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Foreword

THIRTY YEARS ON !

1971 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs. The youth movement is now more sophisticated in its organisation and more varied in its activities but it must continue to offer opportunities for experiencing the thrill and excitement that people feel when they are associated in something which they believe to be worthwhile. Amidst massive commercial provision for leisure time entertainment and high incomes (for many) this is not always easy and some of those who are able, will look back with nostalgia on these uncomplicated early days.

THIRTY YEARS ON ! Times have changed and we well understand that second rate club rooms no longer meet the wants of young people. But their needs have not changed, only the means through which they are met. Boys and girls still long to know one another, to feel wanted and to give affection. It still matters to have the respect of fellows. It is still important to push mental and physical powers to their limits and to test the independence of one's thinking in the world of adults. Sadly, a rising crime rate and increasing evidence of violence against persons suggests that too many young people meet their needs by rejecting values and standards which are the very foundations of our society. But let us remember that young people, by their honest challenge, lead society to review its ways of behaving. It is within the framework of the youth movement that an earnest dialogue between young and old can flourish, where the needs of the young are the subject of healthy concern.

THIRTY YEARS ON ! There is still an essential place for the work of this Association. We look for new ways of providing for the powers and the anxieties that are the inevitable part of growing up, of helping in this important task of coming to terms with self and the world. The Association stands for the idea that there is fulfilment when people meet. It believes that there is strength in mutual concern and support in common purpose and activities. It is rooted in the notion that there is virtue in social concern that finds expression through giving - whatever the talents might be.

May I thank all of you who have continued to support this important work, young and old, great and small. I welcome, on your behalf, the Revd Sidney J. Riggs, our new Organising Secretary/Training Officer. His task is demanding but we are fortunate to have him and I know that under his guidance we can feel assured that the resources of the Association will grow and that they will be directed advisedly to the benefit of the young and the society of which they are a part.

A.D. Mentz.

Chairman.

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Members' Council

After election in December 1970, the Officers of the Members' Council met to organise the activities of the February residential week-end at Cowley Manor. These included a girls v boys football match in a snow blizzard, a treasure hunt, a discotheque and many interesting discussions on various topics.

In March, Rita Talvar, Andrew Sullivan and I had the fantastic honour of attending the National Association's Diamond Jubilee Conference at Nottingham University. It really was a week-end to remember, with meetings, discussions and friendly chats with other members from as far away as Scotland and Northern Ireland, and a Dance on Saturday night with a Group and Disco at the Lakeside Pavilion.

In June, the Members' Council enjoyed another residential week-end at Cowley Manor, participating in outdoor activities such as canoeing, archery, swimming and tennis. We also included in the programme a treasure hunt, a discotheque and invited Mr. K. David, the Organiser for the Gloucestershire Association for Family Life to come and talk on "Personal Relationships" and show the film "Teenage Marriage". The week-end concluded with the usual Formal Meeting of the Members' Council, when members are encouraged to air their views.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to those who staff the week-ends and to all those who contribute in any way to make these Courses so enjoyable.

David Greatrix
Chairman - Gloucestershire
Members' Council.

Club Week 1970

Twelve Clubs again participated in National Club Week, raising a total of approximately £540.

Of this amount 70% is retained by the Club for its own benefit, the remaining 30% is equally divided between the local Association and the National Association of Youth Clubs. Congratulations to Berkeley Vale Youth Club who collected the largest sum of money i.e. £200. Congratulations also to Mangotsfield Methodist Youth Club, who collected the highest amount per member i.e. £1.45. Both Clubs will receive recognition of their achievements at the Annual General Meeting 1971.

The Association would like to thank all Club Leaders and members who supported this event, and the general public who donated so generously.

Annual General Meeting

A large gathering of Leaders, members and friends attended the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Association, at St. Mary's College, Cheltenham, on the 27th June, 1970. Mr A.D. Mentz, Chairman of the Association, was pleased to welcome to the meeting Miss M.E. Miles and Lt. Col. P.B. Carroll, Vice-Presidents of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs. He also welcomed Mr. L.A. Webber, Mayor of Tewkesbury; Councillor D.H.J. Martin, Deputy Mayor of Cheltenham and Alderman A.G. Seal, Sheriff of Gloucester. Lt. Col. P.B. Carroll then took the Chair and conducted the formal business of the meeting after which he invited Councillor Martin Jones and Mr L.A. Webber to present the various Sports Trophies, Badges and Certificates.

Nottingham Conference

The National Leaders' Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday morning, 20th March, 1971 and Mr. Scott was re-elected Chairman. During the afternoon the Conference was formally opened by the Sheriff of Nottingham and shortly afterwards Lord Balstead M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, gave the first lecture on the Youth Service in 1971. Unfortunately, he was unable to give much information on the position of the Youth Service and the state of its finances as regards the present Bill before Parliament - though this was, in fact, to be the main topic of the week-end. Useful group discussion then preceded the initial Debate on Conference Resolutions, the first being "In 1971 is there still a need for Youth Clubs, or have they had their day?". The majority agreed that there was still a very real need.

