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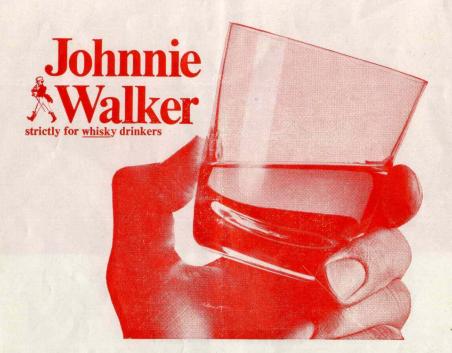
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club notes

We have said it before, we will say it again, there's an atmosphere of unreality about morning games. Today, perhaps, the unreality will be more pronounced than usual; for Cardiff and the movement of many enthusiasts to this part of London will bring a great gathering to Old Deer Park and provide a concourse which will probably outstrip those of such occasions as the Llanelli and Newport fixtures. More than that, quite a lot of those present might still be cosily encased in a sort of Celtic twilight left over from last night's friendly get-together. As one writes, the weather seems to promise to be more kindly than on some such earlier morning Cardiff games. It is to be hoped so. We are delighted to see you all here; we hope you will enjoy yourselves; we hope you will be suitably satisfied with the result at Twickenham, and, most of all, we welcome CARDIFF as much as we can with the knowledge in our minds that we want to beat them — which is something that we don't manage as often as we would like.

But what of ourselves? Success, apparently, did not attend upon the efforts, excellent though they were, of the Welsh on their Xmas Tour. We lost to Llanelli in appalling conditions by 20 pts to 6, won a 'cliff-hanger' against Swansea by 12 pts to 11, although the margin should have been greater, and lost to Abertillery, 3pts to nil, in conditions which were far worse even than those at Llanelli. Then, two weeks ago at Northampton, although nine of the 1st XV regular players were engaged elsewhere, John Dawes, Billy Raybould, Cliff Yorath, Ian Jones, John Taylor. Tony Gray and Brian Rees, involved in the Final Welsh Trial, Noel Thomas playing in the English Trial, and Dave Bowen for the Army, so fine was the effort produced by the Druids players, who stepped into the breach, that they put up an excellent performance and were unlucky to lose. Last week the weather, for once, got the better of us and the game with Bath had to be abandoned. That is a course almost unheard of at Old Deer Park and we count ourselves lucky that the pitches are so often playable.

Congratulations seem to be in the air and The Club offers its warmest to two of its Vice-Presidents and one loyal member who were honoured by Her Majesty in the New Year's

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The Missing 780

We introduce our special programme features for the second half of the season with a half-term report.

You will recall that we first set up our Special Centre in the Clubhouse on October 14th last on the occasion of the Bridgend game, and at the six first team home games up to the time we suspended these operations on December 2nd we collected in cash, cheques and bankers orders a total of approximately £2,600. This came from 55 individual members — an average of £47 per head. Gratifying as these results were they must be looked at in the light of the overall position, and here we find that we have less cause for satisfaction. Researches carried out during the Christmas break have revealed that there are no less than 780 (yes 780) on the current list of Club members who have not yet contributed to the Fund; and here we are talking about you older hands because the total does not include those who first joined the Club this season. We do not like to think that there can be many of you who do not intend to do anything to help. Do you realise for example that in contributing the £47 average referred to above over a five year period your weekly commitment will be less than the cost of a couple of pints?

So if you are one of the 780 (to whom today's appeal is specially directed) start 1968 right by contacting us at the Special Centre today and signing on the dotted line.

