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FOREWORD

May I present to you the 27th Annual Report of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs, and in doing so, may I also take this opportunity of conveying my sincere thanks to past members of the Executive and Sub-Committees, Leaders, Members and Counsellors of Affiliated Clubs, and to the countless number of friends and colleagues who continue to assist us in all aspects of Training, Leisure-time activities and Competitions, Administration and Finance.

I have now had the pleasure of serving GAYC for 10 years and as Chairman of the Association for 8 of those years. During this time the main theme of the Association has been to aim at *quality* with maximum effort, in up-to-date information and training services for all our affiliated clubs.

During my term of office as Chairman, many excellent reports and books have been written on the subject of the Youth Service and young people as they are today and the patterns which should be established tomorrow.

However, I believe the brightest colours in the young people's spectrum, whether in the home, in the manner of their education, or in employment, are those which radiate from adults reflecting the qualities of a sympathetic understanding and attachment for young people, together with a readiness to Stop, Look, and Listen when called upon to do so.

The reports as set out in the following pages amply indicate the kind of work in which we are all involved.

The Association is solvent and forward looking and I am sure that there will be sufficient future stimulus to keep up with the changes of modern thinking in this Service. Meanwhile, "Change should be a challenge, not a master" says the Albermarle Report, and I therefore stand down from the Chairmanship of the Association, with a special plea for all those who are concerned with young people, to come forward and help the voluntary Associations and GAYC in particular, in their essential needs, in the Service of Youth.

P. B. CARROLL.

Chairman.

SOME DETAILS OF THE YEAR'S WORK

The Association continues to expand its activities and opportunities offered to members of affiliated Clubs and this year has included two new fields of work, i.e., "Blueprint for Living" and the Christmas Cracker Bazaar. Competitions have attracted an increasing number of competitors, indicating that these particular activities are meeting a need in the county. The Association, this year, published a Year Book of Events, together with a Diary, thereby helping the Leader to plan the Club programme for the year.

It is hoped that the following Reports will be of interest to all those who read the Annual Report:

ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH CLUB

The most important item to record in this year's Report is that Elizabeth Beadnell, Chairman of our Members' Committee, was selected to represent Gloucestershire in the National Finals of the Remington Junior Leadership Award. This wonderful achievement came at the end of one of the most successful years in the Club's history, when over £200 was raised to buy a garden chalet which was built by the members themselves and furnished as a Club lounge.

In addition to normal Club activities, dances, parties and brass rubbing expeditions, a new group called "Mid-week Theatre" has been formed for reading, listening to and discussing plays. Outings have been arranged to Windsor Castle, The Promenade Concerts, London at Christmas, and Berkeley Castle.

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At the request of the Club members, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Nind and Mrs. Allen, for all the work they have done, in particular for organising the Competitions which give us the opportunity of meeting other Clubs in a corporate and competitive atmosphere and thus helping to broaden our outlook and make new friends.

Rosemary G. Ash, Leader.

BROCKWORTH YOUTH CLUB, Gloucester

The past year has been one of marked progress for the Club. A real impact has been made on the local, and not so local, community. Membership has remained at a high level, and a small, but most loyal, team of voluntary adult helpers has assisted in the many and varied activities that have taken place. The Opening of the new Brockworth Comprehensive School with its extremely well planned Sports Hall and Community Rooms will play a major part in improving local facilities for young people. The Youth Club sees itself playing a most important part in these developments and provides a vital link between the school and the world of work. An important aspect of Youth Service is the provision of counselling facilities for young people. At Brockworth the full-time Leader has taken advantage of opportunities to receive training in this work. With the assistance of other agencies, notably the Gloucestershire Association of Family Life, a number of young people have been helped with personal

We, at Brockworth, realize that the present time is most testing for Youth Service in this country and we are endeavouring to play our part in ensuring that the Service keeps alert to, and meets, the needs of the Community.

David M. Sutherland, Warden/Leader.

DOWN AMPNEY YOUTH CLUB

The necessary structural alterations to the Club, which were mentioned in last year's report have now been completed. This project involved the laying of a polished wooden floor and the re-roofing of the premises. All of this work was undertaken by Club members and proved to be a long and hard task. Much of their spare time during the summer months was spent in working together on this project and results must surely show how well young people can unite their efforts to achieve an aim when they really set their minds to it. The Club would also like to thank the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs for their generous grant which helped to make these improvements possible.

Club Week was another successful venture and the sum of £73/10/0d. was raised. One of the highlights of this week was the "Grand Draw" held on Saturday evening when the Club was pleased to welcome Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Carroll, as their guests of honour. For 1968 the project which the Club has in mind is the development of the outside area surrounding the Club premises.

W. J. Illing, Leader.

FORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

This has been a year of action for the Club as in addition to the usual pursuits a number of new activities have been included in the Club programme. The newly formed Drama Group were very successful with their Christmas Pantomime and Passion Play and played to capacity audiences in each case. A strong Football Group has been formed which has already achieved a measure of success. Discussions have also proved very popular within the Club to which a number of interesting Speakers have been invited.

