

Welcome

President of the Draxonians Association



President's Welcome

Welcome to another bumper edition of our Draxonians' Newsletter. Another busy term where we see the covid restrictions finally lifting and presenting us with more opportunity again

for resuming life as we knew it. Everything is moving forward at a rate of knots once again in the world, at Read School and for the DA.

This edition features the enormous work of the rejuvenation of the 'front field'. This task I can assure you, has been no mean feat. We've been kept up to date regularly by Mark Atkins on his teams' progress. Mark's depth of knowledge is incredible, and it has astonished me how much has had to go into this project. Timelines have been indefinite and dependant so much on the uncontrollability of nature, and the deeper you go, the more you find; quite literally! Thank you Mark for keeping us updated, not to mention the minor project you've been managing in the background.

In the background, the DA has been working hard and planning more events for this coming year. We have a significantly larger committee representing the

DA, and I would like to welcome on board our newest committee member Georgina Ashton (Hill). Georgina taught Business Studies at Read School and quickly progressed in her career to Deputy Headteacher before starting her family. Georgina now volunteers for various Parish Councils, charities and has recently become a local councillor for Selby & District. She will be a huge asset to our committee. We also welcomed Ellie McClaren and Josie Smith onto the committee recently. Ellie is a Draxonian, who's time at Read School spanned 15 years, and Josie was the Medical Centre Supervisor and School Matron from 2007 – 2021.

The Draxonians' is certainly gaining momentum, which has been evident at the recent events that we have organised. It is great to see so many of you

taking part and engaging with us. We would like to organise many more events for our members, and at the time of writing this we are already looking forward to co-hosting the Ladies Night & Couture Evening and a Rugby event at Selby Rugby Club. We are always keen to hear members' thoughts and ideas for the DA, be that event ideas, fundraising opportunities, or other mini reunion suggestions. Don't be a stranger to the DA or to Read School. We look forward to welcoming you all over the coming year!

Nicola Mooney
DA President

My Time at School

By Paul Cakuls October 30 2014

I came to Drax as a boarder pupil in the autumn of 1947. I had arrived in England with my parents earlier that year, having been recruited to work as a domestic help.

We had been staying in Displaced Person camps since the end of the war. We had left Latvia and came to Germany in 1944 to escape the second Soviet occupation.

In the summer of 1947 we worked as cleaners, kitchen helps at a camp near Selby for school children who came to help with the harvest. I was given permission to attend school in the autumn. Because we did not know to what work and place my parents would be assigned to and that my education was of paramount importance we decided to seek a boarding school. Fortunately I had a cousin studying in England who could loan the money.

We visited Drax, had an appointment with the headmaster, I was given some tests to check my English and Maths, seen again and accepted to come to school.

I had become 17 in May. I was assigned to grade five and to Selden House, with Mr Moloney as the housemaster.

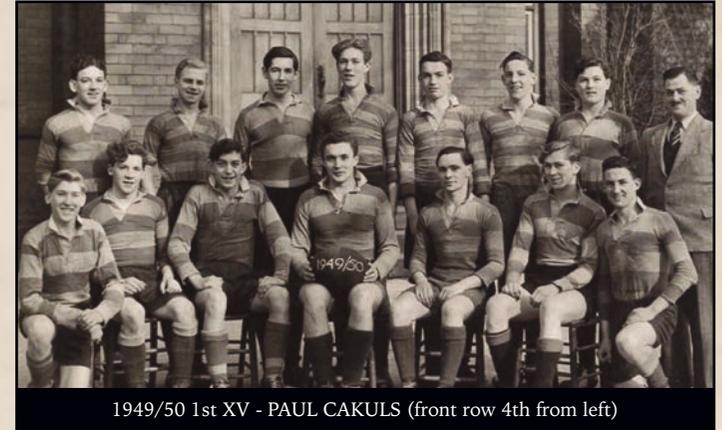
I was already tall and fit and was quickly assigned to play with the 1st XV for the next three years being chosen to be the captain in my last season at Drax. This continues to surprise me because I was not an outstanding player. However I did very much enjoy being part of the team on and off the field. I also enjoyed athletics and did well with shot put and hurdles. In Cricket, I played with the Crocks during obligatory games days. During my last two years I was made one of the prefects.

