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Wath Chronicle



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A Christmas With A Conscience

Santa Clause

Christmas is a time with
lots of turkey,
Jolly faces, everyone's
perky.
Robins sitting on the wall,
Presents coming best of all.
Crackers going bang, bang,
bang,
Christmas carols to be
sang.
Everyone's happy, all's
merry,
Adults wolfing Pie and
Sherry.
Wrapping Paper on the
floor,
Carol singers at the door.
Gran's got you a brand new
jumper,
Your Brother and Sister
getting plumper.
No chocolate left to give
away,
For a bar you'll have to
pay.
Don't stand under
Mistletoe,
Refuse a kiss, just say
"No!"
Whos come to visit but
Aunty Mabel,
Run and hide under the
table!
Look she's brought another
jumper,
You're going to be sick,
about to thump her.
She doesn't realise the
wools not in!
That's the first thing for the
bin.
With Nans and Auntys full

of stout,
There "aws", no doubt I
must get out.
I must admit it was cold out
there,
To be honest I felt rather
bare.
Really didn't know what to
do,
Mum said "Come in, you'll
catch the Flu!"
But, no I went and stayed
out there,
Even with the frozen hair.
Built a Snowman 10 feet
tall,
Best on the street, it was
best of all!
To be honest though it's
just a con,
This "Merry Christmas
everyone!"
We maybe should just stop
and think,
As we sip that Christmas
drink,
Those of you that will not
share,
The merriment and the
Christmas Fayre.
A park bench or some dark,
damp floor,
Is all that some will have
in store.
So spare a thought for
those this year,
As you laugh and sing and
cheer.
Merry Christmas.

By Katie McSweeney (Y7)

As Christmas approaches
we are all surrounded by
the hype, glamour and
noise of our western
"traditional" celebrations.
Presents are being bought,
lights are being put up, and
the woody smell of pine
trees once again permeates
our homes, but is this what
it should really be about?
I'm sure we're all used to
the reminisces of our
grandparents and older
relatives, fond memories of
family-orientated
Christmases Past, but do
we really take them
seriously?
We listen to young
children's excited ramblings
of Rudolph, Santa and
Elves, and to them it's all,
I'm sure, very real, but do
we always give their
opinions and feelings
credability?

Wandering around a local
town centre made me think
that, as young people, our
view of this, a very
important, festive season
can be rather narrow.
There is a poem elsewhere
on this page that was
written by a Y7 pupil.
Typing up her excellent
work really made me think
about those people whose
main concern this
December will be where
their next meal is coming
from, not whether to
donate their left-over
wrapping paper to Blue
Peter or Tesco.
People in other countries
don't always celebrate
Christmas because of their
religious beliefs, and,
indeed, some people in this
country do celebrate on
December 25th without
any affiliation to a Church

or religion. As an Editor
neither I, nor the Wath
Chronicle, hold an opinion,
but I would be surprised to
find anyone who could
justify completely their
actions this Christmas.
Whether you decide to
grant Mr. Kirby's
Christmas wish, by
washing up after Christmas
dinner or not, I do hope
that, above all, your
holiday time is enjoyable,
and that you do think
about what you say and do,
and about the impact your
actions have on others.
All at the Paper wish Y11
and Y13 the best of luck
with revision over
Christmas and with the
mocks afterwards.
A Merry Christmas to you
all,
The Editor.

This is a
Blue Peter
Friendly
Newspaper!



EDITORIAL

The inspiration for the first ever edition of the Wath Chronicle, way back in 1992, came from our previous Editor's avid viewing of a T.V. programme, some of you may remember, called 'Press Gang'. Julia Sawalha (otherwise known as Saffy in Absolutely Fabulous) ably edited the Newspaper, despite the chaos around her!

As Wath Chronicle's first female editor, I can't promise Fleet Street standards, and I certainly won't be starring on National Television with Joanna Lumley. However, this year, I do hope to bring out another two editions of the Chronicle, beside this one, and I hope you will enjoy reading all three! comments are welcome, and (heaven forbid!) complaints will be accepted graciously! It's always possible to catch myself, or one of the editorial team, in the Library.

There are many interesting features in this, the ninth, issue of the Wath Chronicle. Read the first impressions of the new Year 7 pupils on page five, it might stir up some old memories. For those of you who are interested in sport we have four pages wholly devoted to you, at the back of the newspaper, in fine tradition. Social issues such as animal cruelty, drugs, alcohol and teen problems are all addressed this issue, and for all you thespians out there, as well as our regular review slot, we have a special feature page on the recent school production, ~Our Day Out!~ By Willy Russell.

For the first time ever we have a notice board to make it easy for you to find out what's happening in school. There are many other things that have been reported on by our excellent team of Reporters, I hope that we've managed to cater for everyone!

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in getting involved in the Chronicle to come along to a meeting and speak to myself or another member of the team. We all enjoy the challenge, the hard work and, of course, the fun afterwards, and new faces are always welcome.

Editing and producing a newspaper certainly isn't a one-woman job, so I want to thank everyone on the team for their help, hard work and dedication. I would also like to say thank-you to the numerous members of staff whose advise and assistance in putting this issue together has been invaluable! That's all for now, here's hoping you enjoy reading the many interesting articles which this issue contains!

*Jess Mahdavi, Y12,
Editor.*

Dear Editor,

I've forgotten my library number and I want to get a book out. am I still allowed and will I get into trouble?

If you ask a librarian or a member of staff politely they will be pleased to help you as soon as they can, and no, you won't be in trouble.

However it is important that you ask for your number and don't remove a book from the library without taking it out through the proper channels. too many books go missing this way, ask for your number.

Editor.



Jess Mahdavi
Y12
Editor

Dear Editor,

Every time we come into the library someone tells us to take our top coats off. Sometimes it's absolutely freezing and it takes us a while to warm up, we've got no hope if we've got to take our coats off the second we get in, why can't we keep them on?

I understand your problem and I can sympathise but everyone has to take off their coats, including staff. It might sound strange but if your coat is wet or dirty and it touches a book it isn't easy to clean it up and it isn't cheap to replace. Even if your coat is clean, other people's may not be and it isn't fair to allow some pupils to wear their coats and not others- sorry.

Editor.

Dear Editor,

It's starting to get cold outside now that winter is drawing in. Could you please tell me why we're not allowed to eat in the library or during Wath Chronicle meetings.

There are special parts of the school allocated for people to eat in, such as the canteen and the lower quadrangle when it's completed. Eating is not allowed in any other part of the school for several reasons. If bits of food are left around the smell can, and does, become rather unpleasant. Rodents are attracted, and

although this may not affect us, as pupils, directly I'm sure you'll agree our school is a much nicer place to be when staff haven't been upset by having to deal with mice and rats. If your work was covered in food stains your teachers wouldn't be pleased, and neither would your parents when your marks dropped! I'm sorry that you can't eat inside but a little consideration does help enormously.

Editor.

Dear Editor,

I need to find some books to help me with my coursework, how can I find areas of the library with different kinds of books in it?

If you don't want to ask a librarian, go to the BBC computer and type in a keyword describing the topic you are looking for. This works on the 'Dewey' system and will give you a number. Find the corresponding number on the shelves and there you have it!

Editor.

Dear Editor,

Please could you tell me how to get involved with the Wath Chronicle and also if I need any special skills to become part of the team.

Every member of the team has special and unique skills. This allows us to combat every problem, and also assures new members that their skills, whatever they may be, can be used fully. If you want to get involved with Chronicle pop along to the library or to a meeting (watch assembly notices) and speak to myself or one of the team. We will be pleased to see you.

Editor.

Dear Editor,

Could you tell me how I can get to use the computer resources in the library?

Speak to the LCARC coordinator (Javid) in the library or go to book exchange and you will be allocated a time as soon as possible.

Editor.

Dear Editor

Working on a paper is a funny old job, When it's all over you let out a sob. The fun is all over until next time, There's less of a reason and more of a rhyme. Silent laughter echoes around, There's paper in columns dropped on the ground You see people reading the notes in neat type, You sit and remember the fuss and the hype. But no-one knows, unless they were there, The feeling of screaming, and pulling of hair. The self-satisfaction of seeing it done, The deep-rooted feeling "Yes, we won!" So please, Dear Editor, give us a chance, To publish a paper for Wath (Not France!)

A.A Annonymus.

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and also to our guest
journalist for this issue,
Miss Flintoft.

My thanks once again, to the editor for the kind invitation to write a short message to you, in what I am sure will be a fine production. Most of you will realise that we are full of students at present. The school is as large in number now, as it has ever been. Currently we have over 1760 students on roll, about 310 of whom are in the Sixth Form. This latter number along with Wickersley Comprehensive School represents a record for any 11-18 school in this Authority. In 1984-'85 we had a similar number on roll but that was to assist the LEA to close Brampton Ellis C of E Comprehensive School. Now, many of our students have chosen to come here and travel great distances to

do so. All of this is very pleasing.

