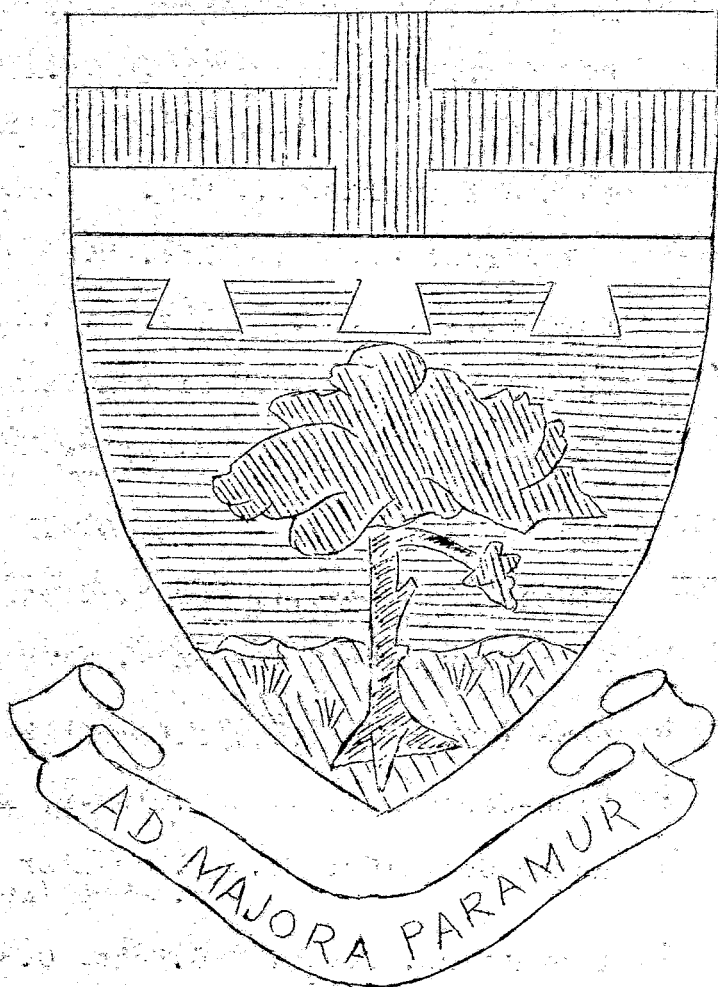


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STAFF and OFFICIALS - SCHOOL YEAR 1961-1962

Headmaster..... V.Rev.Fr.L.Bede Johnson.C.J.,B.A.

Assistant & Form 3.. Rev.Fr.A.Francis Owen.C.J.

Bursar..... Rev.Fr.B.Aidan Rossiter.C.J.

Form 4 & Organist... Rev.Fr.A.William Carter.C.J.,B.A.

Physical Training... Rev.Fr.J.David Kean.C.J.

All Forms..... Rev.Fr.P.Jude McHugo.C.J.

Form 2..... Miss S.Newman.

Form 1..... Miss A.Bennett.

Music..... H.Taylor.Esq.,A.R.C.O.,A.R.C.M.
(Perf.&Teach.

Matron..... Miss G.A.Lafferty.R.S.C.N.,N.N.E.B.

Medical Officer..... Dr.F.G.Booker.M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.

Assistant Matron (Linen).. Miss J.Bennett.

School Captains..... P.Rossiter, A.Moore, A.Bywater.

Vice-Captains..... M.Sloper, A.Russell, J.Palfreman.

House Captains..... P.Rossiter (Kean)
A.Moore (Murtough)

Librarians..... C.Peat, C.Steele, M.Shea.

Indoor Games..... M.Hurst, P.deNahlik, C.Coxwell.

Captain of Rugby.... D.Mascall.

Captain of Football. M.Thompson.

At the end of the summer the following left us to go to ²
ST.GEORGES: William Bemister, John Bennett, Mark Bishop,
Gavin Carroll, Andrew Collins, Nicholas Crisell,
Anthony D'Eon, Patrick Hall, Christopher
Hopkins, Charles Illing, Martin Knops, John
Matta, Stephen Mee, Denis McKay, Christopher
O'Grady, John Pike, David Randall, David Rossi,
Peter Scammell, Peter Shields, Malcolm Stacy,
Patrick Taylor, Vincent Thompson, Brian Wootton
Woolley.

OTHER SCHOOLS: Stephen Boalch, Desmond Calnan, Ian Hammond,
Julian Harbord, Stephen Harbord, Robin Higgins,
Timothy Steadman.

And we welcomed the following new boys into

FORM I: Hugh O'Neill, James Gibson, Julian Isherwood,
Peter Jackson, Michael Lovegrove, James MacLennan,
Patrick Pennock, John Scammell, John Sutton,
William Venables, Mark Witkowski.

FORM II: Philip Barber, Richard Cooper, David Crane,
Julian Derrick, Martin Gibson, Anthony Harding,
Gerard Johnson, David Lang, Philip Payne, John
Sinclair, Eugene O'Reilly.

FORM III: Richard Curtis, James Dow, Rainaldo O'Meara,
Michael Powell, Christopher Spencer.

FORM IV: Glenn Cawdeary, Michael McLean.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of
Matron's father, Dr.Gerald Lafferty, on August 5th.

May he rest in peace.

It was a further and very great sorrow for the Community
to hear that Father Anselm Fawcett.C.J. died on November
21st at St.George's College where he had taught for many
years and made so many friends. Fathers Bede and Aidan
and Brother Benedict attended the Requiem Mass and funeral.
We extend our sympathy to his family.

May he rest in peace.

HISTORY

We have been very pleased this year to have visits from two of our former teachers. In November Mrs. Scouler (formerly Miss Margaret Alexander) came down with her husband David and baby Charles David who was born on April 9th. David, who is a Trainer pilot with the R.A.F., Acklington, is hoping to get posted to Farnborough and so be able to move his family south again.

