



THE WATH CHRONICLE



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On Tuesday 9th March Prince Charles's arrival at Argentina - seventeen years after the Falklands War, Argentina has been relatively peaceful until this he arrived for a diplomatic visit to build relations with the country this caused riots so bad that the Argentinean police had to take action against the rioters. The riots became so bad that when the union flag was set on fire, police used tear gas to end the rioting. An attempt was made to make some kind of contact to Prince Charles when 200 protesters tried to storm the hotel of which Charles was attending.

While he was unaware of this violence he "We in Britain are delighted to be continuing the tradition of friendship between our two countries."

The ten - week war, which began with an Argentine invasion of the islands and culminated in a decisive victory by the British armada, this left an indelible stain on a long history of close ties between the two nations. The prince's tribute came four months after President Carlos Menem paid homage to Britain's 272 war dead during a visit to London - the first by an Argentine head of state since the war's end.

British is now the third - largest investor in Argentina. Hoping to shield Charles' trip from any political implications, the visit will be dominated by pleasantries, including stops at a British Hospital, meetings with Argentine businessmen and of course Polo.

He was presented with a letter from veterans demanding British withdrawal from the Falklands, and, within minutes of his departure, some of the same veterans staged a small protest around his wreath, chanting anti-English slogans like "Pirate Prince Go Home!"

But the violence began hours later when hundreds of protesters marched toward the hotel where Charles was dining with President Carlos.

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The demonstrators threw rocks, garbage cans and paint in clashes with the police, who responded with tear gas. Two police officers were injured and 27 people were arrested.

Later on the same night Charles was asked to dance - with Adriane Vassile who coiled a stocking clad leg round Prince Charles and writhed to the beat of the music. Then shortly after a second dance with Adriane the president's daughter, Zulemita, Asked to dance with the prince. They laughed, they danced and most of all enjoyed themselves and most of the world saw the true human side of the Prince of Wales.



Article by Richard Nield Year 12 and Katie Roberts Year 9.

FROM LITTLE ACORNS BIG IT DOESN'T GROW

A phrase you will never hear is "I love my PC". On the other hand people who use apple Macs form very personal relationships with their computers. (I've got 3 and I can't bear to part with them). Why is this? Is it because a Mac user can personalise their machine within minutes so that the desktop has lots of silly icons and a nice background? Is it because you can make your Mac talk to you when you make a mistake? This is part of the reason, but you can do these things on a PC as well. The main reason is that Macs are FUN. They make computing enjoyable. Windows 95 is known to Mac users as Apple 89, because the Mac operating system was doing what windows does six years before. It was also doing it more efficiently. The latest Mac OS (8.5) is years ahead of anything a Windows machine can do.

Fun(ctionality)?

Some might say that computers aren't about fun but are about functionality. That may be so, but when it comes to ease of use Macs make PCs look like a three-legged donkey. The GUI (Graphical User Interface) that Windows is so proud of is called an IUI (Intuitive User Interface) on a Mac. Macs do what you want them to do. You have to do what a PC wants you to do. Ask yourself this: Would

you prefer a computer designed by a bunch of hippies or one designed by a bunch of business nerds? Macs started in California in the early 80's out of a weekly meeting of computer enthusiasts, and the initial concept that they should be user friendly has remained ever since. PCs were designed by large corporations out to make money. Unfortunately the hippies weren't very good at making money and Macs fell behind PCs in market share, particularly in businesses such as banking. This is now changing. They are the main computers in American schools and currently the iMac is the fastest selling machine on the market. Most publishing and multi-media work is done on Macs.

Why we should have some Macs in Wath.

- People who use Macs are 55% more productive than people who use PCs
- There are only 30 Mac viruses. There are 10 000 PC viruses
- Every Mac from the Classic II onwards is compatible with every other Mac.
- Macs do not break down as much as PCs
- They keep going and do not need replacing
- In the long run they are **cheaper**
- Macs know about the

millennium. The Y2K bug isn't a problem.

- Networking is built in.
- You can train someone to use a Mac in 5 minutes
- Every Mac program has the same basic features (saving, copying, pasting etc.)
- Once you learn one Mac application you have learnt them all.
- They make people want to learn more
- They are FUN.

As an example: there is a school of 700 pupils in inner city Rotherham that has about 50 Macs. These range from 10 year old Classics to the latest Desktop G3's. At 8.00am students are practically breaking down the door to get in to use them. At 5.00pm they have to be thrown out. There has been almost no vandalism.

A Challenge

PC users may scoff at this article. If so here is a challenge to PC and Acorn enthusiasts. Bring any PC or Archimedes along you want, and I'll bring my little Mac 150 PowerBook. Sit two people with little knowledge of computers in front of them. I'll train the Mac person. You train the PC/Archimedes person. Let's see who gets the most done.

As the advert says - THINK DIFFERENT.



EVERYONE'S A WINNER

The months of speculation finally came to an end on Tuesday, as Gordon Brown revealed his 'Budget for the Millennium'

His budget was well received in the house, and was far better than most would have hoped for. However, Tory leader William Hague was less enthusiastic. He compared Mr Brown to "the man you meet in the pub who asks you to lend him £5 so he can buy you a drink." The budget cuts the basic rate of income tax to the lowest rate for 70 years. A long promised 10p starting rate was introduced, whilst the confusingly named 'basic rate' above that is cut to 22p in the pound. However, this was balanced by a readjustment of the rate boundaries, which allowed him to quietly scrap the 20p-starting rate.

He also silenced his critics with an increase, not a tax on child benefit. Until now, the chancellor has often been cast as Scrooge from Dickens' Christmas Carol; however, his display

of generosity would not have seemed out of place amongst the red noses of Comic relief on Friday.

The tax on alcohol will not be increased this side of the Millennium, however married middle class couples will be hit harder, with changes in tax allowances, national insurance contributions, mortgage payments, and the cost of motoring.

The married couples allowance has been taxed, and the £1.6 billion that this saves has been pumped into funding a new children's tax credit, which will be paid out regardless of whether the child's parents are married. This should mean more cash for working single parents. His hard hitting assault on the middle classes continued, as he raised the ceiling on National Insurance contributions, and put in place new curbs on company cars.

The city welcomed the budget, with the sterling rising steadily, however other financial sectors were

disappointed that the chances of another interest rate cut looked slim.

Tax on the football pools was slashed by a third, and the vehicle excise duty on small cars was cut by £55 per year. His budget appealed to all ages, as the basic £20 winter allowance for the elderly was increased to a massive £100

However, 20 cigarettes are up 17.5p and 3.79p were slapped on a litre of unleaded fuel. Diesel is up 6.14p per litre.

The £6 billion-budget give-away was made possible by an unexpected fall in unemployment and a reduction in payments on government debt.

Overall, the budget appeals to all areas of society, with the elderly and those close to the minimum wage being pleasantly surprised.

Ian Watson, Y12



At the beginning of 1999 Wath Comprehensive lost three of its most admired students, Claire Wilkinson, Adam Rawson and Jonathan Gray. They were fun loving, hard working students and will be dearly missed. Our condolences and deepest sympathies go out to all their friends and families.

Editorial

First of all, I must express my deepest thanks to everyone who helped in producing this paper. A list of these people can be found on this page. I especially wish to thank Keith Gordon who provided laptop Apple Macs, complete with scanner and printer, which without, we would not have pictures! Also, thanks to Miss Bates who helped with the organisation of, well, everything.

On a different note, I want to mention our school. Over the past 8 months, the school seems to have been given a makeover. New fences, new computers (on which I am writing), new teachers, and a whole new year 7! The school community is the biggest it has ever been, with year 7 filling the year seven wing.

However, the school has also suffered great loss with the passing away of three of its pupils to meningitis and cancer. The school paid tributes to these pupils by closing the school on several days and further plans are being discussed, including a tribute CD by several students.

In January, a whole school vaccination followed in the first week of term with much media coverage. The school spent the rest of the week in mourning.

Projects in school have helped the school community continue during troublesome times, these have included the young enterprise group, sporting activities, the school newspaper, and science activities.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped, and we'll be back again next time.

Katy Nash
Editor

HEADLINES

What Are Schools For?

Congratulations to the editorial team of the Wath Chronicle on another splendid edition. It is a fine example of what enriches the life of a school and of the community it serves. Schools should provide a host of experiences for their students from team sport to calligraphy, and Wath has an enviable record in this respect. The Wath Chronicle is a representative of this tradition.

And yet, these days, this picture of schools' rich provision is becoming blurred by greater and greater emphasis on one aspect of that provision at the expense of others. Performance league tables are seen by some as the be-all and end-all of schools; some friends of mine who run primary schools tell me that parents come into their school and merely ask 'how are your SATs?', and ignore the art work on the walls and the displays on the tables. OFSTED deluges schools with statistics about all sorts – the perceived success of school is even related to the number of free school meals it has. We are in ever greater danger of playing only to statistics tune: make sure the 'key indications' are okay, and nothing else matters. How wrong that is.

Of course examination attainment matters, and of course it is at the core of what we do. But it isn't the only thing. Indeed, a school which did nothing but teach syllabuses – no sports, no plays, no visits,

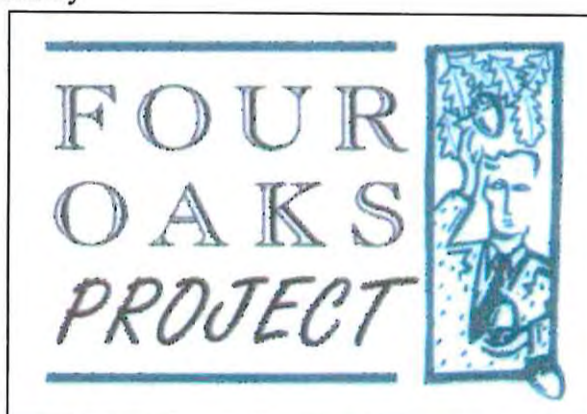
no FUN would probably undermine the very thing it said mattered. And why? – because the school would be a featureless desert, without character, excitement and life. If we challenge pupils in all sorts or ways, including personal organisation, they will handle the challenge of exams all the better. If we feed them only the diet of the syllabus, will be at best bored and at worst disaffected. In a good school, students enjoy coming to it in the morning, because good schools are lively.

I rejoice in the ability of Wath pupils to play sport, perform music, put on good drama and derive benefit from all kinds of visits inside and outside curriculum time. Yes, and produce an interesting newspaper. The improvement in exam results is enhanced by all this if it is properly managed. We should have confidence to accept the broader challenge.



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COMIC RELIEF 1999, 'THE RECORD BREAKER'

As I am sure you're all aware – Red Nose Day 1999, 'The Record Breaker', is just around the corner. Friday the 12th is the day when dreams will come true for many people! The money raised will help those people around the world who still live, not knowing where, or how they will manage to feed themselves or their children. Since Comic Relief began, in 1988 it has generated the incredible sum of £139 million, and every penny has gone to those who really need it. Comic Relief 1997 raised £27.1 million alone, the biggest single total to date. The money is raised through various events people take part in, various Red Nose merchandise available, and money pledged during the show.

Comic Relief avoids high administration costs, as charities are used to distribute the money directly to good causes. Oxfam and Save The Children are good examples of such charities, as they were responsible for distributing over two thirds of the money to African countries. This left a third of the money to be spent on the U.K through groups like

Sheffield HCV Self Help Group who received £1,692 to help men and women suffering from the hepatitis C virus. The money has enabled the group to run a centre where they can get together and discuss any problems they are having.

Walk The Plank is another charity which has greatly benefited from Comic Relief. £4,870 was donated by Comic Relief to help fifteen and sixteen years olds, which have been expelled from school. The money has enabled the children to participate in music activities and to design posters. In effect, Comic Relief is helping the children gain self-confidence and self-respect.

Another organisation benefiting from Comic Relief is The Rwanda survivor's fund that received £201,259. As a result of the Civil War in Rwanda, it is estimated that over one million people were killed in 1994 alone. The money is being used to help rebuild the destroyed communities and has enabled the villages to offer counselling to those who were raped during the War.

Obviously, they are just a small selection of the many

very own Red Nose available from all branches of Oxfam and Sainsburys.

3. Comic Relief T-shirts are now available from Littlewoods and Index stores.
4. It is also a good idea to get your school involved, as no-uniform days are increasingly common. Last year about 60% of all schools took part in a range of different events. This raised an amazing £3.25 million.
5. Comic Relief Quiz sheets are another ideal, fun way of raising money they are obtained by calling, 0891 900 000 (calls cost 50p per minute)
6. Donations can also be made by logging on to the Comic Relief website at www.comicrelief.org.uk or by calling the hotline on the night.
7. Car owners can also help by purchasing the Red Nose for cars. They are available

The Murder of a Student

By Richard Nield.

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They were two young waiting Bus – an ordinary event you might say – but what followed well change the course of Brit life.

On an April night in 1993 Steven Lawrence, a 22 year old Architectural student was standing at a Bus Stop in South London chatting to his friend Dwayne Brookes. They had no idea that a pack of hungry wolves – a gang of five white youths, viciously armed with knives rushed at the two students. Dwayne Brookes sensed the danger and started to run. Steven was not so quick – he was caught, beaten to the ground and butchered like an animal – as the attackers walked away laughing at Steven's life. Blood drained away. What could Steven have done to provoke such an unbelievable act of violence? He was black, that's all – the killers didn't even know his name.

The Police murder enquiry that followed has been described as a Fiasco – Officers either didn't take this murder seriously or were incompetent that vital evidence was lost. Steven's parents, Neville and Doreen led an emotional campaign to

bring their Son's killers to justice. The police were hampered by their early mistakes and a legal system that seems to favour criminals rather than the victims. The Crown Lawyers dropped the case and the suspects were allowed to go free.

Five years on and a full and lengthy enquiry headed by a prominent Judge has exposed the failings of the system and the wicked aspects of British life – there will be many changes to come. Mr and Mrs Lawrence have a bright, promising and much-loved son but the right thinking people of this country have taken up the cause and made this young student a figurehead for racial harmony in Britain. Steven may have died an awful lonely death but his name will be remembered for many years to come.

What is the answer you might ask?

EDUCATION – Ignorance that can grow into a monster.

If people know better they can do better.

In The Rainforest

In the rainforest, of Bolivia there has been extensive research carried out. Scientists are creating new fruits and flavours through hybridisation. They are approaching the canopy layer to carry out this research. When they reach the canopy the scientists take several samples of various fruits and flowers, in order to create different flavours. The usefulness of this research has yet to be announced, however, it is thought that these discoveries will benefit further medical improvements. Some of these fruits will also be eaten just as you would eat apples and oranges.

Michael Keen

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There are many famous people who get involved with Comic Relief, for example Lenny Henry, who sits on Comic Relief's board of trustees. He has recently been awarded an O.B.E, in recognition of the extensive work carried out for Comic Relief. "In Africa, poverty and injustice mean that millions of people are still denied the basic rights to which all humans are entitled" Lenny then emphasised "What we need is action and we need it now!"

... BUT WHERE EXACTLY DOES THE MONEY GO?

The vast amounts of money donated to charities by Comic Relief cover hundreds of projects. An example of which includes the

HOW CAN I HELP?

There are literally millions of ways to raise money on or around Red Nose day. This year has been named The Record Breaker, and it's all about thinking of the craziest and wittiest things you can do. Here are just some of the ways YOU can help;

1. Get involved in a sponsored event. There are loads that you and your friends can organise. Why not think of the most unusual one possible? These are fun to do, and will raise lots of money for Comic Relief.
2. You can even purchase your

8. Red Nose paints from Dulux hope to raise £30,000 through the sale of...red paint, which will also contribute to many worthy causes.

9. Special packs of Colgate toothpaste will hope to raise £250,000, as 5p from each pack will be donated. The Body Shop is promoting a kissing kit, which will provide £1 from each going to Comic Relief.

10. Alternatively, you could try and relax by listening to the official Comic Relief single 'When The Going Gets Tough, The Tough Get Going,' sung by Boyzone.

By Craig Spickett (16)

Endangered

A Note of Caution

What do musical instruments and endangered species have in common? More than you would perhaps realise. Species used in the manufacture of musical instruments are now being protected to stop their extinction. The materials, such as ivory and Brazilian rosewood are protected by CITES (The Committee on International Trade in Endangered Species).

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Ivory has been used in musical instruments for centuries.

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Piano keys, guitar saddles, violin bow tips and

sometimes-whole woodwind instruments have, at some time, been constructed from ivory. Concerns about the use of ivory were first voiced when the African elephant population was found to be dwindling. As most ivory is obtained from the tusks of dead elephants, bans were put in place to prevent trade.

Although most people would now not trade in ivory even if there were no ban, many people would probably continue the trade of the Brazilian rosewood. The tree in question is now a rare sight on the Brazilian coast. Guitar makers prize it for its distinctive orange and brown grain, and also its strength. It has been considered for many to be the best wood from which to construct the backs and sides of classical guitars. CITES have now put the Brazilian rosewood on their protection list.

The penalties for breaking CITES laws are strong. Endangered species may be bought and sold within a countries boundaries but not over any international border. To trade with another country you must have proper documentation to prove that the object was constructed before any bans were imposed. Otherwise the

object can be confiscated at customs and you may be faced with a heavy fine.

Another species currently being looked at by CITES is the pernambuco, a wood used to make violin bows. Violinmakers admire it for its strength, flexibility, weight and colour. The pernambuco tree grows in the same area of Brazil as the Brazilian rosewood.

CITES may also lift restrictions. Existing ivory stocks, for example, are being traded by African countries with Japan. Conservationists fear that some countries will now wish to increase their ivory stockpiles at the expense of the elephant.

Some species may require the protection of CITES, but for some reason this can't be given.

These species may be given national legislation. One such species is the African blackwood or Mpingo. This tree once covered large stretches of the African plain and was also grown in plantations in Asia. It is the preferred timber of clarinet and oboe makers. Up to one hundred thousand instruments are constructed from this wood every year at present.

Although protection has been fairly successful poaching is suspected. It is difficult to protect however, as the tree's life cycle is not yet fully understood. Dead wood, which is collected legally, may be the source of new saplings.

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Some species may not be effectively protected this way. Many species of ebony are now thought to be extinct. The Indian rosewood, although protected by Indian legislation, is also nearing extinction. Although replanting schemes are in progress, there will be no fully mature trees for one hundred and eighty years, as this is the length of time the tree takes to reach maturity. Many ebonies and rosewoods are still bought and sold freely through musical instrument maker's catalogues.

Now though, countries are looking at ways of preserving these endangered species. The use of more readily available

woods, such as native British hardwoods, is being encouraged. Common woods such as ash, cherry, apple, pear and sycamore are all being used in instrument making. These forests are being made into renewable resources. For every tree that is cut down, one is planted. A trademark is given to earth friendly instruments by the FSC; that is, instruments made from manageable resource forests. Already the first guitars bearing this trademark have been sold. Many other organisations are setting up similar projects to help preserve endangered species. In time, it is thought, instrument makers will learn how to get the best out of these woods, and discover that instruments do not have to be constructed from expensive materials to play and sound well.

Adam Ardron Y10



The Peril of the Rainforest

The Rainforest is considered by many to be the most lush and beautiful of all the worlds natural biomes. Its ecosystem is one of the most complex that exists and its full exuberance is still unknown to man. Yet

despite this seemingly pleasant haven for the numerous species that dwell there, the Rainforest is in great peril. The threat of deforestation places up to a million species in danger of extinction within the next decade and the situation is set to get worse. The soils of the Rainforest are not fertile and are only maintained by the intricate

and highly -adapted forms of nutrient cycling. Disruption of the natural forest by deforestation for farming can cause irreversible changes in soil fertility and can prevent recovery and growth. Human interference causes many problems, including deforestation and soil erosion. Forest fires are also a big threat. Great care is

needed to help maintain these truly wonderful areas of natural beauty, for otherwise the most stunning and luxuriant of ecosystems could be lost forever.

