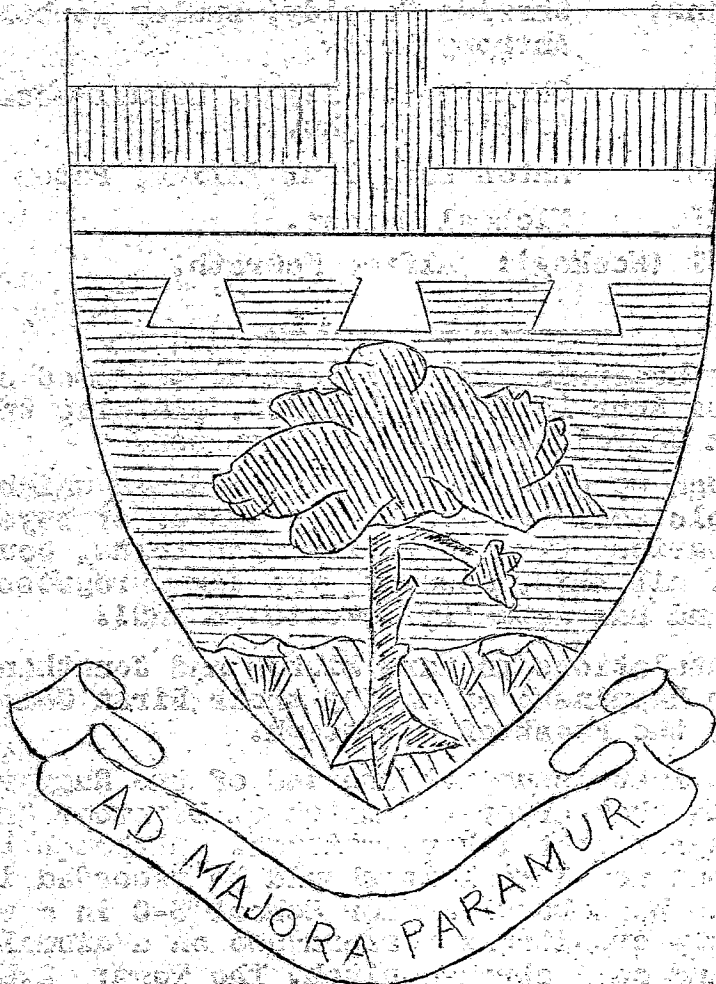


# BARROW HILLS



MAY 1959

# JOURNAL

School Captains: Michael Dowden, Alfred McGrath,  
Christopher Pike.

House Captains: Michael Dowden, Alfred McGrath.

Vice-Captains: Charles Cassidy, Dudley Newbold,  
Anthony Hunt.

Librarians: Christopher Beggs, Manuel Gosano,  
Patrick Wright.

Indoor Games: Anton Bax, Paul Illing, Peter Howard.

Capt. 1st.XV. Michael Dowden.

Capt. 1st.XI (Hockey): Alfred McGrath.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed our new Matron, Miss Anne Lafferty, R.S.C.N. and also two new boys, Gavin Carroll and Vincent Thompson.

Although we never had a 'flu epidemic which most other schools seem to have had, a number of boys retired to bed at various times with feverish colds, coughs, etc. In spite of all this, however, the term progressed reasonably well and has actually come to an end!!

Congratulations to Mark Bishop and Jonathan Palfreman who had the happiness of making their First Communion on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph.

In the last issue, at the end of the Rugger Notes, I said: "I hope that after the match on December 3rd I am not going to regret what I have written." Although the result is well known now I feel it should be recorded in our own magazine. We beat Douai Junior School 3-0 in a very good match. A very creditable performance on a dismal day, in thick fog and on a strange pitch. The Team: A.Hunt; C.Pike, C.Martin, A.McGrath, D.Ronald; C.Simpson, M.Dowden; M.Barton, C.Stevens, C.Cassidy, A.Chapman, A.Gillham, T.Proulx, R.Pearson, J.Mathe.

There was some snow this term for our Diarist A.G. says: "January 15th. We had the normal lessons in the morning. It was quite snowy. For lunch we had meat in batter, potatoes and swedes. We then had the normal lessons."