Academically I did reasonably well especially in the 2 sixth forms, in the final exams and later in the scholarship exam, although in the latter earning only a minor grant. Some of the teaching was truly great-inventive, stimulating and fun. In 1950 I was accepted into Leeds University Medical School and graduated in 1956.

In 1957 we emigrated to Canada, I Interned as a family doctor for 5 years and then specialized in Psychiatry at the University of Western Ontario. I then worked as a hospital psychiatrist in Hamilton, and was on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at McMaster University, the last seven years as Associate Professor.

Socially at Drax I had so many supportive wonderful experiences with my fellow students, their parents and teachers.

Unforgettable are the evenings the senior boys spent in Mr Maloney's study listening to music and talking of books we had read from his library and his enthusiastic way of teaching history.



1949/50 1st XV - PAUL CAKULS (front row 4th from left)

I want to mention especially Mr Adamson, very especially Mr Moloney and the rugby coach Mr Hopper, the Manock family and Easingwolds. My memory is not all that good anymore and I should have written this resume a long time ago.

Head of School

Head's Report



Head's Report March 2022

As we near the end of the spring term, so much has been accomplished and the number of events and activities that have taken place is simply breathtaking. We have made significant progress with our two major heritage projects: restoration of the Ten Acre front field and the renovation of Drax Primary School. I am profoundly grateful for the hard work which has been carried out by Draxonians Mark Atkins and Craig Jackson on these gargantuan tasks. Mark has overseen the installation of new drainage in the field, and because the milder temperatures are warming the soil, we are finally getting ready to sow the grass seed. Drax Primary School now has new floorboards, plumbing and electrics and is about to undergo a complete repainting – inside and out. Neither of these projects would have been possible without the generous support of Draxonians who have donated a total of 77,000! We look forward to the completion and grand openings of both heritage projects in the coming months.

Our pupil roll now stands at 245, an increase from 228 in September. Read's reputation for providing an excellent all-round education is spreading. Since January, pupils now travel from all corners of Yorkshire in three new buses. These replaced the much loved 'yellow perils' which had notched up over 200,000 miles!

The new year has not been without its challenges and just before half term the heating system in Norfolk House and the Head's House stopped working. However, we sincerely hope this week our boarders can be welcomed back to school.

This weekend, we opened our doors for the Spring Open Morning. This was an opportunity to welcome parents, prospective parents and for Draxonians to visit the school. It was a great success and the school bathed in spring sunshine, looked splendid. Our young netballers and footballers acquitted themselves well against Scarborough College and Birkdale. The Music department showcased the impressive musical talent at Read in a lunch time concert.

This term has given me time to reflect on what a unique school we are all part of – where the hard work of our talented staff and pupils and the excellent support of our parents is underpinned by the goodwill and generosity of our Draxonian community. We will wrap up the spring term with a spirit of optimism and look forward to whatever summer brings.

Finally, since every day is an Open Day in School, a warm welcome awaits any Draxonian who wishes to visit us. *floreat nostra schola* (may our school flourish)!

Best wishes,

Ruth Ainley
Head

All in a Term's work: some of the events and activities at Read School since the Draxonian Winter Reunion dinner:

- Christmas Service of Carols at Drax Church
- PFA Christmas Ball at Carlton Towers
- Year 11 Study Skills day
- Parents' evening held for all year groups
- Great success in sports, competitively against other schools and in terms of participation in Saturday sports
- House competitions
- Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions for Silver and Bronze pupils
- CCF activity – every Thursday afternoon

- 2nd set GCSE and A-level mock exams completed
- Extensive additional charitable fundraising with 2K+ raised year to date
- Junior School drama production Cinderella Rockafella
- Chinese New Year celebrations, including dragon dancing
- Whole school talent show
- Future Chef and LUFC cooking competitions
- Careers week and Grow A Pound (underway)
- Science week (underway)
- Couture Evening and Ladies night (Ukraine Appeal fundraiser)
- Spring Open Morning – Saturday March 12th

Coming up:

- Senior School production Wizard of Oz March 23-24
- Iceland trip departs March 30 (postponed from 2020)
- Open mic music evening March 31 (pupil-led)
- Easter service at Drax Church April 1 (all welcome!)



