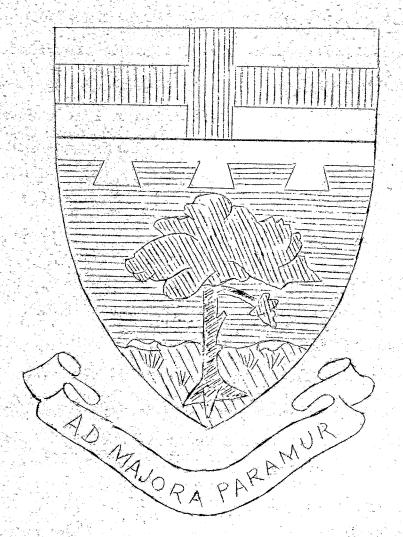
BARROW HILLS



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JOURNAL

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Indoor Games M. Venables, M. Powell, R. Childs, J.Dow.

At the end of the Summer Term the following boys left Barrow Hills:

Rebert Barr, Anthony Bywater, Glen Cawdeary, Richard Curtis, Philip DeNahlik, Martin Dore, Anthony Drobinski, John Evans, Justin Fleming, Michael Hurst, Mark Kedzior, David Mascall, Anthony Moore, Michael McLean, Michael Newton, Raymond O'Hara, Jonathan Palfreman, Christopher Peat, Jonathan Ray,

Paul Rossiter, Andrew Russell, Michael Shea, Martin Sloper, Christopher Steele, Rupert Stephens, Jonathan Terry,

And we welcomed the following New Boys this term into FORM I: John Adams, Robin Croft, Martin Derrick, Richard

Forcer, Desmond Norton, Philip Pennock, Peter Piercy, Christopher Sadgrove, Hugh Simon, Michael Smith, Colin Tinker, Andrew Vassallo, Simon Vassallo, Mark Walters, Brian Wisdom, John Triay. FORM II; Nigel Bayford, Jonathan Cox, Philip Dunne, John Elton, Francis McCabe, John Shea, James Spencer, Graham Watkins.

FORM III: Laurence Bayford, Christopher Field, David Lang (returned after a year's absence) Ian Pinks, FORM IV: Ralph Childs.

Changes

Fathers William and David have returned to St.George's College and their places have been taken by Fathers Dunstan and James, both of whom have heen on the staff at Barrow Hills before:

We also welcome Father George who has been Superior General of the Josephites for the past six years. Prior to that he served the Congregation as Vicar General and for very many years as Councillor General. We trust that after so many years of excellent and truly devoted service he will enjoy what he has always longed for, a period of rest and relaxation.

And we also welcome Miss M.Richards our new Matron and Miss M.Cunningham who has taken over the care of the Second Form.

Nature in Winter, when thought of and studied carefully; is very dramatic. But I suppose it all depends on what type of winter it is. When it drizzles and rains all the time everything is wet, drab and not in the least bit interesting. It is when the snow and frost comes that Nature is at her highest.

The sky, blue above and greying nearer the horizon, trees daintilly edged with white frost, the ground whitened. The winds have quietened now and let the cold take over. The earth is hard as iron, the strong weeds disappear at first signs of a frosty attack.

Dead leaves and twigs, fringed with tingling crystals, lie still. The lakes and small streams freeze, and whenever the sun coldly shines out on wintry, frozen mornings, he glints on the shiny surface. Everything is bitter cold, everything white, but more is to come.

The snowy weather is now here. Mother Nature clothes herself in a shining blanket, and sleeps. Everyone and everything sleeps with her. All is silence except the crunch of crisp snow underfoot, and the merry singing of the hardy robin. He is the only one left awake: mice, hedgehogs, moles, rats, all are sleeping, sleeping until the warmth of spring wakes them.

The snow is melting now, the day less harshly cold, the sun shining warmer. Animal life is inceasing, and the Spring has come. But that is another story.

Mr. Rat's Night Adventure. by Paul Aylett. (Form 111b)

There was a strong wind blowing from the north as Mr.Rat sneaked across the road at night. He stopped, twitched his ears, looked right, then left, then right again. He was not looking for traffic but for Cats.

Suddenly a pair of green eyes charged for him. Immediately Mr.Rat rushed down the street, turned a corner and seeing a door open, dashed in.