The Editor regrets that this issue of the Journal was not published before the end of the term. He had the best of intentions but other more pressing work always seemed to crowd it out. In fact he is lucky to be able to publish it at all. At one moment towards the end of the term he found a note in his room which read: "The Black Hand strikes again, Give up teaching." He thought no more of this until one night a little later while lying in bed he became aware of an ominous ticking sound coming from under his bed. Rising cautiously to investigate he saw two cardboard boxes.

Pulling out one inscribed with the word "BOMB", he discovered the hands of a clock painted on it pointing to midnight, and inside were the works of an old alarm clock ticking merrily. Relieved that this menace had been removed before midnight, he pulled out the other box. At once a light flashed on in the box. A really ingenious affair consisting of masses of wire, a bulb, batteries and a morse tapper. He was told next morning that when the light went on the bomb exploded!!

He wishes to assure everyone that the attempted assassination had nothing whatever to do with the fact that a couple of days later one of the would be assassins failed his Arithmetic examination and the other came First in his Form.

### MUSIC

There are now twenty one boys taking piano lessons from Mr. Taylor. This is over one quarter of the school. At the end of the term some of those went off to Godalming to take a Music Exam. We await the results.

The Third and Fourth Forms sang Carols at the Christmas Concert and the Lower School was very disappointed that there was no opportunity for them to sing at the Upper School Entertainment this Term. The Plays were so long, however, that it was considered imprudent to extend the Entertainment any further.

We have again entered two choirs for the Aldershot Festival this year, and Mr. Taylor is putting in much hard work for our success.

Chewing sweets in study is the main reason for not having an appetite. You usually say to yourself: "Just one won't hurt", and then you have another sweet after that and yet another after that and so on till you feel quite full up and have no room left for your supper.

When missing meals you also miss the essential vitamins to keep you going. Thus meals enable you to run, walk, jump, hop and skip. These are just rough examples of what meals do for you. Therefore, if you eat sweets think of all the advantages you are missing.

### THE CHAPEL

Little did the boys realise when they knelt at Benediction on the last day of the Christmas Term that it would be the last time they would kneel in those benches, for within a matter of days those benches were moved out of the Chapel and had been disposed of to other worshippers elsewhere. By the New Year we had had installed a complete set of new oak benches. The boys now face the altar and are far more comfortably accommodated. In fact we now have room to spare (in the Chapel that is).

The familiar red curtains at the back of the Chapel behind which had nestled our sacristy had also vanished, and there appeared a door in the wall where it had been. Needless to say our busybodies and knowalls were soon hard at work trying to see what was going on behind it. A few weeks later the little room, so long a Bursar's food store, blossomed out into a new sacristy - well equipped with drawers, cupboards etc.

And now, even as I write this, carpenters, plumbers etc. are all over the place. The news that we are to have a new Organ has already gone abroad. It is also hoped that by the time you read this we shall have two new side altars and there should also be a window over the door in the sanctuary. The latter to throw light on our lovely High Altar and so yet more to show its beauty.

For much of this work we are indebted to the generosity of parents, friends and parishioners and we thank them sincerely.

## THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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You may be surprised to see this now but our last issue was printed before the Concert took place and we feel that a report on this should not be left out. This year we had the usual groups of Carols sung by the Third and Fourth Forms while the First and Second Forms combined to give us an abridged version of "Toad of Toad Hall".

The Concert opened with seven carols:

1. Once in Royal David's City (soloist: Michael Dowden)
2. Unto us is born a son.
3. Ding dong! merrily on high.
4. O come all ye faithful.
5. Merrily to Bethlehem.
6. Rocking.
7. While shepherds watched their flocks by night.

Then followed the play, and a very good one it was. Paul Rossiter, as Toad, certainly lived his part, enjoyed it and kept us all amused while the supporting cast showed just what small boys can do. All the credit for this highly successful production must go to Miss Newman and Miss Alexander, who certainly could never have attained such a high standard without a tremendous amount of work. And let it not be forgotten that the various costumes were all made by them as well. All these, together with the enormous woodland scene back-drop which they painted, enhanced the magnificence of the whole production.

