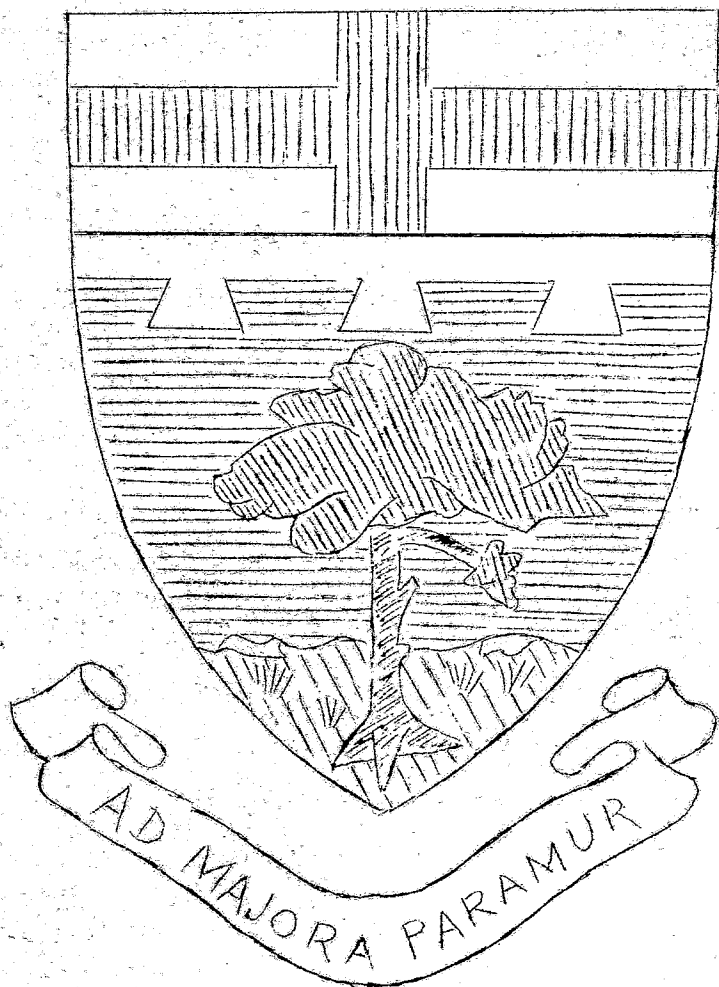


# BARROW HILLS



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# JOURNAL

1. STAFF and OFFICIALS - SCHOOL YEAR 1960-1961

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Vice-Captains..... M.Bishop, J.Pike, A.Collins.  
House Captains..... B.Wootton-Woolley (Kean)  
                                M.Knops (Murtough)  
Librarians..... P.Curzon, J.Matta, D.McKay.  
Indoor Games..... C.Elling, M.Stacy, W.Bemister.  
Captain of Rugby.... B.Wootton-Woolley.  
Captain of Football. J.Palfreman.  
Heads of Dormitories. M.Knops, M.Bishop, N.Crisell,  
                                P.Rossiter, J.Palfreman, B.Wootton-  
                                Woolley, J.Vassallo, C.Baynham,  
All Forms..... Mr.R.Bushel.

The Editor regrets that he did not publish a copy of the Journal last term but a slight attack of whooping cough left him without the necessary energy - or as some boys would prefer to say: he was too lazy!

This term (September 1960) we welcome the following New Boys into:

- FORM 1: Paul Aylett (who had two brothers at Barrow Hills, one of whom is still at St. Georges), Stephen Boalch, John Cooper, Brian Evans (brother of John), Richard Fawls, Robin Higgins (brother of Anthony at St. Georges), Philip Joyce, Michael Lyons, John McCracken, Dominico Pini, Richard Sykes, Nicholas Weibel (son of Dominic. O.G.), John Williams, Richard Woods,
- FORM 2: John Allen (nephew of Jack & Tony. O.Gs), Gregory Flower (brother of Nicholas at St. Georges), and Trevor Ricards.
- FORM 3: Martin Dore and Christopher Peat.

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The following left us at the end of the summer to go to St. GEORGES: John Beedham, Terence Calnan, Michael Cassidy, Gordon Cooper, Richard Dowden, Andrew Eckford, Simon Kolesar, Christopher Martin, Richard Mascall, Peter Ollivere, Kevin O'Sullivan, David Pike, Peter Rambridge, Michael Rowlatt, Peter Rust, Michael Standing, David Vassallo, Timothy Visick, Paul Wright.

to CANADA: David Ronald.  
 to U.S.A.: Thomas Proulx.  
 to other schools: Kieran May and Chrictopher Simpson.

We wish them every happiness and success and blessing for the future.

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Early in the term we were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Parsons one of our daily domestic staff. The boys sent a very nice wreath and the school was represented at the funeral by the Bursar, Fr. Aidan. We extend our sincere sympathy to her relatives.

