and good advice. The day was completed with a hard-fought cricket match between the 1st XI and the Old Grammarians.

P. P. York captained the Northants. Under 15 XI against Derbyshire at Rushden, and against Lincolnshire at Grantham. The Derbyshire match was drawn, and despite a fine spell of bowling by York (4 wickets for 6 runs) the county lost to Lincolnshire by 25 runs.

Old Boy David Frost continues to be in the news. His programme “Frost over Britain” won the Montreux award earlier this year.
On June 28th most of the School went on day trips to places of interest as far apart as Carlisle and the Post Office Tower. The School is indebted to Mr. T. G. Tomlinson for the many hours of negotiation he spent in order to provide us with an enjoyable day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cheale and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wrenn took a party of 65 boys to Schwäbisch Hall and Boppard from August 14th—25th.

The Field Survey Society spent a week at Golan School, Tremadoc, Snowdonia, from July 14th—21st. Seventeen boys studied various aspects of geography and biology under the expert guidance of Messrs. Tussler, Parkin, Walker, and Harding.

The School Under 16 basketball team had an unbeaten record at the end of the season. They also won the shield for the Northamptonshire League Championship and the trophy for the Northamptonshire Junior Knock-out Competition. Congratulations to the team and Messrs. R. B. Taylor and N. M. C. Anderson!

The 1st XV had an outstanding 1966–7 season, beating every school they played. Only the first game against Northampton G.S. ended in defeat. B. Waite, K. L. Allen have since played for the 'Saints' senior XV, and D. Toseland has played for the 'Wanderers'. The School congratulates both the team and Mr. A. E. Sparrow for this fine record.

IN MEMORIAM


SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Kitchener Scholarship to Magdalen College, Oxford (Law).

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

R. J. HAWKINS
M. D. KITSON
P. J. STEVENSON
P. ROBINSON
J. E. RIVETT
D. J. HARRIS
R. P. BUCKBY
S. H. ALLEN
P. LINDSELL
P. J. HARRIS
P. E. FOAKES
R. BALL
B. J. INGYON
H. N. PARR
R. WILLIAMS
R. C. LOMAS
D. R. LAWRENCE
R. B. HOWELL

Ph.D. Metallurgy, Imperial College of Science, London.
B.A. Mod. Lang., Nottingham.
Graduateship of The British Boot and Shoe Industry.
Final Examination of Chartered Accountants Association.
1st Hons. Botany, St. John's, Cambridge. College Scholarship, Wright and Hughes Prizes, Research Council Studentship.
B.D.S. Dentistry, Durham.
II. Hons. Physics, Balliol, Oxford.
II. 1. Geography, Newcastle.
II. 2. Physics, Newcastle.
III. Hons. Physics, St. Peter's, Oxford.
II. Hons. Accountancy, Sheffield.
Final Pt. 1, R.I.C.S. (Quantities).
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The following boys of Wellingborough Grammar School have been successful in the recent examinations at the Advanced and Special levels:

C. M. ABBOTT
D. J. COLLINS
A. J. H. COX
W. DREW
J. M. A. LETT
K. J. MERRICK
E. R. NEVETT
H. SHAW
D. J. STEVENSON
G. WYMAN
P. A. B. AGER
K. P. BARLEY
P. M. BURTENSNAW
I. D. CARMICHAEL
R. G. CLAPHAM
R. I. COX
E. W. DAVIES
P. J. DOBNEY
J. F. ELDRIDGE
H. J. ELLIOT
P. A. HARRIS
N. J. HAYCOX
R. HIGHMAN
S. R. HUDDART
A. J. INGRAM
R. W. KIZIKA
P. M. LAYTON
R. LINES
T. M. McCLOY
A. MUNDAY
R. J. PARAGREEN
R. C. RAWLINGS
R. J. SCOTT
M. J. STROUD
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B. M. WEBB
K. L. ALLEN
A. CLARIDGE
A. G. GARDNER
T. E. LINE
D. G. LITCHFIELD
P. MARRIAGE
R. J. SMART
P. J. SMITH
J. B. STRANGER
D. TOSELAND
J. O. UPTON
P. G. UPTON
B. WAITE
D. M. ALLEN
R. T. BAILEY
G. L. BATES
A. R. BROWN
L. P. BUCKBY
M. A. COX
P. J. DIXON
P. FOSTER
A. A. FREEMAN
R. J. GAYTON
M. HILL
P. S. HILLYARD
A. D. HOLLOWAY
P. M. KITCHENER
B. LIDDINGTON
J. MAYCOCK
A. MILLS
D. F. OLNEY
J. J. O'NEIL
P. PENETLOW
T. D. READE
S. H. ROBERTS
R. SHEFFIELD
P. TOOMBS
J. S. WEBB
S. J. ADAMS
F. T. POULTON

Pure Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
Pure Mathematics.
Physics; Chemistry; Biology.
Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics; Physics.
Physics; Chemistry; Zoology.
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Mathematics.
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Chemistry; Biology.
British Constitution; Economics; Geography (Merit).
History; British Constitution; Geography.
Economics (Merit); Geography.
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English (Merit); History (Dist.); Geography.
British Constitution; Geography (Merit).
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Spanish.
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J. C. HOLDOM  G. M. A.
A. E. JEWELL  Lang.
T. A. L. LAWSON  H.
P. C. F. MOLCHER  M. ED. A.
P. J. NORMAN  M. A.
G. PARKINS  Lang. M.
G. A. ROBINSON  Lang.
I. J. RYE  Lang. G.
D. A. SHURVILLE  A.
P. D. STANLEY  H. M.
C. WADLOW  Lang. H. G.

DRAGONS

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

Once again the Dragons have held their heads well above water, winning the Rugby cup and the Music competition and achieving healthy positions in Athletics, the Ferguson Trophy and House Drama.

This year we must say farewell to many senior boys who for a long time now have been the strength behind this House. Although this may blunt the seniors' efforts in next year's competitions, the House has great faith in the junior members who once again proved very efficient.

The Cricket competition revealed the weakness of the House—we achieved two victories in the junior games and only one in the seniors; the House had to settle for third position.

Despite these setbacks the House has had a fairly successful year and we are looking forward to even greater successes in the future terms.
The year was one of mixed fortunes for the Gryphons. We came third in the House Music competition, and fourth in the House Drama, a competition which was keenly contested—both before and after the positions had been announced.

The Junior Rugby team was poor and the Seniors failed to get the edge over the Dragons in the final game.

Both cricket teams were poor, the Seniors being just superior in their degree of ineffectuality.

One highlight was the Athletic Sports, which we won for the first time in many, many years. Elliot worked hard before and during Sports Day, and he must be thanked for all his efforts. If anyone was outstanding, it was D. Norman, who was in every final of his age group, and won three of them.

Last term we lost Grant, Head of both House and School. We wish him luck for the future. Mr. Lane also left after a short stay. Finally, a plea which is heard all too often must be made. Competitions can only be won with support “from the floor”. If we are to be “the” House, then everyone must give his utmost.

The House Rugby competition was once again contested keenly, but without a great deal of success. The main factor was the Lions’ lack of 1st XV players; but the captain, Waite, was later selected to play for the ‘Saints’. The seniors played good rugby with plenty of enthusiasm, which was eventually rewarded with a victory over the Stags; but the juniors met with moderate success.

The highlight of the Spring Term was the outstanding success which the House enjoyed in winning the Drama competition, where Denny (producer), Reade, Bedells and Toombs all acted well. However, such a success was inevitably followed by an anti-climax, and the position achieved in the Athletics competition fails to show the tremendous enthusiasm employed by the athletes in obtaining standards and places in the finals of all events.

Second position was achieved in the Cricket competition due entirely to the Senior side who won all their matches; but once again the Junior side failed to live up to the promise of the Senior Eleven. K. Alexander repeated his success in the House matches with scores of 78 and 53 for the School 2nd Eleven against Bedford School and Deacon’s School respectively.

This term we say goodbye to B. Waite and P. Marriage who have served the House enthusiastically during their stay at the School.
STAGS

This last year has been one of mixed success for the Stags. Thanks to sustained efforts, through many difficulties, by Francis and the Junior team, we managed to take first place in the Cricket competition, and were only slightly less successful in the Drama, in which we were placed second. Unfortunately, we fared less well in the Music competition, in which, despite valiant efforts by Cox, we managed a disappointing fourth. We look forward with confidence, however, to future competitions.

It is with deep regret that we say goodbye to Mr. Norman whose vitality and confident wit have spurred the House on during his stay as Housemaster, and we wish him all success in his new post.

CRICKET

1st XI

The 1st XI recorded a fairly successful season, four matches being won. The batsmen scored more runs, more often than they have in the past, though in no match did we record a first wicket partnership of note despite several permutations of openers. In the early matches Toseland at last came good and played several notable innings, particularly one against Lawrence Sheriff on a difficult wicket, where his judgement and aptitude were instrumental in securing victory. In the last few matches Summers has emerged as a more than useful batsman who should continue to score a lot of runs. His concentration is first rate and does not attempt the impossible. He is also the best runner between the wickets that the School has had for some time. Grant played one innings of note against Deacon’s and made several other useful scores. He likes to hit the ball but would be more successful if his judgement improved and if he played straighter than he does. Dobbs also produced one good innings and promised more but unfortunately due to injury they were not forthcoming. Homan also started the season in style but he too was affected by injury.

