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WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1969

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SCHOOL NOTES

At the end of the summer term, Mr. A. W. Leftwich retired after 22 years as Head of the Biology Department. An appreciation appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Leftwich was presented with a typewriter by the Head Boy, A. W. Jessop, on behalf of the School.

We are also losing six other members of staff: Mr. P. Gillibrand is to be head of the Classics Department of King Edward VII School in Lytham St. Annes; Mr. C. J. Cox is returning to his native Somerset as Head of the Mathematics Department at Huish Episcopi School; Mr. R. D. Beacham moves to be Head of Modern Languages at Glinton Village College, Peterborough; Mr. M. F. Hendley is going back to his native city as Head of Modern Languages at Northfield Comprehensive, Birmingham; Mr. D. F. Sturman moves to be Head of the English Department at Lincoln School; and Mr. L. J. Alvis is taking up a position as Assistant Chemistry master at Monckton Combe School, Bath. To all these masters, who the members of the School congratulate on their appointments, we offer our thanks for their past efforts on our behalf, and we wish them well in the future.

Next term we will welcome Mr. K. Parkinson as our new Head of the Biology Department, together with Mr. P. E. Cameron, who will be his assistant. Mr. D. H. Buchanan is coming to teach English, Mr. M. S. Vann to teach Chemistry, and Mr. R. W. Pope is joining the Mathematics Department. The School welcome these new masters and hopes that their time with us will be pleasant and profitable.

Double congratulations are due to Mr. Alvis, for he is marrying in the summer; as is also Mr. Tomlinson. To both of these masters, and their wives, we extend our felicitations and our best wishes for the future.

At the close of the Rugby season last term, Mr. Sparrow relinquished the charge of the First XV to Mr. Hyde. In his speech on 5th June, the Headmaster said: “For the past 15 years Mr. Sparrow has been in charge of the first XV. In that time he has produced some excellent results, but what we have most admired has been the fine spirit which has repeatedly led to victories over much larger schools. Many of Mr. Sparrow’s pupils have gained further Rugby honours after leaving school, and this year, for example, four of them appeared for Northampton R.F.C., namely Allen, Bellamy, Pine and Waite.

“Before Mr. Sparrow took charge of School Rugby, Mr. Nicholas had coached the 1st XV, also for 15 years. As the School fielded its first team in 1935, these two gentlemen have guided the School Rugby during 30 of its 44 years’ history, and it is remarkable what in those years they have accomplished, not only in the School but in the Rugby world outside. Mr. Sparrow now hands over to one of Mr. Nicholas’ former pupils, Mr. Hyde, and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Sparrow for the enormous debt which the School Rugby owes him.”

A short time after this speech was made, it was announced that Mr. Don White, another former pupil of Mr. Nicholas and one well remembered for his aggressive forward play for Northampton R.F.C. and for the England R.U. side, had been appointed an England team selector and Coach.

After the presentation of prizes on Speech Day, the guest of honour Mr. Peter Scott, C.B.E., D.S.C., L.L.D., toured the School and kindly consented to his name being given to the Geography Department rooms.

Towards the end of the Rugby season, Mankiewicz and M. G. Smith played for the County under 15 team; and Howes, Phillips and B. E. Smith for the Under 19 County Team.
Attley, Huxley and Leggett were selected for the County schoolboys’ cricket team this year.

At the end of this term Messrs. Tussler, Hyde and Harding left for Wales with a Field Survey Party. Mr. Walker was unfortunately prevented from accompanying them as he sustained a broken nose in the course of playing for the “Experts A” five-a-side football team. Mr. Macdonald is rumoured to be thinking deeply on the subject of the hardness of his head.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have given Bill’s railway set to the Railway Club, and his Polaroid Camera to the Photographic Society. The Bill Warner House Tennis Cup, which was presented to the School by his form, 5B, has been won in its first season by Lions house.

Successes of boys who have left us this year include: awards of Kitchener Scholarships to P. W. Warburton, M. Hughes and T. Hughes; and a four-year Civil Engineering Trust Scholarship to R. Buckler.

**Mr. A. W. LEFTWICH**

Mr. Leftwich retired at the end of the Summer Term after devoting the greater part of his teaching career to the service of Wellingborough Grammar School.

A B.Sc. of London University and a fellow of the Zoological Society, he came to us in January 1947 as Biology Master to take charge of a subject which was then in its infancy in this school, for it had been introduced into the curriculum only during the war. There was no Biology laboratory and apart from a makeshift and temporary conversion of a classroom, it was not until 1958 that the Biology Laboratory, to which Sir John Cockcroft gave his name, was built. In spite of this, during the years that he has spent with us, Mr. Leftwich has built up a very flourishing department with high standards of scholarship and enthusiasm, as the large number of his pupils now scattered over the country as Doctors, Dentists, Pharmacists and Biologists can readily testify.

His own enthusiasm for his subject he easily transmitted to his pupils and he inspired them through his own keenness to find things out on their own and to collect specimens for themselves and for the ever-growing collection in the Cockcroft Laboratory. He ran many well-organised expeditions in search of specimens in the locality and encouraged all to seek to spend their time happily and usefully in the study of nature both in the plant and in the animal kingdoms. Many were the jam-jars full of specimens presented in the early morning at the staff-room door for his approval and identification. The meetings of the Natural History Society, which he founded and so patiently fostered, were always keenly attended. In co-operation with the Local Medical Officer of Health he enrolled a large number of boys to engage in a scientific study of the Anophelles in local pools and swamps, and the publication of the results giving new and interesting facts on the life of the mosquito received a favourable commendation in a B.B.C. programme.

Mr. Leftwich gave freely of his time and energies in lecturing to local societies on his favourite subjects and also found time to write and publish in 1963 his “Dictionary of Zoology”, the fruit of many hours of painstaking labour and careful research. This was enthusiastically received and has won acclaim not only in this country but also in America and most countries of the English-speaking world.

In his last week at School, Mr. Leftwich said he was surprised by the large number of expressions of good wishes which he had received from
all parts of the School. He need not have been surprised. There were spontaneous tributes from the boys in appreciation of the valuable work he has done for them and in gratitude for his patient efforts to help them in their search for knowledge.

In his retirement he will not be idle: he has more lectures to give and more books to write. We can only renew our good wishes and echo the universal hope that he will enjoy many happy years of retirement in which to continue his life’s work of inspiring others to discover and to appreciate the marvels of the world of nature.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Advanced Level Results

C. D. ALLEN  History (Distinction); Economics; Geography.
H. M. ALLEN   English; Economics; Geography.
D. ANGEL  French; Economics; Geography.
P. R. BETTS  Geography.
J. BILLIE   History; Geography.
D. M. A. BIRKLES  History; Economics; Geography.
M. W. CLARKE  History; Economics; Geography.
A. I. EDGINTON  English; Spanish; History.
D. W. EKINS  English; French; Geography.
R. A. GRACE  English; Art.
R. HOBBS  Geography.
G. T. HOWES  English.
G. A. KEECH  English; French; Spanish.
T. L. NEWELL  English; History; Geography.
J. D. PARTRIDGE  English; Geography.
G. H. PHILLIPS  Geography; Art.
A. R. QUARTERMAINE  English; History (Distinction); Geography.
M. P. SANDERS  French; Economics; Geography.
R. M. SCOTT  English.
B. E. SMITH  English; Art.
I. G. TAYLOR  Economics; Geography.
J. A. VOLLMAR  English; French; Geography.
A. WHITTAKER  Geography.
J. E. WORLEY  Economics; Geography.
P. P. YORK  English; French; Spanish.
M. HUGHES  British Constitution.
N. C. OZIER  Geography.
N. E. SAMPSION  Economic History; British Constitution; Geography.
K. M. A. STREET  English.
L. D. STURGESS  Economics; Geography.
D. T. THACKER  English; French; Geography.
P. W. WARBURTON  Economic History.
R. W. CHANTRELL  Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
C. R. CLUCAS  Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
H. L. DAVIES  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
G. L. EASTON  Physics; Chemistry; Biology.
N. J. FEARN  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
D. FIANDER  Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
A. M. GEORGE  Physics; Chemistry; Biology.
E. H. GREENHALF  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
D. K. GRIFFITHS  Physics; Biology.
M. HAGER  Mathematics.
R. HEIGHTON  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
J. M. HOBLEY  Physics; Biology.
B. HODGKIN  Biology.
W. E. JONES  Physics; Chemistry.
J. T. JOYCE  Mathematics; Physics; Engineering Drawing.
S. KING  Mathematics; Physics; Engineering Drawing.
Z. KOBUSINSKI  Chemistry; Biology.
C. J. LEGG  Physics; Biology.
M. M. MISSELBROOK  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
J. E. NEVET  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Biology.
J. G. NEVET  Mathematics.
D. M. NORMAN  Mathematics.
S. P. J. NOWAK  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Engineering Drawing.
B. C. PENTelow  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
J. D. RAINNEY  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics.
E. D. ROBERTS  Biology.
C. J. ROBINSON  Biology.