Members, accompanied by the Leader, stayed at the National Association of Youth Clubs' Headquarters at Devonshire House, London, for a holiday, during which time they were taken to visit various places of interest. Several members have attended the G.A.Y.C. Members' Council Residential Week-ends at the County Conference Houses. The Club has also taken part in all the Association Competitions.

Annual Club Events have included a "Tea Party and Social Evening" for the senior residents and the "Christmas Fayre". This year, for the first time, a "Great Raft Race" was held on the River Severn and much of the credit for its organisation and success must go to David Burgess, one of the Club members. Eleven Rafts competed for the Challenge Shield. This event proved so popular that it will undoubtedly become an "annual".

FORTHAMPTON YOUTH CLUB are very proud of Susan Remmer who was the finalist in the G.A.Y.C. Dressmaking Competition and accompanied by Evelyn Davies (who modelled the winning garment) went on to represent the

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Association in the National Finals. Susan's prize for winning the local Competition was a week at the "Contemporary Design Course" in London. In her report of this Course, Susan tells of the many exciting places she visited including theatres, art galleries, fashion shows, modelling school, magazine publishers, large stores and of the many interesting people she met. To quote from her report "I had a great time in London and enjoyed every minute of the Course."

L. T. Burton, Leader.

FALCON HOUSE YOUTH CLUB

The Club has been pleased to welcome many new members during the past six months and has, in fact, almost doubled its numbers.

The Table Tennis teams have been most successful during the season and the 'A' team has been promoted to a higher division in the Bristol and District League. The mixed team also reached the finals of the Bristol Association of Youth Clubs' Championship. Congratulations as well to Maureen Hill and Jim Rowe who were finalists in the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs Competition and represented the County Association at the South West Regional Finals and at the National Finals at Crystal Palace.

Other activities in which the Club has participated are the Five-a-Side Football, Chess, Darts and Table Football, all of which have contributed to the spirit of friendliness among the Club members.

L. Monks, Leader.

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FILTON METHODIST YOUTH CLUB

After many years of waiting, the Club moved into the new purpose built St. Andrews Youth Centre in April of last year. The members having worked for some time through various efforts raised well over £1,000 towards the building fund.

Membership increased and has continued at a steady 186 with an average attendance of 100.

During the summer months, Tennis, League Rounders and Cricket were played. The Cricket team won the South Gloucestershire League Trophy, having attained top place in the League. The Club has also participated in various adventure and sports events, also the Federation Road Relay Race.

After a shorter than usual summer break, netball and football were re-started, in addition to many indoor activities. The local Football Table League was entered for the first time and the Club finished in second place.

Another successful Club Week was held, the total income being £212.

As in previous years a Christmas Party was given for handicapped children and twenty food parcels delivered to elderly folk.

A sponsored walk was organised recently in aid of the Centre Building Fund and over £300 in promised money is now being collected by members who walked 30 miles throughout the night.

The Club celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and after a quarter of a century of Youth work in the area, it looks forward to the continued success that it is envisaged the new Youth Centre will afford.

I. James (Mrs.), Leader.

NEWENT YOUTH CLUB

The Club premises have been steadily undergoing improvements and this has impeded members in many activities, but a well equipped coffee bar and separate girls' powder room, in addition to new lighting throughout the main building is anticipated. Members have been fully occupied in canoeing, cricket, tennis, etc., and have had the use of the indoor swimming pool on one evening each week, throughout the year.

A door-to-door collection for the Blind was again organised by the Club, and money was raised for several other causes, as well as taking part in Club Week

Last winter the Club had a well supported Discussion Group and were pleased to be represented at several G.A.Y.C. Members' Council Residential Week-ends.

The highlight of the year was the Club's participation, along with another local organisation, in Gloucester Carnival, when a "highly commended" plaque was awarded to the entry.

A. W. Gale, Leader.

WESTFIELDS YOUTH CENTRE, CHELTENHAM

The Centre has grown in size this year. The addition of a new activity block and floodlit play area, together with a modernisation programme has increased membership, use of the facilities by other bodies and the overall purpose of the Centre.

Fencing, Judo, Dancing, Photography, Folk Music, Motor Car maintenance, Music and Movement, Five-a-Side Football, Netball, Table Tennis, Dressmaking, Art, Canoe Building, Hockey and Discotheque, are some of the activities that the 300 members and associates have engaged in during this year. Uniformed organisations and other groups have also started using the building for activities and meetings. The Sports Hall should be completed this year, allowing full use of social amenities thus catering for young people who wish commercial type provision, together with specialist groups, every evening.

R. G. Jackson, Leader.

MARSHFIELD YOUTH CLUB

The Club's "round the villages coach" on Monday nights is very successful and members are slowly being integrated into the life of the Club and serve on the Members' Committee. This is a slow process which is helped by sharing together community tasks, i.e., assisting with the decoration of Leggehouse Adventure Centre in Wiltshire and The Biblins in Gloucestershire; re-decorating the bus shelter in Marshfield, etc. Club members have also enjoyed taking part in the Competitions run by the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs, in particular the Dressmaking and Modelling and Table Tennis.