Earlier in the year we had a surprise visit from Miss Marie Ryan on leave from Kuwait where she is teaching in a European school belonging to the oil community.

While on the subject it is perhaps interesting to note that Mrs. Fallon, who was the first Matron of Barrow Hills, stills keeps in touch with us and visits us from time to time. She is still with Burns, Oates and Washbourne.

I understand that Miss Josephine Hinds, who was also a Matron here for a time, is now back in Wimbledon where she is nursing.

Visits

One Sunday this term when there were a large number of visits the weather turned extremely foggy. As a result some parents were unable to get here. Naturally enough quite a number of small boys began to wonder whether their parents were going to arrive or not. Standing near the Headmaster's door were C.S. & C.P. both fourth formers. Soon arrived G.J. a second former who said he did not know whether his parents would come or not. Promptly C.S. said: "We're in the same boat." To which came the reply from G.J.: "Oh, I don't know about you but my parents aren't travelling by boat!"

Very enlightening

"In the olden days people had better eyes because there was no electricity." (M.W.. 1st Form)

On going through the Georgian we were very pleased to note that no less than nine of the College Cricket First Eleven were Old Boys of Barrow Hills, and this included the Captain, Peter Hirst. The others were: M.J.Crawley, P.Hamilton, I.R.Kennedy, J.Olson, A.D.Pigott, F.S.Remedios, P.R.Savage and P.J.Terry.

RAILWAY CLUB

The model railway club continues to flourish and a good membership, which is restricted to the Third and Fourth Forms, has enabled us, together with the generosity of others, to add the following new engines to the already large number: "City of London", "Nellie", 4-4-0 Class LI Loco (with smoke), Transcontinental Double-ended Diesel Locomotive. We are now looking forward to the promised new premises as the present ones are somewhat restricted.

MODELLING

Anyone going into the Lobby at any time during the first two months of this term would have thought that the whole school was busy model building. True a large number of boys have built models and painted them (and themselves), BUT, strange though it may seem, it came as a great surprise to Fathers Francis and Aidan while clearing up before the Christmas Concert to find that only FOUR boys appeared to have any paints, bits and pieces in the Lobby!

And yet there was never a square inch of the 7,020 square inches uncovered!! It appears that all the other boys gathered around these tables were either advisers or critics or perhaps just impediments. It does make one wonder, though, just how much space must be allowed per boy for modelling when one plans new blocks and hobbies rooms!!!

I wonder whether these boys are allowed 1755 square inches or just over 12 square feet each for such purposes at home! No doubt someone will say that it is not so very much room really.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In their programme for this concert, Forms Three and Four had a pleasing variety including carols ancient and modern. Mr. Taylor ably conducted them, sometimes from the rostrum, sometimes from the piano, once even from the tape-recorder. Two carols, "What is that Fragrance" and "Kings of Orient" were sung particularly well. The last one, "Cowboy Carol", led us suitably into the Play whose opening scene was set in the Middle-West of America.

A little girl called Dorothy (JULIAN ISHERWOOD) and her friend the dog Toto (JAMES MacLENNAN) live on a farm in Kansas. A terrible hurricane comes howling across the plains, carries off their house with Dorothy and Toto inside and drops it, and them, down again in the faraway land of the Munchkins.

These funny little men, played by DOMENICO PINI, JAMES GIBSON, NICHOLAS RAY, HUGH O'NEILL, PATRICK PENNOCK, MARK WITKOWSKI, WILLIAM VENABLES and DAVID TOOMEY-WILSON, are delighted to see Dorothy because, when her house came down to earth, it fell on the Wicked Witch of the East and happily killed her. So the Munchkins are freed from her tyranny. "Hooray! hooray!" they cheer and Dorothy is presented with some magical silver slippers by their friend, the good Witch of the North (ANTHONY COOPER).

But Dorothy's only wish is to get back home to Kansas. They tell her she will have to ask Oz, the ruler of their land. Oz lives in the Emerald City and is considered to be a mighty wizard. So Dorothy and Toto set out to find him.

While crossing a field they come upon an interesting scarecrow that talks and, as played by BRIAN EVANS, talks very well too. They release him from his stake and he admits that if he'd had any brains instead of being stuffed with straw he'd have thought of a way of escape for himself. He would like to have some brains. Obviously he must accompany the others to see what the great Wizard can do for him...

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They meet a woodman (PAUL AYLETT) made of tin who has managed somehow to get all rusted up. He has stood motionless like a statue "for over a year now", he complains in a squeaky, rusty sort of voice. A drop of oil soon loosens his joints again and takes the squeak out of his voice. Being made of tin he has no heart but he wishes he had one. Obviously he must accompany the others to see what the great Wizard can do for him...

A lion (JOHN COOPER) leaps roaring on to the stage, then squats on its hindquarters and timidly confesses that it is cowardly lion and lacks courage. Obviously he must accompany the others to see what the great Wizard can do for him...

Act Two, the imposing Throne Room of the great Oz. Oz, on his throne, is hidden behind a screen and only his soldiers (GERARD JOHNSON, NICHOLAS WEIBEL, JOHN McCracken, JOHN WILLIAMS) and his pages (MICHAEL LYONS, DAVID LANG, MARTIN GIBSON) are visible. When Oz speaks he uses different faces, grotesque masks all of them, and different voices (ANDREW PALFREMAN, DAVID CRANE, JULIAN DERRICK, CHARLES THORNE).

"I am Oz, the great and terrible," he shouts.

"I'm Dorothy, the small and meek," whispers Dorothy.

But the wonderful Wizard won't do a thing for any of them until they've killed the wicked Witch of the West. Dorothy and her companions depart to seek out the wicked Witch of the West.

Alas for the hopes of Dorothy and her friends, instead of them capturing the Witch, the Witch it was that captured them, the Witch (RICHARD COOPER) being assisted by all her little imps (ASHLEY CROFT, ANTHONY O'SULLIVAN, PATRICK MATHE, JOHN SCANNELL, JOHN SUTTON, MICHAEL LOVEGROVE, PETER JACKSON).