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A. W. WARNER  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics.
P. N. WILLSON  Mathematics.
M. F. CARRINGTON  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Chemistry.
I. C. DOWNS  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Chemistry.
A. W. JESSOP  Mathematics (Distinction); Further Mathematics (Distinction).
B. M. OLIVER  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Physics.
J. RISING  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Chemistry.
A. G. WILSON  Mathematics; Further Mathematics; Chemistry.

Ordinary Level Results

KEY :— English Language—Lang; Literature—Lit; French—F; Spanish—S; History—H; Geography—G; Mathematics—M; Physics—P; Chemistry—C; Biology—B; Metalwork—Met; Engineering Drawing—ED; Art—A; Music—M; Latin—L; Geology—Geo; German—Ger; Economics—Econ.

C. W. BOOTH  Lang. Lit. F. G.
P. J. P. CASHIN  Lang. Lit. F. H. G. M. P.
D. J. COBLEY  Lang. F. H. G. M. ED. A.
D. J. COLE  Lang. F. G. M. P. C. ED.
C. DEAN  Lang. F. G.
J. W. DICKERSON  Lang. F. H. G. M.
J. A. FRASER  Lang. Lit. F. S. H. G. M.
A. A. GOACHER  Lang. Lit. F. H. G. M. B.
J. M. HOLLOWAY  Lang. G. M. P. C. Met. ED.
J. HUDDART  Lang. F. G. M. P. Met. ED.
J. A. INGLIS  Lang. F. G. M. P.
M. F. LEGGETT  Lang. M. B. A.
S. NEVETT  Lang. Lit. F. H. G. M.
N. SMITH  Lang. F. G. M.
S. P. BAILEY  Lang. H. G. M. Met. ED.
N. J. BARLEY  Lang. G. M.
B. C. BATTEN  Lang. Lit. H. F. G.
R. D. COTTER  Lang. H. M.
S. F. FLETCHER  Lang. Lit. F. G. B.
P. J. GALE  Lang. F. S. H. G.
R. S. GREEN  Lang. F. G. M.
S. E. GROOME  M.
L. HEIGHTON  Lang. Lit. P. B.
P. H. HIGGINS  Lang. M. P.
P. T. JOLLEY  Lang. F. S. H. P.
P. A. KNIGHT  Lit. M.
D. A. LAWRENCE  Lang. Lit. F. G. M. P.
H. J. NEAL  M. P. ED.
G. R. PINNEY  Lang. F. H. G. M. B.
M. G. POOLE  Lang. F. H. G. M. ED.
P. H. RISDALE  Lang. M. P. B. ED.
M. G. SMITH  H. M.
R. W. STEVENSON  Lit. H. B.
A. J. THOMAS  Lang.
P. L. TIVEY  P.
G. T. TWELL  Lang. P. C. B. ED.
J. M. WILSON  Lang. F.
P. K. YORK  Lang. M.
A. ALLEN  Lang. Lit. H. G.
M. CLARK  Lang. F. H. G. M. ED.
T. R. COLEMAN  Lang. F. M. P. C.
T. DORMER  Lang. H. G. M. A.
P. M. EDMONDS  Lang. M.
M. C. GILBERT  Lang. Lit. H. G. M.
J. E. HOPKINS  M. A.
G. M. KIRBY  Lang. M. P. C.
D. J. LEVERIDGE  M. P. C. Met. ED.
S. J. MILES  Lang. M. B.
A. C. MURRAY  Lang. H. G. M.
D. D. NORMAN  M. A.
J. V. OLIVER  Lang. M. P. C. B.
Let it never be forgotten that Cricket is a sport and a game. It has the ability to be the most boring or the most entertaining of games, and it was decided at the beginning of this season to treat our matches as contests to be enjoyed and won. The policy paid dividends, and even the matches that were drawn were played in this spirit.

The 1st XI, under the captaincy of Hobbs, played with more determination than has been seen for some time. Hobbs took his task seriously and passed on this attitude to his team. The result was that when we were in trouble (and this happened regularly) there was always someone who took the initiative and brought some stability back into the game. It was very pleasing to see this kind of spirit amongst cricketers at school and one hopes that it will continue through those who will form the nucleus of next year's XI.
It is always stimulating to win the first game, and this we did at Northampton when we bowled our opponents out in the last over of the day when they needed only two runs to win. This we thought was just the beginning of better things, but the weather and some demanding run-rates brought about three drawn games. After half term the weather picked up a little and in spite of being out of touch by virtue of the exams interfering with practices, we began to win again. The Speech Day match with the Old Grammarians was most enjoyable and we saw Hobbs bowling well (5 for 25) and Howes batting with a gusto that the O.G.'s found impossible to tame. In the matches against Lawrence Sheriff and King's we left our effort until late and it was only magnificent concentration and determination that gave us the edge. Although we could only draw with Wellingborough Thursday we emerged from the battle with honour and perhaps with a better appreciation of the game. Thursday had a fine batting side and scored 171 for 2 before tea (thanks to a superb 101 not out by Dobb's, last year's 1st captain). In replay we made 111 for 8 (Bird 31; Partridge 27 n.o.), but what was most impressive was the way we continued to field well and bowl well against two players in form. One match was lost and the less said about that the better! Deacon's saw that they had little chance of getting us out, so they decided to let us get ourselves out by putting on the slowest slow bowler we have ever seen. In our enthusiasm we tried to hit every ball for six and failed. We played badly on this occasion and Deacon's must be given full credit for exploiting our weakness.

Every member of the team has played his part and enjoyed success. Our bowlers have proved difficult to get away and York particularly has improved his length and direction. Hobbs bowled very quickly at Northampton and set himself a standard of accuracy which he found difficult to maintain. Rawlins and Hobley have been steady and reliable, and Whittaker in the few overs he has bowled has shown great potential. Howes has been the most exciting batsman. He hits the ball very hard and cares nothing about finesse; on his day it is impossible to bowl to him. Partridge has improved greatly and has saved more than one game. Bird has always looked an excellent bat and this year he has proved it. Jacobs, Whittaker and Phillips have all made useful scores and with more practice and experience will make good club cricketers. Rawlins has been a little unlucky with the bat, but we have seen something of his hard-hitting ability. Let us not forget Willers who stepped (a little hesitantly) into the vacant position of wicket keeper. After being out of the game for two years through injury he has taken up where he left off and has become a tidy, serious and very keen player.

It has been an enjoyable season. We have played hard and won. Of course there is room for improvement, but time is short in the summer term and we have done our best which is the most that anyone can ask. Our grateful thanks are extended to Knight who has been a devoted scorer throughout the season.

1st XI. Hobbs (Captain); Hobley (Vice-Captain); York (Hon. Sec.); Bird; Jacobs; Whittaker; Partridge; Rawlins; Willers; Howes; Phillips; Clarke; Bond; Brown; Huxley; Nevett, have also played.

RESULTS

MAY

3rd v. Northampton Grammar School          W.G.S. 78   N.G.S. 75       Won by 3 runs

7th v. Bedford Modern School

B.M.S. (Hobley 4 for 10; Rawlins 3 for 24)

W.G.S. 83 for 9 (Whittaker 24; Howes 27)  Drawn

15th v. Bedford School 2nd XI

Bedford School 99 for 9 (Rawlins 4 for 30; Hobley 3 for 22)

W.G.S. 62 for 5
20th **vX. Oundle School 2nd XI**  
Oundle 60 for 7 (Rawlins 5 for 38)  

5th **v Old Grammarians XI**  
O.G.s 114 (Hobbs 5 for 25)  
W.G.S. 115 for 6 (Phillips 23; Howes 38 n.o.)  

7th **v Lawrence Sheriff**  
L.S. 71 (Hobbs 4 for 16)  
W.G.S. 73 for 8 (Partridge 27 n.o.)  