On the Sunday morning, the second Debate took place with representatives from the B.B.C's "Nationwide" team present. Confusion and uproar followed the Resolutions that (1) "This Conference in asserting its belief that young people should be more involved at the decision-making level, asks the National Members' Council to investigate methods of attracting more young people to stand as candidates for the Executive" and (2) "Members' Council should cease to be". The Chairman had considerable difficulty in bringing the Debate to a lunch time close.

In the afternoon the last Resolution that "the N.A.Y.C. should maintain a constant exchange with the National Association of Boys' Clubs to assist local Associations of Youth Clubs and Boys' Clubs who wish to amalgamate in the interests of the young people of their area" had to be rushed through due to the shortage of time and again no firm decision was reached.

On the whole the week-end was a success though it was a pity that the Conference members were split into two groups for accommodation purposes and that there was only one group discussion session during the entire week-end.

Judy Shackleton
Assistant Leader
Viking Youth Club, Gloucester.

NATIONAL VIEWPOINT.....

The year under review has not been an easy period for Youth Service generally. Added to the perennial dilemma confronting voluntary agencies particularly of meeting increasing demands with decreasing resources, has been the uncertainties which inevitably result from a change of government. A shift of emphasis, if not policy, was to be expected from a new administration, but few I think could have forecast that the concept of an integrated youth and community service, as advocated in the Youth Service Development Council's Report of 1969 ("Youth & Community Work in the 70's") would be so summarily rejected. Though it must be admitted that there was a great deal of apprehension about the implications of the new proposals, particularly with regard to the future of "the youth Club", the Report did initiate a great deal of "radical self-assessment" within the Youth Service. NAYC was no exception in this respect and its Council has now agreed in principle to adopt a new policy for the future development of the Association. Methods for implementing this policy are now being considered. Most Local Associations too have been involved in reviewing roles and functions, as a result of which one County Organisation, in particular, has already undertaken quite considerable re-organisation.

Against this background of uncertainty about the future and with ever rising costs making further inroads into already slender resources, many Local Associations have been fully extended in maintaining existing services to club groups. It is to the great credit of the staffs and committees of many of them, Gloucestershire included, that action over current problems affecting young people generally and many experimental projects have been supported and in some cases pioneered by Local Associations. Such projects include training courses and counselling services for young adults; nature conservation projects, work with physically handicapped young people (PHAB) and young immigrants.

NAYC is also involved at this time in initiating consultation and action over the current high rate of unemployment amongst young people. It is hoped that at least these efforts will help focus attention on the problems and to support and encourage young people in this difficult situation.

The need for involvement by Local Associations in the fields of work described, varies considerably from area to area and a pressing need in one locality can be low on the list of priorities for another. Also an Association's ability to adopt new roles and re-organise to accommodate them depends very largely on prevailing local conditions; like the policy of the local Education Authorities concerned, for instance.

However, for the immediate future anyway, it would seem that there are at least two areas in which there is a definite need for this Association to be involved. To what degree and which takes priority depends entirely on local situations but firstly because it is evident that Youth Clubs will continue to meet a very real need, particularly for the under 17's, and in view of the fact that administratively Youth Service is to remain as a separate entity, most Local Associations will continue to operate as servicing agencies to youth groups. Of course services offered may need to alter to meet changing needs and to avoid duplicating those offered by other agencies.

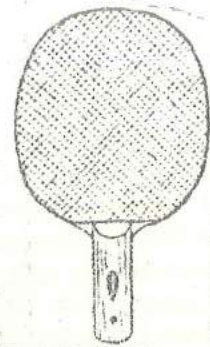
Secondly NAYC both nationally, and locally, still needs to be involved in dealing with current problems affecting all young people.

Finally, because of this Association's record over its sixty years of existence and because present activities indicate its direct involvement with young people, both in and out of club groups, it is hoped that the necessary finances to enable it to play a full vital part in the youth service of the future will be forthcoming. To this end, the success of the Diamond Jubilee Year Appeal being undertaken by most Local Associations is of the utmost importance.

B.W. Elliot - Liaison Officer,
National Association of Youth Clubs

EDINBURGH 1971

Many passers-by stopped to stare at the excited group of young people standing in the Cheltenham Promenade on the night of Friday, 28th May, who were proudly bearing the Gloucestershire banner which would later be carried on to the Meadowbank Stadium by Martin Mortimer of Parklands Youth Club. What they could not see were the high hopes of the Table Tennis team (who were representing the South West Region) of bringing back the coveted Trophy.



At last the coach! When Julie Mortimer, Margaret Minnock, Ken Savage and Martin (all of Parklands Youth Club) climbed aboard to join Richard Gordy of Winterbourne Youth Centre, the Gloucestershire team was complete. Also on the coach were those charming girls from Taunton, the South West Region Netball champions. Off to Hereford for the South West Region 5-a-side Football team, then to Stoke-on-Trent for the Midlands Region Netball champions. Northward bound, through the night, to Edinburgh, arriving a couple of hours before the "March On" at the Opening of the Games.

Every Region taking part in the Games was represented by three teams, table tennis, netball and 5-a-side football. Scotland lead the way, followed by the North West. Fortunately the South West, being in about fifth position, formed up on the Arena immediately in front of the dias and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh who performed the Opening Ceremony.

