



**GLOUCESTERSHIRE
ASSOCIATION OF
YOUTH CLUBS**

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CLUBS REGISTERED WITH G.A.Y.C.

1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75
CLUBS	CLUBS	CLUBS	CLUBS	CLUBS
37	61	83	96	105

On reorganisation approximately 20 clubs were transferred to the Avon Association of Youth Clubs.

FOREWORD

The Constitution of this Association unequivocally states our aim as ' . . . to help and educate young people . . . so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and as members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved . . . '. How, then, does this aim square with the great variety of activities which are described in the following pages? The clue lies in the dual role of people as being 'individuals' and 'members of society'.

Our aim is educational. That is, we have in mind standards and ideals by which to judge our activities. We believe that to be 'individual' is to be answerable for the things which we say and do, and to have self respect. To be 'members of society' is to respect the individuality of others and to bear responsibility for creating conditions in which all may achieve self respect. The different things which we do, whether it is the often dull committee work, or the exciting outdoor pursuits, or the training of youth workers, or the never ceasing raising of funds . . . all of these activities are not ends in themselves. They are the means of playing our part in creating a society of individuals in community. It would be a sad mistake if our role was seen, simply, as providing for the leisure time activity of young people, although, of course, we work in people's leisure time and we hope that enjoyment and recreation characterise what we do.

Since we live in a society where the organs of government loom very large and when there is a tendency for people to feel that their responsibility for others is fulfilled when rates and taxes have been paid, it is worthwhile for a few moments reflecting upon the virtue of voluntaryism. This Association is a 'voluntary organisation'. As such, it has a duty in a variety of ways. First, it exists in partnership with the services provided by local government to meet the needs of young people in our society.

It is both unlikely and undesirable that these needs could or should be met through the medium of rates and taxes. Second, we are called upon to mobilise the great variety of talents which people are willing to use in the service of their fellows. In this way we create an opportunity for personal satisfaction through giving. A means is provided whereby we can contribute personally, to the making of society. Sometimes the talents are in skill, sometimes, they are, literally, in kind. Third we must be sensitive, continually, to change. New needs arise and it is our responsibility to discern them and to provide for them. For example, notice in the pages of the report how the 'junior club' movement is growing. Finally because we are voluntary we are independent. In this way it is our duty to provide a voice. This is the voice which calls the attention of those who rule our affairs to responsibilities to be met. It is the voice which points the public to issues which are its concern.

I would call upon the readers of this report to rate the achievement of the Association in terms of voluntaryism. Do you judge that we have helped to create a greater sense of individual in community? I believe that, in the past year, we have succeeded in good measure. It is fitting that all of those who make this a genuine Association of people of like mind, should feel satisfaction in something worthwhile which has been achieved. I know that you all would wish me to record our especial gratitude to the Staff - Brian McCarrick, Terry Tyreman and Norman Barton whose commitment and endeavours during the past year have been so significant a part of what has been done.

As the year closes Inflation threatens the Association's existence. Your executive takes the view that the services of a full time officer are indispensable to the mobilisation of extensive voluntary work. We have therefore, established the Campaign '75 which is a renewed drive on the raising of funds. Our work is going to be even more

important as we move into the severe economic circumstances which are forecast with their serious effects on the lives of young people.

1975
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 , to replace the
 - Dick Fox and the
 Harold Haywood

DIARY OF EVENTS

- August
 10th-17th PHAB Week at Biblins.
- September
 1st New Organising Secretary takes up post.
 23rd Regional Council.
- October
 1st-3rd National Staff Conference.
 4th-6th Biblins Adventure Weekend.
 14th Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's College of Education, Cheltenham.
 18th-25th Club Week.
- November
 16th Gatsby Party at Haresfield Court.
 30th Hallowe'en Ball at Tythe Barn.
- December
 6th-8th Meaning of Christmas W/E at Avon Tyrrell, Hants.
 21st Candlelight Carol Service.
- January
 7th West Regional Council.
 8th Day Course - Political Power Maze.
 19th Day Course - Alcohol & Young People.
 20th North & Middle Area Table Tennis.
- February
 13th PHAB Disco.
 14th North Area Quiz.
 16th North & Middle Area Girls 5-a-side.
 18th Middle Area 5-a-side Boys.
 19th North Area 5-a-side Boys (Senior).
 21st-23rd One World Course at Cowley Manor.
 27th Forest Area - Quiz.
 28th North & Middle Areas - Netball.



March

1st North Area Boys 5-a-side (Juniors).
15th Marathon Disco at Viking Youth Club.
23rd County Finals.

people are willing

April

4th for personal satisfaction W/E at Cowley Manor.
9th means is provided unci.

25th Chess - Cheltenham PHAB.

May

1st Girls Event at Seymour Club.

4th It's a GAYC Knockout.