21st **v Deacon's School**  
Deacon's 126  
W.G.S. 82  

26th **v Wellingborough Thursday C.C.**  
Thursday 171 for 2 (Dobbs 101 n.o.)  
W.G.S. 111 for 8  

28th **v King's School**  
King's 64 (Hobley 6 for 13)  
W.G.S. 65 for 7  

**JULY 2nd v Northampton Trinity High School**  
T.H.S. (Whittaker 6 for 23; Rawlins 3 for 14)  
W.G.S. 81 for 7  

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**Second XI**

Competently captained by Thacker, the team has had a somewhat mixed season: two good wins, the game against Spoune being finished in the last over and in the first stages of a very loud and wet thunderstorm; some mediocre performances, such as that against Oundle 3rds, when our batsmen appeared to develop rigor mortis at the merest sight of a fast bowler; and at times, some undeniably boring batting, of which the least said the better.

We were unfortunate to lose Willers, who was transferred to the 1st XI as a very efficient wicketkeeper; and Clarke, who despite a reptilian bowling action succeeded sufficiently in mesmerising his opponent at the crease to gain wickets. Two bowlers only could be said to be consistently effective: Thacker, who was quite speedy and accurate but who lacked stamina to sustain his speed, and Brown, who bowled to a good length but not always to an unhittable direction. Latterly Vollmar was beginning to flight his deliveries successfully and engage the batsmen in lbw tactics.

Our batting strength was debatable. Despite being top of the averages, Smith was too prone to consider his bat a shovel, and relied much on telepathy to inform his partner of the existence, or not, of a run. Willers before his departure wielded a competent bat, as did Brown, whose shots were fluently played and who, above all others, realised that his feet could be used. Thacker too batted well on occasion but could be relied upon to make only tentative efforts at anything down the leg side. In the match against Lawrence Sheriff, Sheehan showed great determination to hit the ball, instead of juggling with it: a pair of boots with studs, he will admit, is a great asset for the taking of short singles.

Our ground fielding has improved as the season progressed and we gained more practice. Field placing early on led to some awkward gaps but later the positioning became tighter and the pickups cleaner. The slip fielders particularly were developing good anticipation in the later games.

In summary, it is obvious that consistent play was far away, but we have an important proving ground for potential first team members and without doubt have enjoyed our cricket.
RESULTS

v. Northampton G.S. Lost by 5 wickets
W.G.S. 70 (Mawson 20)
N.G.S. 71 for 5

v. Bedford Modern Lost by 3 wickets
W.G.S. 73 (Clark 25 n.o.)
Bedford 74 for 7 (Brown 4 for 27)

v. Bedford School Won by 99 runs
W.G.S. 121 (Brown 38, Bond 20)
Bedford 22 (Thacker 6 for 8)

v. Oundle School 3rds Lost by 8 wickets
W.G.S. 29
Oundle 30 for 2

v. Spoune School Won by 12 runs
W.G.S. 94 (Brown 38)
Spoune 82 (Thacker 5 for 17)

v. Lawrence Sheriff
W.G.S. 124 for 8 dec. (Smith 52 n.o., Brown 26)
Deacon's 76 (Thacker 5 for 21, Brown 3 for 18)

v. King's School Lost by 29 runs
Deacon's 76

v. Oundle School 3rds Lost by 8 wickets

v. Spoune School Won by 12 runs
W.G.S. 94 (Brown 38)
Spoune 82 (Thacker 5 for 17)

v. Lawrence Sheriff
W.G.S. 124 for 8 dec. (Smith 52 n.o., Brown 26)
Deacon's 76 (Thacker 5 for 21, Brown 3 for 18)

v. King's School Lost by 3 wickets

Playing Record: Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 0

Colours awarded to: Brown, Smith, Thacker.

UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 XV has done tolerably well this season, having won two matches, drawn three—two of which were moral victories—and lost three, the game against Oundle being a close thing. Yet these results do not live up to the early promise shown and the ability of the side.

The bowling, which appeared to be an inherent weakness, more than fulfilled expectations. Huxley was the mainstay, bowling accurately and getting life off the pitch. Attley bowled steadily, Mankiewicz produced some good balls amongst a lot of erratic stuff, and latterly Purkiss showed promise as an off spinner not afraid to flight the ball. Coupled with efficient fielding and Nevett's tidy wicket-keeping, this was good enough to limit the aspirations of other sides and to put us in with a good chance in every game played.

The batting, which theoretically seemed strong, proved fragile in the event. Nevett, Purkiss and Leggett played a very good innings apiece. Attley, Tivey, Groome and Mankiewicz collected some runs in lesser vein. However, all too seldom did more than one batsman come off. All too often did unwillingness to use the feet in defence, failure to pick out the punishable ball, and above all, the lack of aggressive intent, cause our innings to limp unproductively along.

Perhaps the absence of opportunity and facilities for practice had much to do with potentially effective batsmen looking tentative and out of touch; for this was a willing and keen side which contained more than a few with lots of cricket in them.


Colours were awarded to: D. J. Attley, R. J. Huxley, S. Nevett, J. D. Purkiss.
RESULTS

May 3 v. Northampton G.S. (Away) Won by 5 wickets
N.G.S. 56 (Huxley 4 for 12, Attley 3 for 17)
W.G.S. 57 for 5 (Groome 18, Attley 15 n.o.)

7 v. Bedford Modern (Away) Won by 7 wickets
B.M. 62 (Huxley 5 for 11, Wills 3 for 17)
W.G.S. 63 for 3 (Leggett 31 n.o.)

15 v. Bedford School (Away) Lost by 42 runs
B.S. 94 (Mankiewicz 4 for 44)
W.G.S. 52

20 v. Oundle Junior Colts (Away) Lost by 4 wickets
W.G.S. 68 (Mankiewicz 15)
O.J.C. 70 for 6

June 7 v. Lawrence Sheriff (Away) Match Drawn
L.S. 65 (Attley 3 for 11)
W.G.S. 54 for 5 (Nevett 25 n.o.)

14 v. Kettering G.S. (Home) Match Drawn
W.G.S. 141 (Pukiss 42, Tivey 25, Groome 21)
K.G.S. 89 for 8 (Purkiss 4 for 22, Huxley 3 for 27)

28 v. King's School (Home) Lost by 5 wickets
W.G.S. 63 (Smith 18)
K.S. 6 for 5

30 v. Kettering G.S. (Away) Match Drawn
K.G.S. 109 (Huxley 7 for 27)
W.G.S. 81 for 9 (Mankiewicz 22, Nevett 20)

Under Fourteen XI

The under fourteen began the season well with four wins in a row. Thereafter, success eluded them. The promotion of Purkiss to the under fifteen was a great loss to the side.

Hind, Hale and Rudgalvis shared the bowling honours. Hind, with better control of length and direction, could become a good fast bowler.

The main fault of the attack was that it lacked variation. The loss of Purkiss, a good slow bowler, emphasised this point.

The batting was usually adequate though often towards the end of the season the opposition bowling was allowed to dominate: Hind, Purkiss, Spence and Ellson were the chief run getters though Freestone and Rudgalvis each had an innings of merit.

In the field mention must be made of the Sharpe-like qualities of the slip fielding of Rudgalvis. Freestone, in the covers, did enough to suggest he could make a good cover point and close to the wicket Ellson impressed with his alert fielding. Whittaker performed competently behind the stumps.

This has been a happy side and all showed promise for the future. Hind made a worthy successor to Purkiss as Captain.

Finally our thanks are due to Orton, our willing and efficient scorer, and to Whitbread for his keenness in that unenviable position of twelfth man which he filled on a number of occasions.

The team was:

RESULTS

Played 7 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 2

v. Northampton G.S. U14 XI Won by 8 wickets
Northampton 27 (Hale 3 for 9, Ward 2 for 6, Rudgalvis 2 for 4)
Wellingborough 28 for 2
v. Bedford Modern School U14 XI
Bedford 50 (Hind 2 for 5, Rudgalvis 3 for 17, Purkiss 2 for 7, Lewis 2 for 5)
Wellingborough 52 for 6 (Whittaker 18)
Won by 4 wickets

v. Bedford School U14 XI
Wellingborough 98 (Purkis 48)
Bedford 44 (Hind 2 for 7, Hale 3 for 14)
Won by 54 runs

v. Lawrence Sheriff U14 XI
Wellingborough 140 (Spence 59, Ellson 24)
Lawrence Sheriff 87 (Hind 4 for 22, Hole 3 for 32)
Won by 53 runs

v. Deacon's School U14 XI
Deacon's 113 (Hale 4 for 30, Rudgalvis 5 for 29)
Wellingborough 49 (Hind 25)
Lost by 64 runs

v. King's School U14 XI
Wellingborough 113 for 8 declared (Ellson 36 not out, Freestone 24)
King's 94 for 6
Drawn

v. Kettering G.S. U14 XI
Wellingborough 69 (Rudgalvis 20)
Kettering 70 for 5 (Hale 2 for 20)
Lost by 5 wickets

UNDER 13 XI

An excellent, unbeaten season with the bowling proving much stronger than the batting. Cheney and Stenhouse were an ideal opening pair, lively and penetrative, and they soon realised that the secret of bowling in School cricket is to keep the ball well pitched up on the middle and off. Stenhouse had three wickets in four balls against Kettering, while Cheney was most unlucky that with his fine action, he did not secure more victims. We were most fortunate in always having six bowlers in the side, four of whom were top batsmen. Oliver and Foster were the main wicket takers, varying flight, pace and direction very cleverly. Oliver grabbed a hat-trick against Kettering. Biggs tweaked his off breaks prodigiously on occasion but Bellamy tried to bowl too quickly and pitched too short.