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#### RAILWAY CLUB

The Club thanks Mr. H. Taylor for the gift of another engine and some rolling stock. Once again the Club is flourishing and judging by the noise members spend many happy hours playing with the trains.

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OUTING

It is said that elephants never forget but we should couple small children with these mighty animals. Each summer term the various Forms have an outing. Last summer weather conditions prevented the 2nd Form from going on a spree and so, although they have now become members of the 3rd Form, they duly reminded the Headmaster who felt he had to do something to remedy this state of affairs.

Eventually, together with Father Francis and Mr. Bushel, the third form set out in a coach headed for London. The visit was to the Planetarium and Madame Tussauds. The hour spent at the Planetarium was immensely interesting. We sat gazing at the dome-shaped ceiling upon which was projected the night sky. Slowly the universe appeared to rotate while we had the various phenomena explained to us. We were all sorry when it was over.

From this we went to the Waxworks. Again we spent a most enjoyable hour. Those who remembered the play from last Spring term (1066 And All That) were fascinated by the figures which appeared in the play. Of course the Chamber of Horrors gave the greatest thrill, the merits of the various types of torture being discussed for days.

Naturally enough there were the amusing incidents at the expense of certain members of the party. We were highly amused at the sight of Peter Curzon getting quite annoyed with a wax assistant who would not sell him a souvenir picture. Then another boy gave away his political leanings by telling a gentleman to "go, jump in a lake." He thought he was addressing a wax politician but was horrified to discover that he had in fact addressed a visitor to the exhibition. Finally, a small group, which had been caught talking to a wax attendant, looked at another on the stairs and said: "Huh, we won't be caught again, he's made of wax too." They were certainly taken aback when the figure assured them that he was truly human.

On the return journey we all enjoyed a very good tea which had been packed for us by Fr. Aidan.

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We live and learn.

P.T.O. means Police turn over.

It is not unusual even nowadays for people to think that the robin and wren are God Almighty's cock and hen. Supernatural powers were attributed to the wren as a fire-bearer, and its feathers were used by sailors as talismen against storms, immunising them against lightning. It was treated as King of all Birds, was sacred and duly sacrificed. The wren hunt was carried out all over the British Isles and in France. The origins of this strange cult - sacrifice of a tiny bird to defeat the powers of darkness - are now obscure but probably reached Britain during the Bronze Age from the Mediterranean. In Christian times these rites were celebrated on St. Stephen's Day, and are still in parts of Ireland and the Isle of Man. (The wren is said to have betrayed St. Stephen by alighting on his gaoler's head and waking him up just as the Saint was about to escape.)

The story of the competition to decide who was the King of the Birds is known all over Europe and North America. The bird who could fly the highest was to be King. The Eagle soared higher and higher, nearer and nearer to the sun. But the wren had hidden in the Eagle's feathers, and when the Eagle was tired of soaring the wren mounted still higher.

The unfortunate Owl again got into trouble. It was posted on guard at a hole in a tree in which the wren was shut while the birds sat in judgment: the owl went to sleep and the wren escaped. The owl was so ashamed that, to this day, he has not dared to show himself in daylight.

The Raven has long been a bird of death and destruction. To primitive man, this jet black bird with its ominous croak and habit of tumbling in the air and even flying on its back, must indeed have boded ill. Folklore says:

"To see one raven is lucky, 'tis true.

But it's certain misfortune to light upon two,

And meeting with three is the devil!"

But the raven was also a good guide to mariners and helped the Vikings discover Iceland. It was a messenger of the gods: Odin's two ravens flew daily over the world to bring him back news. Even today, at the Tower of London, there is a centuries-old tradition that there will always be an England as long as the Tower has its ravens.

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## RIDING

This school activity which was started last summer as an experiment proved so popular that it was decided to make it permanent. This term there are thirty one boys taking riding lessons with the Witley Riding School. They are: M.Adams, S.Ambrose, M.Ashcroft, J.Cassidy, C.Coxwell, A.D'Eon, A.Drobinski, J.Evans, J.Fleming, P.Hall, I.Hammond, C.Hopkins, M.Hurst, C.Illing, M.Knops, M.Maguire, D.Mascall, S.Moe, A.Moore, B.Moore, M.Newton, C.O'Grady, J.Pike, D.Randall, T.Ricards, M.Sloper, C.Steele, R.Stephens, A.Wickins, B.Wootton-Woolley.

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## FIRST COMMUNIONS

On Sunday November 13th the following had the great happiness of making their First Holy Communion: Anthony Cooper, John McCracken, Andrew Palfreman, Robin Higgins, Richard Woods, Charles Potrou, Trevor Ricards, John Harvey. They had been prepared for this great occasion by Miss A.Bennett.