Of the bowlers Waite and Hobley reaped the benefit of several years in the 1st XI and were usually amongst the wickets. Summers had one good match in which the wicket was made for him, and Hoddle, Hobbs and Homan also usefully trundled away. Lack of variety was the main drawback in the bowling department—if only we had a left-arm bowler or a good spinner!

Reade and Dobbs both performed adequately behind the stumps but they are both inclined to be lazy down the leg side; and they are not keen to bend for bad throw-ins. The fielding generally was of a reasonable standard. I pick out two brilliant caught and bowled efforts by Waite and Homan, mainly because they would probably have decapitated me if they had not been successful. We could not catch near the wicket, except for two Francis held in one match, and we seem incapable of producing a class slip field since the days of A. J. Cox.

Team spirit was of the highest order and Grant, ably supported by Toseland and Waite, deserves full credit for this.

Our grateful thanks to Haycox for his neat and efficient scoring throughout the season.
Colours: Grant, Toseland, Waite, Hobley, Summers, Dobbs.
Half-Colours: Francis, Homan, Hoddle, Eldridge, Reade.

RESULTS

v. Bedford Modern School 2nd XI. Won by 1 wicket.
   Bedford Modern 128 (Waite 4 for 37) : W.G.S. 132 for 9 (Dobbs 61).

v. Old Grammarians. Match drawn.
   O.G. 161 for 8 (Waite 4 for 65) : W.G.S. 106 for 8 (Homan 37 n.o.).

v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Won by 6 wickets.
   Oundle 105 (Waite 4 for 33) : W.G.S. 106 for 4 (Toseland 56).

v. Lawrence Sheriff School. Won by 45 runs.
   W.G.S. 90 for 8 dec. (Toseland 54) : L.S. 45 (Summers 5 for 9).

v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Lost by 5 wickets.
   W.G.S. 114 for 4 dec. (Summers 31) : B.S. 114 for 5.

v. Kettering G.S. Abandoned (rain).
   W.G.S. 29 for 1.

v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Lost by 5 wickets.
   W.G.S. 69 : Wellingborough Thursday 70 for 5.

v. King’s School. Won by 47 runs.
   W.G.S. 114 for 8 dec. (Summers 31) : King’s 67 (Hobley 4 for 14).

v. Deacon’s School. Match drawn.
   W.G.S. 143 for 4 dec. (Grant 48, Summers 39) : Deacon’s 104 for 6.

v. The Masters. Lost by 21 runs.
   The Masters 163 (Hobley 4 for 26, Waite 4 for 51) : W.G.S. 142.

Played—10 Won—4 Lost—3 Drawn—2 No decision—1

2nd XI

Along with all other cricket teams, the School 2nd XI played very little cricket in May and this only accentuated this year’s problems of a young side. Not until the ultra-cautious A. R. Brown was sorted out did we have a settled captain. There was a larger number of boys available for the Seconds this year so that when one or two of the more senior players decided not to play after May this left the side very uncertain in its approach to cricket.

Few were prepared to get on with it when batting, which usually meant we spent a long time getting out for a small total. We had four bowlers in Rollings, Hobbs, Thacker, and Gray who were capable of making opposing batsmen make mistakes but we were not always the best of sides when fielding.

This side did possess a number of keen cricketers, who always tried to produce a good performance in every match. It is to be hoped that these boys will have their reward next season when more scope should be allowed to their talents.

The team was selected from: Alexander, Beard, Brown, Dobney, Gayton, Gray, Harris, Hobbs, Howes, Phillips, Reade, Rollings, Thacker, Warburton.

UNDER 15 XI

This season has given little cause for jubilation. The abysmal weather at the start of the term caused loss of afternoon games and net practice, cancellation of matches. The onset of G.C.E. exams further prevented
practice, while differing age groups between schools caused ostensibly Under 15 games to be played by our Under 14 XI. Consequently, little activity has been enjoyed.

This is a pity as this year's side, a pleasant and co-operative group, promised much in all aspects of the game and did well until they were well beaten by a good Kettering side, which exposed limitations in our batting, field placing and general strategy which might otherwise have been eliminated.

Several of the team will make a large contribution to School cricket in future and one hopes that next season will be more fruitful for all.


RESULTS

Saturday, June 10th v. Lawrence Sheriff School. Match drawn.
W.G.S. 155 for 8 dec. (Rawlins 74) : Lawrence Sheriff 96 for 4.
Saturday, June 24th v. Wellingborough School Junior Colts.
W.G.S. 30 for 1. Match abandoned.
Saturday, July 1st v. King's School.
King's School 87 (Angel 5 for 21, Marlow 3 for 6)
W.G.S. 89 for 7 (Partridge 40).
Saturday, July 8th v. Kettering G.S.

UNDER 14 XI

Played—8 Won—4 Drawn—1 Lost—3

RESULTS

W.G.S. 55 (Mawson 15, Billing 16)
Northampton 26 (Brown 6 for 9, Mawson 3 for 8).
v. Bedford Modern. Lost by 37 runs.
v. Lawrence Sheriff. Won by 53 runs.
W.G.S. 86 : Lawrence Sheriff 38 (Brown 8 for 14, Mawson 2 for 6).
W.G.S. 96 for 8 dec. (Jacobs 31)
Bedford 60 for 8 (Mankiewicz 3 for 14, Jacobs 3 for 9, Nevett 2 for 9).
v. Kettering G.S. Won by 5 wickets.
Kettering G.S. 48 (Smart 5 for 11, Mawson 3 for 11)
W.G.S. 49 for 5 (Smart 16 n.o.).
v. King's School. Lost by 2 wickets.
W.G.S. 111 (Jacobs 56)
King's School 115 for 8 (Brown 3 for 42, Mawson 3 for 27).
v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 6 wickets.
W.G.S. 98 (Smart 39, Smith 21 n.o.) : Kettering G.S. 101 for 4.
v. Deacon's School. Won by 5 wickets.
Deacon's School 55 (Brown 6 for 21) : W.G.S. 58 for 5 (Mawson 20).


The following have played: G. R. Foard, L. A. Joyce, J. H. Welsford.
The Under 14 XI has had quite a successful season, winning four matches out of eight. The notable features of the play have been the bowling of Brown, the batting of Smart and Jacobs, and the all-round play of Mawson. Of the remaining batsmen Throssell has shown promise and Wynd, Billing and Brown have made some useful runs.

The bowling has depended too much on Brown and Mawson. Another class bowler would have been a great asset to the side.

The outcricket of the side has been competent though not outstanding. Wynd has tried hard to fill the position of wicket-keeper though he is not a ‘natural’ in that position.

Enough has been seen through the season to suggest that with due perseverance the nucleus of a good team could emerge from this side.

RUGBY FOOTBALL 1966–7

RESULTS

January
Sat. 14th—1st XV v. Northampton G.S. 1st XV (A) Won 13—8
2nd XV v. Northampton G.S. 2nd XV (A) Lost 0—12
U-13 XV v. Northampton G.S. U-14 XV (H) Lost 3—19
U-14 XV v. Rushden Secondary U-14 XV (H) Won 34—0
Thurs. 19th—U-14 XV v. Northampton G.S. U-14 XV (A) Won 32—0
Wed. 25th—1st XV v. M.C.S., Brackley, 1st XV (H) Won 11—5
2nd XV v. M.C.S., Brackley, 2nd XV (H) Won 8—3
Sat. 28th—U-13 XV v. Northampton T.H.S. U-13 XV (A) Won 3—0

February
Sat. 4th—2nd XV v. Radcliffe School 1st XV (H) Won 6—5
Wed. 8th—1st XV v. Northampton T.H.S. 1st XV (H) Won 30—3
Sat. 11th—1st XV v. Corby G.S. 1st XV (A) Won 8—6
2nd XV v. Corby G.S. 2nd XV (A) Won 24—6
U-15 XV v. Corby G.S. U-15 XV (H) Lost 8—11
U-14 XV v. Corby G.S. U-14 XV (H) Won 22—3
Sat. 18th—1st XV v. Lawrence Sheriff 1st XV (H) Won 26—0
2nd XV v. Lawrence Sheriff 2nd XV (A) Won 8—3
U-15 v. Lawrence Sheriff U-15 XV (A) Lost 10—11
U-14 XV v. Lawrence Sheriff U-14 XV (H) Drawn 8—8
Sat. 25th—1st XV v. Kettering G.S. 1st XV (A) Won 26—9
2nd XV v. Kettering G.S. 2nd XV (A) Drawn 3—3
U-15 XV v. Kettering G.S. U-15 XV (H) Lost 0—17
U-14 XV v. Kettering G.S. U-14 XV (H) Lost 0—20
U-13 XV v. Kettering G.S. U-13 XV (H) Lost 0—16

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

First Round (February 22nd and 23rd)
Seniors: Stags 3 : Gryphons 23. Dragons 19 : Lions 0.
Second Round (March 8th and 9th)
Final Round (March 15th and 16th)
Seniors: Gryphons 8 : Dragons 13. Lions 13 : Stags 0.
Juniors: Gryphons 5 : Dragons 19. Lions 0 : Stags 45.