Inside a bedroom a lady was sitting at a table. "You will bring my breakfast up to me at eight, George"

she said. "Yes, madam." And with a slight bow he retired. A maidservant was combing her hair while the mistress put her make-up on.

Mr. Rat broke into the room and the lady, seeing him, let out a scream of terror - then with a gasp she fainted.

The Master, meanwhile, had just come home from work and coming up to the bedroom he saw what was going on. On seeing his wife fainted he ordered the maid to fetch some water. Then with a shout that nearly brought the house down he cried: "George! Get the doctor and be quick about it." With a quick: "Yes sir," he charged into the hall only having time to snatch a hat, then openned the door and let it slam with such force that it resounded all over the house.

While all this curfuffel was going on, Mr.Rat calmly lifted his bowler hat politely, walked down the stairs, crawled under the door and walked away.

THE MOUSE.

by Gerard Johnson. (Form 111a)

It was a cold winter's night and snow lay on the ground; a small mouse scurried across a patch of bare ground carrying a nut. A robin cocked his head at it and then flew off. Suddenly the still air was broken by the sound of an owl hooting. The mouse, full of terror, fled for a shed in the farm nearby. The owl was rapidly gaining on the mouse. The mouse made one last desperate effort and jumped into a sack and lay breathing heavily on some potatoes. The owl could still be heard hooting in the distance.

The next morning some children came out of the farmhouse and started to build a snowman. Soon a dog came out and stood watching the children, his breath hanging on the air like a white chain. The short winter's day went quickly and as soon as dusk fell the mouse peeped cautiously out of the sack. A squirrel was to be seen gathering seeds and nuts ready for the long winter hibernation. An old oak, whose branches were withered and bare, stood gaunt and dark against the skyline in the gathering gloom. Suddenly a rabbit, being chased by a fox, sprang out from behind a bush. The fox leapt on the helpless creature and knoked it senseless with a swipe from one of

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his fore-paws. The victor proceeded to feast on the flesh of his kill. The mouse cowered in fright behind a fold in the sack. When he had finished off the rabbit the fox sprang on to a sleeping goose, who awoke with loud gaggling. The farmer, hearing the noise, went out with his gun. "Bang! Bang!" went the gun and the foxes sleek body met a shower of hail from the gun. The fox leapt into the air and fell to

the ground, dead.

The farmer recovered the squwking goose and took it back to the enclosure outside which she had been sleeping. By this time there was hubbub in the farmyard: pigs squealed, hens squawked, cows lowed, even the swans who lived by the pond were wide awake. It was nearly an hour before the farm could be subdued. The mouse, finding his chance, ran off to his home with three nuts, and the farmer at last went to bed after an exasperating evening.

Entreaty

Remember, remember that great day
When our new building was on display.
And keep it please as then it was,
Because
It's our new building for ever and ever,
And anybody who should endeavour
To muck it up or break it down
Shall be received with many a frown.

M.Powell. (Form lVa)

Obituary

It was with deep regret that we read of the death of Mr.N.M.Bemister, the father of Bill. It was Mr.Bemister who presented Barrow Hills with the Inter-House Swimming Trophy. Some may also remember that he once brought Frank Tyson, the England bowler, to show us all how to bowl!! Pray for his soul.

The Christmas Concert this year followed the normal pattern except on the Saturday. This day had been singled out for the "official" openning of our new recreational block. A very smart invitation card announced that this function would be performed by the Headmaster of St. Georges College, the Very Rev.B.Peter Murtough, C.J., B.A.

Upon arrival visitors were able to park their cars in comfort upon a floodlit, puddle-free, asphalted playground and then walk through a brilliantly lit block of glass-walled recreational rooms in which small groups of senior boys were busy demonstrating the purpose for which each room was set aside; the tablegames room, the railway room, the large modelling and practical room with a demonstration bench for science classes and the table tennis room - on this occasion duly curtained off for actors changing room.

On entering the Gym those parents who had been to our previous concerts may well have been surprised to find the stage at the opposite end of the room. This was to allow the table tennis room to be used as a green room. Gone too was the chilly atmosphere, no need now for rugs or coats, for while centrally heating the new block the Headmaster had arranged for the Gym to be centrally heated too.