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## "A" & "B"

Following the general trend to raise the standard of education it was decided to split Forms 2,3 and 4 into "A" and "B" streams for the major subjects. Obviously the success of this venture cannot be felt immediately but eventually all boys should benefit from it.

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## NATURE

Our congratulations to Father Philip Alexander.C.J. on getting his article on

"Oak apples and kindred growth" published in the November number of DISCOVERY. He has previously had other articles on FUNGI published in the same magazine.

Being such an authority on Fungi I am sure he would be only too pleased to help any boys keen on this aspect of Nature Study.

## THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Ten carols, neatly and expressively sung by Forms III and IV under Mr. Taylor's direction, formed the first part of the Christmas Concert. The singing at the Saturday performance was particularly successful. In the second part of the concert Forms I and II presented SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS.

The play began with the Ladies-in-Waiting (J.V. SSALLO, M. THOMPS, J. ALLEN, J. HARVEY, N. EIBEL) discussing the injustices suffered by their beloved Snow White, how the Wicked Queen hated and ill-treated her because that Princess had grown up as a rival in courtly beauty. But their talk was interrupted by the arrival of the Wicked Queen herself (J. CASSIDY) who promptly gave an arrogant and ill-tempered display of her vanity, jealousy and cruelty. No wonder the King (M. ADAMS) turned out to be a long-suffering husband, who was obliged, on the Queen's angry exit from the stage, to go trotting humbly after her with a nicely potentiated "Wait for me, my dear!"

The Chief Forester (M. ASHCROFT), terrified by the Queen's threats, has to lead Snow White out into the forest to get rid of her. As soon as she realises that she is going to be killed, Snow White (R. FAULS) says, "Oh dear" but she manages to persuade the Chief Forester just to pretend that he has killed her and she will stay hidden for ever in the forest.

Snow White now remains all alone under the tall, thick trees. She is attacked by bushes which turn into Goblins (P. AYLETT, C. PETROU, J. COOPER, R. WOODS, R. SYKES) with ugly faces. Luckily she escapes unharmed and comes to a funny little house. She is hungry and samples the supper laid out on the table. She tries a bed and so tired is she that she immediately falls fast asleep.

The funny little house is the house of the Seven Dwarfs.

When the curtains close we first hear and then dimly see these dwarfs inside the dark mountain, marching back from their work, carrying sackfuls of precious minerals and stones and singing an endless "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho".

They enter their house and, while Snow White sleeps on unnoticed, Grumpy (A.PALFREMAN) utters a long grumble about the food always being either too hot or too cold. Sleepy (J.WILLIAMS), Happy (D.PINI), Sneezy (M.LYONS on Saturday, P.JCYCE on Sunday) and Dopey (A.O'SULLIVAN) all declare that someone has been touching their supper. Doc (A.COOPER) says it must be burglars and where do burglars hide? Under beds, of course. Each dwarf looks under his bed and each dwarf says in turn, "There's no-one under my bed" till last of all Bashful (R.HIGGINS) says, "There's no-one under my bed but there's someone in it", and Snow White is discovered. She soon makes friends with the kindhearted Dwarfs who persuade her to look after them and their house and to stay with them "For ever and ever, hooray!"

But Magic Mirror (B.MOORE) tells the Wicked Queen that Snow White is still the fairest in the land and the Queen realises that her plans must somehow have gone wrong. So she makes new plans and we see her disguising herself as an old pedlar woman.

Three times Snow White is visited by the Queen in disguise (S.BOALCH, T.RICARDS, M.MAGUIRE)- a different actor for each disguise- and of course three times Snow White is deceived and accepts some deadly present. Twice, the dwarfs come back in time to save her. The third time it needs the touch of Prince Olaf himself to revive her. Luckily, the Prince (M.VENABLES) and his courtiers (C.PIKE S.HARBORD, B.EVANS, J.McCRACKEN) were hunting boar in the forest at the time. A happy ending for all, even for the Wicked Queen; her magic mirror was stolen and she never learnt of the failure of her last plan.

A.WICKINS, A.CARROLL, T.RICARDS and M.LYONS all helped with other parts. G.FLOWER was unluckily absent ill. The Narrators, linking scene with scene, were J.RICKCORD, H.BULFORD, C.BAYNHAM.

RICHARD FAWLS must be commended for playing a long role with great calm and poise. J.CASSIDY showed much stage sense and all seven dwarfs deserve special mention for their happy friendliness. Small boys should be seen



and not heard, but MICHAEL MAGUIRE as pedlar-woman-number-three made it clear that the reverse is sometimes true. How many small boys, I wonder, can, off-stage, make the whole audience laugh simply by saying two words, "Lovely appells"?

Many thanks, congratulations and bouquets to Miss Newman and Miss Bennett whose long and patient efforts produced the play and costumes. And many thanks to all the parents and friends who formed such large and also appreciative audiences at both performances.