The Club meets regularly on Mondays and various activities take place on other evenings during the week which may be at the Centre, or elsewhere.

Joan Lake (Mrs.), Leader.

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TWO YEAR (part-time) LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The following students were presented with their Certificate of Leadership, at the Annual General Meeting in June 1967, having completed the Ninth Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs' Two-Year Leadership Training Course:—

Miss E. Hellmers, Grosvenor Youth Club, Cheltenham.

Miss M. Blackwell, Stow-on-Wold Senior Guide Unit.

Miss M. Hathway, North Common Methodist Youth Club,

Bristol.

Miss J. King, Thornbury Youth Club.

Mrs. A. B. Shelley, Eastcombe Girl Guides.

Mr. T. P. Mulholland, Elmscroft Youth Club, Gloucester.

Mr. B. K. Stait, Matson Youth Club, Gloucester.

Mr. A. K. Rice, Lower Tuffley Youth Club, Gloucester.

Mr. A. E. W. Stone, Cheltenham Scout Group.

Mr. T. Wilson, North Common Methodist Youth Club,

Bristol.

Mr. A. Wilson, Longwell Green Boys' Club.

Mr. C. A. Tanner, Assistant Area Youth Organiser, West Glo'shire Area.

Mr. R. C. Lusty, Stonehouse Methodist Youth Club.

Mr. J. E. Selman, Hanham Church Youth Club.

Mr. R. Rogers, Hanham Church Youth Club.

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Certificates were presented by Lt.-Col. A. Lloyd-Baker, a Vice-President of the Association.

This Course was the final one, in this particular series, to be run by the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.

Leadership Training is, at present, being provided by the Gloucestershire Training Committee in co-operation with other voluntary and statutory bodies and as the Organising Secretary of the G.A.Y.C. will continue to be a member of the training team the Association is still very much involved with leadership training.

The Association would like to thank all those who have assisted in this facet of the work and hope that it will be possible to look to them again in new fields of training to be undertaken in the future.

KING GEORGE VI ADVANCED COURSE FOR VOLUNTARY & PART-TIME LEADERS

The following students satisfactorily completed the King George VI Course in 1967 and were awarded the National Association of Youth Club's Certificate:—

Mr. Kenneth Simmonds (Stoke Gifford Youth Club)

Mr. John Easter (Pilning Youth Club)

"BLUEPRINT FOR LIVING"

"Blueprint For Living" is a new venture within the work of the Association for YOUNG ADULTS between the age of 17-21 and consists of four Residential Week-ends — three at local Conference Houses and one in London. This year twenty young adults enrolled for the Course, the AIM of which is to increase an understanding of human relationships and is seen as an opportunity:—

(a) to stimulate and arouse curiosity in the world of

(b) to provide an opportunity for learning about the structure and working of the communities and society in which we live

(c) to develop a greater awareness of oneself in relation to others and to help in learning ways by which mature and productive relationships are fostered

(d) to provide a maturity in outlook so that the problems of growth can be mastered.

The students reaction to, and thoughts on, the current Course have been expressed by a member in the following summary:—

"At the beginning of this Course, the general feeting was "What are we going to do?" This was enhanced by the apparent lack of a time table. This, together with the element of surprise and even shock at one of the venues held the Course together. It was an experimental type of Course as far as we, the students, were concerned and we just kept going. If difficult situations arose, we tried to combat them as best we could.

Although each week-end was different, we always had 'Saturday Night Out', this in itself was a surprise because we were never told where we were going, until we were en route, and they included a visit to the theatre, a restaurant and a cinema.

The aim of the Course was to promote a better understanding between ourselves and of why we need each other to live in this world and it was done in various ways; discussion groups, a survey, a role-play, working in groups and trying to hammer a situation out and arrive at a group answer.

The success of the Course was shown at the last weekend when to the question 'Would you recommend this Course to other people?' we all replied 'Yes'. A suggestion was also put forward that a follow-up week-end, or Course, be organised next year, showing that the Course had been a success for all of us."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE 1967

The 26th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at St. Mary's College of Education, Cheltenham, on 10th June, 1967, and was attended by an increased number of Leaders, members and friends. Lt.-Col. P. B. Carroll took the Chair and a Vice-President, Lt.-Col. A. Lloyd-Baker was asked to present the Awards. Colonel Lloyd-Baker, in his address, referred to his connections with the Association in its early days and pointed out that it had an even more important role to play within the Youth Service of the County to-day and in the future.

The Annual General Meeting concluded with the showing of the film "STRESS", introduced by Miss Sowerby, head-mistress of Eildon School, Cheltenham, in support of Mental Health Week.

The fifth Annual Conference followed the A.G.M. and was held at Sandywell Park Conference House, the theme of

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which was "Let's Break Out . . . attended by Leaders, Advisory Committee and Members' Committee members. The Conference looked at three ways in which a Youth Club could ask "Let's Break Out . . . into:—

- (1) work with handicapped young people Speaker: Mr. G. D. C. Tudor, M.A., Principal of the Star Centre for Youth, Ullenwood Manor, near Cheltenham:
- (2) working with the older Club Members Speaker: Miss M. Ashworth, Assistant Youth Leader, Widnes Youth Centre, Lancashire;
- (3) saving Wildlife
 Speaker: Col. M. G. H. Henley, C.B.E.,
 Regional Officer of the World Wildlife Fund.

