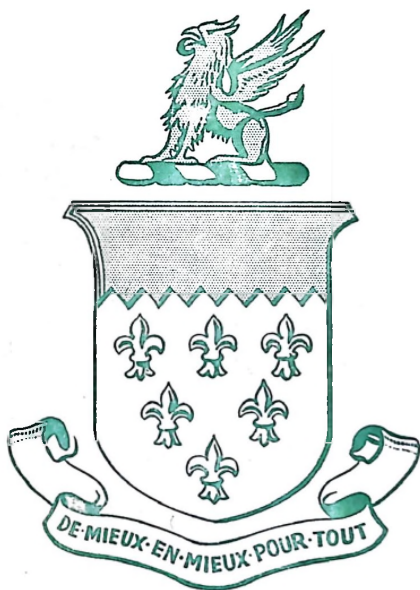


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"De rebus Pastoniensibus et quibusdam aliis."

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Editorial

THE costs of printing are for ever rising and *The Pastonian* has to be kept within financial limits. No-one deplors this more than we do for a school magazine should contain more than a mere factual summary of activities. Nevertheless it has an intrinsic value which is much higher, for in it is represented the contemporary background to any boy's school career.

A recent member of the staff always expressed his belief in the fine Norfolk boy and the justification of this can easily be seen in the light of the life of Pastonians. Since the war the School has forged rapidly to the front in the hierarchy of Norfolk Grammar Schools until one wonders how much further it can go. Once again the Athletics Shields have been won and the Scott-Chadd Trophy retained. In addition the Football eleven have had their best post-war season and Hockey is rapidly becoming an established sport.

That our boys are not averse to working in their spare time is shown in the completion of the Swimming Pool Fund, a concerted effort of the highest merit. Every individual performance, in whatever field of activity and however small, can enable the School prestige to be raised and it is to be hoped that this will always be borne in mind especially by those boys who can never hope to shine in any one particular branch of the School's life.

School Officials

Captain of the School—T. W. Lane.

Vice-Captain—A. M. Spinks.

School Prefects—

D. Belson
M. Blackburn
T. J. Dhonau
B. R. Easlea
W. A. Fiske

R. J. Fenn
J. R. Graveling
G. V. Griston
R. J. Harrison
W. J. Linder

G. F. Lines
A. R. Paterson
G. A. Sarsby
H. Symonds
J. H. Walker

House Captains—
Hoste—G. V. Griston
Nelson—W. A. Fiske
Tenison—G. A. Sarsby
Wharton—R. J. Harrison
Captain of Cricket—G. V. Griston
Captain of Football—G. V. Griston
Captain of Hockey—J. H. Walker
Magazine Committee—
Chairman—Mr. T. A. Edwards
Editor—P. E. Hewitt
Assistant Editor—J. L. Mahoney

Valete

AUTUMN TERM, 1953.

- Form VI—**Maclean R. M.—School Vice-Captain; 1st XI. Hockey (Colours); War Cert. 'A'; Drum Major C.C.F.; Brooks B. J.—School Cross-Country Team.
Form V—Nobbs R. J.—1st XI. Football (Colours); 1st XI. Cricket (Colours); Cushing; Gallant J.—2nd XI. Cricket; Fisher G.—War Cert. 'A'; Cpl. C.C.F.

SUMMER TERM, 1954.

- Form VI—**Belson B. C.—School Prefect, 1st XI. Hockey (Colours); Blackburn M.—School Prefect, 1st XI. Football (Colours), War Cert. 'A'; Easlea B. R.—School Prefect, 2nd XI. Football, War Cert. 'A'; Sgt. C.C.F.; Fiske W. A.—School Prefect, Nelson House Captain, School Cross-Country Team (Colours), 2nd XI. Football, Leading Seaman; Griston G. V.—School Prefect, Hoste House Captain, Captain of Football (Colours), Captain of Cricket (Colours), School Athletics Team (Colours), War Cert. 'A', C.S.M., C.C.F.; Harrison R. G.—School Prefect, Wharton House Captain, School Athletics Team (Colours), Flying Scholarship, Advanced Proficiency Cert., Sgt. C.C.F.; Lane T. W.—Captain of School, Advanced Proficiency Cert.; Lines G. F.—School Prefect, 1st XI. Football (Colours), 1st XI. Cricket (Colours); Linder W. J.—School Prefect, 1st XI. Cricket (Colours), 2nd XI. Football, War Cert. 'A', Sgt. C.C.F.; Spinks A. M.—School Prefect, 1st XI. Cricket (Colours), 2nd XI. Football, Advanced Proficiency Cert., Sgt. C.C.F.; Symonds H. W.—School Prefect, Advanced Proficiency Cert., Cpl. C.C.F.; Rees G. F.—Boarding House Prefect, 1st XI. Hockey (Colours), School Cross-Country Team, Advanced Proficiency Cert., Cpl. C.C.F.; Walker J. H.—School Prefect, Captain of Hockey (Colours), Advanced Proficiency Cert., Cpl. C.C.F.
Form V—Baker B. H.—War Cert. 'A'; Baker R. D.; Bartrum P. E.—2nd XI. Cricket; Biggs J. W.; Bird B. K.; Brown D. H.; Bunn C.—Boarding House Prefect, School Athletics Team (Colours), 1st XI. Cricket, War Cert. 'A', Cpl. C.C.F.; Carver H. E.—War Cert. 'A'; Chambers B. T.—War Cert. 'A'; Clack G. F.; Edwards D. A.—2nd XI. Cricket; Gant N. C.—School Athletics Team (Colours); Grimes G.—1st XI. Cricket (Colours); Hammond D. H.; Jackson M.; Lingwood P.—1st XI. Football (Colours), 1st XI. Cricket (Colours), War Cert. 'A'; Page J.—Richards G.; Slapp G.—School Cross-Country Team; Sturman B.; Thompson M. N.—War Cert. 'A'.

Salvete

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Form Ia—Blyth A. A., Brett P. H., Cole D. J., Cooper D. H., Cutting R. N., Davey R. J., Ellinor R. A., Gaudon R., Gee P. J., Harris P., Hewitt C. A., Howard J., Howes B. J., Jackson P., Lake C., Lambert C. J., Marsh B. W., Pardon J. F., Pye D. J., Rounce W. J., Rushmer P., Simper A. C., Smith I. C., Storey P. E., Sweet D., Symonds T., Thompson P., Ting'e A. F., Ting'e R. W., Tooke M., Waters R., Willson J. R., Boyling P. J.

Form Ib—Alexander A. H., Allen P. F., Barker R. T., Bassingthwaite A., Beer J., Brown D. W., Farrow R., Hough M., Hudson C., Keymer R. J., Last V. J., Lawson S., Martin G. H., Minns J. C., Proud R. A. D., Proud R. J. C., Roll P., Rollins W. D., Slapp J., Smith D. A., Sprinks I. D., Styles B. P., Stimpson A. M., Thompson A. J., Thompson K. R., Townshend J., Tubby O. W., Twiss G., Wilson J., Wortley R. J., Wright A.

SUMMER TERM, 1954.

Form Ib—Morgan, Harland.

Form IIIa—Johnston K.

Form IVm—Robertson J.

Staff

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr. E. R. Buzell who came to teach Geography. We congratulate him on playing Hockey regularly for the County. After Christmas Mr. Tyler took over the Chemistry department and Mr. P. D. Croft came in place of Mr. P. J. Shepherd. To all we wish the very best during their stay with us.

We say good-bye to two members of the staff again this Summer: Mr. A. E. Duffield and Mr. T. A. Edwards. The former is taking a post in Germany and he will be sadly missed, especially by the athletes, whom he largely trained. Mr. Edwards joined the staff in 1947 and he has been a tower of strength ever since. No one else could have managed the VIth form as he has done while their form master, and especially have Editors of the Magazine had reason to be grateful to him for his advice on its publication as Chairman of the Magazine Committee. To both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Duffield we tender our thanks and send good wishes with them for the future.

School Notes

AUTUMN TERM, 1953.

Printed copies of the School Rules were distributed to all boys at the beginning of the term.

Field Day was held on September 29th. The battlefield was Cawston Heath and the enemy was Gresham's School. Our

naval section won special praise in their role as commandos. The air section visited Coltishall where they found the proceedings most uplifting.

At the annual Founders Day service in the Parish Church the Dean of Norwich preached.

After a very close contest with D. G. Amis, the Trafalgar Shield was awarded to R. J. Dixon.

At the Old Boys' Dinner T. W. Lane represented the School. The Besant reading prizes were awarded to R. Wade and R. Mann respectively.

The Corps of Drums, their spirits not damped by the weather, led the Remembrance Sunday parade at North Walsham.

Functions for the Swimming Pool fund during the term have included a Dance in the Gymnasium, and the formation of a Concert Party ably led by Mr. Bennett to the remotest corners of North Norfolk.

SPRING TERM, 1954.

The entire school saw the film "Conquest of Everest" at the cinema. We hope that they will now aspire to greater heights.

On February 5th over 50 candidates were successful in Certificate "A" Part I.

The Upper School attended a concert in the gymnasium on March 9th, given by Mr. Derek Hatton at the piano, with Miss Phyllis Edmundsen as vocalist.

In the School Cross-country race, run on March 17th, R. J. Fenn won the Senior in record time, and B. Jarvis won the Junior race.

The Inter-Schools race followed at Swaffham. The Seniors were placed 4th, and the Juniors 1st.

Two excursions of a very different nature were organised for the Upper School. The first was to "Romeo and Juliet" in Cromer, and the other to an electronics works in Yarmouth.

Several careers films on engineering and banking have been shown.

SUMMER TERM, 1954.

During May most forms visited the Bible Exhibition held in the Parish Church.

Speech Day was held on May 19th. Lord Moran presented the prizes.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" was presented in the gymnasium from May 31st to June 3rd. The high naval traditions of the School were well maintained.

Sports Day was held on June 11th, and at the ensuing Inter-School Sports we again won the Senior and Combined Shields.

After examinations, the Upper Sixth spent a week at Wymondham College.

The Royal Norfolk Show was visited by a large number of boys on July 1st.

The School 1st Eleven again won the Scott-Chadd Cricket Trophy by defeating Hamond's School, Swaffham.

An Open Day was held on July 22nd, when various School activities were watched by parents and friends.

337 boys have attended the School this year.

Term ended on July 23rd.

Examination Results

Scholarship Awards.

Dhonau T. J., Easlea B. R.—State Scholarships.

Easlea B. R.—Norfolk County Major Scholarship.

Spinks A. M.—Norfolk County Major Scholarship.

Symonds H. W.—Norfolk County Major Scholarship.

Ward C. W.—Norfolk County Major Scholarship.

General Certificate of Education—Advanced Level.

(o) Denotes Ordinary Level; (a) Advanced Level Pass.

Belson B. C.—Geography (a); Chemistry (a); Botany (a);

Zoology (o)

Dhonau T. J.—Music (a); Mathematics (a); Physics (a);

Chemistry (a).

Easlea B. R.—Mathematics (a); Further Mathematics (a);

Physics (a); Chemistry (a).

Fiske W. A.—History (a); Geography (a); Mathematics (o).