Final Positions:
1. Dragons ... ... 26 points
2. Gryphons ... ... 16 points
3. Stags ... ... 12 points
4. Lions ... ... 6 points

P.E. COMPETITION

An interesting struggle throughout the year culminated in a most exciting finish when the destiny of the Ford Cup depended on the last result of the last of the Minor Games.

This year the competition was extended to include the results of the Rugby, Cricket, Martin Athletics Cup, Henson Relay Cup, Warwick Hurdles Bowl, Tennis, 5-a-side Soccer, Cycling Time Trial, Basketball, and was climaxed by the usual Minor Games competition.

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ATHLETICS

A moderate year in which only a few outstanding athletes have done well. There has been a lack of depth of quality in all age groups and this deficiency was reflected in matches where winners were not backed with good placings by second strings.

I. Robinson, Clucas, and P. York are to be congratulated on their wins in the District Sports and subsequent selection to represent the District at the County Schools' Sports. Congratulations also to B. Waite and J. Sheehan on winning the County Schools 17-19 group High Jump and Long Jump respectively, and along with P. Marriage on their selection to represent the County versus Leicestershire on July 22nd.

Field events competitions were held at the end of the term and will next year be included in the competition for the Martin Athletics Cup.

RESULTS

TRACK EVENTS

100 Yards—Under 13:
1. Forster, D. W. (D); 2. Cobb, A. J. (D); 3. Brown, S. P. (D);
13–15:
1. Owen, C. F. (L); 2. Norman, D. (G); 3. Groome, S. (S);
15-17:
1. Angel, D. (L); 2. York, P. (S); 3. Hager, M. (D);

Over 17:
1. Allen, K. (G); 2. Elliott, H. (G); 3. Sheehan, J. (G);

220 Yards—Under 13:
1. Brown, S. P. (D); 2. Barford, P. V. (D); 3. Richards, C. (S);
13-15:
1. Norman, D. (G); 2. Groome, S. (S); 3. Owen, C. F. (L);

15-17:
1. Hager, M. (D); 2. Angel, D. (L); 3. Phillips, G. (G);

Over 17:
1. Allen, K. (G); 2. Elliott, H. (G); 3. Toseland, D. (D);

440 Yards—13-15:
1. Norman, D. (G); 2. Owen, C. F. (L); 3. Sheehan, J. M. (G);
15-17:
1. Hager, M. (D); 2. Molcher, P. (D); 3. Keech, G. (S);

Over 17:
1. Elliott, H. (G); 2. Allen, K. (G); 3. Waite, B. (L);

880 Yards—Under 13:
1. Whittaker, A. (G); 2. Weed, P. (G); 3. West, S. (S);
13-15:
1. Norman, D. (G); 2. Sheehan, J. M. (G); 3. Jacobs, M. (S);

15-17:
1. Hager, M. (D); 2. Phillips, G. (G); 3. Cowley, S. (L);

Over 17:
1. Marriage, P. (L); 2. Lett, J. (L); 3. Denny, R. (L);

Mile—13-15:
1. Sheehan, J. M. (G); 2. Sheridan, M. (S); 3. Norman, D. (G);
15-17:
1. Hager, M. (D); 2. Phillips, G. (G); 3. Boothman, B. (G);

Over 17:
1. Marriage, P. (L); 2. Waite, B. (L); 3. Gayton, R. (D);

High Jump—Under 13:
1. Richards, C. (S); 2. Gatenby, D. (D); 3. Farrington, C. (L);
4. =Quashie, C. (L), Cobb, A. (D).  Height: 4 ft. 0 in.
13–15:
  1. Robinson, I. P. (G); 2. Norman, D. (G); 3. Mawson, J. (S);
  4. Smart, R. (D). Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.

15–17:
  1. York, P. (S); 2. Munday, K. (S); 3. Ogden, P. (D);
  4. Keech (S), Britton (L). Height: 5 ft. 0 in.

Over 17:
  1. Waite, B. (L); 2. Sheehan, J. (G); 3. Ager, F. (D);
  4. Gill, C. (S). Height: 5 ft. 0 in.

Long Jump—Under 13:
  1. Berry, R. (D); 2. Sawford, R. (S); 3. Cobb, A. (D);

13–15:
  1. Robinson, I. P. (G); 2. Mawson, J. (S); 3. Norman, D. (G);

15–17:
  1. Butler, D. (G); 2. York, P. (S); 3. Munday, K. (S);

Over 17:
  1. Sheehan, J. (G); 2. Allen, K. (G); 3. Toombs, P. (L);
  4. Buckby, L. (S). Distance: 17 ft. 10 ins.

Relays—Under 13:

13–15:

15–17:

Over 17:

Martin Athletic Cup:
  1. Gryphons ... ... 389 points
  2. Dragons ... ... 319 points
  3. Stags ... ... 307 points
  4. Lions ... ... 242 points

Henson Relay Cup:
  1. Gryphons ... ... 44 points
  2. Stags ... ... 41 points
  3. Lions ... ... 20 points
  4. Dragons ... ... 10 points

Match Result:
  King's 94 points  Deacon's 78 points  School 77 points

Warwick Hurdles Bowl:
1st Year:
  1. Whittaker, A. (G); 2. Cobb, A. (D); 3. Farrington, C. (L);

2nd Year:
  1. Groome, S. (S); 2. Leggett, M. (S); 3. Cobley, D. (S);

3rd Year:
  1. Robinson, I. P. (G); 2. Owen, C. F. (L); 3. Norman, D. (G);
4th Year:
1. Sheehan, W. (G); 2. Robinson, S. J. (D); 3. Hagger, P. W. (S);

5th and 6th Years:
1. Sheehan, J. E. (G); 2. Clark, S. (S); 3. Toombs, P. (L);

RESULT
1. Gryphons ... ... 45 points
2. Stags ... ... 44 points
3. Dragons ... ... 26 points
4. Lions ... ... 24 points

FIELD EVENTS

Javelin:
1st Year:
1. King (G); 2. Ellson (S); 3. Barford (D); 4. Youle (S).
Distance: 64 ft. 3½ ins.

2nd Year:
1. Groome, S. (S); 2. Smith, M. (D); 3. Manning (G); 4. Cobley (S).
Distance: 96 ft. 2 ins.

3rd Year:
1. Norman (G); 2. Evelyn (S); 3. Stokes (G); 4. Owen (L).
Distance: 85 ft. 2 ins.

4th Year:
1. York, P. (S); 2. Clarke (D); 3. Coombs (L); 4. Hutchinson (L).
Distance: 143 ft. 9½ ins.

5th and 6th Years:
1. Rainey (S); 2. Gill (S); 3. Hobley (S); 4. Hall (D).
Distance: 112 ft. 5½ ins.

Discus:
1st Year:
1. Fletcher (G); 2. Ellson (D); 3. Richards (S); 4. Lane (L).
Distance: 65 ft. 4 ins.

2nd Year:
1. Mankiewicz (L); 2. Manning (G); 3. Groome, S. (S); 4. Tivey (D).
Distance: 78 ft. 2 ins.

3rd Year:
1. Lees (S); 2. Schofield (L); 3. Bailey (D); 4. Clark, N. (S).
Distance: 78 ft. 10 ins.

4th Year:
1. Coombs (L); 2. Sheehan, W. (G); 3. Moore (S); 4. Pentlow (D).
Distance: 97 ft. 4 ins.

5th and 6th Years:
1. Griffin (L); 2. Rainey (S); 3. Birton (L); 4. Burgess (G).
Distance: 118 ft. 7½ ins.

Shot:
1st Year:
1. Richards (S); 2. Ellson (D); 3. Fletcher (G); 4. Whittaker (G).
Distance: 24 ft. 11½ ins.

2nd Year:
1. Groome, S. (S); 2. Manning (G); 3. Smith, M. (D); 4. Mankiewicz (L).
Distance: 34 ft. 1 in.

3rd Year:
1. Robinson, I. P. (G); 2. Lees (S); 3. Evelyn (S); 4. Schofield (L).
Distance: 24 ft. 10 ins.
4th Year:
1. Moore (S); 2. Sheehan, W. (G); 3. Penttow (D); 4. Coombs (L).
Distance: 28 ft. 2 ins.

5th and 6th Years:
1. Rainey (S); 2. Smith, B. E. (D); 3. Molcher (D); 4. Davies, E. (D).
Distance: 31 ft. 0½ in.

RESULT
1. Stags ... ... 107 points
2. Gryphons ... ... 63 points
3. Dragons ... ... 44 points
4. Lions ... ... 41 points

BASKETBALL 1966–7

The season saw further extension with the introduction of the School Seconds. Though this team was our least successful, its matches filled the gap previously left between our junior sides and the School Firsts. That this side existed at all was due in the main to Mr. N. M. C. Anderson who regularly gave of his time to officiate at the games. He will be sorely missed but we bid him farewell with every good wish in his new post at Cheltenham, and many, many thanks for his efforts of the past two years.

The final playing records of the sides were:

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SENIORS

Our Seniors were fortunate in that the group that has played together since the School began Basketball, remained at school for a further year. Their ability to play well continued to improve individually and collectively throughout the season and their best display was against Northampton Dragons whom they defeated 51–44. However, the highlight of the season was the return fixture with Northampton G.S. who inflicted only our third defeat by 46–65 in a fast, entertaining and skilful game.