9th-11th Leaders W/E @ Cowley Manor.

18th Regional Finals.

June

14th NAYC Cup Final @ Wembley Stadium.

21st Junior Day & Junior Leaders Day

Course @ St. Mary's College.

28th Cirencester Park Festival Event.

July

7th Houses of Parliament Visit.

12th-13th National Dressmaking Finals.

19th-20th National Sports & Quiz Finals.



THE NATIONAL PICTURE

Mr. M. Butterfield was appointed during 1975 as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Youth Clubs, to replace the retiring General Secretary - Dick Fox and the Director of Youth Work - Harold Haywood. He relates his first impressions of the Association.

My first few months with NAYC have been spent in getting to know as much as possible about the National body and about the Divisions in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the Associations in England. This has meant travelling all over the country to meet individual organising secretaries on their home ground and getting a picture at first hand of the current work of each Association. As I draw to the end of this rather hectic, but fascinating, period of my work with NAYC, my overall feeling is one of great encouragement.

All our Associations face problems - often financial - but I find a common resolve to continue the work because there is a real need for what the Association can offer. This is shown, for example, by the increase in the number of affiliated clubs and members. For the first time in our history we now have over 500,000 young people in membership.

The Association continues to develop new programmes and courses to assist the thousands of people most of whom are voluntary, in their work with young people. A recent example is the success of the day courses in work with the under 14's which have been widely supported. Another area of work has been organised in association with the National Medical Council on Alcoholism Ltd. The Association supports the day-to-day work of clubs all over the country as well as being flexible and adaptable.



I believe that one of the most important characteristics of the Association is that it is a genuinely voluntary and independent organisation, able to offer alternative programmes and services to those working with young people.

A complex society such as ours needs to have a variety of provision to meet the different needs of young people throughout the Country. I believe NAYC and its local Associations have a vital part to play in this provision.

Mr. J. M. Butterfield
Chief Executive
N.A.Y.C.



Members relax after a hectic discussion session at Cowley Manor.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

About 150 leaders, members, friends and guests of the Association attended the Annual General Meeting at St. Mary's College of Education, on the 14th. of October.

The Guests included the Mayor of Cheltenham, Cllr. D. H. J. Martin-Jones, the Mayor of Gloucester, Cllr. F.E. King, the Chairman of N.A.Y.C. Mr. D. Stevenson, and the Chairman of the Education Committee Mrs. K. Penley. Lt. Col. P. Carroll took the chair for the meeting.

After the formal business of the meeting, the trophies were awarded to the County Champions, and then Mr. D. Stevenson addressed the gathering. He stressed the severe problems that would face all voluntary youth organisations caused by inflation. He further stressed the essential nature of the contribution the G was making to youth work in the country.



OBITUARY - Rt. Rev. BASIL TUDOR GL



It is with great sadness that we record the death of the Right Reverend Basil Tudor Guy, Lord Bishop of Gloucester. We recall with pleasure the times he spent with us, the fun and the intimacy of the discussion group, the presence and the voice amidst the stirring and moving grandeur of the Candlelight Carol Service. He it was who so readily recognised and accepted the needs of this Association and gave his support to the Reverend Sidney Riggs. We were honoured that he should become a Vice-President and we remember with gratitude a life in which young people were important.

FIELD OFFICERS

The work of the Association is undoubtedly enhanced by its three Field Officers - Mr. John Brown (North), Mr. Alan Rice (Middle) and Mr. John Anderson-Dixon (South), who work in virtually a voluntary capacity receiving a small honorarium that barely covers their travel expenses. The support that they give to Leaders in the club situation is appreciated greatly by the Association, and the information regarding the needs of clubs, and the ways that the Association can work toward filling those needs is of tremendous value. It is obvious that the development of this aspect of our work is of the highest priority in the future, and it is only the difficult financial circumstances that prevents further expansion with the appointment of Field Officers to cover other areas.



now a very active participant
shire Training Agency - which
the training of adults to work
young people. The Agencies Dir-
Donald Jones - a past Organ-
Secretary of G.A.Y.C.

The Organising Secretary along with a field officer and three members of the Executive work through the Agency, and are heavily involved in working parties, and training situations.

Despite this commitment the Association still involves itself in training, as and when the need arises, though attempts are made to ensure that we do not duplicate the work of the Training Agency by regular liaison with the Director.

Courses organised for leaders and members of the Association are indicated in the following section of the report.

King George VI Training.

Organised by N.A.Y.C. and conducted on a tutorial basis, this course is designed to help those working with young people to gain a greater understanding of the varying needs of the young. The work is both theoretical and practical, although the content of each course is decided by the students with the advice of the tutor.

The members of the Gloucestershire course became involved in many situations outside the normal youth club, and each student kept a diary of individual and group work. Studies undertaken included: the effects of drugs and alcohol, and the work of social workers, probation officers, and unattached youth workers, the religions and customs of the immigrant populations.