BY LISA KING
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Outrageous, Wolves in Designer Clothing

Today the number of pedigree dogs officially recognised in Britain is over 160 and the numbers are rapidly increasing. After a trip around Crufts (the dog show) it has come to light that you can be forgiven for saying dogs are from different planets. Although you would be very wrong, because today's modern dogs all share their genetic ancestry with the original species - the wolf. How you ask? Well it's simple, just take one basic genetic design and manipulate, mutate and modify it over a thousand years.

Over the years, dogs have changed because people have had dogs for farming and industry or just for the novelty of having a pet and its fashion. But as researchers have already found out nowadays people care more about what dogs look like rather than their functions.

The result is that the origins and early functions of this countries top ten breeds can be totally unknown to their breeders, for instance

how many people do you know that knows these facts stated below:

The Yorkshire Terrier was a bigger dog bred to clear the northern mills of rats. The Boxer was bred to hunt and fight in the middle ages. The Labrador was used to pull items back and forth from the ships and shores in northern America.

Sometimes the worst thing that can happen is that a particular type of dog can suddenly become fashionable and in great demand this leads to health and genetic problems. For instance Dalmatians have paid for that by being in such popular demand with all the films they were involved in. The human appetite has also increased as far as wanting dogs is concerned but people are now just thinking dogs are fashion statements so what will it be next, dressing them in CALVIN KLEIN!!!

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Genetically modified Salmon - Frankenfish ?

In America and Canada they are growing over 100,000 genetically modified Salmon in massive seawater tanks. If all goes according to plan these designer salmon will be on fishmongers slabs in the next two years. Genetically modified Salmon is to taste like salmon.

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Further plans exist to produce genetically modified Trout and Flounder. Opponents argue strongly against "Frankenfish" because they say it will be unhealthy to eat. Also there is a real danger that if "Frankenfish" mate with natural Salmon, the gene pool could be altered. Watch out FrankenGuineapigs!

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PowerMac G3

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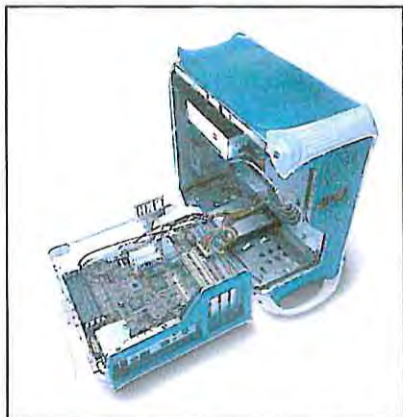
Apple's G3 PowerMac range has undergone radical surgery, recently, to bring the G3 in line with the iMac's sleek design. The beige case has been cast into oblivion and it is being replaced by smooth ice white and blueberry curves, and that's just the outside! Inside there's an updated G3 chip, ATI's latest graphics card, the RAGE 128, with 16Mb of video memory.



I tested a bottom-of-the-range, 300MHz G3 PowerMac at a local retailer, as you would expect of Apple, the price is pretty steep at £1,373.58 just for the computer. If you want the matching ice-white and blueberry 17in Apple Studio Display, expect to pay a further £347.83. However the G3 does come with 64Mb of RAM as standard, the machine I used had 128Mb, and a 6Gb hard drive.



The drawback is that the G3 only comes with one external storage device, a 24-speed CD-ROM drive. This is because Apple is continuing its policy of dropping the floppy drive. But there is a 5.25in external drive bay in which you can fit a back-up device of your choosing.



Another piece of missing hardware is a modem, which according to Apple, has been left out because most PowerMacs gain access to the Internet via a

network. In all fairness the G3 is supplied with a network card. To buy a modem and use the G3 as a stand alone you will need to pay a further £82.25 for a 56Kbits/s modem, which you'll either have to fit yourself or request as an extra when purchasing your system, if you have your computer built to order.

On the plus side, isn't the new design just gorgeous to look at, and it has loads of practical advantages too. It's got sturdy handles on all four corners, which make it really easy to shift and accessing the internals is simplicity itself. All you do is flip down the lockable lever, pull down the side of the case and the motherboard is laid out in front of you for inspection.

Everything is laid out beautifully, and upgrading would be child's play. There is space for extra RAM giving a potential total of 1Gb of RAM!

The high build quality follows through to the outside of the G3 PowerMac. The G3 is shipped with the same USB keyboard and mouse as the iMac. If like me, you are absolutely loath the rotund rodent there's an ADB port to connect all standard Apple Peripherals. There is a further USB and two firewire ports on the rear of the unit. There is a void

where the SCSI port should be, if you require this option you will have to purchase a PCI SCSI card. The G3 PowerMac does not come with a monitor, which you can add to an already long list of things. In this review the G3 was teamed up with Apple's new 17in Studio Display, with its matching colour scheme and space-age design. It rests on three curved legs, and the rest of the case is blueberry plastic.

Apple claimed it's G3 processors can put their Pentium rivals to same with performance, so I tested this against my Evesham Micros Pentium II 450MHz PC. The loss of 150MHz of power meant the G3's results lagged behind my Intel-based PC.

When I timed a PhotoShop task the Mac took 41 seconds, while the PC took 30 seconds. For my final test I used a 50-page Word document to do a complex find-and-replace sequence, which took the PC 12 seconds and the Mac nearly Two minutes.

To sum up this is an expensive computer with a lot missing.

iDrive and Teac's iMac Floppy.

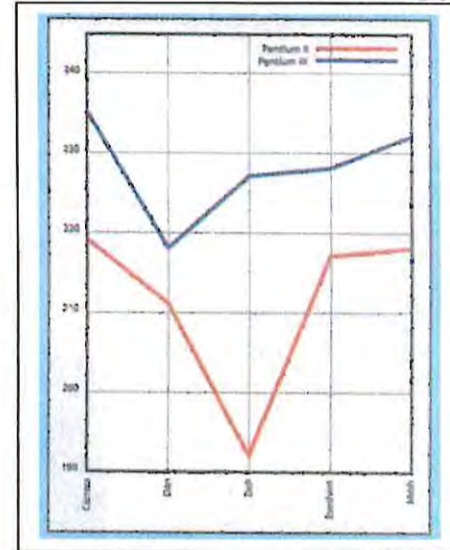
iMac users cursing Apple's decision not to include a built in floppy drive can now add their own, courtesy of iDrives and Teac. Both are connected via the computer's USB port. Teac's drive will read 720Kb, 1.2Mb and 1.44Mb, and finished in a translucent blue plastic to match it's host. It costs £104.57. The iDrives drive will only read 1.2Mb and 1.44Mb. This comes kitted-out in a stylish frozen green and white case. It costs £66.00. Both come with leads and instructions.



Pentium 3: Its Here

By David Beckett
Richard Adams.

At last the Pentium 3 is here. The giant chip manufacturer Intel has unleashed its latest versions running at 450 and 500 MHz. Intel have launched the Pentium 3 with much hype as it is to take from the 450mhz Pentium 2 off the number one spot for use in desktop PC's. This shows Intel's intentions its budget Celerons, (TM) compete against processors from AMD and Cyrix, which provide good



performance at a low cost. The Pentium 2 is now to be Intel's mid-range CPU this should continue to dominate the £1000 to £1300 segment of the market. However watch out for bargains as Intel and its partners will be forced to clear out the backlog of existing Pentium 2's.

The Pentium 3 will find its way into the server and low-end workstation market as its new features should make it more appealing to workstation and server manufacturers than the Pentium 2. Intel will debut the Pentium 3 in both 450MHz and 500MHz clock speeds.

The new Pentium 3 boasts new features that differentiate it from the Pentium 2. There are 70 new instructions supposed to provide performance boosts in many applications.

The Katmai New Instructions or KNI are similar to the MMX instructions in the Pentium 2 processor. Both MMX and KNI operate on the same SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data-stream) principal. For the majority of a CPU's working life it performs the same job many times over and SIMD takes advantage of this fact. In usual circumstances the CPU processes instructions sequentially, applying the same instruction over and over to similar data types.

The new KNI instruction set has some welcome differences from its MMX counter-part. MMX uses the same registers as the integer unit of the CPU, which prevents these 2 units being used at the same time. Switching between the 2 results in a lot of lost clock cycles. KNI avoids this problem by using a new set of registers so both KNI and the floating-point units can

function in parallel. However this is not without its problems, as the CPU, to access them, has to enter a new state of operation. The last time Intel introduced a new processor state was over 6 years ago. Intel are hoping the P3 will herald a new era for internet content, personal computers, graphics cards and development tools. These have been developed for or made possible by the P3 processor.

Pentium 2 Vs Pentium 3.

Across is a comparison of the P2 and P3 WorldBench performance between 5 similarly specced PC manufacturers. Dell made the most significant performance gains. Its 400MHz Pentium 2 machine managed a WorldBench score of 192, which rose by a great 35 points with a 500MHz Pentium 3. All the other manufacturers made gains, but they were not as significant as Dell.

AMD K6-3.

Intel's arch-rival AMD will almost certainly attempt to better the P3. Codenamed sharpooth, PC's powered by the AMD K6-3 are to be available in the near future. The K6-3 comes armed with 256K extra cache built directly onto the processor, unlike the P3, will result in an overall performance hike on the everyday business applications.



Images with thanks of Apple Computer Inc.

I'll RnB THERE!

By **Qassim Maqsood**

The £15m project opened on the 1st of March 1999 and is set to make a big bang on the way we listen to music today. The centre is said to hold up to 750 people and includes state of the art sound systems and a lecture theatre.

The centre stands tall in the centre of Sheffield with its three oddly looking buildings. Many say that they look like teapots gone wrong but personally I think they look like curling balls.

You could have a go at mixing, being a radio DJ or designing your own album

sleeve.

The backing for this project was supplied by some of the biggest names in business, which include: National Lottery cash, Philips, EMAP radio, Royal Bank of Scotland and Guinness Publishing.

The price to enter this masterpiece in music is £5.95 for adults and £4.00 for children. Tel. 0114 2962626.

Overall, the centre is great for business in Sheffield and is dropping its steel and iron industry image for a much more attractive semblance.

Meliore Spectare - Looking ahead to a better school

Our school motto could not be more apt. Today is about having a vision about how Wath can move forward get better. It is about having common goals and the staff and our site and buildings are at the heart of our future.

There are wonderful and rare opportunities for us. The 'New Deal' money for Wath could mean a spectacular building programme. Rotherham Education Authority has bid for over £20 million over a three year period. What could this mean? It could mean roofs that don't leak. It should mean that all our temporary buildings would be swept away. Park Road closed and the canteens and Sixth Form

first major building programme on our site for over fifty years. It would mean fantastic new teaching suites, space for sixth Formers, comfortable eating areas and at last a warm, light and clean environment for our students and teachers; we owe it to them to provide this. If the bid is successful we can see this happening in the very near future.

The warmth, commitment and professionalism of all of the staff at Wath mean that they deserve the best. They're good at pulling together. When we look around at the condition of our campus we feel weary and frustrated. We seem to work in a very bleak environment, but despite all this staff work together in a caring atmosphere and they have high expectations of pupils. Recently, all the staff of

ways of doing this is to help our best and most expensive resource, the staff of the school. Did you know that apart from being brilliant at their subjects we have in our midst a DIY expert, an ex personnel manager, a speciality onion bhaji maker and a teacher who excels at making beer.

At school changes are happening. We're building a culture to support the professional needs of staff through training and better communications. People need resources to do their job. I want all our staff to look forward to coming to work in a morning so they can have the motivation and confidence to do their job.

The site matters and the staff matter. We have a lot to look forward to and in the

Comenius Update

The membership of Partnership has remained as at the initial phase.

Wath Comprehensive School, England Vivien Leatherbarrow Trave-Gymnasium School, Germany Gerhard Kappe Liceo Classico, "Gulli e Pennisi" Sicily Rosario Tropea Váci Mihály Gimnasium, Hungary Zsuzsa Heinczingerne

Since the 1998 report, and the February preparatory meeting in Sicily the project has moved on a pace. The Work Plan has been established and all the schools have formulated their work plan, been accepted by the Central Bureau, and are moving towards completion of year 1 of the project.

The Autumn term saw the fruition of much of the work, including completion of a questionnaire investigating job expectations and family influences. This will be analysed by A level Sociologists and the results used for the 2nd year of our project. Sixty yr 8 pupils have been working on a booklet created to study which subjects are needed for their future job preferences. The library group are producing a newspaper, a video and a videoed series of interviews with local people whose insight into the world of work and the redevelopment of the area with the regeneration of the Dearne Valley following the mine closures, will prove invaluable to the project.

Naturally an important issue has been the funding and settings up of Wath Schools own Website, now that there is Internet access. The History Department have involved yr 9 in the study of Coal Mining in

the area with a follow up visit to the Yorkshire Mining Museum.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the whole project has been the exchange between schools. After staff representatives met initially in Sicily there have been several exchange visits between schools. The Váci Mihály Gymnasium, Hungary, have visited Wath, as well as the Trave-Gymnasium School, Germany. Mrs Bennet and Mrs Gracie leave for Budapest on Saturday 13th March to meet with staff, and exchange news with Hungarian partners. Mrs Eileen Williamson will be organising a return visit to Germany, in order to further develop language skills and enjoy the benefits of living with a German family. Yr. 9 and 10 pupils who have opted to learn the German language will be given the opportunity to savour German hospitality, spending a week in the beautiful region in and around Hübuck. There have been exchanges between the other participating schools also, and the enthusiasm of the participants and the commitment of the leaders have provided a major source of motivation for all students and teachers.

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Lubeck - Germany

All schools are keen to continue the project into next year. A summit meeting at Wath School is scheduled to take place this summer.

By Mrs Mitchell



common room demolished. Then right in the middle of the campus will emerge a brand new block. The plans are at an early stage, but they are most exciting – the

school, including teachers and support staff met together to discuss our shared vision about helping our pupils to achieve the best they can. One of the best

coming months we can transform our vision into a reality. Mr Staton (Senior Teacher)

16 and she has a billion pounds?

Young Sarah Flannery from Cork in Ireland is only 16 years old and she has already earned nearly a billion pounds. "How?" I hear you cry, and "Why have I not got that much money?" Well, lucky Sarah did not acquire her money through any unsavoury methods, nor has she married for money. The Internet is the source of her wealth.

Sarah is a computer whiz and because of her expertise she has attracted many offers of work. The firm she is working for at the moment intends to pay her huge amounts of money for working on a new program, which should provide a safeguard for the privacy of e-mails.

You may think "Wow, what a geek," but how does a mansion, sports car, yacht and a million-pound trust fund sound to you? Not bad for a geek, eh?

Laura Scarrott

Lottery Money to be used to Refurbish Hospice

Money from the National Lottery Charities Board is to be donated to hospices around Yorkshire. The total windfall is almost £5 million including a lump sum of £1 million to St. Gemma's Hospice in Leeds. The money here will be used to refurbish the ageing buildings and the plans include the creation of 16 new single rooms at a combined cost of £2.5 million. An appeal is to be launched to raise the rest of the money needed.

By Richard Adams.

Crock Horror

An Australian dog lover told yesterday of how he wrestled a 10ft. Crocodile to save his Beloved Bullmastiff pet dog. The huge crock had the dog in his jaws and its owner admits he thought twice before diving in. Drew told of how he and the Crocodile had a tug of war competition for possession of the dog. Last night the dog was said to be recovering from its ordeal in a Queensland veterinary surgery.

Mark Fennell



Year 7 & 8 - out and about

Everyone who has worked on this newspaper would agree that it has been a valuable and worthwhile experience. Pupils of all ages, from Year 7 right through to Year 13, have had an input. On this particular page you will see the contributions of some of the younger members of our team. For many of them this was their first experience of working on a project like this, however, this did not mean that it was any less exciting. Yesterday afternoon the team received a telephone message from the BBC asking if they could send a camera crew to report what we were doing. As well as spending time with the whole team in the library they went out on location with some of our Year 7 & 8 pupils. The articles that you see below will not only feature in the Wath Chronicle but on BBC Newsround tonight.

CHRONICLE SIEGE ON CONISBRO' CASTLE.

Conisbrough Castle was built after William the Conqueror invaded England in 1066. He gave land to all his followers, and gave Conisbrough, which was then called "Cynisburgh" to William de Warenne who built the original motte and bailey castle in 1068. The 5th Earl de Warenne, Hamelin Plantagenet built the stone castle that stands today and it fell into disrepair in the early fifteenth century. Its occupiers abandoned it and during the civil war it was left alone by Oliver Cromwell, as there was nobody there to fight.

We interviewed Margaret Turner who is the Operations Manager at Conisbrough Castle. We asked her how the castle and its site came to be as it is today. She told us how for the past 500 years the castle had been neglected and left in ruin. In 1988 Doncaster council found funding to build a visitors centre to replace the small hut that was in the grounds as a gift shop. It was built as a tourist attraction to increase the numbers of visitors each year. The design itself is very unique and is the only one of its kind in the United Kingdom. The restoration process began in 1994 and was completed a year later in 1995. It cost approximately £300,000 and the English Heritage and the Ivanhoe Trust provided the

money. A roof was installed and floors were put in to allow tours to take place and to stop erosion by the wind and acid rain.

On Tuesday 5th January 1999 a fire was started by arsonists at the castle's tourist centre. The police and the fire services were called at 7.30am it caused estimated £10,000 worth of damage. Most of the damage however was on the exterior of the building. There was definitely no danger of the castle itself being set ablaze as it was over 100 yards away from the fire. Luckily the damage only caused the centre to close for two or three days. The damage could have been much worse as Ms Turner told us "I'm glad the damage wasn't fatal and luckily there wasn't much interior damage".

The staff were horrified and disappointed. Ms Turner commented "We are just going to have to do the best we can. We have all been demoralised by this". It will take six to eight weeks to repair starting from the end of March. The cost of the repairs will be approximately £50,000 to £80,000.

Conisbrough castle is a great place to go with the family for a day out any time of the year. It has the best-preserved keep in the whole of Great Britain and is the only circular keep in Britain. It is well worth going.

Charlotte Fawkes Y12
Amy Smith Y8
Gareth Winder Y8
Charlotte Cooke Y7
Michael Keen Y7

The Interview of the Earth Centre

The Earth Centre is opening to the public next month. A group of reporters went to interview the Chief Executive to find out what the centre is about, and what the expectations were for it.

The centre is about the planet Earth and how we live on it. The Chief Executive talked about looking after the planet and preserving it for future generations to come. He said it is suitable for all ages especially the younger ones. There are facilities and gardens for older people to enjoy. As from April 2nd, the centre will employ one hundred and fifty unemployed former colliery workers.



There are two hundred builders already constructing on the site, but they have had lots of problems building the Centre including the river flowing through the centre of the site. So far the building and construction has cost Forty two million pounds and they have estimated that the final project will cost One hundred million pounds. Half of the money will come from the National Lottery through the Millennium Commission, the rest will come out of the European funds.

A group called the English Partnership helps to restore old mines and has helped them as it is built on the Old Denaby Colliery. This project is part of the National Landmark Millennium project and is one of the biggest in the country.

We think that over all the centre will be a successful project and they will get plenty of visitors. On the 18th March there is an open day for the local schools, and it opens to the public on the 2nd April, which will surely be a great event.

By Johanna Hirst, Emma Jones, Danny Stanton, Mathew Williams and Steven Bland

Simply the best tells you the readers what this school and its pupils are simply the best at. Read on for info on Mr Godber, Mrs Porter and much, much more.

Mr Godber: Best Porridge maker in the world.

Mrs Mitchell: Fluffing up the cushions before she goes out.

Mrs O' Connor: Messing in the kitchen and creating new recipes.

Miss Hague: Skiing and bombing down the mountain at 100m per hour!

Mr Jordan: 100m Breastroke at the age of 16 I did a 1:18 now though my time has aged with me to a 1:29.

Mrs Porter: Throwing pots in a pottery wheel.

Madame Harrison: Makes the most delicious buns and won't be beaten!

Mr Ridley: Is the best profiterole making genius in Sheffield.

Mrs Hibbert Is: I believe I am simply the best apple pie maker in Yorkshire.

