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## BARROW HILLS

### SCHOOL OFFICIALS

*Captain of the School:* I. Pinks.

*Captains:* M. B. Gibson, A. Harding.

*House Captains:* I. Pinks (Kean),  
D. Crane (Murtough).

*Librarians:* G. Flower, N. Weibel, R. Cooper,  
J. Derrick.

*Indoor Games:* P. Joyce, C. Thorne,  
M. Lyons, E. Mackay.

*Models Room:* J. Sinclair, G. Johnson,  
P. Barber, A. Croft.

*Model Railway:* G. Flower, J. MacLennan.

*Captain of Rugby:* C. Baynham.

*Captain of Soccer:* Ph. Pennock.

### THE TERM

In September we welcomed the following new boys:—

*Form I:* M. Austin, P. Balfour, C. Cassidy,  
A. Jaggard, J. Langstern, P. Livingston,  
J. Lloyd, P. MacLennan, M. Spencer,  
P. Rebige, S. Walters, M. Willis.

*Form II:* J. Catchpole, C. Challis-Thompson,  
M. Corbett, M. Cox, P. Darkins, P. Feeney,  
M. Gouldstone, I. Riggs.

*Form III:* P. Buttress, A. Curtin, F. Donaldson,  
C. McLean.

Every school year brings its changes, but few have seen as many as this year. As one bewildered boy put it, 'everything is new, new masters, new priests and a new Headmaster'. We did in fact welcome no fewer than three new members of the community who were taking up residence here for the first time. Fr Kemble, recently Bursar at Weybridge for a number of years, and our new bursar, is really no stranger here, because he did much to help the school settle in at the time of our move from Longcross in 1952. Fr Anthony, recently Junior Housemaster at St George's, now becomes the first Housemaster at Barrow Hills. Mr Adrian will be dividing his time between preparing for the priesthood at St John's Seminary at Wonersh, and helping with games and the Model Railway.

At the same time we were also pleased to welcome Miss J. Tomlinson, who has taken

over Form I, Mr J. Shirea, who has taken over Form III, and Miss K. Moloney, S.R.N., who has taken over as Matron.

Repairs to the new tarmac playing area during the holidays caused an early disappointment. The previous surface had proved unsatisfactory, and had to be entirely renewed. The contractors advised that the surface should be allowed to harden for a whole term before skating restarted, and so skaters have had to wait until January before going into action again.

To the Community the presence of a Housemaster is a great relief, because one is no longer pestered with the eternal cry of other days 'is it your rec?' To boys it is a mixed blessing. They know where they stand, but they can no longer play off one master against another.

Slowly one is becoming aware of slight differences in the normal routine. The 4th Form now do their study in the 4th Form classroom, where undisturbed by the continual fidgeting of the juniors in the study, one hopes that they will produce more serious efforts. Then there are those fearsome things called white cards which bring with them instant retribution. Buff cards too have to be treated with greater respect than of yore, as a buff card also entails a visit to the Headmaster. If the ensuing explanation is not satisfactory some form of punishment can be expected. Moreover, three buffs in succession entitles one to the same treatment as a white card. Red cards have more or less gone out of circulation, but some lucky blighters were rewarded with extra pocket money when they had done exceptionally well.

Early on in the term Fr Anthony and workers decided to show the builders that they were not the only ones who had the know-how. They built a retaining wall round the new tarmac area. It only took a month, and is a great improvement on the former untidy earth banks.

At one period we were much amused at the antics of one R. who was awaiting the birth of a sister. (How did he know?) For days on end he could hardly restrain himself. He merely had to catch sight of the Headmaster when he would rush after him and eagerly enquire whether she had arrived yet. In fact it finally got the better of him, and not being able to contain himself any longer, he asked permission to celebrate with a few friends on the day the baby was due without waiting to

hear if she had been born. True to her sex she arrived several days late!

During October we had the pleasure of welcoming the Very Rev Fr Leonard de Kort, C.J. He spent the day with us and was able to take back to Belgium some impressions of the daily life of Barrow Hills.

