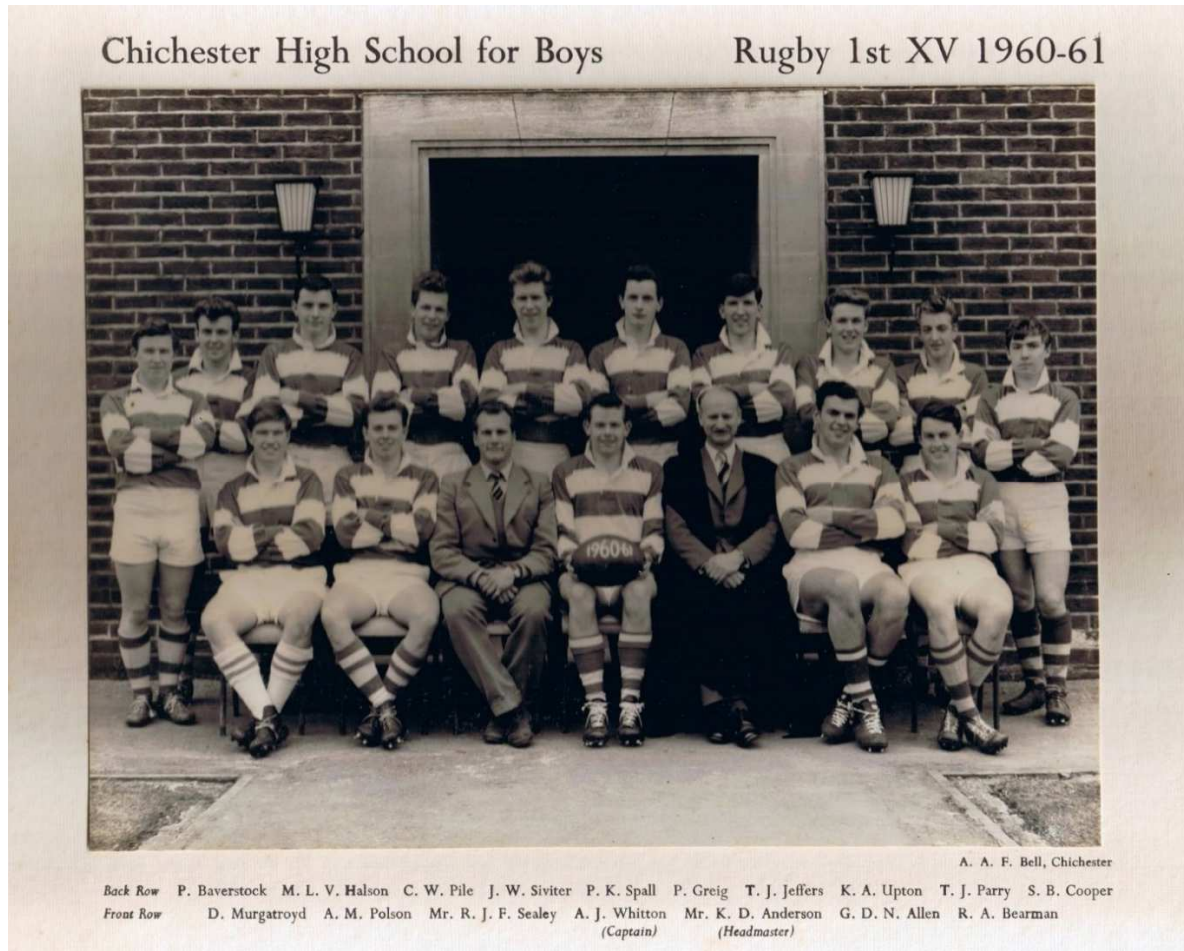


Keith Upton and Garry Allen (now sadly deceased) share some rugby memories



Keith Upton:

Gary, one for you - the introduction of Rod Sealy (RIP) as our coach.

Over the next two seasons, he formed us into an unbeaten team, drawing only with our arch rivals Worthing. What a good team with a great vibe!

Remember the old coaches we used to travel on to our away matches singing loudly all the way. A memory of one game played in the snow comes back to me. I think it was Totton but not sure which of our school rugby teams.

The pitch was totally white with the lines scraped into the ground below and appearing black. Yours truly caught the ball from the kickoff, got tackled and ploughed a long furrow in the slush. It must have been wet and cold but only the fun memory remains!

Gary Allen:

I thought we beat Worthing; as I remember the only draw we had was against the Old Boys in the last game of the season when we drew three all and John Snow dropped a great goal against a penalty. The OBs were determined to beat us and produced a very strong team including an Irish trialist, who played centre. We took paddy out of the scrum and his instruction was to take down that centre which he did. A great game and completed our unbeaten season. Especially good were the victories over Lewes and Portsmouth Grammar.

Keith Upton Thanks Gary; great recall of detail after some fifty years!