Promptly at 5.30 the Headmaster entered and wasted no time in welcoming the assembled guests. He outlined briefly the progress of Barrow Hills during its period of growth at Witley and explained how the new block was the culmination of at least part of his dreams. He had conceived this block many months ago and it was a source of great pleasure to him to see the result now. He went on then to thank all those who had been instrumental in the materialisation of his dreams: - Mr. Griver, the architect from Ley Colbeck and partners, Mr.J.R. Moore the general manager of Miltons Ltd, the builders, the representative of the Southern Electricity Board, Mr. Stephens the foreman of the works, and Mr. Boxall who had been responsible for the installation of the central heating and general plumbing. All these gentlemen he was delighted to see here before him. At the same time he wished publicly to thank Mr. Moore for the personal attention he had always given Barrow Hills in all its troubles and needs. He then introduced Father Peter Murtough who

praised the new building and Barrow Hills and gave those present a summary of the achievements of Old Boys of Barrow Hills who had passed through St. Georges; a record of which we could justly be proud. He then thanked Father Bede for having asked him to perform this pleasant task and "officially" declared the new (The Staff and Boys of Barrow Hills are very grateblock OPEN. ful to Father Bede for all he has done and above all for this addition to the school which certainly makes life very much easier and more pleasant for all.) Then for half an hour the Upper School, directed by Mr.H. Taylor, sang nine Carols, many in parts, ranging from the traditional to the modern "Torches" and "Cowboy Carol" which ended in a deliberate five part discord! Over the two performances the soloists in Good King Wenceslaus were Julian Derrick, Rainaldo O'Meara, Andrew McMillan and Paul Aylett whose clear voices were a pleasure to listen to. Hard upon the end of the carols the curtain parted on the openning scene of "Alice in Wonderland" to reveal Alice (Philip Pennock) asleep on a grassy bank. The story of her curious wanderings through Wonderland, instigated by the greatly agitated White Rabbit (James Gibson), unveiled itself in a succession of short, well acted scenes enhanced by the gaiety of the costumes. It was not long before Alice realised that she was not among normal creatures. The Caterpillar (Simon Vassallo) was impossible and she gave up only to find herself having to talk to a Cheshire Cat (David Knight) who, although he seemed to be sane, said he was mad! In this scene too we had the Duchess (John Scammell) and the Cook (John Elton) whose diction was excellent. Having been warned that all those she would meet would be mad Alice promptly found herself in the company of the maddest crowd of all seated around a large table. The Mad Hatter (Philip Dunne), the March Hare (Graham Watkins) and the Dormouse (Robin Croft) all spoke out clearly and appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves; they were perfectly natural! The Queen's gardeners (Brian Wisdom) (Francis McCabe Jonathan Cox) certainly deserved the punishment meted

well have brought tears to our eyes - mirth not sorrow!
And as a climax the Court Scene, with its busy jurymen (John Scammell, John Spencer, Nicholas Ray, Martin
Derrick and Nigel Bayford), muddled White Rabbit and
infuriating Queen who was constantly interrupting her
stupid husband (Patrick Pennock), eventually made Alice
lose her temper and so awaken from "such a curious dream".
Well done one and all!

It is so easy to criticise but before you do I would ask you to consider all that was involved in this production. Miss Ann Bennett and Miss Mary Cunningham who were responsible were dealing with seven, eight and nine year olds! Furthermore, they were dealing with, not a dozen, but forty two of them. Not only had the actors to be trained and practised in their parts but they had to know them. These two producers were also responsible for the costumes of the entire cast of forty two! We can, I feel, have nothing but praise for their production which gave so much pleasure to two large audiences. Thank you!

Afterwards the usual light refreshments were to be had in the main school and these had been arranged and organised by Matron and Miss J. Bennett.

Costumes

Our grateful thanks to the following who so kindly sent us old clothes, covers, curtains, hats, shoes etc. from which we are always able to produce such magnificent costumes. Cdr.& Mrs.Derrick, Cdr.& Mrs.Tinker, Mr.& Mrs.Watkins, Mr.& Mrs.Piercy, Mr.& Mrs.Walters, Mr.& Mrs.Wisdom, Mr.& Mrs.Pennock, Mr.& Mrs.Venables, Mr.& Mrs.Lacey, Mr.& Mrs.Simon, Miss McCabe, Mrs.Smith, Mrs.Vassallo, one anonymous parcel.