Zeke Hindmarsh: Is an all round over achiever, an Internet god and Macintosh guru, he's also pretty nifty on a mountain bike. If you're looking for musical taste, just ask me.

Gareth Jones is simply the best swimmer in Y7 he goes to Ponds Forge every day except on a Thursday when it is closed.

Sam Tansley is simply the best at running for a bus after school: (he likes to get a good seat).

Derrol Cooper is: I am simply the best at playing football (in the net) because I spend all my time practising

Soap Box

MR R.GODBER

"One thing I feel really strongly about is standards of public behaviour, do you know the sort of thing. I mean, people who shout, too loud in public places, people who throw litter everywhere, who slam doors in your face. People who don't get up for you when you're on a bus, all that sort of thing. People who sit on trains and use their wretched mobile phones. People who put earphones on and they turn them sufficiently loud so that you so that you hear that horrible 'THUD, THUD, THUD' noise. People, who shout down the corridors of trains, people that shout down any corridors that they can actually start upon. People who go into rooms and leave furniture in a mess. People who leave their property everywhere for other people to clear up."

WE SAY: We totally agree with that comment!

Zeenat Maqsood

"I thought I'd talk about racism, It's a big issue at the moment with Steven Lawrence, However obviously I don't agree with it, But I don't think that it's something that you're born with, I think it's something to do with education and ignorance. To stop it what can we do? Basically, education I think more intermixing with people of ethic minority and trips such as the Pakistan trip, which I am going on this year in April. People need to be more aware that everybody is the same however, Just have different coloured skin.

WE THINK: We do like to think that we are an anti-racist school but there are those certain ignorant people we all have to deal with!



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**MAN IS
TEASED BY
CHRIS IN
£125000
MUDDLE!!!!**

Tony Kennedy, a contestant who took part in "TV's richest game show," who wants to be a millionaire, yesterday spoke of his torment and embarrassment after being told that he couldn't bank his £125'000 cheque at the bank. It took 17 hours for him to finally be told that he could bank the cheque.

Mr. Kennedy, a 29 year old warehouse man who lives in Blackpool, was involved in a television mix-up of which he could have lost his £125,000 that he won on Sunday when the programme was recorded.

The former Royal-Navy man had already won £32,000 when he was asked this question. "Theoretically, what is the minimum number of strokes a tennis player can win a set?" The choices were 12, 24, 36, 48. John Kennedy chose option B, which was declared right by the computer. John then went on to win £125,000. Monday, when the programme was shown, hundreds out of around 18 million viewers phoned in complaining that the correct answer was in fact option A. The people who check the answers are now going to be sacked.

Johanna Hirst Y8



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It's good to talk...BUT NOT THAT LOUD!

If anyone had had the presence of mind to invest in telecommunications earlier last year, they could have seen their shares climb in value by the second. The reason?

The mobile phone.

A prototype, no doubt the size of Bournemouth and only mobile if carried on the back of a truck, was tested for the first time in 1978 and the industry has enjoyed steadily increasing sales rates up to the end of '96. Then something amazing happened. Mobile phones became fashion

items as essential as the miniature umbrellas in cocktails - no one can be without them. Their popularity has increased ever since. You can no longer go anywhere without seeing somebody with a mobile phone plastered to his or her ear. They might as well have them surgically implanted to the side of their faces.

Personally, I can't see the point. I mean, what enjoyment can someone possibly get out of frying their brain cells to the consistency of tinned tomatoes. It's beyond me, it really is. And as for the

annoying little things that come with the phones:

Such as the shoulder holsters that hold the mobile phones in place - Who do they think they are, James Bond? License to pay while they talk?

Belt clips are another thing and are responsible for thousands of people walking through the streets looking like modern day Lone Rangers.

And dear God why, do some cellular phone users find it necessary to put their phones on the bar when they are stood having a drink? Do they think it portrays their busy, on-the-go character? What they don't seem to realise is that everyone else thinks their phones are merely extensions of

their egos and only on the bar because their pockets aren't big enough.

Mind you, the phones are getting smaller with each new model produced to the extent that it seems that one day we'll have to use tweezers to hold them when in use, and when not they can double-up as cufflinks.

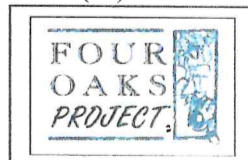
I could go on about the insanely stupid tunes these phones play when ringing. Aren't they meant for emergencies? Imagine a relative phoning from the scene of an accident and all you get on your end is Scott Joplin's *Entertainer*.

And why do people shout into their phones? As my esteemed colleague, Ian Watson once said: "The whole point of the &\$\$%#@^

things is so you *don't* have to shout to the person you want to talk to across the street!"

It seems, however, that there is no stopping the ever-chiming little blighters enveloping the planet. With any luck, though, one of the companies will come up with a phone that, instead of ringing, gently taps its owner on the shoulder when a call is coming through and then finally, we would all be at peace.

Jamie Dodd (17).



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Y9 and 12 skiing trip
By Joanne Ryall and Katie Roberts

This year's year nine and 12 skiing trip was brilliant! Despite the eighteen-hour coach trip from Wath to Les Menuires via the shuttle which we caught in Folkestone which took us to Calais. For seven hours music was loud and everyone was talking about how to flush the toilet on the coach, it was our only source of entertainment since the television didn't work. After that

Ferguson) were on blue and red runs.

We had a few injuries though. Katie Roberts, Nicola Houlton, Joanne Parkin, Lauren Stoker, Gemma Worthington, and worst of all Laura Reed who broke her leg and spent the remaining couple of days in bed.

As before the video room was the main area where



the majority of the people slept until we arrived.

The hotel Chritelles was a small club hotel. The rooms differed in size; they suited between four and ten people sharing one bathroom.

The food was OK but some of us were not used to the French style of cooking. There was a video room where the majority of our spare time was spent when we were not in the shopping mall. Drinks were available for £1.30 at the bar.

The actual skiing was 'brill.' The instructors were great but some spoke little English, which at times was quite funny. We were organised into groups according to ability, the advanced group was on black and red runs, while most of year nine (and Miss

people spent their spare time relaxing. If it wasn't the video room it was bum boarding! Even the staff had a go. The last night topped it all though. The staff decided to tell us we had to go to dinner in fancy dress. Mrs Bennett went as Snow White and the rest of the staff went no not seven dwarfs but eight dwarfs so that nobody was left out. The year nine and twelve fancy dress ranged from Laurence Youel as a paperboy, year twelve as ABBA, Laura Reed as 'plastered' with the plaster on her leg and holding a bottle of booze, and Qassim Maqsood as a woman with plenty of makeup.

All in all the trip was an experience not to be forgotten, so if you get the chance to go on it, go!

IT'LL ALL END IN TIARAS
By Rose Mulkeen Y9

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Like every little girl I wanted to be a princess with long blonde hair and pink dresses. But princesses turn into queens and then the real problems begin – or do they?

In 1952 Elizabeth II became Queen of Britain, but when she was born in 1926 no one ever imagined that this little girl would become queen. Her grandfather, George V was King and her uncle, Edward, was heir. But when Edward abdicated in December 1936 and Elizabeth's father became George VI her role in life was changed from a life long princess to heir to the throne. After that she lived a fairytale life, she had money, status and an adoring public for

many years, but now.

Now many see the monarchy as a frill, an unneeded extra for Britain to squander its precious resources on, just another waste of time and money.

We hear of their numerous state visits but what is achieved by them? To most people they are just over elaborate holidays that the British public has paid for. The QE2 has only just stopped being the Royal families private boat, think of the prices of upkeep that were spent one just one boat.

When we talk about the Royal family we aren't just talking about the Queen and her immediate family, we are talking about

hundreds of people who are deemed better than everyone else because somewhere in their distant past their distant relations were distantly related to the King or Queen.

We see the Queen and her family splashed all over the front of tabloid newspapers for the smallest of announcements, when they could be using the power that they have to help all of the people that they are constantly saying need our help.

But on the other hand the monarchy have helped to boost tourism in London as in the rest of the country. They have opened Buckingham Palace to the public and lent their image to various products and events.

In times of need, such as World War II the Royal family was a constant source of encouragement when the British public needed it most. They supported the people in their desperation and celebrated with them in victory.

Even though most of the time we disagree with the monarchy and disagree with the oppression that they once stood for the Royal family are a helpful asset to our struggling country and something that that can now aid us economically.

Pakistan Here We Come!!

The Pakistan expedition is one of the best trips open to the Year 12 students. Leaving on the 18th of April and returning on the 2nd of May, eleven pupils from Wath, Swinton and Brinsworth Comprehensive schools are going to Pakistan to help poor orphaned children and 'tree-house schools', who are suffering.

This is the third expedition of this kind to take place. The original supervisors from the first expedition are going again, including our very own Mrs Morley. Lauren Campy of Year 12 also went on the first expedition and she enjoyed the experience very much. However, it is stressed that this is no holiday, it is a hard working trip in which all of the participants will acquire vast quantities of knowledge and understanding. We will hopefully come back better people for the experience.

Before going, the eleven people have to raise £250 to get to Pakistan and then as much more as they possibly can to take over to the various causes there. There are many letters going to huge firms, e.g. Avesta Steels and Woolworths, as well as big sports clubs such as Sheffield Utd, Rotherham Utd and Sheffield Sharks. In addition the <Mute> concert raised £39 for this cause and the jacket potatoes raised a further £80. These tasty spuds will be coming back in the near future so get your 50p ready. There is also going to be a huge Indian buffet which will be for teachers, governors, racial equality and office staff. The police force has also been invited and they are actually helping to fund the trip, which would normally have cost us £850. Thanks also goes to Rotherham Education Authority and the various sponsors, without their assistance we might not be

able to go. Hopefully the Pakistan trip will raise over £1,500 for the underprivileged over there.

The four lucky people to get through the interview to go to Pakistan from Wath Comprehensive are Charlotte Fawkes, Zeenat Maqsood, Rachel Elliot and Winston 'common' Baugh.

By the time all eleven of us go to Pakistan we will know each other very well, too well in some cases, after weekends away and other 'bonding' meetings.

Many thanks to the Police Force, the Education Authority and all who have supported us. Thank you all for supporting our cause and please support us in our future ventures.

WINSTON BAUGH. YEAR 12

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 March Top-dog show Crufts starts at the NEC in Birmingham and runs until 14 March. Get your pet pooches entered!

12 March Red Nose Day. Noses are available from Sainsbury's, Homebase, Savacentres and Oxfam for £1 with at least 70p going towards Comic Relief. Also available are the clothes nose, which can be pinned onto your clothing, the car nose, and the very fashionable Red Nose Day T-shirt, which you can pick up at Index and Littlewoods stores for just £9.

Look out for fab fund-raising offers on Maltesers, UCI Cinema tickets, Hula Hoops, Colgate and Müller's Comic Corner but remember, whatever you do, do something!

March 14 Mothers Day. Don't forget to buy some flowers or chocolates, make breakfast in bed and give your ma a top day!

March 17 The all-new Rock

Circus on London's Piccadilly opens today. It's brimming with huge pop figures including Louise, 911, Jay Kay and Boyzone. You get the chance to rub shoulders with the stars and tour the world of rock and pop.

March 24 Chessington World Of Adventures opens it's gates for the summer season with a frightening new ride. Taking you through 360° in a five-seater pod, with your legs dangling free, the *Samurai* is said to be a real hit!

March 28 Yippee! British summer time begins at last! Time to find out those mini skirts and bikinis!

Natalie Dunn (Y10)
Age 15.



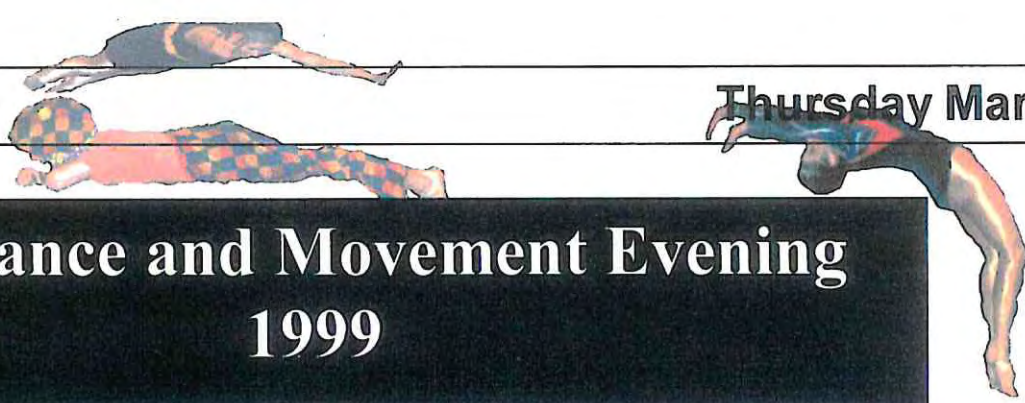
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Gym Dance and Movement Evening 1999



Once again it was upon us. Two evenings of frantic tumbling, graceful leaping, and the ever-painful splits. The hall was packed full of relatives and friends of the performers, plus a few inquisitive pupils who had come to see what all the fuss was about. The Mayor of Rotherham even decided to turn up on the second evening to be entertained by the large group of gymnasts.

The Kamikaze club opened the show with an explosive display of vaulting antics and general clowning around thanks to a few dodgy clown costumes. Mr Price had once again trimmed his platoon of suicidal maniacs into a platoon of suicidal vaulters, who somehow managed to avoid collision with each other, and the audience.

Next it was the turn of Movement Evening veteran Alex Hunton. It was her final gymnastics performance at



As usual the P.E. staff decided to make fools of themselves by wearing idiotic looking wigs and cheerleaders costumes (even the males), and 'dancing' about the hall. (Judge for yourself with the picture above). I'm sure this impressed the Mayor.

The evenings were a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Roll on Gym, Dance and Movement evening 2000.

By Steven Bland.

Movement Evening as she is now in the Upper 6th and will be leaving the school at the end of the year. Her first display was recorded on video so it could be entered as part of her A-level P.E. exam.

The local junior schools took over a large slice of the two evenings with performances co-ordinated by Miss Hague. They included pieces titled "Sporting Relay", "Robotics" and "The Irish

Collection". The budding gymnasts provided the audience with a look into different styles of dance and movement, and brought a rather more relaxed feeling to the evening among the tumbling madness.

My personal favourites were the more energetic pieces performed to modern hits. A year 7 presentation choreographed by 6th formers Hayley-O-Neil and Alex Hunton incorporated the music of Offspring with Pretty

Fly For A White Guy. Also, there was a year 10 and 11 dance to Praise You by Fatboy Slim. I must also admit to particularly enjoying the performances of the older females, especially the lower 6th dance to Steps' Tragedy (pictured below). As the 5th year boys commented when asked during the evening when Miss Hague asked them if they were enjoying themselves "ARE WE!"



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Xmas Pantomime 1998

The Show Must Go On
In December the drama department put on an original production of Cinderella as a pantomime. It was performed by staff and sixth form and involved six dwarves among other mishaps. The humour was offbeat and very visual. The classic lines

"Oh no he isn't" and "Oh yes he is" remained the same. Water and silly string was flying from all directions.
Mr McGrath said, "by the end of the rehearsals it was like controlling a bunch of people that should have been locked up years ago." On the first night the show lasted two and a half-hours.

So the next morning Mr McGrath and Mr Storer sat down with the script and cut some of the scenes to make it shorter. A week before the actual performance the majority of the male members of staff had not rehearsed their scenes. But Mr McGrath attributed the success of the show to the members of staff who worked behind the scenes. - The show went on!!

By Rose Mulkeen, Qassim Maqsood and Joanne Ryall Y9

The Stars of the Pantomime - the Fairy, and the Evil Stepmother

Return To The Stage

Film Reviews



It's coming to a theatre near you, the cosmic rock 'n' roll musical, 'Return to the Forbidden Planet', is back on tour.

This exciting musical is based on William Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest', but there aren't many similarities between that seventeenth century piece of

drama and this futuristic adventure.

Set on a space ship, it follows the journey of Captain Tempest and his interplanetary buccaneers to the planet D'Illyria. There they meet the fearful Doctor Prospero, Miranda, his beautiful daughter and Ariel the roller skating robot! Of course, being a

musical, there are plenty of foot tapping songs, many of which you will have heard before, and all of which your Mum and Dad will know. For example: 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Good Vibrations' and 'Monster Mash'. These rock 'n' roll "classics" set this musical apart from the normal Andrew Lloyd Webber performance and get all of the audience dancing in the aisles.

Many musicals have been inspired by Shakespeare. Most well known is 'West Side Story', a modern version of 'Romeo and Juliet'. However, not all of these musicals have been particularly successful. For example, the musical version of 'Hamlet' only lasted one week on Broadway and never even made it to the West-End.

'Return to the Forbidden Planet' is a totally different story, with success in Britain, Australia, New York, Japan, South Africa, Spain, Germany, Sweden and even Alaska.

The show has been running for ten years in different parts of Britain and in different parts of the world. Its success is due to catchy songs, excellent direction and performances and special effects from 'Thunderbirds' Gerry Anderson.

I have seen an amateur version of this musical and it was wonderful and so I know that the professional performance will be a fantastic musical spectacular. Luckily for us here in South Yorkshire, 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' will be running between the 3rd and 8th of May at the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield. Go and see it, it's great!

BY LAUREN CAMPY, YEAR 12

The latest addition to Sheffield's ever expanding multitude of leisure facilities is Valley Centertainment. It is situated close to the Sheffield Arena and offers a variety of fun activities.

The Virgin Megaplex is sleek, modern and fashionable. It offers a number of screens including Premier suites, which are the 'ultimate in cinema indulgence'. The showings are



numerous and all of the latest movies can be found. The Megaplex is also home to a number of suave Restaurants and cafes to suit everybody's taste. Prices start at just £1.00, for a portion of chips at the Café Bar, with the more extensive meals at £4.95 at the

elegant 'Waterfront Restaurant'. Sweets and popcorn are available at the 'Scoop and Go' shops, with popcorn starting at £2.00. The exclusive Virgin Movie Store is also situated in the complex, selling the latest Virgin and film merchandise. Rooms can be booked for parties, business meetings and school movie shows (yes, school trips!). For modern, fashionable, fast living fun, visit the Virgin Multiplex.

After you've seen your Ave flick at the Megaplex, it's time for a lot of fun at Hollywood Bowl. This part of the complex offers, as the name suggests, ten pin bowling. The prices are very affordable for us poor students, between £1.50 and £3.50 per game. You don't have to worry

there is the 'Café Original', where a hamburger meal is about £1.95 and drinks are about £1.00. There is something for everyone to do at Hollywood Bowl.

There are also two nightclubs at Valley Centertainment, Brannigans and Club Wow. These are strictly for the over 18s. Most nights are for the over 20s, but Sunday to Thursday you eighteen year olds can go down there and enjoy these exciting, modern clubs. Be prepared for an exhilarating night out as Brannigans promises "Eating, dancing and cavorting".

By Lauren Campy
Lisa King

That's Centertainment

about adding up the many points that you've scored, as there is the godsend of computerised scoring. If you get bored with bowling, there is a wide range of amusements to keep you occupied for hours. For those of you over eighteen, there is the 'Original Brew Bar'. For the rest of you



A Bugs Life

This new production from Disney and Pixar is everything that it was hyped up to be. The animation is excellent, as expected and the characteristics of the bugs are stunning. This film has been compared for obvious reasons to Antz, but even though Antz is superior because of the stars who are involved with it, it doesn't have the production values of 'A Bugs life'.

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It tells the story of Flick, an unwanted ant who leaves the colony determined to better himself and regain his pride. The plot is slightly dull towards the end because of the lack of pace throughout the film. The film bored the smaller children after the one and a half-hours but the older and younger adults, who understood the humour didn't want it to end.

The voices were definitely an added extra with David Hyde-Pierce ('Niles' in Fraiser) and Kevin Spacey providing voices for some of the main characters.

I would recommend this film for anyone above the age of seven, as it will bring a smile to your face whatever mood you're in, and stay until the end, because you will roll about laughing at the credits.