Head Girl Life after Read in Edinburgh

Well, it's been an interesting few months. I'm currently in my 1st year at Edinburgh University, studying history after 10 years at Read. Although I miss Read, I love Edinburgh too! It's such a student friendly city, so diverse with lots to do and a great student vibe.

The University has loads of societies which all have their own unique events. I'm part of the Uni's newspaper 'The Student' having written articles ranging from misogyny, the Sue Gray report, to the time my flat door got broken! I also have a show with FreshAir (the Uni's student-run radio). It took a few weeks for me to adjust to living away from home. Meeting my flatmates was interesting. Fortunately I managed to find one of them through the numerous Facebook and WhatsApp groups created by students. It really does allow you to join a community and creates such a great atmosphere (as well as knowing that everyone else is as clueless as I am!).

I'm so glad that my parents taught me how to cook over the years. I was shocked how many people don't know the basic skills of how to do their laundry, cook or clean. I remember before Christmas, one of my closest friends was amazed that I could cook a curry from scratch! (Update: I am now helping her to learn how to cook and she's amazing!)

Finally onto my history course, I am enjoying it so much. I am so grateful for the small class sizes at Read and the teacher relationships you build there. At Uni, it's quite often hit or miss with the lecturer you get – some are great and really engaging but others haven't quite grasped online learning yet! As expected it's difficult, but I'm glad all our tutorials are in person. I've really enjoyed meeting everyone in person, it's such a great way to form friendships.

To close, I am having a great time in Edinburgh, albeit an interesting one due to online learning but it's amazing how the University has adapted and allowed us to continue having the great student experience we all wanted.

Isla McLellan.
Head Girl 2020-21

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Obituary

Keith Thompson



Keith Thompson (1947-55) Obituary

Keith and I were both born in Brayton and were pre-war children. Keith's family lived next to the local pub THE GREY HORSE and I lived about 100 yards further down the main road towards the railway line. Keith had dark curly hair and reaching the age of four we attended the village school. Years before, the infant teacher Miss Walker, had taught my mother when she was at school.

With the 2nd World War beginning in 1939 there was a lot going on locally. An Army camp and a POW camp were built down Golf Links Lane. An RAF base was built in Burn village, a mile down the road, eventually flying Halifax MK111 bombers. We also had a local Home Guard Group commanded by Mr Meeze (a local bank manager in Selby), with shades of Dad's Army. They met at the weekend on the village green before adjourning to the local pubs. Unfortunately Keith's mother died when he was quite young and he was brought up by his auntie Edna and uncle Bill near Henwick Hall a few miles away.

In 1947, after the war was over, pupils at school were able to sit the '11 plus' exam to transfer to Drax Grammar School or Selby Girls High School. However that year, the winter was particularly bad with a lot of snow. I was able to walk into Selby and attend but candidates from outlying areas missed the day. Therefore, a second exam was held later for those unlucky ones including Keith. The snow was later followed by floods with the river Ouse bursting its banks in Barlby and flooding large areas. In Brayton, we had 2 feet of water in our house and lived upstairs for a week.

In the autumn of 1947, having passed the exam, we began to attend Drax Grammar School with Keith joining Thorpe House. Keith was good at cricket, scoring 19 for the U13s against St Peter's York. I was probably better at rugby, and we both played

for the school teams. In 1951, he played in the House Cricket Competition Final as Wicketkeeper and was awarded House Colours for cricket. In 1952, while winning the ExV form Prize and gaining 8 O Levels, he played 1st Team cricket and was awarded Colours. As time progressed we both joined the school ATC (1179 Squadron) where he completed Basic Training. The ATC gave us access to summer camps at RAF stations in Norfolk (Swanton Morley and Marham). RAF Marham is still operational today. Whilst there, we were either taken to seaside resorts like Hunstanton for a day out or dropped off at some country location miles from anywhere. We were given a map and compass to find our way back to base. If we were lucky we also got flights in aircraft (Chipmunk trainer, Airspeed Oxford, or even an American Superfortress (B29), at Marham. In 1953, Keith became a School Monitor and passed the Examination E1. Then he passed his Air Proficiency Certificate in the ATC. On the cricket field, he was awarded First XI Colours, second in the batting averages and the Fielding Prize. In 1954 he became a Prefect and vice Captain of the First XI and followed this the next year as Thorpe House Cricket Captain.