Griston G. V.—Botany (a); Zoology (o).

Harrison R. G.—Botany (a); Zoology (a); Chemistry (o).

Hewitt P. E.—History (a); English (a); Geography (a).

Lane T. W.—History (a); Geography (a); Mathematics (o).

Linder W. J.—Chemistry (o); Botany (o); Zoology (o).

Lines G. F.—Mathematics (o); Geography (o).

Sarsby G. A.—English (a); History (o); Mathematics (o).

Spinks A. M.—Geography (a); Physics (a); Mathematics (a);

Further Mathematics (a).

Symonds H. W.—Chemistry (a); Botany (a); Zoology (a)

Wade R. C.—English (a); History (a); Geography (o).

Ward C. W.—Chemistry (a); Botany (a); Zoology (a).

Walker J. H.—Physics (a); Chemistry (a); Mathematics (o).

ORDINARY LEVEL.

Figures indicate number of passes gained.

Abel, R. R. (6); Alcock, C. G. (7); Baker, B. H. (6); Baker, R. D. (3); Bartrum, P. E. (5); Beckett, B. A. (6); Biggs, J. W. (4); Bird, B. K. (6); Blaxell, D. (7); Brandwood, D. H. (7); Brawn, D. H. (1); Bunni, C. (4); Carver, H. E. (3); Chambers, B. T. (5); Clack, G. F. (6); Craske, R. S. (6); Crowe, M. L. (7); Denton, J. E. (1);

Denton, J. W. (1); Earl, D. (7); Edwards, D. A. (4); Gant, N. C. (3); Gilham, J. H. (3); Grimes, G. (3); Guest, T. A. (2); Hall, G. S. (7); Hammond, D. H. (6); Harrold, T. W. (7); Hunter, R. R. (7); Jackson, M. (2); Judd, R. W. (1); Kirby, G. A. (4); Lines, B. W. (4); Lines, G. F. (1); Ling, R. M. (5); Lingwood, P. (4); May, R. G. (6); Page, J. (6); Paterson, A. R. (2); Randall, T. J. (7); Records, F. A. (5); Richards, G. (4); Robertson, R. (5); Slapp, G. (2); Spinks, R. G. (3); Sturman, B. (4); Thompson, M. W. (4); Troller, J. E. (6); Wilkinson, B. A. (3); Wymer, I. K. (5); Yarham, D. J. (5).

Speech Day

For the first time the annual Speech Day was held in the Summer term, and on Wednesday, May 19th, the gymnasium was filled with parents and boys.

In his opening speech the new Chairman of the Governors, Mr. T. C. Blofeld, paid tribute to his predecessor, for seven years, Mr. Ketton-Cremor. In his report the Headmaster referred to the healthy state of school activities. The completion of the Swimming Pool Fund was described as "an achievement of which we may well be proud."

Lord Moran presented the prizes and in his talk stressed the importance of doing a job really well. Too few people, he said, were prepared to accept responsibility. A vote of thanks to Lord Moran was proposed by Col. R. G. Cubitt and seconded by Mr. O. M. Tusting. The school song and three hearty cheers for the speaker terminated the proceedings.

Prize List

Vth Form (Additional to Special Prizes): C. C. Blake, A. P. Cox, D. C. Yaxley.

Vth Form: J. Green, J. Buttle, M. Blackburn, J. R. Goldson, A. R. Paterson, M. Sanders.

IVc: 1, D. Brandwood; 2, D. Blaxell; 3, G. S. Hall.

IVm: 1, B. Sturman; 2, P. Chambers; 3, R. Ling.

IIIc: 1, G. Shingles; 2, R. Gaudoin; 3, J. Simpson.

III m: 1, R. Barber; 2, A. Ellis; 3, C. James.

Ila: 1, P. Abbs; 2, R. S. Mann; 3, R. Bennett.

I Ib: 1, B. W. Marsh; 2, R. A. Websdale; 3, F. Craske.

Ia: 1, K. Ronaldson; 2, G. Marshall; 3, W. Ribbands.

Ib: 1, S. C. Parikh; 2, M. Tointon; 3, T. F. Kett.

Besant Prizes for Reading (in memory of W.H.B.): Senior, R. C. Wade; Junior, R. S. Mann.

Headmaster's Prizes for Music (in memory of A.E.A.): R. W. Judd.

Peters Prizes for Latin: Senior, G. L. Skoyles; Junior, G. Shingles.
Suann Prize for Mathematics: E. E. Rump.
Berney Prize for French: G. J. Skoyles.
Burgess Prize for Science: T. James.
Eccles Prize for Natural History: A. Church.
Chairman's Prize for Winner of the Trafalgar Shield: R. J. Dixon.
Wimble Prize for useful service: R. M. Maclean.

CUPS AND SHIELDS.

<i>Trafalgar Shield</i>	...	...	...	R. J. Dixon
<i>Athletics Cup</i>	...	...	...	R. J. Fenn
<i>Mortimer Cup (Junior Athletics)</i>	...	...	...	M. Crowe
<i>Mile Cup</i>	...	...	...	R. J. Fenn
<i>Beck Cup (100 yards)</i>	...	...	...	A. R. Paterson
<i>Paterson Cup (220 yards)</i>	...	...	...	A. R. Paterson
<i>Johnston Cup (440 yards)</i>	...	...	...	A. R. Paterson
<i>Dodds Cup (880 yards)</i>	...	...	...	R. J. Fenn
<i>Bloomfield Cup (High Jump)</i>	...	...	...	R. G. Harrison
<i>Russell Cup (Senior Relay)</i>	...	...	...	Hoste
<i>Edwards Cup (Junior Relay)</i>	...	...	...	Wharton
<i>Redding Cricket Cup</i>	...	...	...	G. V. Griston
<i>Headmaster's Prize for Fielding</i>	...	...	...	R. J. Fenn
<i>Mr. R. G. Pilch's Prize for Bowling</i>	...	...	...	S. J. Mutimer
<i>Football Shield and Tacon Cup</i>	...	...	...	Wharton
<i>Cross Country Cup</i>	...	...	...	Wharton
<i>Watson Cup (Junior Cross Country)</i>	...	...	...	Wharton
<i>Cricket Shield</i>	...	...	...	Tenison
<i>Athletics Shield</i>	...	...	...	Hoste

Swimming Pool Fund

Sports Day saw the official re-opening of the Swimming Pool, and the crowning of much hard work during the last two and a half years. No ceremony marked the occasion; the door was simply opened, parents and boys passed through, and soon the clean, clear water was full of Pastonians enjoying themselves as they had been unable to do since the summer of 1951. Often, since the Swimming Pool Fund was opened in October of that year, it has seemed as if the money would never be raised; £2000 takes an awful lot of getting, and at times we wished that a magician or a Nuffield might descend and with a wave of his wand or a signature in his cheque-book suddenly complete the total. But nothing like that occurred, and the workers for the Fund went steadily on their way—a dance here, a whist drive there, a jumble-sale somewhere else—and parents and boys saw the bank balance surely, if slowly, growing. To us, therefore, the Pool will always be more valuable than if it had been given to us. We have worked for these improvements and therefore we appreciate them the more.

It is impossible to list all those who have helped to raise this money, and it would be invidious to mention some and not all. Everyone knows what he—or more often she!—has done, and so all of them I extend the School's most hearty thanks. They have the satisfaction of knowing that they have equipped The Paston School with something that will be a benefit and a joy to all its members for many years to come.

K.N.M.

H.M.S. PINAFORE

H.M.S. "Pinafore" is one ship on which (or is it "in which"?) every landlubber feels at home, and the School's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera was no exception.

Even at a considerable distance in time from the performances, the melodies continue to insist, and this is almost as much due to an excellent School performance as to Gilbert and Sullivan. Well, almost!

The plot, fable or story of H.M.S. "Pinafore" is a mere formality. Ralph Rackstraw, a worthy but lowly A.B., and Josephine, the daughter of Captain Corcoran, Captain of "The Pinafore," are in love. Alas! the gap between their social positions is too great, and Captain Corcoran has more ambitious plans for his daughter. In other words, he intends Josephine to marry Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty. Fortunately, after a somewhat difficult passage, Ralph and Josephine manage to come together, in spite of the efforts of Dick Deadeye and others.

What delights us about Gilbert and Sullivan is their capacity to amalgamate memorable tunes with engaging lyrics, and at the same time to poke quiet fun at our English institutions.

Sir Joseph Porter's "When I was a lad" gives us a glimpse of the lighter side of the Victorian character, which found its outlet in the corny nonsense of Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear, and the Headmaster gave us a highly satisfying First Lord, adding to a dignified figure an old-world charm which exactly fitted the part. Of Sir Joseph's many relations, we can only say that we welcomed their appearance, with as much, if not more, gusto than we do our own.

P. E. Hewitt, as Rackstraw, sang with clarity and charm, and his melancholy figure rallied our affections. His was a notable performance. Once his initial nervousness had worn off, E. T. Ashton, as Josephine, combined with Ralph to give us some delightful duets and at least one rare piece of Gilbertian humour.

The orders of Captain Corcoran (G. G. Platford), either to laughter or crew, never inaudible—well, hardly ever—and his line "a plump and pleasing person" were awaited with acute anxiety, for the risk of decapitation on his exit through the cabin door seemed greater than even a senior officer of H.M.S. "Pinafore" could be expected to bear.

Mrs. Cripps (P. A. Jenner) soon found her sea legs, and told us her secret at the right dramatic moment, filling us with the correct proportions of sympathy and horror. Of Dick Deadeye (cunningly played by Mr. R. R. S. Bennett) we can hardly bring ourselves to speak, except to say that his evil designs were foiled. The chorus of sailors, who became more tarrily nonchalant with each successive performance, excelled themselves, and G. V. Criston, as Bo'sun Bobstay, rolled with unbelievable jauntiness. Midshipman T. C. Symonds hornpiped admirably, and was held up for our admiring gaze more than once.

Yes, it was a most seaworthy "Pinafore," largely due to Colonel Marshall's direction; and one must not forget that gallant knot of longshoremen (and women), especially Mr. K. B. Mercer who designed the set from the quayside, and Mr. N. A. Cutting's energetic and numerous orchestra, whose splendid overture really did set the tone of the performance.

We enjoyed H.M.S. "Pinafore" immensely; what a pity so few members of the School saw how well their fellows could man Gilbert and Sullivan's charming vessel.

P.D.H.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE"

or *The Lass Who Loved a Sailor*

Dramatis Personae:

The Right Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B.		
(First Lord of the Admiralty)	...	K. N. Marshall
Captain Corcoran		
(Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore)	...	G. G. Platford
Ralph Rackstraw (Able Seaman)	...	P. E. Hewitt
Dick Deadeye (Able Seaman)	...	R. R. S. Bennett
Bill Bobstay (Bo'sun's Mate)	...	G. V. Criston
Bob Becket (Carpenter's Mate)	...	R. S. Craske
Tom Tucker (Midshipmite)	...	T. C. Symonds
Josephine (The Captain's Daughter)	...	E. T. Ashton
Hebe (Sir Joseph's First Cousin)	...	C. E. Lake
Mrs. Cripps (Little Buttercup)	...	P. A. Jenner

CHORUS of First Lord's Sisters, Cousins and Aunts, Sailors and Marines: D. A. Aves, P. J. Boyling, C. Bunn, M. J. Cumming, R. J. Davey, J. W. Denton, G. Emerson, R. J. Fenn, W. A. Fiske, A. Gotts, J. R. Graveling, T. Guest, R. G. Harrison, M. Howell, A. King, M. V. W. Painter, A. R. Paterson, R. E. Pestell, G. F. Rees, M. J. Rushmer, J. Sexton, P. E. Storey, R. Stratton, B. D. Styles, P. Thompson, P. E. Topsom, R. J. J. Waters, J. Wild.