You think I've finished with the school play? Well, I have not! Have you ever seen your own face with a very bright light shining on it? No. It would look a lot worse than it does now. And so every boy who appears on the stage has to have 'make-up' put on. This is no easy task, and once again it was the producers who were responsible. But I must also thank Mr. Trever Rothwell for coming each evening to help the two ladies in this work. I know they certainly appreciated his assistance.

Model Railway Club

Some of you may have some odd bits and pieces tucked away in a cupboard or attic and which you no longer have any use for. We would be delighted to have it.

Ice & Snow

Friday November 16th... Quite a heavy fall of snow.

December 4th, 5th, 6th.. The thermometer in the yard

registered 17 deg. 16 deg. 17 deg. at 7.30

each morning. The maximum on the 5th was 26 deg

GIFTS

When Father Peter openned the new building he said that it was customary for someone who was performing some special duty to mark the occasion in some way. He therefore gave the school a free evening and hoped that the boys would be given a special tea and a cinema in the evening. His wishes were carried out on Monday December 10th. After a very good tea we were shown the film "Master of the World" by Jules Verne.

Rickcord.J. Rickcord.J. Cooper.J. Rickcord.J. Moore.B. Moore B. Cooper.A. Evans B. Crane.D. Crane .D. Crane .D. Payne.P. Flower.G. Flower.G. Pini.D. Childs.R.

Crane . D.

McMillan.A.

Adams . M .

FINALS

McMillan.A.

Adams .M.

Andrew McMillan.

McMillan.A.

Gibson.M.

Adams M.

Cooper.R.

McMillan.A.

Ashcroft.M.

Gibson.M.

Adams.M.

Baynham.C

Semi-Finals

Crane .D.

McMillan.A.

Childs . R .

McMillan.AJ

Ashcroft.M.

Gibson.M.

Adams .M.

O'Meara.R. O'Sullivan.A.

Spencer.C.

Baynham.C.

Mackay.E.

Cooper R.

Dow.J.

Carroll.A.

Sat.Oct.27th. St.George's College.

Won 9-3

Our first match of the season and the conditions for Rugger were ideal. A quick glance at the two sides lined up for the start and it was obvious that they were evenly matched for size and weight, although David Crane had other ideas about his opposite number on the wing (the exception to prove the rule!!) And indeed the game was, as usual, an excellent one which was thoroughly enjoyed by players and onlookers alike.

Throughout the game neither side long held any territorial advantage and both sides did their best to get the ball moving among the outsides. That neither line was able to penetrate throws light on the good tackling in both threequarter lines. The first try was scored half-way through the first half by Christopher Spencer who whipped up the ball behind a loose scrum near the corner and bundled himself over on the blind side. Not long after this Ralf Childs scored a most unexpected penalty with an excellent drop kick which sailed well above the tops of the posts.

The second half was even more balanced than the first. St.Georges scored from a break through and this was followed by a push-over try in which our forwards bound very well indeed giving Ian Pinks the chance to touch down.

Whereas in the set scrums honours were even, in the loose we had the edge and heeled the ball 80% of the time. Pinks, at scrum half, combined well with Christopher Baynham; but, having a certain speed and penetration, he was too often caught before passing the ball out. Our inside threequarters were inclined to crowd each other too much, and this gave me a few unhappy moments especially when we were defending. Too often there was a man over. Thanks, however, to the very excellent work of our wing forwards, Christopher Spencer and Martin Ashcroft, the St.Georges outsides were unable to exploit this weakness.

I was a little disappointed in the scrum work of one or two of our bigger forwards who were not putting every ounce of their energy into their work. There is

no room in the team for those who only work spasmodically.

Finally, a word of congratulations to the full back. R.Childs, whose kicking was sound and accurate. He likes to romp and play with the threequarters, beware!

The Team: R. Childs; D. Crane, E. O'Reilly, A. Wickins, M.Gibson; C.Baynham, I.Pinks; A.Carroll, J.Rickcord, M.Adams, S.McEwan, B.Evans. M.Ashcroft, J.Cassidy, C.Spencer (capt).