"Scrub the courtyard!" she orders Dorothy.

Dorothy, terrified, automatically defends herself by waving the scrubbing brush at the Witch. Water on a Witch

7 is fatal. There, as we watch, the wicked Witch now melts gently but surely away until there is nothing left of her except her cloak and tall witch's hat. This disappearing trip is greeted by a special round of applause. The witch's attendants (PHILIP PAYNE, RICHARD SYKES, PHILIP BARBER, EUGENE O'REILLY) release Dorothy and her companions, who now return triumphant to claim their reward from the Wizard of Oz.

One last shock awaits them. Oz is no wizard. Toto, the dog, fetches him out from behind his screen and the scared Oz has to admit that he is a humbug. He was once a balloonist in a circus but the balloon drifted. When Oz came down from the sky among the Munchkins the people thought he was a wizard and he'd had to pretend that he was one ever since.

All the same he manages to do something for them all. He sews up some things labelled "brains" into the scarecrow's head, he hangs a large red heart around the woodman's neck and he gives the lion some liquid courage to drink. Out of a bottle. Another special round of applause here. As for Dorothy, she has only to click the heels of the magic slippers and they'll take her and Toto back to Kansas.

The curtain descends on her reunion with Aunt Em (ANTHONY HARDING) and Uncle Henry (JOHN SINCLAIR).

So ended a very enjoyable play in which all the actors did well. Those with speaking parts are to be congratulated on the clear way in which they said their lines. P. JOYCE did well as the announcer. G. JOHNSON as Oz's chief soldier spoke out with great confidence. So did the other soldier, N. WEIBEL.

A. PALFREMAN gave Oz's earliest voice a terrible and ominous ring and C. THORNE did very well at the end, playing the part of Oz when he was shown up to be a humbug. The deflated way in which he called himself the "Great and Terrible" was most amusing.

J. COOPER played a lively lion, P. AYLETT changed

voices neatly when the tin woodman got his rusty voice oiled. B.EVANS delivered his words in an attractive and unhurried manner, and succeeded in getting character into his speech. J.MacLENNAN had much success as a hound-dog, particularly in one piece of sustained baying.

The part played by J.ISHERWOOD was a very, very long one. He had to remain on the stage for all fifty minutes of the play, acting the main part and speaking from memory more than half the words contained in the entire script. This was an outstanding achievement for a boy only eight and a half years of age. And he played the part well too.

Our thanks to the producers, Miss Newman and Miss Bennett, and to all those who helped them. Their long hours of hard and exasperating toil gave us an entertainment that was enjoyed and loudly applauded by both audiences, for the play was presented twice and on both days the house was full.

Fr.William.

How galling!!

Instead of human beings having lungs fish have galls so that they can stay under for a long time. (A.C. 3rd Form)

Eggs.

An egg is an oval shaped hard piece of shell which is laid by a hen. (R.O'M. 3rd.Form)

The feminine of:

"Monks live in monasteries"

is:

"Monkeys live in nunneries."

(J.R. 3rd.Form)

"A cockroach is a flower." (C.S. 3rd.Form)

RUGGER NOTES

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This has been a disappointing season, not so much from the point of view of results, for one cannot always have a winning side, but rather from the individual angle.

From the outset I felt confident enough that the forwards could be relied on. M.Hurst, C.Peat, D.Mascall, J.Ray and A.Russell were all solid enough and sound in defence. A.Drobinski and J.Fleming soon made sure of their place among these stalwarts by playing fast and robust games.

After some teething troubles outside the scrum Paul Rossiter eventually developed into a very adequate scrum-half, linking well with A.Bywater who was very sound in defence but too inclined to cut in and leave his three-quarters stranded.

The threequarters, M.Dore, M.Sloper, J.Evans and A. Moore all ran strongly but when the test came they all failed very badly in defence. So much so that after the second match I was forced to drop them all and form a new line. J.Ray was moved from the scrum to inside threequarter where he soon stood out as by far the best player on the field, his tackling was devastating and his determined running frequently penetrating the opposition defence. A.Carroll and R.O'Hara, and after some shuffling about S.Ambrose, eventually settled down to become a fairly safe combination - at least they tackled!

Of those dropped A.Moore was the only one to show sufficient determination and courage to make a come-back and take the full back position to restore some sort of confidence there.

M.Newton, M.Adams and R.Stephens all played well among the forwards in various matches. I feel also that I should mention C.Steele who, though he never actually got into the team, always set a very high standard of good low tackling.

A word of congratulations to David Mascall who has captained the team well and lead the pack with great enthusiasm and dash and inspiring the team with his fine example.

On comparing notes with other schools I found that we were always at a disadvantage in that we had to start each season virtually from scratch with newcomers. And so it has been decided that as from next season Soccer

matches will be restricted to Under 10s so that many more would be playing rugger and so enable us to start the new seasons with a greater number of more experienced players.

In the last month of this term I have been trying out some of the younger boys and will certainly be very disappointed if M.Ashcroft, J.Cassidy, R.Fawls, R.O'Meara, C.Pike, T.Ricards, J.Rickcord and C.Spencer do not develop into very good players for they have all shown great keenness and promise playing with plenty of spirit and tackling hard, low and surely. Of this year's team we shall have only M. Adams and A.Carroll with any match experience.

I would like to thank Fr.David for the great interest he has shown in running and coaching the Under 11 and Under 10 Soccer Teams who have had a good season.

Finally a word of thanks to the band of faithful supporters from among our parents who have turned out wet or fine to encourage the team. Their interest and presence is always very much appreciated by us all.

Thank you too to Fr.Aidan for laying on such fine teas for both teams and supporters.