Scene: Aboard H.M.S. Pinafore, off Portsmouth.

Act I—Noon.

Act II—Night.

The Opera Directed by the Headmaster.

Musical Director: Norman Cutting, B.Mus., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.

Scenery designed, built and painted by the School under the direction of R. J. S. Reid and K. B. Mercer.

Lighting by R. R. S. Bennett.

Tom Tucker's Hornpipe arranged by Miss Eileen Page.

Costumes by Charles Fox, London.

The School wishes to thank the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Orchestra :

Violins—R. Butt, A.R.C.M. (Leader)

G. O. Shuffrey

T. Birchenough

Miss Twaddell

Mrs. Bird

Miss Bunney

Miss Martin

Violas—Mrs. Callow, A.R.C.M.

Mrs. Nixon

Celli—Miss Goody

Miss D. Starling

Double Bass—S. Nicholls

Flutes—M. Butcher

Nelson Knight

Oboe—J. McKenna, A.R.C.M.

Clarinet—Miss M. Clark

Cornets—R. Lowe

R. Bloom

Trombones—E. Lowe

B. Curtis

Percussion—T. Dhonau

Pianoforte—R. W. Judd

The Stamp Society

The Society has met regularly during the past year and the attendances have shown that there is a keen interest amongst boys in the meetings arranged.

During the Winter term three meetings took place. At the first an auction of mint George VI and Elizabethan issues was held, 20 per cent. of the proceeds going to Society funds. At the next gathering a talk was given entitled "Stamps in Details," and finally two rather uneven teams contested an "Out of the Hat" Quiz.

To start the next term a competition to identify stamps was won jointly by R. C. Palmer and J. Last. The funds of the Society were able to provide entertainment in the form of a documentary film from Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., entitled "Stamp Errors." The term's talk was provided by R. C. Palmer who chose for a subject United States and Russian Stamps.

Indoor meetings are never popular in a Summer term, and so the Society held only two. At both, competitions were arranged. Stamps with their countries obscured had to be identified and J. Last again won the contest. Finally M. Park selected a series of questions to be answered on certain stamps. The winner at this last meeting was F. Craske.

Once again Mr. Lamb must be thanked for his assistance as President and Treasurer of the Society's modest funds. I hope that next year's secretary, M. Park, will receive as much support from the School enthusiasts as I have had and that the Society will continue to flourish.

W.R.M.

The Museum

Some badges, coins and fine bird cases have been presented during the past year and additions to the collections are always welcomed. At different times exhibitions of a varying nature have been shown, and on Open Day there was a comprehensive display.

Many boys do not appreciate the value of the School Museum. Very few schools possess a museum at all, and the fact that we have a collection which is officially recognised by Norwich Castle Museum Authorities should recommend it to most.

P.E.H.

Music Society

On September 30th a large number of boys attended the showing of the film based on Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. The purpose of the meeting was to enlighten those who listen to orchestral music at home and also those few who attend the concerts of the Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra. It is most regrettable that the difficulties of transport make it impossible for the majority of boys to attend evening performances in Norwich.

In November a recital of gramophone records was given in the Physics Laboratory. The records, which included a Bach 'Brandenburg' Concerto and "The Planets" of Gustav Holst were not heard to the best advantage on the available gramophone. These records were the property of T. J. Dhonau.

In December we had the pleasure of a recital by the three County Music Organisers:

Mr. Twemlow—piano
Mr. McKenna—oboe
Mr. Butt—violin

In the Spring Term a violin and piano recital was given in February by Mr. Shuffrey and Mr. Michael Sanders.

The usual visit to Norwich was made on March 30th to hear the performance of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" conducted by Mr. Twemlow. Twenty boys attended.

A few days before this performance a talk was given on the "St. Matthew Passion" by Dr. Eddy which greatly helped in the appreciation of the performance in Norwich.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Shuffrey for arranging these meetings.

P.E.H.

Inter Sixth Form Society

Fifteen members of the Upper Sixth Form had a very enjoyable time at Wymondham during the first week of July. Altogether sixty-two members from nine schools participated in a series of lectures. These lectures were :—

- 1 The Relevance of Religion—by Canon R. A. Edwards, M.A.
- 2 The Working of Democracy—by Mr. Norman R. Tillett,
M.A., LL.B.
- 3 Economic Aspects of Modern Life—by Mr. F. J. Wright,
M.Sc. (Econ.), B.Com., A.M.I.S.A.
- 4 British Agriculture—by Lord Hastings.
- 5 The Place of Science—by Mr. L. C. Johnson, H.M.I.
- 6 International Affairs—by Mrs. F. Lincoln Ralphs.
- 7 The Opera—by Mr. S. Twemlow.

The members were mixed up and placed in six groups so that after the lecturer had finished the lecture could be discussed. Any questions arising from these discussions were later put to the lecturer who attempted to answer them.

Besides these lectures, which were of a very high standard, other activities took place! Tuesday afternoon was devoted to games which were organised by Mr. Littlechild. On Wednesday there was an excursion to Cambridge. We were given a short talk on maps and were allowed to see the sights. In the evening films were shown, and next day each group gave humorous accounts of the excursion. Thursday afternoon was also a games afternoon, although some members went to see the sights of Wymondham. In the evening there was a social which was attended by Mr. Pearce and Mr. Bailey, whom many members of the School will remember, and most members of the course. I would like to thank those members who thought up the social and ran it. Also I would like to mention how grateful we all are to Dr. Mosby and all the members of the staff who made the course such a success.

B.C.B.

St. George's Parade Windsor Castle 1954

FOR those Pastonians who have no direct contact with the Boy Scout Movement this title will convey little, and also there are some Scouts who, although they may participate in their local St. George's Day Parade, know little of the main parade which is held at Windsor Castle on the Sunday nearest to the 23rd April. Many of you have seen the Gaumont-British Newsreel which filmed part of the parade; this was only a very small part of the full parade, and therefore I shall try and illustrate the parade in its full form from beginning to end.

Although there were a few foreign Scouts present, this parade is essentially for Queen's Scouts or holders of gallantry awards living in the British Isles. The eleven senior Scouts from Norfolk formed a very small part of a parade of over 1,000 Scouts of land, sea and air.

Most contingents had arrived at Windsor by 12.30. The meeting place was the Royal Mews where the Scouts were divided into 'platoons' depending upon the type of hat worn. This was the only possible way of dividing a movement with such a range of differing uniforms; there were black socks, white socks, navy blue shirts, green shirts, and neckerchiefs ranging from blue with white spots to maroon with diagonal white stripes; but this divergence only proved to make the parade more impressive and distinct.

At 2.10 the parade, headed by the band of the Irish Guards, started off on the march through Windsor which was followed by the march past, the salute being taken by the Queen Mother, accompanied by Princess Margaret. This was followed by the main part of the programme, the service in St. George's Chapel. This was a most impressive service with the conventional rafters ringing. A pamphlet was issued with the service sheet to enable visitors to see all the famous exhibits.

When we left the Chapel the appearance of the sun had changed a cold gloomy day into a warm spring one. The streets of Windsor were packed for the march back to the Mews and they were not disappointed with what they saw, for the marching would have been a credit to the Paston School C.C.F. The size of the parade can be estimated by the fact that 'K platoon' which was half-way along, could not hear the band at all, and those who have heard the band of the Irish Guards can vouch for the volume.

This was the concluding part of a most memorable parade, and after the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, had dismissed the gathering, they were left to inspect the grounds of Windsor Castle or to make their way back to their native counties. As a concluding note, I would say to those of you who are Scouts, make sure you get the chance of attending one of these parades and to those who decline to air their knees I would advise you, if you get the chance, of watching this parade; it is a sight which you will never forget, especially if you are an active participant.

W.A.F.

Norfolk's Native Art

Our County of Norfolk is the second largest in England and its agricultural products are of premier importance to the nation's livelihood. Norfolk, however, is not remarked on by 'the man in the street' because of its agriculture, but for two other things: its Broads and its Reed Thatching. Norfolk Reed Thatching is now the only truly rural craft which has prospered yet remained unchanged and so it will remain.

Every year thousands of visitors from all over the British Isles spend their holidays on the Broads and perhaps when they see the wide marshes which surround them they think of their wide acres as being useless. The marsh is not useless, however, for in the autumn and winter when the holiday makers have departed and left the Broads cold and desolate, the marsh springs to life and young reeds spring upwards. By mid-winter the marshes are fields of waving reeds, some of which are over seven feet tall, and the harvest begins.

During January, February and March the marshmen in their thigh-length boots are busy cutting the reed, tying it into bunches and loading it into long, flat-bottomed boats which take it through the dykes to a spot which is accessible to the reed-thatcher's lorry. Every bunch has to be counted, for reed is sold by the bunch or, perhaps, by the 'fathom', (normally there are six bunches to a fathom but if the reed is very long there are only five) to the thatcher by the marshman. The thatcher then takes over, and by the end of May the reed stacked on the marshes has been transported to the thatcher's yard where it is re-stacked and given a protective roof of itself to await use.

The Norfolk thatcher is a true craftsman; the art of thatching is not easily acquired and the thatcher holds no certificates or diplomas but proves his worth by his work. He is an individualist and each thatcher has his own style and one thatcher can tell at a glance who has worked on a recently completed roof. His trade-mark is his work not the fancy design used by the straw-thatchers of the midlands and the south. The thatcher's knives, pins and irons are made at the village smithy; his stake and leggett he makes himself. From the local woods come the hazel which is used for the broches, liggers and sways.

The thatcher begins his work by removing the old thatch from the lower part of the roof. He then takes two or three bunches of reed on his shoulder up his ladder; while he is laying one bunch he rests the others against a wooden stake driven into the old thatch. The eaves are thatched first and the thatcher works around and up the roof until it is completely covered. The reed is secured to the roof by liggers (long lengths of broachwood) which are laid across the reed and nailed to the rafters by hooked irons. The next layer of reed is laid above this and secured by another ligger. At the top the reed is cut to conform to the shape of the ridge and is surmounted by a ridge or 'rubbing' of sedge which is given a decorative pattern of fine broches over the sways and staple-shaped broches which secure it. The sedge itself is laid across the top and secured at each side of the roof, thus there can be no leakage. The reed is knocked firmly into position by the leggett and the fancy-work on the roof is done only with a knife and a leggett.

The thatcher travels all over England in the course of his work but it is his proud boast that he never works on the same job twice. How can he when his work can last for eighty years?