The group met at fortnightly intervals, and attended weekend courses organised by N.A.Y.C.

This was a most interesting and enjoyable course and the students did indeed gain a greater understanding of the young.

Mrs. M. Eamer.



Members who attended the Associations One World Course at Cowley Manor.

ONE WORLD COURSE

This course at Cowley Manor from the 21/23rd. of February involved 40 young people and 12 leaders of groups. Subjects discussed ranged through Religion, Power, Conservation & Politics, and the young people spent an intense weekend putting the World to rights.

One of the students summed up the weekend with the comment "It is so nice to be able to express an opinion and know it will receive every consideration from those around you".

The outcome of the weekend was a trip to

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Mrs. Sally Oppenheim M.P. kindly offered a conducted tour of Parliament on Monday the 7th. July. Our party of 32 journeyed by coach to the capital, where we were met by our very competent guide (52 years experience!), and the tour was made via the Royal Staircase, Robing Room, Royal Gallery, the Princess Chamber and Lords Chamber. Through the Peers Lobby, Central Lobby and on to Westminster Hall. Lack of space prohibits graphic description, suffice to say that it was really a grand tour. After several hours of sightseeing our enjoyment was complete. Thanks to GAYC.

Maureen Trotman and Liz.
Wood CAM YOUTH CLUB



YOUTH IN PARLIAMENT

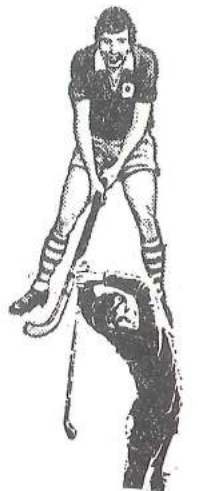
LEADERS' WEEKEND

Mr. Sydney Bunt - N.A.Y.C. Training Officer - acted as Course Director for this event, which attracted some thirty club leaders and assistants. The focus of the weekend was on the way our lives, and the lives of the young people we work with, are affected by outside influences.

Course Tutors were Mr. A. Mentz and the Organising Secretary - and visits were made by Donald Jones of the training agency and Field Officer John Anderson Dixon. The leaders council was established as a result of this course.

SPORT FOR YOUTH

During the Month of August the Association was able to negotiate a series of evenings at the Gloucester Leisure Centre for a large group of young people from many clubs. The course was staffed by the Sports Centre Coaches, and the young people were able to participate in a large number of activities at a minimal charge. The great advantage of this series was that it took place at a time when most clubs were closed.



ALCOHOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The thoughts of the National Association and GAYC's Executive coincided in December when both were found to be looking at the problem of Alcohol and young people. After some thought it was agreed to organise a day consultation for Youth Workers - and 60 attended on the 19th. of January at the Chequers Bridge Centre. Mr. John Warrington of the Medical Council on Alcoholism led the day, and his film 'The Choice is Yours' was shown.

It became obvious that leaders learnt much from the day, not least the ability to recognise symptoms, and requests for further one day consultations on a variety of topics proved that a need had been filled.

ADVENTURE WEEKEND

A course involving some thirty plus young people at the Biblins log cabin on the banks of the Wye in October. Activities included rock climbing, archery, canoeing, orienteering, a night exercise etc. etc. The Army Youth Team were of great assistance on this course, and the catering by two St. Marys students was of high standard.

Despite really bad weather conditions the young people thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, and requests for further similar opportunities were made.

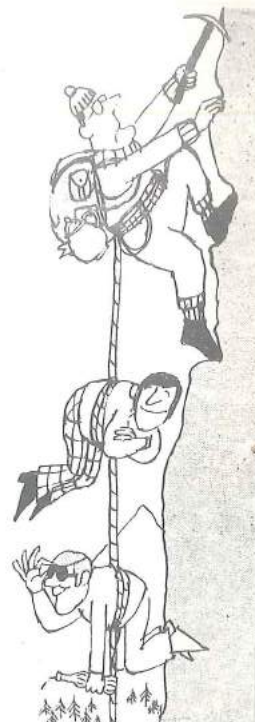


THE MEANING OF

CHRISTMAS

Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs organised a weekend for the National Association at Avon Tyrell, Hampshire, involving young people from Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Hampshire, and Avon Associations on the weekend of the 6/8th. December. About 70 members (30+ from Gloucestershire) took part in the weekend, and they arranged a party for local children, and entertainment at an old peoples home nearby. A second group of Senior Citizens and Children were invited to a Carol Service. All of the guests received small gifts, and it was generally agreed that the venture was very valuable.