### THE CAST:

Toad - Paul Rossiter.	Rat - Brian Wootton-Woolley.
Mole - John Bennett.	Badger - Mark Bishop.
Phoebe - Michael Newton.	Washerwoman - Michael Baynham.
Judge - Christopher Hopkins.	Usher - Nicholas Crisell.
Policeman - John Pike.	
Jurors - Andrew Collins, Ian Hammond, Martin Sloper, David Rossi, Jonathan Palfreman, John Matta, Raymond O'Hara, Stephen Mee, Charles Coxwell, Justin Fleming, John Willis.	
Fieldmice - Robert Barr, Mark Kedzior, Jonathan Ray.	
Chief Weasel - Anthony D'Eon.	
Other Weasels - Patrick Taylor, David Randall, Malcolm Stacy, Julian Harbord.	
Chief Stoat - Christopher O'Grady.	
Other Stoats - Patrick Hall, Peter Curzon, Anthony Moore, Michael Shea, Stephen Ambrose.	

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Chief Ferret - Andrew McMillen.  
Other Ferrets - Charles Illing, Barry Mathe, Martin Knops,  
Jonathan Terry, Peter Scammell.

Finally Mr. Taylor once again accompanied on the piano by Father William, entertained us with carols sung by the Upper School.

1. The First Nowell.
2. In dulci jubilo.
3. What child is this?
4. Good King Wenceslas (soloists: Michael Dowden and Patrick Wright).

5. On Christmas night.
6. We've been awhile awandering.
7. We wish you a merry Christmas.

The majority of the carols were sung in four parts. Altogether a very enjoyable evening after which the parents spent some time with their sons, went to Benediction and then home.

#### Someone has found out.

(Extract from a composition) "If you fall into some mischief you must accept the consequences."

#### How dreadful!

".....Missing your favourite meal is even worse, you might never get it again until next year."

#### Rather you than I.

"After breakfast of porridge, bedmaking and rec. we went back to class and work." (C.S.)

#### Human

"I was meant to be on a diet but I couldn't help eating a supersonic lunch - sausages and mash." (P.P.)

"There were hair cuts today, disliked by all boys except A. McGrath who was very glad to get rid of all his hair." (J.R.E.M.)

Believe it or not.

In the Daily Telegraph of March 14th 1959 there is a nature note on how some birds seem to amuse themselves by flying up into the sky with objects and dropping them and catching them again before they reach the ground.

It relates how gulls play with stolen eggs in this way, and how a crow dropped a small stone which broke the glass in a garden frame. The writer states that the only other birds he has known to do this are the rook and the raven.

One day about fifteen years ago in Spring while I was trying to stamp out an objectionable habit that some carrion crows had developed of eating the hens eggs laid in the open by roosting hens in the College chicken runs I had a similar experience.

I was just returning from setting a trap consisting of three bricks round an egg and a buried gin in front of the gap so that if the crow walked in to eat the egg its feet would be trapped in the gin, when I saw a large carrion crow flying towards me with a white spherical object resembling an egg between its feet.

As I stopped to watch it must have seen me and taken fright, for it dropped its object and fled. The object hit the grass, bounced up again and settled in the grass.

When I arrived at the spot where I expected to find the object I found a white tennis ball lying in the grass, and in spite of searching all round I could find nothing else, not even a broken white shell.

Perhaps the crow found its rubber egg too indigestible. There was a tennis court a hundred yards away but everyone was at lunch and the courts were deserted.

The title of the D.T. Nature Note was: "Aerial Football Game"; the title of this one should be: "Crow's Nest Tennis."

OH!

"In English class Father Aidan took some vital statistics."  
(A.G.)

Feb. 11th: "There was blessing of ashes before Mass and we all got imposed with them." (H.P.I.)

"In the night the Headmaster's stove went out." (P.H.)

## HOCKEY

A very wet start to the term made hockey practice difficult but eventually a team of sorts began to take shape. It became evident that we were going to have no real halves to give support to a fairly strong and active forward line. It also meant that our defence was going to be doubtful although the backs were reasonably reliable. In goal C.Stevens was solid enough but unfortunately he was incredibly immobile. Only towards the end of the season did he realise the value of going out to meet his opponent. The backs, C.Pike and A.Gillham, played fairly soundly but there were too many occasions when the goalie found himself confronted with roving and unmolested forwards. They must both learn that when they have failed to stop an attack they must double back and not just stand and watch the poor goalkeeper being mesmerised.