Uniquely in it's 72 years' history, I believe, we said goodbye to no member of the teaching staff last year. We offer congratulations to Mrs Leitch, Mrs Bower and Mrs McAleavy, all of whom have recently had babies. We offer congratulations to Mrs Morley on obtaining another degree with research which she has undertaken on students here. But most especial congratulation is extended to Mr Chisholm who in the face of very strong competition from inside and outside the school, has very recently been appointed an additional Deputy Head - we now have 3!

Much work by many people continues to go to improving our site. Mr Swift has taken on the co-ordination of all this, but Mrs Shaw's initiatives and band of workers must not be allowed to go without grateful acknowledgement. You will be aware of the new seating and tables between the Gym and Sports Hall. Work is in an advanced stage to create relaxation facilities in the bottom quadrangle. Most pressing is the fight to get rid of litter; we have an additional supply of litter bins, we have plastic gloves and bin liners for collectors. Please play your part. I wish that I was as proud of the campus of Wath Comprehensive School as I am of the students.



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NOTICE BOARD.

Auditions will soon be running for our next school production, 'Rainbows Ending'. Watch assembly notices for more information.

Opinions, Interests, Reviews, Reports.
Wath Chronicle wants them all! Speak to a member of the Editorial team or turn up at a meeting for more details.

**FLAG STONE APPEAL
BOTTOM QUAD.**
So far £85 has been raised. This is a splendid idea to raise funds for this picnic area beside the library. Much more money is needed to complete this work by MOWLEM, so keep the money rolling in.
See Mrs Shaw for further details.

MAYORS CHARITY CONCERT.
Wath Comprehensive School Hall is frequently hired out for special occasions. On Sunday December 3rd more than £1200 was raised at a concert for the Mayors Charity. Wath pupils took part in several concerts held earlier in the week, at Rawmarsh Leisure Centre.
Musicians from many local schools taught by the Rotherham Schools Peripatetic Service, or Saturday Morning Music Centres, took part in these concerts. The standard of young musicians was superb, and shows the real commitment given by the peri staff in Rotherham.

LITTER
New litter bins have been placed in key positions around the school campus. Please use them and keep our school tidy.

Chess Club
If you are interested in forming a Chess Club, see Robert Aston of 10PA, or Mrs Elston in Science Block.

Blue Peter Appeal 1995
Please place your:-
Glossy leaflets
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Posters
Glossy brochures,
In the boxes around the library.

Carol Concert
The Carol Concert will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 14th December at 7pm. It promises to be an excellent evening of entertainment-get your tickets now!

Endangered Elephants

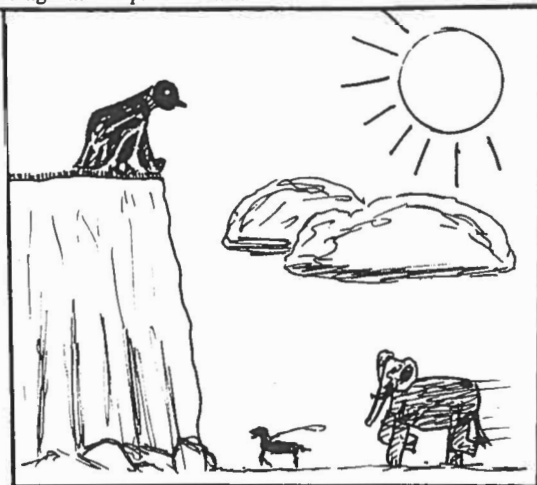
Have you ever wondered why elephants are one of the most endangered species in the world? There is one answer, the Ivory trade. Elephants are under attack from poachers who hunt and kill them to take their tusks. The tusks are the enormous front teeth of the elephant, which are made of ivory. The ivory is then carved and shaped to make ornaments, jewellery and other nick-nacks that tourists will probably want to buy without knowing where they came from.

In recent years a lot of countries agreed to ban the import of ivory. This was to try and stop the elephants from being killed, but it wasn't successful. Even in national parks or protected areas elephants are still hunted. Like all large animals, elephants take a long time to produce their

young. A female can't breed until she is 14 years old. The pregnancy lasts for 2 years! So as you can see it is a long process. Because of this they can't breed quickly enough to replace all the elephants that are being killed.

Some elephants are killed quickly with hi-tec machinery but others endure a slow and painful death. Their tusks are sawn off then their bodies are left to rot, although some of the body is being used as food. If this continual poaching carries on then the elephant (all types) will become extinct. If you would like to help save elephants you can either send a donation to Elefriends or adopt an elephant through Elefriends. Both options are very helpful and effective.

By Lauren Campy



Homeward Bound

The Incredible Journey. Dog walks eighty miles to South Yorkshire home. One Wednesday night, Bodie the dog amazed his owners by appearing on their doorstep. Two months earlier he had bolted when a firework went off at a Pickering steam rally. They had been searching for him ever since. The Finnans put up pictures of Bodie in Pickering's local shop windows. Bodie was sighted several times, and the Finnans headed North to look for him, but to no avail.

Bodie had other plans. From Pickering he travelled eighty miles, crossed two motorways, the river Ouse and countless fields, before appearing on his owners' doorstep in Conisborough, sixty days after they had seen him last.

But did Bodie make a fuss? No! He just trotted in and lay down on the hearth rug as if nothing had happened. Mrs Finnan said that when Bodie came home it was, "Better than winning the Lottery!"

Adam Ardron (Y7)

Animal Poetry Corner

The Bullfight

The bull in it's cage watches the parade, it's very much drugged, not aware that it's going to be killed by three thugs. The Banderillos force it to charge,

they wave three capes and give the bull an evil glance. Out come the Picadores on their blindfolded horses, They thrust three lances into the bull,

They themselves blind to the pain that their causing. Back again come the Banderillos, This time with multicoloured darts, They throw these at the bulls shoulders.

The bull is angered and in pain,

Who cares?

For these people it's fun and games.

Out comes the star of the show, the Matador.

He waves his muleta,

The bull charges,

He sidesteps,

He waves his muleta,

The bull charges,

He side steps,

This time the Matador covers his sword with the muleta;

The bull charges not knowing what next,

The Matador finishes the job and achieves his goal.

The bull is dead,

A sword in it's head.

T. Lally

"I Want A Horsey"

"Mummy, mummy. I want a horsey!"

"No dear, not today dear, go away!"

"But I'll cry if I can't have a horsey."

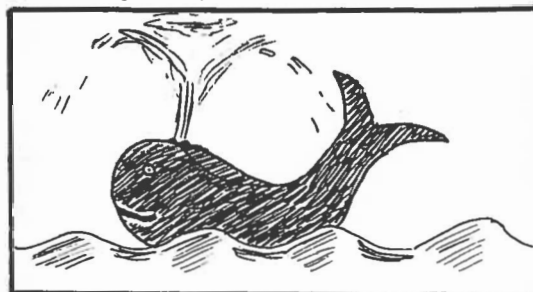
"Okay, okay now will you go away!"

So the pony came to a loving home
And the little girl looked after him well,
She fed him, rode him and cleaned his stall,
And the pony got used to her coming each day.

But the little girl grew up
And tired of the pony,
She wanted to go to parties,
go shopping
And she soon forgot all about the little pony.

One day the pony went to the gate
It waited, and waited, and waited,
Where had it's owner gone?
Didn't she care anymore?

R.Lundy



A Sea With No Sun

Swimming around with no care in the world.
Ships are passing overhead,
Seals, whales, all sorts of strange and

Wonderful things live in the sea.
As I look up to the surface I spy a
Dark shadow floating on the water.

A black liquid starts to trickle out of the side.
It gets darker until no one can see the

Sun or the light blue sky any more.
A sea of darkness, a Sea without any sun.

Why do humans do this to us?

We don't like living under a sky of shadows.
There are no other creatures from the Land, no seals or seagulls.
They're all dead now.
Soon, I will be too.

A.Ford

RSPCA Begin To Rescue Seabirds in Humberside

A rescue operation is under way to save hundreds of seabirds covered in oil from a slick off Flamborough Head in Humberside. More than 3 hundred birds affected by the slick have been washed up on these shores, with the RSPCA officers fearing there could be many more in and around Flamborough Head.

The RSPCA are trying to save the birds. The slick is 45km out to sea, breaking up off Flamborough Head. It is thought that a ship has been illegally cleaning it's tanks in the North Sea. The impact of the disaster has

been assessed and is thought to be the worst ever oil slick in Humberside. Throughout the crisis the RSPCA have combed the beach around Flamborough Head, for the oil covered birds, mostly Guillemots but also Razorbills and Puffins. There are thought to be many stricken birds still out to sea but rescuing them has been described as a race against time. Ruth McCabe, an RSPCA officer said " Obviously the birds are trying to groom themselves yet if they swallow the oil, it can be fatal."

Some birds are so ill they have to be destroyed: others still alive have been transported to a centre in Norfolk for specialist treatment.