The members and staff who participated in this event arrived home in need of their Christmas holiday to recover from the exertions of the weekend. Nevertheless everyone agreed that the weekend had been really enjoyable and exciting, proving the theory that young people get as much pleasure from giving, as they do from receiving. It is hoped that this event is now well established as an Association tradition.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

It can safely be said that the year under review is that which preceeded the bursting of the dam of inflation, but one in which the flaws of our structure became apparant. It will be noted that salaries are not greatly in excess of last year, but there was a period when we were without an Organising Secretary. It is a tribute to all concerned that we have gone through the year without a defecit, thanks mainly to two friends groups who raised almost £700. Looking to the future, we are likely, as are most voluntary bodies, to be under extreme pressure in 1975/76 and we may be unable to continue functioning in the manner we have been doing in the past, unless the County Council are able to considerably increase their assistance. We shall also require the support of every interested individual, and I conclude by appealing to all interested parties so to direct their efforts during the coming year.

H. F. A. May. Hon. Treasurer

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 for this type of 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 continue and develop the work of the part-time liaison officers who are serving different parts of the county.

THE LEADER'S LAMENT



Caretaker, cleaner, counter of cokes, a spreader
of balm on the ones he provokes;
Warden, warder, keeper of keys, unblocker of
cisterns and pipes as they freeze;
Office boy, typist, provider of teas for visitors,
leaders and VIPs;
Carpenter, charlady, caterer, cook, adviser to
orphan, adopted and crook;
Secretary, treasurer, chairman and all, referee;
linesman, blower up of the ball;
Juke-box mechanic, booker of groups, vetter of
letters to Marjorie Proops;
Wholesaler, retailer, customer, too, sticker of
tips on the billiard cue;
Programme planner, compiler of charts, fixer of
feathers on flights for darts;
Dresser of wounds, reliever of pain, sayer of
sooths when all's in vain.
Starter of races, stopper of fights, righter of
wrongs and righter of rights;
Buffer twixt the members and the police, riot act
reader, and keeper of peace;
Erector of tents and launcher of boats, driver of
all the carnival floats;
Counsellor, courier, maker of plans, dropper of
bricks and carrier of cans;
Digester of literature, ream upon ream, washer of
shirts and picker of team;
Leading light in the D of E, 'took the whole club
up Ben Nevis for tea';
Instructor for drama, a noble art, producer,
scriptwriter and player of part;
Dedicated do-gooder, the salt of the earth, paid
far short of what he is worth;
Dead leg, useless, drain on the rates; it depends
of course on who are his mates.
Would someone please tell me IS THIS MY ROLE?
It's all right, don't bother. I'll sign on the
DOLE.

G.A.Y.C. COMPETITIONS

During 1974/75 approximately 1000 young people took part in the various competitions organised by the Association. Some of the events were serious sporting activities played in order to find the best in the county, others were played in a much more light hearted fashion for the sheer enjoyment of participation. After an arduous and very exciting series of competitions in various areas the top teams met together on the 23rd. of March for the County Finals at the Beaufort Sports Centre and Tuffley Community Centre, Gloucester.

The Tug O' War and It's a GAYC Knockout finals took place in April at the Ashchurch Playing Fields near Tewkesbury, with Northway Y.C. acting as hosts, and all the competitors enjoyed a great day out.

After these two exciting afternoons the County Champions were announced as shown oveleaf.



Up and Over - Its A Knockout - April 1975.

Photo. Fr. Aiden Murray.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1975

Quiz	- Coleford Club
Netball	- Cheltenham Y.M.C.A.
Girls Table-Tennis	- Miss Stevens, Forum Club
Boys Table-Tennis	- Mr. G.Greening - Chelt. YMCA
Girls 5-a-side Football	- Cheltenham Y.M.C.A.
Junior Boys 5-a-side Football	- Tuffley Youth Club
Senior Boys 5-a-side Football	- Gloucester Y.M.C.A.
Darts	- Forum Youth Club
It's A G.A.Y.C. Knockout	- St. Barnabas Club
Tug O' War	- Shurdington Club
Chess	- Mr. S. Rice - Jordans Brook House.



THE NATIONAL SPORTS AND QUIZ FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY.

Although the teams representing the County were not among the prize winners at Nottingham, nevertheless they were a great credit to the clubs that they represented. The most successful team was the It's a Knockout team from the Saint Barnabas Y.F. that managed to achieve a very creditable fourth place.

Perhaps the most interesting point in the finals came in the five a side football competition, when the YMCA Gloucester team found themselves in a game refereed by a sixteen year old. He handled the game with great panache, and the YMCA lads came off after losing full of compliments for the referee.

CIRENCESTER PARK FESTIVAL

Once again the Associations event (now an annual occurrence) at Cirencester was a great success, thanks to the efforts of a small army of volunteers. Members of the Executive played a very active part in the day, and it will be easy to imagine how much work was involved with about 700 young people actually participating. Lord Bathurst, a Vice President of the Association, by whose permission we use Cirencester Park was able to attend the day, and was delighted that so many young people could attend such an event.