D. Toseland, the captain, was once again the side’s leading scorer with 202 points, and together with R. Gayton, these two played a strong attacking game as our wing men. Gayton became particularly accurate towards the end of the season scoring over half his 114 points in the last three matches. Without his assistance, because of injury, during the early part of the season Toseland seemed to become overburdened in his efforts to score, until he was attempting from all angles and missing many chances. It was not until the latter end of the season that he regained his normal sound and effective game. K. Allen continued where he left off last season. His defence this year became a most vital cog in our whole performance for he was able to break up opposition attacks and then immediately deliver the ball in a scoring position for us. A natural ball player, his drive and unselfish play will be sorely missed next year.
S. Grant and P. Layton, the team's regular defence players, both developed their game to help the side produce greater variety in attack. Possession from our own backboard was never a serious problem with these two on court for they had a fine understanding of rebound play. This, together with sound positioning and covering, helped to make the side so effective.

Smith, Sinclair, Mills, Betts and Cooper also played.

**SCHOOL SECONDS**

All fixtures for this team were in the Northamptonshire League, Division II, which meant that the opposition was invariably older and more experienced. The side ended the season in sixth position out of eight teams.

The regular players were Betts, Cleaver, Dixon, Mills, Sinclair, and Sullivan, but during the season some nine other boys were given games. Of the regulars Mills and Betts between them scored half the side's total points and would have found themselves in the School 1st team had it not been so settled. The others enjoyed the games and improved with the match practice they had, but failed to practise sufficiently on the basic arts of the game, thus leaving their standard of play virtually the same throughout the season.

**UNDER 16's**

Once again this group provided us with a remarkable season, winning the Northants Junior League Championship and Knock-out Trophy competition and all its League matches. In a Champions v. The Rest of the League, the side played at its best to win 79-29. Including this match and the Knock-out Final the total number of points scored was 1,340 from 19 matches to provide an amazing average of 70 points a game. At least half their games, however, were against poor teams who could only provide token opposition though it still needed good play to score the points.

Smith, Howes and Hoddle were the side's leading scorers with 409 points, 279 points and 265 points respectively, playing in nearly every match together with a fine combination of skilled yet direct attacking play. Phillips who played in only seven games fitted comfortably into the side scoring in every game he played. Porter, Molcher and Page were the team's defenders who learnt to take their chances in attack scoring some 200 points between them.

It is to be hoped that the excellent teamwork built up over the past three years within this group will be carried on into the senior teams next season.

**UNDER 15's**

The largest problem regarding the Under 15's was finding the best combination from the eight or so players who presented themselves for selection. Next year this will be overcome by creating two sides at Under 16 level.

The captain, York, began the season by scoring 32 points in the first six games to head the list of scorers, and then 8 points in the remaining fourteen. Although his shooting fell away so badly he was the side's most capable defender throughout the season always playing the ball away.
from defence quickly. Haggar and Moore were the side's other defenders and whilst Haggar improved considerably, Moore was never able to fit easily into the side mainly because of selfish play. He has ability though and must learn to play as a member of a team. Foster and Allen became the side's strongest wing men with Allen a real worker the whole time he was on court. Clarke too easily lost confidence when blocked out to be really effective, but he too was a much improved player by the end of the season.

Partridge and Rawlins, the side's two pivot men, were leading scorers with 216 points and 180 points respectively. Rawlins was the stronger player under the basket, both in attack and defence but Partridge with his fine positioning, anticipation and accuracy anywhere near the basket created far more problems to opposing sides.

UNDER 14's

The Under 14's do not have many matches and this season there did not seem to be many boys in this group who wished to play at all. The few who have competed for places, however, were very keen and enjoyed a successful season. As usual at this level there is a tendency to dribble too much but on occasions the side has played fast, controlled basketball with several accurate and confident shots in the team.

The team was selected from: Clark, Drage, Dormer, Norman, Owen, Smart, Stokes, Wynd.

EASTER TOUR

The now annual Easter Tour was held when three teams (Seniors, Under 16's, and Under 15's) spent six days in the Stockton and Darlington area playing schools there.

INTER-FORM COMPETITIONS

Inter-form competitions were held and the winners were: 2 alpha in the Seconds, 3 B in the Thirds, and 5 B in the Fourth and Fifths.

SENIOR SCHOOL FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

There was a record entry this year of 31 teams. This led to four cases when it was unavoidable to prevent some boys playing in two teams. In the past a draw has been made after each round but this year eight teams were seeded into the draw for round one, and then all teams played through as they came out of the hat. Seven of the eight seeds reached the quarter-finals and the final was between the numbers one and two seeds.

The number eight seeds "The Puffers" were the unfortunate side to go out in round one and suffice it to say they were out of breath after five minutes. When they conceded an own goal at the start of the second half this sealed their fate. They lost 5–20 to the "In Actual Facts" a young side who later did well to hold "Psandy's Psychedelic Hippies", to whom they only just lost 1–5 by a goal scored with only 10 seconds' playing time left.
There were several difficult sides this year, namely: "Unus Restet, Unus Movet, Unus Sibilet", "The Primo Set", "Remember Teddy Gatwood", "Doze and the Forty Winks", and "Soil Erosion" though not all their problems were posed on the football pitch. "The Many Splendoured Chins '67" were very much a name of their own this year and did very well in their semi-final match. "Eric's Blinking Winkers", "Mr. H's Percy Q-Ters", and "Eric's Stalk" produced the largest grouping this year, and "Dame Celia Molestrangler and Ageing Juvenile Dinky Huckerbutts Select Five" the longest single name. It was good to see "The C.H. Society" represented and it was perhaps a pity that "Chunkofernie" had to meet "The Greasian Erns" so early on in the competition.

After all the matches of the Summer Term we had to settle for Joint Champions. "The Experts B" reached the final for the third year running and met the re-named "Taylor Maids" in the final. Both teams won a half of normal time by 12 points to 3 and then followed this by each winning a half in extra time 1—0. With no time left to carry on, the two sides accepted a draw (16—16) after easily the most exciting and best game of football in the tournament.

1st VI SCHOOL TENNIS

During the middle of last term, thanks to the excellent coaching of the Headmaster and Mr. Parkin, the School's first tennis team was formed. Owing to our rather late start in the season not many matches have been played to date.

The first match was played on the 24th May and although we were defeated we achieved a better result than either of our coaches expected. Fixtures were then curtailed by examinations, but after these were concluded, other matches were arranged. These included matches between Northampton G.S. and Wellingborough High School.

Next year we plan for a full season of competitive tennis and hope to bring tennis up to a par with other sports at this School.

Those playing were: P. Dixon (Capt.), J. T. Kemshead (Secretary), G. Wyman, D. Mills, J. Worrell, G. Phillips.

SCHOOL MUSIC

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert was held in the School Hall on Monday, 19th December, 1966, and drew a good audience.

Much of the music was of the usual seasonal character and the audience joined in singing familiar carols.

The Junior Choir's "Festival of Folk Carols" was an interesting piece, the carols being linked together by readings on the nativity story in both poetry and prose. The first form singers showed good potential as a choir, though the standard of reading was not high.

Joyce's recorder playing on the other hand has reached a very high standard, and his considerable technique was heard to good effect in the sixteenth century pieces for recorder and lute (admirably played on this
occasion by Lines on the guitar), and also in the longer and more taxing “Suite for Descant Recorder”, by Anthony Hopkins. Despite the general interest in schools in recorder playing, appreciation of its music is still confined chiefly to enthusiasts, and the programme on this occasion could be criticised for including too many recorder items.

However, they were offset by the music for brass, and that for small orchestra. It is good to see the brass music of the sixteenth century beginning to take its place in the repertory alongside that for recorders.

The Senior Choir’s items from Part I. of Handel’s “Messiah”, were prefaced by the bass aria “But who may abide”, sung by S. W. Grant. His remarkably mature voice was heard to good effect here, and the excellent performances owed much to the sympathetic accompaniment of Mr. C. W. Wilson. The technical difficulties of Handel’s music were sometimes beyond the choir’s resources, and it is impossible for singers to get away with much in music as familiar as this, but nonetheless they gave a creditable performance and provided more traditional Christmas fare than had been obvious in other parts of the programme.

Thanks were expressed by the Headmaster to all concerned with the presentation of the music.

PROGRAMME

National Anthem.

1. JUNIOR CHOIR:
   (a) Christmas Day in the Morning - - - - - - - Traditional
   (b) Out of the orient crystal skies - - - - - - - Margaret Hubicki

2. RECORDER CLUB:
   “Prelude and Andante” from a Suite for Recorder Trio - - - - - - - E. S. Robinson

3. BRASS GROUP: O Magnum Mysterium - - - - - - - Gabrieli
   Carol: Good King Wenceslas.

4. SOLO: “Christmas Pastoral” for Treble Recorder and Piano - - - - - - - R. Milford

5. ORCHESTRA: “Second Beguine” - - - - - - - Brian Bonsor
   Carol: Hark! the herald angels sing.

INTERVAL

6. JUNIOR CHOIR: “A Festival of Folk Carols” - - Anna Mendoza and Joan Rimmer

7. MUSIC FOR RECORDER AND GUITAR FROM THE 16th CENTURY:
   (a) Pavan
   (b) Aurora lucis with a meane (L. Joyce—Treble Recorder, R. Lines—Guitar).