Elsewhere in this Journal I have mentioned how Old Boys of Barrow Hills have made good at cricket after leaving. It is also encouraging to know that a large proportion of the rugger team also manages to get into one of the College teams. Some have certainly been in the College 1st XV, and I hope that many more will do so.

HALFPENNIES!!!!

Not long ago the FARTHING ceased to be legal currency, and naturally enough following upon that the ELEVEN PLUS candidates were soon to be told officially that Farthings would no longer appear in their papers.

These children always want more and very soon a group of third formers started the "Ban the halfpenny" movement. Their notices, however, soon began to form a type of Christmas decoration in one of the dormitories, and so the order went forth: "Take those things down!" There's nothing like trying but I have not yet unearthed anything which may contravene the school 'official secrets act.'

Sat. Oct. 21st. 1st XV v. St. Georges College. AWAY.

Lost: 9 - 13.

Once again we open the season with a game against St. Georges and as usual it was a very pleasant and enjoyable match. A fine afternoon after early morning rain and a soft pitch. What would the result be???? I should have been delighted with a win but would have been more than satisfied with a close finish as I was not terribly satisfied with the side. We have plenty of potential forwards this season but no real outsiders and those who were put into threequarters were rather on the slow side lacking the necessary penetration to be a really useful striking force.

During the first half we were not playing at a sufficiently high tempo and allowed ourselves to be dominated in all spheres. This was unnecessary as we were certainly equal to them in the scrum. The first try was the result of a faulty tackle but there was no excuse at all for allowing one man to run 50 yards through the middle of the forwards and backs to score the second one 10 - 0 at half time!

In the second half the forwards woke up and began to give a far better account of themselves. There was a reasonable push in the set scrums although we did not get the ball back sufficiently. In the loose scrums we were beginning to look for the ball instead of pushing blindly. Had it not been for the slowness of the outsiders we might well have scored more than nine points to their three in this half.

Without doubt our greatest weakness lay in our two halves. The scrum half never once went round the scrum to attack the other scrum half!! He also kept too far behind the scrum and so gave his fly-half a late and poor service.

Generally the forwards were pretty good but the outsiders were slow and their defence unreliable. Let's hope these faults will be properly rectified before the next match on November 11th.

Team: C. Coxwell; M. Dore, M. Sloper, J. Evans, A. Moore;
A. Bywater, S. Ambrose; R. Stephens, D. Mascall (capt)
A. Drobinski, M. Hurst, C. Peat, J. Fleming, J. Ray,
A. Russell.

Almost continuous rain had made the pitch wet and in places water was standing in pools but there was plenty of grass, nor was it raining during the actual game although there was a cold wind blowing. The St. John's team was on the whole heavier and bigger and they were playing rugger for the second season. Within the first quarter of an hour they had scored 12 points without much difficulty as our play was slow and lethargic.

However, David Mascall rallied our forwards extremely well and certainly had the situation in hand in the scrum. Though outweighed our forwards more than held them in the set scrums and we managed to get a fair share of the ball. In the loose the forwards played very well and the quick binding and hard pushing frequently gained us many valuable yards of territory. Foremost among the forwards were D. Mascall, A. Drobinski, M. Hurst and A. Russell who were always in the thick of the fray and tackling hard.

But outside the scrum, oh dear! The only player who seemed to realise what he should be doing was J. Ray, whose hard running and singular tackling put the rest completely to shame. In defence and attack he was ably assisted by A. Carroll who showed that he had a good turn of speed and was able to tackle hard and low. Unfortunately A. Bywater was off form, and although he was tackling well enough he was slow and too hesitant when in possession of the ball. He also too often gave way to his prevailing fault of cutting in and so leaving the line high and dry.

P. Rossiter was too frequently caught with the ball and M. Dore, J. Evans and A. Moore made no attempt to run when they were given the ball. But worse still, these three did not tackle and their opposite numbers were allowed to run through unhindered every time! And the full back, M. Sloper was so busy retreating and waiting for someone else to come to the rescue that he was frequently some five yards behind his own try line when the tries were scored. It was pitiful to watch and very disheartening for the forwards who were putting up such a good fight. Something drastic will have to happen here before the next game!!

Team: M. Sloper; A. Moore, J. Ray, J. Evans, M. Dore; A. Bywater, P. Rossiter; R. Stephens, D. Mascall, A. Drobinski, C. Peat, M. Hurst, A. Carroll, J. Fleming, A. Russell.

Sat. Nov. 18th. 1st XV v. St. George's College.

Lost: 0 - 15

Following the lamentable lack of low tackling in the last match I decided to unload the entire three-quarter line and start again. As at this age it is far easier to train forwards than outsiders, I took R. Stephens, A. Carroll and J. Ray from the pack and made them into threequarters. These, together with R. O'Hara, a new comer, practised hard. Into their places in the scrum went M. Adams, M. Newton while S. Ambrose was asked to try the Full Back position. How would we fare? We could not do worse!

And so we took the field. Yes, we certainly lost, by three goals to nil but I was not dissatisfied. St. George's had a heavier team out this time and their $\frac{3}{4}$ s were much bigger than ours, and yet they still only crossed our line three times.

Inexperience in positional play, especially on the wings was now our weakness. At least the yawning gaps in midfield had been closed. And David Mascall soon had the new forwards working with a will.

And now to find a Full Back before meeting Douai on December 6th! This match has given me ideas. It means being ruthless but I think the boys now know that they must do what I want.

Team: S. Ambrose; R. Stephens, A. Carroll, J. Ray, R. O'Hara; A. Bywater, P. Rossiter; M. Adams, D. Mascall, M. Newton, C. Peat, M. Hurst, A. Brobinski, J. Fleming, A. Russell.

Wed. Dec. 6th. 1st XV v. Douai Junior School.