The Conference also provided an opportunity for all sections of Club life to take part in discussions and to learn from each other the problems which arise in Clubs to-day.

The Annual Conference has now become one of the most popular events in the Association's calendar.

CLUB WEEK 1967

Club Week goes from strength to strength and this year 18 Clubs participated and raised a total of £620/17/3d. During this week Club members work for the benefit of their Club and their Local and National Associations and they are to be congratulated on their efforts, particularly the following Clubs for the outstanding amounts raised:—

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Down Ampney Youth Club with a membership of 31 raised £73/10/0d., i.e., £2/7/8d. per head.

Sodbury Youth Club with a membership of 12 raised £25/0/9d., i.e., £2/1/8d. per head.

Mangotsfield Methodist Youth Club with a membership of 48 raised £53/11/9d., i.e., £1/2/2d. per head.

Down Ampney Youth Club receive the Association's Certificate and Badge for the highest amount collected, per head, in 1967.

Finally, the Association would like to thank all Club members who participated in Club Week and the members of the public for their generous support.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

The fourth Annual Carol Service, held in conjunction with the Diocesan Youth Committee took place at Gloucester Cathedral. Once again this great place of worship was filled to capacity with young people and adults who were gathered together to recapture the spirit of Christmas. The Carols, the Lessons, the Anthems and the lighted tapers all played their part in making the Service a very moving experience. The Association is deeply indebted to Mr. John Sanders the Organist; to the Gloucester Christmas Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Tony Hewitt-Jones; to the young people and Clergy who read the Lessons and, of course, to the Bishop of Gloucester and to all those who helped each in their own way. The collection was divided between the Association's work for handicapped young people and Diocesan work overseas.

LEADERS' MEETING

Club Leaders from all over the County were brought together at a meeting held at the Association Offices. This proved to be a very popular occasion, the outcome of which was the request for further meetings on a regional basis.

CHAIRMEN'S MEETING

A meeting was held for the Chairmen of affiliated Clubs on "An Introduction to the Work of the Association". Considerable interest was shown and a request for future meetings was made for the purpose of discussing relevant matters of mutual concern.

COMPETITIONS 1967-1968

Entries for all Competitions have shown a considerable increase this year:—

Table Tennis: 26 Clubs 125 players 21 Teams 126 players Five-a-Side Football: 5 Teams 60 players Rediffusion Football: Netball: 12 Teams 96 players Quiz: 11 Teams 44 players Dressmaking/Modelling: 16 competitors

A total of 467 participating members, representing approximately 10% of the membership of affiliated Clubs.

The results of the Competitions were :-

TABLE TENNIS played at Little Stoke Youth Centre, Bristol:-

FINALISTS: Boys' Singles—John Charles (Star '66 Youth Club); James Rowe (Falcon House Youth Club).

Girls' Singles—Maureen Hill (Falcon House Youth Club; Jane Hood (Wotton-under-Edge Youth Club).

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Played at Northlands Youth Centre, Cheltenham:-

FINALISTS: Boys' Singles—Roger Grech (Lower Tuffley Youth Club); Tony Kennedy (Westfields Youth Club).
Girls' Singles—Marilyn Baxter (Minchinhampton Youth Club); Pamela Gibson (Elmscroft Youth Club).
Mixed Doubles—Susan Alsop and Bruce Amos (Westfields Youth Club); Susan Harding and Colin Stainer (Minchinhampton Y.C.).

WINNERS: Boys' Singles-John Charles.

Girls' Singles-Pamela Gibson.

Mixed Doubles-Susan Alsop and Bruce Amos.

The team to represent the Association at the South West Regional Finals will consist of the winner and the runner-up of the Girls' Singles and the winner and the runner-up of the Boys' Singles, i.e., Pamela Gibson, Maureen Hill, John Charles and James Rowe.

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL played at the Y.M.C.A. Chelten-ham:—

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FINALISTS: Elmscroft Youth Club

Stonehouse Youth Club

played at Hillfields Youth Centre, Bristol:-

Olveston Youth Club Winterbourne Youth Club

WINNERS: OLVESTON YOUTH CLUB

Olveston Youth Club represented the G.A.Y.C. in the South West Regional Finals.

REDIFFUSION FOOTBALL (11-a-side) TOURNAMENT played at Little Stoke Youth Centre, Bristol:—

WINNER: Thornbury Youth Club.

Thornbury Youth Club represented the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs in the Tournament and after a hard game was defeated by the Bristol Association of Youth Clubs.

NETBALL played at Filton High School, Bristol:— WINNER: Thornbury Youth Club.

QUIZ held at the Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham:— WINNER: Thornbury Youth Club.

Thornbury Youth Club represented the Association in the South West Regional Finals in the Netball and Quiz Competitions.

