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OF YOUTH CLUBS**

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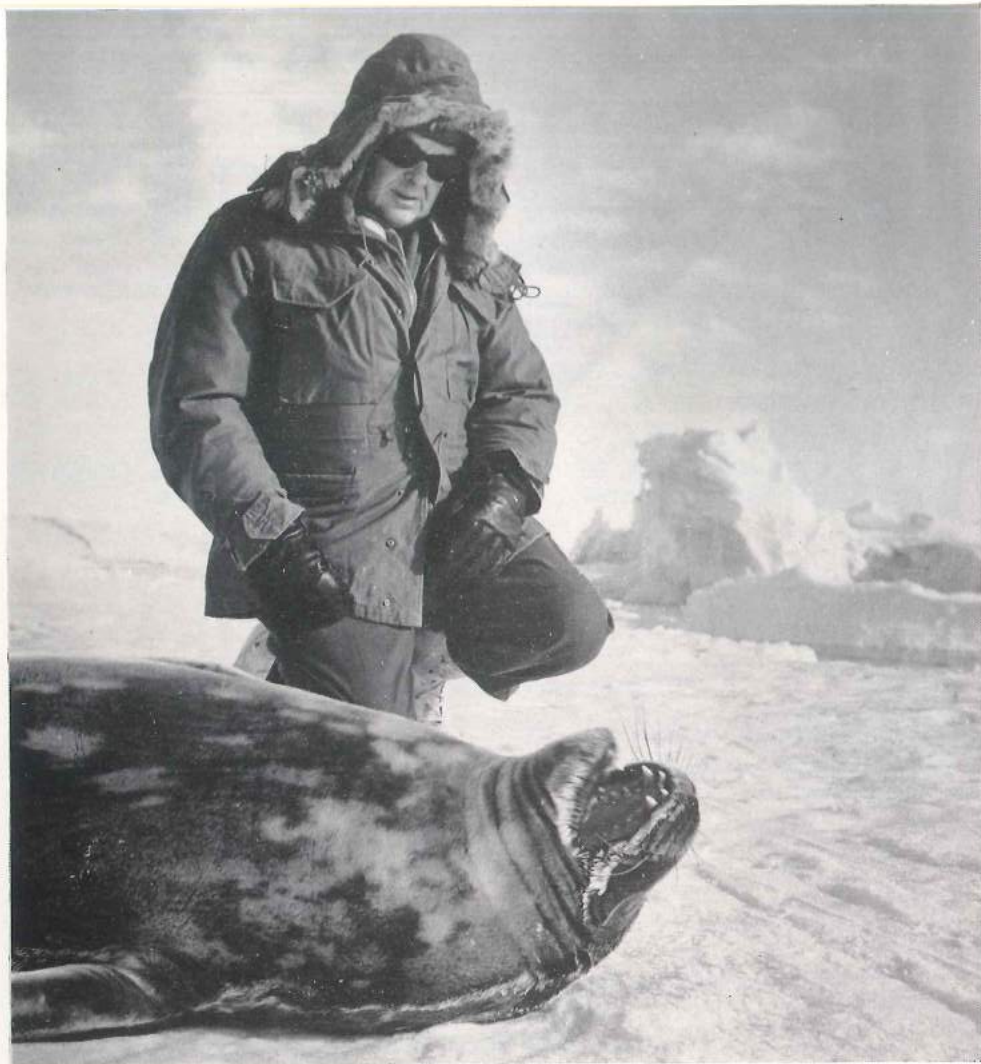
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## FOREWORD

Congratulations to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs on its Silver Jubilee. Twenty-five years of leadership-training for the young people of Gloucestershire—a generation of service to the community of our County ! By any standards this is a proud record. For so very many it was in Youth Club activities that opportunities were first discovered—the greatest prospects of life, the possibilities of adventure and leadership, the satisfaction of collaboration and team work, the best use of leisure time and the cultivation of hobbies.

Man is a social and a sociable animal ; he is also an increasingly overcrowded animal, subject to all the stresses which over-crowding brings. Thus Youth Clubs were never more important than they are today.

It is, to me, a happy thing to be congratulating the Association on its first twenty-five years, and to be wishing it, in its next twenty-five, all success in this very vital and forward-looking task.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Scott", written over a horizontal line.

*President.*

## THE CHAIRMANS' REPORT

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EVERYONE WHO READS the following pages of the Report will find ample evidence of the existing activities and work of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs and its affiliated Clubs.

This year is our Jubilee Year and an extra effort in every sphere of our work within the Association and in Clubs is needed to stimulate future planning. May I appeal especially to all Adults in the County of Gloucestershire to come forward and help us in whatever way they can.

We are a Voluntary Organisation and volunteers in every walk of life are urgently required to assist us in the various interests of guiding young people. **We need people who will occupy themselves with the needs of other people.** People who are alert and alive, who can assert their personality by means of personal help ; prepared to accept that young people need them at all times of their "growing up."

The G.A.Y.C. is vitally concerned with young people in Mixed Youth Clubs and with programming leisure time activities, welfare, social services and various forms of leadership training at County and National levels. The many gaps in these services can only be filled by personal effort and a deep sense of kindness and understanding. Giving requires no special talent nor large amounts of money, but the values must surely be set by the motive of the giving and the spirit of receiving.

If the Adults of to-day are to keep pace with modern young people and to remain young in mind and spirit, then the best way of doing it is by keeping the mind awake and taking an interest in everything around them. Come back to school for a "refresher" to re-learn the arts of service and voluntary help needed to stimulate the work in our Youth Clubs. There is an urgent need for Adults to work, play and share together with young people in Clubs and in Community work.

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The Home is only a Home where the strong ties of family life are bound by care, love and understanding for each other. These magnetic forces within the Home can be of great benefit in our Youth Clubs, if parents and friends of the Association will band together and take a lively interest in what their children are interested in outside the home.

Come and help us to assist young people in our Clubs, to get a better understanding of some of the problems of growing up outside the home. Let them feel they are wanted, that they can see the need for manners, trust, confidence, kindness, mutual respect and understanding for each other, initiative, leadership, self discipline, politics, religion, adventure, culture, public safety, public speaking, public service and a good clear picture of the Christian way of life. Let them also learn from the mature volunteers a need for avoiding hatred, selfishness, crime, violence and un-Christian acts against each other.

So, as the world expands, let our young people grow confidently with it, into a Society that they can respect, into a Community that needs them, where they can discharge their responsibilities as citizens to others and to themselves, orientated and vital in every Community.

I take this opportunity to send on behalf of members of the G.A.Y.C. our best wishes and thanks to our President, Vice-Presidents, past members of the Executive Committee, the Members' Council, Youth Leaders, Voluntary Helpers and to the many kind people who already support us voluntarily and financially. The appreciation of the Association is conveyed to the Statutory Authorities in the County of Gloucestershire for their support and understanding and to the Officers of the National Association of Youth Clubs to whom this Association is affiliated. The best wishes of the Association are also conveyed to Miss Lesley Sewell, O.B.E., B.A., General Secretary of the N.A.Y.C. who is retiring this year.

