



***GLOUCESTERSHIRE
ASSOCIATION OF
YOUTH CLUBS
Annual Review 1972-73***





Members' Weekend Cowley Manor



Table Football
Final - May '73.



Television
Course.



Politics
Weekend.



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CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

	1971 / 1972		1972 / 1973
CLUBS	61		83
	3959	BOYS	4808
MEMBERS		GIRLS	5980
	<u>7005</u>		<u>10,788</u>

FOREWORD:

'Stop the World, I want to get off!' How often this plea indicates our sense of unease and frustration in a world of seemingly uncontrolled hustle and bustle with all of the attendant instability. But CHANGE is with us, indeed, it was always so, and we must learn to accept it as part of living.

How does change affect ORGANISATIONS? In the first place, they actually arise to meet NEEDS amidst the forces of everyday life and the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs was the response, thirty-two years ago, to the desire to promote the welfare of young people through the mutual work of youth clubs. It is within organisations that people can find fulfilment and security so long as personal needs are matched by organisational PURPOSE. Sometimes, organisations live on long after the needs to which they were a response have vanished, or they retain patterns and practices which have ceased to meet needs. In either case, they become purposeless. So, in a world of change, organisations are required to ADAPT. This adaptation depends greatly on COMMUNICATION — information must proceed, unimpeded, between the various members for it is this which is, in a sense, the life blood of the organisation. The decision making which is involved in adapting requires accurate information.

At all levels within our organisation the process of adaptation has carried on during the past year. Our own Association has been attending to the problems that will arise when the new County bodies come into being in 1974. We shall lose valued friends and supporters, old and new, in those parts of Gloucestershire which will become a part of the new County of Avon. Also, during the year, a full review of policy has been carried out which owed much to the work of a small committee. We have begun to appoint field officers and we are moving towards an open policy of affiliation. Without, in any sense, reducing our services to clubs, we are seeking ways of opening our activities to any young person in the County. As a voluntary body, unencumbered by statutory regulations, we have been able to explore ways of serving the increasing numbers of boys and girls under the age of fourteen and 'working with juniors' is a new need which is being met.

At National Association level there is change in the use of Devonshire Street House. The residential parts have been retained as a focal point in London for the County associations and as a centre for training. The General Secretary of the Association will also remain there but the youth training team and the financial and administrative sections are moving to a new headquarters in Nuneaton where rents and services are cheaper. This will free valuable office space for letting and will produce a healthy income for the Association's work. The year has also seen the implementation of regionalisation. In the West Region we are working alongside Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, with whom we have a great deal in common and we look forward to the attractive possibilities of co-operation.

Change brings new challenges and new possibilities but, inevitably, it brings pain. Conflicting ideas need to be reconciled and, at times, old friends and loyal servants decide they must go. In all of this we need to maintain a spirit of sympathy and an attitude of patience without, in any way, faltering in the necessary steps of progress.

What a splendid year this has been. Considerably increased numbers of young people have participated in the training and activities offered. There has been a great extension in the scope and variety of work and the number of friends and helpers has grown. We are, as ever, grateful to those who have supported the work as honorary officers and we record with pleasure the knighthood conferred upon our President. To those donors and numerous people who have given so generously of time and talents to promote such a healthy state of affairs we offer our appreciation. The Association has been fortunate in its staff, on whose shoulders the daily work is carried. In particular we are grateful to Sidney and Jean Riggs for the untiring and unstinting talent which they place unreservedly at our service.

Alan Mentz

DIARY OF EVENTS



September

8th – 10th Adventure weekend for Members at Biblins.
30th Day Conference in Gloucester Posters/Publicity, etc.

October

7th Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's College of Education.
8th – 15th Variety Club Cinema Collection.
13th – 15th Adventure Weekend for Members at Biblins.
19th Meeting for Leaders on Junior work, Stroud.
20th – 28th Club Week
27th – 29th Weekend for Leaders of Junior Groups, Cowley Manor.

November

18th – 19th Weekend for Training Officers of Voluntary Youth Organisations, Cowley Manor.

December

2nd – 3rd Leaders' Weekend at Littledean House Hotel.
8th – 10th "Meaning of Christmas" Weekend for Members at Avon Tyrrell, Hants.
23rd Youth Carols by Candlelight Service, Gloucester Cathedral.

January

10th Southern Area – Senior and Junior Boys' Seven-a-Side Football Final, Filton High School.
17th Southern Area – Senior and Junior Girls' Five-a-Side Football Final, Filton High School.
30th Middle Area – Senior and Junior Boys' Five-a-Side Football Final, Minchinhampton.
31st Southern Area Quiz Final, Mangotsfield.

February

1st Meeting of Leaders in South to discuss new Avon County.
3rd Southern Area Netball Finals, Little Stoke.
7th Southern Area Table Tennis Finals, Fromeside.
11th Northern Area Junior Boys, 5-a-Side Football Final, Westfields.
14th Northern Area Senior Boys, 5-a-Side Football Final, Y.M.C.A., Cheltenham.
16th – 18th Weekend for Members "Power", Cowley Manor.
22nd Northern Area Table Tennis Final, 66 Starr.
23rd Northern Area Quiz Final, St. Stephens.
24th Northern Area Netball Final, St. Mary's College of Education.
24th Northern Area Junior Girls 5-a-Side Football Final, Winchcombe.
26th Middle Area Quiz Final, Thornbury.

March

3rd Northern Area Senior Girls' 5-a-Side Football Final, Winchcombe.
17th G.A.Y.C. County Finals at Filton High School.
31st G.A.Y.C. Finals "It's a G.A.Y.C. Knockout". and "Tug O' War" at O'Dee, Chepstow.

April

6th – 8th Members Weekend at Cowley Manor, "Politics, People, Power".
14th South West Regional Finals, Poole.
28th South West Regional Netball Finals, Minehead.
29th Day Conference for Leaders of Junior Groups at Y.M.C.A., Cheltenham.

May

12th South West Regional Quiz Finals, Salisbury.
13th Day Pony Trekking for Members, Wales.
17th Girls' Event 66 Starr.
19th Day Conference for Members, Television, St. Mary's College of Education.
23rd G.A.Y.C. County Subbuteo Finals, City Youth Club.

June

3rd Day Pony Trekking for Members, Wales
15th – 17th Weekend for Members, Cowley Manor. "Living Together".
22nd – 24th Weekend Camping for Members at Cirencester Park.
23rd Festival Competitions Event, Cirencester Park.

July

14th – 15th N.A.Y.C. Sports Finals, Warwick University
21st – 28th PHAB Course, Ullenwood Manor.

August

10th – 17th Adventure Week for Members, Biblins.
31st – 2nd Sept. Adventure Weekend for Leaders and Members of Junior Groups, Bracelands.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Gloucester Cathedral was filled to capacity on the occasion of the ninth Annual Carol Service, arranged jointly with the Diocesan Youth Committee. Father M. Ball of The Community of the Glorious Ascension delivered the Christmas Message, taking as his theme 'Watch Out, there's a Christmas Thief about' and four of the Lessons were read by Youth Club members of the Association, Kate May, Sue Evans, Lesley Perles and Norma Gifford. Mr. Tony Hewitt-Jones conducted the Gloucester Christmas Orchestra and the singing was led by the Cathedral Foundation Choristers. During the reading of the final lesson 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 Diocesan support for "Shelter" and the Church of England Children's Society. The G.A.Y.C. is grateful to all who contributed in any way to make the occasion such a memorable one.

A.G.M. 1972

A large gathering of Leaders, members and friends attended the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Association at St. Mary's College of Education, Cheltenham on the 7th October 1972. Mr. A. D. Mentz, chairman of the Association, was pleased to welcome to the meeting, Lt. Col. P. Carroll, a Vice-President of the Association. He also welcomed Alderman Miss M. Dent and Councillor L. A. Webber. Colonel Carroll took the Chair and conducted the formal business of the meeting, after which the various Sports Trophies, Badges and Certificates were awarded. The Organising Secretary showed films and slides depicting the work of the Association during the year. Sir Peter Scott was re-appointed as President and Vice-Presidents, Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort, the Rt. Hon. Earl Bathurst, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Bledisloe, the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Major General G. Peddie, Lt. Col. A. B. Lloyd-Baker, Lt. Col. P. B. Carroll, Miss M. E. Miles and Major P. S. Morris-Keating.

POSTERS/PUBLICITY



A course was arranged by the Association, at the New City Youth Club on Saturday 30th September, for Leaders and senior members to explain ways and means of producing posters and publicity applicable for use in Youth Clubs. The leaders had an opportunity to discuss the composition, design and execution of posters and general publicity, followed up with an opportunity to put into practise their ideas.

As a result of the success of this venture, this type of course is now offered to club leaders, on their own premises, coupled with demonstrations of activities and crafts which can be used in clubs.

CLUB WEEK

Eleven Clubs participate in National Club Week, raising a total of £538. 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 Elm Tree Youth Club who collected the largest sum of money, £161, which averaged £3.50 per member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the year the Association has increased its range of interests, and activities, in response to the growing number of clubs joining the Association, and the demand for training. This has, and will continue to, place pressure upon our available and limited resources. Whilst we have managed to balance the books it has been achieved only by considerable effort being made to attract more funds. Over the year we have seen the Diamond Jubilee fund raising started - this is an excellent opportunity to seek support from new sources and in particular, to seek covenanted funds as these give known income upon which to plan. It would be appropriate to record our appreciation of the help we receive from the L.E.A. from the united resources at their disposal, also of course, to the many private individuals who have continued to remain faithful to us through our President's Appeal, and our new friends through the Diamond Jubilee activities; without them we should not be able to continue to function as an Association serving the young people of Gloucestershire.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP



The Gloucestershire Association offers many opportunities for clubs and their members to take part in sporting and cultural activities at both county and national level. The Association is particularly concerned to encourage the formation of clubs. The training of leaders is arranged and advice and practical help is always available.