The winners of the events were as follows:-

CHESS:- 1st Stephen Rice - Jordans Brook House
2nd Steve Whitehead - Barnsley Youth Club

CROSS COUNTRY:- 1st Gloucester PHAB - Murray Beamish
2nd Salesian School - Pat Studdart

7's RUGBY:- 1st Matson Youth Club
2nd Berkeley Vale Club

GIRLS OVER 16 5-a-side FOOTBALL:-

1st Shurdington
2nd Cam & District Club



BOYS OVER 16 5-a-side FOOTBALL:-

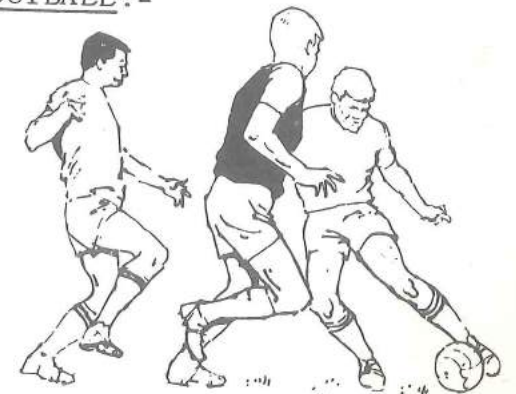
1st Forum Club
2nd Northlands

BOYS UNDER 16 5-a-side FOOTBALL:-

1st Salesian School Club
2nd Holy Apostles

TUG O' WAR

1st Northway Club
2nd Tewkesbury Club



NETBALL

1st Cam & District Club
2nd Y.M.C.A. Cheltenham

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

1st Holy Apostles Club

2nd Tewkesbury



It's a Knockout Game, Tug O'War, Lord Bathurst holding winning draw ticket. Photo - Len Agg.

GIRLS' EVENTS

Once again the Seymour 66 Youth Centre (66 Star) acted as hosts for the Association's Girls Event which took place on the 1st May. The whole event is aimed specifically at the girls of our Association, but the boys can take part in the Arts & Crafts sections.

About 33 girls took part in the Miss G.A.Y.C. competitions, and the adjudicators struggled to make a decision, unaffected by the cheers of the audience for their favourites.

One of the highlights of the evening was the local final of the NAYC/Singer dressmaking and modelling competition in which the girls were selected to represent the Association at National Finals.

The Association appreciates the efforts put in by the staff of 66 Star Centre, the adjudicators and the competitors to make the event so successful.

RESULTS

Miss G.A.Y.C. Senior

Winner - Rebecca Melfah - Viking Club
Runner Up - Carole Brown - Tuffley Club
Third - Susan Ryland - Matson

Miss G.A.Y.C. Junior

Winner - Rachael Davies - Viking
Runner Up - Pauline Cave - Northway
Third - Gail Luther - Newent

Art

Winner - K. Barlow - Salesian Club
Runner Up - D. Staelans - Seymour 66 Club
Third - P. Harison - Seymour 66 Club

Models

Winner - S. McPherson - Salesian Club
Runner Up - M. Little - Salesian Club
Third - N. Button - Salesian Club



Needlework

- 1st - J. Boon - St. Peters
- 2nd - G. Pockett - St. Peters
- 3rd - L. Harris - Jordans Brook Hse

Craft

- 1st - R. Mustoe - Shurdington
- 2nd - L. Harris - Jordans Brook Hse
- 3rd - J. Stallard - Shurdington

Dressed Dolls

- 1st - L. Cruckshank- Jordans Brook Hse
- 2nd - J. Perks - Jordans Brook Hse

Cakes

- 1st - P. Cripps - Jordans Brook Hse
- 2nd - N. Newland - St. Peters
- 3rd - B. Meredith - Tewkesbury

Sweets

- 1st - Sharon Lee - Tuffley
- 2nd - Mary Brick - All Saints
- 3rd - Denise Newman- Tuffley



Competitors in the cake making discuss the final result with the adjudicator. Photo. Roxborough Hse.

SINGER DRESSMAKING

Terry, Debbie and I arrived at Devonshire Street House at about 11.00 a.m. There were 43 contestants staying at the House whilst Terry stayed at a seperate Hotel.

Our first organised event was a talk on make up by a beautician from the London Beauty Clinic, followed by a talk given by the Principal of the Lucy Clayton Modelling School. After supper we rehearsed for Sunday, and to end an eventful day a cheese and wine party was held and attended by special guests including Princess Galitzine.



DEBORAH PARFITT



SALLY FURNISS

After breakfast on Sunday we went to the Hylton Hotel, where we rehearsed until it was time for lunch, after which we prepared for the competition. This began with a Fashion Facade, after which we modelled our outfits, all competitors being presented with various sewing aids by Jimmy Logan. Debbie raised the flag by gaining third place overall, winning the Singer swinger sewing machine.