Several were tried in the half line, among the best were J.Lear, A.Hunt and C.Cassidy. At least they moved about and tried to molest their opponents.

Although most of our goals were scored by C.Simpson at centre forward, who could on his day pierce any defence, our successes (victories and not too heavy losses) were chiefly due to the very energetic work of the two inside forwards. M.Dowden and M.Barton. I was especially pleased with the intelligent inter-passing of M.Barton and his partner on the right A.McGrath who made frequent openings and centred hard and accurately. P.Rust has some nice stick-work and a useful flick centre but for a left wing he was really a little slow.

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### MATCH REPORTS

Wed. Feb. 11th. BARFIELD. (Home) Lost 0 - 2

Our first game after a long period of inactivity and we were wondering what would happen. In fact this was a very good game and both goals were the result of foolish mistakes. We missed several opportunities by not following up shots at goal. However, provided we can find some half backs we should not have too bad a season. There is our weakness.

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Sat. Feb. 21st. DESMOOR (Away) Lost 2 - 4

A dreary cold day with a very slippery Desmoor pitch. Not a particularly interesting game and a poor standard of hockey for which conditions must be blamed. a fairly strong Desmoor side and our weak halves gave our forwards very little chance to attack as very frequently our insides were well back helping our defence. The first goal against us was an unfortunate one with the goalie lying on his back in the mud and the ball just slithering over the line; the other three, however, were good ones. C.Simpson scored both our goals towards the end of the game by following up long shots which rebounded off their goalkeeper.

Team: C.Stevens; C.Pike, A.Gillham; I.Brooks, A.Hunt, C.Cassidy; P.Rust, M.Dowden, C.Simpson, A.McGrath, M.Barton.

Wed. Feb. 25th. RIPLEY COURT (Away) Won 5 - 1

Good hockey weather and pitch. We certainly did not play our hardest in the first half. The opposition, except for two forwards, gave little cause for worry and so a rather easygoing atmosphere prevailed. P.Rust scored our first goal with a very nice flick and then a neat passing movement between M.Barton and A.McGrath gave us our second. Just before half time their left wing broke through, centred hard, and their inside right scored.

The play in the second half was dominated by our forwards and halves who changed positions so rapidly that they caused chaos among the Ripley defenders. In the last quarter of an hour C.Simpson scored twice and M.Dowden once. This was by far the most encouraging display yet.

Team: C.Stevens; C.Pike, A.Gillham; R.Pearson, A.Hunt, J.Lear; P.Rust, C.Simpson, M.Dowden, M.Barton, A.McGrath.

Sat. Feb. 28th. BRANKSOME-HILDERS. (Away) Lost 0 - 7

A game on a very warm day against a slightly older side but one in which very little credit can be given to any of our players. M.Barton, A.Hunt and the two backs played a hard losing battle in defence and our forwards appeared to be completely obliterated. An occasional sally into our opponents circle ended in feeble attempts at goal.

Our passing was singularly inaccurate and except for the ever energetic Michael Barton the team seemed to think it was having a day out in the sun. A game better forgotten! Team: C.Stevens; C.Pike, A.Gillham; D.Newbold, A.Hunt, Pat Wright; P.Rust, M.Dowden, C.Simpson, M.Barton, A.McGrath.

Wed. Mar. 11th. RIPLEY COURT (Home) Won 7 - 2

Surely we could not play another game like the last one! The start was a shock not only to Ripley but also to the spectators for within one and a half minutes we had scored two goals, both the result of excellent work between the forwards with C.Simpson shooting very hard. Most of the first half we were in our opponents half tying them into knots, and only some fine work by their goalkeeper prevented a cricket score. A third goal followed quickly enough and then a sudden rush took our backs by surprise and a hard, head high shot made the score 3-1. Just before half time we scored yet again.

After half time Ripley became more organised and for a short time kept up a steady pressure on our goal which ended in their scoring a second goal. Stung by this our forwards once again took command of the situation and three more quick goals were scored in the last minutes of the game. Ripley Court were suffering from our own weakness, a lack of halves, which gave our forwards the chance they had been waiting for.