P. B. CARROLL, LT.-COL.

*Chairman.*

## **SOME DETAILS OF THE YEAR'S WORK**

SIXTY CLUBS are now affiliated to the G.A.Y.C., with a total membership of approximately 4,000. Nineteen Clubs have enquired about affiliation and we anticipate they will affiliate during the coming year. We also have connections with five other non-affiliated Clubs. Unfortunately, during the past year eleven Clubs affiliated to the Association have closed. This is due to young people leaving an area, lack of Leaders and other adult helpers prepared to assist or offer the expertise of their hobbies.

I believe we, in Youth Service, must seriously look at our provision of services to find out why it is not attracting the majority of young people, but let us do this with the young people themselves ; perhaps we have made provision for them without finding out what their opinions and ideas are.

Clubs in the County have wide divergencies of approach and range from a very small rural Club to the larger Youth Centre, but having one thing in common which is to meet the needs of young people in the neighbourhood.

It is not possible, therefore, to generalise but to give some examples of what Clubs are doing is the point of the following Reports.

### **Stoke Gifford Youth Club (Mr K. Simmonds)**

Despite decreased membership Stoke Gifford Youth Club has continued to take an active interest in Association affairs and has participated in many of the Competitions and was extremely successful in the County Orienteering Championships sponsored by the G.A.B.C. Two Club members attended the National Association of Youth Clubs' Endeavour Course held on the Norfolk Broads and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Seven members also enjoyed taking part in helping to build the Log Cabin at The Biblins in the Forest of Dean.

The Annual Evening Fete and Dance raised £60 and Miss Pat Heyluer was chosen Beauty Queen for Stoke Gifford.

Miss Pat Chapman, a senior member of the Club, was elected Secretary of the Gloucestershire Members' Council for the year

1965/1966. Pat had the honour of being chosen to represent the Council at the London Palladium Awards Night, last October, when Mr Cliff Richard, President of the National Members' Council, introduced "CLUB WEEK." At a party given by Mr Richard, after the Show, Pat and representatives of other County Members' Councils, had the pleasure of meeting him personally.

Mr K. Simmonds, the Club Leader, is at present taking part in the Association's Two Year (part-time) Leadership Training Course.

### **Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club (Mr G. H. Eagle)**

During the year the Club has expanded in every possible way. The Youth Centre extension is now in use and the extra space has enabled the Club to double its membership which is now 250, with an average attendance of 125. The Club is now open five nights a week and the range of activities has also increased.

On Club nights the building really throbs with activity even if this amounts only to listening to the latest "pop" or having a good "natter" over a cup of coffee for some members. The Club is endeavouring to meet a great social need in a fast expanding area where the only commercial facilities for leisure are public houses.

The Club has been affiliated to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs for two years and has found the variety of Courses provided and the advice of the Organising Secretary invaluable. Because of the Club's situation in the south of the County it is sometimes felt that greater use could be made of available amenities if they were more easily accessible. In this year of the Association's Silver Jubilee, Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club offer their gratitude for the past and very best wishes for the future.

### **St Briavels Youth Club (Mrs L. Johnston)**

The Club has been affiliated to the G.A.Y.C. for four years, during which time they have supported most of the activities organised by the Association particularly in the field of sport. Teams have been entered in the Table Tennis, Five-a-Side Football and Netball Competitions. Twelve Club members are

working for their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and one member has also been on the Outward Bound Course. Two members, with the Leader, spent an enjoyable holiday in Germany as part of an Anglo/German exchange. Apart from the numerous activities of the Club, various fund raising events have been organised by the Club and members have been kept busy helping in elderly peoples' gardens and supplying them with coal. Money raised by Carol Singing was used to buy medical supplies for a hospital in South Africa. Although the Club is at present functioning under difficult circumstances, having no proper premises in which to meet, it is hoped that an equally full programme can be planned for the coming year.

#### **Westfields Youth Centre (Mr R. G. Jackson)**

This Club has been affiliated to the G.A.Y.C. since the Centre opened four years ago and during this time undoubtedly the chance of meeting other Clubs in National and Local Competitions has been a most helpful service to the Club. This year Westfields Netball team won the G.A.Y.C. title, as did the Five-a-Side Football team. Both these teams represented the Association in the South West Regional Finals. In the Table Tennis Tournament a member of the Centre was a runner-up for the boys' singles title and also represented the Association. These activities opened up avenues to a handful of young people who could compete in these sports until they reached the limit of their capabilities. This service, organised by the G.A.Y.C. should be the mainstay of the future. The Leader merely has to fill in the forms and leave the rest to the organisation of the G.A.Y.C.

#### **Mangotsfield Methodist Youth Club (Mr G. Bishop)**

Mangotsfield has been affiliated to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs for three years, and has been in existence for five years, during which time it has specialised in coping with the more anti-social type of young person who would, perhaps not normally attend a Youth Club. Consequently the Club programme differs a little from other Clubs and includes many outings and trips which have been quite successful. Club members have taken part in the majority of competitions organised by the G.A.Y.C. and represented the Association at the Regional Quiz Finals. The Club also took part in the Warwickshire Athletics

and gave a good account of themselves. Participation, by members, in the Members' Council Residential Week-ends has proved beneficial and has enabled them to make friends with other Clubs in different parts of the County. Club members have expressed a wish for Residential Week-ends in the south of the County so that they are not involved in too much travelling.

#### **Marshfield Youth Club (Mrs J. Lake)**

Marshfield has been very proud this last year to have provided a Chairman for the Gloucestershire Members' Council—John Dale—and the National Members' Council representative—Penelope Lake.

As reported elsewhere John Dale entered the Remington Rand Junior Leadership Award Competition and reached the final eight. The Club has also taken part in the Biblins Project in the Forest of Dean, and the Youth Forum European Public Speaking Contest. One Club member is taking part in the National Dress-making and Modelling Competition. As yet Marshfield Youth Club has not won anything, but the members do enjoy taking part in the various competitions.

John Dale and Christopher Hall have benefitted greatly from the training received at the Members' Council Week-ends and although it was not intended that they should go quite as far as Canada, the very best wishes of the Club goes with them.

#### **St Stephen's Youth Club, Cheltenham (Miss R. Ash)**

St Stephen's are a newly affiliated Club with a membership of 78, the majority of which are still at school. Satisfactory progress has been maintained and Club activities this season have included a very successful Hallowe'en Party, a Christmas Party and a Night Hike which, despite the very wet weather, was enjoyed by all who took part. Two girls are at present working for their Bronze Medals in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Club was very well represented in the Cheltenham Youth Sports League and took part in Badminton and Table Tennis with very encouraging results. An "After Evensong Group" meets every Sunday and members enjoy hearing speakers on various subjects, colour slides, and film shows, discussions and record evenings.