The Thin Red Line

The Thin Red Line is Terrence Malick's new film that is not unlike Steven Spielberg's latest film 'Saving Private Ryan', and is set in WW2.

There is no easy plot to decipher from the three hours of action. The approach in which the story is told is cold and stark as

seen through the eyes of Witt (Jim Caviezel), and Wells (Sean Penn) among other narrators. The idea of using narrators is supposed to help to reveal their inner thoughts, but this approach can become quite tedious.

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This unconventional film doesn't have the gore of 'Saving Private Ryan' but the sound is amazing and along with the photography the battle scenes are still quite disturbing. The film isn't emotional but it still has an effect upon you when you leave the cinema auditorium.

Shakespeare in Love (15)

This film is excellent. As you've probably guessed, it focuses on the love life of William Shakespeare, as well as the development of one of his plays, Romeo and Juliet. Will, played by Joseph Fiennes, has writer's block and he finds inspiration in Gwyneth Paltrow

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She loves him also, but is obliged to marry another man. Don't be put off this film because it is about Shakespeare, the language throughout unlike in his plays is easy to understand. You don't need to know anything particular about his works to enjoy this film, although you do have to be fairly clued up on English literature to appreciate all of the jokes. For the lads who go to see this, there is Gwyneth, and for the girls, the gorgeous Joseph Feinnes and Ben Affleck. Overall a great film, I loved it. Well worth going to see.

10/10



This is the breakthrough of Asian comedy, BBC 2 have broadcasted a new series telling the trials and tribulations of the Asian family today. It is a mockery of the traditional Asian views with certain catch phrases that will remain tainted on our minds. 'Kiss my chuddies!' And 'I can make it at home with a small aubergine!' The cast consists of Meera Syal, Deepak Verma, Nina Wadia and Sanjeev Bhaskar.

The producers ridicule the Asian way of thinking and therefore continuously rap members of the Asian communities for pursuing

Barbie Girl, More like Barbie Lady

This week the Barbie doll will reach the grand old age of 40. This does not however mean that she will be slowing down. Mattel the makers of the famous doll are planning to release a Barbie with a tattoo next and also a Working

Woman Barbie. The working woman doll will come with a play laptop computer and that most necessary of all accessories the mobile phone. The US Postal Service is issuing a Barbie stamp. The doll is still boasting sales of about \$2 million a year, so I think there is still life in the old gal yet.

Zeenat Maqsood

By Richard Adams

Game On

FIFA 99

Another year another FIFA football game from EA Sports. As sure as at least 50% of the population are going to have hangovers on New Years Day is the production of the latest footie sim. First of all lets look at graphics. EA Sports graphics get better each year and FIFA 99 now leads the way in the sports sim graphics. There are many different weathers and the players



are slightly different heights not to mention all the different stadiums. The gameplay is brilliant, as close as you will get to real football action unless you have a sky sports. We would say

that it is an improvement on FIFA 98 but possibly not forty pounds worth of improvement.

We give it: 9/10
Out on: Playstation and PC
Price: £39.99

Metal Gear Solid

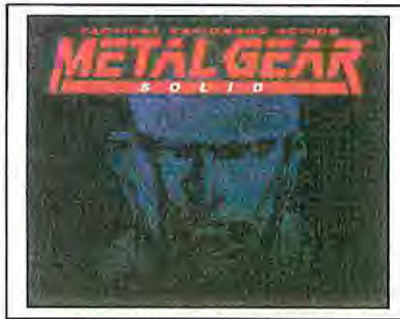
This is another RPG (Role Playing Game) for the Playstation and PC. However, this is meant to be the best RPG. It has absolutely stunning graphics - at some stages, when the dialogue scenes are on, you could be watching a movie. The movements are not complicated and unlike the in my opinion inferior Tomb Raider series of games you actually get somewhere whatever you do. You're not looking around on the same level for hours. This game is sheer brilliance I want to fault it but I cannot. Your mission is to rescue a chief from this well protected base dodging cameras and guards before preventing the world from having to encounter Metal Gear Solid, a massive robot that fires nuclear missiles.

We give it: 10/10

Out on: Playstation and PC
Price: 39.99

Toca 2.

This new racing sim is a worthy sequel to the original groundbreaking version. The graphics have been improved and the gameplay refined to an excellent standard. The action as in the original is realistic and enjoyable. People who loved Toca should definitely check this



out.
We give it : 9/10
Out on: Playstation
Price: 39.99

By Richard Adams & David Beckett
Y10

Where there's muck, there's brass!

Brass banding is a traditional Yorkshire pursuit. Recently enjoying a huge revival thanks to the success of films such as "Brassed Off" and "The Full Monty"; many more people are taking an interest in this unusual hobby.

Banding has traditionally been a male pursuit but more and more women are picking up a mouthpiece and giving it a go. You might be surprised to realise that the world famous Black Dyke Mills Band has only just come into the twentieth century, taking on its

form of entertainment for their workforce. This explains why banding has traditionally been prevalent in the more industrial areas.

However, the movement is spreading. It is now popular all over the world, including America, Scandinavia and Japan. A working man's hobby, which started out in Northern England, is now popular in many countries.

A Brass Band is like a community, the many transfers of players and the shared interests lead to a hectic social life and many lifelong friendships. It is a fulfilling and entertaining hobby,

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Album Reviews

Blur- '13'

The bands 6th album and probably their best yet. The album includes the fab- tracks 'Tender' and 'Coffee & TV.' Said to be the album of the month! We think it's totally groovy, sometimes weird and wacky, but these kings of complaint-rock make anything sound good.

Kula Shaker- 'Peasants, Pigs and Astronauts'

Very mystical new album and the band are still on a hippy tip following their previous single 'Govinda'. Although Crispian and the lads are still following the same musical street this album is a dramatic change from their last album 'K'.

We can't be quite sure whether we like this or not. It's one of those albums you either love or hate. Frankly, we're not too keen.



Stereophonics- 'Performance and cocktails'

This is the second album from the band of three from Wales, who are not to be mistaken for the Manics. They have won several band-type awards lately and don't seem to be out of the music papers either.

The music is very dramatic and, to the untrained ear, may sound something like the smashing of

glass. Still we like it! Well done lads!

Kavana-'Instinct'

We all know who Kavana is and this album is a step up for him as it contains a lot of his own songs. There are a lot of up-beat sort of love tunes which we really like, but some of the slushy songs are a bit too much. To say that this is his first album containing his own material, it is rather good.

By the way, don't forget to look out for the new releases which we reckon are gonna make it big:

- Bewitched-'Blame it on the Weatherman'
- Robbie Williams-'Strong'
- Technique-'The Sun is Shining'

first ever-female player enlarging its tenor horn ranks, only a month ago!

As a movement, banding has been about for over one hundred years. They grew up out of an amalgam of military and Church bands. Philanthropist businessmen began to recognise that they needed to provide some

which I warn you, can be addictive! People have been known to sit in on band rehearsals and several months later being playing along! So, go on, give it a try, Brass Banding can change your life!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Bethany Fish Year 12.

Nights were spent walking down the famous Las Ramblas, being amused by the street entertainers and also taking advantage of the wild Barcelonan night-life. Days however, were filled with visits to places of historical and cultural importance in the city. Excursions included trips to the Gaudi monuments, such as Casa Batllo, La Sagrada Familia, La Pedrera and Parc Güell, Camp Nou, the famous home of Barcelona F.C and Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Cataluña.

Advantage was taken by some of the students, of the opportunity to contact friends and relatives living in the Barcelona area, an enjoyable time was had by all those who chose to do this. Most said that this total immersion into a Spanish household improved not only their language but also their understanding of the Spanish way of life.

All in all, everyone had a fabulous time and feel that the experience was highly beneficial. Next year's trip to Madrid is already being planned.



By Bethany Fish

It's all a Blur

"I dreamt that I'd been spiked with LSD, a horrible combination. So I saw huge dragonflies and beetles the size of cars. The idea of going to a rainforest and coming across Sting terrifies me." Blur star Damon on his worse nightmare.

Price of Fame

Billie has revealed the secret price of her fame - she is shunned by

former friends. The sixteen year old says that many of her former classmates have turned their backs on her since she achieved chart success. But the singer says she still loves the life of pop stardom.

Barcelona, Heart of Cataluña

February saw the annual A-Level Spanish Trip jetting off to Barcelona, a whole week in sunny Spain. A group of eleven A-Level Spanish students accompanied

by Mr Bacon and Mrs Leatherbarrow, spent an enjoyable week practising their Spanish, exploring local customs and enjoying the cultural immersion.



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Celebs. Getting pregnant

Many girl pop groups have a member pregnant or have just become a mother. Is it right that our pop idols are becoming pregnant before being married? We the fan's look up to them as an example so We think they should take responsibility to their audience regarding such issues.

Whilst they are pregnant they walk around on platform shoes, continue to party through the night and drink alcohol. This sets a bad example and more importantly they endanger the baby.

Mel B has recently had a baby girl called Phoenix Chi and a fellow spice girl Victoria recently given birth to a baby boy named Brooklyn Joseph Beckham. Ronan Keating's wife is having a baby but Ronan and Yvonne are married.

Of course our pop idols will have babies, but we think that they should look after their babies, and not go out drinking champagne until all hours after the baby is born, especially if they are breast-feeding which is the best way to bring up a healthy baby. Setting an example to their fans on how to raise a baby is important because many fans will be watching closely and excepting what they do as the proper way to raise a baby. If the pop stars set a bad example like smoking while pregnant they could send the message to their fans that smoking while pregnant is the O.K. to do.

By Amy Smith.

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Baby Names

After the new births of the Spice babies, Brooklyn and Phoenix Chi, it is time we looked back on the weird and quite frankly absurd names celebrities persist in giving their children. I mean what is Paula Yates doing calling her baby Tiger Lily - she isn't a plant, so what's the game.

Madonna is also at it. Why call her baby Lourdes? Lourdes is a place in France. Is there any point? The Spices have also jumped on the band wagon Mel B called her daughter Pheonix Chi. Why? 'Posh' called hers Brooklyn.... Okay not too bad, but calling the baby after where it was conceived. How original! How imaginative!

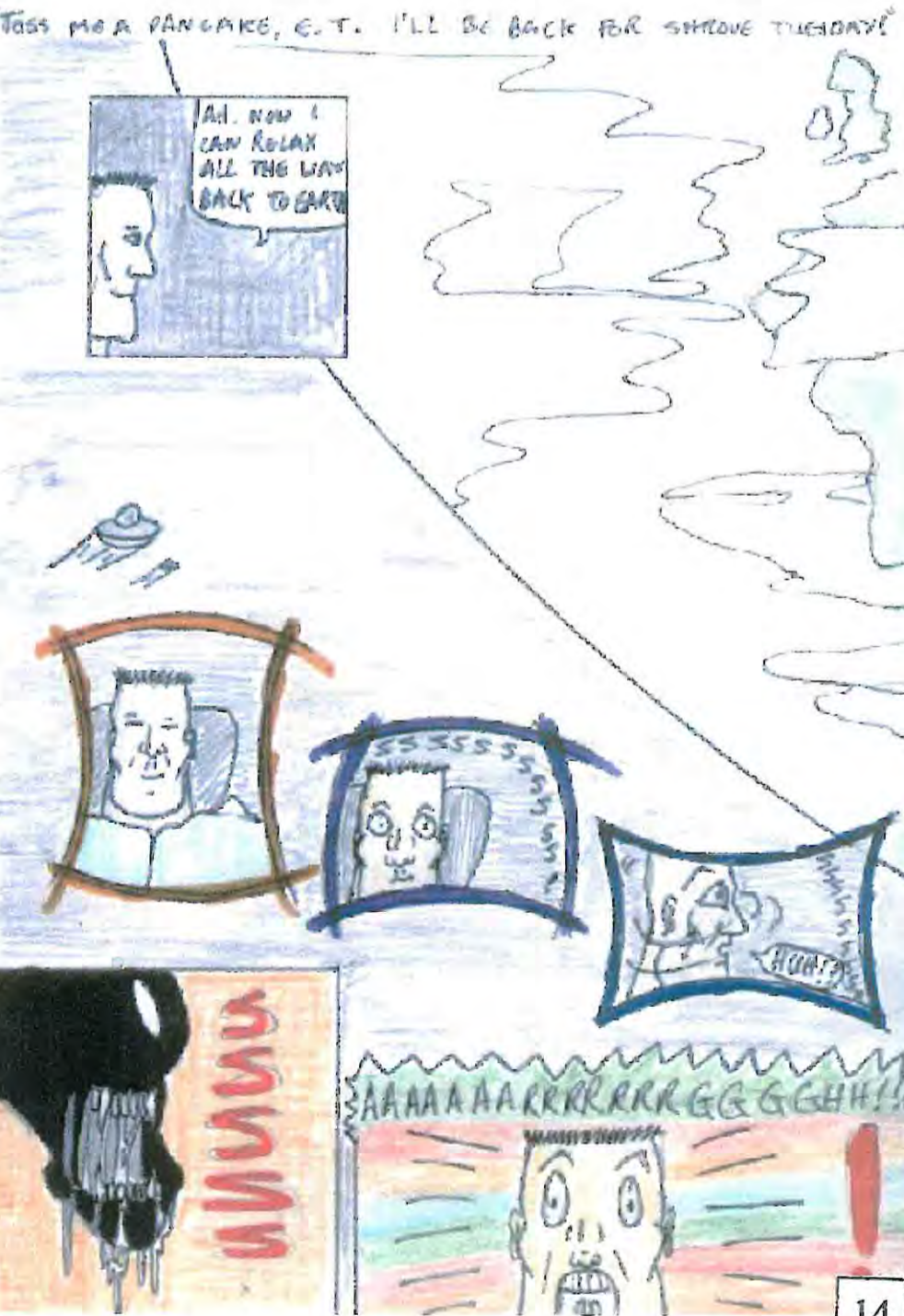
Moving away from celebrity

babies we go to the 'normal' people. Apparently a Mr and Mrs Wall named their child Brick. Do they know how embarrassed the child will feel on it's first day at school. Autumn was another weird name. Are the parents going to call their next Spring or Winter.

Looking at these examples it is apparent that some parents are not bothered what pain their children suffer at school. Children have committed suicide for less. These parents seem to have the I.Q. of a confused rabbit and don't seem to realise that what they are doing is damaging to a child's self confidence and so my message to those parents is 'Oi parents NO.'

Winston Baugh Year 12

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The Trafford Centre

Since the Trafford Centre opened in 1998, it has been dubbed as the mother of all shopping centres, a shopper's heaven. So I went along to see just how good it was in the February half term. I have always been loyal to good old Meadowhall but it has to be said that it's losing its popularity. Since I was spending some time in Manchester during the hols I felt I owed it to my friends to see just how good it was. Public transport to get there is difficult. There are no direct trains but a tram network is in the pipeline. There is plenty of parking space for cars too. There are direct buses, which run about every thirty minutes but you have to be careful which one you get on as I found out when I had a tour of Manchester City Centre before I finally got to my destination. And what a beautiful sight it was. It looks like an Arabian Palace built among the industrial slums of Britain.

The gardens outside are very pretty and tidy and it looks a lot more stylish than our dear friend Meadowhall. The bus dropped me off directly outside 'Selfridges' which was where my shopping experience began.

Selfridges was a wonder all on it's own. I entered in the men's department down stairs. My friend Michelle and I decided to try out the Café, as the long bus ride

had left us a little thirsty. It wasn't as expensive as I thought it would be. I decided to act stylish and ordered Café Latte which cost a mere £1.60. The service was excellent and we had a nice relaxing half-hour while we decided where to start our shopping trip.

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"Like an Arabian Palace"

At first we looked in Selfridges itself. And without realising we had spent a whole hour there. It has many designer labels including 'Kookai' and 'Karen Milen'. I bought a folder and a few pens so I could get a legendary and fashionable yellow bag and then we made our way out, in to the palace itself.

Unlike Meadowhall, the

Trafford Centre is set out in more or less a straight line and not the labyrinth that Meadowhall can seem to newcomers. You don't find yourself repeating your tracks to get to your favourite shop. We decided to cover the downstairs for the remainder of the morning and then cover the upstairs after lunch.

The interiors of this Eastern wonder is very chic and is designed much like Meadowhall, with domes and stone pillars appearing frequently.

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You don't feel bored walking from shop to shop, as there are many things to entertain you while you are walking including comical advertisements and street entertainers. It has an amazing fountain in the centre that projects water at the top of the tallest dome every ten minutes. The walkways are also considerably wide to allow better wheelchair access and create a fast lane for those who wish to rush while other shoppers admire

the views. There are not many lifts and staircases between levels, although some of the larger stores have their own.

You will find all the usual shops there but what surprised me was that there are only two large department stores, which were Debenhams and Selfridges. Apparently, Marks and Spencer would not buy in because there is a 24hour ASDA just over the road from the centre and they were afraid their food department would suffer as a result. Despite there been some designer labels with sections in department stores, many also have their own stores such as Morgan, Caterpillar, French Connection and some others. This gives the advantage of not having to traipse through larger stores. Some things are also cheaper.

There are places to eat to suit everyone, even the most awkward eater. There are the usual fast food joints such as McDonalds and Pizza Hut but the queues for these at busy times are enormous. There are plenty of smaller outlets and sit down restaurants to choose from. The eating section has two names. Part of the upstairs is called China Town and has oriental food restaurants. I went around Chinese New Year and

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there was dancing dragons parading around. The other side is called New Orleans and is based on the French part of the American settlement. The downstairs 'Oasis' is set out like the New Orleans Steamboat (if you think it looks like Titanic then don't worry because that was my first impression too!). I found it a little dark to eat though. If you don't fancy anything there, there are Cafes and stalls throughout the centre. There are a section of market type stalls, which sell everything and anything.

At the Trafford Centre there is something to suit everyone. A cinema to relax in after a days shopping and over a hundred shops to suit everyone's tastes and needs. You do need to spend a whole day there to appreciate everything and it is well worth going to find out just how good it is.

By Charlotte Fawkes

Owen Supports Free Books for Schools

Liverpool and England striker Michael Owen is following in Gary Lineker's footsteps; he's the new face on Walkers crisp packets! He's supporting the free books for schools scheme. He would like to meet the top collectors from around the country - and even help them with their football skills. (If you're interested get involved now!)

Wath Comprehensive School is taking part in the book token collecting scheme and has so far collected 5000 tokens which means 20 free books for the school library. Keep on collecting and more books will be given by the scheme for all pupils to use.

Would you like Michael Owen to spend an afternoon at our school? England striker Michael, supports the Free Books For School scheme. In fact he would like to meet Britain's top collecting school and give them some tips on their football skills. There are five runners up prizes for schools to win a full team sport kit.

Tokens will be appearing until the end of March and tokens will be handed in by the latest of 20th July.

By Katie Roberts, Joanne Ryall Yr. 9 and Andrew Baggaley Yr. 10.

Indian Buffet

- 23rd March 1999
- Main Hall
- 12:30-1:30
- £5 per head
- Tickets from Zeenat Maqsood (Y12)

An Indian Buffet is to be held on the 23rd March 1999 for teachers who wish to sample the cooking of Ameena Maqsood, an experienced cook of Asian cuisine. The Buffet will be held in the Main Hall at 12:30-1:30. The cost is £5 per head and all proceeds will go towards the upcoming Pakistan Expedition of April 1999. Tickets can be obtained from Zeenat Maqsood, who can often be found in the library. For further information see staff notices.

The Menu

Popadoms - Bhajis - Samosas - Chicken Curry -
Vegetable Biryana - Rice Dish -
Kulfi - Asian Sweets -

Sellafield Waste found in Norway

Traces of plutonium have been found from the Sellafield nuclear power plant off the coast of Norway, even though Britain had assured the world it had all been buried. Between 1960 and 1990 440lb of plutonium was dumped on the Irish Sea.

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Experts thought that it would sink into the seabed. Norway will now take up the issue with the leaders of the European Union, Germany.