Sat. Nov.17th. St. Johns, Beaumont. Lost: 0-27

Oh miserable day! Everything, even the weather was wrong! Why do these things happen? Don't ask me! The wind was cold, the rain poured down relentlessly, the forwards went to pieces, the threequarters never had a chance, no one fell on the ball AND we lost. Well, of course! When the two teams took the field it was obvious to all that they were much the bigger and heavier side and as the weather conditions were so adverse it was also obvious to all who know that the forwards were going to have to bear the brunt of the play. Forthe first ten minutes or so we held them, as indeed the forwards did throughout in the set scrums. But they got possession of the ball and with a very good pair of halves to get things moving they soon

had our backs in trouble. However, they never had it all their own way until they realised that the easier way to get through was via the forwards. Under pressure in the loose we forgot to fall on the ball; instead we floundered and we slithered and we fly-kicked; we even forgot that the best way to stop an opponent is to bind in the loose. Only C. Spencer. J. Rickcord and S. McEwan kept their heads and tried to keep things under control. At regular intervals St. Johns scored their two goals and three tries bringing the score to 0-19 at half time.

Although in the second half we were playing up the slope and against the rain and wind we put up a far more creditable performance. The threequarters were quicker up in defence and the scrum tried to keep together in the loose. In this half they scored only one goal and one try. Team: R. Childs; D. Crane, E. O'Reilly, A. Wickins, M. Gibson; C.Baynham, I.Pinks; A.Carroll, J.Rickcord, M.Adams,

S.McEwan, B.Moore; M.Ashcroft, J. Cassidy, C. Spencer.

Cloudy skies, a fairly soft pitch, ideal conditions for rugger. I felt that if we could hold them for the first ten minutes we should have a good chance of repeating our win of earlier in the term. In any away match the first ten minutes is vital to shake off that effect which the journey invariably has on small boys.

As it was the first ten minutes proved fatal. St. Georges scored twice, 6-0. It was then that we got going. Energy returned and the scrum bound in the loose, the threequarters marked up fast and the game became a ding-dong battle. At half-time the score was still 6-0.

In the second half we put on the pressure and were rarely out of the St.Georges twenty-five. Half-way through this half R.Childs scored an easy penalty, 6-3: Time and again during the rest of the game we strongly attacked their line but that element of luck which is in all games just did not come our way.

Once again we had had a very good game against the College and the team is to be congratulated on its efforts. The marking on both sides was good and the forwards can be truly pleased with themselves.

Team: R.Childs; D.Crane, E.O'Reilly, A.Wickins,
M.Gibson; C.Baynham, I.Pinks; B.Evans, J.Rickcord,
B.Moore, S.McEwan, A.McMillan, M.Ashcroft,
J.Cassidy, C.Spencer.

UNDER Eleven FIFTEEN

This is the first year that those under eleven years old have been allowed to play rugger, and this is the first ever Rugger Match to be played by Barrow Hills.

Wed.Nov.28th St.Georges College. Won: 32 - 0

The excitement prior to this match was terrific, and the competition to get into the team was very keen. Eventually the great day arrived and so did the St. Georges Team - the great unknown. The two teams looked evenly matched for size and weight.

Within a very short time .D. Crane had scored for us.

Then followed a try by C. Baynham which was converted by 14. B. Evans. The order of the day was that the ball should be given to our threequarters as much as possible, and it was soon exident that in that department we were far to strong for our opponents. Before half-time R. Cooper and B. Evans had both scored again for us, making the score 14-0.

After half-time more of our opponents were beginning

After half-time more of our opponents were beginning to get the feel of the game and there was some good work in the scrum. Much credit must be given to the St.Georges full back who tackled very well indeed and saved very many tries. This served the very good purpose of showing our threequarters that they must pass the ball and not try to get through on their own. The first part of this half was fairly even but then came a succession of tries scored by A.Cooper, D.Crane, E.O'Reilly, A.Harding(2), and I.Pinks. The final score was 32-0 but both sides had throughly enjoyed the match and the unanimous verdict was: "Smashing".

was: "Smashing".
Team: A.Cooper; D.Crane, E.O'Reilly, M.Gibson(captain),
J.Spencer; C.Baynham, I.Pinks; B.Evans, M.Lyons,
G.Flower, A.Harding, J.Cooper, R.Cooper, P.Payne,
S.McEwan.

Under ELEVEN Fifteen

Wed. Dec. 12th Cranleigh. Won: 6 - 3

This was the second match for the Under Eleven Team. The very cold weather had gone, the ground was soft and at 1 o'clock the sun was out. At one thirty it started to rain, at one forty we were experiencing the heaviest snowstorm I have seen since last January. Cranleigh arrived at 2.10 and as the snow was then very much less it was decided to play.