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(Colours-Cambridge Blue and Black)

A. R. Pender

C. Evans

15.	G. W. James	Full Back	D. Gethin	15
14.	A. K. Morgan	Threequarters	J.H. Williams F. Wilson	14
13.	S. J. Dawes † (Capt.)	COLUMN COST & DEST	A. D. Williams	13
12.	N. B. Thomas Dai Davie	5	† D. K. Jones	12
11.	C. T. Gibbons		M. Richards	11

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10. B. Davies	Fly Half		I. Lewis	10
9. R. J. Davies Bryn Williams	Scrum Half		† W. Hullin	9
1. F. J. Williams	Forwards	† H.	Norris (Capt.)	1

2.	B. I. Rees †	M. Davies
3.	D. Bowen	† J. P. O'Shea
4.	I. C. Jones	L. Baxter
5.	T. G. Evans	I. Robinson
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Honours List. David R. W. Watts, Assistant Managing Director of Wimpeys, a Vice-President of the Club, a former player, whose father was capped for Wales, received the C.B.E. David is a member of the Club Development Committee and has been a tower of strength to that important body in its work of planning the new Clubhouse, to which he has brought his expertise and unbounded enthusiasm. Another Vice-President and member of the Development Committee, John Williams, familiarly known in London and throughout Wales as John Williams, Albert Hall, was awarded the M.B.E. for his unstinted services to Welsh affairs in London and to the development of Welsh Culture generally. John has given of his time freely and voluntarily to travel far and wide in England and Wales seeking out all that is best in music and the arts for presentation at the annual St. David's Day Festival at The Albert Hall. The third recipient is Hugh Morris, headmaster of a Surrey Comprehensive School, who received the O.B.E. for services to Education and Social affairs. Hugh is an extremely loyal member of the Club and is ably assisted in his work by Delme Thomas, a member of the Club Committee and International Ticket Secretary, who is Head of the Maths Dept. at Hugh's School. Gentlemen, the Club is proud of you.

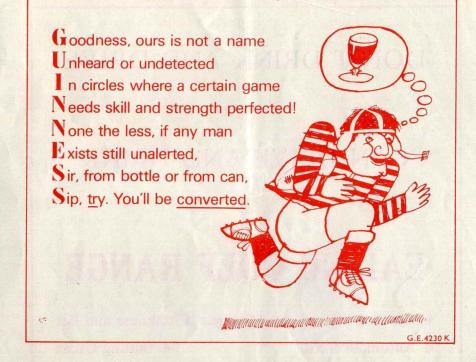
It was with great regret that the Club learned of the death of Harry Wheelhouse, a most loyal, warm-hearted and generous member, after a long illness. Harry joined the Club in 1933 and at once became deeply involved and active in its affairs. He served on the Committee for a number of years and became a Vice-President. For over 20 years he was responsible for the playing kit and equipment and had it laundered and transported at his own expense. Gwyn Lewis, former Club captain and Dave Williams represented the Club at the cremation service and at a later ceremony, Vernon Davies, scattered the ashes over Harry's beloved Bettws Mountain. The Club extends its depest sympathy to Harry's wife, Margery, his son, Haydn, brother Mansel and other relatives. Our sympathy also to our hard-working secretary, Ron Boon and Mrs. Boon, on the sudden death of their son-in-law in New Zealand. At the moment Ron is in New Zealand with his daughter and her children in their hour of need.

It is an odd thing, perhaps, when writing a Rugby programme at the beginning of a year to find oneself thinking of the last year not so much in sporting (although the word could be used) terms as of a year when gaiety was happily demonstrated. One might say that 1967 was a year when very little covered much. Certainly, legs seemed to get longer and better built. But, possibly, the most amusing comment on today's fashions was to be found this week in The Times Diary which we re-print with the very kind permission of "The Times":

The reason, it has been suggested, for the recently circulated recommendation that female barristers should not wear mini-skirts is that it was feared there might be "unauthorized disclosures of terms endorsed on counsel's briefs".

What was more, the next item in The Times Diary the same day was headed "No Puritans over the Downs".

Club results to date:		P	W	D	L	For	Agt
First XV	1	20	13	1	6	263	178
Druids XV	***	14	12	-	1	288	58
Dragons XV		- 11	10	_	1	200	64
"A" XV		12	11	_	1	349	49
Extra "A" XV.		11	7	1	3	163	67
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