Self-confident, ambitious outgoing born-again feminists are the next generation of women. This is 'Girl-Power'; we don't need a pammy-type reflection- this is the Nineties! Right?

Since the beginning of time, women have been squeezing into corsets, living everyday life in pretty frocks, spending ages tediously styling their hair on a day to day basis with the precision and expertise of Marge Simpson - all because it was expected. But times have changed!! We - the female species - have moved on from the days where female perfection was so utterly important. Nowadays, we can watch 'Pride and Prejudice' on tv and feel down right superior that we no longer have to live life like those poor, helpless young girls succumbing to the expectations of society and

not being a traitor to women. Like most people, I'd actually like to believe that men will fall to their knees and worship the ground I walk on for the wonderful depth to my personality and believe me, I've often tried to convince myself of this - often repeating it with more of a mantra like quality to it than a parrot practising Hindu worship. But I can no longer deny it. Women's lives are ruled by their looks.

I mean let's face it, how many women can put their hands on their hearts and say (truthfully!) that they actually use mirrors to briefly check their appearance not to individually scrutinise each and every imperfection? Who will own up to the fact that, during their weekly weighing ritual, they remove underwear as if these few

wonder BOOTS give me a Staff discount !)

Two hours later I finally emerged closely resembling dried fruit, only to find that my legs were so white, sunlight actually deflected off of them. So out comes the self-tanning lotion. The result is that I'm offered several contracts for Tango adverts and am at one point lost in front of the fire. I give

after each night out. Finally comes the biggest dilemma known to womankind. What to wear! Should you wear trousers or pedal pushers, a long or short skirt or somewhere in between, a T-shirt, a vest, a cropped top, halterneck top or boobtube, a dress, sandals, shoes or boots; the list is endless. After trying out every single possible combination at least four times, you

is on her can barely grab any. Needless to say I needed a less biased answer so I asked Tony, a male mate of mine. "Do you think women try too hard to look good?" I asked, trying my best to fake indifference.

"Er, dunno," he replied, warily. "It's not one of those questions like 'Does my bum look big in this?' where I can't win, is it?" "No, no!" I replied, wondering if my Pinocchio-type nose had poked the moon out of orbit yet, "I was, er, you know, just curious..."

"Well..." he said slowly, calculating how to put it in the most diplomatic way. "You see women can, er, perhaps, you know, sometimes be a, er, little obsessed, no *concerned*, yes concerned with their looks from, erm, time to time, possibly. But that doesn't make them bad people!" he concluded, proud of this last sentence.

He later admitted - after 4 days of me convincing him that he wouldn't be punished relentlessly for the 'wrong' answer - that women who are obsessed with their looks are as common as Spice Girls songs with Sporty singing high at the end.

"You see what you don't realise is that although us blokes do talk about looks now and then, like if the guy at the chippy has a good-looking bird, it may be perhaps mentioned from, er, time to time. But, at the end of the day, nobody wants to go out with a brainless, blond barbie-doll bimbo," he explained. "In fact, we're more likely to be scared off if we see a goddess-type figure 'cos she's more likely to laugh if somebody like me went up to her after 20 lagers with my 'Haven't I seen you somewhere before?' line."

I think about what he says. Perhaps he's right; maybe we do try too hard. But it's not always for men, it's so we feel good about ourselves, I think to myself, my feminist attitude returning. Then again, I've got this hot date tonight and it's 1 'o'clock already. I'd better start to get ready, because, well, I don't want to look like I haven't made an effort and it does take 3 hours to look 'natural'.



Looking Good? By Clair Fallowfield

the men within it. The Spice Girl's message of "Girl Power" can spout freely from the lips of every 90's lass and lad.

The same lips, in fact, that has at least 15 minutes everyday dedicated to the apply-blot-dry-repeat routine of lipstick. In fact, now I come to think about it, the same Spice Girls where a band member ended up in hospital because of her 'brick' shoes, worn in the name of fashion. But that's different isn't it? Of course we like to make the best of ourselves but we now know that personality is more important.

But however much I try to convince myself of this; a certain episode from Ally Mc Beal haunts me. It's unbelievably irritating yet painfully true when Richard Fish points out that the reason Georgia is wearing hideously uncomfy shoes is in the name of fashion. There's no denying he's right - just ask Naomi Campbell. Although we may all walk around saying that 'Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder' with a higher frequency than an International Radio Station. I'm forced to admit that if a tally chart were to be taken to reveal the most common line said amongst the female population, this line wouldn't even pose a threat to the question, "Does my bum look big in this?"

Don't get me wrong, I'm

scraps of material miraculously account for the extra 10lbs that's appeared on the dial of the scales? How many of you have squandered away hours rubbing in cellulite cream in the hope that it'll somehow tone up your sagging carcass as if you'd spent years in the gym? And how many have squeezed those very rear ends into a pair of trousers that are so small that when - 3 hours, 5 helpers and a crowbar later - you finally manage to pull them up, the pinstripe has been so disfigured it's barely recognisable - and all because you can't bear the idea of buying any more appropriate but less confidence boosting larger size?

I never realised how bad the situation was until I was getting ready for a good old night out. I begun by waxing my legs - a practice that future historians will describe as a barbaric act. Anyway, following 2 strips several howls and the appearance of 6 concerned neighbours; I finally gave up, deciding that shaving was definitely underrated. So I got into a nice relaxing' bath armed with cleanser, toner, moisturiser, peel-off face pack, body scrub, exfoliator, showergel, leave in conditioner, hot oil for hair, shampoo, shaving foam, razor, nail brush, pumice (No

up to concentrate on my manicure and pedicure only to paste together three of my toenails in my attempts to paint them purple. Next I style my hair using no less than half the contents of Nicky Clarke's salon, before applying make-up. But I'm forced to do so using a pocket mirror as my make-up bag comes complete with eye-lash curlers, eye cream, tweezers, moisturiser (both tinted and normal), foundation, blusher, lipbalm, lipstick, lipstick sealer, lip pencil, mascara, eyeliner and eyeshadow that all come in the full spectrum of colours and often in both the cream and powder versions, and to be quite honest even needs Frank Bruno to operate the crane that lifts it.

Having come this far I start to get dressed. I begin with a G-string, having recently discovered that far from referring to music, it actually refers to a shred of fabric bound by dental floss that is accompanied by more draughts than a checked board. However, I put up with it telling myself that it avoids VPL, which to be quite frank is not that hard considering the fact that it disappears so far up my backside that it has to be surgically removed

finally make a decision only to find that it's two sizes too small with a dodgy fastening and a gaping hole. Blokes, on the other hand, find that their only quandary is which colour shirt to wear with their jeans - I mean, call this 90's equality?!

So anyway, I walked outside in my itchy bitsy top and my ickle skirt in mid-December only to find my nipples have more drilling power than Black and Decker and on-looking men start sniggering. Well they can afford to laugh can't they?! They are completely within fashion rules to wear nice warm jeans, arm-covering shirts, cosy jumpers and even coats on a night out! I wonder how many fashion designers are male?!

I put my theory of female vanity to my friends. "What a load of crap!" snorted Sarah, almost choking on her fat-free crisps, "I don't let how I look rule my life!" A bit rich coming from the person who abstained from sex with her boyfriend for weeks because he failed to notice her new hairdo. Tammy agreed with Sarah. This is the size 8 person who has been on a diet since she was nine and who, when trying to demonstrate how much fat there

What The D of E Is This About?

Thousands of young people every year take up the Duke Of Edinburgh award scheme (D of E) to gain an extra valuable string to their bow. It is not an exam as such, but it tests your stamina, fitness, patience and other important characteristics. At Gold level there are five areas, physical recreation, which means any activity which exercises you. Community work, which could mean working in a youth centre, in an old people's home or helping out at a hospice. There is also a

skill area where you can do absolutely anything which involves skill e.g. driving lessons. A hike is also needed and at gold level you need to walk 60Km in 4 days, which seems easy but it is not. You need to carry about 20lbs/10kg on your back constantly, and also walk in hilly areas e.g. the Peak District, which makes it even more difficult. This year at Wath Comprehensive there is a group of year 12 who are going to the Spanish Pyrenees. This should

be a great opportunity and a fabulous experience.

At gold level there is an added task which is called the residential. This is supposed to take place in unfamiliar surroundings with unfamiliar people, doing an unfamiliar job. For this residential 2 people are going as far as Pakistan to help poor orphan children and 'Tree house' schools by giving them money, stationary and beauty products etc. This is the principle of the Duke of Edinburgh, to

broaden the participant's horizons. This is one of the best ways of having more of a chance of getting a job. When an employer sees Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award written on your C.V (Curriculum Vitae) they will be impressed. This award means that the holder is a well rounded person so take my advice and get the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Winston Baugh



BREAST CANCER SCREENING SCARE

A recent ten-year survey from Sweden, involving hundreds of thousands of women showed no significant reduction in fatalities. Doubts have already been raised about the £34 million spent on screening all women aged between 50 and 64 in the U.K. every three years. Treatment has been shown to cut the number of deaths, however, some specialists believe the money should be spent on better treatment for those who are already affected by the disease. Researchers feel that it is crucial that women should be warned about the negative effects of screening, as there is a risk of being wrongly diagnosed and undergoing unnecessary tests and surgery.

An estimated 1,250 lives a year are being saved by the program say its supporters and some experts believe that mammograms should be carried out more often and the scheme extended to women up to the age of 69. A British Medical Journal recently published a Swedish study showing a 0.8 percent reduction in actual deaths compared to the number that would have been expected without a screening program. As these findings come from a country with a modern, efficient health service the findings are

particularly distressing. Already there are calls for a re-think on the British programme. Professor of surgery at University College London Hospitals, Michael Baum, triggered a national debate when last week he revealed his doubts in the Daily Mail. He believes that screening should only be given to women at high risk.

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'I would rather see scarce resources being spent on ensuring that every woman with the disease has immediate access to a specialist' he said. 'In my practice, almost all the cancers I see are by chance detected, in the bath, while dressing or by a partner.'

Other specialists say that the Swedish discovery should not be permitted to undermine Britain's

commitment to screening. The screening results of 60,000 women between ages 50 and 69 were investigated by the Swedish study. A Stockholm GP and researcher, Dr. Goran Sjonell, said 'Our main finding was surprising - ten years observation in a huge population of women undergoing screening showed no signs of a reduction in mortality.' Thirty percent cuts in the death rate found in the countries clinical trials and these results compared with that of the study. It was these figures that encouraged Britain to introduce screening in the first place. The discrepancy was said to be because of the difference in conditions between trials and clinical practice. The trials may have included different populations or stopped when targets were reached. The Swedish system was said to have an 85% success rate in all the women that took part.

Researchers were, however, very quick to warn that one hundred thousand women had been wrongly diagnosed which resulted in a false diagnosis rate of one in six. Sixteen thousand women had undergone a biopsy and four hundred had to suffer surgery. Dr. Sjonell wanted the

public to know that there was a high risk of being wrongly diagnosed. Last year in Britain record three thousand cancers were diagnosed at a stage where the disease was curable but one in every one thousand women will develop cancer two years after the X-ray. About 3,000 biopsies were carried out in which the lump turned out not to be cancer. Michael Dixon, an honorary senior lecturer at the Edinburgh Breast Unit said that experience elsewhere had shown there was a 'long lag' between initiating a screening programme and reaching a standard of detection that cut breast cancer deaths. He exclaimed that radiologists taking part in trials were highly skilled and proficient although it took time for those involved in mass screening to accomplish the same findings. 'When screening is opened up to national programs a much larger population of radiologists is involved,' he said. 'Inevitably, it takes some time for them to climb up the learning curve in accurately detecting abnormalities.' But he insisted: 'the science for mammographic screening for breast cancer is very sound.'

Natalie Dunn, Adam Ardron and Mark Fennell Y10

The Roaming Cow Returns

Linda and Stuart Birch were relieved to find that Heather, their Highland cow, had been found after escaping from her enclosure nearly a week ago.

Heather's antics have become common knowledge in parts of Hillsborough as she is said to have caused mayhem during the past week. At one point she had to be shadowed by police cars, eight in total, as she sprinted up and down a busy road to prevent any accidents that might have occurred.

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Her owners are anxious to keep her present location secret, as she is said to need time to calm down after her exciting week, and will attempt to lure her home, to Oak Farm in Rivelen Valley, later on in the week.

Laura Scarrott

This Weird and Wonderfully Wacky World

ACRONYMS

Am I the only person who gets so unbelievably annoyed and confused by acronyms, or to put it more simply for those of you who don't have a degree in English, those things when people cannot be bothered to write down, or even to remember in the first place a name/place/illness/thing with many names, so just write the first letter of each word? Half of the time I bet people don't even know what certain letters stand for!!

Take, for example my mate David John (DJ to his mates). He's an ex POW who has made it his mission to help people with MS. So after hearing on Hallam FM of a drug that helps not only MS but TB, HIV, AIDS and even some STD's he turned on the TV to see if it was true. Not only did BBC news confirm this but on ITV, GMTV ran a whole feature on it saying that it's been used since BC but in 1750AD, devout RCs studying the OT and NT managed to ban it. So DJ went to see his GP Dr J.N. Steed PhD BA, who quite frankly did sweet FA, so he used the PO to write an SOS to his local MP, requesting that he RSVP ASAP, but the MPs PA politely brushed him off with rather bad PR skills suggesting that the PM could help. But via BT the PM patiently explained that although this drug helps with MS, TB, HIV, AIDS, etc., it's not available in the UK because it's kept at -57°C (°F), however it is

in the USSR and the USA. So with his IBM PC and the wonders of IT, he E-mailed HRH requesting permission to fly MS sufferers to the US to cure their MS. HRH replied saying it would be OK providing that he got sponsorship. Well, the NSPCC, YMCA, RSPCA and even the FA fell over themselves to help. DJ issued an IOU and flew from NE England to LA via BA as a VIP on HMS at exactly 6AM GMT. He arrived in the SSW of the USA at 4PM GMT (10AM US time) and went to see the MD of the company that make the drug, Dr N.P. Jones BSc, and explained the situation. But the MD refused him access of the drug so out of frustration he hit the MD. But nearby CCTV cameras meant that the CID dragged him to the police HQ where a WPC charged him with GBH. But luckily the story ends well. After the story got TV attention, the MD had a word with his TU and decided that should be available in GB and wrote to the PM and HRH the Queen to arrange this and now DJ's been awarded an MBE.

And yes I know that this story's a bit OTT but it's meant with a GSOH and I think I've made my point so I'll let it RIP. PS. Does anyone actually know what 'PS' stands for? PPS. Abbrev.'s annoy me just as much.

By Clair Fallowfield

And Finally.....

Ignoring the fact that it's made over half the population of Britain compulsive gamblers and provides an irritatingly small chance of winning, I have nothing against The National Lottery....other than the mind-numbingly boring drivel we sit through on Saturday night. Watching Dale Winton with his hands in that annoying gun-shape, dancing backwards around the set, fluttering his eyelids and coming out with a string of homosexual innuendo that wouldn't be allowed on Eurotrash nevermind BBC One at 8.00pm, is as pointless as a pencil that has been rammed five times into a slab of concrete. If all the rubbish were taken out, the programme would last about thirty seconds with just the lottery numbers being drawn. Even the traditional celebrity pressing the big button and wishing everybody luck could be removed, as hearing the same thing every week has become more annoying than Bjork.

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The BBC bosses, however, did the exact opposite and created the bigger "better" lottery show, presented by Anthea "my smile is plastered on" Turner. This, of course, turned out to be a bigger flop than when Mandy Dingle won the annual

Mowbry Garden Baths diving competition.

Obviously, the people at the top haven't learned their lesson. Brian Conley now brings the show into our living rooms, and, while imparting some style into the new concept, he's really just trying to breathe life into a rubber chicken and I think you'll find "We've Got Your Number" will turn out to be the biggest mistake since Waterloo....when Napoleon Bonaparte said: "If we don't win this war I'll have my portrait done with my hat on sideways and my hand down the top of my trousers".

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There seems to be an even spread of quality and garbage at the moment on television. Red Dwarf is back, as funny as ever, but now seems to have gone upmarket with expensive special effects, loosing a degree of its old, "we made this show on a ten quid budget", charm.

Carol Vorderman is creeping ever nearer to world domination with shows on three of the five channels.

Channel 4 is floating around in mid-Atlantic, trying to decide whether to air British or American programmes. We do get a continuous flow of Friends though, so whose complaining? They also have youngsters and adults alike on the edge of their

seats in anticipation of the return of South Park.

Britain waved a sad farewell to News At Ten last week and greeted the arrival of The Evening News - at 6.30. This move, I predict, will be responsible for millions of people becoming ignorant of events around the world because, with the new schedule we will actually have to switch on, sit down and watch it, whereas News At Ten coincided nicely with the sausage and chips arriving.

Nevermind The Buzzcocks is aired for another series, which I think is its funniest yet. But don't blink or you'll miss it, for it only lasts for a few weeks and has been and gone before you can say: "Why is the picture crap on Channel 5?"

I wonder why Channel 5 thinks we want to see the same thing every day? And as for the films - didn't they mention the word "blockbuster" when it all started? Now they're just scraping the bottom of the barrel and coming up with films that no-one has heard of. We can only hope that ITV doesn't fall into the same trap now that their 9-11 slot is free and after a few weeks of decent films starts showing slug-paced westerns called "Prop Me Up Beside The Jukebox When I Die."

I wonder if Trevor McDonald will start having a take-a-way delivered at ten o'clock.....perhaps sausage and chips.