As we stood in the stadium our thoughts returned to the Commonwealth Games and to those great Commonwealth athletes who had stood there before us. My own particular thoughts were of Lillian Board, whom we were intending to invite to become our President before her tragic death.



Sunday morning saw us back at the Stadium ready for the task ahead. We found we had been drawn against Northern Ireland whom we beat decidedly, the girls winning four of the five games, to win a place in the semi-finals against Nottingham. Unfortunately, they were in top form against us, winning 7-2, our girls winning the only two games. Nottingham were, in turn, beaten 9-1 by London.

I still regret not having contacted the North West team, who were the other losing semi-finalists, to play off an unofficial decider for third and fourth places.

Time would not allow another "March On" or an official closing of the Games, the finals being the Folk Concert held at the Stadium, after which we boarded the coach for the long journey home.

I must pay tribute to Mr. Ron Gangrave and the hard working National staff, who must be commended for the organisation and for the way in which they dealt with the many trials and tribulations which are bound to occur in tournaments of such magnitude, involving contestants from overseas as well as the British Isles.

P. Hartnell

LEADER - Parklands Youth Club,
Cheltenham.



St. James's Palace.



Local Associations from all over the country were represented at a RECEPTION held at St. James's Palace, last November, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen Mother, to inaugurate the Diamond Jubilee Year of the National Association of Youth Clubs, prior to a nation wide fund raising campaign.

Representatives from the Gloucestershire Association included Club Leaders, accompanied by their wives, Club members and staff. Mrs. G.O. Mind (Appeal Secretary) as the longest serving member of the staff was privileged to have the honour of being presented to Her Majesty The Queen Mother who showed great interest in the work being done by the Association.

It was an exciting occasion; a day to be remembered by all who attended.

PHAB HOLLAND Jane Lewis.

On Saturday 12th June, thirty four people from different parts of the country, both handicapped and able bodied, and aged between eighteen and twenty five, set off from London for Holland via Harwich. Probably most people were half regretting the decision to go to a strange land among unfamiliar people as we set off, crowded into two Landrovers and an old ambulance, the 'Mary Lou'.

PHAB Holland

From Harwich we sailed to the Hook of Holland. On board, the handicapped used lifts, but a few ceremoniously held up cars being driven on board whilst they were taken off the ship again and on along the gangplank. The party was soon busy buying cards and souvenirs and gradually people who had not travelled in the same vehicle became acquainted.

Having arrived at the Hook about 6.30a.m., the vehicles were unloaded and there was time to gaze at the conglomeration of loading bays, cranes, docks and sheds, looking much like Harwich. We then started the journey; on the wrong side of the road, of course, but since the natives appeared to be making the same error, we sped on via Rotterdam. I had always associated tulips and windmills with the Dutch, but lamentably this was not one of the tulip growing regions, and although there was an abundance of windmills, they remained immobile.

We arrived in Arnhem about 10.15a.m., and found the centre - six pyramids, and two storeys high. As it was on land reclaimed from the sea, swimming, and boating were among the available facilities.

The weather during our stay was alarmingly reminiscent of our climatic conditions, there being rain or a strong wind much of the time.

However, despite the rain we were able to make the planned trips to the towns of Middelburg, Breda and Veer and visited the new Delta works - one of Holland's many dykes.

During the evenings, young Dutch people from a local youth club visited the centre several times and once a group came to demonstrate traditional Dutch folk dance. This turned into a folk dance evening with party members participating; Dutch women also visited the centre and their magnificent costumes were admired by all.

A concert, including sketches and competitions was prepared for another evening. The whole performance was recorded on video-tape and played back later, much to everyone's amusement.

Probably dinner out at Veerè was a memorable event for many. Brave souls tried the local Wiener Schnitzel whilst the less adventurous ones had chicken.

The week passed very quickly but the time was used well in becoming acquainted. After clearing up on Sunday 20th June, we started the homeward journey.

After enjoying or enduring a force seven gale, we arrived back in London at noon on the Monday, some to return to work, whilst others had a longer holiday. I am sure that the week in Holland had given everyone something to remember.

Candlelight Carol Service

Gloucester Cathedral was again filled to capacity on the occasion of the seventh Annual Carol Service arranged jointly with the Diocesan Youth Committee. The Diocesan Youth Chaplain the Revd R. Grey delivered the Christmas Message and some of the Lessons were read by Youth Club members. Members of the Association's Young Adult Group composed and sang "Follow Me" accompanied by their own guitar playing. Mr Tony Hewitt-Jones again conducted the Gloucester Christmas Orchestra and the singing was led by the Choir of Longlevens Parish Church. During the reading of the final lesson, by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the lights were extinguished and members of the congregation held lighted tapers. A collection was made and the proceeds divided between the Association's work with physically handicapped young people and the Cathedral charities. The G.A.Y.C. is grateful to all who contributed in any way to make the occasion such a memorable one.

QUIZ

THE RIDDLED ROAD

Following our success in the 1970 NAYC QUIZ FINAL, we again embarked along that road riddled with questions.

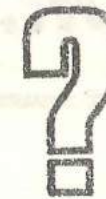
This year the team comprised of Kevin Hunt, Julian Denis, John Bryant and Neil Havard, the latter two being new pilgrims.