M.B. VI.

Our Heritage

If walls could only speak and tell us more
Of things that happened years ago;
The people who have passed through this old door
And walked across this worn and silent floor;
Of wars that raged around this lonely place
Defended well against a war-like race;
In happy days of peace, the feasts and balls,
Glad laughter echoing through these lofty halls,
Proud families that have dined in plenty here,
The lovely gowns the ladies used to wear;
All these are gone and passed beyond recall,
And these grey walls have stood and shielded all.
Through years to come may these stones firmly stand
As guardians of our old and lovely land.

C. W. Risebrook, IIIb.

Combined Cadet Forces

Royal Naval Section

The Section's annual training took place on board H.M.S. Vanguard, the largest British battleship berthed at Portsmouth. The week's training included visits to H.M.S. Hornet, the M.T.B. base, H.M.S. Dolphin, the submarine base, Whale Island, the centre of naval drill and custom, a day at Lee-on-Solent, the fleet air arm base with a flight as well, and a trip round Portsmouth harbour in a M.F.V., viewing the vessels in reserve. In addition, there were the deck-duties, sailing and pulling.

Although the Section has been without an officer, a considerable amount of work has been done this year and I hope that this will be reflected in the A.B. results at the end of term. The Section were not very successful in the Drill competition, mainly because of the turn out. However, credit was given at the Annual Inspection when the Inspecting Officer was most impressed with the bearing and turn-out of the naval cadets.

Annual training this summer will be on board H.M.S. Agincourt, a destroyer, at Portsmouth, and this smaller ship should prove a complete contrast to the previous year.

Finally I should like to thank all members of the Royal Naval Section who have co-operated in its activities this year and made it such a successful one. I hope you will continue to do so next year when we shall be more fortunate in having an officer in charge of the Section.

W.A.F.

Army and Basic Sections

An enjoyable Field Day was held on Cawston Heath on 29th September last, in conjunction with contingents from Gresham's, Langley and King's Lynn.

The Certificate 'A' Board on 22nd January (Part I) and 19th July (Parts I and II) passed a total of 83 Cadets in Part I and 28 in Part II. These are commendably high figures and speak well for the efficiency of the new Instructors and the keenness of the Cadets.

In a close contest, the Annual Inter-Platoon Drill Competition was won, on 9th April, by No. 1 Platoon.

The Annual Inspection of the Unit was carried out by Captain E. M. Pumphrey, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., on 27th May, 1954. He expressed satisfaction with the varied activities he saw and in a short address to the Contingent stressed the necessity for keeping the Armed Forces of the country at the peak of efficiency, and said that the Cadet Forces should be proud of the part they play in helping to achieve this.

The Annual Camp this year was at Windmill Hill, near Tidworth, from 27th July to 4th August. The very full programme of exercises and demonstrations was carried out with only occasional interference from the weather, and the end of the week found many Cadets not only battle-weary but even slightly sunburnt.

Corps of Drums

On Remembrance Sunday the Corps of Drums led the parade of the British Legion to the War Memorial Park, where the buglers of the Corps sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille." As a token of thanks for the Corps' attendance on these parades a new bugle was presented to them by the North Walsham branch of the British Legion. On Open Day the Corps gave a display of marching and playing. Steady progress has been made throughout the Corps, and the large number of junior boys who have joined this year are beginning to look more like bandmen than they did at first.

G.G.P.

R.A.F. Section

The past year has seen the R.A.F. Section grow to its greatest-ever strength, for new members brought its strength up to 45, necessitating the formation of a second flight. This number has been instructed by four N.C.O.'s, Flt./Sgt. Toogood from Group Headquarters, and F.O. Bennett.

The success of the instruction may be judged from the fact that every cadet entered for examination in the Christmas Term, 1953, was successful, obtaining either the Proficiency or Advanced Proficiency Certificate. All members gaining the latter did so with passes at credit level. Other successes were gained by cadets, three in number, who attended a gliding course at Swanton Morley in the Easter vacation. Sgt. Harrison was awarded a Flying Scholarship, of which he took full advantage, and has also been selected as suitable for an overseas flight.

In what seems to be becoming almost a tradition, the Section was placed second in the Annual Drill Competition, in spite of the fact that the two flights had to parade as one for the first time; in the Annual Inspection the usual high standard for smartness in turn-out and drill was maintained, although the medical standard of some candidates seemed below that required.

The year began with a Field Day at R.A.F. Coltishall; this was not particularly successful, apart from flying. The lack of success was due largely to lack of co-operation from the authorities at the airfield, and here is a thought with which to end: if more cadets are to be encouraged to join R.A.F./C.C.F. units, more help must be forthcoming from the Royal Air Force itself.

A.M.S.

House Reports

Hoste House

I think that my most pleasant duty this year as House captain has been to welcome Mr. E. R. Burrell, our new House Master. Under Mr. Burrell there are signs of a recovery in the sporting field. This year the senior football team managed to win a match, but I must congratulate G. G. Platford and D. Shreeve on the award of their School Football Colours.

The House provided four players for the School Hockey XI; Walker, Paterson and Rees received colours and Goldson played throughout the season.

Three House members have received Athletics colours this year: Woods, Platford, Mainman; while A. R. Paterson was chosen to represent Norfolk in the Three Counties Sports.

Although the House has not had any winning teams, it has provided Captains for the School Football, Cricket and Hockey teams.

The highest honour possible of all was paid to the House when one of its members, T. W. Lane, was chosen as School Captain.

I hope that in the future the fortunes of the House will improve; whether this is so must depend largely upon the efforts of the Junior members of the House.

G.V.G.

Nelson House

In some respects this has not been a successful year for the Nelsonians in that we have not succeeded in carrying off every House Trophy, but this does not necessarily mean that we have not had a good year. In all branches of school life Nelsonians have shown keenness and interest and I feel that with more effort from those who consider themselves inferior in sport and School work and with a little more luck the House would have collected more trophies.

Nelson has been handicapped in having few "sporting types" in the VIth. and so the House has had to rely on the lower part of the School. The first form XI. reached the final of the J.F.L. Cup and were only narrowly beaten. In the Athletic sphere of sport Dhonau, Gant and Craske must be mentioned whilst Hewitt has been of immense value to the House solidly supporting all activities. We were knocked out of the cricket competition by Tenison, the ultimate winners, but the game was enjoyed by all which surely is of more importance. Sturdy batting by Henson is of particular note.

Congratulations go to Cushing for gaining his House colours at the end of the Autumn term, and to Hammond, Craske, Fittle, Guest, Gant and Edwards who gained them at the Summer term. Colours provide the ideal answer to the problem of boys who work for the benefit of the House and who receive little credit for it.

I am sure that I speak for all Nelsonians when I say how sorry we were to lose the keenest member of the House for a very long time, Mr. Pearce. I wish my successor all the very best of luck in his job and hope he will lead the House to greater success and prestige backed by an enthusiastic team.

W.A.F.

Tenison House

Well done Tenison! The promise shown last year has materialised and apart from athletics our achievements have been far above the average. Tenison is at last the champion House.

After being runner-up in the football competition for the past two years, Tenison is the football champion. Much of this success was due to the skill of Graveling, our captain, and the other 1st XI players, but everybody did his best and we were unbeaten. In a special hockey competition Tenison was again the winner.

In the cross-country races the Juniors prevented humiliation. They won the Watson Cup, but the more studious Seniors plodded home a weary third. Armes and Hunter V. are to be congratulated on being chosen for the School teams.

Athletics has once again been our stumbling block. The efforts of Bunn, Crowe, Armes, Blyth and Storey managed to make us second equal but a more active interest in athletics is essential if Tenison is to win athletic honours.

The cricket shield, won last year, has been retained without too much effort. In the first round Nelson, who made only 55, were easily beaten. The performances of Graveling, Lines and Sarsby were of the highest order. The expected struggle with Wharton in the final did not materialise. With well-placed fields and good fielding, Graveling and Lines dismissed Wharton for a meagre 32 and, despite the efforts of Spinks and Lingwood, Wharton were beaten by 6 wickets. Palmer's innings (16) was invaluable.

Tenison has, therefore, had a very successful year, and in recognition of this, House colours have been awarded to Belson, Burns, Easlea and G. Lines, and to them we offer our heartiest congratulations.

To my successor I wish the best of luck, and I hope that next year Tenison will strive to even greater heights and carry off all the major honours.

G.A.S.

Wharton House

On thinking back over the past year I have finally come to the conclusion that this has been the best year for Wharton since I came to this school. I think that in all spheres of school life the members of the house have done their share, and with a minimum of arguing.

At football the house teams maintained a very high standard coming a very good second to Tenison. Our only first eleven players were Fenn, Blackburn and Lingwood, but we had a team of steady players who could work together as a team.

Our Cricket team was not quite as good as it has been in past years but we beat Hoste in the inter-house competition. However we were convincingly beaten in the final by Tenison. Fenn, Lingwood and Spinks were our most noted cricketers.

With no School Hockey players in our House side we had rather a poor season. We lost to Hoste in the first part of the inter-house hockey competition although by only a small margin.

A shooting competition was organised this year between the Houses and this we won by first beating Tenison by 127 pts. to 122 and then in the final by winning against Nelson 131 pts. to 112.

In the Athletics sphere we regained the top position after a lapse of one year. In the cross-country we obtained first place for the Cross-country Cup in the Seniors and were second in the Juniors. Fenn won the senior event by completing the course in 25 minutes 27 seconds, breaking the record by 19 seconds, Hillenbrand was second man home and Lingwood (4th), Yarham (7th) and Nelson (11th). The Juniors did almost as well and Barber R. W. (2nd), Waters (8th) and Keymer (9th) are to be congratulated.

On the Athletics field we were easily the best House, winning the Inter-house competition with 147 pts. against the 96 of our nearest rival. In the standards we further increased our lead by 20 pts.

Congratulations to Fenn on gaining the Dodds Cup for the Senior 880 and the Athletics Cup for the best performance, clipping 2.2 seconds from the old record. He also won the Old Boys' Cup for the mile.

Barber R. broke the Middle Javelin record and also won the 440 and High Jump. Other winners were Waters, Grand and Keymer.

In the Swimming Relay, the only swimming sports we had, Blackburn, B., Blackburn, M., Skillings and Ling brought us victory.

House colours have been awarded this year to Blackburn, M., Denton and Lingwood—Congratulations.

Finally I should like to wish the best of luck to my successor and hope that the members of this House give of their best for him as they have all given for me.

R. G. H.

Cricket

1st XI. REPORT.

The season 1954 was not as successful as the two preceding ones; this was, however, to be expected from a younger and less experienced team. Even so, they must be congratulated upon winning the Scott-Chadd Cup for the second year running.

The batting has been steady with several good opening partnerships of about 50. The tail has wagged on various occasions to save the side. The fielding has been good, with Platford, Graveling and Sarsby outstanding. Fenn has kept wicket as well as ever.

Finally to congratulate the new colours, W. J. Linder, P. C. Lingwood, A. M. Spinks and G. R. Grimes; and to thank our scorer, P. Hewitt, and our umpires, Palmer and Hunter.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
17	9	3	5

G.V.G. (Capt.)