Thankyou GAYC for giving us such a memorable weekend.

SALLY FURNISS - Tuffley Y.C.



JUNIOR DAY

at
St.
Mary's
College



This day was initiated as a result of the Leaders of Under 14's Groups requesting assistance with activities and programmes. The plan was that the staff and students of St. Mary's would organise a series of activities for the youngsters, while their leaders attended a course run by the N.A.Y.C. Officer in charge of junior liaison work — Mr. Roger Hope.

Sixteen activities were offered to Juniors and Leaders were given an opportunity to view these activities during the Saturday afternoon, as part of their programme. 250 young people, and 35 leaders were involved with a staff of 40 students and staff, including the G.A.Y.C. staff. The total cost to the Association was about £20 and we are grateful to the way in which the St. Mary's College put in a whole hearted voluntary effort to make the day a great success.

It has been estimated that a real costing for this event — which includes payment for the labour that G.A.Y.C. was able to get friends to do voluntarily — would have been in the region of £400/£500. These figures show that the voluntary pound is stretched a long, long way.

Our photograph shows some of the young people in-action with the trampoline, table tennis, tchouk ball and hot air balloon activities. The front cover also shows them enjoying their big day.



WEST REGION

The Shropshire, Herefordshire, and Gloucestershire Associations together form the West Region of NAYC, and the regional council is chaired by Mr. A.Mentz. The other two representatives from the Association are the organising secretary and Mr. N.Havard. More and more joint ventures are being proposed, and the most important new move is the bringing together of the three postal appeals in a central office, under the eye of Mr. N. Barton, of National Westminster Enterprises.

MEMBERS' WEEKEND

A joint weekend at Cowley Manor involved members from all three Associations in a wide range of activities. The choices ranged from Photography to Fencing and Canoeing to Arts and Crafts. The weekend highlights included a visit to the Cambridge Theatre to see 'Under Milkwood' by Dylan Thomas, and a West Region Superstars event.



REGIONAL FINALS

The County Champions represented the Association at these finals at Hereford, and congratulations must go to Hereford for organising the event so efficiently. The teams from Gloucestershire did amazingly well, winning no less than eight of the eleven events. Next year it falls to Gloucestershire to organise the Regional Finals.

G. A. Y. C. won the Senior Boys 5-a-side Football, It's a NAYCout, the Quiz, the Boys and Girls Table Tennis, the Netball, the Chess and the Darts. Herefordshire won the Girls and Junior 5-a-side, and the Tug O' War events.

GATSBY AND HALLOWEEN PARTIES

During November the Friends Groups of the Association ran two events, the first a Gatsby Party at the home of Mrs. Haywood of Haresfield Court, and the second a Hallowe'en Party at the Tythe Barn. The pleasing thing about both events was that the guests had a really enjoyable night out, while at the same time almost £700 was raised for the work of the Association.

Mrs. Sally Oppenheim M.P., received the cheques on behalf of the Association from these groups at the Association offices in March. The Association is very grateful to both of these groups for the tremendous effort that they put in on our behalf. In particular thanks are due to Mrs. Haywood and her family for allowing her home to be used for this type of event.



Mrs. Sally Oppenheim M.P., receives two cheques on behalf of the Association from two Friends Groups. Photo. Glos. Photographic Agency (Terry Beckett).

CLUB WEEK

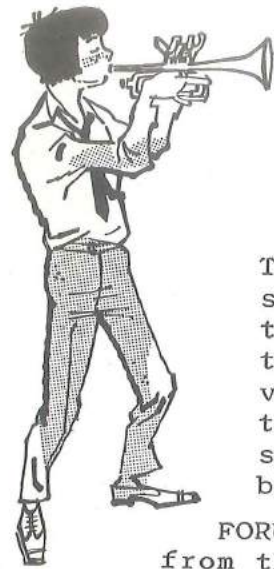
Sixteen clubs took part in Club Week in 1974, and were able to create a new record for the Association, collecting almost £600. A 33% improvement on 1973, and this despite the fact that three of the top four clubs last year had been transferred to the Avon Association.

Jordans Brook House - with £201.50 were the top group, and averaged £13.40 per member, which put them as one of the top groups in the country.