Fr. William.

That is the official and well merited account of the Concert and it was endorsed by all the boys. One Form was later asked to write its account and the following extracts will certainly make producers wary in the future. It is very interesting to note the details which strike the very young critical eye.

"Doc, who seemed to be the leader wouldn't let them get away without getting washed, but HE never got washed and I don't know why either." (A.M.M.)

"If I was allowed I would scrap the lot and have a murder play." (M.N.)

"I think Bulford was a bit la-de-da when he came in with his hands in his pockets." (M.N.)

"I thought the costumes were very good and that if Miss Newman and Miss Bennet had not been there the play would not have been nearly as good." (J.R.)

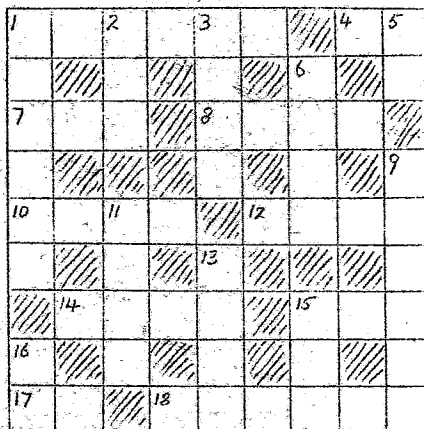
"The Narrators were good but C. Baynham kept rocking from side to side and I think that would annoy the parents very much. Another narrator had his hands behind his back and his jacket caught in it." (A.B.)

"The Witch, when at the window, should not give Snow White the apple through the closed window." (A.B.)

"Maguire had the magic mirror round the wrong way when he talked to it." (R.B.)

"Snow White was acted well by Fawls but she wasn't as pretty as she was supposed to be - in fact she wasn't even as pretty as the wicked Queen." (M.S.)

"The Witch ate the biggest half of the apple and left the little half to Snow White." (R.S.)



### Clues across

1. We put it on bread.
4. Preposition.
7. Ships use this.
8. Sticky sweets.
10. Dutch cheese.
12. From palm to pudding.
14. Eastern drink in powder form.
15. A fairy.
17. Perhaps.
18. Pressed curds.

### Clues down

1. Used for carrying things.
2. Drink or meal.
3. ---- and bacon.
5. Preposition.
6. Girls name.
9. Drink.
11. Not here.
13. In tins from a grocer.
15. Female sheep.
16. First class.

### I'M NOT SURPRISED

Not long ago, I am told, Bemister leaned against a tree in the playground when a great crack opened up in the tree. As a result the tree was cut down.

Mrs.N.Firth.

Three houses are being built and furnished in Witley to provide homes for refugees. During the year there have been a number of enterprizes to raise funds for this good work.

On October 14th a concert took place in the village hall at which all organisations, clubs, schools etc were invited to take part.

Under the direction of Mr.H.Taylor, A.R.C.O. the Barrow Hills Choir gave two songs: "The ride of the Witch" by Charles Wood, and "Linden Lee" by Vaughan Williams.

They were heartily applauded by the audience and merited much praise all round. A picture of the choir appeared in both the Surrey Advertiser and the Guildford and Godalming Times. The proceeds amounted to about £25.

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I often wondered!!!

"I work only in the holidays and when I am not working I am at school." (from a composition by M.N.).

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### NATURE

The zest for trapping moles is on again. There are now several groups who seem to vanish into various parts of the grounds at various times of the day dressed in the most peculiar garb. There are also several boards to be found in several different places with several pins and tacks attached. From time to time these are decorated with outstretched drying skins. As a matter of fact the teams of trappers are very successful and certainly keep the playground, fields and other parts of the property free from moles. The skinning, under the expert guidance of Mr.Bushel, is very well carried out.

Suddenly one morning (Thursday December 1st) a small van, a large tractor and a team of men arrived. Out of the van came three power saws. Rumour followed rumour and then it happened; they were actually going to cut down trees in our playground. BUT we were certainly surprised to see a largish group of boys marching up and down protesting very loudly against the anti-nature act. In spite of this the trees came down. The reason - more playing space!!

## RUGGER NOTES

This has been an average season. We have won one and lost three, but the losses have not been bad. The weather injuries and illness have all conspired against us in a season when we needed their help.

Although the scrum was heavier than most that we met it never got going as a single machine. The front row was solid enough with  $9\frac{1}{2}$  stone Bemister and 9 stone Hall as props and D.Mascall hooking. The second and third rows have been almost impossible to stabilise. We lost both Stacy and Crisell with injuries and so Curzon, Russell, Knops and V.Thompson have been continually switched round to fit in with Illing, J.Pike, Rossi and Randall. The last four all played well enough individually but did not fit in to make it a balanced scrum. Knops played well as a wing forward but the others never played well together in every match.