The demand on this type of youth work is increasing. The need is for qualified and experienced men and women as youth workers to provide the leadership and expertise which is essential in a developing Association. By their work, large numbers of voluntary workers can be trained, guided and helped to deal with the complexities of youth in today's social conditions.

We need now:-

- (a) Money to enable the existing full-time youth officer to have more scope for his work
- (b) Money to allow the appointment of additional part-time liaison officers who would serve different parts of the county.

The Costings

Each year, the Association seeks to find at least:-

For the work of a full-time youth officer	£2,500
For the work of part-time liaison officers	£1,100
Fortraining courses, special projects, etc, with young people	£3,000
For administration	£1,200
	£7,800

Average annual income now, including the grant from the Gloucestershire LEA £4,300

Every year, there is already a gap to be filled of £3,000

Our Campaign Target is therefore an additional £21,000 over 7 years.



ADVENTURE WEEKENDS AT BIBLINS



Due to the demand from members for Adventure Weekends at the Biblins Log Cabin, two weekends were organised (8/10th September and 13th/15th October) in the Forest of Dean. Sixty members attended these weekends, the content of which included orienteering, abesailing, canoeing, trampolining and volley ball.

The catering was organised by adult friends of the Association, assisted by members.

During the time spent at Biblins members had an opportunity to try out the various activities; many experiencing considerable pride in conquering the fear of abesailing down the rocks on a rope.

The Association is grateful to the 25th Army Youth Team and Mr. John Pedrette for their help with these weekends.

WORKING WITH JUNIORS



A Weekend was organised for Leaders and helpers working with juniors (9-13 year olds) at Cowley Manor - 27th/29th October. The purpose of the weekend was to introduce the Leaders to a variety of Arts and Crafts which could be used in Junior group activities, e.g. candle-making, mobiles, enamelling, paper flowers, cotton sculpture, strawcraft, etc.

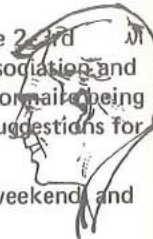
This was a most enjoyable weekend as it allowed Leaders to try out the different crafts and to discuss their application with the Staff.



Following on from the Weekend a Day Conference was held at the Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham — on the 29th April — at which discussion centred around the theory and practice of programme-planning for junior groups. Miss T. Joy, the under-16 advisor for N.A.Y.C., acted as consultant for the conference and arising from the discussions a weekend for members of junior groups has been planned for the end of August at Bracelands in the Forest of Dean. The Leaders who attended the conference are planning the weekend and bringing some of their members to take part, with the hope that as a result of this experience further weekends may be arranged.

LEADERS WEEKEND

A weekend for leaders was held at the Littledean House Hotel on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd December. During the weekend the leaders discussed communications within the Association and in the clubs. This was a very useful and informative weekend and resulted in a questionnaire being sent to all the clubs asking for comments on communications within G.A.Y.C. and suggestions for improving the same.



Ron Gargrave, Club Development Officer for N.A.Y.C., acted as consultant for the weekend and his presence was greatly appreciated.

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS *

A joint weekend for members was organised with Hampshire Association of Youth Clubs at Avon Tyrrell, Nr. Chirstchurch, Hants, on the theme of the Meaning of Christmas — on 8th/10th December. Some sixty members and staff took part in the weekend and it was gratifying to see the happy relationships which the joint venture produced.

Avon Tyrrell is the N.A.Y.C. conference centre in the New Forest and during the weekend a group of members visited an old people's home and entertained them with songs and sketches. Another group organised a Christmas party for a group of children from a local primary school at Avon Tyrrell.

On the Sunday afternoon members organised a Carol Service, to which senior citizens and young children from the neighbourhood were invited. Some of the dramatic presentations which were included in the service were deeply moving and extremely well produced. The members presented the visitors with Christmas presents of sweets and other gifts, which were specially packaged for the occasion.

It is hoped that this kind of joint venture with Hampshire Association will continue, as the consensus of opinion was that it was very worthwhile.



WEST REGION

As a result of changes in the structure of the National Association of Youth Clubs, the Gloucestershire Association has joined Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire to form a new West Region. It is hoped that because of the cultural links between the counties it will be possible to work closely together for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

The representatives of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs on the West Region Council of N.A.Y.C. are Miss P. Tracy, Mr. A. D. Mentz (Chairman G.A.Y.C.) and the Organising Secretary. Mr. Mentz was elected Chairman of the Council at its managerial meeting in May.

POWER WEEKEND

A weekend for members was held at Cowley Manor 16th-18th February, at which members working in Art, Drama, Yoga and Editorial workshops explored the theme of Power. This was a most useful weekend as many members seriously explored the theme of power with regard to personalities and personal relationships.

Members commented as follows:—

"How easy it is to make friends with practically everyone on the course. One need never be alone."

"I could express my feelings more in a workshop than in discussions."

"The art of being able to act with other people without shyness."

"That one can think one knows people and discover that in a different setting there is still some things to learn."

"It gave you time to consider and reflect over compositions and thoughts of different people's minds and made you think as an individual."

"The weekend was fantastically great!"

"I chose to do Yoga because it was something I had never done before — it was marvellous!"

POLITICS, PEOPLE AND POWER

As a result of many lengthy discussions and serious deliberation by the Training Committee of the Association, it was decided to organise an experimental course for members with the theme Politics, People and Power. The course took place on the weekend of the 6th-8th April at Cowley Manor.

The Bishop of Gloucester talked about his work as a member of the House of Lords, and Mrs. S. Oppenheim, M.P., gave a talk on her work as a member of the House of Commons. Mr. N. Davies, County Youth Officer explained the work of the Executive in Local Government. Councillor C. Collins gave an insight into his work as a City Councillor, and Mr. B. Weston gave a talk about his work as a Trade Union Organiser.

All the speakers were closely questioned by the members and the discussions which ensued were greatly enjoyed by all concerned.

On the Saturday evening members attended a performance of Barry England's play "Conduct Unbecoming" at the Everyman Theatre. This powerful drama of a British Regiment in India in the 1880's was very appropriate to the theme of the weekend and provoked a lively discussion on returning to Cowley after the performance.

The staff included Mr. R. Jackson, Youth Officer Solihull, Mrs. M. Eamer, leader New City Youth Club, Br. Jacob Nov. S.S.F. formerly Assistant Diocesan Secretary in Johannesburg and the Organising Secretary.

Due to the success of the weekend the Association is seeking ways and means of exploring the theme further.

Commenting on the weekend members wrote:—

"I thought the play was appropriate to the theme of the weekend."

"Politicians are only people just like us."

"I liked Mrs. Oppenheim's talk about Parliament."

"Normally I would not have gone to the theatre to see that sort of play but the course helped me to understand the play and vice versa."

"The sincerity of the speakers impressed me."



LIVING TOGETHER

Twenty-five young people spent a weekend at Cowley Manor, near Cheltenham in June, taking part in a weekend entitled "Living Together". Most of the weekend was spent in workshops discussing the theme and trying to present the findings in the form of workshop projects. The members were divided into two groups of their choice — Drama and Art. The Drama group explored the theme through the medium of Drama. The Art group used art materials to explore the theme and helped with the presentation of the workshop reports. Both groups combined to take part in a mock election — the People Party versus the Progress Party. After a closely fought debate the Progress Party won by one vote.

Members commented on their findings at the end of the weekend and below are some of their comments:—

"Trying to organise an election campaign is hard work".

"The weekend ended all too soon!"

"I enjoy school art and the theme of this weekend was new and fun and interesting."

"You can work better in a workshop group as you get to know other people better."

"I think in pictures more can be spoken than in words."

"There is good in everybody."

"Drama makes it easy to put across your feelings."

"Not to fear public speaking."



ADVENTURE WEEK

Twenty six members and staff attended an Adventure Week at the Biblins Log Cabin in the Forest of Dean from the 10th-17th August. The purpose of the week was to involve members in nature study, adventure, and to give them insights into conservation.

In addition to canoeing, and undertaking night hikes in the Forest, members walked the nature trails studying different aspects of the Forest. They visited, Clearwell Caves, Clearwell Castle, and Goodrich Castle. At Clearwell Caves they were escorted around the caves by a free miner who discussed with them the uniqueness of mining in the Forest of Dean.

A party of German young people visited us in camp, stayed to lunch and took part in some of our activities. Continuing their visits, members toured Tintern Abbey, and Raglan Castle.

The week was a great success, aided by marvellous weather, which allowed everyone to appreciate the Forest of Dean to the full.

NATIONAL MEMBERS' CONFERENCE

Mingled with the day trippers were approximately sixty young people from all over Great Britain, with one destination in mind — Windmill House, situated nine miles outside Birmingham. This large house was to be the venue for the National Members' Conference, the subject of discussion being "Youth and the E.E.C."

Perhaps the subject may seem a little off-putting to you — I must admit I scratched my head a little. However, not only did the speakers tell us about life in the EEC countries for the young but also about life in general — the import and export position, the inter-national working facilities (which include a year's voluntary service; ideal for young people leaving colleges and universities). We also learned of the customs and traditions of our fellow countries and many other things.

For the year May, 1972-1973 the National Members Council decided to raise money for "Intake", this being a group of people who help those in London who do not have food or a bed for the night. The traditional method of raising money by draw tickets was revived and over a hundred pound collected.

The draw took place during the Saturday evening and many people could be heard uttering words and phrases of pleasure.

On the whole, the weekend was not one which will be easily forgotten and I should like to thank the Sponsors for providing us with such a great opportunity to see how the other Associations and the Members' Council function.