#### **Forthampton and District Youth Club (Mr L. T. Burton)**

This Club, formerly Chaceley Youth Club, has been affiliated to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs since 1949 and has always taken a keen interest in, and enthusiastically supported, Association affairs. This season has been a particularly active one with an increased membership. The "highlight" of the Club year was the Annual Fayre, which was opened by the Chairman of the G.A.Y.C., Lt.-Col. P. B. Carroll, and attended by the Organising Secretary and members of the staff. The Club's activities have been extremely varied and include a Soap Box Derby; Go-Karting; a Ten Mile Walk; a Boys' Night Hike, and film making. Three girls are working for their Bronze Medals in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The improvement and decoration of the girls' Powder Room is now complete and is a very great asset to the Club. The members of the Club work very hard to maintain and improve their premises and their enthusiasm undoubtedly owes much to the success of the Club.

#### **Ebley Youth Club (Mr L. Townsend)**

Unfortunately, Ebley Youth Club's premises were destroyed by fire in 1965, but it was agreed that a Committee should continue to function with a view to re-building. Building will take place shortly on the former site of the Club and fund raising is being organised in various ways by the Committee and interested persons. Results to date have been most encouraging and a local resident of Ebley, Mr Wm. Weaver, has made a very generous donation of £200. The need for a Youth Club in Ebley is vital and the young people concerned are looking forward to the re-opening of the Club in the not too distant future.

### **TWO-YEAR (Part-time) LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE**

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS successfully completed the Seventh Two-Year Leadership Training Course arranged by the Association in co-operation with the Gloucestershire Training Committee :—  
Mrs I Clash, Little Stoke Youth Club.

Mr Edward Bevis, Little Stoke Youth Club.  
Mr Peter Moreman, Little Stoke Youth Club.  
Mr Laurence Burton, Forthampton Youth Club.  
Mr John Davey, Northlands Youth Centre.  
Mr Brian Evans, Dymock Youth Club.  
Mr Daniel Knight, Elmscroft Community Centre Youth Club.  
Mr Seaward Mees, St James' Youth Club, Cheltenham.  
Mr Andrew Morgan, Stanway Youth Club.  
Mr Samuel J. Norris, Yorkley Youth Club.  
Mr Donald Richardson, Cheltenham Youth Service.  
Mr Edward Skinner, Newent Youth Club.  
Mr William Stewart, Sacred Heart Youth Club, Charlton Kings.  
Mr John Sullivan, Voluntary Police Cadet Leader.

Each student was presented with a Certificate of Leadership by the President, Mr Peter Scott, at the Annual General Meeting.

Having completed this Course, Mr William Stewart, has taken the opportunity of the special exemption granted to the Association's Course by the National Association of Youth Clubs, in completing the King George VI Advanced Leadership Course and obtaining his Certificate. One other student is now taking the Course.

It is interesting to note that since the inception of the Training Course 74 students have gained Certificates. Of these 46 are still active in Youth Work, 7 have taken on full time Youth Work and 5 have taken up full time work in other social fields, all of which makes the Association justifiably proud of its achievements.

### **MEMBERS' COUNCIL**

AFTER THE 1965 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, the Members' Council discovered that an almost entirely new committee of officers had been elected, all of whom seemed to have new ideas and fresh outlooks.

The first venture was a joint week-end meeting with Club Leaders and Mr Lou Sladen, South West Regional Officer, of the National Association of Youth Clubs, was asked to lead sessions on Modern Techniques and Presentation within the Club Programme. It was Lou who exhorted us to be "professional" and Members' Council has remembered this. The



week-end was extremely successful and Leaders and Members agreed that this type of activity is useful to both sides and leads to a closer association between the "Youth Service" and Members.

Other week-ends were held at Sandywell Park and Seven Springs and the 1966 Annual General Meeting will be held at Llandogo Priory, in the Wye Valley. Guest Speakers during the past year have included Rev. Wm. Barber; Mr Harry Barter, an Entertainments Manager; Mr K. P. Clapham, a Journalist; Mr A. Pendlebury, a Lawyer; Mr R. J. Muirie, an Advertising Manager, and Councillor Miss M. Dent. All have directed their talks to the particular theme of the week-ends. The lectures, and the heated discussions which always follow, have embraced many topics and a glance at the titles will show that Members' Council is keen to find out as much as possible about the forces which are bound to influence the way we live. Topics discussed this year were "The World We Want To Build"; "The People Who Control Our Lives"; "Mass Media" and "Voluntary Service."

As always, Members' Council, has attempted to improve upon the already high standard set by previous officers, and at a recent meeting a census was held and a report prepared by the officers. Members were asked about their likes and dislikes and what was required to provide a more varied and useful programme.

To conclude a successful year, Members' Council, mainly under the enthusiastic direction of the Treasurer, Neil O'Brien, has organised a Dance at The Top Rank Dancing Suite in Bristol, and it is hoped that after this event the officers will be able to prove that they are capable of producing something of an extremely high standard and that they can be "professional" in their outlook.

Our hope now, after such an active year, is that those who follow, will strive to maintain the same high standards.

JOHN DALE,

*Chairman, Members' Council.*

#### **Members' Council Annual General Meeting**

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Priory, Llandogo in April, the following officers were elected for 1966 - 67 :—

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*Chairman* : John Morrissey, St Teresa's Youth Club.  
*Vice-Chairman and Press Officer* : Stephen Martin, Falcon House Youth Club.  
*Secretary* : Rachel Burgess, Forthampton Youth Club.  
*Treasurer* : Kevin Keohane, St Teresa's Youth Club.  
*National Members' Council*—  
*Representative* : Pamela Clark, Westfields Youth Centre.  
*Delegate* : Shirley Ballinger, Filton Methodist Youth Club.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE, 1965**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at Sandywell Park on 10th and 11th July, 1965, and was extremely well attended with the main lecture room filled to capacity. The Association was honoured to have the President, Mr Peter Scott, in the Chair, supported by Major General G. Peddic, a Vice-President. The various Reports were received with interest and the Association was pleased to appoint Miss M.E. Miles J.P. as a Vice-President.

The President then made a Presentation to Mr Donald Jones, former Organising Secretary and Training Officer of the Association. This took the form of a cheque donated by the Executive Committee, Member Clubs and friends in appreciation of his loyal service to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.

This was followed by the presentation of Certificates to the successful students of the Two-Year Leadership Training Course, and the Major Shennan Awards for the winners of the various Association Competitions.

The Conference followed the Annual General Meeting, attended by Leaders, Advisory Committee Members, Members' Committee representatives and the Association's County Executive Committee Members. The Conference enabled all members to discuss ideas and items of common interest and to hear the following speakers :—

Mr Richard Hill (Chairman of the N.A.Y.C. Executive Committee) on "The National and Local Associations' Points of View."