To make matters even more difficult, O'Grady, who was settling down as scrum half retired to bed! D'Eon ably filled the gap but lacked experience. And Randall had to be moved from the scrum to wing threequarter, but was very obviously out of his element. Much credit is due to the captain, B.Wootton-Woolley, and C.Illing for the long periods of practice they put in to try and make a reasonable pair of halves. When O'Grady returned we sent Randall back to the scrum.

Except for Wootton-Woolley there was little in the threequarter line which was dangerous to our opponents. Bishop, Bywater and D'Eon were all potentially good but failed in practice. They never looked like scoring!

The full-back position was eventually filled by P. Scammell who could at least be relied upon to get his man every time. In fact, the team's tackling was its only saving grace, unfortunately much of it was nullified by bad positioning and marking.

Now I have far greater hopes for next season. We shall still have Bywater, Mascall and Russell and if Ray, Rossiter, Hurst, Evans.J. continue to play as they are doing at present they will be really outstanding. Had they been a little heavier and older I would have played them this year.

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Saturday October 22nd. v.St.Georges.

Lost: 0-12

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Once again we open the season with a match against St. Georges College; a match which annually proves itself to be most useful in assessing our potential strength and in showing up our weaknesses. There was only one thing I felt sure of this time and that was our tackling.

Rain had been falling for days but we were fortunate in having a reasonably dry afternoon with only the odd shower. However, the ground was wet and slippery, and this certainly tested our forwards. Overall our opponents were bigger and heavier but fortunately lacked sufficient experience to make real use of their advantage. Because the ball was very wet our halves did not connect and this led to many dangerous situations in midfield.

Although most of the team played reasonably well as individuals we frequently lost a lot of ground because:

- a) Very few fell on the ball in defence.
- b) The scrum only occasionally bound properly in the loose.
- c) The passing was erratic and haphazard. Twice bad passes gave our opponents a try.

In other words I was far from satisfied. There is much hard work to be done yet before we can begin to look like a team.

Team: P.Taylor; D.Randall, M.Bishop, A.Bywater, P.Scammell;  
B.Wootton-Woolley, G.O'Grady; M.Knops, D.Mascall,  
N.Crisoll, P.Curzon, J.Pike, A.Russell, M.Stacy,  
V.Thompson.

Saturday November 12th. v.St.John's,Beaumont. Lost:0-12

Once again we were lucky with the weather - rain, rain except during the actual game. Half-term had robbed us of a scrum half and wing forward and the weather played havoc with practices. It was evident from the start that we were up against a good team which was more than a match for us in all line-outs and passing movements. Only in the scrums did we more or less hold our own. Very quickly St.John's scored two goals and it is surprising that they did not score much more in the first half. Only some very fine tackling by P.Scammell at full-back saved us.

In the second half we played a little better but one had the feeling that the team never got into top gear. The forwards played spasmodically and the threequarters were hesitant and devoid of dash. We could have done very much.

better but something was wrong - there was no fire in the game. Occasionally Knops and Thompson would break away but the other forwards were too slow in giving help.

Team: P.Scammell; D.Randall, M.Bishop, P.Curzon, A.Bywater, B.W-Woolley, A.D'Eon; W.Bemister, D.Mascall, P.Hall, C.Illing, J.Pike, M.Knops, V.Thompson, A.Russell.

Saturday November 19th. v.St.Georges.

Won: 6-0

Oh! What a contrast to the previous games! The weather was lovely and it was soon evident that it was going to be a close game. Our forwards were beginning to show the fruits of constant practice and -----! And as a result they were keeping together and getting the better of the fray generally. BUT outside the scrum it is still a tale of woe except for Wootton-Woolley whose defensive kicking and tackling saved many a dangerous situation. In spite of the failure of the backs in attack the forwards would persist in getting the ball back and every time we lost yards of ground. At half-time there was still no score and the pace was warming up.

During the break it was decided that the forwards must keep the ball and go all out if we were to win. The question was: would they last the pace? From the start we were pounding their line and time and again they were saved by good falling and the kicking of their fly half. Very occasionally they managed to get the ball back and thanks to some very quick marking-up it only twice got as far as a very large threequarter who was fortunately not well supported and was a little lost on his own. Eventually D.Randall scored an opportunist try following a good forward rush. Now, leading 3-0 the whole team went to work with a will. The forwards really piled on the pressure and thoroughly deserved the second try scored by Hall. This clinched it and the result was no longer in the balance. Well done the forwards! And now it is up to the outsides to practise really hard before we meet Douai. Remember, we have never lost to them!!

Team: P.Scammell; D.Randall, M.Bishop, A.Bywater, P.Taylor, B.W-Woolley, A.D'Eon; P.Hall, D.Mascall, W.Bemister, D.Rossi, P.Curzon, M.Knops, V.Thompson, A.Russell.