The oil from the slick is now being tested by Marine pollution experts to help determine if it from ship cleaning out it's tanks in the sea.

But it is unlikely that the culprit will be found. In the last 4 months, 139 discharges of oil have been discovered but only 3 ships identified.

Andrew Morton 10GV.

Starship 'Wath Comp'

I was really worried when I heard I was coming to Wath Comprehensive School. It's really hard living in Wath. Even Alsatian dogs go around in pairs. It's the only village in England where they use a Sherman tank as a milk float. And the school's in a terrible state. Vandals broke into our classroom last week and tidied up. At break time, there's smoking, drinking, swearing, spitting, and that's only the teachers in the staff room.

We'll Live Long and Prosper

All this is to change with the coming of the twenty-first century. The Alsations will be given implants to make them really tough. Maybe now they will be able to wander round on their own. Instead of Sherman tanks, they will use space craft, armed with the latest laser gun technology to deliver the milk.

"It's school Jim, but not as we know it."

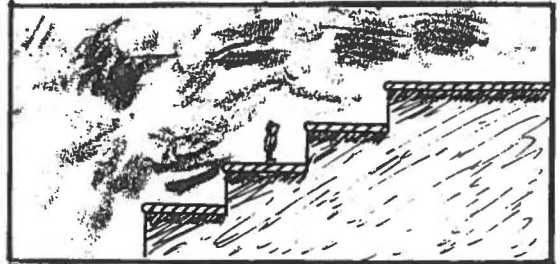
But enough about the outside world. In the next century, Wath Comprehensive School would take off. Literally. It will be replaced with a state of the art space station. No, two state of the art space stations. Main block space station, and Park road space station. But year seven never fear, there would be a space shuttle to get you to main block. You'd probably have to pay though! We would travel to stars and faraway galaxies in the search for new habitable planets, and establish inter-planetary embassies with aliens. In science we would study non biological life forms, or if there wasn't any life, we could find ways of adapting other life forms, from earth, to live there. Technology would involve adapting to weightlessness and learning how to control the latest in space ship technology (BBC

computers!). History lessons would focus on the late 1990's. In Geography, we would map the planet we were based on.

Meliorae Stellae Spectare.

And consequences would change. Instead of being given detentions, you would be put into orbit around the space station for several minutes. Teachers would be replaced by computers. BBC computers! With the new warp drive engines, we would travel into space for seven years at the speed of light, get all our G.C.S.E.s and A levels, and when we returned home, the earth would only be a couple of days older. (Ask your science teacher about relativity!) If you went at the weekend you wouldn't even miss an episode of 'Coronation Street.' And the new school motto would be Meliorae Stellae Spectare!

Adam Ardron and Richard Adams.



A Big Step Up

On Tuesday the 5th of September 1995 we stepped into Wath Comprehensive School's Year 7 wing heralding the start of a new era. The next seven years of our schooling was just beginning! We have now been here seven weeks and we have got a good idea of what secondary school is like. But how does it compare with primary?

See Table Below

Seriously though, we have really enjoyed our first half term at Wath Comprehensive. We like it because we have more responsibility for our work than we had in junior school. In fact, it's so much better it's unbelievable. By Richard Adams and Adam Ardron

THEN	NOW
We only had one teacher who never smiled.	We've got fifteen teachers, and they still don't smile (Unless it's pay day!)
We only had games when we behaved.	We have games whenever we behave or not.
We didn't have homework.	We have so much homework that we have to get up half an hour before we go to bed to make sure we've got time to do it.
We did what the teacher wanted.	We have set lessons.
We had to help with the young ones.	We are the young ones.
We didn't know what science was.	We blow up the laboratory.
We had exciting breaks.	Now we stand around like golemish peapigs.
All subjects were mixed up in to one lesson.	All the lessons are mixed up in one subject (guess which subject)
We thought the computers were O.K.	Now we think they are brilliant.
We saw the headmaster.	We never see the headmaster.
We left school at tea past three (Doorry!)	We leave school at three-twenty five (booi!)
We didn't know 1-10 in French	We know 1-40 in French
We had football practice in school time.	We have football practice after school.
We had all our lessons in one classroom.	It would be nice if we had all our lessons in one school!

FIRST DAY AT WATH

Pushing through the big school hall,
Not knowing where to go.
Going from lesson to lesson,
I hope I'm not too slow.

What is a consequence?
How can I find out?
I was told by my friend,
If I don't stop talking,
I'll find out without a doubt.

Dinner time came,
Where do I go?
Up here? Down there?
Oh! I don't know.

It's half past three,
The bell's just gone,
The doors fly open,
And out we all come.

We charge for the bus,
Before it pulls away,
And that is all,
'Cause it's the end of the day.

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Do You Have Any Special First Day Memories?

Why Not Write And Tell All At The Chronicle About it?

A Central Opinion!

I think that the comp will be strange and it will take me a while to settle in. Not knowing everybody will feel odd, and not recognising all the teachers will be difficult to get used to. When I come to the Comprehensive the building will be a lot bigger and will be easy to get lost in. Seeing as both of my parents are teachers at the

about having my tie pulled, and also that the work will be too hard and I'm not sure whether I'll be able to cope with it all.



At the moment I'm the Editor of Central's school magazine so I know a bit about what the comp's paper is like and I think I'll enjoy being involved in that. There is one thing that I particularly like about the comp and that's that you do better sports, and at sports day you don't do the bean hag race. My ideas

about the comp have been formed because I've seen it so many times before. I think that the comp is a harder school to be at than Central because you have lots of different teachers and you get a lot more work. If I had a choice between going to the comp and staying at Central I think I'd stay at central.

By Thomas Swift (Y6)



Katie Mitchell (Y8) and Louise Kenworthy (Y11) both competed in the English Schools' Dance Championships, held at UMIST (Manchester) during the last weekend in November. Well done to both of them!



comp I'm going to have problems with that too. A new school will be different and I'll have to get used to being one of the youngest again, but seeing as I'm one of the oldest kids in my school year it won't be as bad as being the youngest. I'm worried



The Demon Drink

A new report reckons alcohol poses as a serious threat to youngsters as illicit drugs.

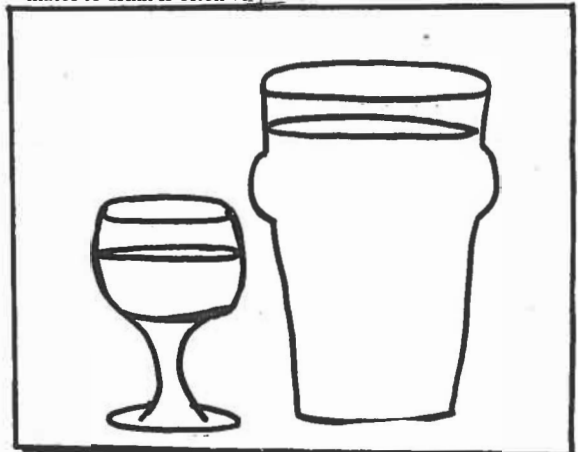
That may seem a little obvious, but with the arrival of alcoholics lemonades, ALCOHOL CONCERN is worried that teens face an even greater threat. AC describes these drinks as 'strong booze posing as soft drinks' - they even come in cola form.

As the super silly season has begun descending on us, parties are in the air and on your mind. But our agony aunt reckons drinking alcohol is anything but fun. She says "The pressure from your mates to drink is often very

strong. But drinking doesn't make you cool, it makes do and say embarrassing things that you'll regret later. There's no shame in saying no - just a clear head."

She says drinking too much alcohol is an expression of insecurity - not hard and mannish. Our doctor says: "There's evidence to suggest starting to drink young may make you more independent in later life.

"Pete, now 16, had too many drinks at a party and sprayed fairy liquid all over the house. He lost his best mate, and was grounded for two weeks" SADD0!



Bully Court News

The bully court was set up by Mr Barlow, who learned of the idea from another school in the Rotherham area. The bully court deals with people who offend our school rules or the people in it. It was introduced in order to bring peace to our school and of course, to stop bullying.

Bully Box

We place bully boxes in different places around school, so that anybody can alert the team without embarrassment. It is only possible to deal with cases which are brought to our attention. The Bullies name, year, form and witnesses are necessary. More serious cases are dealt with first and Court representatives try to deal fairly at all times

Bully Court

Meetings are held each week. They are in session every Thursday at 1:00pm in H.G block, under the supervision of Mr Barlow.

Punishments.

These depend on the seriousness of the case. A range of punishments are discussed, starting with a verbal warning. If the case warrants a sterner punishment, detentions are used as a deterrent. These detentions will range from five minutes to entire lunch times. Extreme cases can expect a letter home from Mr Darby or Mrs Bennett, who fully support and assist in the dealings of the Bully Court.