DRESSMAKING/MODELLING COMPETITION held at Westfields Youth Centre, Cheltenham:—

WINNERS (Dressmaking):

Section 1 (14-17 years) Jacky Glyn (Elmscroft Y.C.).
Section 2 (17-22 years) Elizabeth Haynes (St. Stephen's

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Section 3 (14-17 years) Susan Remmer (Forthampton and District Y.C.).

Section 4 (17-22 years) Anita Klakus (Wotton-under-Edge Y.C.).

Overall Winner: Susan Remmer,

Overall Runner-up: Gillian Panes (Olveston Youth Club).

WINNERS (Modelling):
Caroline Lake (Marshfield Youth Club).

Evelyn Davies (Forthampton and District Youth Club).

The overall winner of the Competition reached, in the opinion of the Judges, a sufficiently high standard to represent the Association in the National Finals held in London (see Forthampton Club Report).

CRYSTAL PALACE 1967

The Association's Table Tennis team had the privilege of representing the South West Region in the National Association of Youth Clubs' Finals at Crystal Palace having defeated teams from Bristol, Somerset, Wiltshire, Devonshire, Dorset and Herefordshire. The team did extremely well defeating Scotland and lost to Buckinghamshire in the semi-final. This is the first time the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs have had a team in the National Finals.

REMINGTON JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Elizabeth Beadnell of St. Stephen's Youth Club, Cheltenham, was chosen to take part in this Award held by the National Association of Youth Clubs in London in March. Although Elizabeth did not gain a place in the Award she obviously enjoyed the experience and the following is an extract from her report:—

"The first day was rather tense, as we were all trying too hard to speak, knowing that every word was important and when the day was over and the winner was known, the relief surpassed the personal disappointment at not being the chosen one. The following day we really began to 'live it up'—a reception at The Savoy where we were presented with a spray of orchids, followed by a visit to the Theatre; a perfect ending to a wonderful day. Altogether I had a lovely time and would like to thank the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs for making it possible. I am only sorry I did not bring the Award to Gloucester."

Note: This is a National Award presented by the firm of Remington Electric Shavers Ltd., to young people who have shown outstanding qualities of leadership in their Clubs and local Associations.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER BAZAAR

This year for the first time the Association took part in the National Association of Youth Clubs' Christmas Cracker Bazaar, held at the Chelsea Town Hall, London, in November. The Stall, which was entitled, "Gloucestershire Crafts and Industries" provided a wide range of goods for sale. The

organisation and setting up of this Stall entailed a tremendous amount of work, including fund-raising activities, which were undertaken by a small Ladies Committee, and the Association is deeply indebted to them; to the affiliated Clubs for their gifts and money contributions; to local Industries who donated, or provided, goods on a sale or return basis and to the numerous other kind friends who helped with transport and in many other ways. The Christmas Cracker Bazaar, as a whole, proved to be a great success, breaking all previous financial records and the Gloucestershire Association felt that their efforts had in some way contributed to this achievement.

MEMBERS' COUNCIL REPORT, 1967-68

During the past year the Members' Council has gained even more support from Clubs due, no doubt, to the wide variety of programmes offered. The number of Clubs represented at each weekend has risen from 12 to 19 and again this year we have had to turn down members wishing to attend — on an average one third of the total acceptances.

Four weekends have been arranged, three at Sandywell Park and one at Cowley Manor, and the highlights of each weekend have been as follows:

November Residential Weekend

Taking as its theme "Society's Misfits Today" we considered "Those Detained" — Approved Schools and Borstals, introduced by Mr. A. B. Roberton, Governor of H.M. Prison,

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Leyhill; "Those Unattached" — young people not in direct contact with Youth Service, with Mr. George Gait (formally Detached Youth Worker, Kingswood); "Those Addicted" — drugs and alcohol, with Mr. Derek Cox, Youth Worker, Tower Hamlets Youth Project, London; and finally we discussed "what are we prepared to do for these young people".

This weekend centainly gave us a new outlook to our Clubs and made us more aware of those around us.

January Residential Weekend

A new range of interest was covered at this weekend. Mrs. E. Dow introduced "Social Etiquette" and answered our questions and indecisions, which was then followed by a Formal Dinner. After Dinner the film "Question 7" was shown and we realised how fortunate we are in this country, compared with East Germany.

Finally at this weekend we looked at "West Indian Teenagers Today", introduced by Mr. M. Douglas, and in the discussions answered some of our thoughts on the immigration situation and how we, in Youth Clubs, may help to integrate young people from other parts of the world.

March Residential Weekend

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PHAB that is work with Physically Handicapped and Ablebodied young people, was introduced by Lady Jean Mackenzie, Vice-Chairman of the National Association of Youth Clubs and Miss Susan Bush, a member who had attended a PHAB Week.

Mr. Adrian Smith introduced "Education Today" and gave

the members the opportunity of expressing their own opinions etc., on the education they had received, or were receiving.

May Residential Weekend

Members were given the choice of participating in two of the following activities provided at this weekend: Brassrubbing; tennis; badminton; treasure-hunt and rhythm and music, followed by discussions on the National Members' Council theme "Communicate 68". During these discussions we thought about the role of the adult committee, the Leaders, the Members' Committee and the members and how we communicate at all levels in a wide range of ways. The weekend finished with the Annual General Meeting of the Members' Council, during which the officers for 1968-1969 were elected.