Lost: 0 - 18

When at 9.40 a.m. I was told that Johnathan Ray would not be allowed to play whatever hopes I had built around the new-look team began to fade rapidly. Gone was the mainstay of the threequarter line; gone the backbone of the team in both attack and defence. Of all those who had been dropped only Anthony Moore had made any serious attempt to get back and so I had made him full back. And so I decided to blood one of the younger players. S. Ambrose was moved into the centre and Trevor Ricards put on the right wing. The wing forwards were asked to keep a

careful watch on the defences of the $\frac{3}{4}$ s.

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We certainly lost and no excuses are proffered. The first half ended with the score 0-6 but I knew it was only the beginning as we had spent most of the half in our own twenty-five. We were up against a bigger and more experienced team especially outside the scrum; and very much credit must go to the forwards, not only for holding the opposing scrum but also for the help they gave the outsides. It would be invidious to single out anyone among the forwards as they all played a very good game. Unfortunately, as the pressure was all from the other side, the backs never had a chance to attack and spent the greater part of the time tackling; and it is certainly a tribute to them that only once did the opposing threequarters break through.

In the second half we found ourselves in the "dip" and having a very hard time. The continual pressure was telling on the forwards and they were unable to leave the scrum to go to the assistance of the backs. Both A.Bywater and P. Rossiter tackled relentlessly but they now had forwards to spare and these were making merry among the outsides.

Mistakes were made and the score mounted. Their fly half once sold a beautiful dummy right in the middle of the field which was bought without hesitation by the whole team and he score a near perfect try.

The result might and could have been worse, but each member of the team did his best and no blame can be put at the feet of anyone.

Team: A.Moore; R.O'Hara, A.Carroll, S.Ambrose, T.Ricards;
A.Bywater, P.Rossiter; R.Stephens, D.Mascall, M.Newton,
C.Peat, M.Hurst, A.Drobinski, J.Fleming, A.Russell.

INTER-HOUSE MATCHES

The first of the two House Matches between Kean and Murtough was played on October 28th and it is always interesting to note how House Captains will place boys in positions far removed from those in which they have practised. Looking at the line-up for the first match I should not have given either side any particular advantage.

Before very long, however, it was evident that the Murtough forwards were going to dominate the situation; and having done so they fed their backs with regular frequency. Here A.Bywater soon found that his opposite number, J.Evans,

was determined to try and tackle him round the neck with very little success. He therefore found it easy enough to score a couple of tries and gave M.Sloper the all-clear for a third before half-time.

By the second half J.Rickcord and R.Fawls, who were both newcomers to the Kean team with very little experience, were finding their feet and following the excellent lead given by A.Russell. Leading the pack well Russell spent most of the second half holding up the majority of the Murtough scrum on his own. His efforts were so effective that Murtough scored only once in the second half, and so winning the game by 12 points to 0.

In the return match Murtough applied a steady and relentless pressure from the beginning and their backs, with J.Ray outstanding, were too much for the Kean $\frac{5}{4}$ s of whom only T.Ricards really tackled hard and low. At the end of the first half the score was 20-0 (J.Ray, A.Bywater & D.Mascall one try each, and S.Ambrose 3 tries.)

But once again A.Russell tried hard to retrieve the situation by some very gallant scrum work very ably and successfully supported by J.Rickcord, M.Newton, M.Adams, C.Peat and M.Ashcroft. Once again they held Murtough to a single try in the second half, scored by J.Ray. This half was an excellent example of what a determined pack, well led, can do against heavy odds.

Murtough won this game by 23 points to 0 and so won the Inter-House Rugby Cup.

House Teams:

1st Match: KEAN: C.Coxwell; M.Shea, J.Palfreman; R.O'Hare; R.Cawdeary; J.Evans, P.Rossiter; M.Newton, J.Rickcord, M.Adams, R.Stephens, C.Peat, R.Fawls, A.Russell, R.Barr

MURTOUGH: P.deNahlik; A.Moore, M.McLean, M.Dore, M.Sloper; A.Bywater, S.Ambrose; A.Drobinski, D.Mascall, A.Carroll, M.Hurst, J.Fleming, J.Ray, C.Pike, C.Steele.

2nd Match: KEAN: M.Shea; R.Stephens, T.Ricards, J.Palfreman, R.Fawls; J.Evans, P.Rossiter; M.Adams, J.Rickcord, M.Newton, C.Peat, R.Curtis, M.Ashcroft, A.Russell, R.Barr

MURTOUGH: J.Cassidy; M.Dore, M.Sloper, J.Ray, A.Moore; A.Bywater, S.Ambrose; A.Drobinski, D.Mascall, A.Carroll, M.Hurst, J.Fleming, C.Steele, C.Spencer, M.McLean.

Every year brings some improvement to the Chapel and this one is no exception. The beautiful High Altar which we have was the gift of an anonymous donor and this same more than generous person has given us a marble sanctuary and altar rails to finish off the whole. We do most sincerely ask you all to remember this donor regularly in your prayers.

Besides this, thanks to the generosity of our parents and friends, we are putting a marble and mosaic panel in the large fire-place. This panel will depict the scene of our Blessed Lord teaching in the Temple.

Holy Souls

This year the boys collected sufficient to have eleven masses said for the Holy Souls during November.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Several days after the Concert a large tin of toffees arrived; a gift for the actors from an admiring parent. We understand that this gift had been dispatched some time before the Play BUT...!!! Needless to say the actors are very pleased and wish us to thank this kind admirer.

LAST MINUTE

Even as I print the trunks are appearing outside the dormitories and Matron and her assistants are busy at the unenviable task of checking and packing. When it comes to toys and personal treasures the work becomes increasingly difficult as so many do not even know or recognise their own property!!

TIMBER!!

Last year we had various articles about tree felling and roots. But oh! It's started again!! Another tree!! More fun!! & games?

Wed.Oct.11th. U.10 XI v. Cranleigh.

Draw: 1 - 1

It was an ideal day for soccer. Cranleigh kicked off and though they appeared to be the heavier team we had soon sized them up.

Most of the game was played in the Cranleigh half. Our forwards attacked again and again, and only occasionally Cranleigh's forwards broke through.