1st XI. MATCHES.

SCHOOL v. HICKLING C.C.

May 1st—Home.

Result—Won by 22 runs.

School: 59 (Graveling 18, Lingwood 15*).*Hickling*: 37 (Linder 3 for 9).

Team: Sarsby, Fenn, Graveling, Platford, Linder, Spinks, Lingwood, Grimes, Henson, Guest, Bartrum.

Batting first, the School offered little opposition until Graveling arrived. Apart from Graveling and Lingwood, lack of practice was obvious. The wickets were shared by the School bowlers, Linder being the most successful.

SCHOOL v. NORWICH NATIVES.

May 6th—Home.

Result—Lost by 5 wickets.

School: 91 (Griston 47, Sarsby 13; Grant 7 for 5).*Natives*: 96 for 5 (Clapham 38*, Rainer 20).

Team: Griston replaced Guest.

Batting first, the School lost 2 wickets for 14. A partnership of 50 by Sarsby and Griston, the latter forcing the pace, promised a high total. The remaining batsmen, however, gave the bowlers little trouble. Fielding, the School found themselves up against a strong batting side and their total was passed for the loss of 5 wickets.

SCOTT-CHADD CUP (1st Round).

SCHOOL v. FAKENHAM G.S.

May 8th—Away.

Result—Won by 52 runs.

School: 112 (Linder 23, Sarsby 16, Lingwood 15, Platford 13, Henson 12; Parfitt 5 for 39).

Fakenham: 60 (Parfitt 24, Lewis 12; Graveling 5 for 8).

Team: Edwards replaced Bartrum.

Platford opened the School innings and played the fast bowlers with confidence. However, when Parfitt came on the batsmen were never happy, apart from Sarsby. The side had cause to be grateful to Linder and Lingwood who added 40 for the eighth wicket. Apart from Parfitt, the Fakenham batsmen could not play accurate bowling especially by Graveling. Colours were awarded to W. J. Linder.

SCHOOL v. NORTH WALSHAM POLICE.

May 12th—Home.

Result—Won by 7 wickets.

N.W. Police: 64 (Locke 21; Griston 4 for 23, Graveling 3 for 15).*School*: 65 for 3 (Sarsby 24, Fenn 20, Platford 13).

Team: Griston, Sarsby, Fenn, Graveling, Platford, Linder, Lingwood, Grimes, Guest, Bartrum, Edwards.

Playing 12 a side, the Police batted first, and apart from Locke and Sgt. Chapman, who smote a lusty 6, the batting was weak. The School batted well, but painfully slowly, and had no difficulty in passing the Police total with 7 wickets standing.

SCHOOL v. OVERSTRAND C.C.

May 15th—Home.

Result Draw.

Overstrand: 128 (Garner 52, Green L. 30, Turner 19; Graveling 3 for 14, Spink 3 for 28).

School: 107 for 7 (Sarsby 41, Graveling 15; Ryder P. 4 for 25).

Team: Bartrum was omitted.

Overstrand, batting first, were lucky not to lose Garner on several occasions. Green and Turner played brief but punishing innings. Few chances were missed in the field. After a bad start, Sarsby carried the School along and was not out until the score had reached 87 for 6. The School batsmen did not score quickly enough, however, to force a victory.

PASTON AND FAKENHAM G.S.'s v. NORFOLK CLUB AND GROUND.

May 26th—at Fakenham.

Result—Lost by 5 wickets

Schools: 86 (Parfitt 58; Thompson 4 for 30).

Norfolk C. and G.: 88 for 5 (Thistleton-Smith 37, Hoff 20; Griston 2 for 5, Parfitt 3 for 30).

Team: Lewis, Platford, Parfitt, Griston, Sarsby, Brett, Graveling, Fenn, Linder, Smith, Spinks.

Apart from P. Parfitt, the School batsmen failed miserably against a higher standard of bowling than they are accustomed to. Club and Ground scored quickly, Parfitt and Griston sharing the wickets.

SCHOOL v. NORWICH ETCETERAS.

May 29th—Home.

Result—Lost by 40 runs.

Etceteras: 116 (Vickery 29, Towlsow 20).

School: 76 (Grimes 19, Sarsby 16; Vickery 4 for 14).

Team: Lines replaced Edwards.

The Etceteras amassed a good total in spite of a capable all-round performance in the field by the School team. The School batting order was disrupted owing to an opera rehearsal. This rather unsettled the team apart from the imperturbable Sarsby and Grimes.

SCOTT-CHADD CUP—(2nd Round).

SCHOOL v. KING EDWARD VII., KING'S LYNN.

June 12th—Home.

Result—Won by 2 wickets.

King's Lynn: 85 (Johnson 19, Parnell 17, Herrington 14; Griston 5 for 16).

School: 86 for 8 (Sarsby 18, Griston 14; Rackham 5 for 14).

The Lynn opening pair scored slowly but steadily and succeeded in playing off the School opening bowlers. The School fielding was good and gave little away. Lynn's middle batsmen collapsed against the spinners. It was only a stand by Parnell and Juggins that saved them from complete rout. Fenn kept wicket extremely well, allowing only 1 bye and taking a smart stumping.

Platford was bowled by Rackham second ball, but Fenn and Sarsby batted dourly if slowly to make the score 26. They were then out one after the other. Griston and Graveling added a further 20 in poor light before Griston walked into a straight one from Rackham and was l-b-w after 66 for 8. Linder and Lingwood succeeded in getting the required runs, Lingwood in his own particular aggressive manner. Lingwood received colours.

SCHOOL v. BRACONDALE.

June 16th—Home.

Result—Won by 30 runs.

School: 101 for 5 (Graveling 52, Fenn 14, Grimes 11, Lingwood 10; Moore 5 for 42).

Bracondale: 71 (Brighton 26; Graveling 4 for 11, Bunn 4 for 16).

Graveling's innings was the feature of the School's batting, at no time did he appear to be troubled. He was well supported by Grimes, Lingwood, Linder and Fenn. Only Brighton of the Bracondale batsmen offered little opposition to good bowling by Graveling and Bunn.

SCHOOL v. OVERSTRAND C.C.

June 19th—at Overstrand.

Result—Lost by 8 wickets.

School: 35 (Platford 11; Ryder 11, 5 for 14, Green 4 for 12).

Overstrand: 145 for 8 (L. Green 37, Culley 20).

Team: As for King's Lynn.

The School batted first, and apart from Platford, gave a miserable display. P. Ryder getting a hat-trick with Fenn, Sarsby and Griston. Overstrand passed the School total with 8 wickets in hand and went on to score 145 for 8 dec.

SCHOOL v. FAKENHAM G.S.

June 26th—Home.

Result—Draw.

School: 135 for 5 (Griston 36, Platford 31, Fenn 21).

Fakenham: 106 for 9 (Parfitt 45, Lewis 26).

Team: Same.

Platford and Fenn gave the School a very sound start with a partnership of 57 runs. They were both out then without further scoring. Griston and Sarsby carried the score along to 109 when they were both out at the same total. Graveling and Grimes were not out when the School declared. Lewis and Parfitt scored most of the Fakenham runs, unfortunately the latter was dropped off an easy chance early on. The end was tense, but Smith just managed to play out time.

SCHOOL v. NORTH WALSHAM C.C.

July 2nd—Home.

Result—Won by 3 runs.

School: 95 for 4 (Platford 25, Fenn 40, Griston 18).

Town C.C.: 92 (Gibbons 22, Burton 18, Warnes G. 18; Spinks 3 for 16).

Team: Edwards replaced Lingwood.

Once more the School opening pair gave the School 50 runs on the board before Platford was out. Fenn was unfortunate in being run out after scoring 40. Graveling and Henson were not out when the School declared. The Town went for the runs and with 5 minutes to go, 3 runs to win and 1 man to come, they looked like succeeding, but 2 quick wickets by Graveling won the game for the School.

SCHOOL v. MR. GRANTHAM-HILL'S XI.

July 3rd—Home.

Result—Draw.

School: 159 for 2 (Griston 69*, Sarsby 55).

H. G.-H.'s XI.: 103 for 8 (Kendall 25, Bartrum 22, Nelson 19*).

Team: Grimes, Sarsby, Griston, Graveling, Henson, Linder, Lingwood, Lines, Edwards, Guest, Spinks.

The School batsmen attacked the bowling with great vigour, Grimes being bowled by Mr. Burrell when the score stood at 46. Griston now joined Sarsby and the rampage continued until Mr. Bracegirdle, unperturbed by previous treatment, cunningly tempted Sarsby about one-third of the way down the wicket, to be stumped by Nobbs. Kendall, Bartrum and Nelson were leading scorers when rain stopped play. The School could not decide whether they were robbed or saved, with Mr. Bracegirdle in and Mr. Grantham Hill to come.

SCHOOL v. C.N.S.

July 10th—At Norwich.

Lost by 3 wickets.

School: 93 (Graveling 35, Sarsby 14, Lingwood 14; Wesley 3 for 26).

C.N.S.: 94 for 7 (Schofield 22, Wesley 25, Potter 21*; Griston 3 for 20).

Team: Fenn and Platford replaced Edwards and Guest.

The School opened fairly steadily and Graveling batted very well indeed. Had he had a little more support from the tail the score might have been much improved. Lingwood was the only one who was at all successful.

Despite steady bowling and some keen fielding by the School, C.N.S. recovered from 49 for 5 and just beat the clock to win.

SCHOOL v. CROMER C.C.

July 14th—Home.

Result—Draw.

School: 83 for 8 (Lingwood 26, Graveling 18, Fenn 16*; Burdett 4 for 25).

Cromer: 81 for 7 (Donge 30*, Leeds 16; Graveling 3 for 14).

The School did not start well and it was not until Graveling came in that the runs came. Fenn and Lingwood came in later and scored quickly to make a reasonable total. Cromer made their runs quickly and it was only the clock and some good bowling by Graveling that saved the School.

SCHOOL v. OLD PASTONIANS.

July 17th—Home.

School: 35 for 1. Rain stopped play.

SCOTT-CHADD CUP FINAL.

SCHOOL v. SWAFFHAM G.S.

July 19th—at Fakenham. Result—Won by 49 runs.

School: 67 (Platford 24, Fenn 18; Youngs 5 for 13).

Swaffham: 18 (Mindham 9; Griston 4 for 2, Spinks 3 for 6).

Team: G. Platford, R. Fenn, G. Sarsby, G. Griston, J. Graveling, Henson, Grimes, P. Lingwood, W. Linder, G. Lines, Spinks.

This match was not quite what was expected of it, everyone appeared to be overawed by the importance of the occasion. In trying to play carefully runs were wasted and wickets thrown away on both sides.

The School lost the toss and were put in. The opening pair started steadily if very slowly. This however, was preferable to the miserable collapse which followed. Henson tried hard to stay there but he was finally dismissed.

The School went into the field feeling the need for a keen display. This they certainly gave, the fielding and bowling had seldom been better during the season. The Swaffham innings was even slower and less aggressive than the School's and they were finally dismissed for 18 runs, collected off 36 overs. Colours were awarded to A. Spinks.