One year in the summer holidays four of us including Keith decided to go to Butlins Filey for a week (£10). At that time Des O' Conner worked as a Redcoat there. We were probably 16 years old, took part in sports activities during the day and dances in the evening. Unfortunately most of the girls were 18 or 19 years old, so we listened to the band music instead. At school, we both progressed to the 6th form and A Levels exams on science subjects.

The future after school was University (if one passed the exams) or National Service at 18 years of age. Keith opted for National Service, while I managed to get a job in the laboratory at Sturges in Denison Road, with a 2 year exemption from National Service. The government then decided to drop this. In the meantime, I passed the exams and since I was earning almost £5 per week I decided to buy a Lambretta scooter.



Keith became a Radar Technician working with the American forces in Germany on the east/west border. When he was home on leave, he told me that they had a lot more money to spend over there on the base.

In 1962, Hilary and I married and left Selby in 1964 for the a new job in the Midlands and to bring up our family. Hilary's brother knew Keith and Rita through a local club and we started exchanging birthday cards. Our last one was 4 days before he passed away in York Hospital on December 14th 2021.

I always felt that I knew Keith from day one and we had some wonderful times together. He was a person you just couldn't fall out with and I will always love and remember him.

PER ARDUA AD ASTRA
(Through struggle to the Stars)
Philip M Smith (1947-55)

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89 Years Association

Selby RUFC

The Celebration of the 89th Year of Association with Selby RUFC

On Monday 11th December 1933, at a crowded Meeting in the Museum Hall, Selby called by Mr EV Watkins, Headmaster of Drax Grammar School, was Elected President with Mr Walter Jackson Secretary (Old Draxonian [OD] who returned to School as Maths Master in 1940), Mr BM Wishart [OD] Assistant Secretary and Mr WGM Scarr Treasurer.

From the Selby RUFC website: Following the opening meeting, a playing field at Burn was quickly secured and rented for the remainder of the season from Wilson Bros, for £2.10s.0d. Squire W. Swift provided the posts; 18 red and gold Tuff Knit jerseys were purchased for £5.18s.6d.; two balls acquired; 30 players insured and the ground marked by the Drax groundsman (George Hubie). All this was achieved quite amazingly in under three weeks and the first game was played on 30th December 1933.

The Club began with a 6-0 victory over the now defunct York YMCA at their Elmfield ground. The players representing Selby in that first match were: A. Wray (OD), R. Pratt, K. Wells, K. C. Wales (OD), G. Laycock, A. Weaver (OD), G.A. Pearson (OD), Stothard, S. Richardson, Jeffries (LA/R OD?), R. Turner, J. Latimer, D. Macgill (OD), W. Jackson (OD), H. V. Braithwaite (OD).

A contemporary newspaper report said the forwards were outstanding but it was ex-Army wingman Bob Pratt who had the distinction of scoring Selby's first points with a well taken try. Fittingly, the second try came from Club Captain and centre Ken Wells.



SELBY RUFC 1933/34

Back Row:- K. C. Wales (OD), I. Pickles, D. Macgill (OD), H. V. Braithwaite (OD) H. Sherwood (OD), F. Ullathorne.
Middle:- J. Ainley, A. Weaver (OD), G. A. Pearson (OD), K. R. Salmon.

Front:- W. G. M. Scarr, W. Jackson (OD), N. Bulmer, B. M. Wishart (OD), K. Wells, M. Garnett, R. W. Pratt, W. P. A. Clough.

In February 1948 The Old Boys Draxonians Club formed by H.E. Hopper, School Master.

The Old Draxonians R.U.F.C. thrives, having won five of their opening seven games. Twenty eight Old Boys have already turned out, but as many are occasional players there is still room for more to rally round.

A Dance held at Drax on November 4th was a tremendous success, attracting parties from Leeds, Thorne, Goole, Selby and elsewhere. Prospective players or non-playing members are asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, H.E. Hopper, or with any member of the Club.