The clubs participating made the following returns:-

Jordans Brook House	-	201.50
Shurdington Youth Club	-	67.87
Chequers Bridge Club	-	63.46
Viking Youth Club	-	50.53
Elm Tree Youth Club	-	34.25
Beeches Green Club	-	30.26
Lydney Club	-	30.00
Hempstead Youth Club	-	25.00
St. Bartholomews Club	-	16.00
Parry Hall Club	-	15.53
St. Barnabas Club	-	15.00
Northway Youth Club	-	12.85
Tibberton & Taynton Club	-	9.00
Cinderford Youth Club	-	8.50
St. Briavels Youth Club	-	7.51
Forthampton Youth Club	-	5.30
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Clubs Are Trumps

The following section is devoted to short reports from a few of the groups that are affiliated to the Association. They will indicate the great variety of youth work that goes on in the groups in the county. Shortage of space means that we can take only a brief look at this tremendous work.

FORUM YOUTH CLUB, Cirencester. A report from the club states: This year we have been moving slowly in the direction of a greater community involvement and two instances have been the cleaning up of a garage site in the middle of town, and the organisation of the Its a Knockout at this years Cirencester Carnival.

The club itself opens five nights a week, from Mon to Fri., for a maximum membership of 250. This year the clubs table tennis team lifted the major prize in the Stroud league. The club has also made use of the County Adventure Centres, and the members have taken the opportunity of making visits into the Forest of Dean on several occasions.

Young Friends Of Gloucester Cathedral, was launched in October 1974 and has a membership of 150. On joining each member is given a membership card, a certificate and a pennant.

They engaged in a number of projects during the Christmas Holidays, the highlight of which was the Nativity Pageant presented on Christmas Eve.

After Christmas the group toured the Cathedral and then took part in projects which involved painting and drawing pictures of the aspects of the Cathedral that had caught their imagination. One of the

highlights was the climb to the top of the tower, and the opportunity of seeing Big Peter strike the hour.

The Young Friends played an important part in the Blessing of the Easter Garden on Easter Eve. Each one was presented with a lighted candle and they laid bunches of daffodils on the Easter Garden. The Easter projects also included painting Easter Eggs, making candle holders, and articles to be sold at a bring and buy sale.

During the Summer projects included a visit to the Clearwell caves and Goodrich Castle, Brass Rubbing and weekends at the Biblins and Bracelands Adventure Centres. An exhibition of the work of The Young Friends was mounted in the Church Tent at the Three Counties Show, Malvern.

Rev. Sidney J. Riggs.

Up Hatherley Y.C. During the last year our club has progressed a great deal, and it has grown in popularity. The best indication of this is in the attendance with 35 young people attending on each club night.

During the Christmas period the members organised a modern carol service, and also raised £15 for St. Vincents Care Centre, Cheltenham.

The loss of our leader Tony Hall in April was sad but Geoff Foster has taken over doing an extremely good job, and there has been greater involvement in the activities organised outside the club by G.A.Y.C. and Cheltenham Youth Council.

It is the hope of the Members and the Management Committee that the present success continues and is followed by even greater achievements in 1976.

David Forte (Hon. Sec.)

St. Barnabas Youth Fellowship. We have had a very active year, even though we have had 3 leaders since last September.

Activities have been varied, a Bonfire party, Barbeque, Ballroom Dancing and 5-a-side Football. Collections were made for the first time for Club Week. Money was also raised for U.S.P.G. and Glosaid. At Christmas local prison inmates

were entertained with songs, poems and prayers. Our entrants in G.A.Y.C. It's a Knockout Competition got through to National Finals at Nottingham University, and gained fourth place.

Laura Dawson
Leader & Secretary.

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY- CENTENARY YEAR

To all youth clubs and readers - greetings from a Centenarian. Yes, this year the G.F.S. celebrates its 100th birthday. And what a year we're having. It would be easy to sit back and reflect on 100 years of work and survival and say "Well Done", but this would not be in keeping with the thinking and aim of the society of 1975, any more than those pioneers of 1875 were happy to accept life and social conditions as they found them. This year's theme for G.F.S. is "Forward Looking, Outward Going"-the initials spell FLOG- no sitting back there! So the year is full-projects, plans (so that future needs are met with vision and purpose) and times of celebration. Please share with us a diary of the highlights.

MARCH - Marion Jesudauson - Gloucester's Miss G.F.S.- third in Miss G.F.S. Finals in London.

APRIL - A joyous service at Tewkesbury Abbey - Sun shine, bells ringing, four Bishops, six Mayors, and G.F.S. friends from all parts of England.

MAY - Christine Ford - chosen to be the younger delegate at World Council (held in London in July). Isn't it fantastic- the only delegate (other than the Vice-President for the country), representing the whole of England was from Gloucester.

JULY - Two marvellous weekends-one which 30 members from Gloucester Diocese spent in London, attending a Centenary Service in Westminster Abbey. The second weekend - joy, pleasure and excitement - eight G.F.S. members from Gloucester Mass.U.S.A. came to visit us. Visits to the Mayor, the Cathedral, the countryside, exchanges of gifts and momentos - more than this - discovering some of the realities of being part of a world wide Society.