8. QUARTET: The Coventry Carol
   (J. Joyce, B. Batten, J. Eldridge, S. Grant).

9. SUITE FOR DESCANT RECORDER AND PIANO - - - - - - Anthony Hopkins
   (L. Joyce, accompanied by Mr. C. J. Cox).

10. SENIOR CHOIR: Music from Part I. of Handel’s “Messiah”
     (a) Bass aria—“But who may abide?” (S. W. Grant)
     (b) Chorus: “For unto us a Child is born”
     (c) Chorus: “Glory to God”
     (d) Chorus: “And the glory of the Lord”
     (Accompanist—Mr. C. W. Wilson).
   Carol: O come, all ye faithful.

House Music Competition

This year’s House Music was held on Friday, 3rd February, 1967, in the School Hall. Our excellent adjudicator was Mr. R. J. Bradshaw, an Old Grammarian, and now organist of St. Mary’s Church, Higham Ferrers, and a member of the music staff of Kingsdale School, London. He showed obvious understanding of the problems involved in a competition of this kind, both from the performers’ and the listeners’ points of view.
Our hall now has a permanent system of amplification and this was of considerable help in enabling us to hear the music to better advantage than in previous years, and also in overcoming the very “dry” acoustics of the building.

The new class for vocal solos was again included this year, and also composition. A time limit on the length of solo items, and some succinct adjudication by Mr. Bradshaw, enabled the afternoon to finish by 3.50, and avoid the anti-climax of last year’s mass exodus before the competition had ended.

The set piece for House Choirs was an arrangement for S.A.B. of Purcell’s well-known piece, “Shepherd, shepherd, leave your labours”, from the opera “King Arthur”. This is straightforward harmonic music with a strong melody-line, and no contrapuntal difficulties, eminently suitable for the resources of most Houses. The winning choir, Dragons, was conducted by R. Benoist, who achieved a generally good ensemble, though the basses missed some of their best opportunities.

The piano playing was disappointing this year, the general standard being rather low when compared with previous years, and most performances were lacking in imagination and were generally rather dull.

In the vocal solos Grant and J. Joyce were very good, the former’s performance (in German) of Bach’s “Schlumert ein” (from Cantata No. 82) earned Gryphons first place in this section.

Of the instrumental solos, L. Joyce’s “Minuet”, from a Suite for Flute by Telemann, was outstanding, particularly when one remembers he had been learning the instrument for less than six months. J. Willmott’s playing of Ravel’s “Pavane pour un infante défunte” (arranged for clarinet) was also highly commended by the adjudicator.

Dragons were also winners of the ensemble class with a part-song by Matyas Seiber called “The Old Woman”. They had good rhythm and diction, and won by four clear points from Gryphons.

The Senior composition was notable for an excellent solo setting by M. J. Hughes of “The World’s Fair Rose”, a translation of the 15th century German carol “Es ist ein ‘Ros’ entsprungen”. It is a great pity time does not permit for performance of some of these better compositions: it would provide great encouragement to budding composers in the School.

The Headmaster presented the Appleby Cup to R. Benoist for Dragons’ House. The other conductors were: J. Eldridge (Lions), K. Barley (Gryphons), M. Cox (Stags).

Results:

1. Dragons ... ... 127 points
2. Lions ... ... 121 points
3. Gryphons ... ... 117 points
4. Stags ... ... 99 points

Commemoration Service

At the Commemoration Service, held on Friday, 26th May, the Senior Choir sang Stanford’s setting of the “Te Deum”. The preacher was the Vicar of St. Mary’s Church, Wellingborough, Fr. Finch.
Excursion

This year’s music trip, on Excursion Day, 28th June, was to St. Albans. In the morning we paid a most enjoyable visit to an exhibition of mechanical instruments, arranged for us by Mr. Temple. We saw some fine examples of mechanical organ and player-pianos, all of which were demonstrated for us and the mechanisms explained by the proprietor.

In the afternoon we attended a lecture-recital in the Abbey, given by the Dutch organist Piet Kee on the subject of “Buxtehude”. It was disappointing not to hear more music on the cathedral’s fine organ, but this seemed to be much more a lecture than a recital, and directed more at the music specialist than at the ordinary listener. A.R.C.

SCHOOL PLAY

“NOT IN THE BOOK” BY ARTHUR WATKIN

Last year’s play was something of a ‘pot-boiler’. It was produced with the object of raising money for new stage equipment and giving the audience its money’s worth of light entertainment into the bargain. It is pleasing to report that the object was achieved and we thank parents, friends, and the “Evening Telegraph” for their support and words of praise.

The plot of the play is relatively straightforward but the action is complicated by the characters themselves. The first intrusion into the well ordered household of Mr. Andrew Bennett comes in the well-rounded shape of Pedro Juarez (played with great gusto by P. J. Smith). He is an uncommon blackmailer who poses as a South American policeman to gain his ends. Bennett (played in the original West End production by Wilfred Hyde-White) was a difficult part which B. Liddington took very well indeed. His wife (played ‘beautifully’ by M. J. Richards) is a lively middle-class lady and Richards received well deserved praise from all quarters for his very polished performance. The ‘book’ of the title is that written by Timothy Gregg, a quiet and well-meaning young man who changes Bennett’s whole approach to life. F. Poulton made this relatively minor part a memorable one by showing how much you can add to a play purely through facial expression. The lazy, just-going-to-university son of the Bennett household was most effectively played by C. R. Misselbrook. With the ground all prepared for the poisoning of the blackmailer, the already flustered Bennett receives two further interruptions. The first is in the person of Inspector Malcolm (played by the School’s perennial policeman D. Toseland, who improves with every performance) who insists upon taking his coffee with poisoned sugar. The poisoning scene is again almost ruined by the entrance of the deaf (except when you offer a drink) Colonel Barstow. Smart played this very funny character part with great feeling and by the end of the week he could have attended an officers’ reunion dinner without batting an eyelid.

Despite Bennett’s carefully laid plans, Juarez still dies from poisoning —this is “not in the book” but the inspector explains all in the final scene. Lines, who played the doctor, captured the personality of a golfing practitioner superbly.
The art of comedy is difficult to learn and still more difficult to put into practice. We were fortunate in having a small cast of enthusiastic actors who were willing to give up a great deal of their time (including a Sunday afternoon) to give enjoyment to others.

This play was the first one to be acted on the new stage with a complete box set. Mr. Cheale and the Railway Club worked all hours to produce what must be reckoned as the best set we have ever had. To them and the lighting and special effects crew we offer our congratulations and thanks for a very fine effort.

D.S.W.

THE CAST

Standing L. to R.:
F. Poulton (Timothy)
SMART (Col. Barlow)
LINES (Dr. Locke)
C. R. Miselbrook (Michael)

Seated L. to R.:
D. Toseland (Insp. Malcolm)
B. Liddington (Mr. Bennett)
P. J. Smith (Pedro)
M. J. Richards (Sylvia)
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ARTS CLUB

President: Mr. T. D. NORMAN  Secretary: B. LIDDINGTON

The Arts Club has been less active since the last School Magazine. This is largely due to the fact that the Sixth Form, from which the Society draws practically all of its members, has been little in evidence because of pressure of work.

However, the few meetings we did have were very interesting and informative. Highlights of these were Mr. A. J. B. Tussler's talk on his experiences as a political agent, and our emergency debate on Spain and Gibraltar led by Mr. C. H. Stevenson.

During the present term we hope to arrange a visit to the theatre, which would be both enjoyable and useful to the Sixth Form.

Last term we said goodbye to our President and 'prima mobile' Mr. T. D. Norman, who has moved to Romford. We thank him for his assistance and wish him luck in his new post.

We welcome Mr. A. P. G. MacDonald as our new President, and look forward to a term of lively debate and discussion.

B. LIDDINGTON.

BADMINTON CLUB

President: P. M. LAYTON  Secretary: P. DIXON

The Club had a successful season last year, and matches were played against various schools and youth clubs. By joining forces with the High School we were able to play some enjoyable games of mixed doubles against other clubs. Friday night is our practice night, and last year it was well attended.

Last term saw the departure of that paragon of finesse—to wit, T. M. McIlroy, and also our vociferous team captain R. J. Benoist—we wish them well.

CYCLE CLUB

Regular time-trials have been held during the term and thanks are due to Mr. Stevenson for organising them. Vincent of 2β broke the course record, previously held by a sixth former, with an excellent time of 30 minutes. A time-trial for House Points was run, Gryphons winning easily with a first in all three age groups. The usual check of all school cycles was held at the end of term.

Best times of boys who have ridden regularly during the academic year are tabulated below.

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C.J.C.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Christian fellowship has not been a fellowship for Christians lately, and people of very varying beliefs have made discussions fairly stimulating at times.

Tony Dorney and Paddy Thacker returned to talk on university life, and another Old Boy, Harris, gave a talk on being a Jehovah's Witness. Holdom continued this the next week but despite great argument neither side converted the other. When we discussed church unity we saw more hope of this on a local rather than a national scale although most thought the present system was not wrong. When a rebel a few weeks later attacked some of the failings of the church the meeting was fast to rise in defence.