Results to date:

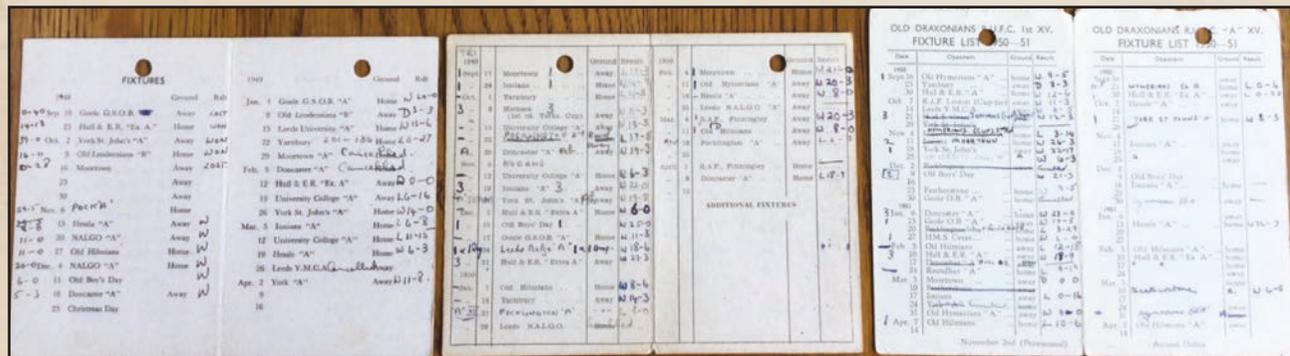
- v. Goole G.S.O.B. - Lost 0-30.
- v. Hull and E.R. (Extra "A") - Won 14-13.
- v. St. John's, York "A" - Won 39-0.
- v. Old Leodiensians "B" - Won 16-12.
- v. Moortown - Lost 0-28.
- v. Pocklington "A" - Won 29-5.
- b. Hesse "A" - Won 8-0

The next major event occurred in 1954, when an unofficial approach was made by a member of the Selby Club to The Old Draxonians Club. This led to a meeting with 3 representatives from each club with Drax GS Headmaster RS Adamson as Chairman. As a result of these preliminaries, the new Club Selby Old Boys RUFC was formed.

The Old Boys was dropped in June 1966 and the club, became known as Selby RUFC.



SELBY OLD BOYS 1955/1956



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Class of 2014



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Art Master

AJ Doyle 1953-71

Alwyn Joseph Doyle Art Master 1953-71

Alwyn Joseph Doyle known as Joe/Dickie in School was born on the 24th April 1924 in Leeds. He first attended Victoria CP School followed by Central High School in Leeds. This is where he passed the LEA scholarship examination in Art in 1940. He then attended Leeds College of Art in two stints, 1940-42 and 1946-48. He completed his War Service in the Royal Naval Air Service as a Petty Officer Airman, mentioned in dispatches in 1946, serving with 848 Squadron aboard HMS Formidable.

He carried out his Teacher Training at Central High School for Boys in 1942 while also at Leeds College of Art 1952/53 and finishing at the Kirkstall Road School for Boys in 1953. He joined Drax Grammar School in September 1953 as a full time Master to teach Art and Junior History with the qualification ATD.



Reproduced from the Draxonian 1954 vol7 no3 December The Mikado

The decision to produce a Gilbert and Sullivan opera proved to be a very profitable one, with regard both to the financial aspect and entertainment value. The selection of the very popular "Mikado" was fully justified by the support it received and the

enthusiasm with which it was applauded. Although a piano replaced the customary small orchestra, the production did not suffer, because this deficiency was more than compensated for by the obvious pleasure radiated by the actors themselves. The calm and poise retained during a power fault was very creditable, and the failure of illness among leading members to upset rehearsals and production was also very praiseworthy. All tickets were sold for every performance, so the maximum number of patrons was delightfully entertained by the antics of P. Palmer as Ko-Ko, the outstanding success of the show.

On a relatively small stage, wonders were performed with two fairly large choruses. Movement was never jerky and great attention had been paid to the staging effects. The stage was a little crowded during the finale, but this was easily forgiven because of the fine singing, and the memories of a happy evening's entertainment.

The costumes were of the accepted high standard, but two were outstanding. Those of Poo-Bah and the Mikado both earned special praise because they were created by Mr. Doyle and made by friends. We have also come to expect high-class lighting, and this was no exception. Employed with great skill by Mr. Hudson, it enhanced two truly magnificent sets designed and constructed by Mr. Doyle. It was unfortunate that one performance was marred by a power failure, but even so, enough was seen of the set for the audience to realise the amount of time, thought, effort and ingenuity spent on its creation. Mr. Scarfe earned special praise as the accompanist, playing with obvious pleasure and great understanding, a valuable source of comfort to the younger members of the cast. The production was well balanced, brightly lit and excellently staged, and for this we thank the producer, Mr. R. E. F. Moloney, very much indeed. A truly magnificent effort.