The fielding was much better than any teams' that we faced. Cheney's field placing was always aggressive and intelligent. Backing-up was generally good, throwing excellent but some deep fielders were still too idle to move in as the ball was bowled. Oliver caught two very "Sharpe" catches at first slip while Bellamy, Cheney, Biggs, Foster and Gibbons, (who had the best run-out of the season), fielded excellently. Read kept wicket very well, with a fine catch at Northampton and very adept stumping, particularly off Foster.

The batting proved too vulnerable against fast bowlers. Too many batsmen "walked away from the guns" to square leg and must learn to execute the backlift more quickly and be ready to move onto the front foot and play down the line. Biggs and Nevett were technically the most impressive, although the latter needs more confidence. Biggs' on-drive at Kettering and his squares to square leg were perfect. Read's aggression and confidence made him an ideal opening bat and like Oliver and Foster he can strike the ball very hard. but all three must learn some discretion outside the off stump. Bellamy's driving against Kettering was one of the season's highspots while Stenhouse hit a scorching off-drive in his one innings. Running and calling were sound although Nevett and Frost were most reluctant to open their mouths, rather surprisingly.

Cheney's captaincy was admirable, handling bowlers and fieldsmen excellently (he also won every toss). Oliver deputised very ably so will be a great loss to the team and we hope he enjoys his cricket at his new school. Finally, thanks to our scorer, Poole

Team: Cheney, Oliver, Read, Foster, Wilson, Gibbons, Biggs, Bellamy, Nevett, Clews, Stenhouse, Flint, Hey, Hawkins, Frost.
RESULTS

v. Northampton G.S.
Northampton 44
W.G.S. 45 for 6 (Read 18 not out)
w. Spoune School
Spoune 40 (Oliver 3 for 9, Biggs 6 for 7)
W.G.S. 42 for 5 (Nevett 12)
v. Kettering G.S.
W.G.S. 60 (Bellamy 28, Read 16)
K.G.S. 47 (Stenhouse 3 for 2, Oliver 4 for 12)
v. Deacons, Peterborough
Deacons 43 (Foster 4 for 14, Oliver 2 for 3, Biggs 2 for 3)
W.G.S. 46 for 6 (Biggs not out 14, Oliver 17)
v. Kettering G.S.
K.G.S. 34 (Oliver 4 for 6, Foster 4 for 1)
W.G.S. 35 for 3 (Oliver not out 12)

HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION

This was won by the Stage, with 30 points, followed by the Gryphons, with 20 points.

SCHOOL BASKET BALL 1968–69

The strength and interest in School Basket Ball has continued to increase. This year the School Seniors and Under 15 Teams were selected en bloc to represent the Northamptonshire Schools in the East Midlands League and in the respective divisions the Seniors were second and the Under 15's won. Congratulations in particular to the Under 15's who were undefeated in School games, a just reward for their unstinting efforts both at regular practices and in matches.

Within the School the Dragons won a fiercely contested Inter-House Competition: 2 Beta and 3 Alpha won, and 4B and 5B tied their respective Inter-Form Competitions. A combined Seniors and Seconds Side went on Tour at Easter to Bournemouth to play against Schools and Youth Clubs in that area.

The final playing records of all School Teams were:

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SCHOOL SENIORS

The side relied heavily on the experienced players remaining from the previous year. Of the seven boys who appeared, five had played the year before and the two leading scorers Smith (219 pts.) and Howes (212 pts.) were significantly, by far the most mature players. Lawson and Partridge in their different ways provided our attack with a very necessary and efficient link, though the latter, albeit given fewer opportunities, never played to his full potential. Phillips surprised everyone, except perhaps himself, with his all-round play and together with York gave our defensive system a suitably attacking outlook.
**SCHOOL SECONDS**

The Seconds have enjoyed a thoroughly successful season. They came second in the Northants League Division II and thus won promotion to Division I. The essence of the team's play was the speed about the court of everyone, the shooting accuracy of Rawlins, and the opportunism of Jessop. Rawlins, the tallest member of the team, scored 329 points and improved throughout the season mainly as a result of being under almost constant pressure.

Scott, Lawson, Haggar and Angel contributed magnificently to provide the team with a real sense of purpose which helped them to beat teams of greater experience and with a taller average height.

**UNDER 16**

The Under 16's fixture list provides plenty of variety, for after several hard games against other School 1st Teams relief is obtained in the Northants Junior League where some of the sides are younger and far less experienced. This year's players adapted themselves to the varying opposition well by raising their game whenever the situation demanded and, having a rather aggressive style of play, the team has performed better whenever the game was a close one.

Smart was again the Captain and mainspring of the team but Dormer, who scored 280 points, just six less than his captain, continued the improvement he began towards the end of the previous season. Stokes and Norman were the side's other leading scorers, the former becoming particularly accurate in the last few matches. Clark and Edmonds were the regulars in a team which won the Northants Junior League for the School for the 3rd year running.

**UNDER 15**

By far the most promising of all school sides has been this year's Under 15's. The year started with 13 boys challenging for places and the overall standard was so high it was decided to run two teams and the Under 15 II's were therefore in the newly formed Wellingborough and District League.

Although it played only eleven times this team helped to keep the standard of playing high. The seven boys who comprised this team—Farrar, Fletcher, Groome, Huxley, Leggett, Tivey and West—all improved with the match practice they obtained. The main obstacle to their playing for the Under 15's was their lack of height. Their presence however was of sufficient competitive merit to lose only three games and so come 3rd in the League.

Six boys emerged from the early season practices and games to develop into the best team, both for results and in playing ability, that the School has ever produced. Eventually playing the "Americanised" form of man-to-man defence, the team were able to put constant pressure on the opposition throughout their matches. The highlight of the season was the team's selection en bloc to represent Northamptonshire in the East Midlands League. One match was lost in this competition and it proved to be their only defeat of the season.

All six players are accurate shots but Manning and Groome with an average of 18.75 points and 16.9 points per game respectively were the most positive threats to the opposition. Mankiewicz was a good captain; Nevett and Cobley were, on their day, equally dangerous but not consistent enough. Smith prevented so many scores for the opposition by means of anticipation and cat-like ability that it almost seemed as if he enjoyed playing them on his own.
UNDER 14

This year's Under 14's won every match they played and from the 12 boys in the Group it was not easy to pick out the best team. Although several games were very close contests, the emergence next year of a regular team gives hope for a continuance in the sequence of victories. The Team won the Wellingborough and District Under 14 League.

The following have played: Ellson, Freestone, Hale, Hind, Lane, Moore, Richards, Rudgalvis, Purkiss, Spence, Webber and Whittaker.

ATHLETICS

Yet again the weather proved most unkind at the start of the season and all standards were cancelled. Nevertheless, once under way, performances improved as the rounds of heats progressed and Sports Day provided good, if not outstanding, results.

Undoubtedly G. N. Phillips proved to be the "Athlete of the Year" and followed up his five firsts in the Sports with some fine running in the two matches against other schools. Whilst he was not spectacularly good in any one event he showed himself to be the best "all round" athlete the School has produced for some time.

Two matches were held, one a triangular versus Northampton G.S. and Wellingborough Technical G.S. in which the School finished a creditable second, and the other versus Kettering G.S., a close and exciting competition with the School just finishing ahead.

Unfortunately, due to a clash of dates, our annual and always enjoyable fixture with King's School and Deacon's School was not held this year, but we look forward to renewing our battle next year.

Norman D., Sheehan J., Smith M., Phillips G. N., Hagar M. F., Clarke M., and Lawson R. O., represented the Wellingborough and District in the County Schools Championships at Duston, and while no winners emerged, all performed well.