Within the first quarter of an hour D.Crane passed the ball to J.Gibson who scored. This was followed by several near misses.

It was during the second half that Cranleigh scored. Our goal-keeper, R.Cooper, being new to the game, waited for the shot instead of anticipating it and the score was evened. In spite of all our efforts during the rest of the game we were unable to turn the scales in our favour.

D.Crane and J.Gibson, both new boys, outclassed the rest in their footwork and passing. P.Aylett used his weight to advantage and proved a useful back. B.Evans, who as back raced and intercepted the break-throughs proved unreliable for clearing. H.O'Neill and J.Maclennan both showed promise but failed to keep their position. D.Pini was able to walk through even the biggest opponents although only half their size, but again, position meant nothing to him. C.Baynham centred well but not frequently enough. M.Thompson, our captain, kept the ball well up the pitch.

It was amusing to see the two forwards who were doing most of the work standing arm in arm by the centre line watching their opponents wing taking a corner as if to say: 'We've done our job as forwards, now you halves and backs can do yours!'

Team: R.Cooper; P.Aylett, B.Evans; M.Gibson, M.Thompson, J.Maclennan; D.Pini, J.Gibson; D.Crane, H.O'Neill, C.Baynham.

Sat.Oct.14th. U.11 XI v. Barfield.

Lost: 0 - 1

I thought our team was sufficiently strong to win all their matches this term but when our opponents came it was evident we were well under size.

Our forwards started to attack straight away, and every now and then it looked as if we would score, but the old fault of last year crept in - our forwards shot at the goalkeeper, though in practice games they had aimed at the open spaces.

Now Barfield began to attack and soon put the ball into the net. But this was to be their one and only goal. Terry, our new goalkeeper saw to it that no more goals were let in. He gathered up the ball and cleared excellently several times.

During the second half we attacked again and at times the passing was very good but D.Crane and J.Gibson had lost their knack of scoring.

M.Venables and M.Thompson, the captain, both played superbly as backs. A.McMillan, left half, made some very good passes to the forwards.

Team: J.Terry; M.Venables, M.Thompson; P.Aylett, T.Ricards, A.McMillan; B.Evans, J.Gibson, D.Crane, A.Wickins, C.Baynham.

Wed.Oct.18th. U.10 XI v. Branksome-Hilders. Won: 1 - 0

We were double-wrapped when the match started for there had been a marked drop in temperature overnight. From the kick-off we attacked and within a quarter of an hour the first goal had been scored. G.Flower at left half had passed to D.Crane on the right wing who centred to J.Gibson the centre forward, and the ball rocketed home making the score 1-0.

Our team had many shots at goal before and after this but all were saved. C.Baynham, the captain, D.Crane, B.Evans at centre half, and J.Gibson all had shots but most went straight to the goalie.

During the second half, Branksome, having the advantage of playing down hill, made several determined attempts to score but most were averted by M.Thompson; a sound back with a hard kick. B.Evans at times rushed to the rescue too, and P.Aylett the other half occasionally lent a helping hand. J.Cooper and G.Johnson were rather disappointing and failed to keep their position. G.Flower gave an occasional useful pass to his forwards.

Team: D.Pini; P.Aylett, M.Thompson; G.Flower, B.Evans, G.Johnson; D.Crane, J.Cooper, J.Gibson, M.Gibson, C.Baynham.

19 Wed. Oct. 25th. U.11 X1 v. Farleigh House. Won: 5 - 0

It was only after the game That I learned that our opponents had not been beaten for two years. We won the match and for the first time we decided to play with the advantage of slope and sun; usually I advise the team to fight against the odds first.

We attacked straight away. The passing was good and our opponents watched while we moved down. After fifteen minutes of constant battering we scored from a centre by Wickins.A., the left inside, who miskicked; the ball went to M.Ashcroft, who mistimed it and missed; eventually the centre forward, D.Crane, put it in the goal.

This was followed immediately by another goal, M. Ashcroft sending a beautiful pass to D.Crane, who scored again. Within two minutes M.Ashcroft scored himself from outside the penalty area. The B.Moore, right half, followed his good example and scored the fourth goal.

The second half saw Farleigh House attacking but it was not long before we had a direct kick in the penalty area, and A.Wickins, appointed to take the kick, scored. Now Farleigh House put on the pressure and they had some near misses, especially when J.Terry, the goal keeper, took his attention off the game. M.Thompson, as always the mainstay of the defence, shattered most of their attacks.

Then once again we were on top. A direct penalty kick was awarded to us in the penalty area but unfortunately, McMillan.A. who took the kick, miskicked and in the hesitation that followed no goal was scored.

The game ended 5 - 0 in our favour against a team which had not been beaten for five years - congratulations to all.

Team: J.Terry; M.Venables, M.Thompson; B.Moore, A.Cooper
A.McMillan; T Ricards, A.Wickins, D.Crane,
M.Ashcroft, C.Baynham.

Sat. Oct. 27th. U.11 X1 V. Barfield. Lost: 0 - 6

Having won our last match 5-0 the prospects were bright. Barfield had beaten us 1 - 0 on our ground but now we hoped to beat them by more.

We had several opportunities to score in the first half with beautiful centreing from both wings, A.Wickins

on the right and C.Baynham on the left, but the other 20 forwards failed to score; in fact, three open goals were missed.

There was no score at half time. Then our defence began to crack. M.Venables, the left back had not the ability to clear the ball quickly enough and soon their right wing had scored four goals, our man marking him, A. McMillan, seeming to think that once he had stopped him and cleared the ball away there was no danger of it being returned. When their left wing was marked their right wing, now unmarked, moved in and scored. Our goalie had a tough time for their wings came within a few inches of the goal before pushing the ball in.

The final score, 6 - 0, was a great disappointment for we were, even in the second half, as frequently in their goal area as they were in ours.