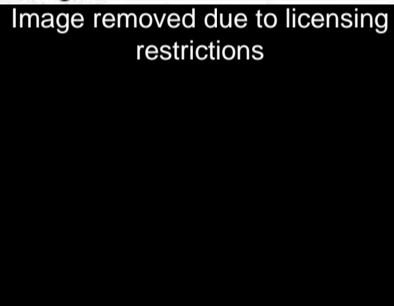
Jamie Dodd. (17)

BBC 1

6.00am Business Breakfast
7.00 BBC Breakfast News
9.00 Kilroy
9.45 Wipeout
10.10 The Vanessa Show
10.55 News
11.00 Change that. 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. 11.55 News, regional News and Weather. 12.00 Call my Bluff. 12.30pm Top Tip Challenge
12.55 The Weather Show
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Regional News
1.40 Neighbours Harold refuses to submit to Paul. 2.05 Inside 2.55 Through the Keyhole
3.25 Playdays 3.45 Pocket Dragon Adventures 3.55 Anthony Ant 4.10 The All New Popeye Show 4.20 Home Farm Twins 4.35 Short Change
5.00 Newsround
5.10 Grange Hill
5.33 Rewind
5.35 Neighbours
6.00 Six O'Clock News and Weather
6.30 Regional News
7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robinson
7.30 Eastenders Simon drinks himself into the depths of depression.
8.00 Harbour lights
8.50 Points of View
9.00 Nine O'Clock News
9.30 Budget Response reaction
9.35 Playing the field. Shazza asks for time to consider Luke's impulsive proposal, while Rita discovers honesty isn't always the best policy
10.25 They think its all Over Chris Eubank and Arthur Smith join forces with Lee Hurst, Rory McGrath, David Gower and Gary Lineker
10.55 Question time The political forum moves to Manchester where MPs John Redwood and Jackie Ballard, writer Germaine Greer and Andrew Neil, editor in chief of The Scotsman discuss issues raised by members of the Audience.
W.A.L.E.S: 10.55 The Greasy Poll 11.25 Question Time 12.25am FILM: A Loss Of Innocence 1.55 News 2.00 BBC News 24
11.55 A Loss of Innocence (1996) With Jenny Garth and Rob Estes. A successful pianist returns to the Mormon community where he grew up, only to face suspicion and resentment from those he once knew and loved.
1.25am Weather
1.30 BBC News 24

BBC 2

7.00 am Pingu 7.05 Teletubbies 7.30 Snorks 7.50 Blue Peter 8.20 Taz-Mania
8.40 Polka Dot Shorts 8.50 Fiddle Fiddle Bird
9.00 The Geography Programme
Shorts 9.10 Job Bank 9.20 Job Bank
9.30 Watch 9.45 Come Outside 10.00 Teletubbies 10.30 Storytime 10.45 The Experimenter 11.05 Space Ark 11.15 Zig Zag 11.35 Path Ways Of Belief
11.50 Mad About Music 12.10pm English File
12.30 Working Lunch 1.00 Fiddle Fiddle Bird 1.10 War Walks 1.40 Hart-Davis on History 2.10 Awash with Colour 2.40 News ; Westminster 3.25 News; The Village
3.55 Kaye 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook 4.55 Esther 5.30 Today's the Day 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 6.45 Electric Circus
7.00 State of the Region - Braking Point W.A.L.E.S: State of the Nation
8.00 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age W.A.L.E.S: A Welsh Herbal
8.30 Wheeler Dealers: Markets ; Two teams are challenged to make their fortunes in the street markets trade. Adrian Chiles presents the last in the series
9.00 Red Dwarf VIII; Lister mistakenly joins the Canaries, a battlehardened army of suicidal convicts
9.30 Horizon: New Star in Orbit; The launch of the first stages of the International Space Station
10.20 Tales of Tools: Scissors
10.30 Budget Response
10.35 Newsnight 11.20 Late Review
11.55 Skiing Forecast 12.00 Despatch Box
12.30 am OU: News and the Democratic Agenda? 1.00 France in the Viewfinder 1.30 A New Way of Life
2.00 Key Skills - The Application 4.00 Teaching Film and Media 4.30 Reading Movies 5.00 Teaching Today Special: Dyslexia 5.45 OU: The World of the Dragon



YTV

6.00am GMTV
9.25 Trisha
10.30 This Morning Magazine Hosted by Caron Keating and Richard Madeley
12.15 Regional News and weather
12.30 ITV Lunchtime News and weather
12.55 Home and Away Irene has renewed hopes for Joey. Brian's pursuit of danger has tragic consequences. James surprises Chloe
1.25 The Jerry Springer Show
2.10 Emmerdale
2.40 Wheel of Fortune Gameshow hosted by John Leslie
3.10 ITV News headlines
3.15 Regional News
3.20 Mopatop's Shop 3.30 The adventures of Dawdle 3.40 the Sylvester and Tweed mysteries 3.50 Lavender Castle 4.05 Hey Arnold!
4.30 Children's Ward
5.00 Home and Away
5.29 North East Weather
5.30 North East Tonight
5.30 Calendar magazine programme presented by Christine Talbot
6.00 Tonight
6.30 ITV Evening news and weather
7.00 Emmerdale As the Sugden's face an anxious wait for Andy's return, Donna sets out to rescue him
7.30 We Can Work It Out - Consumer issues investigated by Judy Finnigan and the team.
8.00 Who wants to be a Millionaire? More contestants attempt to become millionaires by answering 15 consecutive questions
9.00 The Specialist (1994) Action thriller with Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, and James Woods. A woman intent on avenging the murder of her father at the hands of a Cuban Drug lord, hires a contract killer who begrudgingly accepts the assignment only to find himself confronting an old enemy.
11.00 ITV Nightly News and weather
11.20 Regional News and weather
11.30 TYNE TEES Around the House
11.30 Anatomy of Disaster
12.00 TYNE TEES: Tales from the Darkside
12.35am The Jerry Springer Show: Adult Babies
1.15 Highlander
2.10 Pop down the Pub Pop quiz hosted by Phil Alexander
2.35 T in the Park Highlights from the 1998 music festival featuring the Beastie Boys, Gomez, Travis, Spiritualised, The Seahorses and Ian Brown
3.30 Cybernet The latest PC and Console games
4.00 Soundtrack Profiles of the Young Offenders and Kavana
4.15 Jobfinder
5.30 ITV Morning News

CHANNEL 4

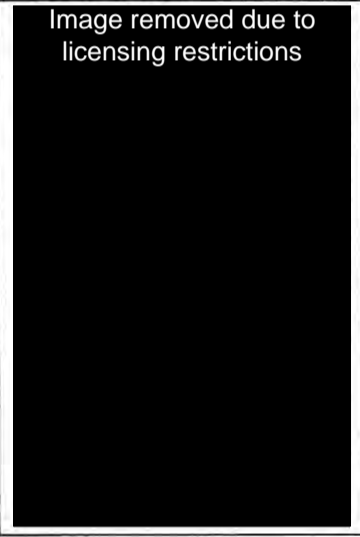
7.00 am The Big Breakfast
9.00 Schools: History in Action 9.20 Geographical Eye Over Asia 9.40 Place and People 10.00 Middle English 10.20 Fourways Farm 10.30 Scientific Eye
10.50 What the Papers Said 11.00 The Number Crew 11.10 Pitch Fever
11.30 Powerhouse 12.00 Sesame Street
12.30 Bewitched 1.00 Pet Rescue 1.30 Collectors Lot : Little Gems
1.35 The Long, the Short and the Tall (1960) Drama set in the Malayan Jungle during the Japanese invasion 1942
3.30 Collector's Lot 4.00 Fifteen-to-One 4.30 Count Down 4.55 Ricki Lake
5.30 Pet Rescue
6.00 Dishes
6.30 Hollyoaks
7.00 Cannel 4 News
7.50 The Outlaw
8.00 Wild Tales: How animals use their aggression
9.00 Ramsay's Boiling Point: Gordon Ramsay prepares diner for the President of Michelin
9.30 Dispatches
10.00 Lee Evans' Cardboard Boxes
11.05 The Eleven O'Clock Show
11.40 Ally McBeal: Fish and Billy argue the overuse of political correctness
12.35 am 4 Later: Prey 1.30 Vids 2.05 Late Toon: Gas Planet
2.10 NYPD Blue 3.00 St Elsewhere
3.50 Nickelodeon
Peter Bogdanovich's homage to the early days of the movie industry

Film Choice

The Long and the Short and the Tall
Channel 4, 1.35pm
Willis hall's claustrophobic 1959 play about a British Army Patrol holed up in the Far Eastern Jungle during the second World War was an early success of the English theatre renaissance centred on the Royal Court Theatre. Sadly, in transferring it to the screen, producer Michael Balcon lacked the courage to employ the stage version's director, Lindsay Anderson, or its young star Peter O Toole. Directed by Leslie Norman and with Laurance Harvey in the O Toole role, supported by Richard Harris, and Richard Todd, it is serviceable as a period piece, but not what it might have been. The only survivors from the stage version are Ronald Fraser and Kenji Takagi, as the Patrol's Japanese prisoner

CHANNEL 5

6.00 5 News and Sport 7.00 WideWorld 7.30 Milkshake 7.35 Wimzie's House 8.00 Havakazoo 8.30 DappleDown Farm 9.00 Holiday Park 9.25 Russel Grants Postcards 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10.20 Sunset Beach 11.10 Leeza 12.00 5 News
12.30 pm Family Affairs 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 1.30 The Roseanne Show 2.00 100 per cent Gold 2.30 Good Afternoon
3.30 Thrill (1996) Gripping cat and mouse drama.
5.20 Sunset Beach 6.00 100 per cent 6.30 Family Affairs 7.00 5 News 7.30 Natural Passions
8.00 The Pepsi Chart
8.30 Stranger than Fiction Investigating a postwar CIA programme of mind control experiments
9.00 Shattered Trust (1993) with Melissa Gilbert, Ellen Bernstein and Kate Nelligan. A successful lawyer acts totally out of character when she attacks a witness in court. After visiting a psychiatrist memories of her troubled past are unlocked.
10.40 Bring Me the Had of Light Entertainment
11.15 Red shoe diaries: Double Dare A married woman becomes involved in a dangerous voyeuristic game. With David Duchovny
11.50 The Jack Docherty Show with the actress Parker Posey and Director Steven Soderbergh
12.30am Live and dangerous including 1.10 Dutch Football; 2.55 Argentinian Football: San Lorenzo v Velez Sarsfield
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H
5.30 100 Per Cent



Jennifer Aniston - Friends, Sky 1, 9pm

FUTURE FORECAST

This months star feature

Aries - March 21 - April 20

The year ahead: Prepare to go boldly where no Aries has gone before in the next 12 months, all thanks to Jupiter moving into Aries. In fact, your devil-may-care attitude means you'll pull quite a few outrageous, through nonetheless enviable, stunts in 1999. After all, at the end of the year, how many of us safer sirens will be able to say we changed school, houses, blokes, women and shampoo brands just for the hell of it. Fortunately, the benevolent presence of Pluto means you'll live happily to tell the tale, while moon eclipses and your sign proclivities ensure you'll go on to tell it ad infinitum.

Love: Mercury's in retrograde and you're in love. Ahh. But which will last the longest?

Money: Venus and Jupiter, plus a few subtle hints from your good self will ensure that outstanding debts are paid in full.

Fun: A killjoy, stick-in-the mud mate turns out to be a blessing in disguise

Karma: Tense, nervous headache? Take an aspirin. Or better, still, stop taking public transport

Taurus April 21-May 21

Love: A bloke is so full of it you want to send him for colonic irrigation.

Money: The new moon on the 17th signals welcome relief at work when you discover your phone has "hold"

Fun: Renewed energy and vigour make you more popular than a post-Priory Kate Moss

Karma: People who see life in black and white see more grey

Gemini May 21-June 21

Love: Spring's ambience leads to a frisky new you and a rather hectic social calendar

Money: A colleague's attitude could have you reaching for the staple gun

Fun: A Mercury influenced period of abstinence is fortunately averted by the full moon on the 2nd

Karma: If you want to forget the past, just look at a photo of yourself with that awful hairdo and naff clothes

Cancer June 22-July 22

Love: Venus and Jupiter encourage you to ditch those things holding you back and to spruce yourself up for a new way of life

Money: You can't spend what you haven't got. But you're going to have a damn good try

Fun: You'll know you had a good time when your evening out is the talk of the classroom

Karma: Resist having an allergy test unless you want to be told you can't eat chocolate

Leo July 23-Aug 23

Love: A new moon mid month marks the end of domestic bliss and the start of something far more exciting.

Money: A fool and their money are easily parted. Nice to know you still have some, I hope

Fun: A real blast from the past turns out to be cold and wet

Karma: Misguided maternal instincts could see you yearn for a furby

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 22

Love: Your imagination runs wild much to the into to money making enterprises that you know will not work

Fun: Things could get messy if you take a wrong turning

Karma: Time to reconsider your latest fad diet, is it really worth it?

Libra Sept 23-Oct 23

Love: This month is your time to shine and impress that special person

Money: Maybe you should apply for "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?"

Fun: This month you may learn that the hard way is the best way

Karma: An embarrassing family matter may send you to the town hall to change your name

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

Love: Why don't you tell that person how you really feel?

Money: Don't forget you have that holiday to save for

Karma: A healthy living won't be helped by Easter egg bingeing delight of your English teacher

Money: Don't be forced

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 23

Love: They may play hard to get but people like that are soft once cracked

Money: Be careful how much you spend or you may run out of cash for that all important date

Fun: Ringing doorbells then running away is childish but great fun

Karma: A spring clean of your life will leave you feeling refreshed and ready to face the world

Capricorn Dec 24-Jan 20

Love: Now is the time to tell that person just how you feel before it's too late

Money: Now might be the time to go

out and earn your own money as natural resources may soon dry up

Fun: Why don't you join a club to meet some new people to hang with

Karma: It's no good crying over spilt milk unless it was the last drop and you hate black tea

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 18

Love: It might seem like a strange combination but it's right

Money: To buy or not to buy? Use your head

Fun: Take on a more lightweight attitude to enjoy those family moments

Karma: An early mid life crisis is averted when you realise you are too young to be a Spice Girl

Pisces Feb 19-Mar 20

Love: Come on it's not the end of the world

Money: Spend more enjoy more, isn't that everyone's motto?

Fun: Go DIY this month. Invest in a cocktail shaker, pull out the blender and invite a few mates round

Karma: Use psychic powers to avoid calls from that limpet friend



CHRONICLE SPORT

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SCHOOL SPORT

GIRLS SPORT

INDOOR HOCKEY

Also the U18 Netball team have won their tournament.

YEAR11

Year 11 has so far been unbeaten this season. There is one game left against Rawmarsh to win the league.

Cross country.

Amy Ridsdale will represent S. Yorkshire in the English schools Cross Country championships . A fantastic achievement.

Year 10:

Year 10 have unfortunately been beaten in the final against Dinnington, who fielded a full squad of county squad players, (coached by Miss Ferguson).

Future star Y7's Becky Davies has been undefeated all year and therefore Rotherham's Y7 girls champion.

Year 9:

Year 9 have had a "topsy turvy" year, they have improved as the season has progressed. There has been some sparkling short corner goals from Katherine Reek.

Y9's Emma Lewis has come 3rd place overall in the individual runs, as was Anna Grant in Y10. Cheryl Ryan in Y11 was 5th. In the league our Y7 were champions, Y8/9 came 4th and the senior girls came 2nd.

NETBALL

Our Netball teams are only half-way through the season, but so far they have been quite successful, recently Y8 have won Pope Pius 6-2. Y9 has recently lost in the semi-final of the Rotherham schools tournament, there were 16 schools in it. Two of our Y9 pupils have been chosen to play in the Rotherham Netball team: Jodie Banks and Shona Fawcett. Good luck to them!

All these have been chosen to run for Rotherham: Becky Davies Y7, Carly Jackson Y7, Charlotte Mantford Y7, Emma Lewis Y8, Anna Grant Y10, Cheryl Ryan y11 and Amy Ridsdale Y12. GOOD LUCK!!!



Relief as Gazza gets a nose job

By Helen Clayton (18) Y13

Paul Gascoigne and Chris Evans got to nose each other yesterday – and without a kebab in sight. Gazza was reunited with his celebrity pal at

Middlesbrough's training ground in a Comic Relief stunt. But all Gazza's past trauma's, blamed on pals Evans and Danny Baker were put aside yesterday as the England star and Evans

sported red noses Evans' TFI Friday programme, normally on C4, will have a one-off broadcast on BBC1 at 11.30pm on Friday in aid of Comic Relief.+

FIVE PUNTERS CHARGED BRADLEY ANGUISH GOES ON

By Helen Clayton (18) Y13

Ray Cochrane and Dean Gallagher received the news they had been waiting for when they were finally cleared by police investigating the race-fixing scandal yesterday.

Graham Bradley was re-bailed to appear on April 13th. Five others mainly professional punters, were charged with conspiracy to defraud.

The NFA stamp across the files of the two jockeys indicating no further action came as a huge relief, not least to the two concerned. To Michael Caulfield, executive manager of the Jockeys' association, it represented light at the end of a 14-month long tunnel, the emergence from which will finally vindicate the party line that no jockeys have been involved in wrong doing.

Former trainer Charlie Brooks was due to answer bail yesterday but is currently in South Africa. His appointment has been re-scheduled for March 24. Another man, Nigel Troth,

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will also attend Charing Cross in six days time.

The jockey club are now to consider whether to "warn off" the five punters charged, effectively banning them from the racecourses until the outcome of criminal proceedings are known. Christopher Foster the Club's executive director also indicated that the freed jockeys' might still have a case to answer with them. He said "we will review the information and determine if and when any regulatory action is appropriate."



WILL WEMBLEY BE SOLD?

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England's bid to stage the 2006 World Cup received a massive boost when shareholders of Wembley plc agreed the sale of the stadium to the English National Stadium Development Company. The FA's consortium's bid of £103m had been under threat because at least three shareholders favoured a larger offer from American sports company SFX. The plan is now to redevelop Wembley Stadium, built in 1923, with a massive injection of funds from Britain's National Lottery. A rebuilt Wembley is at the

heart of efforts to lure the 2006 soccer World Cup to England.

Alec McGivan, England's campaign director for the World Cup, said: "Now we can go ahead and make it the finest stadium in the world."

Non-executive director Jarvis Astaire, who had been opposing the deal, said that it had gone through on proxy votes by major institutional shareholders. "I know that because the proxy votes are in," he said.

CANADIAN RUGBY TEAM VISIT WATH



A Canadian Rugby team, from Yale High School near Vancouver, British Columbia, currently touring Great Britain will be visiting Wath. The tourist's party, which numbers twenty-seven, has already visited Dover and Windsor and after their visit here they will be moving on to Ireland and Wales. The team will play our 1stXV on Saturday at 11am. They will later be visiting a rugby match between Rotherham RUFC and London Welsh visiting Meadowhall. Also on the itinerary is a night out in Wath and Swinton.





THURSDAY SPORT



MAN UTD GO THROUGH AS CHELSEA FALL

.Chelsea 0-2 Manchester United
The FA Cup quarter final replay between Chelsea and Manchester United was held last night just three days after the original tie. Neither manager put out any second team players this time after the scoreless draw on Sunday left both managers with an extra fixture they did not want or need.

The game was a better spectacle from the off and it didn't take long for the United players to gel, Yorke scored after only 4 minutes when he fired home Cole's header on.

Chelsea, though, did not bow down and started to get back at United almost from the restart. Desailly and other Chelsea stars were culprits of missing by their standards good chances. Chelsea had practically all the possession and should have produced a goal before half time.

However, as many teams have found to their expense you can never relax against Fergie's side. Chelsea committed this cardinal sin in the 59th minute when Desailly was dispossessed by Andy Cole who played the ball to Yorke, who took it in his stride and then chipped Ed De Goey exquisitely. The second goal was really the killer but none the less Chelsea plugged away and continued to dominate the possession. Their best chance came when the ball fell to Wise who struck cleanly. The ball looked destined for the net until Tore Andre Flo inadvertently blocked it. This was to the dismay of 95% of the Stamford Bridge crowd. After this chance Chelsea continued to press but were found wanting when it came to finishing.

In the end Manchester United will take the win but Chelsea will be disappointed about the fact that they didn't make as good a game

BY SPORTS EDITOR HELEN CLAYTON, Y13

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HOT STUFF HENMAN WIPES OUT MOROCCANS

The supporters were huddled under blankets in the cold night air of the Californian desert, but Tim Henman was on fire.

Attacking the net behind a strong serve which produced nine aces, the seventh seed crushed Moroccan Hicham Arazi 6-3, 6-3, in one hour at the Newsweek Champions Cup in Indian Wells.

It was one of Henman's most consistent and impressive performances of the year and the British Number 1 was entitled to be jubilant after losing only five points on his serve in each set. There was one scare though, when Arazi conjured up two break points but Henman pulled it back with his serving power. "Once I got past this problem, my serve was really consistent, I was pleased with the way I maintained the aggression and covered the net".

Introduced by the master of ceremonies as "This top Brit" Henman set about proving it as he attacked Arazi so successfully the Moroccan was soon wailing about the line calls. Dropping serve for the second time proved too much for Arazi. A piece flew off the handle of his racket as he hurled it to the ground in disgust shouting "No match, no match", which in an ironic way was true!.

GULLIT AND STONE FIGHT IT OUT AS NEWCASTLE BEAT FOREST

Nottingham Forest 1 Newcastle 2
By Helen Clayton (18) Y13 Sports Editor

Alan Shearer scored his 50th goal for Newcastle, from a disputed penalty award, but it took a fantastic shot from Dieter Hamman to condemn Forest to yet another defeat.

The timing of Newcastle's undeserved first goal surely did nothing for the confidence of Nottingham Forest, already falling behind at the foot of the Premiership table.

Forest were stunned by referee Jeff Winter's first half decision to award a penalty for a pull by Richard Gough on Shearer over a minute into injury time. Steve Stone lambasted by Newcastle's boss Ruud Gullit on the eve of the game for his outspoken criticism for his fellow dutch team mate Pierre van Hooijdonk. The Geordie midfielder immediately ran across to

within yards of Gullit and demonstrably made his point, keeper Mark Crossley continued the fine form that earned Forest a point against Charlton.