Colours were awarded to: York P. P., Phillips G. N., Hagar M. F., Norman D. D., Sheehan J.

SCHOOL SPORTS – MAY 21st 1969

Over 17

100 m.—1. Phillips, G. N. (G); 2. Angel, D. (L); 3. York, P. P. (S)
Time: 11.8 secs.

200 m.—1. Phillips, G. N. (G); 2. Angel, D. (L); 3. Hager, M. F. (D)
Time: 23.9 secs.

400 m.—1. Phillips, R. N. (G); 2. Angel, D. (L); 3. Hager, M. F. (D)
Time: 54.3 secs.

800 m.—1. Hager, M. F. (D); 2. Willers, A. D. (S); 3. Phillips, G. N. (G)
Time: 2 min. 12.9 secs.

1500 m.—1. Phillips, G. N. (G); 2. Hager, M. F. (D); 3. Willers, A. D. (S)
Time: 4 min. 40.8 secs.

HIGH JUMP—1. York, P. P. (S); 2. Phillips, G. N. (G); 3. Ozier, N. C. (S)
Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.

LONG JUMP—1. Phillips, G. N. (G); 2. York, P. P. (S); 3. Angel, D. (L)
Distance: 19 ft. 9½ ins.

JAVELIN—1. Clarke, M. J. (D); 2. York, P. P. (S); 3. Bird, R. N. G. (S)
Distance: 140 ft. 11 ins.

DISCUS—1. Lawson, R. O. (D); 2. Sheehan, W. (G); 3. Phillips, G. N. (G)
Distance: 105 ft. 0 ins.

SHOT—1. Smith, B. E. (D); 2. Lawson, R. O. (D); 3. Rainey, J. D. (S)
Distance: 35 ft. 2½ ins.

RELAY—1. Dragons; 2. Stags; 3. Gryphons; 4. Lions
Time: 50.3 secs.
15 – 17

100 m.—1. Smith, M. (D); 2. Clark, N. (S); 3. Evelyn, R. C. (S)
   Time: 12.1 secs.
200 m.—1. Smith, M. (D); 2. Clark, N. (S); 3. Tyman, R. G. (G)
   Time: 24.4 secs.
400 m.—1. Norman, D. D. (G); 2. Sheehan, J. (G); 3. Tyman, R. G. (G)
   Time: 56.5 secs.
800 m.—1. Bond, R. A. (G); 2. Evelyn, R. C. (S); 3. Tyman, R. G. (G)
   Time: 2 min. 18.4 secs.
1500 m.—1. Sheehan, J. (G); 2. Norman, D. D. (G); 3. Farrar, S. W. (L)
   Time: 4 min. 43.7 secs.
HIGH JUMP—1. Cobley, (S); 2. equal Norman, D. D. (G), Mawson, J. A. (S)
   Height: 5 ft. 0 in.
LONG JUMP—1. Mawson, J. A. (S); 2. Norman, D. D. (G);
   Distance: 18 ft. 13 ins.
   3. Jacobs, M. C. (S)
JAVELIN—1. Smith, M. (D); 2. Mankiewicz, P. M. (L); Schofield, M. P. (L)
   Distance: 117 ft. 8 ins.
DISCUS—1. Bailey, P. C. (D); 2. Tivey, S. G. (D); 3. Nevett, S. (S)
   Distance: 110 ft. 2 ins.
SHOT—1. Mankiewicz, P. M. (L); 2. Smith, M. (D); 3. Evelyn, R. C. (S)
   Distance: 33 ft. 9 ins.
RELAY—1. Dragons; 2. Stags; 3. Gryphons; 4. Lions
   Time: 51.7 secs.

13 – 15

100 m.—1. Forster, D. W. (D); 2. Hale, J. C. P. (D); 3. Barford, P. V. (D)
   Time: 12.9 secs.
200 m.—1. Hale, J. C. P. (D); 2. Barford, P. V. (D); 3. Read, G. M. (D)
   Time: 26.3 secs.
400 m.—1. Hind, G. (G); 2. Shaw, K. (G); 3. Hale, J. C. P. (D)
   Time: 61.6 secs.
800 m.—1. Hind, G. (G); 2. Read, G. M. (D); 3. Heighton, L. (G)
   Time: 2 min. 27.8 secs.
1500 m.—1. Ellson, G. (S); 2. Read, G. M. (D); 3. Heighton, L. (G)
   Time: 5 min. 3.6 secs.
HIGH JUMP—1. Whittaker, A. (G); 2. Partridge, B. T. (D);
   Height: 4 ft. 5 Ins.
   3. equal Farrington, C. H. (L), Rudgalvis, A. R. (S)
LONG JUMP—1. Sawford, R. (S); 2. Hind, G. (G); 3. Hale, J. C. P. (D)
   Distance: 15 ft. 7 ins.
JAVELIN—1. Siwekowski, J. J. (D); 2. Hale, J. C. P. (D); 3. King, A. M. (G)
   Distance: 93 ft. 8 ins.
DISCUS—1. Ellson, G. (S); 2. Lane, A. S. (L); 3. Rudgalvis, A. R. (S)
   Distance: 82 ft. 5 ins.
SHOT—1. Ellson, G. (S); 2. Hind, G. (G); 3. Hale, J. C. P. (D)
   Distance: 26 ft. 8½ ins.
RELAY—1. Dragons; 2. Gryphons; 3. Stags; 4. Lions
   Time: 52.4 secs.

Under 13

100 m.—1. Mantle, P. F. (D); 2. Smith, M. J. (L); 3. Sparrow, M. A. (D)
   Time: 14.4 secs.
200 m.—1. Mantle, P. F. (D); 2. Mitchell, S. L. (S); 3. Bellamy, C. P. (D)
   Time: 29.4 secs.
800 m.—1. Mantle, P. F. (D); 2. Bellamy, C. P. (D); 3. Sparrow, M. A. (D)
   Time: 2 min. 38.3 secs.
HIGH JUMP—1. Sparrow, M. A. (D); 2. Bailey, C. R. (D);
   Height: 4 ft. 1 in.
   3. equal Brittin, M. R. (D), Potter, D. G. (S)
LONG JUMP—1. Bellamy, C. P. (D); 2. Brittin, M. R. (D);
   Distance: 13 ft. 1½ ins.
   3. Bernacki, A. R. (S)
JAVELIN—1. Potter, D. G. (S); 2. Briggs, C. P. (L); 3. Deighton, M. J. (G)
   Distance: 72 ft. 10 ins.
Distance: 59 ft. 6 in.
SHOT—1. Potter, D. G. (S); 2. Scroxton, C. J. (S); 3. King, L. E. (S)
Distance: 23 ft. 10 ins.
Time: 60.8 secs.

Martin House Athletic Cup
1. Dragons ... ... 478\ 1
2. Gryphons ... ... 323
3. Stags ... ... 305
4. Lions ... ... 165\ 1

Henson Relay Cup
1. Dragons ... ... 56
2. Stags ... ... 24
3. Lions ... ... 19
4. Gryphons ... ... 17

Individual Cup
England 100 m. (Under 13) Mantle, P. F.
Bradshaw 100 m. (Open) Phillips, G. N.
Neil Palmer 400 m. Phillips, G. N.
Gordon Shipman 1500 m. Phillips, G. N.
Williams High Jump York, P. P.

WARWICK HURDLES BOWL
RESULTS
1st YEAR—1. Potter, D. C. (S); 2. Mantle, P. F. (D); 3. Graham, M. A. (D)
Time: 14.5 secs.
2nd YEAR—1. Read, G. N. (D); 2. Siwakowski, J. J. (D); 3. Biggs, S. P. (S)
Time: 12.6 secs.
3rd YEAR—1. Barford, P. V. (D); 2. Hackney, G. D. (G);
3. Farrington, C. H. (L)
Time: 12.7 secs.
4th YEAR—1. Manning, K. J. (G)
Time 15.8 secs.
5th YEAR—1. Norman, D. D. (G); 2. Owen, C. F. (L); Clark, N. (S)
Time: 15.7 secs.
6th YEAR—1. Sheehan, W. (G); 2. Willers, A. D. (S); Robinson, S. J. (D)
Time: 15.0 secs.

RESULT
1. Gryphons ... ... 44 pts.
2. Dragons ... ... 43 pts.
3. Stags ... ... 22 pts.
4. Lions ... ... 13 pts.

The P.E. Cup was won by Stags with 41 points followed by Dragons with 30 points, Lions with 27 points, and Gryphons with 22 points.