Wed. December 7th.

v. Douai.

Lost: 6-18

I am making no excuses - there are none. The team played badly throughout. The scrum would not bind properly in either set or loose scrums; some of them did very little work. The threequarters were very poor. I admit they never had a chance to attack as the scrum never gave them the ball, but there was no excuse for being continually out of position. The captains orders were completely ignored and the tackling was high and pathetic.

Had it not been for the really outstanding play of C. Illing who was everywhere and working frantically against hopeless odds all the time and the support he received from Wootton-Woolley Douai would have more than trebled their score.

The depressing thing is that we were not playing a good team, and had we played as we did in the last game we must have won comfortably. Scammell never had a chance at full back with every time three or more to stop.

Team: P.Scammell; A.Bywater, C.O'Grady, M.Bishop, A.D'Eon; B.W-Woolley, C.Illing; W.Bemister, D.Mascall, P.Hall, P.Curzon, D.Randall, M.Knops, V.Thompson, A.Russell.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

Sat. October 29th.

Kean v. Murtough.

K:10 pts. M:9 pts.

This game did not run true to form. On paper Murtough had the stronger team by far and did in fact open the scoring when P.Hall scored the first try. But their bigger and heavier forwards could make no headway against the excellent tackling of P.Rossiter and D.Rossi. Having the heavier scrum they made the mistake of letting the ball loose among their inferior backs who were dominated by B.Wootton-Woolley and P.Scammell on the other side. Fortunately for Murtough the Kean backs did not see much of the ball and so the score remained 3-0 at half-time.

In the second half Wootton-Woolley scored twice quickly converting one himself and Collins making sure of the other. M.Knops, the Murtough captain, now saw his mistake of the first half and rallying his forwards quickly scored a second try for his team (10-6). Very soon after this M.Stacy scored again for Murtough (10-9). Unfortunately they had no-one who could convert and so when in the dying minutes of the game they were awarded a penalty under the posts they failed.

Sat. December 10th. Return Game. K:8 pts. M:6 pts

There is no doubt about it Murtough were determined to show Kean that things just went wrong last time. They packed all they had into the scrum and were all set to keep the ball there. But there is no doubt about another fact, that is they did not get the bit of luck which so many teams rely on and Kean did get it. Within ten minutes a lucky bounce gave Wootton-Woolley the ball; he saw his chance and ran the best part of 65 yards to score under the posts, and then calmly proceeded to convert the thing himself. It was a bitterly cold wind that swept across the field and all except those in the scrum or in close proximity to it were frozen, and so when Wootton-Woolley again got the ball the opposition stood paralysed with cold not fright! And so at half-time the score was 8-0.

In the second half Murtough made sure that nothing was going to let that ball out of the scrum. For nearly twenty minutes they pounded the Kean line and I must say I admire the pluck of the smaller defenders who never stopped even to breathe. About half way through the half Hall threw himself over the line to score for Murtough, and within ten minutes he crashed his way through flying arms and legs for some 20 yards to score right under the posts (8-6). But, oh, what would not Knops have given to have someone who could get that ball over the bar! But no-one did. So once again he had to urge on his tiring forwards to get over for the last time. Kean threw the whole team into the pack to keep them out and so for the last five minutes we saw an immense pile of heaving, struggling, mauling humanity swaying backwards and forwards within a few feet of the Kean line, which fortunately for them remained intact.

I think it only fair to mention two names, C. Illing and A. D'Eon the scrum halves, who handled their forwards magnificently and how they survived I do not know. I thought they would be battered to death under the weight of the forwards.

The COLUMBIA Rugger Cup for this year goes to KEAN.

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THE ADVENTURES OF POOH

by Peter Shields.

I. POOH'S NEW BIKE.

It was Pooh's birthday. He was very excited as he got up. I washed and did his teeth; then he went down to breakfast. Pooh had a bit of bacon and an egg. Then his Mummy and Daddy took him into town. They went into a big shop and went into the toy section. Pooh looked round the toys; his Daddy showed him a toy gun that went "bang" when you pulled the trigger. Pooh was frightened of the bang and began to cry.

Then he saw a bike. It was a small one, but it was just what he wanted. He told his Mummy and she bought it. He was very excited when his Daddy told him that he was going to teach him to ride his bike. Pooh went into the garden shed and got his bike out on to the road. Pooh's Daddy told him to get on his bike while he was holding it. Pooh got on the bike, he could just reach the road with his toes.

Then someone called his Daddy, and forgetting that Pooh was on the bike, he let go. Crash! Pooh picked himself up and began to cry. His Mummy ran out and carried him into the house. Pooh had cut his knee and it was bleeding. His Mummy put a bandage on his knee and put him in a chair.

Next day Pooh's Daddy gave him another lesson. It was Monday and by Friday Pooh could ride five yards on his own. And by next Monday he could ride two hundred yards. Then his Daddy taught him the Highway Code.