SCHOOL v. YARMOUTH G.S.

July 20th—Away. Result—Won by 6 wickets.

Yarmouth G.S.: 74 (Gilder 24, Caton 10; Lines 3 for 8).

School: 75 for 4 (Griston 41, Sarsby 28*; Caton 2 for 10).

Team: Same.

Yarmouth chose to bat first and the scoring once more was extremely slow, the School bowling and fielding being of the usual high standard. The School lost 2 quick wickets and then Sarsby and Griston attacked the bowling with great ferocity, upsetting the field by taking quick singles, between slashing boundaries. The runs were scored in just under an hour.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

G. A. Sarsby*—A number three who this year has been the most consistent and successful bat. He led the averages and often proved the mainstay of the batting. A very good fielder.

R. J. Fenn*—Opening batsman with many strokes who can score runs freely when he tries. An excellent wicket-keeper with a good record.

G. G. Platford*—A stylish batsman and Fenn's opening partner, with whom he had several good opening stands. An excellent slip-fielder. Received Headmaster's Fielding Prize.

J. R. Graveling*—Found his true form again near the end of season and scored freely. A good inexpensive medium fast bowler who took a large number of wickets. A very good close fielder.

G. F. Lines* Started late in season and was not fully fit, but bowled quite well if at times rather erratically. A good fielder.

W. J. Linder—A much improved batsman, but he is too fond of the leg sweep. A slow bowler who spins the ball considerably. Fielding vastly improved.

P. C. Lingwood—A fast bowler who has not been as successful as was expected. On occasions saved the side with useful innings. A trifle slow in the field.

A. M. Spinks—The opening bowler with Lingwood. Bowled well but at times appeared to lack attacking pace.

G. R. Grimes—A useful bat who scored his runs quickly. In the field he must move more quickly.

Henson—A batsman who should do well in seasons to come. Must be quicker between the wickets and in the field.

G.V.G.

G. V. Griston—Big innings were fewer this wet summer, but included was the highest since the war. Perhaps the cares of captaincy (efficiently performed) took the edge off some of his play, but, nevertheless, his bowling was again very effective and the side performed very keenly, under his leading, in the field. He also captained the Norfolk Grammar Schools' XI. His record in the 1st XI., during 5 seasons, has been quite outstanding, over 1200 runs at an average of 24, and over 100 wickets at 7 runs each.

H.G.-H.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.	Times		Runs.	Highest	
	Innings.	Not Out.		Score.	Average
G. A. Sarsby	16	2	265	55	18.9
G. V. Griston	15	1	257	69*	18.3
J. R. Graveling	16	5	190	52*	17.3
R. J. Fenn	15	3	167	40	13.9
P. C. Lingwood	11	3	97	26	12.1
G. G. Platford	16	1	166	31	11.1
— Grimes	13	2	92	19	8.3
W. J. Linder	11	1	66	23	6.6
A. Spinks	7	4	20	10	6.6
— Henson	13	3	41	13*	4.1
G. F. Lines	5	—	15	8	3.0

BOWLING.		Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av'age
J. R. Graveling	...	77.1	24	194	32	6.06
W. J. Linder	...	46.4	11	159	17	9.35
G. V. Griston	...	120.1	34	310	33	9.4
G. F. Lines	...	37	9	104	11	9.5
A. Spinks	...	103	29	219	23	9.52
P. P. C. Lingwood	...	94	24	265	13	20.4

Catches—Platford 9; Griston 7; Spinks and Fenn 6; Sarsby Linder and Graveling 5.

Stumpings—Fenn 8; Edwards 1.

Other XI's

Played 18. Won 13. Drawn 1. Lost 4.

The 2nd XI was too strong for Red House, Buxton, and Duncan House in their 4 matches, though the latter school avoided defeat one wet afternoon. The bowling of Bunn devastated the opposition, and Bartrum also bowled better than was really required. Other features of the side were Edwards' wicket-keeping and patient left-hand batting, along with that of Guest, another left-hander, who collected two big scores. Abel captained the team, which included several junior XI players.

The Junior XI began weakly by losing to Fakenham by 2 wickets, although Nelson, Lancaster and Shingles had given the batting a useful start; then followed a dismal display against King's Lynn which showed the need for some team changes and more intensive practice. Improvement came quickly. Fakenham were beaten by 98 to 42, Daniels (39) and Jenner having a 7th wicket stand of 51, and Lancaster taking 7 wickets for 13. North Walsham were beaten by almost 100 runs, Nelson (24), Lancaster (34) and Shingles (20) scoring freely; and then C.N.S. were beaten by 74 to 38. This was their best performance; the fielding was keen, and with Salmon keeping wicket well, the bowling always appeared hostile; Daniels had a good match, scoring 25 and taking 4 for 15. The season ended with a victory over Stalham by 11 runs, but only Lancaster and Nelson in batting and Daniels and Carver in bowling and did anything of which to be proud.

Nelson (left-handed and difficult to uproot), B. Lancaster and Shingles were the most consistent batsmen, though Daniels possesses a greater range of strokes (also left-handed). The bowlers often tried for pace before length and direction, but by the end of the season, Carver and Lancaster were fulfilling their promise of previous years, and Daniels, with swing added to his old accuracy, was very dangerous. The fielding, under 1st XI guidance, improved greatly during the season. Wild, Simpson and I. Lancaster performed usefully in the team which Daniels captained well.

An Under 15 XI lost to Hamond's School by 2 wickets in a two innings match, being unable to manage the bowling of a small opponent who took 13 wickets for 14.

The Under 14 XI won all its matches. Against Fakenham they only scored 30, of which Gibbon collected half, but the combination of speed and guile—i.e., Morris and Tointon—dismissed Fakenham for 23. Duncan House were twice beaten by considerable numbers of wickets, and Fakenham beaten a second time by 113 to 72; in this match Bacon played a brilliant innings of 52 (including a six and 10 fours), hitting with surprising power, and Morris took 6 for 13 in a prolonged spell of good fast bowling. The bowling of Morris was the chief feature of the team, as he had increased the length of his run-up and his speed; this brought more wickets and more extras, despite the efforts of Harrison behind the stumps. Harrison was a much improved cricketer this season, and Hutchings and Beales also deserve mention for improved form.

The J.C.C. only had two matches, beating a town boys' team and losing to N.W.M.S.S. There were no particularly good performers in these games, but on other occasions it was seen that Brett has some fine batting shots and ability to make big scores, that Blyth and Storey are also promising batsmen, Barker, Gee and Gaudoin the best of the bowlers, and that there is plenty of cricket in Bassingwaite, Willson and Tooke.

H.G.-H.

Football

The past season has undoubtedly been the School's most successful since the war. The record of played 17, won 13, drawn 3, and lost 1, is, I think, a praiseworthy effort.

Throughout, the First Eleven has played football of a high standard; the defence being sound and reliable and the forwards clever and forceful. Unfortunately, R. J. Nobbs left in the middle of the season, but his successor in goal, Cook, has been admirable. I must congratulate G. G. Platford, R. J. Nobbs, D. R. Shreeve, M. Blackburn, P. C. Lingwood, and G. F. Lines on gaining their first eleven colours this season. All that remains is for me to wish my successor and his team as enjoyable and successful a time as in the year 1953-1954.

G. V. Griston (*Capt.*)

First Eleven Records—

Played 17	Won 13	Drawn 3	Lost 1
Goals for 63		Goals against 25	

Appearances—

J. R. Graveling	.....17	G. G. Platford	.....17	M. Blackburn	.....17
P. C. Lingwood	.....17	R. J. Fenn	.....16	G. A. Sarsby	.....16
D. Shreeve	.....16	G. V. Griston	.....15	G. F. Lines	.....13
Salmon	.....12	Linder	.....7	R. J. Nobbs	.....7
Cook	.....7	Fiske	.....4	Robertson	.....3
Randall	.....2	Hammond	.....1		

Leading Goal Scorers—

Lingwood.....21	Blackburn.....14
Lines.....7	Fenn .....6

1st XI. RESULTS.

Sept. 26th. SCHOOL v. STALHAM RESERVES. *Away.*

The School allowed Stalham to score first. However, they soon took command of the game and won what proved to be a rather one-sided match.

*Result—Won 5-1. Scorers—*Lingwood 2, Lines, Graveling, Blackburn.

Oct. 10th . SCHOOL v. THETFORD G.S. *Away.*

The team's football showed improvement. The forwards, led by Blackburn, were ready for chances, but in some cases were rather wild. The defence covered efficiently, and Nobbs gave a sound display in goal.

*Result—Won 3-0. Scorers—*Lingwood, Lines, Shreeve.

Oct. 14th. SCHOOL v. BRACONDALE. *Away.*

This was played against younger and smaller opponents who were outrun and outplayed. The forwards scored some excellent goals, assisted by the defence who were largely idle.

*Result—Won 11-0. Scorers—*Blackburn 4, Lingwood 3, Fenn 2, Lines, Griston.

Oct. 17th. SCHOOL v. C.N.S. *Away.*

Everyone played constructive football and the School deserved to win the match, the players reaching the ball before their opponents. The defence, notably Sarsby and Platford, used passes to good effect, and the forwards were unlucky not to score more often. Nobbs was awarded his colours after the match.

*Result—Won 2-1. Scorers—*Blackburn, Lingwood.

Oct. 24th. SCHOOL v. FAKENHAM G.S. *Away.*

The School's football was not of the usual standard at first and we were 2-1 down at half-time. The team played with renewed vigour in the second half and scored 3 good goals in the last 15 minutes.

*Result—Won 4-2. Scorers—*Lines, 2, Blackburn, Graveling.

Nov. 7th. SCHOOL v. YARMOUTH G.S. *Home.*

Playing against the slope, the School were two goals in arrears at half-time. With the wind and slope, the team replied with two goals in the second half and were unlucky not to score more in this keenly contested match.

*Result—Draw 2-2. Scorers—*Lingwood 2.

Nov. 18th. SCHOOL v. BRACONDALE. *Home.*

Bracondale fielded a much stronger side than previously, and there was no score at half-time. Afterwards the School applied more pressure and won comfortably.

Result—Won 6-0. *Scorers*—Lingwood 2, Sarsby, Fiske, Lander, Blackburn.

Nov. 21st. SCHOOL v. SWAFFHAM G.S. *Home.*

The team, playing with the slope, were able to obtain a lead early in the game. Later, though, the defence crumbled completely against a strong attack and the School would have lost but for a final goal by Graveling.

Result Drew 4-4. *Scorers*—Blackburn 2, Lingwood, Graveling.

Nov. 28th. SCHOOL v. D. V. KENDALL'S XI. *Home.*

This more experienced team soon had the School in trouble, and at half-time the opposition were two goals in the lead. A penalty paved the way for a recovery, however, and two more quick goals lead the School to victory.

Result—Won 3-2. *Scorers*—Lingwood, Shreeve, Fenn.

Dec. 5th. SCHOOL v. FAKENHAM G.S. *Away.*

For the second time this season the School enjoyed a hard tussle against Fakenham. Shreeve, playing well on the wing, opened the scoring with a well placed lob. Lingwood scored from a penalty in the second half, and the opponents received a consolation goal. Sarsby was outstanding in a defence seldom troubled.