Janet Smith

G.A.Y.C. COMPETITIONS

Over 700 young people took part in the Association's Competitions in 1973 and the competition was keen and enjoyable. The County was divided into three areas for the initial stages of the competitions, in order to ease the cost of travelling involved for Clubs and to promote inter-club activities. The County Finals took place on the 17th March at Filton High School, with the Tug-of-War and 'It's a Knockout' taking place at the Army Apprentice College, Chepstow on the 31st March.

County Champions, 1973

Netball	Little Stoke Youth Club
Table Tennis	A. Hancock (Fromside Youth Club) G. Fisher (Cheltenham Y.M.C.A.) Miss G. Welland (St. Andrews Youth Club) Miss D. Rees (Cheltenham Y.M.C.A.)
Quiz	Coleford Youth Club
5-A-Side Football	
Junior Boys	Coleford Youth Club
Junior Girls	Dursley Youth Club
Senior Boys	Gloucester City Y.M.C.A.
Senior Girls	New City Youth Club
Tug-of-War	O'Dee Club
It's a Knockout	O'Dee Club
Darts	Dursley Youth Club



In an attempt to meet the growing demand for competitions for junior members and girls, the 5-a-side Football competition include girls for the first time, as well as junior sections. An interesting aspect of this was the composition of the Tewkesbury Youth Club team in the Senior Girls 5-a-side Football Competition; four of the girls were married and the fifth engaged!

All the County Champions competed in the South-West Regional Finals, which took place at a variety of venues, namely Salisbury, Minehead and Poole.

The Association wishes to thank all those who helped to make the Competitions and County Finals such an enjoyable experience for both competitors and spectators; especially Mr. Ken Simmonds (Stoke Gifford Youth Club) and members of the Association's Activities Committee.

GIRLS' EVENT AT 66 STAR YOUTH CLUB

Some two hundred spectators and competitors filled the 66 Star Youth Club on Thursday, 17th May for an evening of competitions, specifically organised for the girls within the Association.

Peter Robinson Limited presented a fashion show and make-up demonstration, which set the high standard for the evening's activities. The standard of cake-making was excellent, with some mouth-watering creations being entered. Miss G. Cocker, the judge, had an extremely difficult task in assessing the entries and making the awards.

The entries for the art competition numbered over one hundred pictures and drawings from a wide variety of Clubs. The dressmaking competition had ten entrants and the judge, Miss D. Howes, was most impressed by the standard of workmanship and choice of materials.

The Miss G.A.Y.C. competition (Junior/Senior Sections) had some thirty-five entrants and was a highlight of the evening. The panel of judges was hard pressed to make its awards but by the reaction of the audience the judgement was well-made.

The Association is grateful to the Leaders and the members of 66 Star youth club for their co-operation and help in staging the event, who together with the competitors, judges and Peter Robinson Ltd., made the evening very enjoyable.

Girls' Event Winners – 17th May, 1973

Miss G.A.Y.C. (Senior) 1973

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| 1. Miss Heather Wyatt | Churchdown Youth Club |
| 2. Miss Julie Pittaway | Churchdown Youth Club |
| 3. Miss Monica Mueller | Brockworth Youth Club |

Miss G.A.Y.C. (Junior) 1973

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| 1. Miss Elaine Hemming | Tewkesbury Youth Club |
| 2. Miss Joyce Riddle | Oldbury-on-Severn Youth Club |
| 3. Miss Jayne Parker | 66 Star Youth Club, Gloucester |

Dressmaking Competition

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| 1. Miss Lesley Tudor | Tuffley Youth Club |
| 2. Miss Denise Anderson | 66 Star Youth Club |
| 3. Miss Deborah Lawson | 66 Star Youth Club |

Modelling Competition, 1973

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| 1. Miss Linda Anderson | Tewkesbury Youth Club |
| 2. Miss Monica Mueller | Brockworth Youth Club |
| 3. Miss Lynne Davies | Northway Youth Club |

Photographic Competition, 1973

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| Class I | |
| 1. Miss Avril Crawford | Girls Venture Corps. |

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| Class II | |
| 1. Mr. Graham Brooks | 66 Star Youth Club |

Cake Making Competition

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| Class I – Fruit Cake | |
| 1. Miss Bernadette Meredith | Tewkesbury Youth Club |

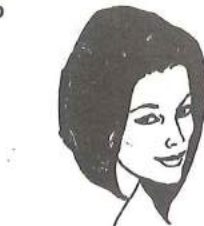
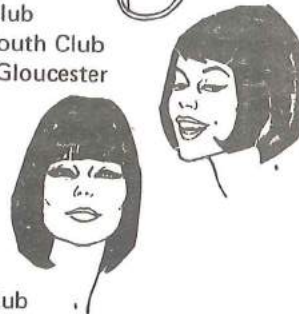
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| Class II – Victoria Sandwich | |
| 1. Miss M. Green | |

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| Class III – Decorated Sandwich | |
| 1. Mr. Graham Brooks | 66 Star Youth Club |

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| Class IV – Twelve Small Cakes | |
| 1. Miss Jane Garbutt | |

Sweets

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| 1. Miss Susan Miller | Girls' Venture Corps. |
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ARTS AND CRAFT COMPETITION

Section 1. Art

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| 1. Mr. Phil Jones | 66 Star Youth Club |
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Section 3. Needlework

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| 1. Miss A. Brown | Girls' Venture Corps. |
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Section 4. (Brass Rubbings)

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| 1. Miss Carol Hancock | Girls' Venture Corps. |
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Section 5. (Dressed Doll)

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| 1. Miss Katrina Comer | Wotton-under-Edge Youth Club |
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Art Awards

Pencil Drawings

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| 1. Mr. Nicholas Penny | Tewkesbury Youth Club |
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Biro Drawings

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| 1. Miss Janet White | 66 Star Youth Club |
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Special Art Awards

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| 1. Miss Patsy Morris | 66 Star Youth Club |
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TELEVISION COURSE

We arrived at St. Mary's College of Education at about 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 19th May. We went into a building where there were two television screens and three cameras. Then we had a discussion on how to lay out and produce a television programme. It was then time for the coffee break. After this we were split into two groups. The group I was in went into the control, where the programme is produced and directed. The other group in the room looked at the cameras. Then the groups changed. This arrangement was made in order to allow people to choose what they wanted to do when we actually produced a programme.

Then we chose whether we were to act or handle equipment. I chose to operate a camera. Then came the dinner break. After dinner there was time to practise with the equipment whilst the actors upstairs were working out a play. When they had worked out the play they came down and we had a practise run-through of the play, so we could decide where to film, where to be and who we had to film. The next step was that we actually filmed and recorded the play (which was a mystery and lasted about five minutes) on the videotape. Then we recorded again to perfect the filming and improve the actual product.

The two films were then played back to us and we discussed their good points and how they could be improved.

The day was very interesting and I should like to thank the staff of the College and Sid Riggs who made it possible.

David Clarke

EXTRACT FROM THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO.

TV Production Techniques

Ten members of various Gloucestershire Youth Clubs spent the greater part of Saturday at St. Mary's College, Cheltenham, finding out about the techniques of television programme production and then putting them into practice by making a short programme.

The course was organised by the Rev. Sidney Riggs, former Cheltenham Youth Chaplain, who is now the organising secretary of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.

During the morning, Mr. Edward Beard, senior lecturer in educational technology at the college, gave the students a look at television in its widest aspects.



The group studied television as a form of media and discussed the structure of programmes and the production of them, in the terms of programmes they have seen.

Following the discussion, the group faced the challenge of writing their own programmes and then during the afternoon, under the guidance of Mr. Beard and Mr. David Hall, who built up the television installation at the college, they made their own film.

After looking at the film, they analysed it.

The equipment at their disposal included three cameras, which cost £400 each, two monitors worth £100 apiece and several microphones, beside the £3,000 control room which Mr. Hall built in a former cloakroom.

FESTIVAL EVENT AT CIRENCESTER PARK

On Saturday 23rd June, following last year's successful event, the Association held a Festival Event at Cirencester Park by kind permission of Lord Bathurst, a Vice-President of the Association. The event was attended by some fifteen hundred young people and six hundred members took part in the afternoon's activities.

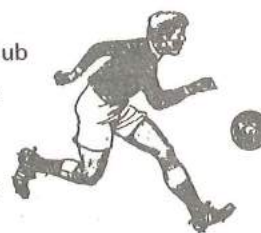
Seventy members camped at Cirencester Park over the weekend, enjoying the glories of the Park and the favourable sunshine.

The purpose of the event was to bring members together for an afternoon of sport and enjoyment. Competitions included Netball, 5-a-Side Football (male junior and senior), 5-a-Side Football (female junior and senior), It's a G.A.Y.C. Knockout, Chess and Tug of War.

A Kendo demonstration was given by Gloucestershire City Y.M.C.A. and the Pony Club organised Prince Philip games. The Sharpness and District Silver Band played and Alveston Youth Club mounted an exhibition of Chess sets made by the members. The Bristol branch of the Institute of Advanced Motoring organised an exhibition and display.

Winners of the Festival Event Competitions

Netball:	Over 16	1. Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham 2. Forum Youth Club 3. Churchdown Youth Club
	Under 16	1. Tuffley Youth Club 2. Patchway Youth Club 3. Thornbury/Dursley Youth Club
Chess:		Andrew Rice, Tuffley Youth Club
5-a-Side Football		
Girls	Over 16	1. New City Youth Club 2. Westfields Youth Club
	Under 16	1. Forum Youth Club 2. Mangotsfields Youth Club
Boys	Over 16	1. Thornbury Youth Club 2. Y.M.C.A. Gloucester
	Under 16	1. New City Youth Club 2. Thornbury Youth Club
'It's A G.A.Y.C. Knockout'		1. Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham 2. Forum Youth Club 3. Brockworth/Thornbury Youth Clubs
Tug of War		1. Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham 2. O'Dee Youth Club



The Cirencester Branch of the British Red Cross provided First-Aid cover for the event.