On the subject of immigration, Street made an impassioned speech and it was agreed at the end that controls should be more strict, possession of accommodation and work being necessary. We added that we could not expect foreigners to conform to our way of life and it was morally wrong to impose a system of government or a religion on to another nation. Another member of the Lower Sixth Arts, Richards, defended his reasons for being an atheist. At the end of the Easter term we enjoyed a meeting at the High School.

In the summer the main job was the formulation of the census (the report of which appears below) but this turned out to be an interesting term as regards activities. Mr. Warren provided another film and Mr. MacDonald spoke on the Jesuit movement. “Does church membership make a difference?” we asked ourselves after reading a controversial play one week. “It should but often doesn’t” was the reply.

The most interesting events were the car trips to the Churches of Our Lady, St. Mary, and All Hallows’. These fascinated historians, artists, atheists and Christians alike. Some were outraged at the cost of the unnecessary decoration and this provided a lively discussion the next week.

At the business meeting P. Misselbrook was elected as secretary for the coming year.

C. R. MISSELBROOK.

UPPER SCHOOL CENSUS

The questionnaire prepared by the Christian Fellowship was answered by 260 people in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th forms. The results are as follows:

1. 79% used to attend Sunday School regularly.
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6. “Boys go out with girls purely for the physical thrill.” Do you agree?

There was little difference in the pattern of answers between the 6th and 3rd forms—the majority answered “yes”. A minority, which became a little larger further up the School, did not accept this as a general rule for mature people and mentioned the need for friendship.

7. Have you given a lot of thought to Christianity?

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9. Who was Christ?

37% put down “The Son of God”; only 7% declared him to be a complete myth. The remainder said that he was simply a man and not divine, but few of them denied that he was a great man—a great prophet, a philosopher, a very intelligent man, or the first communist.

10. What do you think “really living” means?

Almost everybody turned hedonistic and saw the object of life as mere enjoyment—many adding sex, drinking, smoking and money to their list of necessities for this. Many of the answers desired to be free of all restrictions. Only two aimed to serve God although an interesting answer from three people was “loving and being loved”.

11. Would you take L.S.D. under correct supervision?

This was a guide to next term’s debate on the same question.

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13. Considerations on choosing a job:

Interest, Money, Ease—82%  Money, Interest, Ease—15%

14. Do you do more than the minimum at school?

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15. School Assembly:

Not many people in the School are content with it although only 30% want to do away with it altogether. Many wanted to make it voluntary or else to vary its presentation. The bible reading by a prefect was a subject for much criticism.
16. The Church:
   Few again were content with this institution and many "wanted it modernising so that it appealed to youth". Long sermons were not liked and excessive ceremony was much criticised. A substantial minority wanted to see the church doing more to help in the social sphere.

17. Why don't you come to Christian Fellowship?
   Most people do not know what it does and are not interested in finding out. The dinner-time meeting prevents some would-be attenders.

JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

The Chemistry Club closed down last term after Mr. Lane left. Before this happened we did experiments in making soap and dyes, and we tried our hand at paper chromatography. We did some copper- and nickel-plating, and experimented in the production and vulcanisation of rubber.

We hope to resume activities this term, and extend a welcome to all second form boys.

G. TWELL.

RAILWAY CLUB

As usual, last term was our busiest. On March 31st, a number of our members visited the Model Railway Club's annual exhibition in the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, where, besides numerous layouts, model engineers were seen demonstrating the manufacture of items of model railway equipment.

In exhibiting the School's model railway on Speech Day (May 11th), we again tried a different arrangement in the space available, and exhibited the whole of the double track line, including all the newer parts, but in two sections. There was also a display of maps, charts and leaflets covering various aspects of railways, and an exhibition of members' photographs.

We have also run two excursions this term. The first, on Whit Wednesday (May 31st), was a coach tour of motive power depôts in East Anglia. Regrettably, the motive power in this area is all diesel, but at March, we found a departmental 'B.1' class steam locomotive, and at Norwich, there are two awaiting private preservation. The foreman at the latter depôt is a steam enthusiast, and has a large collection of drawings he has made of steam locomotives.

As steam continues to be withdrawn in favour of other forms of traction, it becomes necessary to travel further to see it. The most ambitious item of the year's programme therefore was a visit to the Carlisle and Preston areas in search of steam. We travelled overnight via Crewe and Shap to Carlisle, where we visited Upperby and Kingmoor depôts, and where we saw thirty-one "Britannia" class, and a large variety of other steam locomotives. Of the few diesels we saw here, three were allocated to Glasgow sheds. From Carlisle we travelled up the Carlisle
and Settle line to Hellifield, where we saw some locos being preserved by British Rail. We then continued to Haworth, where we were shown round the headquarters of the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Preservation Society by the Society's chairman, who showed us the locomotives and rolling stock they have bought or borrowed, and told us how arrangements are progressing for the re-opening of the line. We arrived at Northampton after a very successful trip, 24 hours and 620 miles after we left there.

This year, we hope to organise more excursions, but due to the closure of lines, and the infrequency of services, it is often necessary to hire a coach, and a large party is required to make this economical.

P. R. L. JONES.

All the arrangements for the East Anglian and Carlisle excursions were made by P. R. L. Jones, and I should like to thank him on behalf of the Railway Club for the efficient way in which he has carried out his duties as secretary.

M.S.C.

SCOUT NEWS

In October this year the Scout Movement dons a new set of clothes. There has been a determined, root and branch attempt to rid the movement of its associations with the Boer War and the jingoism of Rudyard Kipling. The change, long due, entails a new uniform, modernised regulations, wider opportunities and a system of training, firmly set in the mould of life in the Sixties. In short, it has been brought up to date.

For a long time the School troop has been limited to eighteen boys; too small a number to be effective. Now, as reorganisation, with all its promise of putting new life and attractiveness into the Scout Movement, approaches, the troop should grow and play a more vital part in the activities of the School and scouting in the county.

A School troop has many more opportunities and facilities at hand than the average church-based troop. Because we are not restricted to a hut we can easily consider an increase in numbers. The most real difficulty is that of leadership; as numbers grow the proportion of leaders ought to increase. Again, being in a school is a great help. The troop must never forget the many kindnesses and great assistance given by members of staff. Without their skilled and willing assistance the activities of the troop would be severely curtailed. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout Movement, thought of Scouting and life as a "Great Adventure". His excitement at taking part in this great adventure has, over more than sixty years, been passed on to countless young people. We in scouting are determined that this spirit shall survive, and that scouting shall continue to be as worthwhile a movement as its founder intended.

We in the School troop will do our best to ensure that modern scouting will be a success. It is up to us!

A.P.G.M.
MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

A revival of activities seems likely this term, when people with interesting or hilarious holiday experiences will be asked to tell us about them. As well as more serious discussions, a series of talks on "Guest Languages" is contemplated. These should be of interest to boys of all forms, not only the Sixth.

C.H.S.

TOC H

Although Toc H activities during the Summer Term were somewhat curtailed by the pressure of examinations, a few meetings were held. One of the most memorable was attended by Mr. Horace Hincks, who gave the group an amusing talk entitled "The History of Refuse Collecting".

Other activities during the summer included the continuation of the Cottage and Highfield Hospitals library services, and at the end of term a highly successful outing to Woburn Abbey was arranged for sixteen old age pensioners.

The group would here like to thank Mr. E. Harding, who, since joining Toc H, has proved to be a most active and valuable member. We would also thank the kitchen staff who have regularly provided Toc H meetings with tea.

There is still a conspicuous absence of 5th and lower 6th members. Anyone wishing to find out more about Toc H will be made welcome at any Toc H meeting.

R. WARR, Secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President : P. M. LAYTON  Secretary : R. C. RAWLINGS

Last term was very poor for the Society with two senior members busy with exams. It is hoped, however, to have a full programme this term.

All new members are welcome to participate in this term’s activities and to use the darkroom facilities.

TAPE-RECORDING CLUB

Because of the growing popularity of tape-recording in the past few years, we have started the Tape-Recording Club. Although, at first interest was great, membership has fallen off. In the coming year, however, we intend to start an enterprising programme of experiments. We are going to enter the B.A.T.R. competition, and also we are going to start a recording and duplicating service. New members are always welcome and meetings are usually in Room P at Tuesday lunch hour.

J. A. MAYES.

FIELD SURVEY EXPEDITION TO GOLAN, NORTH WALES

Easter 1967

On Saturday, 18th March, two mini-buses, one mini-van and Mr. Hyde’s lovingly-cared-for mini departed from School for North Wales. The mini was towing a 12 ft. boat borrowed from Mr. Tomlinson to whom we are
very grateful. We arrived at Golan School amazed to find it newly decorated and with electricity as well. Mr. Walker's van arrived later, having stopped for a "lemonade". In the early evening Mr. Alden arrived with a party of boys from Cowbridge School, South Wales.

During the week everybody pursued work projects. I don't know quite what the geographers did, but they roamed all over Snowdonia, always coming back with blistered feet. Unique projects included P. W. Cleaver's on castles, and D. F. Olney made a survey of Chapels.