Result—Won 3-1. *Scorers*—Shreeve, Lines, Lingwood.

Jan. 16th. SCHOOL v. NORWICH CITY COLLEGE. *Home.*

A vigorous game in which the School forwards showed their superiority.

Result—Won 4-0. *Scorers*—Lingwood 2, Blackburn, Salmon.

Jan. 23rd. SCHOOL v. C.N.S. *Home.*

This was a very even game with the goals being scored alternately. The defence were able to repel a final onslaught after Lingwood had scored what proved to be the winning goal. Blackburn was awarded his colours.

Result—Won 4-3. *Scorers*—Fenn 2, Blackburn, Lingwood.

Feb. 20th. SCHOOL v. FAKENHAM G.S. *Home.*

A truly fast and furious game in which Fakenham, playing with the slope, led by 4-2 at half-time. The School pressed hard but missed several chances, including two penalties, and lost the game.

Result—Lost 3-5. *Scorers*—Lingwood, Fenn, Blackburn.

Mar. 6th. SCHOOL v. NORWICH CITY COLLEGE. Away.

Against a stronger side than before, the team attacked from the beginning, Salmon scoring within ten minutes. The play deteriorated however, and we permitted an equaliser to be scored near the end.

Result—Drew 1-1. Scorer—Salmon.

Mar. 13th. SCHOOL v. YARMOUTH G.S. Away.

The School attacked from the start and two excellent goals were scored before half-time. At the restart Yarmouth played with renewed hope. Shreeve clinched the game with a lobbed goal, and afterwards was awarded his colours.

Result—Won 3-1. Scorers—Lingwood, Blackburn, Shreeve.

Mar. 27th. SCHOOL v. SWAFFHAM G.S. Away.

The School team was on top form, the defence especially, and the forwards were always well supplied with passes. Swaffham managed to slip through towards the end. Colours were given to Lingwood.

Result—Won 2-1. Scorer—Lingwood 2.

April 3rd. SCHOOL v. PLUMSTEAD F.C. Home

In a very even game speed and stamina were to count. The first half ended with the score at 1-1, but our forwards were able to score again, due largely to the impeccable defence.

Result—Won 3-1. Scorers—Lingwood, Shreeve, Salmon.

FIRST XI. CHARACTERS.

Cook—Played extremely well in goal during the latter part of the season. Takes shots on the ground or in the air with equal confidence.

G. G. Platford—Right-back, has improved this season in covering and positional play, recovers more rapidly than last year. Uses his height to advantage in the air.

Salmon—Right-half. A stocky and hard playing defender. Covers ground very rapidly and combines play well with the forwards. Should do well next year.

**G. A. Sarsby*—Centre-half. The mainstay of the defence. Wastes no time and his first time clearances gave the School forwards many chances.

**J. R. Graveling*—Left-half. Played consistently well throughout the season. Provided the link between the defence and the attack. Scored some useful goals from long distances.

**R. J. Fenn*—Right-wing. A winger of considerable speed who has good ball control which at times he insisted on exercising for periods longer than necessary. Provided many scoring chances with well placed centres.

G. F. Lines—Inside-right. Did a great deal of work. Very useful with his head and possesses a hard shot with both feet which was all too seldom seen.

M. Blackburn—Centre-forward. A player of great use with both head and feet. Took many goals near the line but should try and shoot from further out.

P. C. Lingwood—Inside-left. Shoots very hard and accurately with his left foot and has improved with his right. Was highest goal scorer.

D. R. Shreeve—Left-wing. A small and tricky player. He must get rid of the ball more quickly. Has a well controlled lob shot.

Others who have played in the side included *Linder* who played well in most positions during the season, but must recover more quickly. *R. J. Nobbs*, an excellent goal-keeper who unfortunately left school in the middle of the season. *Fiske* deputised in the forward line at times, but he must overcome nervousness; *Robertson* proved a small and clever inside-forward; *Randall's* whose strained back deprived him of a regular place in the side.

G.V.G.

**G. V. Griston*—A strong, hard-working left back in a defence which combined so well that deficiencies in speed were not a source of trouble. A good captain.

H.G.H.

*—Denotes old colours.

Junior Football

							Goals	
Played. Won. Drawn. Lost.							for.	agst.
Junior XI	...	...	10	7	0	3	65	30
Under 14	...	...	8	7	0	1	62	15
Under 13	...	...	10	6	1	3	60	16
J.F.L.	...	...	5	3	2	0	14	5

The Junior XI had an unusual season in two respects. The great success of the two previous years' sides made the Modern Secondary Schools unwilling to meet them, so they played fewer matches than usual; and the 1st XI made exceptional demands on their better players—Shreeve was required throughout the season, Salmon after 2 matches, Cook after Christmas, and, later, Robertson also. Despite this, their record was good and some notable victories were obtained.

The season began with a resounding 7-2 win over a representative East Norfolk Schools XI, Nelson scoring 4 times from the left wing. But, in the next match, C.N.S. beat them decisively, and, although Red House, Swaffham and Fakenham were beaten, two other defeats were inflicted on them; team-work was rather ragged. After Christmas, Gilham came into the defence, Robertson took over the captaincy and with Crowe leading an informal attack, the side gained its best results. C.N.S. were beaten 5-3 after a good match in which C.N.S. obtained an early 2 goal lead only to be pulled back by a better team of which Robertson was the mainspring. Another early defeat was avenged, when Fakenham 2nd XI were beaten 10-2; Crowe, too fast for the opposition, scored 6 times. The season ended with a strange match at Swaffham, where, 1-3 down at half-time, the forwards roused themselves and scored 10 times in the second half, Woods achieving 4 of them with his head.

Throughout the season Nicholson kept goal safely; Henson was always a well-positioned right-back, difficult to pass; Gilham made up in power what he lacked in speed. Shingles, Grand and Lancaster, cool-headed and competent, composed the half-back line. Simpson and Everett filled gaps ably when needed. Nelson was an outside-left with an eye for every chance, Woods schemed effectively at inside-right and Paterson as always a useful forward. Robertson's constructive inside-forward play earned him several 1st XI games. Crowe's speed and thrust, and the calm control Cook exercised at centre-half gained them places in the East Norfolk XI (which Cook captained) along with Shreeve and Salmon. Salmon was later chosen for the Norfolk County XI.

The under 14 XI, had on paper a very good season, but the opposition to them wasn't always of the strongest; two games against Duncan House yielded 36 goals for instance. Three victories were gained over Hoveton boys, one rather luckily by 6-5, and two over Wymondham College. The one defeat was at the hands of North Walsham Modern Secondary (who usually play the Junior XI), whose big centre forward was allowed to break away too often.

Armes was the regular goal-keeper, Mallett and Brown the full-backs and Grand centre-half. Jarvis, Hunter, Osborne and Green played well wherever required. Peck was his usual unpredictable self in the centre and Carver soon made the outside-left position his own. Morris playing only 4 times, scored 18 goals. The departure of Blake, captain of the team for over 2 years, was much regretted.

The under 13 XI, had an uneven season, mainly because a satisfactory defensive scheme was never found. The season began brilliantly when a bigger, stronger C.N.S. side was held to a 4-4 draw; Morris scored all 4 goals in his best style, Baker and Bacon were in fine form and the defence held on grimly throughout a long second half. But alas, Baker disappeared from the scene, and

the forwards were no longer powerful enough to carry an uncertain defence. Scratch XI's from North Walsham, Red House and Knaption were easily beaten and Swaffham severely dealt with, but Fakenham won three times narrowly. Morris captained the side, scored 24 goals and did as much as any one player could for a team. Betts and Bacon were the wingers—natural footballers, both; and Brett, Beales or Payne were usually at inside. Smith had to play centre-half, though better at wing-half; Marshall, Dimsdale and Painter were always useful defenders and Gedge was often needed. Harrison filled a large amount of goal area efficiently.

The Colts Cup was won by Wharton who beat Tenison by 2-1 in the final.

The J.F.L. were, as last year, undefeated; they settled down into an effective team of neat footballers, able to hold their own with a bigger Modern Secondary School XI and able to win at West Runton against Beeston Hall; in this game they had the help of Dimsdale and Harrison, but it was the superiority of the forwards which was mainly responsible for the 5-1 victory. Willson kept goal well; Barker and Thompson were the full-backs, Gaudoin, Storey and Boyling half-backs—all of them tackled keenly and used the ball well. Brett led the team and scored most of the goals from inside-right, a promising two-footed footballer; Gee hustled about in the middle, and Bassingthwaighite, Blyth and Tooke all showed up well in a good forward line.

The J.F.L. Cup was surprisingly won by Hoste, who snatched 2 goals after half-time in the Final against Tenison, and grimly hung on to their lead, Bassingthwaighite, with good support from Lawson and Ellinor, inspiring his despised team to a deserved victory.

Hockey

It is pleasant to be able to report that this hockey season has been better than the previous one. Not only has the team succeeded in scoring a victory but, as will be seen from the table below, the goal average has also improved considerably.

Season.				Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals	
								For.	Agst.
1952-53	...	...	10	0	0	10	10	10	92
1953-54	...	...	12	1	1	10	14	14	47

The season began rather badly with a game against the Norwich Grasshoppers' Vocational XI in which the School was defeated by eight goals to none.

The margin of defeat gradually decreased throughout the next few games until in the last game of the term, against a team from Norwich City College, consisting largely of Indians, the School succeeded in drawing three goals all.

The first game of the Spring term was against the City of Norwich School and we were not in good form after the holiday. It was therefore a pleasant surprise when our opponents proved to be even more out of training, and the School defeated them by two goals to none, thereby gaining the first and only victory of the season. After the game, colours were awarded to J. Trollor.

The next five games were cancelled because of bad weather, and the remaining three games all resulted in defeats, the final one at Cromer being the worst, with a score of three goals to seven.

Hockey is now being played in the lower forms of the School and we may be fairly sure that this will result in an even better standard of play in future years.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Burrell, who is himself a County player, and Mr. Magadalino for their keen interest in organising and coaching hockey.

At the close of the season colours were awarded to A. R. Paterson, G. F. Rees, C. Bunn and P. E. Bartrum.

J. H. WALKER (Capt.)

Athletics Report, 1953-54

As usual, our Athletic Season opened with the School Cross-Country Event. Run in ideal weather, competition was better than in previous years and both records were broken. In the Senior Race, R. J. Fenn broke F. R. Mason's nine-year old record of 25 mins. 45 secs. by 16 seconds and B. P. Jarvis improved upon F. W. Moore's fifteen-year old record of 20 mins. 15 secs. by 10 secs.

The School teams had their greatest success for many years when, in the Inter-School Cross-Country Competition at Swaffham they were the Champion School. The Juniors packed excellently and are to be congratulated on winning their race convincingly.

In the School Sports, held on June 10th, the standard all round was higher than ever and six records were broken and one equalled. Perhaps the highlight of the occasion was A. R. Paterson's beating the 220 and 440 yards records set up in 1940 by Gordon Paterson. Armes, Barber (R.) and Jarvis (B.) were the most promising athletes in the under 15 group. In the under 13 events, two first formers, Keymer and Waters, won admiration by their constant successes and both showed promise of becoming good middle-distance runners.