Reprinted from the Draxonian 1954 vol7 no3 December Commemoration Day Saturday July 4th

Mr. Adamson said that during the past year the School had been granted aided status by the Ministry of Education, and he appeared to think that this would have tremendous effects, particularly for the boarders. Also the old school in the village had now been converted into an Art "Studio," and this had enabled a full-time art teacher, Mr. A. J. Doyle, to be appointed to the staff.

Reprinted from the Draxonian 1958 vol7 no7 December

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. J. Doyle on his marriage to Miss Edna Buck at the Trinity Methodist Church Leeds on 5th April, 1958.

Reprinted from the Draxonian 1971 vol8 no8

Mr. A. J. Doyle had given most valuable service to Drax for eighteen years when he left last July. Over that period he brought about significant developments in the curriculum and extra-curricular range of activities and standard of work in the department of Art and Handicrafts. Those who were taught by him were stimulated by his creative

interests, and those who have entered courses and careers in Art and Architecture stand especially in his debt. The Dramatic Society, too, owes much to him for the excellence of his stage sets. He made valuable contributions as a boarding master before his marriage, and as a Housemaster latterly. Once he had displayed an active interest in a newly-created further education post in Selby it was always likely that he would be invited to take the appointment. His professional attributes matched his warm and friendly personality, and he will be missed both as master and colleague. We have been glad to learn recently of his recovery from illness.



Reprinted from the Draxonian 1997

Joe Doyle did the Association proud last year with his Presentation picture for Mr AJ Saddler. I am pleased to say he has honoured us by accepting our invitation to

become Vice President at the dinner in September when Ron Christian from East Cowick takes over the Presidency. Joe is the first member of staff to take office having served at Drax for eighteen years between 1953-71. He tells me he was the first full time art teacher, operating from the original old village school near the church.

Alwyn Joseph Doyle passed away in 2012 aged 88.

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98 Years Rugby in School

1st XV 1931-32 Played 15 Won 15

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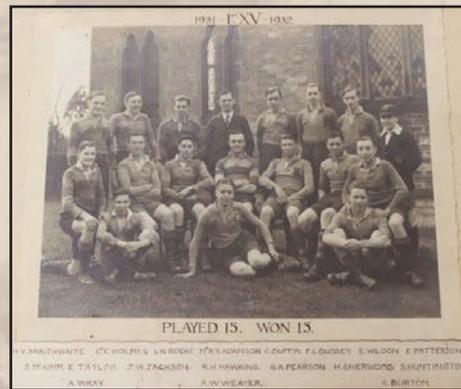
Our third season under the Rugby code has been highly successful. Apart from the successes gained in Inter-School matches, there has been a general improvement in the standard of play throughout the School, and especially in the case of the Day Boys, who have hitherto suffered from a lack of coaching. H. R. Stubbs (1924-5-6) again captained the School, and had for his vice, (1924-5-6), J.A. Stripe. Other old colours at the commencement of the season were L.M. Wishart (1924-5-6) E. Kermodie (1924-5-6), S. Engelhart (1925-26), P.F. Avis (1925-26), R.R. Fitz-Patrick (1925-26) and T.O.L. Pick (1925-6).

Reprinted from the Draxonian vol 2 no 5 April 1932

The season of 1931-2 will undoubtedly stand out in the annals of the School as one of the most successful it has ever experienced. For the first time since we adopted the Rugger code we have had an all conquering XV. This means far more than mere pride of victory. It means the establishment of a new confidence in the game. Whatever results successive XV's may accomplish, there can no longer be any bogey of inferiority. What has been accomplished this season can be done again. This legacy of confidence is the greatest heritage that the XV. has bequeathed us. The large nucleus of Old Colours remaining from last season there were nine, their increased weight, speed and experience, freedom from injuries, and the inspiring leadership of their captain; these were the principal factors in the building up of such a successful XV. R. H. Hawking (1928-9-30 31) was again elected Captain, and J. W. Jackson (1929-30-81) Vice Captain. Apart from its victories the XV. was undoubtedly the best that has ever represented the School. The forwards were speedy and hard workers, showing marked improvement in the loose and line outs. Especially were they good in backing up, and many tries came their way as a result. The thrust of the attack lay in the stand-off and there developed a very good understanding, and their elusive running and passing was both spectacular and effective. At back School were well served, the kicking and tackling being very sound. Their weaknesses were those that crept in as a result of success, A tendency to neglect the shove, to overdue individualism, to mark carelessly, and to neglect the wings.