I feel I cannot end this report without thanking all the Officers, the members of the Executive Committee, the Association office staff, all the Speakers, Wardens of the Conference House, and many others who have given so much of their time and enthusiasm to the success of the Members' Council Weekends and last, but not least, the Club members who have attended and given so much.

On behalf of my fellow officers I would like to say how much we have enjoyed our year of office and I am sure this experience has helped us all to accept and carry our responsibility, to think of others before self, to play our part in the Club, our homes, at work and in many other ways. Our thanks to all members of Members' Council.

R. V. Ashman, Chairman, Members' Council.



Gloucestershire Stand — N.A.Y.C. Christmas Cracker Bazaar Chelsea Town Hall, London



Winners and Runners-up of Modelling Competition 1968

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REMINGTON JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD Presentation by Lady Jean Mackenzie to Elizabeth Beadnell



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MEMBERS' COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting, held at Cowley Manor in May, the following officers were elected:

Chairman: Mr. Richard Long, Hanham Church Youth Club.

Vice-Chairman : Mr. Robert V. Ashman.

Secretary: Miss Judy Shackleton, Elmscroft Youth Club, Gloucester.

Treasurer: Mr. Derek Norman, Elmscroft Youth Club, Gloucester.

P.R.O's: Mr. David Serle, Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club; Miss Carol Lewis, Berkeley Vale Youth Club.

National Members' Council:

Representative: Miss Jennifer Hacker, Stoke Gifford Youth Club.

Delegate: Mr. Maurice Saunders.

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THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK:

The President, Mr. Peter Scott, the Vice-Presidents, past members of the Executive Committee, the Members' Council, Youth Leaders and Helpers and its many kind friends who have helped in so many ways to make the work possible.

All subscribers to the Scott County Appeal and especially those who have found it possible to covenant their subscriptions.

The Gloucestershire County Council for grant-aid assistance and services given

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The Cheltenham Borough Council for financial assistance with training and services given.

The National Association of Youth Clubs for grant-aid and practical help throughout the year.

The Trustees of Smith's Charity for a special grant to assist member Clubs.

Rev. T. Eric Evans and all those who were concerned with the arrangements for the Candlelight Carol Service.

Major and Mrs. J. A. Bamford, Wardens of Sandywell Park Conference House; Commander and Mrs. W. M. Winn, Wardens of Cowley Manor; the Wardens of Kelston Park Conference House, near Bath and Hill End Camp, Eynsham, Oxford, for the excellent facilities provided for our Residential Courses; and the Principal of St. Mary's College for Education, Cheltenham, for the use of very adequate accommodation for the Association's Annual General

Meeting. Mr. D. R. Willcox, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Cheltenham, and his staff for their very willing co-operation and use of premises for Association Competitions. Also to all those who have helped in any way with the Competitions and to Youth Leaders for making their premises available.

Miss J. Adams, Miss I. Ashman and Mrs. L. Morgan, judges of the Dressmaking Competition.

Councillor B. Armstrong, Mrs. M. Ross and Miss J. Morgan

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(Miss Gloucester), judges of the Modelling Competition.

Mr. David Walters (Director of Studies); Miss Ann Cambridge and Mr. Tim Healey, Tutors to the "Blueprint for Living" Course.

Miss Pam Tracy for her very willing assistance with Members' Council and other Residential Week-ends.

The Chairman and Honorary Officers who work so hard on behalf of the Association.

And finally to Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Nind and Mrs. Cann for the extra activities they undertake to promote the work of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.

FINANCE

The cost of running the Association still increases as seems inevitable and we are now faced with having to increase the office staff in order to cope with the volume of work requiring attention.

The move into our new premises at 2A St. Aldate Street has proved most successful and everyone agrees it was of prime importance. It will shortly be necessary to have these premises redecorated and it is hoped some of our club members will volunteer to assist in this work.

Since my last report the Society's motor vehicle has had to be replaced at a cost of £262/10/0d, to avoid spending increasing sums on repairs and maintenance.

Once again, as will be seen from the accounts, the Scott County Appeal has succeeded in raising a larger sum of money for this Association topping last year's figure by £50,

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an extremely creditable effort on the part of the indefatigable Mrs. G. O. Nind, our Appeals Secretary, to whom our very grateful thanks are again extended. Covenanted Subscriptions have increased substantially and it is hoped more of our subscribers will agree to this form of adding to the Society's income.

Another most generous Grant of £200 has been made by the Trustees of Smiths Charity. This is used to give financial help to Clubs which are affiliated to our Association and the following are the Clubs which have been granted such assistance during the year under review:—

Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club, Downend, Bristol.

Blakeney Youth Club, Gloucestershire.

Down Ampney Youth Club, near Cirencester, Glos.

The Association has been able from this source of funds to cover the high costs of running various competitions for the benefit of Club members, surely a very worthwhile activity.