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D Day Revisited

By Ian Watson

At dawn on 11 June 1945 across the misty English channel they came, a grand fleet of 6,000 naval ships, such as the world had never witnessed before. It was of course the beginning of 'Operation Overlord' better known as D-Day, the allies advance to push Germany out of France, and to secure the first vital foothold in Nazi France. The amount of planning that had gone into this operation was enormous, brave young men in midge submarines had gone out

nearly every night to collect samples of the French coast, and in England, a great appeal had been launched for holiday photographs, or postcards of any French beach, for it was withheld until the last possible moment to reveal that Normandy was the target.

The Normandy coastline was then split up further into 'Beaches' The Americans invaded 'UTAH' and 'OMAHA', whilst the Canadians stormed 'JUNO', finally,

the British had been allocated 'GOLD' and 'SWORD'. However, the Fleet appeared to be heading for Pas de Calais, and indeed, in the earlier allied bombing raids, that caused so much destruction in the run up to operation Overlord, certain strategic Nazi radar stations had been left intact, to take in this data, for Pas de Calais was where the Nazi's expected the allies to invade, however, as they neared their decoy objective, the fleet became a hive of activity, every ship swung towards Normandy, and steered for its pre-arranged battle group. However, just at that time, RAF aeroplanes dropped hundreds of dummies, filled with fire-crackers, timed to explode on landing, specifically to further the Nazi's thoughts that the invasion was, indeed at the Pas de Calais. Another group of bombers dropped hundreds of tons of shredded silver foil, which would show up, on the remaining Nazi radar screens, as thousands of 'planes. Operations GLIMMER and TAXABLE were fleets of motor launches, towing balloons containing radar reflectors, and radar jamming signals, to further confuse the Germans. During the night however, it had

been a different scene, with gliders and aeroplanes buzzing around all night, trying to destroy bridges, and clear the way for yet more gliders carrying yet more soldiers to prevent the Nazi's stationed inland from backing up their comrades on the coast, and to mark the landing areas for the invasion fleet.

Just before dawn, the landing craft were lowered over the sides of the ships, and the naval destroyers took their place at the flanks of the fleet to bombard the Nazi defences, the main body of paratroopers dropped out of the sky, and all the landing soldiers dropped into their respective landing craft. As the last landing craft left its ship, all concerned knew that now there was no turning back, operation overlord had begun. As reports of the paratroopers dropping began to filter through, none of the Nazi's seemed particularly concerned, though the whole army was placed on standby as a precaution, however, as the mass force stormed the beaches, the Canadians wheeling bicycles, to as they put it, 'speed down the road to Caen' the German army's lower ranks panicked, and indeed, operations Taxable and Glimmer, had done their jobs so well, that nothing could persuade high

command that this invasion was for real, and this turned against them, as enough soldiers to counter the invasion could only be moved on the direct orders of Hitler himself, and, as previously mentioned, Hitler did not believe the invasion was for real. However there were many allied casualties, taken by the great guns, stationed in strong concrete housing on the edge of the beach, and many of the casualties died without firing a single shot for King and Country. This invasion was indeed better planned and carried out than the fiasco at Dunkirk a few years before! The German casualties are rarely remembered, however, they were heavy, and brutal, and, like the allied casualties, lay in great military cemeteries, on the now peaceful Normandy coast. The allies stormed up the beach, with the fleeing Germans in front of them. When the allies entered the first house they came to, The occupants believed that the hated Nazi's had come to reclaim their house for military purposes, and hid under the floorboards, but upon hearing a British voice, emerged, to the great surprise of the soldiers. After a bloody, hard fought battle, the first, vital foothold in Nazi France had been secured.

BOSNIA

A 3 Day Diary,

Saturday 28th October

Sunday 29th October

Monday 30 October

By Andrew Morton

Saturday 28th October Peace Talks Off

Due to the condition of the Russian President, Boris Yeltsin, who is in the 2nd state Moscow Hospital, the Bosnian peace talks scheduled for Tuesday 31st October, have had to be called off. It is to be re-scheduled sometime in December.

Mr Yeltsin said " Its a blow for Bosnia and the rest of Europe. This was to play a major part in bringing peace to Yugoslavia and it is to be re-scheduled as quickly as possible."

Sunday 29th October 42 Month Wait For Bus

The first passenger buses for 42 months have left the Bosnian capital. Sarajevo under UN escort as another step towards lifting the city's siege.

The first bus carried about 12 passengers as it travelled to Kiseljak about 30km to the North-West and witnesses said it went through without obstruction.

A second bus, full, left for Zagreb by the same route.

The main road West has been closed to civilians since the start of the civil war began. Under the truce accord though the warring factions should allow freedom of movement.

Monday 30th October H.D.Z Party In Front

Croatian president Tudjman's H.D.Z party seems to have had a comfortable victory in Sunday's parliamentary elections, with about 2/3 of the vote counted.

The H.D.Z has about 40% of the vote so far, with monitors saying the poll was generally free and fair.

But the party may have failed to win the number of seats needed to make constitutional changes without the help of another party.

President Tudjman was hoping to gain wide support on the back of military gains this summer. But despite the setback President Tudjman still maintains that the Croations will win back Serbian territory what they lost at the start of the war, whether by force or diplomacy.

By Andrew Morton 10GV

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Television Revision

You may be sad to hear that they have only made six episodes of 2 point 4 children this year, but look forward to the Christmas special. This top rated family comedy is enjoyed all over the country. The "Mad Women" alias Belinda Lang mother I've ever seen on telly!



The crazy Gordon Brittas is back in repeats of The Brittas Empire. I think it is stupid and pathetic but funny.

Star Rating **

"Not The Nine O'Clock news an early eighties comedy series is been repeated on BBC 2. This stars Rowan Atkinson and Smith and Jones.

Star Rating ***

For all the Red Dwarf fans, a new series is been planned but filming will not start until spring next year and will be shown next Autumn.

Star Rating *****

Star Rating *****

The first series of Chef! has been repeated on BBC 1. This stars Lenny Henry as top chef Gareth Blackstock a bossy person who likes everything to be done perfectly.

Star Rating ***

I don't believe it! yes grumpy Victor Meldrew is back for another series of laughs and dramatic scenes in One Foot in the Grave.

Star Rating *****

'Blur Life' at the Arena.

The support act to this long awaited performance was a tad unusual to say the least ... black clad figures playing Brit Pop favourites without guitar and vocals, substituted with the violin and clarinet.

The curtains eventually went up on the evenings main attraction ... BLUR!! Blur did not disappoint, Recent chart success was mirrored by a packed Sheffield Arena as Damon & Co launched into a blistering rendition of 'Charmless Man' from the current album 'The Great Escape'.

The musical set was made up of favourites from all four of Blur's albums. Manic paced tunes such as 'Popszene Advert' and

'Parklife' (without Phil Daniels) as well as slower numbers including 'To The End' and 'Far Out'.

The stage was spectacular - a seafront fairground with flashing Bed & Breakfast signs ... 'Zeal Zone' and flying hamburgers. Lead singer Damon played to the crowd with liberal spraying of water/lager over the panting front rows. On one occasion Damon decided to crowd surf, only to later emerge without t-shirt seconds after. However, all good things must come to an end and, after nearly two hours of Blur - including two encores - the show finished with the current single 'The Universal'.

How To Translate The Star Rate These Films and Programs:

***** = Excellent

**** = Very Good

*** = Good

** = Not Too Bad

* = RUBBISH

General Entertainment

Yet another Disney on Ice, and another load of ridiculously high priced tickets. Aladdin has jumped out of your TV set and on to ice, using only one double axle. If you were blind then you could have enjoyed the show, as you would have missed all the 2 inch nylon wires that everyone was hanging on to in order to stay up-right. Even ex-figure skater "Jasmine" had to hold on to the ropes, and she didn't do any pretty little girly jumps. The climax of the show was about 23 genies in 2 rows going round in circles, then a genie fell down and skidded right the way across the rink. Getting back up and joining the wrong row. Basically if you can read over the first line on the options board then don't bother going to see it!

Because of all the mistakes, I'm giving it a measly 6 out of ten.

Katy Nash

Top Of The Pops



I bet all of you know that there is a bit of competition with Blur and Oasis, Blur's number one hit with "Country House" and Oasis went straight in the charts at number 13 with their album "What's The Story Morning Glory". I did a survey to see who people liked the most. Out of 26 people, Oasis got 2 votes and Blur got 24 votes. So that settles it, Blur are the best in the charts at the moment, but you never know, Oasis might be back with another hit after Christmas!

By Rochelle Williams

Monkey Island 2

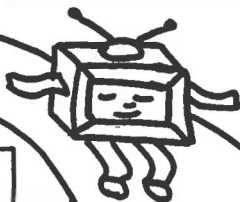
Much the same story as M11, except for the fact that you are a pirate, there are 11 disks to load and Le'chuck has been brought back from the dead and he wants his revenge. There are better Graphics, Music

and Game loading speed. Other than that just the same as M11. Rating, 9 out of 10.

By Philip Nash and Gary Mellor.