These faults we can afford to pass over in the light of their success. and whole heartedly we congratulate the XV. on its glorious season.

1st XV. Colours were awarded to R. H. Hawking, J. W. Jackson, G. Pearson, L. Rooke, L. Wray, E. Taylor, S. McKimm, F. L. Bussey, D. Macgill, A. Weaver, C. Duffin, E. Wildon, H. Sherwood and C. Holmes.



School v Mr Stripes XV. ON SCHOOL GROUND, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH.

Mr Stripe had got together a very useful side, consisting mostly of Old Boys, to oppose the school in the opening match of the season. In the opening half, play was very determined and keen, but rather scrappy, and the only scoring that took place was a try by Pearson well out. Taylor failed with the kick. In the second half, School found themselves in arrears, a misunderstanding between Weaver and Jackson letting in Simpson for a good try which Brownbridge converted. Returning to the attack, Jackson cleverly dodged between the opposing backs to score for the school. He failed with the place kick. This advantage was short lived as Brownbridge responded by touching down after dribbling over. This try was not converted and School redoubled their efforts to take the lead, the backs showing much improved form. Burton at last got away on the wing and as he was tackled on the line the ball went loose and Hawking backing up was able to touch down for School.

Sherwood failed with the kick. In the closing stages School wore down their opponents and Pearson was able to add another unconverted try to the score.

School v. Hymer's College 2nd XV. ON SCHOOL GROUND, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH.

Heavy rainfall had made the ground greasy, and with rain falling during the match, conditions were far from ideal. Despite the greasy ball, the handling of the School threees were remarkably good, and their superiority and speed soon gave them command of the game. The result of which, despite some spirited rushes by the Hymer's forwards, was never in doubt. In the first half tries were scored by Jackson (6). Pearson (2), and Burton (1). Of these 6 were converted by Jackson. Further tries in the second half were scored by Jackson (2), Rooke (1). Burton (2), and Pearson. None of which were converted.

School: 6 goals, 9 Tries.....57 points
Hymer's College 2nd XV:nil
Team:- Wray, McKimm, Taylor, Pearson, Burton, Jackson, Weaver, Bussey, MacGill, Rooke, Wilson, Duffin, Hawking, Holmes i, Sherwood.

vs Mr Stripes XV Home,
Saturday, September 26th
School: 4 Tries.....12 points
Mr Stripes XV: 1 goal 1 try.....8 points

vs Pocklington "A" XV Home,
Wednesday, October 7th
School: 4 goals, 1 try.....23 points
Pocklington "A" XV: 1 try.....3 points

vs Leeds G.S. 2nd XV Home,
Saturday, October 10th
School: 4 goals, 3 tries29 points
Leeds G.S. 2nd XV: 1 try.....3 points

vs Leeds University "Green B" XV Home,
Wednesday, October 14th
School: 4 goals, 3 tries.....40 points
Leeds University: "Green B"nil

vs St Peter's School 2nd XV Home,
Wednesday, October 21st
School: 5 goals, 5 tries.....40 points
St Peter's School 2nd XV: 1 goal, 2 tries.....11 points

vs Mr Jackson's XV Home,
Saturday, October 31st
School: 6 goals, 3 tries.....39 points
Mr Jackson's XV: 1 try.....3 points

vs York "A" Away,
Saturday, November 14th
School: 3 goals, 6 tries.....33 points
York "A": 1 try.....3 point

vs Hymer's College 2nd XV Home,
Wednesday, November 18th
School: 6 goals, 9 tries.....57 points
Hymer's College 2nd XV:nil

vs York "A" Home,
Saturday, November 28th
School: 7 goals, 4 tries.....47 points
York "A": 1 penalty goal.....3 points