Team: C.Stevens; C.Pike, A.Gillham; J.Lear, A.Hunt, C.Cassidy; P.Rust, M.Dowden, C.Simpson, M.Barton, A.McGrath.

Wed. Mar. 4th. Under 10½ v. CRANLEIGH. (Home) Won 3 - 2

This was a very interesting game between two young yet competent teams. During the first half the Cranleigh side showed greater promise and enthusiasm. Only some excellent goalkeeping by P.Curzon prevented several goals. At half time the score was 0-1 against us.

After the interval, with much lively and noisy support from the spectators the game became brisker. David Randall controlled the play in the centre of the field with hard and accurate passes which M.Bishop, J.Willis and C.Hopkins made full use of. Then a snap goal gave

Cranleigh a 2-0 lead. Most of us thought the game was now over, but five minutes from the end J. Willis became inspired and with some really remarkable stickwork he evaded the until now sound Cranleigh defence and in as many minutes scored three first-class goals. The crowd on the touch-line was well-nigh hysterical when in the last minute Cranleigh had two shots at our goal, but somehow, perhaps due to over excitement, their hitherto accuracy failed them. Well done the under 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>s! A great game.

Team: P. Curzon; J. Bennett, A. Collins; V. Thompson, D. Randall, T. Visick; J. Bagwell (capt), T. Calnan, J. Willis, M. Bishop, C. Hopkins.

### INTER-HOUSE MATCHES

Wed. Feb. 18th. KEAN 3 - MURTOUGH 2

The sides at first seemed pretty even. At the start the ball just went up and down the field with no real purpose but after some ten minutes Kean started to put on the pressure. M. Dowden and M. Barton took it in turns to shoot at C. Stevens in the goal, and at last M. Dowden flicked one in. Murtough tried hard to score but M. Dowden was back again and M. Barton pushed a ball past C. Stevens to score Kean's second goal.

After half time C. Simpson and A. McGrath worked hard together to score Murtough's first goal but it was not long before M. Dowden had scored Kean's third goal. Towards the end of the half C. Simpson ran through on his own and shot Murtough's last goal. So Kean won by 3 goals to 2.

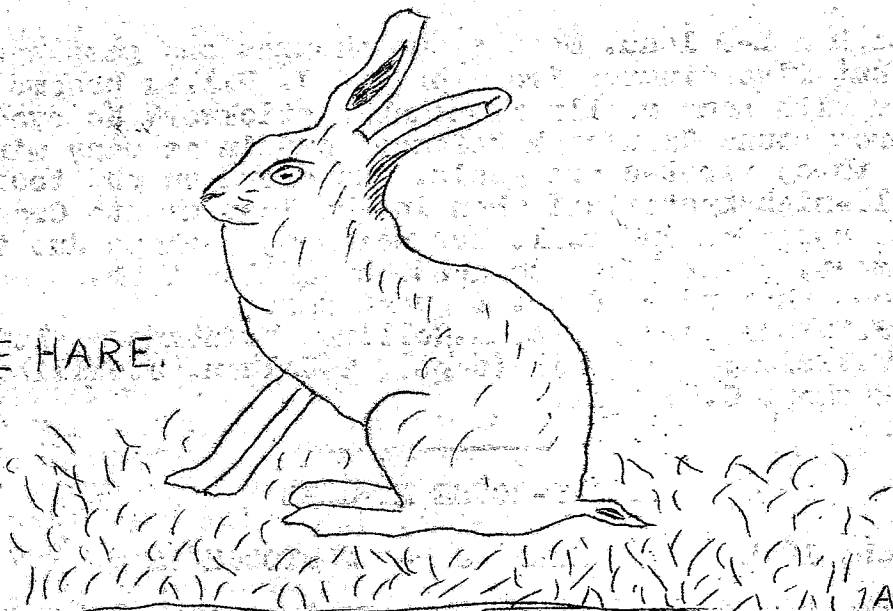
(A. Chapman)

Sat. Mar. 14th. KEAN 2 - MURTOUGH 0

Enthusiasm ran high for this game and it became a very boisterous one with both sides hitting extremely hard but with little intelligence. By half time Kean were one up.