Computer Run Down



Theme Park

Theme Park is a mouse game where as the title suggests you build your own Theme Park. You can build the highest and fastest Rollercoaster around, or when you're not so busy, decide how much salt to put on your fries, there are three difficulty settings, so if you're a Techno wizard, you go full Business mode. if you're a Techno-would-be, you are reduced to Sandbox. If you're like me an average run of the mill first year (stop laughing,) then go to Sim mode. There is no real object to this game except build your own Theme Park, sell it, and buy another. You then repeat this in as many countries as possible until you've been round the globe. Theme Park is a brilliant game, so I would give it 9 out of 10.

Jungle Strike

In my opinion, this is one of the best War Games around. BUT, if you've seen Desert Strike, you've seen it all. In my opinion this is just a game with a new title. Graphics are identical to Desert Strike, Story, is just off identical to Desert Strike, in short if you are even going to contemplate buying this game then forget it. If you have it then swop it. I have nothing more to say about this game, because it isn't very good. Just to really rub it in, you may now buy Urban Strike and again don't bother because the best thing about it is the box cover. Rating 7 out of 10. (2 points for having the world conned into thinking it was a good game.)

Monkey Island 1

Monkey Island 1 is a good mouse game, if you have a strong disk drive, it needs to be strong because it has 4 disks and you are constantly changing them. You take the roll of a unfashionable little guy called, (wait for it.) Guybrush Threepwood. Pronounce it how you like. You fight the ghost pirate Le'chuck and all his ghost ship mates, in a hilarious battle, which takes a hilariously long time. The aim of this game is to stop yourself dying of boredom waiting for the disks to load. If you have the money then buy this game, but if not save up and buy Monkey Island 2. Rating 8 out of 10.

Our Day Out!

Written by: Willy Russell Directed by: Mr Millar

Our Day Out, by the highly acclaimed playwright Willy Russell, was the 1995 drama production presented and performed by the talented at Wath Comprehensive. Following on the success of previous productions, such as *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* and *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Our Day Out* didn't let the side down. From the moment the lights went

them a little closer in touch with themselves and some of those around them. Mr Briggs, performed expertly by the talented sixth former *Matthew Guest*, was one such person whose character was affected deeply by his 'day out'. Through a series of incidents including saving one pupil from falling from a cliff edge, we witness his progression from a teacher

performances were delivered by all the cast, with special notices going to James Guy (Carl), Philip Davis (Reilly) and Kelly Mercer (Linda). Many also showed they had beautiful and professional singing voices via the songs which blended into the run of the play, adding to the storyline and giving deeper perspectives through cleverly crafted lyrics. *I'm In Love With Sir* proving a particular audience favourite. Director, Mr Jeff Millar, changed the script slightly by making the character playing the main pupil part male - in the original script Willy Russell has a female playing the part. Mr Millar told the Wath Chronicle that his reasons for this were:

"I wanted to try and portray the fact that it is OK for males to have a vulnerable side too. By changing the role from female to male, I managed to put my own personal stamp on the production but also make it a little more 'real'. I felt it worked very well, making the play much stronger." Other small changes included giving the play a regional focus, making the geography one to identify with, rather than feel alien from. An imaginative idea and one which allowed us to bond closer to the characters. In retrospect *Our Day Out* was an 'evening-out' well spent. A highly skilled production, with touching and accessible performances. An excellent piece of drama and a definite loss to those who missed out either a member of the audience or the production.

If You Want To
Review The Next
School Play, Pop
In And See Us!

CAST AND HELPERS

Mrs Kay
Mr Briggs
Susan
Jackie
Linda
Bus Driver
Reilly
Digga
Carl
Les & Kid
Headmaster
Milton
Bored Girl 1
Bored Girl 2
Kids

Ronson
Shopkeeper & Kid
Andrews

Reanne Mawson
Matthew Guest
Karen Wellings
Jodie Hodkin
Kelly Mercer
Robert Collinson
Phillip Davis
James Guy
John Palmer
Helen Spurr
Chris Watkin
Neil
Dickinson
Cheryl Lloyd
Sarah Mussett
Ben Guy
Helen Coldron
Nichola Thompson
Ruth Harris
Rachel Price
Michelle Carney

Pupil Review Time

This play was about a group of kids in a progress class, who go to Scarborough for the day, but their fun is ruined when the bossiest teacher in the school tags along and spoils the fun. They call in at a cafe and the kids steal everything they can. As an extra bonus they call in at the zoo and Mr Briggs shares his knowledge with some of the kids ... boring them.

When Mr Briggs leaves them alone, they steal the animals. When the keeper comes along and tells Mr Briggs that the kids have the animals, he goes furious.. When they eventually get to Scarborough, they go round a castle and then to the beach and eventually they play football. One of the main characters, goes onto the cliffs, leaving everybody on the beach in a frenzy looking for him. When Mr Briggs finds Carl, he threatens to jump. Mr Briggs talks calmly to Carl and talks him out of the situation. Mr Briggs appears to have changed his character at this stage - he is less uptight. Also out

of character, Mr Briggs decides to take them all to the fair as he believes they can't come all this way and not visit it. The play ends very sadly, with the image of Carl back at home being beaten up.

I really enjoyed this play. It was funny, and I thought that the characters acted really realistically and very well. The character of Mr Briggs and Mrs Kay are very different from each other. I believe this is why they didn't appear to get along very well. I liked the character of Carl, played by *John Palmer*, as he was really good and true to life. The way he kept the tension going in the cliff scene was very realistic, although I think they could have emphasised that he was going to jump a little more. I believe that this would have got the tension up a bit more.

Out of 100, I would give it 65.

An inspired Yr 10!

WATCH OUT!
IT'S THE
PROGRESS
CLASS!!

down to the second the applause ended, *Our Day Out*, managed to captivate its audience; taking them on a journey of tears, laughter and at times side splitting hilarity. The play itself focuses on a day in the life of a 'progress class' and the teachers who are attached to it - in whatever guise. The day is exceptional in that the 'progress class' have been granted the opportunity to have a day out of school - not a common occurrence, and not one usually met with enthusiasm. The day proves challenging to all who experience it, pupils and teachers alike, with characters finding the journey one that brings

who views the progress class as a whole unit, to an individual who begins to appreciate the multi-varied personalities within it ... some of which he really quite likes. Mrs Kay, the organiser of the day out, and performed with skill by *Reanne Mawson*, is perhaps more in touch with the childrens needs but sometimes with blinkered vision. Her naive desire to be a human platform to the 'progress class', to help them reach a higher level - not necessarily academically - produces at times potentially dangerous situations. Aside from the two mentioned above, sterling

Stop Press! Stop Press!

The drama department are now preparing for their next successful school production... "Rainbow's Ending". Auditions for this production will take place on the following days:- Y7 Lunchtimes 11th, 12th and 15th December. Y8 3.35pm 11th December Y9 3.35pm 14th December

Any pupils not able to make these audition times should see Mr McGrath. The performance takes place the week beginning March 4th. You must check that you are available for not only that week, but also the previous week, before coming to auditions. Why not pop along and give it a go!!

The Teen Machine

By Ian Watson

All too often, young people feel alienated from the adult world, their 'Different' dress sense, and their 'Outrageous' views are just some of the things that today's adult society find odd about them. The following may sound stereotypical, but the phrase 'When I Was A Lad' or words to the same effect, often appear in many teenagers' parental reprimands. The fact is that the teenage population do not feel different, as they are in contact with other teenagers of the same age far more frequently than they are in contact with adults. An article carried in The Guardian on the 22nd September 1981 typifies this, it begins: *The Worst thing about being a teenager is the word teenager. Being a teenager doesn't feel any different to being a normal person...* It goes on to say that some teenagers feel that they are letting someone down, although there is nothing particularly different about them 'I don't seem to be

undergoing any emotional traumas or identity crisis - I must be letting someone down.' It also points out that many young people feel that a word as common as 'Teenager' prevents the adult society from perceiving them for what they really are, - young adults, who are undergoing the same process of learning as the adults themselves underwent, not so long ago, indeed, it says that many teenagers feel they are being perceived as a sub-species, inferior to the adult population.