The first trial, the County Finals, was as nerve-racking as ever; all trying to remember the useless pieces of information required to answer questions e.g., "name the fourteen Plantagenet Kings in chronological order", with the opposing team always looking the best at answering. We did however, manage to supply sufficient answers to win this.

Next, the second leg of the journey - the South West Regional Finals - "We won!".

Thus setting on the final lap to NAYC Headquarters in London when the journey proved one of the most difficult parts of the day with everyone nervous. We encountered Cumberland and Scotland, whom we managed to defeat and Sussex who, unfortunately, beat us. They went on to meet Northern Ireland who subsequently won the Competition.

The Contest between these two teams proved to be the most relaxing part of the day for those of us no longer in the competition.



KEVIN HUNT

St. Stephen's Youth Club,
Cheltenham.

Phab '71....

"A VERY ENJOYABLE WEEK"

After a PHAB Course in another part of the country, which turned out to be rather too much of a good thing, I thought "never again". But I was tempted to join the Gloucestershire Course and I'll come again until I am too old to come.

The thing I liked about the Course was that there were more younger able-bodied. This makes for a better understanding of the handicapped young person's central problem: that he or she is not simply a lump of stone in a chair, but a normal person who has to sit in a chair all the time.

The other thing I liked about PHAB is that no-one stares at you; you all help one another. The able-bodied showed a great deal of concern for us, but I noticed that they tended to ask among themselves what a physically handicapped person needed, instead of asking us (who are handicapped) directly. Of course I know that because of speech difficulties this is not always possible, but I would like to be treated as a normal person and I think this goes for all handicapped people.

One of the advantages of the Course is that Ullenwood Manor, near Cheltenham, is designed for the handicapped and this special environment tends to put both the physically handicapped and the able-bodied at ease from the outset - even during that first awful hour when everybody is too shy to speak.

I love Courses such as these: everyone is young and eager to sort out any problem that might arise amid the week's fun and laughter.

MARY FLOYD
Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Phab '71....

Phab '71—

On Friday 23rd July, 1971, approximately 30 young people travelled to Ullenwood Manor, near Cheltenham, from various parts of the country to attend the PHAB Course organised by the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.

My sixth PHAB Course, but each time it has been exciting to pack and to travel to find new friends and learn a great deal of oneself and of others. "What to expect" new people to PHAB ask; there is no answer, each Course is so completely different, depending on the personalities of the people attending and the Course Leader and supporting staff.

1971 PHAB Course at Ullenwood Manor was no exception, old friends were greeted with hugs and screams, new ones acknowledged. The first day everyone was feeling their way, but soon it was hard to realise that some people you had met for the first time.

The Workshop Groups i.e., Drama, Field Studies and Art, helped to bring people in a mood of "togetherness" with a common interest. The tutors were young and held groups together extremely well. During the week, we visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park and visited many places of interest throughout Gloucestershire, places we might never, otherwise, have cause to visit at all.

By the end of the week people had got to know each other well and all too soon it came to an end. Late nights and early mornings; everyone was tired, but you never seem to notice tiredness when you are happy and contented, you just keep going.

All good things must come to an end and PHAB Courses are no exception; everyone leaves with memories lingering for a long while, and in some cases never to be forgotten, faces, events, etc.,

Each Course gives something: 1972 is not so far away.

JENNIFER HASKER
Stoke Gifford Youth Club,
Gloucestershire.

Phab'71.....

More than thirty young people, some physically handicapped, some able-bodied (including one student from France) set out for Ullenwood Manor, near Cheltenham on 23rd July, 1971. This was the beginning of a Summer School called "PHAB" and for seven days we enjoyed being together, making friends and learning about each other's problems and difficulties.

An early start was made on the Saturday morning. Prayers followed breakfast; we then had a choice of Workshop Activities, i.e., Field Studies, Drama and Art/Craft, the idea being to work towards a Exhibition for the "At Home" later in the week.

I joined the Field Studies Group and we decided to do a project of the lake in the grounds of Ullenwood Manor. We collected creatures and insects, leaves and grasses, from in and around the lake. The Art/Craft group created a selection of birds by various forms of art and design and the Drama group produced two plays, the main one being "Robin Hood".

We were kept very busy during the week participating in canoeing, archery, shooting, horse-riding at Upton St. Leonards and swimming at Oak Bank School, Tuffley, Gloucester.

Some of the "highlights" of the week, included a Folk evening when three separate groups entertained; a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water and a demonstration of Morris Dancing; a visit to Stow-on-the-Wold Youth Club when we were entertained to a buffet supper and enjoyed dancing with the Club members; a visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford; a football match, arranged by me, although I am unable to announce the final score, as I was sent off for chasing the girls (not fair). We also visited the Carnival in Gloucester Park to support Tuffley Youth Club in their unsuccessful attempt to win "It's A Knockout". The Army Youth Team spent a lot of the week with us and provided a very successful Barbecue in the grounds of the Manor. On our last evening, we were "At Home" to more than 100 guests, including civic dignitaries from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury.