HOUSE RUGBY

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### SKILL

His brawny hands
Surround the clay
Moulding, figuring delicately.
Fingers
Move automatically
As if nothing is there.

The wheel spins,
Spins to eternity
Regulating scope
Bound to one shape
Raw earth
Forms slowly
Into a masterpiece.
Unwasted skill
Has formed it
Talent has been bred into
Clumsy digits.

A twitch of the hand
Unnoticed on the whirling wheel.
Gradually the pot falls
Into the world
Of its Staffordshire ancestors.
The same skill
Handed down through generations.

Calmly he picks up
Another of the red clay
As if unconcerned
With the pot he has brought
Into the fast-going world.
Slowly that pot’s fate
Will drop into careless hands
To kill it.

S. A. Rogers.
MARKET DAY

In the centre of a bustling town
Works a man, a cheerful man,
Who stands as if a frozen icicle.
And opens and closes his toothless mouth
Like a barn door swaying in the breeze.

The shoppers from all around
Come to his wondrous stall
They stand and watch the movement of
His experienced flexible mouth
Bellowing out the reduced prices.

C. HALE

In my solitude I went outside
I gazed above
To see the sky:
The clouds were unruffled
Like cotton wool
The swifts were darting about the sky.
When I am alone
I find my thoughts will wander
To much stranger things
That do not occur when I am in company.
Like human monsters,
They seem to be about the room that I am in
And also in every corner roundabout
Until I restore my thoughts
And tell myself it can't be true.

C. BRIGGS

Brown and salty
It's murky.
The overcon'ter waves step out
Leaping and jumping
Overwhelmed by the murky sunlight.
Overhanging trees and a wood pole hang out
Dangerously, defying the world.
They are stapled to the cliff
What a scene!
Uninviting, not actually nice,
But something unknown, uncared for
Suddenly dawns and sharpens ears and eyes.
Its motion
Vivid and monotonously motionless.
The moss-covered cliff has no contrast
No scenery
Not an inhabitant to destroy it.
The cliff has been brought up there
Never to be moved.
The scene continues to mystify.

P. J. SMITH
TO A ROAD WORKMAN

Who works on the Road
Toiling all day
The one who is sleepless.
The one who repairs.
To him I dedicate this poem.

The man who rises at six o'clock,
Dons his overalls, shoes and socks.
Goes out in a van
With tea in a can
To him I am writing this poem.

The universal labourer.
The man of all men,
The eternal worker.
The one shut out.
To him I have given this poem.  M. FREEMAN

In my head
Is a junction
Which leads to my body
And without this junction
There is no departure
And without this junction
There is no thought
And without this junction
There is no action
And without this junction
There is no expression
And without this junction
There is a desert
A lonely waste
A useless unproductive sphere
There is no existence.  J. PURKISS

HEIGHT AND FRIGHT

I am looking at the Parish Church steeple, soaring into the air. The stone looks fragile, like toy bricks. Staring up at it makes me feel dizzy and sick. How could someone build an object so high? How could someone climb to the top and put the weathercock on?

The tiny little window half way up stares down at me. The bell tolls and echoes. How could such a heavy piece of man-fashioned metal be connected to such a fragile-looking object?

The weather cock laughs at me, like a man who has just breathed laughing gas. The point at the top seems to be holding the
sky up, like a wall holding up a ceiling. I give pity to the poor man who had to climb to the top. How helpless he must have felt, when one slip meant death.

The bricks are small on the tower, small and grey looking as though they may fall off any minute. The weathercock is shining and glistening in the sun and the wind is strong and the steeple seems to be whirling round and round making me feel ill. It's fantastic in height and looks. It looks impossible. The steeple is not a mountain, but it's good enough for me. A. J. BROWN

TRAVELLING

Where are we going to, Dad?
    Wait and see.
What letter does it begin with?
    I
What is the last letter of it, Dad?
    T
Can I have your road atlas, Dad?
    Yes, here you are.
Dad,
There is no place
That hibernates in this atlas
Which begins with I and ends with T.

S. LEEING

NIGHTFALL, SKYFALL

As the day draws close,
And the orange sun falls through the earth
The sky also seems to drop
And hover above the roofs.

As the day draws nigh
And the Persil washed stars
Shoot above the sky
And twinkle through the holes the rain comes through

I go to sleep,
I dream and go with the stars
But the rest of me stays behind
As the day draws nigh. D. ROWLEY
HECTIC CREATION

The birds sang a tune no one could hear
Just before dawn in the middle of the night
A rabbit makes a hole in the surface of a lake
Just before dawn in the middle of the night
A tramp closes his door, he lives on a bench
Just before dawn in the middle of the night
A boy plays cricket with neither bat nor ball
Just before dawn in the middle of the night
God made the earth in minus six days
Just before dawn in the middle of the night
The world came to an end, little did we know
Just before dawn in the middle of the night.

C. HALE

TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL

To get away from it all . . . I wish I could do it every day.
School! Get up, time for school, 9—4 o’clock, Yes, Sir, No, Sir,
Three bags full Sir. All day long. What is this? What is that? What
do you mean? By the time that I get home I am brainwashed. I
repeat it in my sleep . . . Main shipbuilding areas are . . . $a^2 + b^2 = N^2$
. . . Yes Sir . . . No Sir . . .
Whenever I can, I go fishing. I do. It helps me to forget every
other thing. All I do is just watch the float with the great physical
effort of moving my eyes.

I find fishing relaxing as I lie there on the bank. Of course,
occasionally I have to re-bait and cast out. The time passes quickly
and pleasantly out in the country. The birds sing, everything seems
nice. I love the feel of a fish fighting, pulling, struggling and at last
landing it. The glint of the silvery scales here and there is to me a
fascination.

With fishing there is hope, and you have to be patient. Watching
the float vigilantly gives hope because at any second the float may
go right down before your eyes. Sometimes you look for your float
and it’s there, turn and look again, and it might be gone. This has
happened to me very many times, I just sit there looking for it.
Then all of a sudden I realise that there’s a fish on the end.

I suppose it’s the hope of catching something apart from an old
boot, and the fish tugging and the victory of landing it. I suspect
that the fish is at the root of the fascination, because of its graceful
movements. It is the concentration; looking at the float makes me
forget everything. I remember, then think, “Oh I don’t care,” and
then go back to fishing.

At last comes the time when I have to pack up and go back
home. To face reality and come back from my dream world by the
water. Get up, time for School! Yes Sir, No Sir, Three bags full
Sir. What is this? What is that? What do you mean? $a^2 + b^2 = N^2$.
P. MILLARD
In that cold second
When your head feels like a lead weight
On your shoulders, and you get
A numbness in your ears,
And what you'd been thinking
Before becomes just that little bit
Too real:
In that moment you're just asleep.
And then, for all you know, the
White rabbit might just be walking
With his watch, along with Alice,
And the tunnel might just be opening,
And the animals might just be wandering
Round and round until
They all disappear
In a burrow in the ground.
You might just, in that half second,
Feel a whisper on your arm
A touch of air; or, just suppose, when the
Moon is full, you might see round
The back of it. And there you'd find
All the old props from Dr. Who floating
Round and round, swirling and turning in the dark.

I don't think you'd really find
As often as you'd like,
The menace of the half-formed shadow
The gaping mouth and shrivelled fangs
Or the shortened sounds of horror
Amongst the trees.

THE PAINTER

His hands move swiftly across the canvas. His eyes scan the countryside, not just looking at the green and yellow beauty of the fields or the white clouds in the blue sky, but really seeing what is there. Noticing the action, the wind rippling the corn, the skylark high, and capturing as if time has stopped the action, as if it were one split second.

This is his first task, making a sketch of the whole countryside. The hardest part is yet to come. Now he has to give life to this mass of black and white lines. He has to give it power, the power to live.

He dabs on the first paint mark and before it has time to dry, another and another, slowly but steadily, covering at first just a square patch, then an inch, then two or three. After a small patch has been completed he walks back a few paces and stares into this
patch to see its life, to find if it has power. His eyes see the parts of it that need changing and his skilled hands move professionally across the canvas as if they convey the imagination into this inhuman canvas.

This process is repeated and repeated, showing the patience of the painter, until the finished product is obtained. This painting is not just paint and canvas, but a part of the painter’s body and mind, a part of his personality and his imagination. P. Youle

RIVER

River why do you roll on
Through passage of passing time
A shapeless form of strength?
In your darkest reaches
In the murkiest depths of your domain
What Leviathan sleeps?
Do you have a secret,
Perhaps, of life?