Returning to my quote 'When I Was A Lad', although many adults appear to think that things were different then, in fact, when given a little thought,

it emerges that things were not so different then. Take away Game Boys, and Mega Drives and young people would soon revert to more 'traditional' means of entertainment. What's more, visit any large bus terminal on a Saturday morning, and within 1 hour, around 100 young people will arrive in buses, (who says that the automobile rules supreme?) destined for the cinema, the swimming pool, and to do the shopping. Admittedly, if you were also to visit any large shopping complex at the same time, you would find the 'central' band of teenagers aged 14 - 16 wandering aimlessly around intent upon wreaking havoc upon the unsuspecting adult / junior (under 11)

population, but just as SOME teenagers are not the best behaved in the world, no-one is going to object when I say that all adults are not exactly 'angels' either! The other point which adults seem unable to comprehend, is that, to most teenagers (myself being one of the rare exceptions) anything which defies the overawing supreme rule which adults hold (and seem to use rather frequently), is like a magnet to an iron filing! To take this to extremes, on February 25th 1995 the Daily Mail reported that one fourteen year old BOY (which was in very large bold type) had run off to Malaysia using his fathers credit card and passport,

after spilling a plateful of tinned spaghetti! When you read further into the article, however, it emerged that the boy had frequently run off to France and Scotland (and other places), to the extent that his mother had to keep her passport locked up at work, to prevent him from taking it. There was no denying that this was, surprisingly quite an intelligent individual, (a Barclaycard arrived in his name the day after he left) but still, to me at least, it does seem like an attempt by the newspaper in question to prove the 'ridiculous' things that teenagers do. Admittedly, the story was well worth reporting, but, as the Daily Mail is thoroughly enjoyed by a number of my friends, in preference to some of the more 'raunchy' tabloids, the article could have been written a little more subtly. So to conclude I will just say that most adolescents want the word 'teenager' banned completely, but as this is not about to happen, we must just learn to live with it!



Ecstasy or Not?

New evidence found in the U.S. has proven that ecstasy can be a cause of permanent Brain Damage.

Researchers say that ecstasy kills brain cells which then grow back abnormally, causing the brain to send fumbled messages to the body. How many people do you know who have tried ecstasy, or use ecstasy regularly? Would they use it if they knew this?

Two Teenagers in Northumbria have taken the carcinogenic drugs. They are now in intensive care. The police are now trying to find out if anyone else has taken the drugs

and where they came from.

Unless you made the drug yourself, you have no idea what is in it. It could be ajax, talcum powder or aspirin. You can't even tell by looking.

Taking drugs may be the "in" thing, but it has very serious consequences. This is mainly with tablets as you cannot say exactly what effect it will have on you because everyone has different reactions.

Northumbria Sergeant Paul Yound says "One pill is enough to do serious damage and in large quantities they can be fatal".



THE CHRISTIAN CREATION STORY

Came to make the world in six days

Really that was impossible

Even went into the garden of Eden

Adam also went there

They took the fruit off the tree
In the garden they said it was paradise

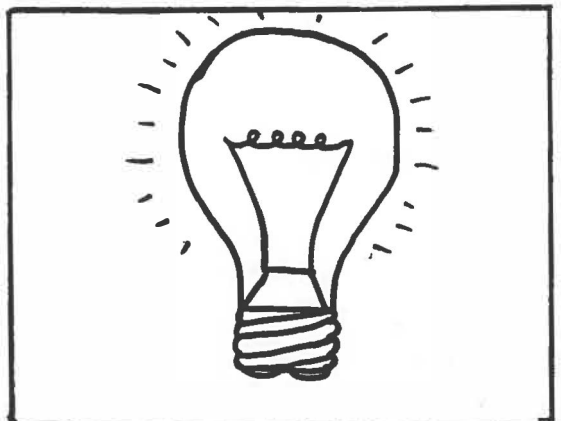
On the seventh day God rested

Never has anyone created anything so quickly.

Energy Efficiency

Have you ever thought about how much money we allow to escape through our windows and doors each year? As the school budget gets ever tighter, by doing a few simple things we can not only keep warmer during the winter, but also alleviate pressure on an already stretched school budget. If you close classroom

doors, turn off lights when you are not in a room and turn the heating down by 2 degrees, heating bills would be cut in half. This would make available more money for resources, so they could supply felt tips that actually work, amongst other things. So next time you leave a room, think about this and turn off the light!



Kibbutz?

Julie Lunness, last year's Deputy Head Girl, has taken a year out before going to University. She has decided to spend it in Israel in a Kibbutz. Here's a bit about what a Kibbutz is and part of a letter from Julie.

A Kibbutz (spelt Qibbutz in Hebrew) is an Israeli collective settlement, usually agricultural and often having industrial connections.

All wealth is held in common and any profit made is re-invested in the settlement after members have been provided with food, clothing, shelter, and social and medical services.

Adults have private quarters but children are generally housed and cared for as a group. Cooking and dining are in common.

The first Kibbutz was founded at Deganya in Palestine in 1909; others were created in the following years.

By the late 20th century there were more than 200 Kibbutzim in Israel, having a total population of more than 100,000.

... does feel like you're all over the world, but in one place!
I've been here 5 weeks now and worked in a wide variety of places. First was the "club-diner" - a restaurant in the kibbutz-owned Holiday Village "Ye'elim". Here I began as chief dish-washer doing a minimum of 600 plates + 300 dishes, plus cutlery, pans etc an hour. Then, I moved on to be a toilet-cleaner which wasn't such a pleasant job after 100 Nigerians and 50 Germans had passed through (the restaurant is also used as a motorway cafe). During my time in the restaurant I overcame shocks having 35 cockroaches jumping out of a box of sauce packets when you open it, finding rat droppings in lettuce, and scraping mould from jelly to re-use well as ^{re}cooking ^{chicken} 1/2 a dozen times.

My mum was very impressed when I told her about my time in the laundry. I did 3-4 hours of ironing, then mending and sewing.

My most favourite job up to now has been "dates", it is so nice to be stood outside under the palms sorting tonnes and tonnes of dates; for Marks and Spencers, and the team for dates have lots of laughs despite the back breaking work.



Climbing The Walls

As Wath is the only school in Rotherham to offer outdoor education to its pupils, 8ML grasped the opportunity with both hands. Ten pupils including: Richard Lomas, Daniel Hodgekiss, Caroline Earnshaw, Louise Foster, Wayne Brasher, Andrew Oliver, Thomas Garbutt, Richard Leighton, Lucy Kerr, Aron Green, and two teachers Miss Flintoft and Mrs. Mitchell went. The day out was, as usual, excellently organised by Mr. Ashmore, and a voluntary teacher, Neil.

As the weather forecast was bad we were taken to an old steelworks in the heart of Sheffield which had been renovated to make an excellent indoor climbing centre with a cafeteria, amusements, and seven professional climbers walls, two of which were

bouldering walls. It also boasted a very good climbers shop with an extensive range of outdoor equipment.

Mr. Ashmore and Neil set up various routes which would challenge and extend each individual to the peak of their capabilities. This included for the best and most confident climbers, an overhanging wall which was one of the hardest there.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and the two teachers Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Flintoft did exceedingly well and had a great day out. All of 8ML would like to sincerely thank Mr. Ashmore and Neil for a great day.

By Richard Lomas and Daniel Hodgkiss.

4 Out Of 5 Ain't Bad!

Saturday the 25th was an excellent week for school rugby, with 4 out of 5 of the teams beating strong Harrogate opposition. The highlights of the matches were the victories by the under 13's and 14's.

The under 13's won 27-0 with tries from Martin Bray and Andrew Hurst defending their un-beaten record.

The under 14's pulled off an amazing victory in a 52 points to 12 win over a

team who normally beat them. Tries from Matthew Kingston, Gareth Ravenscroft, Matthew Jackson, and Brett Davis sealed Harrogate Grammar Schools destruction. The victory inspired new confidence into the team who now eagerly await the confrontation with the mighty QEGS.

Another good Saturday for the school with the one exception of the unlucky under 15's.

By Andrew Kerr.

Steel On Ice

Kelly Carr of 9CT has been playing football for the Doncaster Belles since she was 11 years old. This season she is playing centre forward as usual and is leading striker with a formidable reputation for goal scoring. However, Kelly's eye has been roving!

For Kelly's 11th birthday a new pair of ice-skates started a new sport in the form of casual skating. Now, one year on, she plays for Doncaster Dome in the local Ice Hockey League. Together with her cousin, Donna, she pays £3 per week for training each Friday evening 8.30-10pm. Her Nan and Grandad are avid supporters, taking her regularly to see the senior Steelers play in the National League. She has a season ticket and never misses a game. When she was asked what her real aim is for the future, there was no doubt in her answer - "Play for the Steelers!"

Pick Of The Best

Many of our school's talented rugby players have been selected to represent their age group at a higher level.

South Yorkshire U.18

Craig Earnshaw
Mark Marriot

South Yorkshire U.16

Steven Wesson (captain for two years running!)
Tony Ingman
Phillip Burgin
Adam Sturman
Chris South
John Paul Williams

South Yorkshire U.15

Nick Wyatt
Mark Hull
Darren Coward
Matthew Hatton
Kevin Kent

For the first time in Waths long rugby history three boys have been selected to play for the full South Yorkshire School Boys under 16 side. They are Steven Wesson, Tony Ingman and Phillip Burgin. Football and cricket honours to follow in the next edition.

By Andrew Kerr with thanks to Mr Ridley.



Competition Time!

1. Answer the Question, 'How many Headmasters has our School had since it opened?' and win a 1kg bar of Cadburys CHOCOLATE! Answer to the Editor before the end of term.
2. Guess how many sweets in a jar and win them all! See Mrs Mitchell to enter.
3. There will be a prize of two photographic films awarded to the writer of the best article under the title, 'My Dream Holiday' The report may be real or fictitious. Give your entry to the Editor before the end of January 1996.