On Friday it was time to say "good-bye" for another long year and there were many tearful eyes. If everyone had their way PHAB Courses would happen fifty-two weeks of the year and that is to say it was

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RICHARD KNIGHT

St. Stephen's Youth Club,
Cheltenham.

REGIONAL FINALS

Once every seven years the Gloucestershire Association becomes Host County to organise the Finals of the South West Region of the National Association of Youth Clubs' Sports Competitions. The finalists of these competitions then represent the South West Region at the NATIONAL Contests and this year five-a-side football, netball and table tennis were held at the Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh, and the Quiz at Devonshire Street House, London.

Regional Finals

The Regional Finals were held at Filton High School, Gloucester on Saturday, 17th April. Our luck was in, it was a lovely sunny day; the rooms had been prepared; two hundred questions were ready for the Quiz; the referees, umpires and judges all arranged and a staff of 40 G.A.Y.C. Leaders and assistants ready to supervise the competitions. The catering staff had arranged food for the expected 400 people from as far away as Cornwall. The teams started to arrive at mid-day and all taking part were present for the great "kick-off".

The events ran quite smoothly with Gloucestershire going well in the Quiz and Table Tennis, and holding its own in Netball and 5-a-side Football. The standard of play was high and great interest was shown by the spectators. A reporter from Radio Bristol was kept busy broadcasting results as the games proceeded. Hereford won the finals of the 5-a-side; Somerset the Netball and Gloucestershire retained the Quiz and Table Tennis, the latter contest against Wiltshire being a "cliff-hanger". Gloucestershire led 4-3 with the last girls' singles to play and after a hard fought game Gloucester lost making the score 4-4. The result now relied on the doubles game; excitement grew as the game was played, the score reached 20-20, then deuce four times, before Gloucestershire got the break and won the game and we were all able to breathe once again!

This was a wonderful ending to an exhausting and exciting day.

K. Simmonds.

CHAIRMAN - Activities Committee.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Miss Heather Cann, a member of St. Stephen's Youth Club, Cheltenham, on winning the Finals of the Senior Section of the DRESSMAKING and MODELLING Competition organised by the National Association of Youth Clubs in July, 1970.

Heather received a Singer Sewing Machine as her prize for this achievement and also won the SINGER PLAQUE for obtaining the highest overall marks in the entire competition, which covered the whole of the British Isles. Well done Heather.

Leaders' Meeting

attended under the chairmanship of Mr J. Panting, Patchway Youth Club.

Meetings for leaders, or representatives of affiliated clubs in the South of the county have been held regularly and increasingly well.

The Association Wishes To Thank....

The President, Mr. Peter Scott; the Vice-Presidents; the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Kingscott, Dix & Co., the Honorary Solicitor, Mr. G.H. Turner, past members of the Executive Committee, 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, particularly those who have found it possible to covenant their subscriptions.

The Gloucestershire County Council; Gloucester City Council and the Cheltenham Borough Council, for their co-operation and services given.

The National Association of Youth Clubs for their practical help and guidance.

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

The Wardens of the County Conference Houses, the Principal of St. Mary's College and the Chief Executive Officer and staff of the Star Centre for Youth, Ullenwood Manor, Cheltenham, for the excellent facilities provided throughout the year for the various Courses and Conferences.

Many others who give their time and energies to make voluntary service a practicality.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are reviewing a difficult year in which expenditure ran ahead of income - all Associations are finding fund raising increasingly difficult and it appears obvious that we must look to the local authorities for continuing and increasing assistance if work in the youth field is to progress along desirable lines.

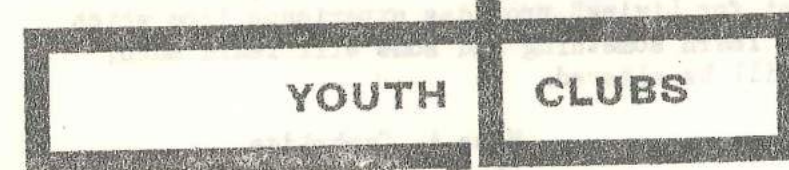
We are, of course, grateful to all concerned with the Scott Appeal which continues to produce the substantial funds recorded in the accounts - without this source we should, indeed, be in a sad situation.

Turning to the year ahead, we shall have to exercise the strictest economies if our work is to expand and if our Clubs are to receive the sort of guidance and assistance that is so desirable; all this is very much in the minds of the officers of the Association and will be the basis of future policy.

I would like to record my appreciation of the helpful work carried out by our auditors, Messrs. Kingscott, Dix & Co., in presenting the accounts.

H.F.A. May.

HON. TREASURER.



FUTURE EVENT.....

Blueprint for Living?

There isn't one! Every individual is different. He works, plays, behaves and expresses his beliefs differently. His language, religion, marriage customs and colour may be different. Yet all live together. Live is the important word. In this fast changing machine dominated society we can exist but we ought to live. The Course seeks to provide the opportunity to form a personal "blueprint". It aims to increase understanding of differences, problems and behaviours of ourselves and others so that happiness is possible, tolerance grows and we can really live. Many people are content to exist, to let others find the blueprint, to say "let them find out about me". They are content to take - to let others give, explore and learn from experience. What about you ?