The Association wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success and enjoyment of the Festival Event and especially to Lord Bathurst and his staff for their inspiration and support.

NAYC/SINGER DRESSMAKING, MODELLING AND ORIGINAL DESIGN COMPETITION FINALS

Miss Lesley Tudor of Tuffley Youth Club, and Miss Denise Anderson of 66 Star Youth Club, represented the Association at the finals at the London Hilton on Sunday 22nd July.

Forty-nine girls between 14 and 21 from twenty-seven areas took part in the fashion contest. Although neither girl gained a major prize they both received consolation prizes.

Both Lesley and Denise enjoyed the event and the thrill of being finalists in a national competition and their parents were justly proud of the girls performance in the Competition.

NAYC/SUBBUTEO TABLE FOOTBALL WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – GAYC COUNTY

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs in conjunction with Subbuteo staged the County Finals at the New City Youth Club on the 23rd May, as part of an international competition the finals of which will take place in Munich in 1974.

The enthusiasm and standard of play exhibited by the competitors was very high. Many of the fathers who accompanied the competitors were as excited as the young people. The games were played in silence with an unbelievable degree of skill and concentration.

County Winners

1. Stephen Smith	Churchdown
2. Christopher Young	Tetbury
3. Stephen Warrington	Brockworth
Michael Powers	Brockworth

N.A.Y.C. SPORTS FINALS – UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

The Gloucestershire contingent this year was the largest for many years and the competitors had a very enjoyable weekend, competing against and meeting with, young people from all parts of the British Isles. Patchway Youth Club had the distinction of winning the Darts Competition. Gloucester City Y.M.C.A. – in the 5-a-Side Football Competition – were unfortunate in not winning through to the final, due to injury. Little Stoke Youth Club battled bravely against Northern Ireland and Hampshire, in a vain attempt to reach the Final.

For the first time ever Gloucestershire entered a PHAB 5-a-Side Football team (the able-bodied members pushing the handicapped in wheelchairs), members being drawn from the Star Centre for Youth and Tuffley Youth Club. The two matches in which the team competed were hectic affairs, with the Gloucestershire team winning one and losing 2–3 in the other, to the Greater Manchester PHAB team, who were the ultimate winners.

The Association paid for teams attending the Finals and everyone enjoyed the experience and look forward to next year's competitions.

PONY TREKKING IN WALES

Two parties trekked in the Black Mountains on the 13th May and the 3rd June. The forty members were drawn from various Clubs in the County and although the weather was a little unkind the members enjoyed themselves tremendously.

Very few of the members had trekked before and some time was spent in introducing the young people to the ponies. In some instances this proved hilarious, with members trying to talk their way into the pony's confidence. Some of the ponies seemed either deaf or indifferent to these entreaties and more hilarity ensued. However, once the trekking began members soon established a working relationship with the ponies.

When the parties stopped for a picnic lunch it was interesting to see the band of friendship which had been forged between the riders and ponies. After lunch, trekking continued on over the mountains and into the valleys in some of the most beautiful countryside in Wales.

At the end of the two days the slightly saddle sore members boarded the coaches for home, having spent an unforgettable time in the mountains and with a new respect for the countryside and the intricacies of pony trekking.

PHAB IS FAB

PHAB is literally a combination of physically-handicapped and able-bodied people. It was in 1957 that a young disabled man met the National Association of Youth Clubs' Members' Council and told them that he and people like him needed "opportunity, not pity".

On a PHAB course it is essential for able-bodied people to look beyond the disability and discover the person. The handicapped, often projected into this new social scene from a very sheltered environment, learn to develop the courage to form happy, relaxed relationships without regarding the able-bodied simply as attendants and helpers. They soon regard them as friends in a situation that is also new to them.

Miss Mary Robinson, one of the Founders of PHAB, has said:— "*The disabled taught us new lessons in courage, adventure, patience, gaiety and perseverance.*"

The 1973 Course was attended by fifty-five members and staff from a variety of backgrounds — school, college, home, industry and commerce. The programme included many different opportunities for the Members to explore fully their talents, ranging from drama, art and craft, to field studies. The workshops took place each morning and built up to a final exhibition night on the Friday; the presentation grew naturally and unforced from the individual group activities.

It is hard work. The able-bodied rise at 7.15 a.m. and help the disabled to wash and dress; there is not time to be either embarrassed or pitied after the initial introductions. Everyone here is needed; if you don't get up at 7.15. someone else will be late for breakfast.

During the afternoons swimming and horse riding were popular activities, as was the visit to the Cotswold Wild Life Park, the shopping expedition and visit to Gloucester Cathedral.

On Sunday evening a Folk Night took place, with a very high standard of performance and audience participation. The evening visit to Tuffley Youth Club was a great success and enjoyed by all.

PHAB demands a great deal from all the young people involved and the courage, humour and sincerity with which they sustain their efforts is the true measure of success.

FACTS AND FIGURES OF THE PHAB COURSE

Fifty-five students and staff attended this year's course of whom twenty-three were physically handicapped (17 in wheelchairs). The Association in charging each student £15, heavily subsidised the course, the economic cost being nearer £21 per student. The Association wishes to thank The Lions Club of Gloucester for making a generous donation towards helping the young people from Gloucester with their fees, and Tuffley Youth Club for raising money for the PHAB course.

Extracts received from letters —

Although it is nearly a week since the PHAB course, I am still thinking of the enjoyable time we had there. I must say that I feel I have benefitted from the week, and have a slightly different outlook on things.

I learned so much from the handicapped people, it was a real privilege to be a member of the course.

AVON YOUTH ASSOCIATION

During the early months of this year a working party, consisting of members from Gloucestershire, Bristol, and Somerset Associations have been meeting to plan a new Avon Youth Association. Gloucestershire Association made a financial contribution to the working parties expenses, and have kept all the clubs in the south of the county who will be affected by the local government changes, informed of the developments relating to the new Association. It is proposed that the Avon Youth Association will come into being on the 1st January 1974, although the Gloucestershire Association will continue to organise competitions and events for southern clubs until the 1st April 1974.

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

The National Association continues to have good relationships with various government departments, notably the Department of Education and Science. The Association is represented on the Home Office Advisory Committee on the Misuse of Drugs, and has received great encouragement from the Department of Employment and Productivity for the expansion of Community Industry.

A major concern of NAYC during the past year has been local government re-organisation. It is policy to try to provide an association 'presence' in each of the new local government areas. It is hoped it will be possible to set up new units of work, not necessarily along the lines of the traditional NAYC association.

The Association was represented on the Committee which reorganised SCNVYO into the National Council for Voluntary Youth Service (NCVYS). It has been concerned with a new initiative in junior work, with a view to establishing a broadly-based framework for organisations interested in children's work. A questionnaire has produced the somewhat surprising information that no less than 600 junior clubs or groups are linked to local associations. Programme material, information and training courses for such workers is now available. The Association continues to be consulted and to advise about the full-time training of youth workers but, most notably in 1973, NAYC received a grant from the Research Department of the DES — the first time the Association has been awarded a research grant from the Department — to undertake a new multi-racial project. The intention of the project is to encourage and support those workers in clubs, groups, or unattached schemes, to take the best steps they know to come into contact with youngsters and give the workers the help, resources and facilities which they need. The main objective is to improve, in a practical way, the services available to teenagers in multi-racial settings. What the workers attempt, the way in which the groups develop, and the facilities provided for racial or multi-racial groups will be researched. In due course, it should be possible to produce documents which will help other workers in similar situations.

The Association submitted information to the Government in 1972 on the proposed Night Assemblies Bill and the proposals for the drafting of legislation on the wearing of crash helmets. It consulted with the National Council of Civil Liberties, Women's Lib, CHE and Street Aid. It organised day training with the national Family Planning Association, and the staff have been active with the British Council of Churches in planning their 1973 British National Youth Conference in Liverpool.

PHAB now has independent charitable status but continues to operate through NAYC. A National Development Officer has been appointed and courses (33) and clubs (82) continue to grow. PHAB groups have visited Belgium (for PHAB sports), Austria, Greece and Majorca.

The Macalister Brew courses for young women in industry (mostly young adults) are being linked to Endeavour. This work will continue to be associated with, but not sponsored by, NAYC. A new appointment makes possible new work in local associations for younger people and recent school leavers in industry.

ORGANISATION

The National Council and Executive Committee have been replaced by an Executive Council, elected from the regional councils. A new Youth work committee coordinates and develops the field work services and training. This Committee has replaced a number of smaller committees in an attempt to provide a more positive policy in the integration of resources.

The membership of the Association continues to rise. There are more clubs and more young people who have associated with NAYC than ever before. There was a rise in the number of affiliated clubs to 3,936 and a rise in the number of members to 376,443, which suggests that not only is the Association growing in strength but that its work at local and national level is genuinely meeting the needs of those young people who choose to join clubs.

One of the great strengths of a voluntary association is that it provides flexibility; an opportunity for innovation, an opportunity for carrying on tradition but building on it for the future. While in the youth field there can be no substitute for a dynamic and creative approach which is exciting, experimental and forward-looking, the fact is that many young people simply need friendship from each other and from acceptable adults. Adolescents need freely-offered supportive human relationships. They are able to give back their enthusiasm and idealism to the community at large. The Association at both local and national level is devoted to the view that the generations need each other, and that a diversity in ways of achieving such cooperation is a hallmark of the Association. Perhaps the most important facet of the National Association's work is that programmes are being kept flexible in order to respond to invitations from the field. The work goes out based on the needs of the country. The only limitations arise from finance and personal resources, but the best resource of the Association is the many thousands of young people who belong to it and those adults who give both time and money to make it all work.

INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT

The main idea behind intermediate treatment is to use the enormous variety of provision available to children generally in treating those young people who are in trouble. The courts may now instruct Social Workers to devise forms of treatment which could involve the child in either residential experiences, or attendance at social and activity centres where they would be sympathetically received. The implication behind this is that children "in trouble" could be directed into certain sections of the Youth Service and Club leaders could possibly be involved with Social Workers in the development of these children.

The Association is at present investigating areas in which it can assist the Authorities in the running of this scheme. The Organising Secretary has been involved in the discussion held by the County Social Services Department and also in a one-day consultation at Cowley in which many of the problems still to be faced were given an airing.

COMMUNITY INDUSTRY



A new chapter in the country's employment history opened on 17th April, 1972, when the first young people, aged from 15-17 years, started work for the N.A.Y.C. Community Industry on jobs of social and environmental value which would not otherwise be tackled. This is the beginning of an operation which is rapidly gaining ground in eight selected areas of high employment: Glasgow, Dundee, Newcastle upon Tyne, Sunderland, Teeside, Mexborough and South Yorkshire, Liverpool and Newport and South West Monmouthshire.

From 1st January, 1972, the Government made half a million pounds available to the National Association of Youth Clubs to run a scheme on a pilot basis until 31st December, 1972. This money is being used primarily for the payment of wages and salaries; the necessary tools, materials and equipment to undertake the projects are being found through the advice and support of representative groups of people from the selected areas. Most of the tangible support is coming from the

local authorities concerned. The N.A.Y.C. Community Industry is an employer like any other, with all the statutory obligations that this implies, and more — it is essentially a caring employer which is seeking to encourage its young employees to participate in decision making and to involve them in the choice of work to be done.

In the early stages, many people saw the scheme limited to land clearance and tree planting schemes and little else. Events have entirely disproved this limitation and the imaginative ideas suggested by the Community Industry creators have been handsomely vindicated.

Projects rolling in from local authorities and voluntary bodies in some areas already indicate that there is a strong demand for more work than the scheme can attempt in the experimental year. Many are about environmental improvement but many more are directly concerned with people; some are on-going and provide a mixture of both.

As a result of the success of the pilot scheme the number of places for young people provided under the scheme will be increased from 550 to 2,000 and the scheme will be extended into nine new areas.

Also, Mr. Dudley Smith, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment announced on 6th June, 1973 that the Government had agreed to:—

expansion of CI into nine areas, involving some 30 local authorities within the next few months: and into other areas subject to further discussions between the Department of Employment and the National Association of Youth Clubs.

Mr. Dudley Smith said that, in agreeing to continue to support the scheme, the Department of Employment believed that there should be a change of emphasis. The aim should be to increase the through of young people and to extend their range of training and social education.

In this way, the youngsters would not only profit from employment in CI, but would also develop a greater awareness of the needs of the community.

He added that CI was designed for young people who faced particular difficulties in getting and keeping jobs. It sought to help them find a more stable future in employment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:—

Andrew Rice, Tuffley Youth Club — N.A.B.C. Chess Champion, 1973

66 Star Youth Club — 1st place — Gloucester City Carnival Float (Youth Tableaux)

New City Youth Club — 3rd Place — Gloucester City Carnival Float (Youth Tableaux)

THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK.....

The President, Sir Peter Scott; the Vice-Presidents; the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Kingscott, Dix and Company, 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 and the Jubilee Campaign, 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 of Education 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.

CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

The aim of the National Association of Youth Clubs shall be to help young people through leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

The National Association believes that a youth club or group can interpret this aim through widely varied activities and by its development as a socially responsible and enterprising community.

The National Association offers affiliation to youth clubs and groups through its Divisions and Local Associations. Each group retains its own purpose and independence; nevertheless the Association believes that its aim can best be achieved through co-operation between young people and those adults who are acceptable to them as partners in organisation and planning. Affiliated groups can call on the varied services provided by the Local and National Associations and in their turn are expected to make a contribution to the Association's work in the community.

For the purposes of affiliation, the National Association defines a youth group as a voluntary association of young people having equal rights and responsibilities.

All Saints Youth Fellowship, Gloucester
 Alveston Y.C.
 Badminton Road Methodist Y.C.
 Beeches Green Catholic Y.C., Stroud
 Berkeley Vale Y.C.
 Bream Y.C.
 Brimscombe Y.C.
 Brockworth Y.C., Gloucester
 Cam Methodist Y.C.
 Churchdown Y.C.
 Cinderford Y.C.
 New City Youth Centre, Gloucester
 Coleford Youth and Community Centre
 Contact (Cheltenham Youth Advisory Committee)
 Downend Baptist Church Y.C.
 Drybrook Y.C.
 Dursley Y.C.
 Eastington Y.C.
 Elm Tree Y.C.
 Falfield (Groundhogs) Y.C.
 Forthampton and District Y.C.
 The Forum Club, Cirencester
 Fromside Youth Centre
 Gas Green Y.C., Cheltenham
 Girls Venture Corps. (Innsworth)
 Gloucester City Y.M.C.A.
 Grosvenor Y.C., Cheltenham
 Hempstead Y.C.
 Horsley Y.C.
 Hucclecote Church Y.C.
 Iron Acton Y.C.
 Jeanagers Y.C., Dursley
 Jordan's Brook House, Gloucester
 Leonard Stanley Y.C.
 Little Stoke Y.C.
 Longdon Y.C.

Longlevens Y.C.
 Lydney Y.C.
 Made For Ever Y.C., Kingswood
 Mangotsfield Methodist Y.C.
 Matson Y.C.
 Minchinhampton Y.C.
 Newent Y.C.
 Northlands Y.C., Cheltenham
 Northway Y.C.
 The O'Dee Club, Chepstow
 Oldbury-on-Severn Under-16's Y.C.
 Olveston and District Y.C.
 Patchway Y.C.
 Parklands Community Association,
 Cheltenham
 Parry Hall Y.C., Gloucester
 PHAB Club
 Pilning Y.C.
 The Pyramid Y.C., Filton
 Roxburgh House Y.C., Stroud
 Sheepscombe Y.C.
 66 Star Y.C., Gloucester
 SLAB, Warmley
 The Star Centre for Youth, Ullenwood
 Stoke Gifford Youth Club
 Stonehouse Y.C.
 Summit Y.C., Kingswood
 St. Andrew's Senior Y.C., Filton
 St. Bartholomews Young People's
 Association, Cam.
 St. Briavel's Y.C.
 St. John's Fourteen-Plus Club, Coleford
 St. Luke's Y.C., Cheltenham
 St. Mary's Y.C., Prestbury
 St. Peter's Y.C., Cheltenham
 St. Stephen's Y.C., Cheltenham

St. Teresa's Catholic Y.C., Filton
 Tewkesbury Youth Club
 Tetbury Youth Club
 Tibberton and Taynton Y.C.
 Thornbury Y.C.
 Tuffley Y.C., Gloucester
 Viking Youth Centre, Gloucester
 Wasps Sports Club, Gloucester
 Westfields Youth Centre, Cheltenham
 Winchcombe Y.C.
 Wotton-under-Edge Y.C.
 Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham
 Y.M.C.A. Gloucester



NEW AFFILIATION PROCEDURE

From the 1st January 1974, the Association proposes to affiliate all young people in the county under a new agreement with N.A.Y.C., thereby allowing any young person to take part in the Association's courses, and training programme. Any club wishing to receive information about the Association's programme and activities will be required to pay a registration fee of £1, which also allow the club to take part in competitions and events organised by the Association. In proposing this new system of affiliation the Association does not intend to run down its service to clubs, but increase the opportunities for young people to participate in the Association's affairs. In order to make this system workable the Association is proposing to appoint a part-time liaison officers whose area of responsibility will be coterminous with the new District Councils of the County.

Welcome to new affiliations since the 1971/1972 Annual Review

All Saints Youth Fellowship	Lydney Y.C.
Beeches Green Catholic Y.C.	Oldbury-on-Severn Y.C.
Bream Y.C.	PHAB Club
Brimscombe Y.C.	Sheepscombe Y.C.
Cam Methodist Y.C.	SLAB
Churchdown Y.C.	Stonehouse Y.C.
Cinderford Y.C.	Summit Y.C.
Coleford Y.C.	St. Mary's Y.C.
Drybrook Y.C.	St. Peter's Y.C.
The Forum Y.C.	Tewkesbury Y.C.
Gas Green Y.C.	Tibberton & Taynton Youth Club
Girls' Venture Corps (Innsworth)	Wasps Sports Club
Gloucester City Y.M.C.A.	
Hempsted Y.C.	

ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS AND YOUTH GROUPS ARE OFFERED:-

Membership

of a national organisation with international links. G.A.Y.C. offers membership to the individual, and sometimes isolated, club or group and through the National Association brings it into membership of an organisation to which about 350,000 other young people belong, with links throughout the United Kingdom and in over twenty other countries.

Representation

the club has a voice in formulating and carrying out policy and initiating plans and experiments in the Local Association. All affiliated Divisions and Local Associations are represented on the National

Association Council. Members and leaders (elected annually by the National Members' Council and the National Leaders' Council)

Information

concerning local and national developments in youth work, activities, projects, community service, etc., is communicated through conferences organised — and in bulletins issued — by the National and Gloucestershire Associations and by personal visits from Gloucestershire and National Association Staff.

Liaison

is maintained with other organisations in the Youth Service by Gloucestershire Association and the National Association at their respective levels.

Consultations, Conferences, Courses

for club members and other young people in leadership, special interests, outdoor activities and personal relationships.

for youth workers (full and part-time) in youth work and special skills.

for advisory committee members in clubs administration.