Miss R. M. Campbell (Cheltenham Youth Officer) on "Are Adult Advisers Adequate in Clubs?"

Mr E. P. B. White (Chief Constable of Gloucestershire) on "Police and Leisure Time of Young People."

The pattern of the week-end proved most successful and of benefit to all sections of the Association and we are planning a similar Conference for 1966.

We are grateful to Mr Scott for allowing us the privilege of seeing the colour film "Wild Wings" prior to its general release.

### REMINGTON NATIONAL JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD, 1965-1966

JOHN DALE, member of Marshfield Youth Club and Chairman of the G.A.Y.C. Members' Council, was selected to represent the Association in the Remington Junior Leadership Award and did extremely well to get into the final eight.

### RE-DIFFUSION FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

THE ASSOCIATION again organised a Knock-Out Competition and the finalist, Little Stoke Youth Club, represented the G.A.Y.C. in the Re-diffusion Tournament, against Herefordshire Association of Youth Clubs in the first round. It was a good, hard game, with Herefordshire the winners. Later in the season a friendly match was also arranged between the two Associations.

### COMPETITIONS

THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS were held during the past year and the finalists took part in the Regional Finals of the National Competitions, held at Sherborne, Dorset. All teams gave a creditable performance but did not win any event.

Event	No. of Clubs entered	Finalist
Five-a-Side Football	13	Westfields Youth Club, Cheltenham.
Netball	8	Westfields Youth Club, Cheltenham.
Quiz	9	Mangotsfield Methodist Youth Club.
Table Tennis :	15	
Boys' Singles	(47 entries)	Falcon House Youth Club, Bristol. (Peter James).
Girls' Singles	(19 entries)	Northlands Youth Club, Cheltenham. (Miss Jane Beesley).
Mixed Doubles	(12 pairs)	Falcon House Youth Club, Bristol. (Miss Jane Beesley and Raymond Steeger).

### Dressmaking/Modelling Competition

Six competitors entered the Dressmaking/Modelling Competition which was held at Westfields Youth Centre, Cheltenham. The winners of the Competition were Miss Caroline Lake of Marshfield Youth Club and Miss Diane Daley of Westfields Youth Club. These members will represent the G.A.Y.C. in the National Association of Youth Clubs' Dressmaking/Modelling Competition to be held in London in July, 1966. It is hoped to encourage more girls to take part in Dressmaking next year so that a full Fashion Evening may be planned.

During 1966/1967 the Association intends to widen the range of competitions which will enable many more young people to take part.

### CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

THIS SERVICE was held for the second year in the Gloucester Cathedral, in conjunction with the Diocesan Youth Committee. The Preacher was the Bishop of Tewkesbury and the Lessons were read by Officers of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth

Clubs' Members' Council and Diocesan officials. Mr Tony Hewitt-Jones again conducted the Gloucester Christmas Orchestra and the combined choirs of the City of Gloucester Churches. The Cathedral was filled to capacity and the congregation included the County High Sheriff and his Lady, the Mayor and her Consort and the City High Sheriff. During the latter part of the Service the lights were extinguished and members of the congregation held a lighted taper which, during the reading of the final Lesson by the Bishop, presented a most impressive sight. A collection was made which was divided between the Cathedral Charities and the Association's work for handicapped young people.

### LEADERS' MEETINGS

LEADERS' MEETINGS have been re-started in the County and it is hoped that they will provide the Leaders with an opportunity of getting to know one another, arranging inter-club visits, and the "feed-back" of information from the Club to the Association, without which the G.A.Y.C. is unable to plan to meet the needs of affiliated Clubs.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW, 1965

FORTY-TWO CLUBS participated in the Christmas Draw and a nett total of £54 5s. od. was raised for Association funds. A £2 Record Token was offered to the Club who sold the highest number of tickets per member and this was won by Old Sodbury Youth Club. The Association is very grateful to all Clubs who supported this event, making it the success it continues to be.

### CLUB WEEK, 1965

CLUB WEEK meant a great deal of hard work for the 9 Clubs who took part. The nett total raised by the Clubs was £300 8s. 3d. and of this 70% was retained by the Club to be used for its own

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benefit; the G.A.Y.C. received 15% which helps towards the provision of services to the Clubs, and 15% is retained by the National Association of Youth Clubs which, in turn, helps to finance their work throughout the country. We would particularly like to congratulate Old Sodbury Youth Club who made a splendid contribution of £68 15s. 4d. with a membership of only 33. The Association is again indebted to the Clubs who supported this event and finally on behalf of the Clubs G.A.Y.C., would like to thank the public very sincerely for their support of Club Week.

### ATHLETICS MEETING

MEMBERS from various affiliated Clubs throughout the County represented the G.A.Y.C. in the Warwickshire Inter-County Challenge Match held at Solihull District Youth Headquarters Athletics Track, on Saturday, May 15th, 1965.

Prior to this a selection meeting was held at Little Stoke Youth Centre, under the supervision of Mr A. Gale (Newent Youth Club) and Mr K. Bagnall (Little Stoke Youth Club) who also accompanied the party as team managers to Warwickshire.

Competitors put up a splendid performance and succeeded in gaining the following places; one first (Pat Clark of Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club in the 80 m. Hurdles), two seconds (mile and triple jump) and five thirds. Fortunately, the weather was kind and with the excellent facilities provided by the Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs made the day a most enjoyable one.

### SUGGESTED DEVELOPMENTS

FOLLOWING an experimental week-end based on Endeavour which is a form of Member Training in which through physical challenges, other challenges can be introduced and experienced by young people, it is hoped to develop this into a Course of week-ends through which different physical, mental and spiritual pursuits can be explored.

New competitions are envisaged to cater for the minority interests undertaken by Club members, in addition to existing competitions.

The Association also wishes to encourage a Course of training for the Senior Club member, a field in which little is done, with the opportunity for them to consider the world in which they live; its times; attitudes; thinking; service to, and the needs of, their community, basing the Course on the National Association of Youth Clubs' "People and Society."

But all this depends on three things:—

1. Obtaining venues.
2. Support of young people.
3. Finances to sponsor.

### PERSONAL NOTICES

THE ASSOCIATION takes this opportunity of thanking the following Leaders and Members for their help in the past and wishes them every success in the future:—

**Mr Kevin Bagnall.** Formerly Leader of Little Stoke Youth Club, near Bristol, now Organising Secretary of Durham Association of Youth Clubs.

**Mr Roy Merrin.** Formerly Leader of Brockworth Youth Club, Gloucester, now Leader of Potters Bar Youth Club, Middlesex.

**Mr Colin Mayo.** Gloucestershire Members' Council representative on the National Members' Council for 1965/1966, and a member of Forthampton & District Youth Club, who has entered the Royal Air Force as a career.

**Mr John Dale.** Chairman of the Gloucestershire Members' Council, 1965/1966 and a member of Marshfield Youth Club who is emigrating to Canada.