"Blueprint for Living" is a Course designed to take place over four week-ends during a period of about six months. It creates conditions in which groups of young people increase their knowledge of themselves and others, the various circumstances under which people live, the influences which are at work upon them and the influence which they can have on the happiness or otherwise of life in general. "Blueprint for Living" provides experience from which many will learn something and some will learn much, but all will be altered.

Miss A. Cambridge
Director of Studies -
"BLUEPRINT FOR LIVING" Course.

CLUB NEWS....



Westfields

The principal concern of WESTFIELDS is to develop a strong social awareness and sense of communal responsibility. This is achieved through a wide variety of leisure time activities and a great deal of involvement with the community at large. The past year has shown an increased enthusiasm among members and the experimental openings on alternate Sunday afternoons has proved so successful that it is hoped, next year, to extend this arrangement weekly. The Junior Club continues to thrive and expand.

Club members have enjoyed participating in competitions and the 5-a-side Football team won the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs competition at County level and represented them in the South West Regional Finals.

Rosemary G. Ash
LEADER.

Winchcombe

The headlines in the local paper which stated "WINCHCOMBE YOUTH CLUB - BURSTING AT THE SEAMS" did not exaggerate. The increase in membership and activities over the past year has outgrown the limits of the present building. So much so that our Folk Club has to meet in a local cafe. In the last year we have managed to raise in the region of £600 to install floodlighting at the rear of the premises, in order to be able to increase activities.

The recent activities of the Club have been many and varied, ranging from football to fashion and from records to riding, together with special courses on such things as "The History of Pop Music" and "Steering clear of the Law" (the latter being for motor cyclists and not Bank robbers!)

Once again it has been good to see the number of adults who have been willing to help the youngsters. This help has been given, not only on special occasions such as a Night Hike, but also in the regular tasks of running the Coffee Bar etc.,

Within the wider community the members have organised the "Shelter" collections, have become "young conservationists", etc.; Most of the local organisations and charities have benefitted through the "Winchcombe Walk" - another event organised by the Club in order to help the local community.

S.J. Powell
LEADER.

FORTHAMPTON

The CLUB continues to run very successfully with its many activities of Bingo, Discotheques, films and fund-raising efforts, which have included a Cheese/Wine Party, a Club Fayre and a Tramps Supper. A Coffee Bar is always available and cooked meals provided by members at Club evenings. Regular Committee meetings are held by the members to discuss the Club programme which has already included a Day Conference, in May, on "Mutual Understanding - Working with Young People" and a young peoples' Service in Forthampton Church taken by the Revd Sidney J. Riggs, with members reading the Lessons and taking Prayers. The Club members have also taken part in a Night Operation involving map and compass work, finishing fifth in the competition, and entered the 5-a-side Football and Table Tennis competitions organised by G.A.Y.C.

Club members also attended the Members' Council week-end at Cowley Manor and the Leader was pleased to accept an invitation to look-in on the Course. For the future, there is an up and coming Drama Group which hopes to put on a Variety Show in the autumn.

The Leader was privileged to attend the Diamond Jubilee Reception at St. James' Palace, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen Mother in November 1970 along with other representatives from the Association.

L.T. Barton
LEADER

Berkeley Vale

It has been another quite successful year at Berkeley Vale. Membership has tended to fall back a little in favour of a looser attachment as a visitor. Nightly attendance in the senior section of the Club has increased by about 50% on the previous year, caused possibly by the re-arrangement of age groupings at the start of the year. The senior section now caters for the 14-24 age group; the junior section for the 12-15. Both are completely independent sections with their own Members' Committees to manage the day-to-day affairs.

Ties with the G.A.Y.C. continue to be strong with members taking part in many of the Members' Council and Young Adult Group week-ends, competitions and activities. The Club were pleased to provide players for the N.A.Y.C. Football Cup Competition and on one occasion the Captain of the G.A.Y.C. team, even though we were defeated by a better team.

Club Week in the "Vale" was, once again, most successful when members raised over £200, some of it being returned to the community from which it came, at Christmas 1970, when members distributed parcels to the elderly citizens.

Club members, working in shifts, completely re-decorated the Youth Club last December and the result was a credit to all concerned.

It is hoped that the Club will acquire, during the coming year, a 15 seater transit, the culmination of many hours of fund-raising and many meetings discussing the pro's and con's. This will enable Berkeley Vale to become more involved with other Clubs throughout the Association.

R.F. Tims
LEADER.

Parklands

During the last year we have changed premises from the Community Centre, Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, to the former Civil Defence Post, Central Cross Drive, Pittville Park, Cheltenham, thus taking Parklands into the Park area.

Much hard work was involved both before and after the acquisition of the building which had to be completely re-decorated, re-wired and the roof renovated. Much help was proffered by a local Councillor and several of the local Industries, the greatest gift being that of the roofing materials. The re-decoration was accomplished by Leaders and members, most of the decorating materials being donated by parents and members.

The Club was officially opened by the Mayor, on March 24th, 1971; attending were many local dignitaries, local councillors, members and parents.