Fund Raising

free publicity material and advice for National Club week.


Contact

with youth clubs, their leaders and members, throughout the United Kingdom and in many countries overseas.

Publications

up to date publications, book lists, leaders' notes, posters, etc.

Visual Aids

films, filmstrips and slides, display stands, etc., on hire. 
tape recorders, slide projectors, 16mm film projector available on loan from G.A.Y.C. office.

Publicity

help and advice in obtaining local and national publicity for club events.

Insurance

a policy covering the club committee and leaders against legal liability up to £100,000 — FREE.
A personal accident policy for members and youth workers while engaged on organised club activities anywhere — at very low premium.

Inter-Club Activities

through county and country-wide competitions and projects.

Grants

opportunity are offered from time to time for clubs, members or youth workers to apply for grant aid for special purposes to certain national charitable trusts. The Gloucestershire Association distributes a trust fund for the purchase of equipment by affiliated clubs.

Residential Houses and Training Centres

Devonshire Street House, the headquarter building of the National Association, provides modern accommodation at special rates for youth workers and young people visiting London, for Holidays, Conferences or Courses. There is also a National Association house in Hampshire and several Local Associations have their own centres.

Services

which are geared to the changing needs of the Youth Service. Help is available in connection with: girls' interests, young people and religion, young immigrants, young people in industry, physically or educationally handicapped young people, young adults, the "unattached", drugs and young people, co-operation with schools, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, community service, etc.

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COLEFORDSAINT JOHN 14+ CLUB

During the past 12 months the club has had a rather chequered period. The two principal leaders left for University in October, 1972 and shortly after that the Vicar's health deteriorated so as to prevent his regular attention. Subsequently, and to the present, no firm leader has been found and the arrival shortly of the new Vicar is looked forward to in the hope that he may be able to give a lead.

The Coleford Club at the Community Centre is a very well organised and community service conscious group and most of our members also belong to that group. The 14+ clubs main purpose is therefore to enable Christian young people to get together and a considerable part of their time is spent in singing or listening to modern christian songs and music.

ELM TREE

The average age of our members changed at the beginning of this year from 18 to 14 and with the change came an interest in activities.

We participated for the first time in CLUB WEEK running a Table Soccer Marathon and Coffee Mornings along with the House to House Collections raising a total of £161. 

Our present fund raising efforts are directed towards a new dormobile which will facilitate the transporting of members to competitions, courses and inter visits with other clubs.

The main activities this year have been Judo, Cricket, Football, Netball and Rounders. Our most successful ventures have been three Silver medals in the Western Judo Championships, Winners of the North Glos: and Cricket Competition. The Clubs' Cheltenham League gained promotion to Division 5.

Our other activities have included Motor Cycle Maintenance, Weight Training, Beauty Culture, Hair Styling and Jewellery Making while the main weekend activities have been Pony Trekking in Wales, Ice Skating at Bristol or Birmingham, and Judo Courses at Oxford.

The community service work this year was mainly for Senior Citizens doing grass cutting, general house repairs and decorating.

Congratulations to Mr. D. E. Herring who has been accepted as a Student at Leicester College of Education.

FALFIELD YOUTH CLUB (formerly 'GROUND HOGS')

After a considerably long closure for redecoration of the hall, etc., the Club reopened in January, 1973.

With the help of Gordon Eagle a meeting was held to form a Management Committee. Run on a rota system, to allow the members of the Committee to attend the Club and assist in Activities, this has proved a great help to the Leaders (as the cry for HELP can still be heard, even in Falfield..).

Speaking of help, quite recently we have the assistance of 'Sandy', who we hope will join us soon as an Assistant Leader.

The Club now has 40 paid-up members, with an average attendance of 30 - 40 and no fewer than 81 names appear in the Visitors Book.

We have taken part in and organised as many events as possible, as can be seen from the list

A sponsored swim was held in February; we took part in a General Knowledge Quiz at Thornbury on March 26th and a Table Tennis Competition at St. Andrews Youth Club, Filton on 7th April.

On April 15th members went Pony Trekking in the Black Mountains, on May 17th they attended the event at 66 Star Youth Club. They completed in the Rounders Match at Little Stoke Youth Club on May 12th, Football and Netball at Filton High School on June 13th.

On June 13th we watched a film of Table Tennis at our own Club and on June 16th took part in the Falfield Church Fete.

In June we also visited Butlins at Minehead and our summer project this year is tidying and improving the car park area and grounds in the immediate vicinity of the hall where we meet.

Another activity of the Club is to run a Junior Disco for the young children of the village, on at least one Tuesday in the month.

Future events planned are Ice-skating at Bristol, an evening Barbecue, a Mystery Tour and later in November, a week-end visit to the Fedw Adventure Centre near Crickhowell.

Recently we purchased Football kit and hope to have our share of games.....any offers with training, etc.....



MANGOTSFIELD METHODIST YOUTH CLUB

The past year has been a hectic one for Mangotsfield — our Club bursting at the seams with a grand bunch of young people, with whom we have been proud to be associated.

G.A.Y.C.

Under the auspices of G.A.Y.C. our Members have been on Weekends at Biblings and Cowley Manor, as well as the Meaning of Christmas Weekend at Avon Tyrrell, which our 6 representatives enjoyed best of all, and thought was great. We also supported Cirencester Park, which we thought extremely well organised, and Club Week, when we raised the highest amount in the County.

Community Service

We have again been busy in this field, helping many worthy causes. These include providing an Outing and Christmas Dinner for the Mangotsfield Luncheon Club, helping with the Kingsfield Social Club for the Blind and providing Christmas gifts, a Concert and an Outing for the children of Vinney Green Children's Home. We raised the money for this Outing by collecting £91 in the Collection for the Variety Club of Great Britain, from which we retained a quarter. We have also helped Mangotsfield Old Peoples' Welfare and helped to organise and staff a 75 hour non-stop Disco in the aid of Talking Books for the Blind and Oxfam.

Other Activities

These include Pony Trekking, Adventure Weekends at the Fedw, trips to Southsea and the Blackpool Illuminations. Canoeing, Ice-skating, a trip to the M.A.Y.C. London Weekend in May and countless Discos.

Junior Club

We now have a thriving Junior Club of some 150 members, which meets every Tuesday evening, under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Willis, their charming Leader. Hazel is a former Club member, who used to attend G.A.Y.C. Weekends about 8 years ago and it is most gratifying to see her return to the fold to assist with the work of our Club. She has taken our Juniors to visit the Science Museum and the Tower of London, where it was the Beefeaters who took refuge in the Tower and also to Butlin's at Barry and for a Weekend at the Fedw, which will never look the same again. She has great plans for our Juniors and I am sure they are in for an exciting time.

Building Extension

This year we have been given a Grant to extend our overcrowded premises and work on this will commence in October. In connection with this extension we organised a Sponsored Spring Clean in April, when our members got people to sponsor them to collect rubbish from the district. In the week

allotted we collected 12 cwt. of litter and raised nearly £100 in the process. The Mangotsfield U.D.C. were most helpful in this venture, providing the litter sacks and removing the litter from our premises, as well as giving us a £25 donation for our efforts. I recommend this as a good way to raise money as well as providing a service for the Community.

The Future

This is probably the last time we shall feature in this report, as on April 1st next year we are among the 20 Clubs that will be leaving Gloucestershire and going into the new County of Avon. We face this prospect with mixed feelings, as whilst it is exciting to be in at the birth of a new County and a new Youth Association, we shall have many regrets at leaving all the friends that we have made over the year in Gloucestershire. During the 11 years we have belonged to G.A.Y.C. we have sent many different types of young people on G.A.Y.C. Events, ranging from the long-haired and Teddy Boy type, who were snubbed by many Clubs, to our present Members, who are some of the nicest young people whom you could hope to meet. All of these Members tell me that they found genuine friendship from G.A.Y.C. and gained much from their association with other young people in different parts of the County. It is, therefore, only fitting that I should end this report by saying a big "Thank You" to Sidney, Allan Mentz and all the G.A.Y.C. Staff, both past and present, for the interest they have taken in the young people of Mangotsfield. I have no doubt that you have not seen the last of us and like the proverbial "Bad Penny" we shall keep cropping up again. So we say to all of you in G.A.Y.C. — "Au Revoir and God Bless You All".

NEWENT YOUTH CLUB

The Newent Youth Club has been meeting here, at the Youth Centre, since the mid 1960's, previous homes having been at Culver Street and the Memorial Hall.

Of course, many other organisations use the Youth Centre but the Youth Club has considerable freedom and access to the facilities here. It is continuously involved in the development of the centre and in various schemes of improvement in the centre. Progress in this direction often seems slow but those who knew the centre before we even had a coffee bar will appreciate all that has been done since we moved in here.

Members of the Youth Club have their own committee which meets regularly to plan and help organise their own programme.

The Club is affiliated to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs, which provides many opportunities for us to meet members of other clubs in the County.

The Club provides a setting which enables young people to learn self discipline and tolerance; to develop their individual abilities and to take part in the fun and adventure of participation with the minimum of compulsion.

Members are encouraged to take part in Club visits and activities outside their own premises and we are continually involved in money-raising events for various charities.

Several of our members have taken part in the Youth Centre Judo group, which practices regularly, although their interest is seldom maintained for very long.

Swimming remains a very popular pastime but canoeing has only attracted a few enthusiasts.

We are still struggling to produce a club newsletter and some work has been done on cine film production.

Several quiz teams have been fielded, with reasonable success and a few members have shown an interest in orienteering.

Groups have travelled to Bristol for ice-skating and we even managed to get a few out cycling for a short period.

Camping and several hikes have been enjoyed and one or two members have shown an interest in the Adventure weekends.