PLEASE NOTE, All competition entries will only be accepted if they are accompanied by this coupon!

History of Rotherham United

By Winston Bough

Rotherham were founded in 1870, (before becoming Rotherham Town.) Rotherham finally became United in 1925. Rotherhams ground capacity is 11,533. Their record attendance was 25,170 on the 13th of December, 1953. Rotherhams record gate receipts were £79,155 on the 23rd of January, 1993 (cup match round 2). Record league victory 8-0 against Oldham, Division 3 North,

26th of may, 1947. Record cup victory 6-0 against Spencmore United, in the first round of the FA Cup, on 17th of December, 1977 and against Wolverhampton Wanderers. First round F.A. Cup on the 16th of November, 1985.

Most league points (2 for a win) 71, 1950-51. Division 3 North. Most league points (3 for a win) 82, 1988-89. Most league goals, 144. Division 3 North, 1946-47. Most goals in a game Jack Shaw (5, at Darlington, 25th of November, 1950). Most league goals in Harrogate: Gladstone guest, 130, 1946-52. Most capped player: Shawn Goater, 18, Bermuda.

Now an EXCLUSIVE interview with an extremely talented new player called Trevor Berry. I didn't need to put many questions to him, as he just flowed with info. After I had asked how he started in football, this was the reply:

"When I was eleven years old, I was playing for

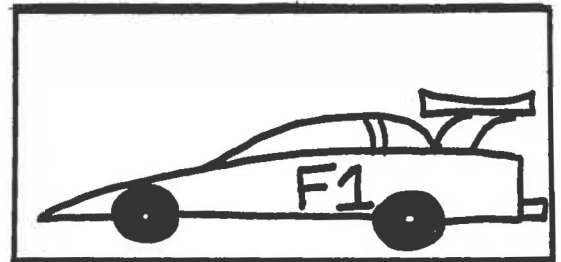
my local side in Surrey and while I was playing for them, I was spotted by Southampton, so I joined the Saints school of excellence. After about a year, they let me go, telling me that I wouldn't make it as a professional footballer as I was too small, and they I needed to work on my left foot, so I was a little bit down hearted. But I just loved playing football, so at the age of 13, I was playing for my local league representative side, when Bournemouth signed me on, just after that, a few other clubs wanted to sign me on but I thought I would have a better chance with a smaller club. At fourteen I was selected to attend the Lilleshall school of excellence, and I went on to play for England under sixteen's

nine times and while I was there I broke my leg when I was only fifteen and that kept me out of the game for two years. After I returned to action I stayed at Bournemouth for about six months, and when I was playing for England under eighteens, I was spotted by Aston Villa, who then payed £50,000 for me, but the squad was so strong that I didn't seem to be making much headway, so I went on loan to Norway although no-one noticed me there. When I came back, Rotherham started watching me, and that eventually led to my move there." So in a Nutshell, thats Trevor's football career so far but does he have any particular pastimes or hobbies off the field? "I have just got engaged and I like to play Golf."

Trevor Berrys statistics are as follows:

Date of Birth: 1st of August 1974
Place of Birth: Surrey
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 10 stone 8 lbs
Previous clubs: Bournemouth and Aston Villa
Numbers of Goal scored: 3

Thank you for the interview Trev'!



Super Speed Kids

Paula Cook became the first woman ever to take pole position in a single-seat motor racing event at Silverstone, with the fastest qualifying time, in the International Formula Renault Sport Championship. She clocked 59.56 seconds, at an average speed of 99.24mph, improving the previous best set by

reigning champion Guy Smith. Her brother, David, clocked the second fastest time, making it the first ever brother/sister front row in British Motor sport. Paula and David are the children of Wath based motor dealer, DC Cook, and are previous pupils of Wath Comprehensive School.

A Tale Of Two Cities

TWO CITIES ARE STILL IN THE RUNNING FOR THE NEW NATIONAL STADIUM, BUT WHO WILL GET IT?

Originally, five cities had put forwards a package to receive a lottery grant to build a stadium, which would host football, rugby, and athletics. Three of the five cities, Sheffield, Birmingham, and Bradford, were eliminated leaving only Manchester and Wembley to go through to a final decision at a later date. Both cities have a strong case, and it could go either way.

WEMBLEY

Wembley will need the highest grant if they succeed in convincing the committee. They propose to knock down the current stadium leaving only the twin towers standing. The stadium will then be rebuilt with the addition of a running track surrounding the hallowed turf. Wembley's main attraction is tradition. Most boys dream of playing at Wembley, and of course

scoring that dream goal. The first FA cup was played at Wembley in 1923, between Bolton and West Ham. Bolton Wanderers won, 2-0, with goals from Jack and Smith in front of what should have been a crowd of 126,047, but many got in without paying, and maybe as many as 200,000 got in. Wembley also hosted England's greatest ever sporting triumph, England winning the 1966 world cup, 4-2 against West Germany.

The Olympic Committee have also said, unofficially that they would only accept a bid for the Olympics from London. Wembley also has disadvantages. The ground isn't easy to get to because the roads are over-used. The parking is for cars and coaches, and the London Underground, can only handle a small amount of people.

MANCHESTER

Manchester wouldn't need as much money, and have already cleared a site for the building of the stadium. They promise to

build a stadium of the same capacity, but with seats which can roll back to reveal a running track. The stadium is futuristic in design, similar to Huddersfield's McAlpine stadium with long curved bars. Manchester already has the Velodrome, and an Olympic sized swimming pool will probably be under construction for the year 2002 Commonwealth Games. It is much better positioned in a more central area of Britain, so people can reach it more easily. An extension of Manchester's tram service could be made out to the stadium to help with transport. But Manchester doesn't have a tradition like that of Wembley, and the lottery committee will probably take into account what the Olympic Committee has said.

Terry Venables, the England Manager, has said that he would rather the money was spent coaching young children than on a new stadium, but a new stadium will be built, and hopefully it will attract the Olympics and major sporting events to England. Andrew Kerr.

Hyde's Secrets Unveiled

Sheffield Wednesday have struggled this season, currently lying mid-table.

We took this opportunity to interview Graham Hyde, a former student of Don Valley Comprehensive School, about the trials and tribulations of being a professional footballer.



We asked him if he had any memories of childhood football, and he replied that the main games he remembered were when Tottenham Hotspur played Manchester City, and QPR, but he had a lot more memories of playing football himself, starting at about 8 years old, when he played in the school team. He then progressed to play for Doncaster boys, in the Sunday League, then South Yorkshire boys, and worked up to the under 16 team at Sheffield Wednesday. As a child, he was a keen Tottenham fan, in the early 80s, when they had Glen Hoddle, and Ossie Ardiles. At school, he was not very intelligent, and indeed, did not gain any 'A' levels, but he loved P.E. He turned professional in 1988, when he was 17, and went straight to Sheffield Wednesday. When asked who his strictest manager was, he replied that all

Professional At 17

managers are strict in their own ways, as football is a game which requires discipline. He does a lot of training, but the intensity of it depends upon the

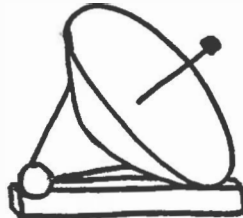
frequency of their games. He claims to have evaded injury quite well this season, until now, which has been his first real injury, although it is not career threatening. His favourite game was his debut v Manchester City when they won 1-0 although he claims that it wasn't his best performance. His favourite goal, was the one he scored against Manchester City about two and a half years ago. His ambition is simply to go as far as he can, and be as good as he can. He likes the new back-pass law, as from a spectator point of view, it keeps the game going, though the players have to be a lot fitter. When questioned about Manchester United, he said that in his opinion they actually are a team of really good players, and have not just bought success, though a couple of years ago they did spend a lot of money on players, but even then their team wasn't as good as it is now. He was confident that they would beat Manchester United when they next meet. His other hobby is cricket, which he plays at a low standard as a batsman.

Dedication is What You Need

On a match day, he tends to have a large breakfast when he gets up, and some tea and toast later. He told us that all players must be at the ground for 12.15. His tips to aspiring young footballers, were to be very single minded, and to take heed of all advice offered, as well as the obvious 'Its a lot of hard work, and you must be dedicated'. His view of girls football is that if girls want to play, let them; and finally, when asked what he wanted to do when he retired, he replied 'I honestly wouldn't have a clue!'

With Sky There's No Limit

Thanks to sky's space-age gadgetry we can now see, all the goals, penalty appeals and sending-offs in the comfort of our own home. The only thing we won't get is the freezing cold wind howling in our faces and the smell of hot soup and pies. Andy Gray explains the role of key players using computer graphics on the telestrator.