**Mr Christopher Hall.** Chairman of Marshfield Youth Club and Club representative to the Gloucestershire Members' Council, who is also emigrating to Canada.

**Congratulations to:—**

Mrs J. Young (nee Margaret Totterdell), Leader of Falcon House Youth Club, on the occasion of her marriage in April, 1966.

Mr J. Panting, Leader of Patchway Youth Club and Member of the Association's Executive Committee on being selected for the Cleeveland (U.S.A.) International Programme, when he spent three months in Philadelphia.

**Welcome to the following full-time Leaders:—**

Mr Michael Warren—Barton Hall Youth Club Activities Centre, Cirencester.

Mr Garth Sweet—Bourton-on-the-Water Youth Club.

Mr Peter Carmen—Little Stoke Youth Club, near Bristol.

Mr Harry Evans—Sandycroft Youth Club, Churchdown, Gloucester.

Mr D. M. Sutherland—Brockworth Youth Club, Gloucester.

### OBITUARIES

It is with much regret that the Association records the death of one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr S. J. Phillips, and of the Reverend Duncan Victor Kennedy Leader of Broadwell Youth Club.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK:—

Its many friends who have helped in so many ways to make the work possible.

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

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

The Gloucester City Council for grant-aid assistance and services given.

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

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

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

Mr Donald Jones, Gloucestershire Training Officer, and Miss N. Ruffles, Assistant County Youth Officer, co-tutors of the Two-Year Training Course, for their continued interest and help.

Major and Mrs Bamford, Wardens of Sandywell Park Conference House, which we frequently use. Also the Wardens of "Hillhaven," Bath, and The Holiday Fellowship House, at Llandogo.

Mr D. R. Willcox, Secretary of the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A., and his assistant, Mr K. M. Wray, for their help, advice, co-operation and excellent facilities provided for some of our Competitions. Also to the Leaders and helpers of the following Youth Centres for their kindness and co-operation in making their premises available to us for the purpose of holding Competitions :—

Westfields Youth Centre, Cheltenham.

Northlands Youth Centre, Cheltenham.

Little Stoke Youth Centre, near Bristol.

Patchway Youth Club, Bristol.

Southmead Youth Centre, Bristol.

Filton Youth Club for accommodation for South Leaders' Meetings.

St Mary's Training College, Cheltenham, for their help and advice with Competitions, particularly Miss J. Adams, Head of the Needlework Department, and Miss J. Smeed, who kindly undertook the judging of the Dressmaking Competition. Also to the students who organised the Netball Competition.

Reverend T. Eric Evans for his assistance, particularly in connection with the Christmas Carol Service.

Mrs L. Johnston and Mrs Wasley of St Briavels for their practical help at Buckstone Adventure Centre, where the outdoor week-end of the Training Course is held.

Member Clubs who took part in the special fund-raising efforts at Christmas time and Club Week and helped to make these events so successful. The members of the Club Adult Advisory Committees, helpers, leaders and members of affiliated Clubs for their interest in, and enthusiasm for, the Association.

The Chairman and Honorary Officers who work so hard on behalf of the Association and Mrs Janet Billington for her practical help with the Christmas Draw.

And finally to Mrs Allen and Mrs Nind for their continued enthusiasm and willingness to take part in Association affairs, and to Mrs Cann for her help in the office during the mornings.

## FINANCE

ADMINISTRATION COSTS have remained reasonably stable in the year under review but the staff in the office have had as much work to deal with as they can be expected to manage. Any further expansion in our programme will necessitate additional clerical help.

Recently it became essential for the Association's motor vehicle to be changed as major repairs were necessary. The Executive Committee decided that it must be done without delay and after due consideration this was effected in March, 1966. It is hoped that the present vehicle will give really good service and a scheme has been put into operation to provide in advance the necessary finance for its regular replacement.

The salary of the Organising Secretary is now covered by the Local Education Authority's grant and the usual grants from other sources have been maintained. The Association is very grateful to these bodies for their continued support without which, of course, we could not continue our work for Youth. Member training this year was run through the Members' Council.

Leadership Training grants received in the year under review totalled £347 17s. 5d. and this has to be offset against part of the cost of the Two-Year Training Course, 1964/1965 and 1965/1966 to a total of £240 19s. 6d. In fact the 1963/1965 Course cost the Association £113 10s. 1d.

The incidence of the new Selective Employment Tax will mean an additional expense to this Association of £130 per annum.

**The Scott County Appeal** continues its marvellous fund-raising work and I propose giving more detail this year. Donations totalled £1,727 10s. 6d. to which must be added Covenanted Subscriptions of £167 8s. 6d. and tax on these Covenants £82 18s. 10d., a grand total of £1,977 17s. 10d. After allowing for

administration costs, etc., a sum of £1,300 was made available to the Association's General Funds. During the year 1,333 new appeals were sent out plus 2,951 renewal appeals, a total of 4,284. The number of receipts and reminders despatched were 4,499. New subscriptions received totalled 599 plus 2,660 renewals making a total of 3,259. There are now 149 Deeds of Covenant in force, which, as you will all know benefits the Association considerably, bearing in mind the tax repayment received on all Covenants.

I do not propose quoting percentages of replies received or averages of subscriptions made but it will be quite obvious to everyone that a tremendous amount of work is involved in running this Appeal which is entirely due to the unstinted efforts of the Appeals Secretary, Mrs G. O. Nind. She has produced a steadily rising income each year which we sincerely hope will continue, but there is quite obviously a limit beyond which another pair of hands will be necessary.

Once again we offer our grateful thanks to the Trustees of Smith's Charity for their grant of £200. This is used by the Association to give financial assistance to Clubs to help them to purchase necessary equipment or to carry out schemes of a "self-help" nature. The following Clubs have been assisted during the past year :—

Forthampton & District Youth Club.  
Blakeney Youth Club.

There are at the present time a number of applications pending.

The annual audit of our accounts has again been undertaken by Messrs Kingscott, Dix & Co., Chartered Accountants of Gloucester, and our grateful thanks are extended to them for this honorary work.