The biology projects were: A. Munday, "Amino-acids in Seaweeds"; A. T. Stanton, "Fossilised pollen in peat"; J. R. Parkinson and B. M. Webb, "The distribution of lugworms on a sandy beach". I. S. Tuckley and D. Stevenson made a study of fresh-water lakes. Mr. Parkin (call me "Admiral"!) spent a lot of time with this project since he had constructed some electronic apparatus for the measurement of temperature and light intensity under water. This task he enjoyed for it meant that he could drive the boat. (It is rumoured that he even reached 1 ½ knots with the wind behind him.)

The highlight of the week was a novel sport—"FFflywrging the Tatie". I was only a novice but the idea of the game is for all players to sit round a zinc bath full of water peeling 'tatties'. When peeled, the 'tatties' are flung underarm into the bath. If anyone gets splashed he loses a point and all players move round one place to the left.

An enjoyable time was had by all and I would like to thank all the masters concerned.

B. M. WEBB, 6º Biol.

LIBRARY

The block grant has now been spent, so all subject masters being, we hope, happy, it is time to concentrate once more on the lending section.

We are grateful for gifts of books from N. A. Fairey; the parents of R. J. Illiffe; R. J. Benoist; and E. R. Nevett; and also for a gift in memory of P. D. S. White (1954–61).

C.H.S.

STAMP CLUB

A great interest in philately has been aroused this year, perhaps by the G.P.O.'s new policy on commemorative issues.

Meetings have been well attended and in response to popular request an evening meeting has been arranged in addition to the lunch-time gathering.

We now have quite a few specialist collectors and, of course, a large number of beginners who are finding the Club invigorating and helpful.

The Club would like to thank members of staff who have thoughtfully donated stamps during the year.

R.B.
SCHOOL TRIP TO PARIS AND MONTREUX 1966

Last year's School holiday incorporated two famous European centres, Paris and Montreux. The party consisted of 54 boys, Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn and Mrs. and Mrs. Cheale. As there were so many boys the party was split up into two more easily manoeuvred groups.

Early in the morning of the 16th of August the party assembled at School where two coaches were waiting to take us to Victoria. Boys were picked up along the route and in less time than it takes to tell were safely on the train that was to take us to Folkestone.

On leaving the train at the port, we went through passport control and on to the boat where we were called over the loudhailers to the dining room where lunch was to be served. Everyone appreciated the excellent lunch that was provided and when we had finished we went up on deck to watch the French coast looming closer every minute.

On disembarking at Boulogne, we were hustled to the train which, although leaving late, arrived on time in Paris, our first stop.

All dinners and lunches were taken at a self-service restaurant just up the road from the hotel, and after unpacking bags this was our first stop. After dinner the party was taken to the Etoile by Metro.

The Etoile, better known in England as the Arc de Triomphe, is the French memorial to Austerlitz and also the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. Although closed at night, it is possible to journey to the top of the Arc and visit the museum set right in the heart of it. Returning quite late the party slept well and the following morning the Sacré Cœur at Montmartre was visited.

This great white church dominates Paris and affords a wonderful panorama of the city with the Eiffel Tower and many other famous landmarks clearly visible. A visit was then made to the Place du Tertre, the centre of the community where street artists paint pictures of the houses or sketch beautiful young maidens and their handsome escorts.

The following day the party gathered at Napoleon's tomb, part of the Invalides church. The open crypt in the centre holds the enormous red granite sarcophagus of Napoleon the First. From here the party walked to the Eiffel Tower, and the majority of the party thought it safe enough to venture up all 984 ft. to the top. In the afternoon we crossed the Pont Neuf and visited the Louvre to see the 'radiant beauty' of the Venus de Milo and, of course, the inscrutable smile of the Mona Lisa.

Leaving here we entered the Place de la Concorde, site of many executions, including that of Louis XIV, during the French revolutions. The square is surrounded by many notable buildings such as the Elysée Palace, Assemblée Nationale and also the British and American Embassies. From here we moved on to the Opera and then home to dinner.

The next afternoon was a very full one. Starting at the Palais de Justice, made famous by Maigret, we went to Sainte Chapelle, shrine built for the Crown of Thorns and other religious relics. The stained-glass windows in the chapel were really magnificent.

From here we went to Notre Dame, where, after a short tour inside, we ascended the 350 steps to the top of the tower.
Leaving Notre Dame we walked to Place des Vosges seeing the duelling ground and the house of Victor Hugo. The tour ended at the Bastille. The site of the old prison is marked out by stones in the road and Metro.

The final day in Paris was spent at Versailles, the hunting-lodge of Louis XIII. This mansion is set in huge grounds with a large lake in the centre. The weather was perfect for the trip.

That night we boarded the train at the Gare de Lyon in Paris and travelled throughout the night to Montreux, arriving at about half-past seven in the morning. However, on arrival in Montreux we found that only half the party had been booked into the proposed hotel while the other half of the party had to retire to a residence 25 miles away in the mountains. After much arguing it was decided to move the unfortunate group to a hotel only three miles away on the other side of the town.

As the day progressed, the two parties settled into their respective hotels and after lunch we went for a restful trip on the lake so we could see what beautiful scenery lay around us. Montreux, Lausanne, Territet, Clarens and all the towns visited that day, lie on the shores of the lake with the exhilarating mountains of the Alps towering above them. Visible from the lake are chalets built into the mountains, and approachable only via a small goat track.

The following day, feeling refreshed after a good night's sleep, the party visited the Rochers de Naye. The train left Montreux station and immediately began a long steep climb (1 in 8) to Gilon, where it was met by the funicular from Territet. From here the train climbed steadily to the Rochers de Naye. Ascending at a maximum of 1 in 4½, we were able to obtain some magnificent views until eventually the train went into the clouds which were very low that day. Some of the boys, boiling over with excitement, rushed to the highest point in that area, 6,460 ft., but were soon returned to the hotel at the rail terminus with their high spirits cooled off by the biting wind. The return trip was made by train to Glion. From there we descended the remaining 1,000 ft. to lake level by the funicular railway.

The route to Chamonix the next day was full of interesting diversions. The weather was perfect and so, of course, many pictures were taken. At one point on the route the railway line was on a sheer precipice of 1,400 ft. and at Le Châtelard on the French border the funicular railway to the H.E.P. station rose at the rate of 1 in 1½.

At Chamonix a small party of boys ascended the highest cableway in the world to the Aiguille du Midi, 12,600 feet. From here the view of Mont Blanc was superb with the glacier in the valley and the Hellbroner cableway suspended over it with the cars looking like flies against the blinding ice and snow. Other boys visited Brevent on the other side of the valley but nobody visited the Mer de Glace where a young man was killed that day.

The last complete day in Switzerland was spent at the St. Bernard Pass. We were taken there in a postal coach. These coaches normally run between some of the small villages in the mountains taking mail and a few passengers from the larger towns. On the way up the pass we saw the Swiss entrance to the St. Bernard tunnel and two of its huge ventilating shafts sticking out of the mountain like giant mushrooms.
At the top of the pass we visited the famous dog kennels where some three-day old pups were on display. Afterwards we toured the Hospice where the monks live. A half-hour trip was made to Italy as the border is only some 200 yards from the Hospice. Here some very slick bargaining with English, Swiss, French and Italian money brought its fruit of bargains.

On the return journey we paid a visit to the Château de Chillon just down the road from the hotel. This is the château in which François Bonivard was held prisoner for four years and which inspired Byron to write his famous poem "On the Castle of Chillon".

The next day was spent buying souvenirs and packing, and then in the evening we were taken to the station by coach. The return journey was made via Basle, Strasbourg, Lille and Calais. Lunch was served on the boat and at about half-past eight we arrived back in Wellingborough.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the holiday and our thanks go to Mr. Cheale who did all the arranging.

J. R. PARKINSON.

FOOTBALLS FOR THE GAMBIA

(From a letter from Brian Legg)

We made big plans to see the Gambia at both Christmas and Easter but on both occasions we were frustrated by the lack of transport. The trouble was that we were promised the school Land Rover, but whenever the school driver gets to Bathurst, the Land Rover breaks down. The popular explanation is that Cherno, the driver, has a wife in Bathurst, and this hypothesis is extended to explain why the Land Rover always stops at Sibanor, Soma and Wellingara as well! Being stuck in Bathurst is no handicap, as the beaches only 5 or 6 miles away are magnificent. They extend for miles, are fringed by palm trees, and shimmer in the heat as hundreds of square-sailed fishing boats drift about the bay. We were also able to visit Berending, a small village on the opposite side of the river from Bathurst, with a reputation for tame crocodiles. The school seyfon (head boy) and assistant seyfon both live there and so we got a hero's welcome. In addition to the Armitage boys we soon collected an entourage of curious 8–10 year olds, and our party of about 50 set off for the famous crocodile stream. My first reaction to it was similar to that on seeing Stonehenge for the first time, "this is exactly what I expected", but the gaudy colours of the women washing, the oasis quality of the green palm trees, and the muddy water reflecting the clear blue sky, had an atmosphere which could not possibly have been anticipated. There were crocodiles, too, or more accurately, there was one six-footer and three or four young ones. After we had photographed the crocs, the fifty 10 year olds suddenly stripped naked and ran shouting and splashing into the water. The contrast of the thrashing black bodies and white spray was dazzling, and the shrieks of delight as spontaneous as African pleasure must always be.