In bringing my report to a close, I must stress our indebtedness to Messrs. Kingscott Dix & Co., Chartered Accountants of Gloucester, who as Honorary Auditors have generously once again, undertaken the audit of our accounts.

P. D. A. Lee, Hon. Treasurer.

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We have prepared the above Accounts from the books and information given to us, and in our opinion they are correctly stated and in accordance therewith.

59 Brunswick Road, Gloucester. 26 May, 1968.

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"Granville House", 59 Brunswick Road, Gloucester. 26 May, 1968.

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(with Name and Address of Leader and Nights open)

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63 Regent Street, Gloucester. (Nights open—Friday).

Alveston Youth Club

Jubilee Hall, Alveston, Nr. Bristol. Mr. B. MEDWAY, 18 Oakleaze Road, Thornbury, Glos. (Nights open—Tuesday, Thursday).

Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club

Badminton Road, Downend, Bristol.

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c/o Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club. (Nights open—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

Berkeley Vale Youth Club

Berkeley County Secondary School, Wanswell, Berkeley, Glos.

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Mr. M. D. J. RENSHAW,

c/o The School, Chipping Campden, Glos.

(Nights open-Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

Crossways Club

Church House Youth Centre, 1 Crescent Terrace, Cheltenham, Glos.

Mr. A. K. COOKE.

11 Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, Glos.

(Nights open—Thursday).

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Down Ampney Youth Club

Youth Club Bungalow, Down Ampney, Cirencester, Glos. Mr. W. J. ILLING,

8 Broadleaze, Down Ampney, Cirencester, Glos. (Nights open—Monday, Wednesday).

Dymock Youth Club

Old Railway Station, Dymock, Glos.

Mr. B. EVANS,

Beehive Cottage, Culver Street, Newent, Glos. (Nights open—Monday, Thursday).

Eastington Youth Club

Eastington Methodist Church, Eastington, Stonehouse, Glos. Miss J. E. MELVILLE,

91 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Glos. (Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Friday).

Elmscroft Youth Club

Barnwood Road, Gloucester.

Mr. T. P. MULHOLLAND,

13 Chatsworth Avenue, Grange Road, Gloucester. (Nights open—Tuesday, Thursday).

Elm Tree Youth Club

24 Church Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. Mr. G. DOWNS,

5 Berwick Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. (Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

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Fairford Youth Club

The Youth Centre, High Street, Fairford, Glos.

Mr. R. PARTRIDGE,

c/o The Youth Centre,

(Nights open-Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

Falcon House Youth Club

Northville Youth Centre, 470 Filton Avenue, Northville, Bristol 7.

Mr. NORMAN SANDY,

c/o Youth Centre,

(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Filton Methodist Youth Club

St. Andrew's Youth Centre, Elm Park, Filton, Bristol. Mrs. I. JAMES,

26 Charborough Road, Filton, Bristol.

(Nights open—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

Forthampton & District Youth Club

The Club Rooms, Forthampton Court, Forthampton, Glos. Mr. L. T. BURTON,

Court Cottages, Forthampton, Glos.

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday).

Grosvenor Youth Club

Grosvenor Street Hall, Grosvenor Street, Cheltenham, Glos. Mr. I. WAKEMAN,

16 Purbeck Way, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Glos.

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).

Hanham (Christ Church) Youth Club

Church Road, Hanham, Bristol.

Mr. J. E. SELMAN,

8 Rutland Avenue, Willsbridge, Bristol.

(Nights open-Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday).

Iron Acton Youth Club

New Village Hall, Iron Acton, Glos.

Mr. B. J. ADAMS,

4 Barton Close, Winterbourne, Glos.

(Nights open-Tuesday, Friday).

Leonard Stanley Methodist Youth Club

Leonard Stanley Methodist Church, Leonard Stanley, Stonehouse, Glos.

Miss J. E. MELVILLE,

91 Rylands Road, Stonehouse, Glos.

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday).

Little Stoke Youth Club

Little Stoke Youth Centre, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, Bristol.

Mr. P. CARMEN,

c/o The Youth Centre.

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

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Lower Tuffley Youth Club

Community Centre, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester.

Mr. A. K. RICE,

12 Winchester Drive, Tuffley, Gloucester.

(Nights open-Wednesday, Friday).

Made For Ever Youth Club

Tennis Court Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

Miss J. BALDWIN,

1 Derrick Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Mangotsfield Youth Club

Northcote Road, Mangotsfield, Bristol.

Mr. G. BISHOP.

26 Burley Crest, Downend, Bristol,

(Nights open-Monday, Wednesday, Thursday).

Marshfield Youth Club

Marshfield Youth Centre, High Street, Marshfield, Near Cheltenham.

Mrs. J. LAKE.

138 High Street, Marshfield, Nr. Chippenham, Wilts. (Nights open—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Saturday).

Matson Youth Club

Matson Community Centre, Redwell Road, Matson, Gloucester.

Mr. B. STAIT,

14 St. George's Close, Tuffley, Gloucester.

(Nights open-Monday, Wednesday).

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Minchinhampton Youth Club

The Youth Centre, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton, Glos. The Leader,

c/o The Youth Centre.