We lost the toss and played uphill first. Perhaps as things turned out this was just as well. For the first few minutes all was well and then!! It is a pity I cannot print all that was in my mind. It was incredible to think that this was the same team that had played so well only a week ago. Had it not been for S.McEwan and B.Evans there would have been no forwards at all. These two played a

15 tremendous game against a pack which was always busy.

I. Pinks was not at his best behind the scrum; he had been immunised only the day before and was not taking: kindly to the effects, but he insisted on playing. The Cranleigh forwards, having it all their own way might well have smashed their way through but for the very gallant and really sterling work done by C.Baynham,

E.O'Reilly, M.Gibson, D.Crane and R.Cooper, All these tackled brilliantly and did their utmost to get the ball for themselves and start a passing movement. Had the ball been dry instead of like a piece of soap they might have had more reward for their efforts. Half-time came with Cranleigh three points up and P. Payne, J. Harvey, A. Harding, G. Flower and J. Cooper in immaculate condition in spite of being forwards playing on a wet muddy pitch.

What was said to the team at half-time we will leave to the imagination of our readers. For the first few minutes of the second half I was

wondering whether in fact I had wasted my breath. Thanks to the very enthusiastic support of the Headmaster on the touch line (brandishing a large umbrella!) S.McEwan and B. Evans went hard at it and at last P. Payne went into action! So much so that he scored our first try to equalise the score. The threequarters and halves kept up a relentless attack swinging the ball miraculously from side to side and eventually they gained a well deserved reward and M.Gibson scored a good try to put us ahead. Cranleigh then put all they had into the game and but for some good defence work would have scored again.

We won but I can scarcely say it was a good game. I admit the conditions were bad for good rugby but not so bad that so many had to stand around and obstruct their own men. Well done the few!

Team: R.Cooper; D.Grane, E.O'Reilly, M.Gibson, J.Scammell; C.Baynham, I.Pinks; B.Evans, M.Lyons, G.Flower, J.Cooper, J.Harvey, S.McEwan, P.Payne, A.Harding.

My thanks to Fr. Dunstan for running and coaching the Under Ten Football Side which had quite a good season. And so we come to the end of yet another season at Barrow Hills, one in which history has been made. Last year I said we were saying good-bye to the Under 11 Soccer sides and that in future all boys over 10 years old would play rugger. This has come to pass but little did we then think the Under 11's would be playing rugger matches in their first season. Well, they have!

This has, to my mind, been a very successful season. The two matches we played against St.Georges College were very enjoyable with both teams playing excellent rugger. The debacle against St.Jons was my fault as I offered to take on their lstXV instead of an age-group game, and in view of the fact we were up against an older and much heavier side we put up a creditable performance. We were very sorry that our last game with Douai had to be put off because of the frost and fog.

R.Childs, at full back, was at his best when the team was attacking. His catching, running and kicking were very good, but under pressure he was hesitant and waited too long and was too often too late! I cannot remember ever before having such a useful threequarter line. D. Crane, E. O'Reilly, M. Gibson and A. Wickins were fast, ran straight, passed well and defended soundly. I. Pinks very quickly picked up the scrumhalf game and served his fly half, C. Baynham very successfully. This latter would get his line moving well with a turn of speed which also proved a menace to his opposite number. This part of the team, then, offered no worries, but the formation of a really sound pack was another problem. We should, following up last year's form, have had a heavy and very useful pack of forwards, but unfortunately the heavier ones did not come up to expectations. This involved a reshuffle with B. Evans and B. Moore as props for J. Rickcord who always played a resounding game, and A.McMillan combining with S.McEwan, a holy terror, to form a second row against which could push a heavy but fast and mobile third row consisting of M. Ashcroft, J. Cassidy and C. Spencer. Though now much lighter this pack, ably led by C. Spencer, was able to give our backs a fair share of the ball from both set and loose scrums.

Now I would like to point out that SEVEN OF THE ABOVE

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN ARE TEN YEAR OLDS!! And this is one of the chief reasons why I am so pleased with this season's rugger.

C.Spencer has captained the team intelligently and capably and by his own good play has always set a high standard for the team to follow.

There is one thing which gives a team more encouragement than anything else and that is the sight and sound of supporters on the touch line. We are all very grateful indeed to all those fond parents who came to give us their support nomatter what the weather.