But only on your oily surface,
Where filthy barges drift,
I see no reflections into a mystery
Least of all one of life.
Impotence, yes.

You look like the Sybil
Who has seen everything,
Endured all.
And wants to die.
Do you want to die, river?
To feel no more the waste of a generation
Spewing out through your depth?
No more the diesel oil from filthy boats?

But river
Are you, in famous words,
A sullen brown God?
Tiber, Father Tiber
Or a black stain of oil
Without life
But flotsam of life?

In my head
There is a jungle.
A jungle of mixed ideas,
Intertwoven, tangled together
Maths formulas, lost in a knot

J. Lindsay
Of homeworks to remember.
Prancing about, there are creatures
Giggling, bursting with laughter
Exploding with mirth
As if born of pranks and jokes.

But then the reality comes
Slowly, silently smothering this joy
Hitting with a hard impact
Into the presence of your mind
Not a fast, sudden impact,
But a strong and moving power.
Softly a gay white mist passes
The rainbow of colour
Mingled in a pleasing picture of gaiety.
A dove coos from the midst
A quiet voice from the mist
Says, "I am the joy of love."

P. J. YOULE

THE COOKE CUP FOR DRAMA

This year's competition for the Cooke Cup saw a rather mixed bag of plays from the points of view of content and acting ability. As adjudicator we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Willard Stoker, Production Manager of the Northampton Repertory Theatre, who awarded the Cup for the best production to the Gryphon’s “Day of Atonement”, produced by D. Thacker. Very much a “message” play, this was well lit and the acting had the considerable atmosphere of tension which is required for the play to spark. M. Hughes controlled his part of Dr. Kraus very well, with a suitable stiffness and clipped speech, and W. Sheehan underplayed the part of the Father to a nice degree. P. Wynd as the Son was a little too forceful and obviously nasty to be sympathetic to the audience and thus provided a weakness: but A. Bailey in the part of the mother was suitably histrionic when called upon to be so, and yet preserved a strong measure of calm and strength.

One point on the adjudicator’s marking separated this play from K. Street’s production of “The Foundling”, a script requiring some delicate and well-placed moves in extremely directional lighting, together with backstage effects and commentary. This Stags play was an unusual production in that it was heavily stylised, and it was managed well. In particular, Mark Coleman as the boy gave an excellent performance for someone in his first year at this school, and showed acting promise for the future. Billett, York and Rainey spoke clearly and forcefully as Pew-ends and Belial respectively, and Lees was a suitably sepulchral Vicar. Allen, cast as the Tramp, did wonders in the tongue of his native Bozeat, and Potter and Leeding managed well their difficult stances as tombstones.

“Money Makes a Difference” was the choice of the Lions, under their producer Bedells. Rather too long for this type of performance, the play needed much stage business to give it life, and too often the actors were in attitudes of “nothing to do.” Their lines, too, were haltingly delivered and the total effect was uneven. However, N. Sampson tried hard to inject some life, and K. Trolley provided an entrancing cameo of Mr. Tidwell as he ate his stage muffins.
The play placed fourth, L. Joyce's staging of "Blue Murder", a mock Sherlock-Holmes thriller, was said by Mr. Stoker to be little more than a sketch; and it was certainly a very light piece indeed which relied heavily on make-up and two revolvers, and the admirable Tunn in yet another of his “drag” parts. Again, it was the small touches which were lacking—to static stage-placings, a telephone that would have done justice to the present G.P.O. system, a moustache that came unstuck, and a lack of timing for the laughs. What could have been a very funny send-up lacked sparkle and speed.

It was noticeable that the two plays which earned the adjudicator's praise had two things in common; a sense of the stage, and stage confidence on the part of the actors. Bearing these in mind, we look forward next Spring term to four productions of even higher standard.

LIBRARY

This term, the Science and Technology section of the library has undergone a re-stocking; to date, £80 has been spent on new books. Next term will see a similar process applied to the fiction section, with the intention of providing a more representative selection of the modern novel. The reference section will also undergo a thorough revision and books may be transferred from there to the open shelves.

We are most grateful to Mr. Bennett for the vast numbers of books that he passed on to us when he and his family moved to Wellingborough; these books will be on the shelves from the beginning of next term. We have also received the books for the Languages section bought for us by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall; books for the Physics section from the parents of B. C. Tanner and R. C. Rawlins; and an addition for the Chemistry section from Richard Lines. On Speech Day, Mr. Scott presented us with two copies of his autobiography, "Eye of the Wind". For these, and for all other gifts, we are very grateful.

However, there is little use having a library that has an up-to-date and comprehensive selection of books, if few people use it: our magazines and periodicals are already being reduced in number because the readership does not warrant the expenditure involved. The books in the library are there to be used and I hope to see our issues increase considerably over the next year.

M.K.W.

FIELD SURVEY SOCIETY

This Easter the Society joined with students from Kettering Technical College for a week's field work in North Wales. Further innovations were the use of a coach for travelling and staying in a hotel. These two 'luxuries' gave the participants far more time to attend to their projects than has been possible in the past, and a pleasurable degree of comfort.

The Biologists spent most of their time on marine biology, ending with a session of lectures on their individual projects. These involved such activities as feeding sea anemones on a bizarre diet and painting sea lice a variety of colours—only to find that it was fatal! The Geographers carried out a detailed urban survey of Portmadoc and Tremadoc. Since the Geographers were also Artists they were able to illustrate their work with a series of paintings.

The finished geography project became the centre piece of the Speech Day exhibition, when it was an especial pleasure that Mrs. Scott accepted one of the paintings by G. Phillips as a gift.

This summer the Society is returning to the hardier life at Golan School for a week's Geography course.

A.J.B.T.
TOC H

Chairman: D. Davies  Vice-Chairman: C. Clucas  Secretary: R. Tingle
Treasurer: B. Pentelow

On Wednesday at 4 o'clock, the dozen or so regular members of TOC H make a bee-line for the library where the ritual tea-drinking ceremony is performed. The exact proceedings of a TOC H meeting are not open for publication, but we are only too pleased to disclose the results of these meetings. They are as follows:

Our main efforts this term were put into the old folks' trip to Hunstanton. With funds from the legendary TOC H Concert and assorted Jumble Sales, 33 old people were taken to the resort for a day by 9 members of the school. The day was declared an enormous success by all involved.

Other activities included the execution of "Door Knocks", and the rejuvenation of the hospital library services at the Highfield and Cottage Hospitals. Next term we hope to invite a number of local speakers, thus giving us a full and interesting programme.

We are unfortunately greatly lacking in members from the fifth and lower sixth forms whose support we need now that some of our most active members have left. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those dedicated members, and wish them luck in their future careers.

R. J. Tingle

TOC H CONCERT

Once again, we stopped the mighty roar of Wellingborough's traffic, and dragged all the drunks and layabouts we could find off the streets to watch a veritable feast of fun and frolics, a plethora of putrid puns, a copia of Corn. The result was a mammoth extravaganza with few concessions to culture, a mixture of "Opportunity Knocks" and "It's A Knockout" which would have made Carroll Levis turn in his grave.

Graham Phillips successfully demonstrated his theory that glimpses of his throbbing deltoids would prove so overpowering that scores of girls would be forced to run out screaming in a kind of mystical ecstasy to seek revival in the night air (or that's Graham's story, anyway!) His gradual "striptease" proved there's no business like "show" business—it must be the "Gypsy" in his soul!

Rog Hobbs and Sturge collaborated manfully with the delectable Lynn on the Supremes sketch but unfortunately were forced to flee in embarrassment from misguided gentlemen admirers at the stage door. Slapstick was provided by Graham and Phil York, who also provided refreshments for the first four rows of the audience in the shape of eggs, milk, sugar and Corn Flakes.

Eke and Scottie's ventriloquist act was excellently done, although the former's Judo experience was evident in the handling of his little friend. Scottie's attempts at social realism were a little contrived with the stream of sawdust running down his left leg, and his expressions were a little "wooden", however.

Music was provided by the Beat Route led by Lawrence Joyce on the flute. The versions of "Scarborough Fair" and "Take Five" were particularly good. For one moment, however, the audience was afraid that the volatile and unpredictable Ben Jennings would lose complete control and smash his guitar over Lawrence's head but this proved to be merely wishful thinking.
Ian Downing and a "mysterious stranger", clad in tartan rags, joyfully assailed "Underneath the Arches" with intent to do grievous bodily harm while Jock, with no regard for decency, squeezed his box with great enthusiasm.