In spite of all the work involved, Club activities were not seriously interrupted. Table Tennis-wise our members still managed to become G.A.Y.C. Ladies County Champion, Runner-up and Mens Champion. Unfortunately, our table tennis coach, Bill Ray, died during this period. We raised the necessary cash to obtain two Memorial Trophies, one of which is played for within the Club, the other being for invited players from Youth Groups playing in the Cheltenham League. Once again our girls dominated the competition for the Open Trophy, Julie Mortimer beating Margaret Minnock in the final.

Our trip to Edinburgh for the National Finals of the Table Tennis, is covered elsewhere in this Report.

We look forward to 1972 with enthusiasm and confidence, in the knowledge that the friendly atmosphere and companionship of our Club will continue to flourish.

P. Hartnell
LEADER.

Longdon

CLUB activities have been well supported throughout the year. We have taken part in table-tennis, netball and five-a-side football competitions run by the G.A.Y.C.

A visit to Newent Youth Club for a friendly game of netball and 5-a-side football was followed by a Church Service, organised by the young people on the theme "Good News".

The Club is certainly making good use of its recent extension; members are now able to enjoy oil painting, poster making, lamp shade making, disco' and party evenings. There is always a great deal of interest in the programmes a ranged for us by Mr. Donald Jones, the Gloucestershire Training Officer, which cover a variety of subjects.

Steven White

(Leader's Secretary)



Y.A.G.

In an attempt to encourage a fuller participation of young adults in the work of the Association and in the field of Youth & Community work, the Association has formed a Young Adult Group which is self programming and independent. The Association gave the Young Adult Group £50 in order that it should become a viable organisation within the County. It is proposed that further Young Adult Groups will be formed within the County and the Association is encouraging recruitment for this work.

The idea behind the formation of the Young Adult Group is to encourage young adults from within the Club setting to find a relevant organisation suited to their age and mobility. The Association is pioneering this work and intends during the coming year to give further support to this vital piece of work which is very much in keeping with the recent publication "The Active Society".





GAYC

Offers help to clubs.
Organises — courses,
competitions, and
training for young
people.



AFFILIATED CLUBS 1971

ALVESTON Youth Club
Jubilee Hall, Alveston, Bristol.

Mr. J.A. Nicholas,
30 Bennetts Tree Crescent, Alveston.
Tuesday, Thursday.

BADMINGTON Rd. METHODIST Youth Club,
Badminton Rd. Downend, Bristol. Tel. 658412

Mr. R.C. Wood.
Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs. Fri.

BERKELEY VALE Youth Club

Berkeley County Secondary School,
Wanswell, Berkeley, Glos. Tel. Sharpness 130
(evenings)

Mr. R.F. Tins,
19 Station Road, Berkeley, Glos.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs.

BROCKWORTH Youth Club, Tel. 67196
Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester.

Mr. D. Jarrett,
Pearcroft Bungalow, Aston Fields,
Ashchurch, Glos. Tel. Bredon 596

CITY Youth Club, Tel: 21904
Old Drill Hall, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

Mr. D.C. Brooks.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

DOWN AMPNEY Youth Club,

Youth Club Bungalow, Down-ampney,
Cirencester, Glos.

Mr. W.J. Illing,

8 Broadheaze, Down-ampney, Cirencester.

(temporary closure)

DOWNEND BAPTIST Youth Club

Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol. Tel. 654436

Mr. A. Drew,

82 Fairlyn Drive, Kingswood, Bristol.

Tel. 650698

Sunday, Monday, Friday.

DURSLEY Youth Club,

Parsonage Street, Dursley, Glos. Tel. 3428

Miss K.S. Corhead,

27, Silver Street,

Dursley, Glos. Mon. Tues. Wed. Friday.

ELM TREE Youth Club

24, Church Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham.

Tel. B. Cleeve 2074

Mr. G. Downs,

5, Berwick Road, Bishops Cleeve, Chelt.

Mon. Tuesday, Wed. Thurs. Friday.

Mr. D.C. Brooks.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

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FORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB
The Club Rooms, FORTHAMPTON, GLOS.

Mr. L.T. Burton,
Court Cottages, FORTHAMPTON, GLOS.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.

FRONTSIDE Youth Club
Watleys End Road, Winterbourne, Bristol.
Tel. Winterbourne 8920

Mr. M. Haslin,
55 Hatherley, Stanshaw Estate, Yatton.
Monday, Tues. Wed. Thurs. Friday.

GROSVENOR YOUTH CLUB
Grosvenor Street, Cheltenham. Tel. 23786

Mr. I.S. Wakeman,
16, Furbeck Way, Prestbury, Cheltenham.
Tel. Prestbury 7494
Mon. Tues. Thurs. Friday.

JEANAGERS Youth Club
Spring Hill, Nailsworth, GLOS.

Mr. B. Lunn,
18 Worley Ridge, Nailsworth, GLOS.
Monday, Thursday.

LITTLE STOKE YOUTH CENTRE,
Little Stoke, Bristol. Tel. 693014

Mr. P. Carman
Sunday, Mon. Tues. Wed. Thursday.

MINCHINGHAMPTON Youth Club
Tobaccoist Road, Minchinhampton, GLOS.
Tel. Brimscombe 2479

Mr. R.J. Catherall,
"Spinnery", South Woodchester, GLOS.
Tel. Amberley 2291
Sunday, Tuesday, Wed. Friday.