My thanks also to Father Jude for spending so much time and trouble coaching the ten year olds. It is only next season that we shall really reap the harvest of his labours. And finally I would like to thank the many boys who knew they had little hope of getting into a team and yet were so willing to come and practise regularly acting as "chopping blocks" for the lstXV.

I have already mentioned that seven of the 1stXv were under 11 and so we hope to see more of them next season. Besides these the three Coopers, John, Richard and Anthony are all fast and show promise, while P. Payne A. Harding and M. Lyons play hard sensible games.

Following all home matches there is the tea and I would like to thank R. Fawls, J. Vassallo and A. McMillan for their assistance in serving these and clearing up the debris afterwards. I have a shrewd feeling that these gentlemen have had a just reward!!!

INTER-HOUSE MATCHES

The first House match was played on November 21st and resulted in a win for KEAN by 12 points to nil.

Far from being the usual battle of brute force this match was worth watching as both sides were playing good rugger. For once it appears that the House Captains had decided to follow the advice so often given for school matches. Both sides did their best to get the ball out to the threequarters and the game was very open and fast. During the first twenty minutes or so

the honours in the scrums were even. Both scrums were binding well in the set and loose and the marking among the outsides was extremely good. Just before half-time C.Baynham slipped over on the blind to score for Kean.

The second half was just as keenly contested until some ten minutes from the end when the Murtough scrum suddenly seemed to crack up. And very quickly B. Evans, P. Payne and C. Baynham were over for three more tries. Teams: KEAN: R. Gooper; A. Cooper, S. Baynham, A. Wickins,

M.Gibson; C.Baynham, I.Pinks; M.Adams, J.Rickcord, R.Fawls, B.Evans, A.Harding, P.Payne, R.O'Meara, M.Ashcroft.

MURTOUGH: R. Childs; J. Cooper, E.O'Reilly, A. Carroll, G. Pike; D. Crane, A. McMillan; B. Moore, J. Vassallo, J. Dow, J. Sinclair, S. McEwan, C. Spencer, J. Gassidy, E. Mackay.

The second House match was played on Sunday December 9th and Kean once again won, this time by 18 points to 3.

On paper Murtough was every bit as powerful as Kean and they were determined to win and force a replay. The standard of rugger was excellent and very quickly Murtough scored, R.Childs taking advantage of a dropped pass behind the Kean scrum. Both sides were now trying every movement they knew, the ball travelled rapidly along both threequarter lines to little effect. Then after about twenty minutes it happened! The Murtough scrum again cracked up! Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the three effective members of this scrum began to find the full force of the Kean eight a bit too much, and though C.Spencer, E.O'Reilly and S.McEwan battled on gallantly they were overwhelmed, the other five merely making matters worse. The result was that for the rest of the game the Kean forwards fed their outsides regularly and these ran and passed beautifully. By half

time C.Baynham, M.Adams and M.Gibson had scored.
In the second half only the good tackling of Cassidy
Spencer and McEwan and McMillan prevented C.Baynham from
scoring more than twice and S.Baynham adding a third.
Teams: KEAN: The same as above except that M.Lyons took
the place of R.O'Meara who was unwell.

MURTOUGH: Again the same as above except that H.Bulford took E.Mackay's place in the scrum.

Reports on the Under 10 Xl Matches

Oct.27th. St.Peters.(A)

Lost: 1 - 4 (Gibson.J.)

Although St.Peters were obviously the stronger side it was Barrow Hills who took the lead with a goal by J.Gibson following good work by G.Lacey on the right wing. However, by half-time St.Peters had drawn level.

The second half saw them consolidate their lead although the play was not as one-sided as the score suggests. Gibson had a good game and Pat.Pennock too, but most of the others were too slow and hesitant. Team: Pini.D; R.Sykes, P.Dunne; J.Isherwood, P.Joyce, H.O'Neill; G.Lacey, J.Gibson, J.Cox, J.Maclennan,

-Pat. Pennock.

Oct.30th. Barfield. (H)

Won: 3 - 0 (Gibson 3)

We were slightly the bigger team and this advantage had its effect. There was a general improvement on the previous match, Gibson again being the chief menace. Joyce worked hard, Isherwood though slow is showing signs of progress, while J.McCracken has steaded the defence with his kicking. Team: D.Pini; R.Sykes, J.McCracken; J.Isherwood.