Pooh is now a very good bike rider and always stops at red lights and when people cross the road. When he was older his parents got him a new bike.

II. POOH GOES TO SCHOOL

Pooh was very sad; he was seven years old and was going to school. His Mummy and Daddy were going to let him go to school on his bike. But it was a very long way so he was going by car.

He cried all through his breakfast and did not eat anything. His Daddy went to get the car and in five minutes Pooh was on his way to school. Now, Pooh's Mummy had rung up Mrs. Brown (Pooh's teacher) and told her how sad Pooh was. So when he arrived at school Mrs. Brown came down to meet him.

"Hi, Pooh", she said, "I hope you will be happy here". Pooh blinked at her; "I want to go home", he sobbed. "I want you to meet a very nice boy called Quito", Mrs. Brown said, "he is in your class."

Pooh liked Quito very much and they were firm friends. Pooh began to like school. He was good at sums - he could add two and two - and was quite good at spelling. Everyone liked Pooh, he was so soft. Mrs. Brown was very nice and Pooh liked her very much.

And Pooh came first in the exams at the end of the term.

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Congratulations to Desmond Calnan and Vincent & Michael Thompson who both received baby sisters during the term, and to Justin Fleming who received a baby brother.

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#### NEXT TERM'S UPPER SCHOOL PLAY

Many are already asking what the play is to be - I only wish the Producers knew themselves. However, that is their headache, at least part of it. But you can all help :- Don't throw away those trinkets and bits of sham jewelry which you may find in your Christmas crackers. Remember also that we always want coloured materials and anything else you think may be useful.

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#### Library

Remember that all books are welcome. So, when you get new books for Christmas and have to make room for them in your bookcase, if you find some that you have no further need of just put them in your trunk before returning to school. (English scholars, don't copy the grammar in that last sentence!)

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#### Bedtime Reading.

If you have any Rovers, Wizards, Hotspurs or Adventures you don't want - just bring them back to add to our collection.

J.Palfreman, the captain, having won the toss chose to play up the slope against the sun. In spite of these disadvantages, which had been foreseen, C.Petrou, a new boy who had shown great promise, scored within the first quarter of an hour. This gave us the courage we needed; there was no longer any need to defend. Our two backs, T.Ricards and M. Thompson came to the half-way line and pushed the ball back into the opponents half regularly. Then J.Terry sent over a beautiful pass and D.Calnan, the centre forward, always near at hand, scored.

In the second half we had it all our own way but our opponents formed a solid phalanx in their area making it difficult to score. Soon, however, Calnan scored again, and J.Palfreman and A.Wickins took long hard shots just missing the goal.

A.Cooper played exceptionally well at centre-half as also did C.Petrou at inside right, while J.Palfreman directed his team extremely well. Congratulations to the team on their passing, their united efforts completed the victory.  
Team: M.Ashcroft; T.Ricards, M.Thompson; A.Wickins, A.Cooper, A.McMillan; J.Terry, C.Petrou, D.Calnan, J.Palfreman, C.Baynham.

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Saturday October 15th. v. Farleigh House. Won: 4-0

Following our success of last Wednesday the team was in good fettle. From the start we attacked and it was not long before we were in our opponents area. Whenever the ball came into our half M.Thompson and J.Evans, the two backs, had it back to our forwards. There were several near misses, then Calnan passed the ball to S.Mee who scored. By half time it was clear that we were masters of the game. Our opponents made some vain attempts to keep the ball out of their half. Then A.McMillan shot at goal, it rebounded from the bar and Mee and Calnan rushed forward and put it in before the goalie realised what had happened. Twice more Calnan helped to score by passing the ball first to Mee and later to Palfreman.

R.O'Hara, as centre-half kept his position and fed his forwards well but is still afraid to attack. Petrou and also McMillan kept their usual high standard.

Team: M.Ashcroft; J.Evans, M.Thompson; C.Petrou, R.O'Hara, A.McMillan; J.Terry, S.Mee, D.Calnan, J.Palfreman, C.Baynham.

Wednesday November 9th. v. Haslemere Prep. Won: 1-0

This was one of those fine afternoons after thirty six hours continuous rain but the pitch was little the worse for it. We were in our opponents half most of the game. The ball criss-crossed their area but no forward was there, or being there no forward was capable of shooting at the goal without directing it straight at the goal keeper.

Half way through the second half Mee took a long shot at goal, miskicked, and the ball was given a lucky spin which made it swerve round the goal and enter the net. M. Newton, a newcomer, though timid himself, frightened his opponents by his size and played quite a promising game. D. Rossi, on the right wing, had plenty of dash to little effect. J. Evans cleared well.