NEWENT Youth Club
The Youth Centre, Rose Road, Newent, GLOS.
Tel. Newent 629

Mr. A.W. Gale,
Monday, Tuesday, Thurs. Friday.

NORTHLANDS Youth Centre
Pittville Circus, Cheltenham. Tel. 23233

Mr. D.P. Cooke
Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Friday.

NORTHWAY Youth Club
Northway Youth Centre, Northway, Ashchurch,
GLOS.

Mr. R. Tolman,
Cedar Bank, Queenhill, Upton-on-Severn,
Worce. Tel. Upton-on-Severn 2522
Tues. Wed. Thurs. Friday.

OLVESTON & DISTRICT Youth Club
Tockington Parish Hall, Tockington, Bristol.

Mr. J. Lamb,
Manor Farm, Awkley, Bristol. Tel:
Almondsbury 2105
Thursday.

LONDON Youth Club
Hillworth Lodge, London, GLOS.

Mr. L.T. Burton,
Court Cottages, FORTHAMPTON, GLOS.

LONGLEEVES Youth Club
The Youth Centre, Church Road, Longleaves,
Gloucester. Tel. 21241

Mr. F. Fox,
19 Chosen Drive, Churchdown, GLOS.
Tel. Churchdown 2895
Monday, Wednesday.

MADE FOR EVER Youth Club
Tennis Court Road, Kingswood, Bristol.
Tel. 672245

Mr. B. Fussell,
148 Sundridge Park, Yatton, Bristol.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MANGOTSFIELD METHODIST Youth Club
Windsor Place, Mangotsfield, Bristol.
Tel. 650800

Mr. G. Bishop,
26 Burley Crest, Downend, Bristol.
Tel. 657496

MATSON Youth Club
Matson Lane, Gloucester. Tel. 29683

Mr. M. Massey
Monday, Tues. Wed. Thurs. Friday

PARKLANDS Youth Club
Central Cross Drive, Pittville Lawn,
Cheltenham.

Mr. P. Hartnell,
59, Ladysmith Road, Priors Estate, Chelt.
Mon. Tues. Wed. Thursday, Friday.

PARRY HALL Youth Club
Parry Road, Gloucester. Tel. 21984

Mr. T.M. Burton,
19 Hirst Close, Longleaves, Gloucester.

PATCHWAY Youth Club
Cocinston Road, Patchway, Bristol.
Tel. 692883

Mr. J.E. Panting,
7 Station Road, Patchway, Bristol.
Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thursday.

ROUBURGH HOUSE Youth Club
Nelson Street, Stroud, GLOS. Tel. 3993

Mr. E. Fellows,
Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

ST. ANDREWS SENIOR Youth Club
Elm Park, Filton, Bristol. Tel. 691938

Mr. T. A. Cook,
44 Cecil Avenue, St. George, Bristol.
Tel. 557933

Sunday, Tuesday, Friday.

ST. LUKE'S Youth Club
St. Luke's Hall, St. Luke's Place,
Cheltenham

Rev'd R.J. Llewellyn,
Glebe House, 4, Charlton Street,
Cheltenham. Tel. 57243
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday.

ST. STEPHEN'S Youth Club

St. Stephen's Church Hall, Albany Road,
Cheltenham.

Leadership - temporarily vacant.

Chairman: Mr. M. Mavard,
104 Brooklyn Gardens, Chelt.
Friday.

STOKE GIFFORD Youth Club
Poplar Rooms, Stokes Gifford, Bristol.

Mr. K.R. Simmonds,
18 Hambrook Lane, Stoke Gifford, Bristol.
Tel. Bristol 691782
Friday.

THORNBURY Youth Club

Bath Road, Gillingstool, Thornbury Glos.
Tel. " 2613

Mr. C. Lambert,

Victoria House, 5 High Street, Thornbury.
Tel. 2172

THE SEYMOUR 66 YOUTH CENTRE (66 Star)
Seymour Road, Gloucester. Tel.27073

Mr. B.R. Willden,
Stonysfell, 124 Oxstalls Way, Longlevens
Gloucester. Tel.25830
Mon.Tues.Wed.Thurs.Friday.

TUFFLEY YOUTH CLUB

Windsor Drive, Tuffley, Gloucester.

Mr. A.K. Rice,

12 Winchester Drive, Tuffley, Gloucester.
Tel. 23928
Tuesday, Thursday.

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC Youth Club

71 Gloucester Road North, Pilton, Bristol.

Mr. A. Palmer,

19, Pilton Grove, Horfield, Bristol.
Tel. Bristol 43977

Sun. Mon. Thursday.

VIKING Youth Club

Stanway Road, Coney Hill, Gloucester.
Tel. 28363

Mr. M. Quilter,

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Friday, Saturday.

WESTFIELDS Youth Centre,
Goldsmith Road, Cheltenham. Tel. 55469

Miss E.G. Ash,
17, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings,
Cheltenham. Tel. 52841

Sunday afternoon, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

WINCHCOMBE Youth Club,

Gretton Road, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Glos.
Tel. Winchcombe 317

Mr. S. Powell,
7, Pine Bank, Bishop's Cleeve,
Cheltenham. Tel. B. Cleeve 3591

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

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