Forest lost Gough with a muscle pull three minutes into the second half, that brought Christian Edwards into defence and boss Ron Atkinson was forced into some more shuffling after 50 minutes when Mathieu was sent off. Thierry Bonalair reverted to right back. Mathieu was judged to have brought down Didier Domi in a race down the line, although the Frenchman looked to have made a meal of the rolling around. Forest fans have been non too impressed with Shearer's part in the penalty incident and were further angered by Domi's theatrics. In the 68th minute Forest's defensive troubles were compounded when Stale Stensaas went off with blood pouring from his head to be replaced by Chris Bart-Williams, a

minute later Hamman's 20 yard free-kick thundered against the foot of the post. The pressure was mounting on Forest and they finally packed in the 73rd minute with a goal from Hamman, he took possession 30 yards outside the box, moved forward and lashed an unstoppable shot past Crossley to give Newcastle a 2-1 lead. Gullit was true to his word before kick-off about resting players making four changes to the Newcastle side that demolished Everton and sunk their F.A. cup hopes on a tidal wave of second half superiority. Last weekend, the major omission was former skipper Lee, last night merely confirms the belief Lee will be on his way this summer, with Charlton and Southampton monitoring his situation.

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**BLADES WIN
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BLADES!!**

**SHEFFIELD UNITED 3
WATFORD 0**

By Helen Clayton (18) Y13

Sheffield United boosted their play-off hopes with an important victory over fellow promotion hopefuls Watford.

Graham Taylor's side arrived at Bramall Lane looking for their first ever league win there, but goals from Paul Devlin, Lee Morris and Ian Hamilton condemned Watford to yet another defeat, leaving their play-off hopes hanging in the balance.

The game only went ahead after two pitch inspections, but it was clear that both teams were going to find it difficult to pass it around. United adapted to the conditions the quicker and they had the first real effort of the game after six minutes when Ian

Hamilton tested the goalkeeper from 25 yards, but the experienced Alex Chamberlain made a comfortable save.

Although most of the early pressure had come from the Blades, it was Watford who should have taken the lead just after the quarter of an hour mark. First Nick Wright cut in from the left and unleashed a great drive that was destined for Kelly's bottom near corner, but the Republic of Ireland international just got the faintest of touches to turn it around the post. From the resulting corner midfielder Tommy Mooney had two great efforts, His first from 15 yards was brilliantly kept out with a wonderful one handed save by Kelly, before smashing the second against the cross bar.

It was certainly a let off for United, but Watford were also

fortunate not to go behind in the 25th minute when Hamilton put a great chance high over the bar. The game was certainly open and five minutes later Watford came agonisingly close when Darren Ward headed just wide from a corner.

After a slow start the visitors were beginning to dominate the game especially in midfield, but somewhat against the run of play United took the lead with a wonderful move in the 38th minute. Marcelo did well to hold the ball up before unleashing Lee Morris, who skipped past the defender before turning the ball back to Paul Devlin, who hit a powerful shot that took two deflections before going into the far corner, Chamberlain certainly had no chance whatsoever.

Then a minute before the break United made it two with a wonderful individual goal by Morris, The youngster picked the ball up out wide in the penalty area before brilliantly turning Ward and firing a shot into the far corner from a difficult angle.

**Half Time Sheffield United 2
Watford 0**

Bruce's decision to have Tracey on the bench proved right when Kelly suffered a groin injury

which meant that he could not carry on in the second half.

It was definitely United's day and they made it three in the 49th minute.

Wayne Quinn put a good cross in as Marcelo jumped up to challenge with Chamberlain, the ball fell to Hamilton who blasted it from 15 yards. The goal effectively killed Watford, who despite the scoreline had matched United for 50 minutes but their heads fell after the third goal.

They did get the ball into the net in the 60th minute when Tracey knocked a Nigel Gibbs cross into his

Own net but the linesman ruled that the ball had already gone out of play before reaching Tracey.

United should have made it four shortly after, but Shaun Derry's great low cross was just out of reach for Morris and Marcelo. Mooney was Watford's most dangerous player all afternoon and on 74 minutes his low shot was turned around the post by Tracey. Watford's attacks though were few and far between and it was definitely a day when nothing was going right for the visitors.

Two minutes from time Marcelo looked destined to make

it four when he got to a Paul Devlin cross two yards out but Chamberlain made a tremendous save to deny him.

**Full Time Sheffield United 3
Watford 0**

*****Form ratings*****
SHEFFIELD UNITED
Kelly 8 (Tracey 45, 7), Derry 8, Quinn 7, Woodhouse 7, Sandford 7, Holdsworth 7, **Morris 9**, Hamilton 8, Marcelo 8, Devlin 8, Ford 7 (Twiss 80, 7), Subs not used: Jacobsen

WATFORD
Chamberlain 7, Bazeley 6, Kennedy 7, Ward 7, Palmer 7, Robinson 6, Smart 6 (Gibbs 55, 6) Hyde 7, Mooney 8, Hazan 7 (Iroha 69, 7), Wright 7 (Smith 55, 6)

Referee Rating: Roy Pearson (Peterlee) 7



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OWLS SHOT DOWN BY GUNNERS IN WILSON'S SEVEN MINUTES OF HELL

THAT'S SIX IN A ROW

The journey home from Highbury was a long one last night for the thousands of loyal Owls fans that travelled down to London to watch their team battle it out with Arsenal. The game marked Wednesday's sixth defeat in a row at the hands of Championship competitors Arsenal. Wednesday has now not won here for 37 years. They were only seven minutes away from clinching their first points at Highbury for seven years when Arsenal opened the floodgates with a Denis Bergkamp shot that was driven low and to the right of Srnicek, the ball arrived from a quickly taken free-kick by Emmanuel Petit. The Wednesday keeper was having a dream game up to this point having pulled off a number of spectacular saves and protecting the club from a score line that could quite easily have been double the figure it was at the end. Wednesday had to go all out with only seven minutes remaining and this is what led to Arsenal's second goal. The Owls were on a promising attack when the move broke down and Arsenal counter attacked. Diawara played a long ball down the left flank to a waiting Overmars. The ball was pulled back to Kanu who easily went around an ageing Des Walker before blasting it into the roof of the net. The third and final Arsenal goal was Bergkamp's second, Wednesday were again on the

attack and were out numbered by the Arsenal defence. The ball was won away from a frustrated Wednesday player and Arsenal were on the counter attack again. Bergkamp received a through ball and chip the ball neatly past Srnicek. The goal was the final nail in the coffin of Wednesday's chances of salvaging any points from the game. The Wednesday players left Highbury last downcast and downhearted. Danny Wilson last night praised the Wednesday defence and was very supportive towards Pavel Srnicek who started well but must be disappointed with the final score. Wednesday are still looking for points to steer themselves clear of the relegation zone.

PLAYER RATINGS

ARSENAL

David Seaman 7, Lee Dixon 7, Tony Adams 7, Nelson Vivas 6, Fredrik Ljungberg 6 (Kaba Diawara 46 mins, 8), Patrick Vieira 7, Ray Parlour 7 (Emmanuel Petit 69 mins, 8), Marc Overmars 7, Dennis Bergkamp 8, Nicolas Anelka 8 (Nwankwo Kanu 63 mins, 8)

OWLS

PAVEL SRNICEK 9, Peter Atherton 8, Des Walker 7, Emerson Thome 7, Andy Hinchcliffe 8, Petter Rudi 7, Niclas Alexandersson 7, Danny Sonner 7, Wim Jonk 7, Benito Carbone 7, Andy Booth 7.

ATTENDANCE 37,792.

Referee D. Elleray (Harrow)

MARK FENNELL, DAVID BECKETT, RICHARD ADAMS at Highbury

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RONNIE'S MEN MAKE THEIR POINT

Rotherham United 2. Southend FC 2

The millers were seeking their fourth successive victory. It looked a distinct possibility at the interval when visitors Southend were trailing 2-0.

But somehow they battled back extremely well in the second half to gain a well-earned point after a poor performance by Rotherham.

It was in fact Southend who looked the livelier side in the first few minutes, with Rotherham goalkeeper Mike Pollit making a good save from Houghton who created problems all afternoon with his low crosses, most of which were cut out by loan signing Gary Strodder.

It wasn't until the 22nd minute that the millers looked to be the better side. On 30 minutes Rotherham took the lead when Jamie Ingledow scored a close range diving header after a Paul Hurst shot was deflected.

Nine minutes later Southend player Campbell was sent off for over use of the elbow. The millers took advantage when new signing Paul Warne hit a smart left foot shot through the keepers legs after a great turn past a Southend defender.

Rotherham was warned early in the second half that Southend were not going to give up when a shot hit the Rotherham crossbar. On 58 minutes the millers defence were caught napping with a quickly taken free kick from which Rapley gave Mike Pollit no chance.

By this time Rotherham had lost their rhythm as Southend took command and pulled level with 8 minutes to go after centre-back Vance Warner had been took off, further adding to Rotherhams rapidly growing injury list. It was Rapley again who provided the finishing touch. It was a disappointing result after it looked so promising. As Rotherham manager Ronnie Moore said, "We allowed them so much space that it was like going down the M6".

Team Ratings.

Rotherham United: - Pollit 9, Warner 7 (Sedgwick 64), Hurst 7, Garner 7, Knill 6, Strodder 8, Ingledow 7, Thompson 8 (Roscoe 46), Jackson 6, Warne 9, Dillon 6.

Southend FC: - Margetson 8, Beard 6, Booty 7, Livett 7 (McGavin 63), Newman 7, Coleman 7, Maher 6, Gooding 7, Campbell 7, Rapley 9, Houghton 8 (Conlon 46).

Referee: Ray Oliver (Sutton Coalfield).

LEAGUE TABLES

MILLER'S FIXTURE PILE-UP

By David Beckett Y10

Millers fixture pile-up.

Rotherham United manager Ronnie Moore is fearing an unwanted hat-trick this weekend. The postponement of the match at Shrewsbury last night followed the abandonment of the match on Saturday against Barnet. This weekend Rotherham are Scarborough whose pitch has been affected by adverse weather which has hit North Yorkshire during the past week.

The game against Barnet on Saturday was called off due to a waterlogged pitch and there is fear that the heavy rain forecast for the weekend could put the trip to Scarborough in jeopardy. Being idle while other promotion rivals are in action could see the millers left behind in the race for Division 2 football next year. They are already nine points behind the teams occupying third and fourth places so a big push from united is needed to get them back on track.

Barnsley Earn Point in Six Goal Thriller

Bolton 3 - Barnsley 3

By Adam Ardron (15) Y10

Bolton grabbed a point on Wednesday night after a Barnsley comeback left them in the lead. Barnsley started poorly as Bolton seemed totally in control early on. They dominated the midfield and were rewarded when, on fifteen minutes Bolton scored from their first threatening attack. Dean Holdsworth and Scott Sellars combined nicely as Sellars struck home with his left foot from inside the D. The lead was doubled 10 minutes later as Holdsworth put a back heel into the box and Johansen was hacked down from behind. Holdsworth converted the resulting penalty. It was all change for Barnsley on 29 minutes. Mike Sheron was brought off for Clayton Blackmore. Hignett went up front

with Bruce Dyer and Blackmore went into midfield as the formation changed to 4-4-2. The change seemed to be working when on 35 minutes Barnsley pulled one back. Eaden's cross took a deflection. Hignett picked up the loose ball and slotted it home. Barnsley's hearts were in their mouths a few minutes later as Holdsworth broke through. His shot though was wide of the target. On 43 minutes the game was level again as Scott Jones put a free kick in the top corner, giving the keeper no chance.

Half time: Bolton 2 - Barnsley 2

Almost straight after the restart Barnsley were in the lead. Hignett headed across the net. Blackmore played the one

two and Hignett slapped it in. Barnsley were pushed back for the rest of the half. They defended constantly leaving just Dyer up front. Bullock did well on several occasions. On 76 minutes though Barnsley had a chance to seal it as Dyer broke through but the keeper made an excellent game saving save. It was looking too late for Bolton on 80 minutes but after a classy first touch allowed Gudjohnson to cut inside of De Zeeuw who found the net with ease and once again it was level pegging.

Full Time: Bolton 3 - Barnsley 3



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HODDLES WORST HOUR, ENGLANDS FINEST?

As most of you will probably know in February Glen Hoddle the England manager was sacked. This article will discover if it was right to sack Hoddle and how much it has hurt or helped the Euro 2000 campaign for the England team.

First of all you may still be confused as to why Hoddle was sacked. Apparently the ex-manager said comments which offended some disabled people and the F.A., not to mention the government.

Hoddle however claims that even though his comments spoke about disabled people and the reason that they are disabled he did not mean to offend anyone. When you think about this seems a fairly decent argument, I mean all he did was express his views to a reporter who then gave them to the newspaper to publish. Another thing to point out is that Hoddle's beliefs have absolutely nothing to do with the football match against France.

Looking at the decision from a football point of view puts a different perspective on the whole thing. Hoddle had been struggling in recent months to get the results England needed to secure qualification for Euro 2000. Another thing is that he had published his World Cup '98 diary very soon after the competition and this had annoyed the Football Association. Also linked with France '98 was in the

mind of English football one of the worst decisions ever made by a high powered official. This disaster was the decision to leave Paul Gascoigne out of the world cup squad. In my opinion this was a pathetic decision. "Gazza" was soon to hit the drink and has since been in a rehabilitation centre being treated for his alcoholic problem. He is however playing football again and, who knows, maybe, now Glen Hoddle has been sacked Paul Gascoigne could become an active member of the England squad once again. There have also been players like Tony Adams making comments about the former manager. All of these things are likely to have contributed to the Football Associations hasty decision. The next thing we should look at the fact the English Football Association is at the moment unstable itself after Graham Kelly and another senior figure left the association in disgrace. This means that the acting chief of the FA and not the permanent chief sacked Glenn Hoddle. This chief could be replaced in the coming months and so you have to ask was right for him to sack the manager and then go ahead with appointing a new one for just four games. This paints a pretty sorry picture for an English football fan. However, this could in the long run be a good turn for the English team and

players. Kevin Keegan the new manager has shown interest in England and with Howard Wilkinson as his right hand man this could be just what England need. We do however have to take into consideration that Keegan may only be able to show limited commitment due to his responsibilities as the manager of Fulham. He has said that he may consider taking on the role as England manager full time but that depends on the promotion challenge that is being battled by Fulham. We also have to consider that Keegan is contracted to be the Fulham manager for a further two seasons.

So what can you make of it all? I'm not completely confident in Keegan's ability as a manager. Remember a mere three seasons ago when Newcastle United famously lost a twelve-point lead at the top of the Premier League. In that time Keegan exploded when interviewed by a Sky Sports reporter who said to Keegan that Manchester United were new favourites for the title. If Keegan is to become the new England manager he will not be allowed to lose his temper in public because this will reflect badly on the England team.

The final thing we must consider is the affect of Hoddle's departure on the most important part of the England camp the players. Strictly speaking they are well paid professionals and should not be affected by it all. However, it could have affected them and the defeat against France will not have helped confidence at all as England know they were poor on the night.

To sum up we feel that it has all been a bit farcical, we don't think Hoddle should have been fired for such a poor excuse. If he was to be fired it should have been for managerial reasons only. Keegan's appointment for just four games initially seems foolish but may yet prove to be a good thing. All in all if in one year England have qualified for Euro 2000 and Keegan has won all his games in charge the whole incident will be but a distant memory.

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ARE YOU BLIND REF?

By Winston Baugh (17) Y12

Thousands of referees retire each year leaving a huge gap in local football, which never gets filled. More teams enter local leagues but there are not enough referees to officiate these matches. Is there any wonder?

In the past two seasons referees have been plagued with unsporting teams and spectators. For example, last season, Rotherham Referees Association (Rotherham RA) nearly held a strike because more and more referees were being assaulted whilst on the field of play. Sadly, this appalling behaviour is still going on.

Di Canio pushed referee Alcock to the ground, (Was that fall an Oscar winning performance or what?) and didn't even get severely punished. He was given a £10,000 fine, not even a week's wages and several match bans. Di Canio shouldn't have even had the chance to go to West Ham. He ought to have been 'booted' out of the country and sent back to Italy but Sheffield Wednesday and the F.A were too stupid. The F.A, as an organisation trying to encourage younger referees into the game, are not giving sufficient punishment at top flight level and so are affecting the confidence of potential younger referees.

I know by my own experience. If a team thinks I've had a bad game and parents and the officials of the club are shouting at me, then I am scared stiff something might happen because if the F.A are too lenient at professional level then they are bound to be way too lenient at grass roots level.

Just for comparison Di Canio was fined £10,000 for pushing over a re, Viera was fined £20,000 for making a v-sign at a fan. Is that fair? Me thinks not!!!

Another sorry state of affairs is the recent game between

Arsenal and Sheffield United. They all blamed Kanu for the goal because he wasn't experienced enough at English football to know this sporting rule, but Overmars who scored the goal was. So shouldn't Overmars be blamed? The referee was also well within his rights to give the goal, as the sporting rule in question is not a written law.... But the unwritten law could be called unsporting behaviour and not necessarily carry a caution but just a goal kick when the goal is scored. The referee did not seem to have the greatest amount of common sense in this game and certainly the Arsenal fans were not expecting the goal to stand. This, however, is not the worrying part. Arsenal very sportingly said 'we will replay the game'. Sheff utd accepted. **Isn't the referee's decision final?** Isn't that what all football teams say as well as the F.A? This was a huge mistake by the F.A and F.I.F.A. What happens if there is a penalty awarded which wasn't supposed to be a penalty and it is the winning goal of the game, is that going to be replayed? - surely not!

At the level which I am at, this would never have been an issue but I am very worried about how this and the Di Canio incident could harm the lower league and youth football, because referees will not be abundant if the F.A refuse to punish the offending players or clubs adequately for a misdemeanour concerning the referee. Therefore, when everyone begins to over rule the referee over a goal then all unsure referees ought to get out now before a similar incident befalls you too.

F1 REVIEW

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By David Beckett and Adam Ardron (15) Y10

The Formula one season got off to an excellent start in Melbourne last weekend with a first ever win for Ferrari number two Eddie Irvine. It was a terrible start though for McLaren as their cars were hit by reliability problems and they failed to pick up a single point. What though for the rest of the season? Will Ferrari prevail, or will the silver arrows of McLaren leave them standing on the grid for a second season? Using the first race of the season when the first wheels were turned in anger we shall attempt to answer these questions.

The Disappointments of Melbourne

McLaren

McLaren are top of our list of disappointments. They were extremely quick in pre-season testing. Their form in practice and qualifying at Melbourne suggested that it was going to be a walkover for them as it was last year. However, within the first twenty lap of the race though, both cars were out due to hydraulics pressure problems. This meant that they could not operate their throttles.

BAR

There was a lot of hype surrounding the new BAR team after they made the bold claim that they were going to win their first race, which Reynard, their car constructor, had managed to do in every other formula they had entered. Formula One as they discovered is a lot tougher than all other formulae. Disappointing qualifying positions virtually ruled them out from the beginning. Both Villeneuve and his new team-mate, FIA World GT Sports Car Champion Ricardo Zonta, failed to qualify in the top half of the field. Reliability problems hit them early on in the race as Villeneuve's rear wing fell off (you would have thought that the mechanics would have stuck it on) resulting in a spectacular accident at over 175mph. Zonta had a good race, moving up the order from the start until his Supertec engine blew near the end.

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Benetton

Benetton had made bold claims before the race that it's new car sets higher standards. Testing was mixed with niggling problems but also with the occasional fast lap. This prompted confusion within the camp. Benetton though says that the speed of the car isn't a problem (they should enter with a Lada), but judging by their middle grid positions and a quiet racing performance it clearly is.

Surprises Of Melbourne

Stewart

The Stewart team knew they must progress after a dismal 1998 season. Their cars have shown much promise in testing. This form was carried through to Melbourne with their superb practice and qualifying times, which left Rubens Barrichello fourth on the grid. Problems hit at the start of the race as both cars began churning out smoke even before the race had begun. Herbert failed to start but Barrichello, starting from the pit lane, had a storming drive, setting fastest laps and earning himself three valuable world championship points.