To do this he will draw circles, lines and arrows on the monitor which then projects them on to the screen. Supporters can phone in to enter competitions or just to air their views before, halfway through or at the end of the match. With the clock running constantly in one corner of the screen, regularly updated statistics show along with great

camera angles and the best commentary around who could ask for more? Sky's 2 main sports channels: Sky sports and Sky sports 2 will share the following fixtures:

DECEMBER:

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| 3rd | Wimbledon V Newcastle |
| 4th | Sheff Wed V Coventry |
| 10th | Notts Forest V Aston Villa |
| 13th | F.A.Cup 2nd round
To Be Announced |
| 17th | Liverpool V Manchester United |
| 19th | Motherwell V Rangers |
| 24th | Leeds United V Manchester United |
| 26th | Blackburn V Manchester City |
| 27th | Bolton V Leeds United
By Neil Monk Y7 |

Brit On Pole

IN ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1995 GRAND PRIX SEASON, THE PORTUGUESE GRAND PRIX, DAVID COULTHARD WON A SENSATIONAL VICTORY FOR BRITAIN. ANDREW KERR LOOKS BACK.

Coulthard was in pole position and raced off, ahead of Hill and Schumacher. But then Katayama, racing for Tyrrel hit another car, and his car cart-wheeled through the air and landed upside down. After a delay he was stretched off wired to a drip and the race was restarted. Coulthard again held the first spot but Schumacher overtook Hill, but Hill was just behind Schumacher putting him under pressure, as Coulthard pulled away. Then at the same time they

went into the pits together. Schumacher had a quick stop, but Hill's technicians had trouble with the fuel nozzle and his stop took 18 seconds. Hill carried on bravely and fought back up to third. Schumacher and Coulthard went into the pits both on a three pit-stop strategy, leaving Hill, on a two stop strategy and to go into second place in front of Schumacher but Coulthard still maintained his lead. Hill then took his last stop but still kept his lead over Schumacher, but as the race progressed, Coulthard kept his first and Schumacher his third after their final stops. Hill began to slow as the threads on his tyres wore thin. Every corner Schumacher caught Hill as he virtually had to

Some Amazing facts about SWFC.

SWFC were founded in 1867, by Wednesday Cricket Club. After playing as amateurs for 20 years they turned professional in 1887. The name Wednesday came about because the founders of Wednesday Cricket Club were craftsmen, whose weekly half day was Wednesday. Wednesday won the FA cup in 1886, 1907 and 1935. their most recent venture in an FA cup final was in 1993 when they lost to Arsenal. Wednesday were nicknamed "The Blades" until their move to Owlerton, when they became known as "The Owls".
By A Kerr and I Watson.

Let Us Know About Your Out of School Sporting Activities.

Match Report

Here at Sheffield Sports centre Wath Hockey team for Y7 are now positioned on the astro-turf waiting for the whistle. there it goes! A good pushback from Jenna and it looks like a good start for Wath. Cheryl quickly receives the ball and passes, but unfortunately Kimberworth are too quick for Wath and they are always on the ball. A great pass from defence and they are back into the

centre, it looks like it's going to be a goal, but hang on, it's out of the court back to Jenna on the sideline, Jenna passes, Kim receives and Wath have taken back possession of the ball. Up the field a pass to Stephanie, Stephanie passes to Jenna, the goalkeeper comes out and Jenna shoots! It's a GOAL!

Wath 1-0 Kimberworth

Cross Country.

The Year 7 girls have done tremendously well this year to say that they have only been in school for nine weeks and dominated all meetings except Maltby. They came second with 789 points, with 185 points difference between them and Maltby.

These were the final results:

- 1st Maltby 604
- 2nd Wath 789
- 3rd Wales 1217
- 4th Dinnington 1627
- 5th Wingfield 1970

The Year 8 and 9 girls did FANTASTIC when they came first with a super 1 point victory over Maltby Leaving St Bernards and Wingfield far behind when they stormed their victory winning the league and taking all the honours.

These were the final results:

- 1st Wath 724
- 2nd Maltby 725
- 3rd St Bernards 1749
- 4th Wingfield 2224

In the Year 10 to 13 girls competition, only two schools could compete because of lack of runners. Maltby just beat Wath this year but Wath still came second.

These were the final results:

- 1st Maltby 206
- 2nd Wath 290

The Year 7 Boys also did FANTASTIC when they

came first, slaughtering Maltby by 245 points. This too is very impressive achievement.

These were the final results:

- 1st Wath 569
- 2nd Maltby 814
- 3rd Dinnington 908
- 4th St Bernards 1322
- 5th Clifton 1872

Year 8 Boys were the victims of St Bernards only win of the season after settling for second place in front of Maltby and Clifton.

These were the final results:

- 1st St Bernards 645
- 2nd Wath 694
- 3rd Maltby 797
- 4th Clifton 1298

In the Year 9 and 10 competition, our boys were convincingly beaten because of a mainly Year 9 team. But they still took second.

These were the the final results:

- 1st Maltby 326
- 2nd Wath 1107

Years 11 to 13 took an excellent 1st place from a strong Year 11 to 13 team.

These were the final results:

- 1st Wath 168
- 2nd Dinnington 249
- 3rd Maltby 322

• Andrew Kerr

Mountain Biking Competition

Mountain Biking must easily be the most varied kind of sport in terms of terrain and obstacles. It is also an enjoyable sport and anyone at any age can take part in it. Of all the categories, I prefer downhill's. And for all you budding bike enthusiasts I've got something you might like... A competition for boys AND girls, (We're not sexist!) in any year, apologies for the fact that we don't have prizes, or certificates. Interested? Then try a new pilot scheme which Mr Moxton and I are organising. We are planning to set up the scheme for the Mountain Bike tournament which will use the current cross-country route. We also need people to marshall the important corners of the route. BUT it needs a

decent amount of interest to take off.

No date has been set as yet but expect more details in assembly notices. WE NEED YOU! Contact me at

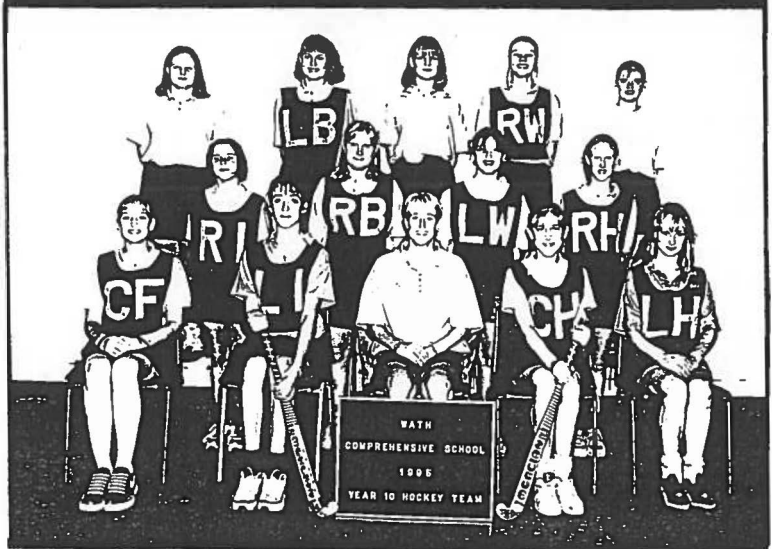
the library most dinner times, ask for Mathew Earnshaw (Erny) or see Mr Moxton at the sports-hall.

Champion Hockey Coaching at Doncaster

For the past eight weeks hockey players from Y7 to Y11 have been travelling to Doncaster Hockey Club on a Friday night for some extra practice. The training has been organised by Doncaster Metropolitan Council and takes place between 5pm and 7pm. It gives Wath pupils (both girls and boys) the chance to play an astro-turf rather than having to cope with hacking the ball out of the mud and long grass on Wath school

Fields! Around thirty pupils attend each week in order to try and improve their individual skills and team tactics and awareness. The sessions start with a whole group warm up and then the pupils are split into age groups and ability. Lots of new skills are learnt and plenty of time is spent playing games. News that the sessions may continue after christmas is a welcome boost.

Year 10 Hockey



Top row: Heather Fawcett, Joanne Simpson, Gemma Hirst, Helen Green, Rhia Knowles.

Middle Row: Alex Hunton, Suzanne Cusworth, Faye Hare Helen Scott (VC)

Bottom Row: Emma Bower, Jayne Longden, Miss Ferguson!!! Jodie Shepard (C), Lyndsey Keen.

The Y10 hockey team are Rotherham champions! After playing in a round robin system, undefeated they played Oakwood in the semi-final. It was a great game and despite the scoreline being 0-0, Wath went through, having forced more penalty corners.

The final against Swinton was one way traffic in the first half and we were 2-0 up thanks to goals from Emma Bower and Helen Green. After the break however, Swinton looked dangerous and came back to 2-1 but we held on. Emma Bower made the

game safe with another goal and completed the winning 3-1 scoreline. Special mention to Jodie Shepherd, Lyndsey Keen and Louise Parry who all had excellent games.