At the beginning of last term Armitage School celebrated its 40th anniversary; and what looks like a highly glamorous week in retrospect, was actually three weeks of exceptionally hard slog. The Wednesday was my big day as the Minister of Education came to open the new science block. It was none too easy to put on a chemistry display with no
electricity or gas, and the flickering candles were amusing rather than impressive. At last the laboratory was clean and orderly, though that was only because I got up at 5.15 a.m. and swept and polished until 8.30 when the woodwork master produced a commemorative plaque and a hammer. By 8.45 a.m. the plaque had been nailed on to the wall, veiled by a green curtain, and also unveiled by the minister!

The sports day also entailed a lot of hard work as the lines for the 330 yards track had to be hacked out of the bare ground with a machete, or more precisely ten machetes. The town boys were soon complaining, and it was fortunate that a few groundnut farmers were determined to show the hardness of their hands and the strength of their arms. It still took 4 or 5 mornings to complete it, and the inevitable sandstorm made it necessary to re-scrape the lines on the day. The job I was allotted was to organise the finishing post, and I was fortunate to have four helpers who were ruthlessly efficient, and, I think, unbiased. They clearly believed that it was better to be dogmatically wrong than tentatively right, but everyone seemed happy so I left them to it and took photographs. The one big mistake I made on sports day was to volunteer for a tug-of-war. It was an error of ignorance, but I will not be caught again! We were drawn against the Public Works Department, and at a glance I knew we were doomed to lose, but I had no inkling of the agony involved in losing a tug-of-war. After an eternity of pulling, straining, tugging, heaving, puffing, and sweating, the rope began to move, and seconds later we were dragging the P.W.D. through the dust. It was then that the complaints began. Apparently, the school nightwatchman, a great tank of a fellow, had trundled over and knotted himself to our end of the rope in the middle of the contest. The Commissioner ruled that a re-pull was necessary, so the whole ghastly affair was repeated, this time with the expected result.

The celebrations were rather tragically interrupted by the sudden death of a first former, apparently from pneumonia. It is a Moslem school, so all the boys have long white praying gowns and it was very moving to see the 250 boys in the school, walk to the cemetery and squat round the grave. We were very shocked when everyone suddenly jumped up and bolted away from the grave across the field, but assumed that it had some connection with evil spirits. We soon learned, to our discomfort, that this was far from the truth; the company had been attacked by a swarm of bees.

The only serious mistake I made in chemistry was when I was unpacking sticks of phosphorus which had come in a sealed metal container. One stick burst into flames, and while the six boys that were with me fled like rabbits, I was left to knock the fireball on to the floor and smother it with sand. The clouds of white fumes were quite impressive, and as I was chiding myself for my carelessness, I was acclaimed by the admiring crowd as a "real scientist" and a "fearless fire fighter". England will be quite a come-down; people are far too realistic!

Mathematics has been as frustrating as chemistry has been enjoyable. There are nine in the upper fifth form, and I am convinced that the brightest would be struggling in an English third form.

Enough preamble, let me come to the point of the letter, you must be dreading it! Could you please send a football out for the school? We are really getting quite desperate as the last one was released this week.
and on the hard, dry-season ground it will probably wear through in four weeks. It sounds impossible, but the Gambia has completely sold out of footballs, so I would be very grateful if you could air-mail one out.

BRIAN LEGG,
The Armitage School,
Georgetown,
The Gambia.

May 18th, 1967.

(Brian Legg was the V.S.O. student sponsored by the Wellingborough and District Committee, 1967).

N.B.— W.G.S. sent footballs to The Gambia as a result of this request.

"HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR EGGS, SIR?" SAID THE MAN,
PUTTING ONE ON HIS HEAD

or

H. Dumpty v. Rex magnus

Sing, O omlettic Muse, of the fateful
But glorious day when the Good Egg sat
Upon the wall immutable: as,
When the Nasser and Eshkol bellig'rent
Are, but the Jordanean monarch claims
The army false will be victorious:
So sat the egg on the embronic wall.

Sing, also, Muse, of the destruction that
Befell the anticipat'ry omelette
As it tumbled its unfervent way to
Death: as, when the great warrior attack'd
The city defeated equine and kill'd
Its Furied king, who was merc'lessly
Anthropotomised: so did he die.

All at once, the grenadiers and the good
Majesty's light pedestreans were called
Rescue: fill'd with Pandoric pride and joy,
They possessed procinct and marched forth.

O terrible day! O hateful day! On
Which dear Humpty Dumpty decided to fall!
In vain, in dire dread, in hopeless exhibition,
The majestic militia unable
To, proclaim'd and utterly confessed,
They could not put Humpty together again.

M. J. RICHARDS.

NO COMMENT

"I think homework should be abolished because in the morning you go to school and go home at 4 o'clock which means that I get home at roughly 5 o'clock."
(2nd former).

"I am against homework as homework is schoolwork."
(2nd former).
"The Roman Conqueror of Britain was William the Conqueror."

"The adjective from 'Harrow' is 'Harrowden'." (6th former).

"The 'Minstrel' is a Mediterranean wind." (1st former).

"... the ill-famous dust bowels in America." (6th former describing desert conditions).

"Thousands of people are injured and hundreds killed during one year, through carless driving."

"Pope Innocent III placed England under an Interdict. This forbade births, marriages and deaths for one year." (1st former).

"dans un bois d'orangers = While having a drink of orange." (3rd former).

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The new Memorial Sports Field is now in use by the Cricket Club, providing them with a first-class wicket. The pavilion is also being well used and members are very welcome there on Saturdays and Sundays. We wish the cricket teams every success to the end of the season and hope that they will finish well up in the League.

We are planning an official opening of this ground on Sunday, 10th September, and it is hoped that a large number of members will find it possible to support this function.

Progress at the Headquarters building is continuing but is rather slower than we had hoped to see. However, we are still planning for this to be open before the end of this year.

We must also congratulate the Table Tennis Club on their successful season in the League and hope that this is a forerunner of many more.

We give a cordial welcome to those school-leavers who have already joined the Association by their payments through Mr. Hyde, and we hope that those who have not yet joined will seriously think of doing so, now that the Association has so much more to offer.

R. E. BRIDGEFORD.

CRICKET CLUB REPORT

Playing Records to 9th July, 1967:

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It is usual in this report given with the season only half complete to forecast the chances of the County League sides in the final tables. Just as one can predict the weather in May (wet each weekend), so one can safely forecast that the First Eleven will finish near the bottom of division two, and be relegated to the third section. Fortunately, we are not faced this season with the possible loss of the Second Eleven from the League, as a new fourth division will be formed at the season’s end comprising all second elevens of Clubs whose first team plays in division two at present. The remaining Clubs will then form divisions two and three, the first division being untouchable.

The Second Eleven therefore has little to fight for this season but is beginning to make its presence felt and should by the end of August be well up the League table. On Sundays rain upset the start of the season, but now with firmer wickets, and hard outfields both the ‘A’ and ‘B’ sides are playing good cricket, with the ‘A’ side unbeaten to date. The Youth Eleven proved a problem-child early on and was not able to field a full eleven on several occasions. In eighteen-over cricket this is fatal, and losing the opening matches did nothing to restore confidence. A revival has taken place in recent weeks, but if this eleven is to continue next season greater enthusiasm must be shown by the Club and the players.

Undeniably, the success of the season regardless of the cricket has been the new Club Room on the ground. With the advent of a bar the social aspect of the Club has been tremendously reinforced; there has been an increase in playing members, and by the end of the season it is hoped that the picture on the field will be as bright as the already well established one off the field.

R. T. NEWNHAM.

113 Northampton Road,
Wellingborough.

RUGBY CLUB REPORT

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Last season was not quite as successful, ‘playing-wise’ as the season 1965–6 but in the main there was no cause for concern. The same comments can be said for the 1967 Easter Tour to the North-West. Both games played were lost but as they were against the Second XV’s of Birkenhead Park and Chester R.F.C.’s the members of the O.G.’s did not disgrace themselves.

Socially, the tour, as with the other social events organised by the Club, was a ‘roaring’ success, and the new committee is now in the process of picking the venue for the next Easter Tour.

The coming season is a very important one as we start playing on the new Memorial Sports Field and to mark this new era we are arranging an evening match on Tuesday, 5th September, 1967, against a Select XV
composed of Old Grammarians who play for other Rugby Clubs and members of clubs that the O.G.'s play. Needless to say all members of the School will be welcome at this opening game.

Before closing this report we would like to invite any member of the School who is interested in playing Rugby to join us on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at our training session on the new ground.

At the Annual General Meeting held at the School on Wednesday, 5th July, 1967, the following Officers were elected for the Season 1967–8:

President : I. J. NICHOLAS, Esq.
General/Fixture Secretary : D. J. BURTON.
Match Secretary : M. J. FELSTEAD.
Treasurer : J. B. DRAGE.
1st XV Captain : C. CROSS.
Vice-Captain : C. R. DOBBS.
'A' XV Captain : M. J. FELSTEAD.
Vice-Captain : A. M. HENSON.
'B' XV Captain : R. W. TIMPSON.
Vice-Captain : T. GOTCH.
Committee Members : A. BIRD and P. M. ROBINSON.
Hon. Auditors : B. M. SMART and P. F. A. WYLDEN.

DON BURTON,
Hon. Secretary.

159 Gold Street,
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WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1967

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