The second half was even more lively if that is possible. At times the game was even a little dangerous. No quarter was being given with sticks, arms, legs, bodies going in all directions. Only M. Barton and P. Rust seemed to be keeping reasonably calm and it is due to their efforts that Kean managed to score another goal. M. Barton scored their first and P. Rust, with a beautiful flick from a narrow angle their second.

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UPPER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

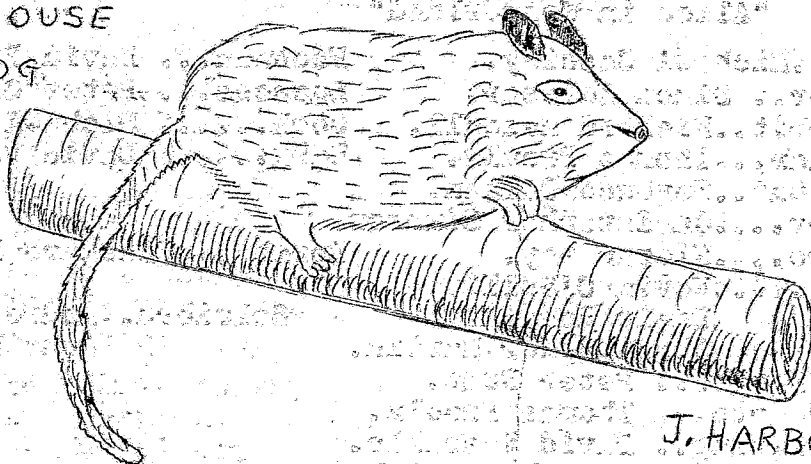
This Concert, enthusiastically received by parents and friends, was given on March 7th and 8th and consisted of two plays: "Alice in Wonderland" presented by the 3rd Form and produced by Fr. Francis, and "The Rev. Dr. Syn" presented by the 4th Form and produced by Fr. Aidan.

In both cases the producers had adapted the plays from the books and are to be congratulated on their selection of incidents and characters - a far from easy task - and on the excellence of their productions.

Alice in Wonderland unfolded its familiar story in a series of colourful scenes and the audience loved every minute of it. Amongst a first rate cast - every member of the Form having been included, were several notable performances. Michael Cassidy was outstanding as a delightfully clear-voiced and bewildered Alice. We shall long remember his argument with a very blue Caterpillar played with vigour by Thomas Proulx. At the Mad Hatter's Tea Party the honours went to a magnificently beaming and definitely 'mad' Hatter in the person of Christopher Simpson. The panic-stricken gardeners had us all hoping the painting of the rose trees would be completed before the arrival of the angry Queen, regally played by Peter Rust. Peter Olliver, too, must be complimented on making a charming and very indepen-

DORMOUSE

ON LOG



J. HARBORD

dent Duchess.

In fact this is one of the best productions we have seen. Praise must be given too to the intensive understudying which enabled the last minute gaps in the cast caused by illness to be most adequately filled.

Form 4's play caught the interest of the audience from the moment the curtain rose to show the smugglers led by a tough-looking Sam (well played by Robert Pearson) awaiting instructions from their mysterious leader.

The acting honours must go to Henery McGilton as the rascally Dr. Syn, whose good-humoured assurance soon had the audience on his side. He was ably supported by Adrian Gillham as Mr. Mipps, whose resonant voice and hearty manner made even coffin making seem a cheerful pastime. The casting throughout was excellent. Mention must be made of the General and the Major (Christopher Stevens & Christopher Pike) whose military bearing carried real conviction, especially when they were faced by a suave and elegant highwayman in the person of Patrick Wright. The good narration given by John Mathe linked the various scenes.

In conclusion, our thanks are due, not only to the actors, but primarily to Father Francis and Father Aidan without whose endless toil and enterprise there would have been no plays at all.

(Miss S. Newman)

Frs. Francis & Aidan would like to thank parents and friends who so kindly sent clothes etc to be cut up or loaned and above all Miss Alexander and Miss Newman who spent so many hours fitting and making the various costumes which enhanced the beauty of the productions.