Saturday November 12th. v. Cranleigh. Won: 1-0

After rain all night and most of the morning it was arranged that Cranleigh should come to us as their ground was unfit. Although our pitch was rather muddy in one goal area it mattered little as most of our shots were taken from outside the goal area. We had most of the game to ourselves the greater part being played within striking distance of their goal.

Our men passed well and there were many good centres but the ball still went straight to the goalie or there was no forward in the area. If their goalie had not been so good at diving for the ball we would have scored several goals instead of one scored by J. Palfreman.

A. Cooper played well and B. Evans will be of great use when he learns to attack.

Team: B. Moore; B. Evans, S. Harbord; A. Wickins, A. Cooper, A. McMillan; T. Ricards, D. Calnan, J. Palfreman, S. Baynham, C. Baynham.

Wednesday November 16th. v. Barfield. Lost: 1-2

Four of our opponents appeared to dwarf our team and this made our side rather nervous and put it on the defensive. It took us some little time to realise that we could give as well as we took.

Very soon our opponents had scored and then again

very quickly afterwards. R.Higgins, playing in goal and in a match for the first time was very nervous.

However, after half-time the picture changed and after three attempts D.Calnan scored. We now attacked furiously for the rest of the game but to no effect. B.Evans at centre-half always kept his distance and never attacked. Palfreman played a brilliant game and A.Wickins played both back and wing at the same time! Both A.Cooper and C.Baynham played very good games.

Team: R.Higgins; B.Moore, M.Thompson; A.Cooper, B.Evans, A.McMillan; A.Wickins, D.Calnan, C.Petrou, J.Palfreman, C.Baynham.

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Wednesday November 23rd. v.St.Peter's. Lost: 0-6

The game started off quite briskly but it was not long before it was evident that they were the better team. By half-time the score was 3-0 against us and it would have been double but for some excellent saves by Petrou.

During the second half we made several determined efforts to score, but as two of our forwards played behind their own backs our attacking power was greatly reduced and we ended the game by losing 0-6.

I admire the way the team fights to the very end but until I can find a centre-forward there is little chance of winning against a strong side. We risked B.Evans again because C.Baynham was unwell, and though his position was on the wing he played behind the backs all the first half, but in the second half as goalie he saved well. Higgins was disappointing; Palfreman.J. was his usual good standard and J.McCracken, a newcomer, earned his place.

Team: C.Petrou; B.Moore, R.Higgins; J.McCracken, M.Thompson, A.Cooper; B.Evans, A.Wickins, J.Palfreman, A.McMillan, D.Calnan.

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Wed.November 30th. v. Branksome-Hilders. Won: 2-0

When we got up this morning it was drizzling hard - what, more rain!! It eased off a little during the morning and the match was not cancelled. By the time I arrived on the field we had won the toss and chosen to play up the steep incline. There was a strong wind blowing across the field, and this kept most of the game to one wing, the ball frequently being blown out.

The game started gently enough but soon we attacked mercilessly but unsuccessfully. Their stalwart back was like a heavy tank firing back at our light ones, but we persevered until Petrou scored. Our opponents spent a few short seconds on our half now and again but were not effective.

During most of the second half our forwards appeared to be bogged down in the mud before our opponents penalty area. After many near misses our left wing, J.Terry - who had been scolded several times for kicking the ball out of the field of play - centred the ball and scored a goal by accident. Thompson and Venables put up such a good defence that our opponents were always driven back at once. Palfreman and McMillan supported their forwards well. Wickins had many promising shots at goal. Calnan must learn to dribble (Perhaps he can now get some lessons at home during the holidays. - Ed.) and kick much harder. Fawls, a newcomer, kept his position but seemed a bit bewildered. We felt the loss of c.Baynham, convalescing, as he usually plays a vigorous game on the left wing.  
Team: B.Evans; M.Venables, M.Thompson; C.Petrou, J.Palfreman, A.McMillan; A.Wickins, A.Cooper, D.Calnan, R.Fawls, J.Terry.

Wed. December 7th

v. Fernden.

Lost: 1-2

We lost the toss but things went well. Our passing was good but unfortunately S.Harbord & J.Rickcord, both individually good, became passengers. Clearly we had the better of the first half. Towards its end Petrou threw the ball quickly to Wickins who kicked it direct at the goal, it swerved in to make the score 1-0.

The second half saw a more determined effort by Fernden who almost immediately scored two goals, both of them the result of misunderstandings. We rallied our forces several times but there were too many at the same point and they got in each others way.

Palfreman was in top form & Wickins cornered very well Thompson cleared well and Higgins made some excellent saves in the goal. Venables, Moore.B., and McMillan supported the forwards to good effect.

Team: R.Higgins; B.Moore, M.Thompson; C.Petrou, M.Venables, A.McMillan; S.Harbord, D.Calnan, J.Rickcord, J.Palfreman, A.Wickins.

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The Editor wishes to take this opportunity of wishing  
all his readers

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