It was inevitable that much interest should centre round the new building. Early in the term the chief attraction was the very large hole excavated beside and under the main building. It turned out to be a lift shaft. The soil thus removed was dumped in the playground where to the delight of many amateur excavators, complicated systems of tunnels and irrigation were dug. Throughout the term vast quantities of bricks and other materials had to be stacked all over the place. These presented the more daring with ample opportunities for unorthodox games—when nobody was looking of course! C. always took a great interest in all the comings and goings. One day he declared that during the course of the morning he must have seen all the firms in Surrey from his vantage point in the 4th Form. A thoroughly interesting morning was his comment. When asked how he managed to fit this in with all his normal class activities he quickly changed the subject!

Nor were there any lack of rumours. J. asked Fr X what the new building was for. This latter replied, with a twinkle in his eye, 'why it's a punishment block of course'. Two days later to my astonishment I saw J. showing one of the St John's boys round after the rugby match, and as they passed the site of the building I heard him explain to the visitor, 'and this is the new punishment block'. The visitor, looked suitably impressed and after an uneasy glance hurried away.

It often seems to happen that we have one appendix a year, and this year is no exception. Late one Saturday evening Stephen Walters was rushed off to St Luke's Hospital, Guildford with a suspected appendix. He was very brave, and chatted and laughed all the way there. It was only when we left that we saw the tiniest sign of a tear. Next morning we learned that he had not been operated on. So after three further days in hospital for observation he finally returned complete with appendix, looking none the worse for his experience, and admitting that he would have liked to stay there for Christmas.

Early in November there were cries of dismay when the 1st and 2nd Forms discovered that the secret details of their play had been posted up on the notice board under the arch. Had they but known it they need not have worried because their play was destined to die before it came to fruition. Continual sickness caused the rehearsals to get behind schedule, and as the health situation showed no sign of improving it was regretfully decided to cancel the play.

Disaster overtook the First XV on their way to St John's. They had hardly left the grounds when the bus refused to go in 3rd and 4th gears. Help was sought and obtained from the A.A. Thinking that the trouble had been put right they continued their journey only to discover that the trouble had not been put right after all. Further efforts to overcome the difficulty proved unavailing, and so the party limped home trying to remain unseen.

On the 29th November we were treated to an unpleasant foretaste of winter. From 8 a.m. all electric power was cut off. As a result we spent the day without heat, without light, without anything. By 4 p.m. we were getting out the emergency supply of oil lamps, and certain individuals were beginning to hope that it would be impossible to have evening study. Fortunately power was restored at 5 p.m. and life returned to normal.

With the arrival of December the term moved swiftly to a close. The exams started on the 3rd. On the 8th we had our annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and by the 10th the trunks were being brought down to the dormitories.

On the last day of term we learned, to our surprise, that J. Cooper was leaving us and returning to Singapore to continue his education out there. We are sorry to lose him and wish him every success in his new school.

## GAMES

**RUGGER:** The enthusiasm of all, especially those who had little chance of getting into a team, but turned out day after day for practice, helped to ensure a successful season. By mid-term the standard of play was quite good and the basic skills were being effectively used. Many of the team have learnt to side-step and swerve well.

After a shaky start, having lost away, we managed to beat St Georges and later we won against Douai Junior away.

The under-11 XV, coached by Mr Aidrian, to whom I am most grateful, gradually improved and ended the season with a most convincing victory against Cranleigh.

**SOCCER:** The team, under-10 XI, though quite sound in defence, except in the last match, never managed to finish off properly, and as a result scored very few goals, though often having possession of the ball for much of the time.

P.A.R.

## MATCH RESULTS

### FIRST XV

St George's College (a) lost 0-6. St George's College (h) won 5-3. Douai (a) won 6-3.

### UNDER-11 TEAM

St John's Beaumont (h) draw 3-3. St George's College (a) lost 3-11.

### SOCCER — UNDER-10 TEAM

Barfield (a) lost 0-1. Branksome-Hilders (a) draw 1-1. Fernden (a) lost 1-9.