P. Joyce, D. Lang; G. Laccy, J. Gibson, J. Cox, Pat Pehnock, H. O'Neill.

Nov.7th

St.Peters. (H)

Lost: 1 - 6 (Gibson)

St.Peters, not content with their previous win, fielded an even stronger side. It is enough to say that although six down and playing upfield Gibson and his men fought back to earn a well-deserved goal. Team: D.Pini; R.Sykes, J.McCracken; J.Isherwood, P.Joyce, H.O'Neill; G.Lacey, J.Gibson, J.Cox,

Pat Pennock, D.Leng.

Won: 9 - 0

(Gibson 7, Pennock 2)
As the score suggests we were far too strong for the opposition and the match does not provide a very accurate guide to the form of our players.

Team: D.Pini; R.Sykes, J.McCracken; J.Isherwood, P.Joyce, H.O'Neill; G.Lacey, J.Gibson, J.Cox, Pat Pennock, D.Lang.

Nov.17th. Cranleigh. (A) Draw: 2 - 2. (Gibson, Cox)

The match was played in appalling weather and it is to the credit of the two teams that they put up such an exciting game. Cranleigh were the first to score but within two minutes we had equalised through Cox.

Midway through the second half Cranleigh scored again and this time it looked as though they had won. However, Gibson, who had been strangely quiet, suddenly rallied his men in the last two minutes and scored a well-earned equaliser a minute from time.

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Team: D.Pini; R.Sykes, J.McCracken; J.Isherwood, P.Jóywe, H.O'Neill; G.Lacey, J.Gibson, J.Cox, Pat Pennock, D.Lang.

Nov.24th. Haslemere. (H) Won: 5 - 0 (Gibson 3, Cox, Pennock)

In this match N.Weibel was introduced at right half and his useful play made itself felt in the more purposeful play of the attack. J.Maclennan too made a return after a long absence and strengthened the left wing. P.Joyce proved to be a strong centre-half and Isherwood supported him well. The backs, J.McCracken and R.Sykes had their best match to date. D.Pini too brought off

Team: D.Pini; R.Sykes, P.Dunne; J.Isherwood, P.Joyce, N.Weibel; G.Lacey, J.Gibson, J.Cox, Pat Pehnock, J.Maclennan.

The Annual collection for Masses for the Holy Souls during the month of November this year is probably the highest ever at Barrow Hills. The boys contributed £13 which has made it possible to say 26 Masses for the Holy Souls. A very good effort which will certainly not go unrewarded by the Almighty.

ALL SAINTS

Thursday November 1st was kept with due solemnity. A Solemn High Mass in the morning followed by the usual feast at lunch. There was heavy rain all day but the evening was made most enjoyable with the showing of the film "Tom Thumb".

PLAY ROOMS

The boys returned from the half-term holiday on the evening of Tuesday November 6th and were able to enjoy the luxury of permanent new play rooms for the first time. A report on the 'official' openning is to be found on another page.

PATRONAL FEAST

Friday December 14th, being the Patronal Feast of the School (St. Erconwald's), there was a whole holiday with the customary High Mass, feast and cinema in the evening The "Prisoner of Zenda" was shown and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were pleased to have among us on this day, Fr. Erconwald, the first Headmaster of Barrow Hills.

LIGHTS

On November 15th the new floodlights in the playground were turned on by the Headmaster for the first time. Comment by Fr.Peter, Headmaster of St.Georges: "Just right for evening rugger training!"

COCK HOUSE - COMPETITION

At the end of the first term KEAN has 25 points and MURTOUGH no points. Kean gained 15 points from the weekly cards and 10 points for winning the Rugger Cup.

PINK CARD TEA

The following boys, the best five in each Form have earned the Pink Card special tea:
Form I: M. Smith, J. Adams, J. Triay, M. Derrick, H. Simon.
Form II; J. Elton, D. Knight, A. Bingle, J. Sutton, P. Dunne.

Form IV: R.O'Mcara, J.Vassallo, J.Allen, R.Fawls, J.Cassidy.

WORHAM TIDINESS PRIZE

So far the following boys are leading in this competition where the prize is given to the boy who loses the fewest marks for tidiness in the year:

Forms I & II: J.Elton 4, C.Sadgrove 5, Philip Pennock 6, J.Sutton 6, A.Vassallo 7.
Form III: M.Gibson O, E.Mackay 2, E.O'Reilly 2.

G. Johnson 4, A. Croft 5.

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