P. D. LEE,  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1966**

1965	RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1965	PAYMENTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,000	Grants : L.E.A. ... ..	1,390	0 0	1,381	Salaries, superannuation and N.I. ...	1,517	7 11
20	City of Gloucester ... ..	20	0 0	108	Rent, Rates and Cleaning ... ..	99	10 0
125	N.A.Y.C. ... ..	125	0 0	91	Heating and Lighting ... ..	49	0 7
				126	Postage and Telephone ... ..	110	16 2
				171	Printing and Stationery ... ..	127	5 5
68	Club Affiliation Fees (net) ... ..		1,535 0 0				1,904 0 1
			80 7 6				
1,200	Donations : Scott County Appeal ... ..	1,300	0 0				
7	Industrial Appeal ... ..	-	-				
53	Others ... ..	2	2 0				
134	Events ... ..		1,302 2 0	69	Organising Secretary ... ..	126	9 1
79	Club Week ... ..		98 6 3	211	Motor ... ..	206	3 11
50	Transfer from Fund Raising Activities ... ..		79 19 5	-	Cost of replacing vehicle (net) ... ..	397	10 0
197	Transfer from Capital Fund (net) ... ..		100 0 0				730 3 0
140	Transfer from Reserve Fund ... ..		165 10 0	326	Two year Training Course (net) ... ..		-
-	Two Year Training Course (please see notes)		-	38	Councils and Conferences ... ..		25 17 0
			106 17 11	39	Members Training (net) ... ..		-
				150	Youth Club Donations (Smiths Charity)		70 0 0
				332	Events ... ..		183 6 5
				26	Sales Items (net) ... ..		10 18 3
				51	Sundries (net) ... ..		80 10 10
3,073	Receipts for Year ... ..		3,468 3 1	3,119	Payments for Year ... ..		3,004 15 7
15	Imprest held by Organising Sec., (1.4.1965)		15 0 0		Balance at Bank 31.3.1966 ... ..	359	3 10
				89	Imprest held by Organising Sec., (31.3.1966)	15	0 0
3,088			3,483 3 1				374 3 10
58	Less Balance due to Bankers (1.4.1965) ...		104 3 8				
3,030			£3,378 19 5	3,030			£3,378 19 5

RECEIPTS		£ s. d.
Transfer from General Account (Being Rent) ... ..		72 0 0
Interest ... ..		2 12 10
		74 12 10
Balance at Bank 1.4.65 ... ..		46 0 7
		£120 13 5

**RESERVE ACCOUNT**

PAYMENTS		£ s. d.
Balance at Bank 31.3.66 ... ..		£120 13 5

RECEIPTS		£ s. d.
Donation (Smiths Charity) ... ..		200 0 0
Interest ... ..		12 19 5
		212 19 5
Balance at Bank 1.4.65 ... ..		253 7 4
		£466 6 9

**CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT**

PAYMENTS		£ s. d.
Transfer to General Account		
Office Equipment ... ..		52 14 8
Grants : Various Youth Clubs ... ..		70 0 0
Warwickshire Athletics ... ..		23 10 0
Sports Trophies ... ..		13 17 10
Transport for netball competition ... ..		5 7 6
		165 10 0
Balance at Bank 31.3.66 ... ..		300 16 9
		£466 6 9

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

"GRANVILLE HOUSE,"  
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30th June, 1966.

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Hon. Auditors



**CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS**

(with Name and Address of Leader and Nights open)

*\*New Member—provisionally affiliated*

**All Saints Youth Club**

Alington Hall, Derby Road, Gloucester.  
MR D. MEADOWS,  
68 Regent Street, Gloucester.  
(Nights open—Friday).

**Alveston and District Youth Club**

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

**Archdeacon Youth Club**

Clare Street, Gloucester.  
MR R. T. IRELAND,  
7 Tuffley Lane, Gloucester.

**Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club**

Badminton Road, Downend, Bristol.  
MR G. EAGLE,  
C/o Badminton Road Methodist Youth Club.  
(Nights open—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday).

**Barton Hall Youth Club**

Barton Hall Youth Centre, Gloucester Road, Cirencester, Gos.  
MR M. WARREN,  
C/o The Youth Centre.  
(Nights open—Wednesday, Friday).

**Blakeney Youth Club**

Church Room, Blakeney, Gos.  
MR A. J. DREW,  
"Montclair," Brains Green, Blakeney, Gos.  
(Nights open—Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday).

**Bisley Association of Youth Clubs**

The Pavilion, Bisley, Gos.  
MR B. BALL,  
The Old House, The Slad, Nr. Stroud, Gos.

**Bourton Youth Centre**

The Avenue, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gos.  
MR G. V. SWEET,  
The Little Flat, Glebe House, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday).

**Broadwell Youth Club**

C/o The Rectory, Broadwell, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gos.  
(Nights open—Thursday, Friday).

**Brockworth Youth Club**

Court Road, Brockworth, Gos.  
MR D. M. SUTHERLAND,  
C/o The Youth Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

**Centre 65**

Chipping Campden School, Gos.  
MR M. D. J. RENSHAW,  
The Lodge, Lenchwick, Evesham, Worcs.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday).

**Church House Youth Centre**

Church House, 1 Crescent Terrace, Cheltenham.  
MR E. G. DUMBLETON,  
C/o Church House, 1 Crescent Terrace, Cheltenham.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Coney Hill Youth Club**

Stanway Road, Gloucester.  
MR M. QUILTER,  
C/o Coney Hill Youth Club.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday).

**Down Ampney Youth Club**

Youth Bungalow, Down Ampney, Cirencester, Gos.  
MR W. J. ILLING,  
8 Broadleaze, Down Ampney, Cirencester, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday).

**Dymock Youth Club**

Old Railway Station, Dymock, Gos.  
MR B. EVANS,  
Beehive Cottage, Culver Street, Newent, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday).

**Eastington Youth Club**

The Methodist Church, Eastington, Nr. Stonehouse, Gos.  
MISS J. MELVILLE,  
91 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Friday).

**Ebley Youth Club**

Chapel Lane, Nr. Stroud, Gos.  
MR L. TOWNSEND,  
The Stores, Westward Road, Ebley, Nr. Stroud, Gos.

**Elm Tree Youth Club**

24 Church Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gos.  
MR G. DOWNS,  
5 Berwick Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Nr. Cheltenham, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Falcon House Youth Club**

Northville Youth Centre, 470 Filton Avenue, Northville, Bristol, 7.  
MRS A. YOUNG,  
C/o Falcon House Youth Club.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Filton Methodist Youth Club**

The Youth Centre, Charborough Road, Filton, Bristol.  
MRS I. JAMES,  
59 Shellard Road, Filton, Bristol.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Forthampton and District Youth Club**

The Club Rooms, Forthampton Court, Forthampton, Gos.  
MR L. T. BURTON,  
Court Cottages, Forthampton, Gos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

**Grosvenor Youth Club**

Grosvenor Street Hall, Cheltenham.  
MR I. S. WAKEMAN,  
16 Purbeck Way, Prestbury, Cheltenham.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Hanham Church Youth Club**

The Parish Hall, Church Road, Hanham, Bristol.  
MR J. E. SELMAN,  
8 Rutland Avenue, Willsbridge, Nr. Bristol.  
(Nights open—Monday, Thursday, Friday).

**Kingswood Youth Club**

Kingswood Youth Centre, Orchard Road, Kingswood, Bristol.  
MRS M. GAIT,  
35 Counterpool Road, Kingswood, Bristol.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday).

**Leonard Stanley Youth Club**

The Methodist Church, Leonard Stanley, Nr. Stonehouse, Gos.  
MISS J. MELVILLE,  
91 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Gos.  
(Nights open—Tuesday, Wednesday).