In the Autumn, following a successful holiday in Belgium, we entertained Haverfordwest Youth Club once more.

Work parties have been busy in the workshop, and more recently, in the main building.

Representatives from the Club attended the G.A.Y.C. Annual General Meeting and the Cathedral Carol Service.

Eddie Skinner, the Assistant Leader, has taken over the leadership of Tibberton and Taynton Youth Club on one evening a week and is therefore only available here once a week. However, he has persevered with the cine film production and encouraged canoeing and cycling as well as arranging several hikes.

NEW CITY YOUTH CLUB

This year the City moved from the main building of the Education and Leisure Centre to a side wing which had been previously used by the Pottery Drama and Music groups. Although a chaotic few weeks ensued the move appears to have been successful in that the Youth Club can keep a separate identity yet still benefit from the facilities and amenities of the centre and maintain its links with the other groups and organisations.

A departure from the Club's usual activities was the introduction of a girls 5-a-side football team and although the female footballers tend to attempt to go through their opponents instead of around they did fairly well, representing G.A.Y.C. in the South West Area Finals and winning the over 16 section at Cirencester Park. The boys, too, had a good season and the under 16 team were successful at the Cirencester Event.

There has been more contact with other clubs in the area and it is hoped that those formed mainly by the members attending the Cowley Weekends, will be maintained and strengthened.

Trips were made to Bristol during the year for ice skating and this led to the introduction of roller skating hockey matches and the members would be happy to play a match against anyone interested.

During the last few weeks the members have been working on the float for entry in the Carnival and received third prize in their class for their efforts.

Mr. T. Bevan, Manager of the Centre, has returned to his native Wales and we wish him every success in his new appointment and hope to visit him soon.

NORTHLANDS YOUTH CLUB

The Centre commenced the New Year with a review and research project of Northlands and the local community.

A pilot scheme was undertaken in the Autumn of 1972, prior to the Spring, which showed that we could greatly improve our community relationships, both within the Centre amongst the many varied groups we have and also with the local community.

The Senior Club has had an encouraging year, especially in the activities held in the Sports Hall. Volley Ball, new to the Club, has been used greatly — also the trampoline.

The members have been to two weekends; one to Lechlade under canvas and the other to Bracelands Farm Adventure Centre.

We have now formed our 18 plus Club for the elders of the Centre.

The Junior Club continues to thrive with the reorganisation of the Thursday evenings, with a specialised programme including Boxing, Football Practice, Chess and, for the girls, Volley Ball, Basketball, Netball, Hairdressing, Art and Needlework. All are a great success.

The Tuesday have remained the same, running on the same lines as before, the Sports Hall being fully used, whilst in the main building Music, Table Tennis, etc., continue.

The other evening groups at the Centre continue to thrive — such as Youth Hostel's Association, County Harriers, Prestbury Youth A.F.C., the Aero Model Club, Chiltern Rovers, A.F.C., Karate Club, Crusaders and Regent Chapel Covenanters. They are all working in a happy communal spirit, more so than in past years. The work and spirit of the helpers, organisers and leaders at Northlands has contributed greatly to this.

NORTHWAY YOUTH CLUB

I am never quite certain where to begin when I start to put my thoughts down on paper about a period of time but I think my first thought is that this past year has been a period of consolidation. You may remember that I spoke 12 months ago about a 'year of change'. Well, the past year has seen those changes built upon and consolidated into a useful and varied programme of interest and social activities. We have, of course, made changes and undertaken new things during this year, for change is forever around us and we all need to try out things with which we are not familiar. So, perhaps, that is where I should start.

During this past year we have started some new group activities; some are still running, others ran their course and came to a natural stop. Perhaps the most energetic of these was our Discussion Group — some going on into the early hours of the morning. The Air Rifle Club was very popular for a short time; the Guitar Group, under the capable instruction of Miss Phyl Heasman, goes on smoothly. In the Judo Group, although not a new item, we have seen considerable change. An increase in members warranted an extension to the Mat. Lorraine Bedwell was picked to represent the West of England against Wales and Tracey Merrett to represent Gloucestershire against Oxford. Wendy Goodall, of course, won the Area Junior Championship. Perhaps the biggest change is the fact that we now have many coloured belts amongst the members. Mr. Collins, their Instructor, is, I know, very proud of them. We have started a Netball Instruction Group, under the leadership of Mrs. H. Steel and Mrs. S. Payne. This has paid dividends, as we have actually won one or two matches and are building on a good young team.

The old Club Van was put to good use during this past year. It took members on Pony Trekking outings, a visit to Tintern Abbey and our usual weekends away. These weekends have become very popular and we have purchased climbing and abesailing ropes and gear, which means that we are not dependent upon the Army Teams' equipment, although they have been on nearly all our weekends with us. Our Orienteering team of Francis Groome, John Lannen, Dave Hawker and Dave Barnfield was a comfortable winner in the Area Championship.

The London Trip was enjoyed by all, even if we did not get into the Tutankhamen Exhibition.

A new experience for me was our trip to a Pop Concert. I can now understand more the excitement of this type of event for Young People.

We have taken part in many other items of activity from Ice-Skating to Cricket.

We tried, for the first time, a Y.H.A. Weekend, when the Young Folk have to be much more self reliant about the preparation and cooking of their own food. This was quite successful and, no doubt, we shall be doing this again.

The Senior Citizens Party was enjoyed by young and old, with the film 'Till Death Us Do Part' followed by tea and Bingo. Perhaps not so well supported by the Young Folk but certainly enjoyed by those there.

Film Shows are very popular. We show about one per month. Might I mention that these are nearly all open to the General Public.

Discos, of course, are still a big attraction, with each artist having his own following — some bring their own Go-Go dancers.

Sports day last year may not have been a great financial success but as an occasion for people to get together it was very good.

The Concert saw us without the capable hands of Don Minchew, who had gone off to College but a new compere and General Chairman/Co-ordinator was found in Cliff Hodson, who handled it in a very competent manner. I must pay tribute to expert electricians, Mr. T. Nottingham and Mr. John Martin, who spent many hours in organising stage lighting and P.A. System. Their efforts for the Christmas Bazaar were also tremendous. The little band of people who helped will know the many hours that these two gave to make this the successful event it was.

The introduction of the Sunday Club, on what many term the most boring day of the week, has helped the Young Folk to have some item of interest and a sincere 'thank you' to Jim Beard for taking on this.

OLDBURY-ON-SEVERN YOUTH CLUB

The Oldbury-on-Severn Club commenced in August, 1972 and during the past twelve months have undertaken the following activities:—

Bonfire with barbecue for fund-raising.

Carol singing, the funds of which were for the village hall and the Youth Club.

Pantomime excursion for members.

Christmas party.

Disco nights — the members cooked the food and brought their friends along. These evenings were extremely popular.

Under fourteen's football for the boys, with a tournament at the end of the Season.

A 10 mile Sponsored walk to raise funds.

A most enjoyable camping weekend at Pwll Du.

We submitted entries for the Miss G.A.Y.C. Competition at Gloucester.

Our boys have entered for the Church of England under-sixteen's league for this coming Season and we also have a five a side football.

We now meet twice weekly — Monday night is for table tennis and we are hoping to enter the girls for table tennis this coming year; our normal Club night is on Thursday.

ST. ANDREW'S METHODIST YOUTH CENTRE

During the past year, particularly during the winter, we have been able to offer a wide range of specialist activities, in addition to the usual range of Club games and pastimes. We are able to use the gymnasium facilities at Filton High School for Netball training, Football training and Babminton — in addition the Fencing, Table tennis and Guitar groups meet in our own premises.

The Fencing group has been one of the most successful activities for several years and Steve Williams, the Instructor, has been associated with the Club for eleven years.

One of our members, Graham Skinner, did particularly well at Weight-training; winning the South West Schoolboy Under-15 Championship — held in Bristol — and was also runner-up in the National Championships for the same age range.

During the year, a good representation of our membership entered the various sporting competitions organised by G.A.Y.C., B.A.Y.C. and the South West Gloucestershire Youth Service.

Although we did not operate with an actively structured members' committee we were very well served by a loyal group of members. These were — Andrew Blake, Steve Mathews, Colin Hawkins, Phillip Winter, Sylvia Davies, Suzanne Pinnock and Wendy Smith.

Our planning for next year is along the lines of increasing our activities further and providing a social programme which will include Discos and Folk Concerts.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

During the past twelve months we have had talks and demonstrations on Judo, Fencing, Country Dancing, Ghosts, Drugs and Life in Prison. We have also had visits from a local Solicitor, a Doctor and the Matron of a Hospital.

Film nights proved to be very popular and these will be repeated this year. We also made two successful visits Ice-skating at Bristol.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the "New Life Group" from Bristol who a 40-strong pop gospel group and youth club. Their music and singing was appreciated by all those present. We now look forward to hearing them again on Friday, September 21st at 8.00 p.m.

Membership in the 12—14 age range has increased, whereas those in the 15—22 age range have decreased. With this in mind, a Senior Y.P.A. Group for the 15—22 age range is to start on September 19th at 8.00 p.m. It is hoped that this will encourage young people in the 15—22 age range to participate in Y.P.A. amongst others of their own age.

Six senior members, plus myself as Leader, have recently returned from a successful expedition to the Lake District. Activities there included boating, walking, climbing, swimming, sightseeing, table tennis, card playing and generally meeting other young people. The group stayed at Ambleside and Longthwaite Youth Hostels. We gave lifts to hitch-hikers from various countries during our stay; people from America, Germany, Holland, France, Scotland, Austria, Canada. The group covered approximately 1,000 miles in a mini-bus, which was hired for the visit.

We now look forward to another successful year, with the help of the G.A.Y.C.