So 1975 is a marvellous year-we aim to make the second century of G.F.S. as exciting and worthwhile as the first.

Mrs. Jean Riggs - President G.F.S. Gloucester.

Blaisdon Y.C.

According to the Blaisdon Bugle (the report of the club) 1974/75 was a year of Victory, and indeed it was, for the club had success in 13 activities, a remarkable achievement. Success came in Judo, Football, Athletics, It's A Knockout, Life Saving, in G.A.Y.C. and G.A.B.C. competitions etc. etc. But Sport wasn't the only achievement the Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" was watched by 1100 people and £80. of the proceeds were contributed to the "Save The Children Fund".

The boys who participated in the Lions Club sponsored walk raised £20. for the Geriatric Day Room at Lydbrook Hospital, and more cash was raised at a very successful Blaisdon village Fete.

Congratulations to the 6 boys who qualified for the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award, and if any one falls in a local river the club has forty life saving certificates to prove he can be saved, and ten first aiders to revive him. All in all it's good to report a successful year.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

It is so sad that we are unable to enlarge the Gloucester Cathedral for the Annual Carol Service organised in cooperation with the Diocesan Youth Committee. The demand for tickets is always well beyond the capacity. No one is ever turned away as seats are available in the Lady Chapel and the Choir, but, most people want the opportunity to see as well as hear, and it is impossible to seat more than 1100 people in the Nave and Side Aisles.

This year saw the 11th. Service, and the Gloucester Christmas Orchestra, conducted by Mr. A. Hewitt - Jones, and the Cathedral Choristers led the singing of the Carols. The Rev. Richard Wiggins delivered the Christmas address, and when during the last Carol the lights went out leaving the Cathedral lit by over a thousand tapers held by the congregation, it became obvious why so many people wanted to share in such a moving experience.

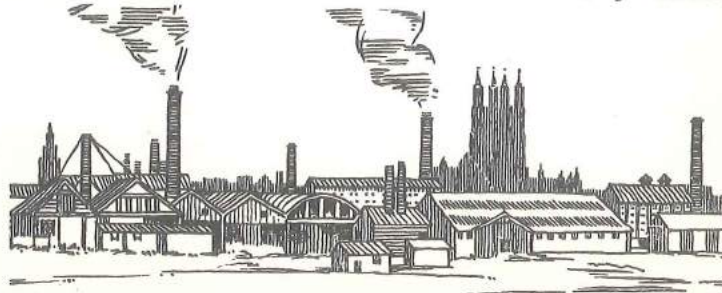
G.A.Y.C. is very grateful to the many young people and adults who contribute in making this event so pleasing for so many.

AFFILIATION PROCEDURE

The Association now affiliates all young people in the County to G.A.Y.C. 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 is required to pay a registration fee of £1.(\$3. from 1/1/1976) which also allows the club to take part in competitions and events organised by the Association. In adopting this new system of affiliation the Association does not intend to run down its service to clubs, but hopes to increase the opportunities for young people to participate in the Association's affairs. In order to make this system workable the Association has appointed part-time field officers whose areas of responsibility are approximate to the new District Councils of the County.

The following clubs have affiliated to the Association since the 1973/74 Annual Report was published. We would extend to them a very warm welcome and we look forward to long and friendly co-operation.

Bourton-on-the-Water Y.C.	Longford School
Beaufort School	Moreton-in-the-Marsh
Cashes Green Y.C.	Oddington, Adlestrop
Charlton Kings Y.C.	& Daylesford Y.C.
Elmscroft Y.C.	Pulton Y.C.
Forest of Dean R.C.	Rodborough &
Hartpury Y.C.	Kingscourt Y.C.
Holy Apostles Y.C.	Slimbridge Y.C.
Jamaican Y.C.	Shurdington Y.C.
St. Catharines Y.C.	Stow-on-the-Wold Y.C.
Whaddon & College B.C.	Tewkesbury School
Young Friends of	St Oswalds Club
Gloucester Cathedral	Tewkesbury Abbey Y.C.



THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK....

The President, Sir Peter Scott; The Vice Presidents; The Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Kingscott Dix & Co.; The Honorary Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Turner; Members of the Executive and the various sub-committees and working parties. The innumerable Youth Workers and Friends who have supported us in so many ways.

The Subscribers to the Scott County Appeal, and the members of the Associations Friends Groups.

The Gloucestershire County Council, and its officers both county and area for support both financial and practical.

The National Association of Youth Clubs for both financial and practical assistance.

The various Trusts and Firms that have supported the work of the Association in the past year. Particularly the Trustees of the Smiths Charity for their continuing support.

The Wardens of the various Conference Houses used by the Association in the past year, the Principal and Staff and Students of St. Mary's College of Education, Cheltenham, for their great help on a number of occasions throughout the year.

To all others that have in any way supported our work during 1974/75.