The two main faults were: 1. M.Venables followed M.Thompson wherever he moved leaving one of the wings unprotected. 2. The halves, R.O'Meara, A.Cooper and A.McMillan, failed to keep their position, being too busy feeding our men and failing to mark their opponents.

The game proved that aggressiveness is not everything. Team: J.Terry; M.Venables, M.Thompson; R.O'Meara, A.Cooper, A.McMillan; A.Wickins, T.Ricards, D.Crane, M.Ashcroft, C.Baynham.

Wed.Nov.11th. U.10 XI v. St.Peter's. Lost: 0 - 3

The boys had just returned from their long week-end and it was evident from the beginning of the game that the team was a little jaded after its week-end spree.

The game started after a heavy downpour which had changed the clay pitch into a slide. We were immediately caught on the wrong foot for the opposing team got under way and were soon battering at our goal. With difficulty we managed to turn the tables but our effort was short-lived for a torrential downpour of hail and rain sent the players scattering for shelter. When they returned to the field the pitch had become a quagmire and the ball greasy with mud. Unused to these conditions the team fought on bravely but after three or four saves by Pini St Peters scored. This was soon followed by a second.

After half time we became more aggressive and every now and then it looked as though we would score but did not.

Towards the end of the second half the strain of playing with a bogged-down ball was too much for us and the backs found it almost impossible to clear the penalty area and so our opponents were allowed to enter it without being penalised whenever a goal kick was taken, even before the ball had been cleared from the penalty area. A few seconds from the end of the game St. Peters scored their third goal. This was the Under 10s first loss and I hope it will be their last.

D.Crane played a true footballer's game but could not score. N.Weibel, a newcomer, shone as a left-footer. J.McCracken plodded around aimlessly. B.Evans was disappointing, frequently, though accidentally, centering the ball in our penalty area instead of clearing it. N.Flower did little that was of much help and was disappointing as captain. But for M.Thompson who cleared well many more goals would have been scored. C.Baynham looked dangerous but never succeeded in getting through. Their Master praised the good goalkeeping of D.Pini and the footwork of D.Crane.

Team: D.Pini; P.Aylett, M.Thompson; M.Gibson, B.Evans, N.Flower; D.Crane, J.McCracken, J.Gibson, N.Weibel, C.Baynham.

Sat. Nov. 18th. Under 10 XI v. Cranleigh. Won: 1 - 0

The pitch was ideal for playing on, dry and well rolled. From the start we kicked hard and pressed well. Cranleigh made several attempts to score but never got within shooting range. M.Thompson and P.Joyce, a new comer, the two backs, kept them at bay.

Our forwards on the other hand were no more successful than theirs. B.Evans on the wing centred beautifully but his efforts came to nought due to the slowness of the insides, D.Pini and G.Johnson and even D.Crane. C.Baynham had two or three indirect kicks in the penalty area but failed to score.

During the second half we had the advantage of the slope. It was evident that the team's hard kicking was taking effect, the opponent's defence began to crumble. Corners and kicks at goal followed in quick succession. Then came a centre from B.Evans to Crane then on to M. Gibson and we had our first and only goal.

Unfortunately we yet have no one who is a budding 22.
Stanley Matthews or a Greaves perhaps! and so we finished up
one nil instead of 10-0. Christopher Baynham played an
excellent game at centre half, going into the attack and
rushing back to defend. N.Weibel attacked well while D.Pini
and J.Williams played aggressively in the second half.
J.Gibson in goal proved a useful find and B.Evans as a
winger must go into the attack all the time.
Team: J.Gibson; M.Thompson, P.Joyce; J.Williams, C.Baynham,
N.Weibel; B.Evans, G.Johnson, D.Crane, D.Pini, M.Gibson

Wed. Nov. 22nd. Under 11 XI v. Farleigh House. Won: 2 - 1

Continuous rain had made the pitch we were playing on
almost waterlogged and so the odds were against us. But
fortunately we are able to lift the ball. During the first
half there were some narrow shaves for both sides as the
ball was shot at goal either from corners or from the penal-
ty area, but neither goalie let the ball through.

At half time there was no score but it was evident we
were the superior side at both kicking and going into the
attack. So it came as a shock when a hard shot from the
penalty area under cover of three of our men, took our goal
keeper by surprise and went through.

In no time, however, we had equalised, A.Wickins having
battered his way through and scored. This was followed by
another scored in the same way. Just as it looked as though
a third would be scored it was time. Darkness had now fallen
and it would have been impossible to go on playing without
lights.

Crane was dissappointing being too selfish. Evans did
not go into the attack. McMillan kicked the ball well up to
his forwards, and Wickins was like a tank that goes through
anything which gets in its way, though he did not come out
undamaged.

Team: B.Moore; M.Venables, A.Wickins; C.Baynham, M.Thompson,
A.McMillan; B.Evans, T.Ricards, D.Crane, M.Ashcroft,
M.Gibson.

I thought so.

A: Did you have a good game?

B: Yes, it was a smashing tea!

23 Wed. Nov. 29th. Under 10s v. Branksome-Hilders.

Won: 4 - 1

The conditions were ideal for a match: the pitch was dry and well rolled, the day cool and dry, and we won the toss. At first it looked as if our opponents had the better of us and it was not long before they had had three shots at goal. Gradually we took control of the game with long passes up the wings, particularly by J. Lyons, and there were some near misses by D. Crane and M. Gibson. But just before half time Branksome scored.

From the start of the second half we went all out. First M. Gibson, on the wing, centred to B. Evans who shot at goal, the ball rebounded off an opponent, but Evans immediately slammed it harder still and in it went. Almost immediately P. Aylett passed the ball to Evans who passed to Crane who shot high up under the bar and scored. Within the next few minutes we had been awarded a corner. M. Gibson kicked to Crane who passed the ball to Aylett. Aylett put his foot out and the ball rolled in, to Aylett great surprise!