**Little Stoke Youth Club**

Little Stoke Youth Centre, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, Bristol.  
MR P. CARMEN,  
C/o Little Stoke Youth Club.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Made-for-Ever Youth Club**

Tennis Court Road, Kingswood, Bristol.  
MR G. H. CARR,  
13 Tibberton, Kingswood, Bristol.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

**Mangotsfield Methodist Youth Club**

Northcote Road, Mangotsfield, Bristol.  
MR G. BISHOP,  
26 Burley Crest, Downend, Bristol.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday).

**Marshfield Youth Club**

Marshfield Youth Centre, High Street, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wilts.  
MRS J. LAKE,  
138 High Street, Marshfield, Nr. Chippenham, Wilts.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday).

**Matson Youth Club**

Matson Community Centre, Redwell Road, Matson, Glos.  
MR B. STAIT,  
14 St George's Close, Tuffley, Gloucester.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday).

**Newent Youth Club**

The Youth Centre, Ross Road, Newent, Glos.  
MR A. W. GALE,  
Flat 3, The Malt House, High Street, Newent, Glos.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Northlands Youth Centre**

Pittville Circus, Cheltenham, Glos.  
MR L. W. CORDUKES,  
Northlands Youth Centre.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

**Northway Youth Club**

Northway Church Centre, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Glos.  
MR D. M. DEVEREUX,  
74 Carrant Road, Mitton, Tewkesbury, Glos.  
(Nights open—Tuesday, Friday).

**The "NU" Club**

St John's Hall, Albion Street, Cheltenham.  
MR A. C. RICHARDS,  
87 Cromwell Road, Cheltenham.  
(Nights open—Wednesday, Thursday).

**Old Sodbury Youth Club**

Old Sodbury Institute, Old Sodbury, Glos.  
MR B. FUSSELL,  
148 Sandridge Park, Yate, Nr. Bristol.  
(Nights open—Monday).

**Parklands Youth Club**

Parklands Community Centre, Whaddon Road, Cheltenham.  
MRS E. CORDUKES,  
22 Oldfield Crescent, St Mark's, Cheltenham.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday).

**Patchway Youth Club**

Coniston Road, Patchway, Bristol.  
MR J. H. PANTING,  
32 South Road, Woodhouse Down, Almondsbury, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Pilning Youth Club**

New Passage Road, Pilning, Nr. Bristol.  
MR J. EASTER,  
27 Beach Avenue, Severn Beach, Nr. Bristol.  
(Nights open—Tuesday, Wednesday).

**St Aldate Youth Club**

St Aldate Church Hall, Finlay Road, Gloucester.  
REV. W. WORSDELL,  
11 Cotteswold Road, Gloucester.  
(Nights open—Wednesday).

**St Briavels Youth Club**

The Club Room, St Briavels, Glos.  
MRS L. JOHNSTON,  
Lower Mesne, St Briavels, Glos.  
(Nights open—Friday).

**St Stephen's Youth Club**

St Stephen's Hall, Albany Road, Cheltenham.  
MISS ROSEMARY G. ASH,  
17 Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Friday).

**St Teresa's Catholic Youth Club**

St Teresa's Hall, Filton, Bristol.  
MR A. HAWKINS,  
10 Braeman Crescent, Bristol, 7.  
(Nights open—Sunday).

**Sandycroft Youth Club**

Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Glos.  
MR H. EVANS,  
C/o Sandycroft Youth Centre.

**Sheepscombe Youth Club**

The Village Hall, Sheepscombe, Stroud, Glos.  
MR A. P. NELSON,  
The Green, Sheepscombe, Stroud, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday).

**Shipton Moyne Youth Club**

Shipton Moyne School, Tetbury, Glos.  
MR I. SMITH,  
Mount Cottage, Didmarton, Glos.

**Stanway and District Youth Club**

Wymyss Memorial Hall, Stanway, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos.  
MR A. MORGAN,  
Grove Cottage, Lower Goscombe, Temple Guiting, Glos.

**Stoke Gifford Youth Club**

Poplar Rooms, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Nr. Bristol.  
MR K. R. STIMMONDS,  
18 Hambrook Lane, Stoke Gifford, Nr. Bristol.  
(Nights open—Friday).

**Stone Youth Club**

Stone, Berkeley, Glos.  
MRS I. BROWN,  
Rock Villa, Woodford, Nr. Berkeley, Glos.  
(Nights open—Tuesday).

**St Barnabas Youth Fellowship**

St Barnabas Church Hall, Tuffley, Gloucester.  
MR G. DEE,  
13 Firwood Drive, Tuffley, Gloucester.

**Stonehouse Youth Club**

Stonehouse Church Hall, Stonehouse, Glos.  
MR ALAN WILL,  
Twin Cottage, Tresham, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday).

**Tetbury Youth Club**

Tetbury Youth Centre, Chipping Street, Tetbury, Glos.  
MR R. G. CASTERTON,  
The Red House, Long Newton, Tetbury, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday, Friday).

**Tewkesbury Youth Club**

Red Lane, Tewkesbury, Glos.  
MR B. E. WRIGHT,  
1 Seymour Place, Priors Park, Tewkesbury, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Tredington Youth Club**

Tredington Church Hall, Nr. Tewkesbury, Glos.  
MR T. E. BAILEY,  
2 Llanthony Cottages, Tredington, Nr. Tewkesbury, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Friday).

**Tredworth Youth Club**

Melbourne Street, Gloucester.  
MR B. R. WILDEN,  
68 Bloomfield Road, Gloucester.

**Uley Youth Club**

The Street, Uley, Dursley, Glos.  
MR C. F. COTTLE,  
5 Raglan Way, Uley, Dursley, Glos.

**Westfields Youth Centre**

Goldsmith Road, Cheltenham.  
MR R. G. JACKSON,  
51 Nettleton Road, Benhall, Cheltenham.  
(Nights open—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday).

**Whitminster and District Youth Club**

The Village Hall, Whitminster, Glos.  
MRS HUDD,  
Hyde Lane, Whitminster, Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).

**Wotton-under-Edge Youth Centre**

The Old Grammar School, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.  
MR A. D. J. BUFTON,  
Orchard House, Pitt Court, North Nibley, Wotton-under-Edge,  
Glos.  
(Nights open—Monday, Wednesday).

**Yate Sunday Club**

Church Hall, Yate, Nr. Bristol.  
MR A. T. PRICE,  
86 Cranleigh Court Road, Yate, Nr. Bristol.  
(Nights open—Sunday).

**Yorkley and District Youth Club**

Yorkley Institute, Bailey Hill, Yorkley, Lydney, Glos.  
MR S. J. NORRIS,  
"Woodleigh," Yorkley, Nr. Lydney, Glos.  
(Nights open—Tuesday, Friday).

## THE MAIN WORK OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

(a) **AIM.** To help young people through leisure time activities, so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities as to become purposeful individuals and useful members of society.