Mixed Success

Jordan

Jordan will have a lot of pressure on them this year, to retain their position as one of the top four teams. Their car looks promising, testing times have been good. Qualifying at Melbourne though was indifferent, as Frentzen performed well to finish in fifth but Hill only managed ninth. Hill then went on to spin out into retirement on the third corner of the race after being hit by the Prost of Jarno Trulli. Frentzen, running a strong race in fourth capitalised on the demise of McLaren and went on to an excellent second place finish.

Ferrari

Ferrari said that they would be the major challenge to McLaren and their testing seemed to back up this claim. They have all the ingredients of a major title contender, with a great driver, good resources, and plenty of

cash. However, in Melbourne Schumacher was over 1.3 seconds adrift of the McLarens, even though he lined up third on the grid. After he then stalled at the start of the race and later had to make stops for a new steering wheel and to repair a puncture. Irvine however, was having a great race in third and was on hand to take the lead when the McLarens retired. He went on to record his first ever race win.

Williams

Williams were very secretive about their testing, conducting it all in South Africa. They were poor in qualifying for Melbourne with Zanardi, their new driver, almost at the back of the grid. He crashed out midway through the race while running near the back. Ralf Schumacher had a much better weekend, qualifying on the top half of the grid. For most of the race he ran close to the Jordan of Frentzen but dropped back towards the end. He eventually finished third, a good result for his first race with Williams.

Predictions

What then for the rest of the season? If the McLarens sort out their reliability problems then it will be a similar story to last year, with Ferrari playing catch-up. The Championship will be a close battle between Hakkinen and Schumacher yet again, but Coulthard could spring a surprise if he manages to get the best out of his car. The battle for "the best of the rest" will be a close battle between the two Jordans and the Williams of Ralf Schumacher, with Zanardi expected to struggle. Stewart could spoil this battle though, as they will now want to improve upon their excellent first race performance.

David Beckett and Adam Ardron in Melbourne, Australia

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SABRES IN THE NIGHT

The Swinton Sabres were ready for the first match of the season that they had a chance of winning. They were playing a team called the Rossington Roadrunners. With Rossington poaching the Sabres best player from the previous season this was somewhat of a grudge match. In a pre season friendly the Sabres had beat Rossington, this was to the dislike of every one of the players. They wanted revenge. In fact from an inside source I can reveal that Rossington had made a hit list.

The first line of each team was ready. We were all fired up for what was to become a fearsome battle to the death. The ball was dropped into the face-off and the whistle blew. The war had begun. Rossington won the face-off and immediately gave the ball to one of the best players on their side. We moved in but he was fast and dove out of the way. He passed the ball to the front of

THE STEELERS

SHORT AND SWEET! - THE STEELERS COACH PRAISES KAYLE

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By Helen Clayton (18) Y13
Steelers coach Don McKee today called on talented young defenceman Kayle Short to take another step towards becoming the Superleague's fastest improving defenceman.

The form of the 25 year old from Barrie, Ontario, has been eye-catching since the start of the year. The 6ft 2 ins ex-Team Canada player has combined his main role as an uncompromising defensive player with an eye for a chance near goal.

McKee said: "Shorty turned the corner in January, he is now very strong in both ends and can be a physical player. I like the way he operates in front of our net, moving players away. He makes good contact on the board too. Now I would like to see him demonstrating some mid-ice hits

- that's a technique that requires real skill. McKee has had reservations about the playoff fixture, announced recently; but he has strategies. "There is no point looking at anything other than the positives and that, in this case, is that we are playing the best team at the last (Manchester Storm march 27 and 28). "We're the only team in the league not to have won at London and I want to put that right.

"We also have to take our first points from Bracknell, too.

"They will be the most physical team, but, after our performance at Manchester, I am filled with optimism. I am also pleased that we get two days off before the Challenge Cup Final on March 21st"

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the net and before we could look re-gather the ball was in the back of the net. Rossington 1 and Sabres 0. The defence and attack had failed before 20 seconds of the match had passed. The goal had to be pulled back.

Would this set the tone for the day? The match was re-started and again a sweet movement of the ball led to a second goal for Rossington. We had to settle and we did. Many occasions saw us come close to our break through goal. Five minutes passed and the Sabres were looking good until a Rossington break away caught us unaware and when Rossington had the opportunity to get one on one with our keeper they did not waste it. That was it we were 3-0 down. We had one player in the penalty box and the line did not look too strong but when Sabres youngster Daniel Wood gets one on one with a keeper he never fails to score. We could come back from this. The match was set up to be a second half thriller. Sabres 1, Rossington 3.

The second half started and right from the whistle we had Rossington on the run. It was inevitable that probably the best player in the club should flick the ball into the top corner to make the score 3-2. Carl Smith had scored the goal that proved we would not R.I.P. (or not yet anyway). The game re-started and for the next five minutes the game seemed to settle down into a steady rhythm. Rossington were obviously getting very frustrated at not being able to break through the water tight Sabres defence and at the other end of the rink Wayne Snape and Carl Smith were keeping the Rossington keeper very busy. At the half-way point the Sabres were doing a good job of keeping Rossington a bay. Next a slick move from the Rossington second line put them 4-2 up and the Sabres were

again fighting an up hill struggle. What happened next was a show of the great rivalry that was present between the two teams. A high tackle came in from Rossington's hit man Paul Crooke and Ryan Gilliver (not known for his good temper) flipped. Ryan threw a couple of punches but Crooke didn't want to know, both players were put in the penalty box to reflect on their actions. Rossington took advantage of the lack of speed on the Sabres power-killing line and were soon 5-2 up. With both teams back to full strength Sabres were out to salvage some of their pride. Sabres were given instructions to go for goal and to forget about defensive strategies. With the match dangerously close to the end and the Sabres in danger of losing we had to get shots on goal. The Rossington keeper was equal to these shots but eventually we won a face-off at the Rossington end zone. The ball was knocked back and with one clean swing of the stick the Sabres had scored. This was a brilliant strike by Kevin Ware. However, this only proved to be a late consolation goal as the whistle blew for the end of the match shortly after. The final score was Rossington Roadrunners 5 - Swinton Sabres 3. The most joyful part of the match was when we went to the changing rooms and lets just say their was heated discussions between players. The question is now can the Sabres go on to win or at least draw a match this season.

BY WAYNE SNAPE AND MARK FENNELL



THE SHARKS

After the England National Team and Budweiser League All Star break, it's back to work for the Westfield Sharks. For them that means back to basics as they prepare for their stretch run to their league campaign.

As usual, when returning from any significant lay-off, all the usual concerns about how well they will respond are flying around in coach Chris Finch's head. They have an excellent chance of winning The Budweiser League this year!! Lately the Sharks have been concentrating on other things, the players are proving real sporting all rounders.

On Sheffield Marathon day, April 25 they will be taking part in a Fun Run. However the basketball links will remain strong because the Sharks will be bouncing basketballs as they run round the three- kilometre course. Entry forms for the Fun Run, Westfield Health Scheme Sheffield Full and Half Marathons and Corporate Challenge are available by phoning the marathon hotline (0114) 2308429.

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KEAR'S BLUEPRINT FOR SUPER FUTURE

By Helen Clayton (18) Y13

Sheffield Eagles coach John Kear has called for an end to in-season transfers and the introduction of an American-style draft of out of contract players.

Kear has also called for foreign coaches to be counted on clubs' overseas players quota and has opposed any future merger between rugby league and rugby union. He was giving his vision for the future at the launch of Rothman's Rugby League Yearbook at Headingley.

Speaking of how he sees the Super League in five years time, Kear said he hoped there would be a levelling out of standards in the elite competition. "I would like to see a division where the team in second place can be beaten by the team in 11th or 12th". Kear also called for the salary cap to be rigidly enforced so that teams wouldn't fall into the trap of bankrupting themselves in a desperate bid to avoid relegation.

The Castleford born Sheffield Eagles coach, who guided the

Eagles to their stunning Challenge Cup Final success last year said that the Super League should consist of quality and not quantity. "We initially had 24 games, not 30 games one weekend game is enough without midweek games".

Kear went on to plead that the 30 game programme would harm Great Britain's chances in the Tri-Series against Australia and New Zealand in the Autumn. Kear is one of the growing number of highly rated young British coaches beginning to make an impact in the game and he believes more should be done to encourage home grown talent. "In 2004 I would like to see all the head coaches and their coaching staff to be British, Halifax were well rewarded when they appointed John Pendlebury, and I would like to think Sheffield are too".



NETTING THE CASH

How are footballers worth £1 million or more?

Why are football clubs willing to pay over £10 million for one player?

Are football players really worth that much? No, of course they aren't. Apart from that it really disgusts me that Alan Shearer can be worth £15 million yet one of Hull City's players is only worth £20,000. I feel that there is too much difference between prices of players and this could force the smaller clubs out of business because they won't be able to afford the price of the player. Also players ask for such huge amounts of money in wages then clubs will become bankrupt. Players like Alan Shearer, Michael Owen and Robbie Fowler can name their wages because other clubs will be happy to pay for their services. These wages can be anything up to £50,000 per week, which is ridiculous because teachers, nurses, doctors and police officers usually receive less than that sum in a year

Are footballers really worth £50,000 a week? I think not! Teachers, doctors and police officers are worth far more because they educate, cure and protect the nation. This is much more useful to the nation. Footballers are only entertainers and in my opinion are certainly not worth £50,000 per week. They do work hard in training but not as hard as nurses etc

Movie stars also have too much money. I do not see how \$20 million per film is fair especially when some movie stars do 2 films a year. As I have said before teachers, nurses and police officers should earn at least double their salary because of the important job they do.

Movie stars and footballers get enough money to live on but they also receive much which is absolutely disgusting and this extra money should go to charity or the state.



The Westfield Sharks

By Phil Nash (15) Y10

The Sheffield Sharks are no more. After four years of Basketball success the multi-million pound health company 'Westfield' has paid an undisclosed amount to rename and re-kit the Sharks. Chris Finch was at first adamant about the move, but was said to jump at the offer when he saw the figures. With this money he has bought new players to reform the squad. He has made many key signings to improve the squad beyond all reasoning. This, coupled with intensive training in the pre-season, the Westfield Sharks are joint top of the league with the Manchester Giants. As a fan, I have been most impressed with Chris Finch and his coaching methods. Most coaches were players for many years before retreating to the bench, but as a player for only two years in the UK, and only college basketball in the States, Chris has displayed an extraordinary talent for spotting players in this country and abroad. Despite the loss of Wil Johnson and John Amaechi at the end of last season, Finch used the money from Westfield to buy players such as Terrell Myers and Travis Conlan. Unfortunately, his buys and various expenses resulted in the Sharks risking bankruptcy and so were forced to cancel many games at the Sheffield Arena. (Which require advance

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The Tour of Australia: Learning Curve or Disaster?

By Richard Adams (15) Y10

When the England cricket left for Australia in October they were in high spirits after their first series win in many years. It was largely the same squad as the one of the previous summer but beating Australia in Australia was a different job. When the team first arrived they played a few friendly games versus Western Australia and other Australian teams.

Then it came to the first test at the 'GABBA'. England were beaten rather convincingly. This knocked the confidence a little but the players knew they had to bounce back for the second test at the 'WACA'. I would like to think that England played better but the same result came of it. So everybody moved on to Adelaide with England needing a win to keep them realistically in the Ashes. The result was better for England but not really good enough as they could now only draw the series, which meant that Australia would retain the trophy. Next the teams moved on to the splendid 100,000 all seater MCG or Melbourne Cricket Ground. Here England finally got that elusive win. Good performances from the bowlers and batters alike were just enough to grab the win in front of a near capacity

crowd. The fifth and final test match was at the SCG or Sydney Cricket Ground. This is also a fine stadium and with England going for a win to tie the series

pull off another performance like that at Melbourne despite Darren Gough picking up a hat trick. So the Ashes Series was yet again lost the Australians who were the better team overall it has to be said. None the less English fans still felt the disappointment. However, England could still take something from their visit to the Southern Hemisphere. The Triangular series against Australia and the Sri Lankans was England's last hope of taking a trophy home. At the start it all went very well England beat the Sri Lankans and the Australians a couple of times to leave themselves top of the table. But then that infamous game against the Sri Lankans where their number one spin bowler Muttiah

Murilitaran was called for chucking. The Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga was so furious with the decision he took his players off the field. It was very ironic then that in the end Murilitaran hit the winning runs. Since that game England have had a torrid time in the one day internationals. They did reach the final but were totally dismissed by the rampant Australians. This does not bode well for the forthcoming World Cup starting in May. This is what I mean when I say 'was it a learning curve'. England have just named their world cup squad and it contains many of the players who played in the triangular series. This means all the players will have worked together in one day internationals not just test matches which are lets face it a lot different.

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FIGHT OF THE DECADE

By Richard Nield Y12
 March 13th is going to be the "Fight of the Decade" Evander Holyfield (pictured right) the WBA and IBF title holder fighting against the British WBC champion Lennox Lewis (pictured left). In June 1997 Holyfield won the return match in astonishing fashion when Tyson was disqualified at the end of the third round, for biting off part of Holyfield's ear which gave him the publicity he needed. In November Holyfield added the IBF title to his WBA title by stopping Moorer after eight rounds in Las Vegas. Holyfield believes he will weather the Lewis storm and become the undisputed heavy-weight champion of the world. "I'm not making a prediction, predictions are for weathermen, but I will knock him out in the third round" this will be held at Madison Square Garden, New York.

Holyfield picked the third round because he said that it represented the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, a reference to Holyfield's religious beliefs. It was the 36 year-old Holyfield's faith in God that has brought some heated words from Lewis, who called Holyfield a hypocrite for not practising what he preaches outside the ring.

This is sure to be a hot fight and you can see it Live on Sky Box Office / Front Row for £11.95 if you order before the fight night - But if you order on the night it costs £16.95 - Well

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LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK

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By Helen Clayton (18) Y13

The days of maximum wages and footballers going to games on public transport with the fns now seem a long, long time ago. Forget being a rock 'n' roll star, just become a top sports star!! Extra Time exclusively brings you the facts of exactly how much the likes of Nick Faldo and David Beckham are earning.

NICK FALDO - £41 million

When Nick Faldo first started playing golf, he had £350 in the bank and lived in a rented flat. Now Britain's richest sportsman lives in a Mansion and drives a Porsche. His huge fortune is thanks almost entirely to the staggering prize-money he has collected around the globe. Major victories including The Open in 1987, 1990, and 1992, and the US Masters in 1989, 1990 and 1996. He has won the French Open three times. He has amassed £35million in prize money during his professional career. Pringle Jumpers Mizuno, Bridgestone and Jaguar have brought him at least £15 million. Faldo also has a sideline in golf designer clothes which has brought him another £5 million!!

LENNOX LEWIS - £38 million

Lennox Lewis became world heavyweight champ in 1993 without throwing a punch - the WBC awarded him the title with £5million sponsorship spin-offs. After Riddick Bowe refused to fight him. In fact, NOT fighting has been very lucrative. Don King paying Lewis £3million not to fight Mike Tyson. In 1993 Lewis picked up at total of £10.3 million in beating Tony Tucker and Frank Bruno. Since then Lewis has picked up a total of £17million in purse money. Side sponsorship deals have brought in £10million. His biggest earner - £7million for a spring unification fight against Evander Holyfield.

NIGEL MANSELL - £36 million

Mansell used to be the worst paid driver in motor racing - as No2 in the Lotus team he earned just £500,000 for four seasons work.

He moved to Williams where in 1985 he won two F1 races, and two years later he received £3million, then a year later £5million. A year on, Ferrari paid him £10million for one season!! After retiring in 1990, he came back for Williams and was paid £7million in 1991. After winning the 1992 World Title, Mansell quit F1 for Indycar - netting £4.75 million and last year Ford paid him £500,000 for three years races in touring cars.

DAMON HILL - £21 million

Hill only joined the really big earners in 1996 when his salary went up from a relatively paltry £1.5million to £6million with the Williams team. He won the title and then took a pay cut to £4.2million to drive for the struggling arrows team. This year Hill is back to £5million driving for Jordan.

PRINCE NASEEM - £19.5 million

The 24 year old's rise to the top began only six years ago. He won his first WBO world title two years later and has remained unbeaten since then. 1996 was his best year financially when he collected £5.8 million in purse money. He's taken around £4million more since then - as part of an £8million deal for six fights. But his biggest single pay day came outside the ring - a £7 million cheque for a 10 - bout deal with Adidas, and Adidas are now drawing up plans for a new £10 million deal.

ALAN SHEARER - £17.5 million

Shearer's first big financial break came in July 1991 when he moved from Southampton to Blackburn for £3.6million - a stepping stone to his £15million Newcastle United transfer. Shearer has collected just £2million of the transfer fees himself. However, his basic salary is £3.5million a year. On top of that, the super striker scores another £3million a year for endorsement deals with Lucozade, Braun, McDonald's and Jaguar. Shearer's biggest earner is with

Umbro, a £20million deal - though the cash is only collected in stages.

Most of his cash is thought to be offshore, he has set up Shearer Promotions Ltd - a company showing a balance of just £59,979.

TIM HENMAN - £14 million

He walked away from Wimbledon with a consolation prize of £51,025. But 1996's QF loss was the making of Tim Henman. Twelve months on, the 22 year old from Oxfordshire had signed a five-year £7.5 million deal with adidas, making him Britain's highest-earning tennis player ever. A series of lucrative deals with Kelloggs, Slazenger, Mercedes and Midland Bank have added another £3million and he has still not gone past the Semi Final Stage of a Grand Slam event.

DAVID BECKHAM - £9.4 million

Glamour Boy Beckham's infamous sending-off at the World Cup may have undermined his popularity - but it did little to dent his bulging bank balance.

The England midfielders basic salary at Manchester United is £1.35 million a year, and that is small change compared to his earnings from spin offs. He has a boot deal with adidas worth £7million; a £1million advertising deal with Brylcreem; a £500,000 shin-pad deal with Sondico.

Separate deals with Oakley Sunglasses, a biography, media appearances and a video put his earnings well over £10 million to date!!

MICHAEL OWEN - £7 million

After bonuses, Owen's annual salary at Liverpool averages £600,000. American giants Marquee market Owen around the globe.

The company say it can easily earn £45million a year. But Owen has only accepted three of the 413 endorsement offers he's had - from Umbro, Tissot watches and Walker's crisps.

Walker's paid him £500,000. Umbro and Tissot watches are splashing out £7.5 million. With other commercials for Jaguar cars and Pepsi, he's already hit the £10 million mark.



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SCHOOL SPORT

WICKERSLEY 1 WATH 2

By Chris Cox

Squad: Bramall, Sykes, Yates, Clarke, Hatton, Whittle, Fenton, Blunt, Barber, Turner, Taylor (P), Schofield, Taylor (S), Coach Taylor (M)

A superb victory for Wath!, Playing against a Wickersley team that had already twice defeated Wath and are in the last eight of the English Schools competition. Wath achieved a notable triumph with this victory.

The night had not started encouragingly given Paul 'Ticker' Taylor's accident in the pre-match warm up. Fortunately after close examination by the linesman (who was by all accounts outstanding), the damage did not appear too serious and indeed seemed to allow him some space from defenders!

Wickersley took the lead from a set-piece which had perhaps been predictable but due to some excellent defending and goalkeeping they failed to secure their usual "bad second goal". Instead Wath managed to create several useful situations and reach half-time still in the game.

Ticker and "go on" Gareth Turner contributed well up front, Ben Barber began to join them in support and Wath's belief began to grow. The back five of Bramall, Roy Keane ???, Adam 'strong but silent' Yates, the stylist Clarke and Ticker "Does that mean I have to run up and down all game" were outstanding.

Prompted by the captain Blunt and 'smiler' Fenton 'can you take me off??', who smashed a terrific volley against the bar, Wath equalised through **Turner**.

In a tense climax, whilst coach Mark 'Spud' Taylor considered possible penalty takers, **Barber** sealed a famous win and prompted great celebrations both on and off the pitch, COME ON!! OOS YA DADDY!!!!!!????

Final Score Wickersley 1 Wath 2

Gazza, a premiership high earner