ST. TERESA'S YOUTH CLUB

On September 3rd the Club reopened with a Disco. 90 people attended and many of them returned the questionnaire, sent out the previous month. This was designed to find out just what the youth of the area wanted and the large majority chose a "Disco" as their favourite activity.

A drama group was formed on the 18th September and the play chosen — "All Right on the Night" had a cast of six. One of our older members organised things as he had done the previous year and rehearsals took in Friday nights, in addition to some club nights. We were aiming for the one act play competition which was being arranged by the Bristol Catholic Youth Service Council at the beginning of December. Ten Club members went to the Little Theatre on September 25th to see the first of nine series of Modern American plays, entitled "The Boys In the Band". 90p tickets were made available at 20p, enabling even those with the most modest of earnings to attend.

A five a side football team was formed and the Church car park was used on Sunday afternoons for practice.

On Sept. 27th a skittle alley was hired at the local pub. Many members had expressed a desire to form a skittles team and it was intended to use this night as a practice, in preparation for our encounter with a 'Courage' team at a later date.

October 2nd saw the return visit of Mr. Pucill from the Area Youth Office to show slides and discuss weekend visits on the Welsh Mountains. His first visit the previous Easter proved very successful but, unfortunately, this time most of the members previously interested were already too heavily committed to take up his offer.

A small group of members began a series of gardening afternoons on October 8th and it was pleasing to see that they were getting a great deal of satisfaction from their hard work.

Club night attendances had doubled and during October we were averaging 40 a night.

During this month activities continued much in the same way as in September, October 8th a Disco, October 18th Little Theatre Visit to see "A Streetcar named Desire", October 25th a Skittles Match.

Unfortunately, with the increasing numbers came the trouble makers. Damage was being done to Church property, as well as the good name of the club and on November 9th we were forced to close when damage was done both inside and outside the Club. While the Club was closed members repaired the damage and generally tidied up and the Management Committee has now come up with stricter ruling for Club nights.

We reopened on February 4th but nightly attendances never reached their previous peak.

Our five-a-side team took part in the Catholic Clubs competition on April 5th and an 11-a-side match was played against Pro Cathedral on 13th May.

April 24th saw our next visit to the Little Theatre. This time the play was "How The Other Half Lives" by Alan Ayckbourne.

Unfortunately the ramble arranged for May 5th (from Thornbury to Aust) was cancelled because of the bad weather.

After Discos on the 29th April and 27th May, we were able to send a small sum to the Star Centre for Disabled Youth.

Proceeds from the Disco of July 1st were donated to the Royal Society for the Blind as we were doing a house-to-house collection for them that week.

The six-a-side cricket team managed third place in the Catholic Clubs competition on 8th July.

In February we had our own table football machine installed, which cost us £95 and we have already recouped over a third of this in takings.

The Church Hall is being pulled down this Autumn and the Club is being moved into the Crypt. I am sure this move is going to make the club more attractive and at least it will be our own this time, so we are all keeping our fingers crossed for a successful season.

TIBBERTON AND TAYNTON YOUTH CLUB

The Club was re-started in January, after being closed for about two years. Membership consists mostly of the younger age group and these are more enthusiastic in taking part in Club activities than the older members. Attendance at the Club is high in proportion to the potential membership of the two villages.

The usual Club activities, such as table tennis, football, tennis and chess take place on the Club evening, which is Friday. Some members travel to Newent school on Wednesdays for swimming lessons.

The members' committee have held two Discos in order to raise money for the club.

The majority of members are Club orientated and are not keen to travel away from the district. So far, three members have been pony-trekking with G.A.Y.C. at Capel-y-Ffin and two have been camping at Llangorse Lake, Brecon.

TUFFLEY YOUTH CLUB

Members have attended G.A.Y.C. Member Training Weekends at Cowley Manor and The Biblins Adventure Centre and this year eight members joined the Leader in assisting at the G.A.Y.C. course for Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied at Ullenwood Manor. The Club also entertained the PHAB Course to a Disco and Buffet Supper during July. The Christmas Party for "Children in Care" was attended by over a hundred and twenty children and members were kept busy providing food and entertainment for their guests. The Toc H Raid the Larder Appeal in the Tuffley area was organised by the girls of Jordan's Brook House and club members assisted by delivering the leaflets. Once again a hundred and fifty parcels of grocery were delivered.

We have continued to take a keen interest in all sporting activities with a measure of success and we again won the Girls' Team Award in the Matson Hill run. Contact with other clubs in the area has been maintained and we continue to have close links with a local Community School for Senior Girls.

Our attendance has remained fairly steady at 130-140 each club night and we still have a waiting list for membership. The club did pass through an unsettled period with certain behavioural problems but we trust that these difficulties have now been resolved.

At the end of this month a party of members are going to Jersey for a week's holiday under the Leadership of Rita Hill and her husband and camping weekends are also planned by Jenny Raynor with the moral support of Mr. Raynor.

Our future programme includes a number of Day Trips and in the Autumn we are arranging a series of films on various social issues.

My thanks are again due to my Assistant Leaders, Voluntary Helpers, Senior Members and other interested people who have helped to share the responsibility of running, what we like to consider, a very successful Club.

Alan K. Rice - Club Leader

WASPS CLUB ACTIVITIES - MAY 1972/3

Being a Sports' Club, most of the activities during the past year were connected with sport.

In the months of May, June, July and August, successful Under-16's and Under-14's cricket teams were run, both teams finishing the Season undefeated. The Under-16's won 10 of their 12 matches, the Under-14's 8 out of their 12. The highlight of the Cricket Season was a visit to the Llanrumney Community Association, at which we had two fine games and were treated to true Welsh hospitality.

Each Wednesday, throughout the year, many members took full advantage of the free swimming sessions in the Barton Pool, Gloucester.

The Tennis section started slowly but built itself up to a maximum 40 for the last months of the Season.

Many coach trips were run to the sea-side for members and their families and on every occasion all seats were taken.

During the winter months 4 football teams were run - to cater for boys of all ages. These teams were a credit to the Club. The Under-16's Five-a-Side team, consisting of Brian Wright, Mike Harrison, Tommy Meheran, Mike Hancock and Steve Wasley won the County Five-a-Side Championships and represented Gloucestershire in the South West Finals. Eight County Champions took part and we were narrowly defeated in the Finals at 2 - 1. The Under-16's and Under-14's teams, with 150 supporters, travelled to London to play against Queens Park Rangers Junior at the Loftus Road Training Ground. Although both teams were beaten during this Knock-out competition, several individuals came through with flying colours.

Cross Country was also a feature of the summer months. Several matches took place against local Youth Clubs but unfortunately this sport was discontinued due to lack of facilities at our own Club.

In August a Sponsored Walk was held, with Andrew Turville collecting a total of £15.40 towards a grand total of £89.80. The Sponsored Swim held in March raised £101.60 for Club funds.

At the end of season Club Dance, held at Brockworth House Club, Peter Houseman, the Chelsea and former England Star, was Guest of Honour. Peter presented the Trophies won by Members in the previous twelve months. A substantial sum of money was raised on raffles during the dance and the event proved a most enjoyable conclusion to an extremely promising year.

WESTFIELDS YOUTH CENTRE

Ski-ing in Scotland, street collecting for the Blind, Adventure Holidays in the Forest of Dean, Training for part-time Youth Leadership and a summer holiday in Germany name just a few of the activities undertaken by members of Westfields this year. However, whilst introducing members to new and outside interests the pattern of the internal club life has not been too disturbed and during the year the structured activities of football, netball, basketball, volley ball, badminton, judo, trampoline, tennis and gymnastics have continued and increased in popularity. During the Spring, a series of internal club competitions were held and events included Table Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Draughts and Darts. The cups were presented at a special Disco by Councillor Ronald Smith, a member of our steering committee. Social activities have included Discos, Film Shows, Discussion Groups, Ice Skating and Pony Trekking (with G.A.Y.C.) The 18 plus Club, with its licenced bar continues to flourish and meals are now served in the candlelit bar. The Junior club for 10-13 year olds meets once a week and runs Adventure holidays and camps in school holidays and half terms.

Finally, on a question of staff, in January we said farewell to Mr. Gareth Davies, who had been our assistant Leader for two and a half years and in June we welcomed Mr. Don Craiger from Liverpool as his replacement.

CHELTENHAM Y.M.C.A.

1972 will be no doubt remembered by many as the year in which the Charity Week took place, and indeed it certainly deserves the special mention it has received in this report. Six hundred pounds raised in seven days is no mean achievement, and all those involved can be justifiably proud of having produced such a magnificent result.

However, "one swallow does not make a summer", and consequently the Charity Week should be seen against the total background of activity development, achievement, and dare it be said, digression.

All the usual ingredients of Y.M.C.A. life were contained in the twelve months, some pleasant, others not so pleasant. A mixture of tranquility and trauma ensured that life was never dull. Ever-changing situations provided pressure one minute and relief the next.

On the debit side, 1972 sadly saw the passing of the Friday night Discos. Due to increasing bouts of violence and general bother, people who had been associated with the Discotheque since its inception some seven years ago, began to find the situation intolerable, not least the full-time Secretaries. It should be stated that trouble in the main emanated from non-members and perhaps reflected the difficulty that even a caring society has in working with certain groups of young people.

1972 has gone, however its effects remain and will inevitably contribute to the shaping of 1973. Let us hope that experiences of the past will enable us to build wisely in the future.

"Today, irrespective of political policy, irrespective of nation, irrespective even of age, we face a common task. It is to destroy the barriers of fear and ignorance wherever they appear. It is to build the bridges that will enable people to come together wherever they can. It is to create a new world that will be Our World, Your World. In previous ages such a task would have been called a crusade; I can think of no better word to describe it today."
Edward Heath - Prime Minister

"My plea to a new generation is a plea for practical idealism."

Peter Walker - Environment Minister



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