THE CASTS"Alice in Wonderland"

Alice.....Michael Cassidy.	Footman... David Pike.
Her Sister.. Simon Kolesar.	Duchess... Peter Ollivere.
White Rabbit..Richard Mascall.	Cook..... Michael Rowlatt.
Caterpillar...Thomas Proulx.	Baby..... David Vassallo.
Cheshire Cat..Terence Calnan.	
Mad Hatter....Christopher Simpson.	
March Hare....Kieran May.	Dormouse..Richard Dowden.
Gardeners.....Kevin O'Sullivan.	
David Ronald.	Soldiers..Andrew Eckford.
Christopher Martin.	John Beedham.
Queen of Hearts.. Peter Rust.	
King of Hearts... Thomas Proulx.	
Lady in Waiting.. David Vassallo.	
Knave of Hearts.. Timothy Visick.	

"The Rev. Doctor Syn"

Narrator... John Mathe.	Sam..... Robert Pearson.
Smugglers.. Peter Pearson.	Coachman. Michael Barton.
Michael Dowden.	Guard.... Dudley Newbold.
Julian Bagwell.	Maid..... Manuel Gosano.
Christopher Beggs.	Soldiers. Alfred McGrath.
Ian Brooks.	Peter Howard.
Alan Chapman.	Paul Illing.
Jeremy Loar.	Christopher
Hugh Terry.	Durant.
Charles Boase.	Anton Bax.
General Trowbridge...Christopher Stevens.	
Major Faunce.....Christopher Pike.	
Dr.Syn.... Henry McGilton.	
Mr.Mipps... Adrian Gillham.	
Sir Anthony Cobtree... Charles Cassidy.	
The Scarecrow..... Anthony Hunt.	

Positions for the "Barrow Hills Cup"

A.McGrath.. 75 pts.	A.Gillham.. 71 pts.	M.Dowden.. 68 pts.
C.Pike..... 67 pts.	T.Calnan... 65 pts.	J.Bagwell. 63 pts.
M.Barton... 62 pts.	P.Illing... 62 pts.	M.Gosano.. 61 pts.
C.Simpson.. 61 pts.		

CRICKET FIXTURES1st XIUnder 11 XI

W. May	20		Fernden.	(H)
S.	23	House Match.		
W.	27	Haslemere Prep.	(A)	
S.	30		Ripley Court.	(A)
W. Jne	3	Cranleigh.	(A)	Cranleigh. (H)
S.	6	House Match.		
W.	10	Branksome-Hilders.	(H)	Branksome-Hilders. (A)
S.	13	St. Georges College.	(H)	St. Georges College. (H)?
S.	20	SPORTS DAY.		SPORTS DAY..
W.	24	King Edwards.	(A)	
S.	27	Fernden.	(A)	Cranleigh u.10 XI. (H)
W. Jly	1	Douai Junior Sch.	(H)	
S.	4		Haslemere Prep.	(H)
W.	8	Barfield.	(H)	
S.	11			

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Congratulations to the following who celebrated their birthdays here last term:

J. Bennett, I. Brooks, C. Cassidy, A. Collins, P. Curzon, M. Dowden, R. Dowden, C. Martin, A. McMillen, B. Mathe, R. O'Hara, K. O'Sullivan, J. Pike, T. Proulx, J. Ray, P. Scammell.

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The following boys at Barrow Hills are sons of Old Boys of St. George's College:

M. Baynham, J. Beedham, G. Carroll, M. Dowden, R. Dowden, A. Hunt, I. Hammond, J. Harbord, D. Newbold, P. Pearson, R. Pearson, M. Shea, P. Rossiter, and T. Visick.

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These boys at Barrow Hills have brothers at St. George's:

J. Beedham, C. Boase, I. Brooks, N. Crisell, A. Eckford, M. Gosano, P. Hall, C. Hopkins, J. Lear, D. Newbold, C. O'Grady, K. O'Sullivan, M. Rowlatt, C. Simpson, C. Stevens, H. Terry, J. Terry.

That ELEVEN PLUS


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On February 27th we entered 18 boys for the Eleven Plus examination and felt our efforts well rewarded when we heard that SIX had passed. The remaining 12 had a second attempt later. Congratulations to the 6 and we hope for more later.