(Nights open-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

M.I.A. (Mutual Improvement Association)

177 Barnwood Road, Barnwood, Gloucester. Mr. J. HARTREY, 73 Clapham Court, Gloucester. (Nights open-Monday, Wednesday).

Newent Youth Club

Youth Centre, Ross Road, Newent, Glos.

Mr. A. W. GALE,

c/o The Youth Centre,

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday).

Northlands Youth Centre

Pittville Circus, Cheltenham, Glos.

Mr. E. C. DUMBLETON,

c/o The Youth Centre.

(Nights open-Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

Northway Youth Club

Northway Church Centre, Northway, Nr. Tewkesbury, Glos. Mr. W. R. BLOOMFIELD, The Langetts, Chaceley, Glos. (Nights open-Tuesday, Friday).

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Oldland Youth Club

Lypiatts Farm, Oldland, Bristol.

Mr. P. JORDAN,

80 Westcourt Drive, Oldland Common, Bristol. (Nights open-Sunday, Wednesday, Friday).

Olveston & District Youth Club

Tockington Parish Hall, Tockington, Nr. Bristol.

Mr. J. F. C. LAMB,

Manor Farm, Awkley, Tockington, Nr. Bristol. (Nights open-Thursday).

Parry Hall Youth Club

Parry Road, Gloucester.

Mr. T. BURTON,

19 Hurst Close, Longlevens, Gloucester.

Patchway Youth Club

Coniston Road, Patchway, Bristol.

Mr. J. H. PANTING.

7 Station Road, Patchway, Bristol.

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Pilning Youth Club

New Passage Road, Pilning, Nr. Bristol.

Mr. J. EASTER,

27 Beach Avenue, Severn Beach, Nr. Bristol.

(Nights open-Tuesday Friday).

R.A.F. Innsworth Youth Club

R.A.F. Innsworth, Gloucester.

Sgt. P. McCUTCHEON,

268 Innsworth Lane, Gloucester.

(Nights open-Monday, Thursday).

St. Aldate Youth Club

St. Aldate Church Hall, Finlay Road, Gloucester. Mr. D. MILLS. c/o Youth Club, (Nights open-Wednesday).

St. Briavels Youth Club

The Club Room, St. Briavels, Glos. Mrs. L. JOHNSON, Lower Mesne, St. Briavels, Glos. (Nights open-Wednesday, Friday).

St. Stephen's Youth Club

St. Stephen's Hall, Albany Road, Cheltenham. Miss R. G. ASH, 17 Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. (Nights open-Sunday, Friday).

St. Teresa's Catholic Youth Club

71 Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol. Mr. A. HAWKINS. 10 Braemar Crescent, Bristol 7. (Nights open-Sunday, Monday, Thursday).

Sandycroft Youth Club

Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Glos.

Mr. H. EVANS,

c/o Youth Centre.

(Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Seymour 66 Youth Club

'The Wesley Hall', Seymour Road, Gloucester. Mr. B. R. WILDEN, 68 Bloomfield Road, Gloucester. (Nights open-Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday).

Sodbury Youth Club

Church Hall, Hatters Lane, Chipping Sodbury, Glos. Mr. G. G. WALL, 76 Highworth Crescent, Yate, Nr. Bristol. (Nights open-Tuesday, Wednesday).

Stoke Gifford Youth Club

Poplar Rooms, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Nr. Bristol. Mr. K. R. SIMMONDS. 18 Hambrook Lane, Stoke Gifford, Nr. Bristol. (Nights open-Friday).

Stone Youth Club

The Hall, Stone, Berkeley, Glos. Mr. J. CRESWELL, Court Moat, Stone, Berkeley, Glos. (Nights open-Tuesday).

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Stonehouse Youth Club

Stonehouse Church Hall, Stonehouse, Glos. Mr. J. MARJORAM,

66 High Street, Stonehouse, Glos.

Tetbury Youth Club & Boys' Club
The Youth Centre, Chipping Street, Tetbury, Glos. Mr. C. G. RABBETS, 22 Besbury Park, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos. (Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Thornbury Youth Club

Gillingstool, Thornbury, Glos. Mr. B. MEGSON, c/o The Youth Centre, (Nights open-Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).

Viking Youth Club

The Youth Centre, Stanway Road, Coney Hill, Gloucester. Mr. M. QUILTER, c/o The Youth Centre, (Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

Westfields Youth Centre

Goldsmith Road, Cheltenham. Mr. R. G. JACKSON, c/o Youth Centre, (Nights open-Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

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Whitminster Youth Club

The Village Hall, Whitminster, Glos. Mrs. H. Hudd, Hyde Lane, Whitminster, Glos. (Nights open—Tuesday).

Winchcombe Youth Club

Gretton Road, Winchcombe, Glos. (Nights open-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).

Winterbourne Youth Club

Winterbourne, Glos. Mr. H. B. MAKINS, 19 Pendock Road, Winterbourne, Glos. (Nights open-Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday).

Wotton-under-Edge Youth Club

The Old Grammar School, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. Mr. R. I. S. WHITE, Yewtree Bungalow, Clarence Road, Wotton-under-Edge, (Nights open-Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

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