(b) **RESPONSIBILITY.** To have a sense of responsibility towards Clubs affiliated to the Association and to give assistance to them and to the Club Leaders and helpers, both full-time and part-time.

(c) **LIAISON.** To act as liaison between the work done in and for Clubs, the Local Education Authority and other Voluntary Organisations. This includes an active participation in the work of the Gloucestershire Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations.

(d) **VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES.** To have knowledge of voluntary societies such as Toc H, Rotary Clubs, Inner Wheel, Soroptomists, etc., who might be ready to assist the Association from time to time.

(e) **PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS.** To have knowledge of professional organisations which also do work for young people, such as the Central Council of Physical Recreation, The British Drama League, as well as those dealing with the welfare of youth, the Probation Service, etc.

(f) **FUND RAISING.** To know, and have contact with, agencies, which may assist the Association in fund raising ; industrial concerns ; the general public.

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(g) **PUBLICITY.** To see that the Association and its Clubs receive adequate publicity.

(h) **PLANNED PROGRAMME.** To have a planned programme for the coming year's events, ready for publication to Clubs in September.

(i) **PROJECTS.** To endeavour to plan at least one new piece of work each year. This may include work for a Leaders' or Members' Council, training projects, experimental work, inter-Club activities.

(j) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** To have a strong Executive Committee which can guide and help all staff to carry out the policy of the Association with the ability to bring in new people to replace those who leave the Committee and thereby to be constantly on the alert for new trends and ideas in Youth work.

(k) **CLUB DEVELOPMENT.** To help to develop the work in the Gloucestershire area to coincide with local needs.

### (l) **FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CLUBS :—**

1. The services of Association Staff. The full-time Organising Secretary and Training Officer spends a great deal of time visiting individual Clubs and is very prepared to give advice and help on Club activities generally, sources of financial assistance and matters affecting Club Leaders and members.
2. A 2-year (part-time) Training Course for Club Leaders and helpers in Club Method.
3. Scarves, Ties, Badges and Diaries.
4. Participation in local and National Competitions : The Remington Rand Junior Leadership Award ; Table Tennis ; Netball ; Five-a-Side Football ; Dressmaking and Modelling ; Quiz.

5. Ability to nominate representatives to the Gloucestershire Members' Council and National Leaders' Council.
6. The National Association Insurance Scheme ; Personal accident ; sickness ; third party ; and Employers' Liability Insurances.
7. Reduction in fees for training courses or charges at National Holiday Centres, or for literature published by the National Association of Youth Clubs.
8. Ability to benefit from the financial assistance offered by various Trusts, both local and National.
9. Participation in Club Week with free publicity material.
10. Assistance with special projects.
11. A Certificate of Affiliation.
12. Programme Aids—film strips, wall charts, folders on specific Club activities. A Tape Recorder is also available.
13. Publications : " Club Leaders' Notes " is sent free of charge.
14. Participation in Association events. An Annual Dance is organised in the winter, and an Association Holiday for members is arranged in August.

## CONDITIONS OF AFFILIATION

The following Conditions are required for any Club requesting affiliation to the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs :—

**1. Aim of the G.A.Y.C.**—The Club shall accept and strive to implement the aim of the Association, i.e., " To help young people through leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, as to become purposeful individuals and useful members of society."

**2. Club Membership.**—The Club shall have a minimum membership of 12, between the ages of 14 and 21. (At least 66% of the membership shall be in this age group). *Exceptionally in village Clubs* at least 50% of the members shall be in this age group or *failing that* the Village Club shall have a membership which in the opinion of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs is in keeping with the total population, in the age group, in the District or Community in which the Club is situated.

**3. Club Management and Committees.**—  
(a) **MANAGEMENT**—The Club shall have responsible management and leadership with both Adult and Club Members' Committees (or a Joint Adult and Members' Committee) and a responsible Leader or Officers.

### (b) COMMITTEES\*

- (i) *Adult Committee* (or Joint Adult and Members' Committee)—shall be responsible for the general policy and finance of the Club, shall meet monthly during the Club season, shall maintain a proper Minutes Book for all meetings and shall be responsible, where applicable, for the appointment and employment of the Leader and other staff. The Adult Committee shall include both men and women and shall be elected annually.
- (ii) *Members' Committee* shall be elected by members from amongst themselves, shall meet monthly during the Club season, shall maintain a proper Minutes Book for all meetings, shall be responsible with the Leader/s for the day to day running of the Club and shall be elected annually.

\*NOTE : The composition of these Committees may be discussed with the Organising Secretary.



(c) LEADERS\*

- (i) *Day to day running of the Club*—The Leader/s shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Club in co-operation with the Adult and Members' Committees (or Joint Adult and Members' Committee) and shall normally attend these Committees with, or without voting powers at the discretion of the appropriate Committee.

\*NOTE : The Leader/s can be asked to withdraw from the appropriate Committee Meeting when this is necessary.

- (ii) *Appointment*—Where the Leader/s is appointed by the L.E.A. the approval of the Adult Committee shall also be obtained.
- (iii) *Opportunities for Leaders*—The Leader/s shall have opportunities to attend such Courses or Conferences as may assist them in their work and thereby enable them to keep in touch with new developments.

(d) THE CLUB CONSTITUTION\*—The Club shall be so constituted as to be NORMALLY able to :—

- (i) *Hold at least one meeting each week* during the usual Club season.
- (ii) *Charge a regular members' subscription* commensurate with the facilities offered.
- (iii) *Keep current records* of membership, accounts and meetings.
- (iv) *Hold an Annual General Meeting* at which can be presented an audited Statement of Accounts and current reports from all existing Committees. (The

Accounts shall be properly audited by an independent and responsible person of the Adult Committee or audited at the discretion of the Adult Committee).

- (v) *Have the Accounts made available* at any time for inspection by all interested parties.

\*NOTE : A copy of a suggested Club Constitution is available on request from the Organising Secretary.

(e) G.A.Y.C. AFFAIRS—CLUB PARTICIPATION—The Club shall be encouraged to take an active part as possible in the affairs of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs, particularly in Leaders' Meetings and the Members' Council.

(f) POLITICAL PARTIES—The Club shall not be affiliated to, or associated with, any political party.

**4. Provisional and Associate Affiliation.—**

MEMBERSHIP—Provided that a Club has been in existence for at least three months then application shall be as follows :—

- (i) *Provisional Affiliation*—This may be granted for a period of one year to any Club which does not yet fully comply with the Conditions of Affiliation, i.e., a Club whose numbers do not at present qualify under Condition 2—“Club Membership.”
- (ii) *Associate Affiliation*—Junior Clubs and other Youth Groups may be granted Associate Affiliation at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Association.

**5. Re-affiliation to the G.A.Y.C.—**

The Club or Youth Group shall apply annually, in January, for the renewal of affiliation and shall supply such information as may be required by the Executive of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.

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