The School's greatest triumph was gained in the Inter-School Sports at Yarmouth on June 30th. We again won the Champion School Shield and the Senior Shield. There were some splendid individual performances by members of the School but, what is far more important, it was a magnificent team effort and will be remembered as such.

On July 3rd the Senior team added to their laurels when they easily won the Cup for the Junior Inter-Club Competition at North Walsham.

The teams owe much to the advice and efforts of Mr. Magdalino and Mr. Duffield and it is with genuine regret that we say good-bye to the latter.

Athletics Colours have been awarded to P. Hillenbrand, W. Mainman, B. Woods, G. Platford and M. Crowe; and Mr. Duffield, Fenn and Paterson have been selected to represent Norfolk.

R.J.F.

RESULTS

100 YARDS—Senior—1, Paterson. 2, Crowe. 3, Dhonau.			
		Time	11.1 secs.
Under 15—1, Jarvis. 2, Armes. 3, Chase.			12.4 secs.
Under 13—1, S. mper. 2, Brett. 3, Lake.			14.8 secs.
220 YARDS—Senior—1, Paterson. 2, Gant. 3, Rees. Time 24.3 secs.			
		(Record)	
Under 15—1, Armes. 2, Barber. 3, Grand.			27.7 secs.
Under 13—1, Keymer. 2, Brett. 3, Lake.			31.5 secs.
440 YARDS—Senior—1, Paterson. 2, Rees. 3, Dhonau. Time 56.5 secs.			
		(Record)	
Under 15—1, Barber. 2, Morris. 3, Hunter.			63.5 secs.
Under 13—1, Keymer. 2, Waters. 3, Gaudoin.			76.3 secs.
330 YARDS—Senior—1, Fenn. 2, Gant. 3, Hillenbrand.			
		Time 2 mins. 6 secs.	(Record)
Under 15—1, Armes. 2, Corbin. 3, Marsh.			2 mins. 30.5 secs.
Under 13—1, Keymer. 2, Blyth. 3, Waters.			2 mins. 51.8 secs.
MILE—Senior—1, Fenn. 2, Hillenbrand. 3, Robertson.			
		Time 4 mins. 52.8 secs.	
Under 15—1, Jarvis. 2, Brown. 3, Corbin.			5 mins. 37 secs.
Under 13—1, Waters. 2, Keymer. 3, Blyth.			5 mins. 53 secs.
RELAY (4 x 110 Yards)			
Senior—1, Hoste. 2, Nelson. 3, Wharton.		Time	51 secs.
Under 15—1, Wharton. 2, Tenison. 3, Hoste			56.5 secs.
Under 13—1, Nelson. 2, Wharton. 3, Hoste.			63.1 secs.
HIGH JUMP—Senior—1, Platford. 2, Harrison. 3, Dhonau.			
		Height	5ft.
Under 15—1, Barber. 2, V. Hunter. 3, Beales			4ft. 4ins.
Under 13—1, Storey. 2, Gee. 3, Brett.			4ft. 2ins.
		(Record)	
LONG JUMP—Senior—1, Dhonau. 2, Harrison. 3, Belson.			
		Distance	19ft. 1in.
Under 15—1, Grand. 2, Jarvis. 3, Abbs.			15ft. 8ins.
Under 13—1, Brett. 2, Willson. 3, Storey.			14ft. 1in.
		(Equals Record)	
JAVELIN—Senior—1, Bunn. 2, Griston. 3, Lines G.			
		Distance	152ft. 1in. (Record)
Under 15—1, Barber. 2, Corbin. 3, Lancaster			103ft. 11ins. (Record)

DISCUS—Senior—1, Trohlor. 2, Denton. 3, Bunn.

Distance 103ft. 3½ins.
Under 15—1, Brown. 2, Barber. 3, Halford. 67ft. 2½ins.

WEIGHT—Senior—1, Bunn. 2, Griston. 3, Denton.

Distance 38ft. ½in.
Under 15—1, Henery. 2, Grand. 3, Corbin. 28ft. 3ins.

CROSS COUNTRY—Senior—1, Fenn. 2, Hillenbrand. 3, Harrison.

Time 25 mins. 27 secs. (Record)

Team—1, Wharton. 2, Hoste. 3, Tenison.

Junior—1, Jarvis. 2, Barber. 3, Armes.

Time 20 mins. 5 secs. (Record)

Team—1, Tenison. 2, Wharton. 3, Hoste.

Society of Old Pastonians

Hon. Secretary—Edward H. R. Bygrave, 36, Stalham Road,
Wroxham, Norwich, Norfolk.

Our heartiest congratulations to:—

Osborne Tusting (President, 1950)—Sheriff of Norwich.

Arthur Gilljon (President, 1951)—Vicar of Sprowston and Chaplain to the Society.

A. O. Betts (1937-1945)—Ph.D. (Cantab.)

A. R. N. Gorrod (1939-1946)—M.Sc. (London).

J. Harris (1941-49)—1st Class Hons. in Agricultural Science (Reading).

J. F. Harrington (1943-1951)—1st Class Hons. in Engineering (Manchester).

W. Johnston (1948-1950)—2nd Class Hons. in Agricultural Science (Reading).

G. M. Nobbs (1942-49)—2nd Class Hons. in English (Nottingham).

K. M. Mann (1947-1952)—1st place in his final examinations at the University School of Navigation, Southampton.

D. G. Amis (1946-1953)—Awarded the Sir George Kenning Cup for the best Junior performance in 1953 by the Norfolk Amateur Athletic Association.

We are glad to welcome Philip Pearce of Wymondham College as a new member.

I am sorry to have to record the death of S. E. Howes who left School in 1921. He retired from the R.A.F. earlier this year, after having served 27 years, and died shortly afterwards, on April 25th, aged 48 years.

The Annual Dinner was held at the King's Arms Hotel, North Walsham, on October 24th, 1953. The change of venue brought along new faces and the dinner this year will be at the same place when it is hoped for another good attendance. E. W. Cheverton proposed the toast to the President, and the Headmaster and the head boy, T. W. Lane, responded to the President's toast to the School. At the Annual General Meeting beforehand, R. E. R. Ling was elected President for 1953-1954, and E. W. Cheverton Vice-President.

Old Pastonians' Day was held at the School on July 17th, and for the first time since the war the proceedings were marred by rain. After lunch—taken as usual in the Assembly Hall—the tennis-players and cricketers just had time to change and begin to play when the rain started, and it soon became clear that all hopes of continuing either game were vain. But it takes more than rain to spoil an Old Pastonians' Day; a table-tennis tournament was organised, and with this as a focus Old Boys gathered and talked and reminisced for hours—and surely this is the object of Old Boys' Re-unions!

Lastly, I record with considerable pleasure the efforts of the Headmaster, helped by Pastonians past and present and their parents, in raising sufficient capital to rebuild the School Swimming Pool and provide a sterilisation plant. The Pool is open again this summer, after several years "out of the swim," and will be a lasting credit to those who undertook the heart-breaking task of raising some £2,000 to have the work done.

E.H.R.B.

Swiss Tour, 1954

On Sunday, August 22nd, a party of 31 boys, accompanied by Mr. Mercer and Mr. Grantham-Hill, met at Norwich Thorpe Station on the start of their long journey to Ligerz in Switzerland. The journey itself must remain a jumble in our minds with the scramble through the customs, the voyage from Folkestone to Boulogne and then a long night spent on French Railways. Most obtained but little sleep, and we were all glad to arrive in Basle at 6.30 on Monday morning.

At Basle a Continental breakfast was enjoyed and there was time left to see something of this fine city on the Upper Rhine. Ligerz was finally reached about mid-day. The village straggles along a road on the shores of Lake Biel with steeply terraced hill-sides rising some hundred feet behind. The remainder of the day was spent in seeing the local attractions.

Tuesday morning was spent in different ways, Biel or Neuchatel being visited by most. The first test of endurance came after lunch when a planned assault was made on Mt. Sujet, one of the highest points in the Swiss Jura. The climb traversed first the lovely Douanne Gorge with its overhanging cliffs (which will be remembered by many for its wasps' nest), and thence via a plateau through steeply wooded paths to the summit. The climb was well rewarded by the excellent view although visibility was not at its best. The school's name was emblazoned on the hillside in stones. We returned tired but rejoicing in the conquest.

On Wednesday the bad weather caused the postponement of our trip to the Alps. Berne, instead, became the day's objective. This old city was thoroughly explored by all and its arcades provided ample protection from the rain. The Minster, Bear Pit and Clock were seen and we were shown round the Parliament building by a guide speaking in four languages. Colour was added to the city by the many flags welcoming visitors to the European Games. This was the day for purchasing souvenirs and all returned laden, mostly cap-a-pie.

The rain continued on Thursday morning so we visited La Neuville, a small town nearby of medieval appearance. Its castle was found to be closely guarded and our assault party was repelled by large dogs. In the afternoon several took boats on the lake, the Vith Form proved themselves to be excellent pirates and captured two boats, marooning six boys on the island.

Early on Friday we set off for Geneva, the weather was perfect and the time there passed all too quickly. The cathedral and fountain, which rises 300ft. from the lake, were sources of interest, but the Palais des Nations was the principal objective. We were shown round this building, truly international in character, by an experienced U.N.O. guide.

Saturday saw the fulfilment of our trip to the Alps. After another early start we travelled to Kandersteg, a popular resort in the heart of the Bernese Oberland. The train journey itself from Thun to Spiez and Kandersteg was an experience with the grand scenery to be seen. Once at Kandersteg most repaired to the chair lift which provides a unique sensation. From the top a short walk brought us to the Oschinensee described as "one of the most beautiful of Alpine Lakes," and indeed a more perfect setting would be difficult to imagine. After lunch a small party, under the leadership of Mr. Grantham Hill(ary), set out to climb. In the short time we had, the highest point reached after a very precipitous climb, was its level. The superb view over the blue Lake with the Blumisalp towering above us was one that will long be remembered. It was with real regret that we left Kandersteg that day.

Sunday was the last full day of our stay and no comprehensive activity was arranged. Many of us took the opportunity of attending the last afternoon of the European Games. What an afternoon's sport we saw! Bannister winning a magnificent 1500 metres, and world records established in the 5000 metres and the hammer were only the most outstanding events. In the evening the sobering thought that this was the last day was soon drowned at the village fête in wine, women and song.

Monday was the day for farewells, and although we had only a short stay it appeared that many acquaintances had been made in the time and there were many "touching" scenes at the station on our departure. Again, on the way home, we had a meal in Basle, and finally left at 11 p.m. The return journey was uneventful and nobody was detained by the customs. Norwich was at last reached at 9 p.m. on Tuesday night.

In closing this account, it must be said the success of the holiday is due entirely to Mr. Grantham-Hill. We had the very best accommodation with excellent meals and, staying as we did in a small village, we were able to see the people at work in a typical small Swiss community. To Mr. Hill, then, we offer our sincerest thanks, and may I hope that this will not be the last school trip to foreign lands.

P.E.H.

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