Messrs. Nevett, Fiander and Vendy provided excellent musical support while Douglas Doig, wearing the same puce, fleshy trousers as last year sang the same songs as last year to the same rapturous ovation and the throwing of flowers (cauliflowers?).

Stef's Tiny Tim was a revelation and all his many fans wish him a speedy return to normality following the operation, although doctors have told him he may never tiptoe through the tulips again.

Pete Betts at last found an opportunity to show his true talents as an amiable country idiot, along with the ubiquitous Phillips and York, who also competed. Rog Hobbs also answered your letters although couldn't satisfy some of the more unusual demands of the audience.

Although the show was too long, it was excellent value for three shillings and raised around £70 for local charities. The Hall, as last year, was absolutely packed and the reactions of the audience, very gratifying. The cast put in a tremendous amount of hard work, all the material was original and the make-up and costumes excellent.

Many thanks to the wonderful girls—Caroline, Lynn, Jackie, Janet and Lola. Also to Mr. Cheale and the Stage Staff, particularly Downing, Misselbrook, Mankiewicz and Blore, and the "guardian angels", Mr. Harding and Mr. Wills.

THE ARTS CLUB

Once again, meetings and outings have been thwarted by the intercession of exams. Unfortunately, a far greater problem has been that of widespread apathy, particularly among the Sixth Form. We hope that next year's Fifth and Sixth will be more co-operative and more willing to participate.

Two excellent trips were arranged; the first, to see "Macbeth" at the Nottingham Playhouse, where everyone was particularly impressed with the theatre itself as well as the production and secondly, to the brilliant "Brief Lives" at the Criterion. As the Sun said and all agreed, Roy Doctrine gave "one of the great acting performances of our time"—a far cry from Mr. Hadock, maybe, but ideally cast as the filthy, lecherous, decrepit old gossip. His was a marathon virtuoso performance which must establish him, along with Nicol Williamson, as the most remarkable young actor on the English stage. Mr. Wilson was even incited into buying the record of his performance, thus adding another to his own gallery of impressions.

We finished the term with the long-awaited Judo demonstrated by David Ekins held in the Gym., which was well attended. It is to be hoped that more Sixth Formers will follow his example and, if not give talks, at least attend consistently or be ready to debate or ask intelligent questions.

Many thanks to Graham Keech for his excellent efforts—running the Arts Club probably involves more hard work than any other Society, but can and should be extremely rewarding. He was most ably supported by the Committee. We also thank our mentors, Messrs. MacDonald, Wills, Wright and Wilson.

At the time of writing, the Arts Club is steeling itself for the football match with the Experts B, consisting of Messrs. Turville, Rowe, Wills, Wright and Macdougall. With Mr. Wills (a long time member of the Arts Club) in goal, the result seems a foregone conclusion!

(The Experts, of course, lost.—Ed.)
RAILWAY CLUB

Work on the model railway restarted in May, when Mr. Chesters obtained for us, from a lady in Northampton, part of a very large layout. 120 feet of track, the parts of a large station, and some pieces of scenery and small buildings, were donated. We shall now be able to complete the layout already planned, and later make a branch line somewhere.

After many years of exhibiting parts of the layout in the Music Room on Speech Day, it was decided that a change was needed. The whole layout will only just fit into the Hall, and no more than a third in the Music Room at any one time. After measuring many rooms in the school, someone suggested that the majority of the boards that are almost complete would fit into the Physics Lab. So this was tried and after some adjustments all but three of the boards were fitted in, and on Speech Day a better layout than ever before was exhibited—and it worked!

We would like to thank Mrs. Hall of Northampton for donating so much of her late husband's valuable railway to the school, because without it our own railway could not be completed: and also Mr. Chesters for helping us.

Both the excursions this year were to the North East of England. At 2333 hours on Wednesday, 17 April, a party of 21 members accompanied by Mr. Beacham left Wellingborough station for Sheffield. Here, British Rail kindly provided a coach in the 0430 Sheffield–Doncaster parcels train. Unfortunately the engine did not manage to heat the coach until we were at Doncaster, and everyone was thankful for a warm waiting room. After a short wait at Doncaster, we left for Goole, where we visited the old Motive Power Depot at 0700. We continued to Hull and went to Dairycotes mpds. The most interesting part of the journey followed, crossing the Humber on the ferry, the journey taking some 20 minutes. At New Town Station the coach we waiting to take us to Immingham, Frodingham (Scunthorpe), and Lincoln mpds. We caught our return train at Lincoln and finally arrived at Wellingborough at 2145.

When a party of 19 members accompanied by Mr. Cheale left Wellingborough station at 2159 on Sunday, June 22nd, a larger itinerary was ahead of them. Arrival at Newcastle station was at 0430 after a change of trains at Derby. We then continued to Cambois (Blythe), Heatton, Gateshead, Tyne marshalling yards (0810–1030 hrs.) Tyne Dock, and to Sunderland for lunch. After lunch we visited Thornaby-on-Tees and Darlington mpds. We left the coach at Darlington and travelled to York by train. Here we visited the museum and the mpd. We then left for Wellingborough, where we arrived at 2145. Three privately preserved steam locomotives were seen through the tour, Class Q6 No. 63395 and Class J27 No. 65894 at Thornaby, and Class A4 No. 60019 Bittern, at York.

Everyone agreed that they were successful excursions, and we would like to thank Mr. Beacham and Mr. Cheale for accompanying the parties.

M. F. Hager

SCOUTS

This term sees the departure of our number one stalwart, Mr. Gillibrand, who has been promoted to a senior position in Lytham, nearer his home town of Manchester, and has had to give up his office of Group Scout Leader.

Peter began his activities with the Sixth by helping Mr. Dunning, and succeeded that awe-inspiring figure on his retirement. The group was
fortunate in continuing to be led by a G.S.L. who has always had its interests at heart and has worked hard to ensure the success of many activities. In recognition of Peter's service, and as a momento of his time with us, the group has presented him with a handsome flashing electric alarm clock, and a devilishly contrived ratchet screwdriver. We all wish him and his family well in their new home and look forward to hearing of their progress.

This term has seen the group take part in a number of district activities. Two eager and youthful teams entered the Gilbey Cup competition: a short hike and an overnight camp. The only major disaster was the large black dog who found a tasty morsel in Widd, and pronounced Richard Huddart (Ernlet) even juicier! Wilson, Edmonds and Edwards took part in an exacting Venture Hike competition in the Peak District and found Sandy's schedule too demanding. This outrage was given full vocal airing during and after the gruelling slog!

We are at the moment of writing looking forward to the annual summer Camp, which is being held this year at Walesby Forest, Nottingham. Rod Parkinson (alias Puss), will be helping Sandy and Mr. Rowe.

Next term the Venture Unit will be led by Mr. Macdonald, who is the new G.S.L. The troop will be led by Mr. Rowe, who has kindly agreed to take out a licence. We wish him every success in his efforts.

A.P.G.M.

INGSOC

It all started on Mayday, when the Headmaster announced in assembly “There will be a meeting for all interested in forming an English Workshop.” As the interested parties met that evening after school the first thing that was decided was that the title “English Workshop” would be dropped, preferably from a great height. The title of “Ingsoc”, from George Orwell's "1984", was evolved.

It was decided that the society would be as fluid as possible: some of the ideas put forward were, drama of all kinds, literature appreciation, (ugh! what a name), writing, stage management, and visits to theatres, going back stage. In fact, anything to do with drama, books, writing and production. Of course, the main idea is not to stagnate as so many societies do.

After this first meeting strange posters went up all over the school and the great question of the day was: who? what? why? when? how? is INGSOC.

Unfortunately we have all been involved in exams this term and we have been able to explore only the dramatic side of the society. We have done such things as ascending the Andes in “The Royal Hunt of the Sun”; we have killed Tony Rand; we have murdered Duncan in “Macbeth”; and many other entertaining things. We have also been greatly entertained, especially by Bailey’s “virile” Lady Macbeth: so if you are anybody who’s anybody, or interested in anything, the next time you hear the immortal gems “There will be a meeting of Ingsoc in the library tonight”, come along. There’ll be a welcome for you.

J. T. W. Sykes

NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

This new society was successfully launched early this year by Mr. Farey. Regular meetings are held appropriately in the Penney Laboratory on Thursdays after school. Various types of coins have been displayed by Mr. Farey and these were followed by talks on several reigns, Miller (Victorian), Mitchell (George V), and Elliott (George VI). Mr. Farey is at present offering advice on methods of grading.