Branksome now made some determined charges but they failed to penetrate our defences. M. Thompson and P. Joyce the two backs kept them at bay. Once C. Baynham the centre half drove the ball out with a mighty kick to save an almost certain goal. Then down we trotted once more and in a melee Crane scored the fourth goal.

One more match to come and probably the hardest we will have. Pennock and M. Lyons showed great promise though both are still inclined to wander too much. B. Evans and D. Crane are still not sufficiently confident in attack. N. Weibel and P. Aylett appeared as amateurs to the rest of the team while J. Gibson in goal made some excellent saves and cleared well.

Team: J. Gibson; P. Joyce, M. Thompson; M. Lyons, C. Baynham, N. Weibel; B. Evans, D. Crane, P. Pennock, P. Aylett, M. Gibson.

Wed. Dec. 6th. Under 10s v. Fernden. Lost: 0 - 4

For the first half of the game we kept the ball up their end of the pitch despite the mud and hard ground. (Ed: I wonder which.) D. Crane kept well up the pitch and passed a little but he was too selfish.

At the end of the first half there was no score.

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It was now getting very cold and our men were not keeping up enough except for D.Crane and M.Gibson who kept potting at their goal. After they had scored their first goal we seemed to lose heart and turned to defending instead of attacking. Once or twice we broke through but were shattered by their defence of strong halves. Although our wingers were keeping well up they were not putting any force into their passes or shots. Then came Fernden's other three goals in quick succession.

Our halves played well but they were all too slow. The centre forward was good but would not pass. The backs defended well and were always on the move; they also attacked well and saved at least five would-be goals.

A.McMillan.

Team: J.Gibson; P.Joyce, M.Thompson; P.Pennock, M.Lyons, C.Baynham; B.Evans, D.Crane, R.Cooper, J.Williams, M.Gibson.

Sat. Dec. 9th. Under 11 XI v. Salesians, Farnborough.

Lost:1-4

For the first 10 minutes our opponents appeared to be petrified. We had the game all our own way We potted at goal and hit the posts, at least twice with a pass to four of our men unmarked the ball went wide.

Then our opponents began to wake up, but for the rest of the first half the game was all ours except for one break through when they scored because our goalie did not rush out.

During the second half we decided to defend! but a pass to D.Crane inside enabled him to rush up and score. Our backs then decided to retreat and this brought disorder. During the remainder of the game except for two or three rushes our opponents were in our half and six goals would have been scored but for three good saves by B.Moore, who otherwise played a nervous game. M.Thompson cleared the area well but defended the goal most of the second half. A. Wickins had lost his 'battering' form. J.Gibson played an excellent game at centre-forward and D.Crane passed and headed well. B.Evans centred well and had some well-aimed shots at goal. T.Ricards seemed to be our one weak spot; when he got the ball he made no use of it and soon lost it.

Team: B.Moore; M.Venables, M.Thompson; A.Wickins, McMillan, C.Baynham; T.Ricards, B.Evans, J.Gibson, D.Crane, M.Gibson.

RIDING

The following boys have been visiting the Witley Riding School again this term: M.Adams, S.Ambrose, M.Ashcroft, P.Barber, J.Cassidy, R.Cawdeary, C.Coxwell, P.deNahlik, A.Drobinski, B.Evans, G.Johnson, A.Harding, M.Hurst, D.Mascall, M.Maguire, A.Moore, B.Moore, M.Newton, T.Ricards, J.Sinclair, C.Steele, R.Stephens, N.Weibel, A.Wickins and J.Williams.

They certainly seem to be enjoying themselves and towards the end of the term there appear to have been some competitions for it was not uncommon to see one or the other returning with some kind of prize. The whole seems to have been shrouded in some kind of mystery.

Building

During the course of the term surveyors were seen to be operating in the playground. Naturally enough speculation was rife. However, at the Christmas Concert the Headmaster put an end to whatever was left of the mystery. He told parents and boys that we hoped to be able to put up a new block during the coming months, and this was to house a practical science room also to be used for hobbies, handwork etc., a table tennis room, a model railway room, and indoor-games room and also changing accomodation for visiting teams together with "all mod. cons." and a tuckshop!

It appears from comments heard about this time that the last mentioned was the most popular item - cuius deus venter est!! But then that is surely the motto for most small boys. No, I will not translate it. Ask a fourth former to work it out for you.

Much as our need is great and we feel some urgency in this matter, we are as you must all know in the hands of officialdom which knows no haste.

Woolley!

I am assured by a certain A.C. that his mother does a lot of fretwork - she likes it! Apparently she uses lorry needles and the result is an article of clothing.

EASTER TERM HOCKEY FIXTURES

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S. 3	House Match.		
S. 10	Branksome-Hilders.(A)	Branksome-Hilders.(H)	
W. 14	Barfield. (H)	Barfield. (A)	
S. 17	HALF-TERM.	HALF-TERM.	
S. 24	House Match.		

March

S. 3	Cranleigh. (H)	Cranleigh. (A)	
W. 7		St.George's. (H)	
S. 10		Cranleigh.(u10) (A)	
S. 17	UPPER SCHOOL PLAY	UPPER SCHOOL PLAY	
M. 19	St.Joseph's Day.	St.Joseph's Day.	
S. 24	St.George's. (A)	Cranleigh.(u10) (H)	
s. 31	END OF TERM	END OF TERM	

Birthdays

During the term the following boys celebrated their birthdays: Paul Aylett, Simon Baynham, Charles Coxwell, John Harvey, Gerrard Johnson, Michael Lovegrove, Michael Lyons, Michael Newton, Andrew Palfreman, Johnathan Palfreman, Christopher Pike, Michael Shea, Rupert Stephens, Richard Sykes, Johnathan Terry, Nicholas Weibel, Eugene O'Reilly.

THE END

And so we come to the end of yet another issue of the Journal and it only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

When you read this there will be some eight shopping days left till Christmas BUT also there will only be some 32 days till we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you back, refreshed and ready for work!!!