vs Leeds University "Green B" XV Away,
Wednesday, December 9th
School: 3 tries.....9 points
Leeds University "Green B" XV: 1 goal, 1 try..8 points

vs Old Boys Home,
Saturday, December 12th
School: 4 goals, 1 dropped goal, 6 tries.....41 points
Old Boys: 1 try.....3 points

vs Leeds G.S. 2nd XV Away,
Saturday, January 23rd
School: 1 goal, 1 penalty goal.....8 points
Leeds G.S. 2nd XV: 1 penalty goal.....3 points

vs Bridlington Grammar School Away,
Wednesday, January 27th
School: 2 goals, 14 tries.....52 points
Bridlington Grammar School:.....nil

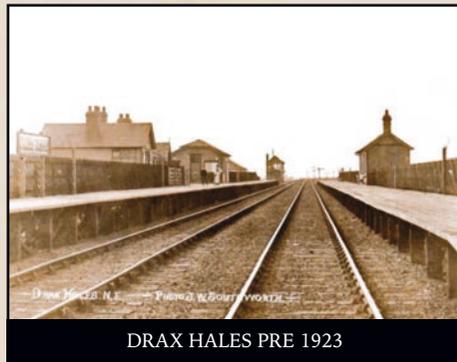
vs Hymer's College 2nd XV Away,
Saturday, 30th January
School: 4 goals, 6 tries.....38 points
Hymer's College 2nd XV 1 penalty g.....3 points

vs Bridlington G.S. Home,
Saturday, February 27th
School: 5 goals, 9 tries.....52 points
Bridlington G.S. 1 goal5 points

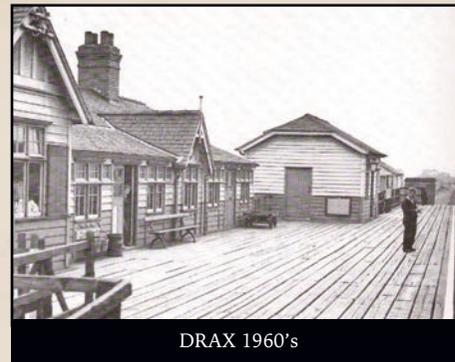
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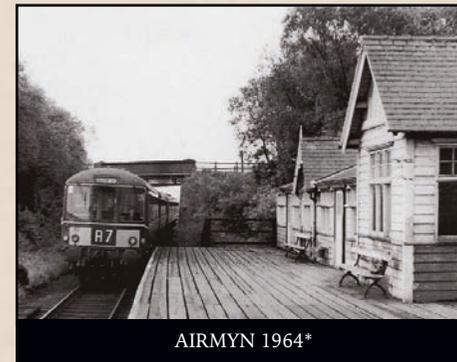
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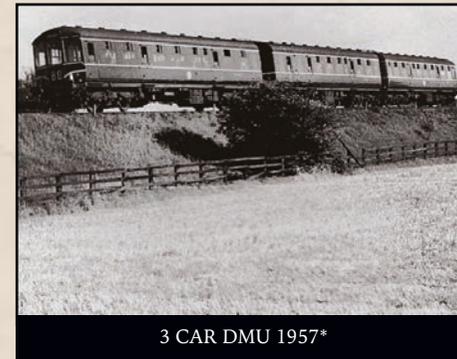
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The Grammar School originally known as Reade's School is situated in Drax a healthy and picturesque little village, about six miles from Selby, and lying between the rivers Ouse and Aire. There are two Railway Stations, one on the Hull and Barnsley line, giving easy access to Leeds, Doncaster, Hull, Sheffield, Wakefield and the south and the other on the North Eastern branch, connecting with Selby, is to be opened shortly. The Line closed in 1964 as part of the Beeching cuts and pupils travelled by bus to School from Selby, no longer having to walk from Drax Hales station.

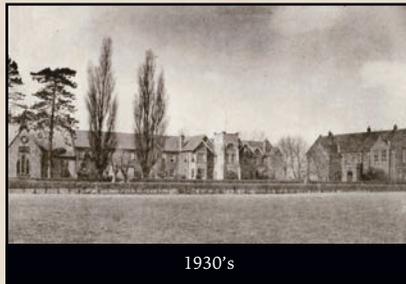
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