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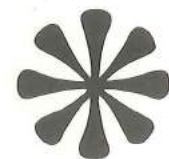
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Gloucestershire Youth Association continues to go from strength to strength with the support of many friends in the County. The work outlined in this review has only been made possible by the participation of young people and youth workers in the affairs of the Association. Success in the future lies not only with them but with combined support of our generous contributors.

Our Association makes a substantial contribution to the welfare of young people and the intention is to develop further with your support.



#### COFFEE MORNING AND VISIT FROM CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS

Thanks to the generosity of the Mayor of Gloucester - Councillor Michael Pullen - a group of friends of the Association were able to hold a Michaelmas Fair and Coffee Morning at the Guildhall in Gloucester. The event proved a great success both socially and financially, though it was very hard work for the organisers. Certainly the attendance caught the staff of the Guildhall a little by surprise, and they found themselves sending out for extra milk before the end of the morning. A total of £703.19 was raised and the Association is very grateful to the Mayor and Mayoress for their support, and to the group of ladies who worked so hard on our behalf.

On Thursday, 9th February, our Association Chairman was able to spend the day with us visiting some of the projects and placements with which we are involved, and then

meeting our friends' group at the Mayor's Parlour. It was at this point that Captain Mark Phillips received on our behalf the cheque for the money raised at the Coffee morning from Mrs Peggy David, the chairperson of the friends' group.



CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS RECEIVING THE CHEQUE FROM THE FRIENDS



Captain Mark Phillips CVO ADC (P)

#### COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

A few days ago there occurred one of those very happy experiences where purpose and enjoyment coincide. Tewkesbury School was the venue for the Regional Finals in which county winners from Herefordshire, Shropshire and our own Gloucestershire Association competed for the honours of representation at the finals of the National Association of Youth Clubs. These are the culmination of activities which form part of the programmes of youth groups across the whole country.

The day was splendidly organised by our Activities Committee and staff. A large company of enthusiastic and friendly young people accompanied by their leaders and officers had gathered together. It was a time to revel in old friendships, to exchange news and to cheer on, unashamedly, one's own teams and representatives. There was so much fun and comradeship undampened by our current sample of May-time weather.

It is this opportunity for association at club, county, regional and national level, which is at the heart of our organisation, whether the reason be for fun or serious social concern.



REGIONAL FINALS - IT'S A KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Membership of the wider group, however, implies duty as well as pleasure and this is an opportunity to draw to the attention of all, important developments which have been occurring in the National Association of Youth Clubs. We have been appraising our policies and, by common consent, we are agreed that one of our principal aims is to promote the participation of young people in society. This is achieved through involvement in the running of clubs and at all levels within the national framework. It is assisted through the purposeful development of relevant skills, understanding and attitudes. Can the question now be asked locally, "What are we doing about it?" Our task is to help young people to grow into responsible and secure adults. Opportunities for leadership and participation in decision-making by the members have always been important tenets of mixed youth club work. Can we say that our practice in these matters matches our principles?

The past year has been another very busy and very successful one, so much so that your Council of Management has to consider, carefully, the limits which resources of all kinds place upon the extent of our activities. The achievements have been many, but, in particular, reference must be made to the adoption of Club 388 ('Youth Club of the Air') as a potential on-going aspect of our work; to 'Youthforce' whose indisputable quality has led it to become an important part of the Youth Training Scheme in the county; to the Training Committee which has made a rich contribution to residential training and which has also acquired valuable items of equipment on behalf of the Association; and, finally, to the Youth Services Committee whose Community Programme so effectively used young unemployed people to develop drama, art and dance in the programmes of many of our clubs.

We have said "Goodbye" to some excellent staff who have moved on to other work and we have welcomed new colleagues, notably Rosemary Rees as Assistant Coordinator (Training) in 'Youthforce'. The Management Council has welcomed Steve Powers



into its membership and also Bob Priest, a local architect whose interest and support are greatly appreciated. It is a great pleasure too, to record our warm congratulations and good wishes to Jean Riggs, leader of one of our registered groups, who has been distinguished by being appointed President of the Girls Friendly Society for a period of three years.

To all who have contributed to another good year, in whatever way, may I say "Thank you". We have the services of so many dedicated volunteers and a committed, highly professional staff. We have received some splendid financial support from individuals and organisations. Together they have helped the Gloucestershire Youth Association to make another year's significant contribution to the welfare of young people in the County.

The management of the Association has been in the very capable hands of the different committees. May I thank the members and chairmen for the responsibilities shared, for the wisdom of their guidance and for the friendship enjoyed. In particular, may I name Sidney Riggs, Vice Chairman, and Tony Daniell, Honorary Secretary, who have done so much to support the staff in their daily responsibilities and who have been instrumental in maintaining the unity of our very diverse organisation.

A.D. MENTZ  
CHAIRMAN

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#### COMMITTEES

#### YOUTH SERVICES

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#### YOUTH SERVICES

This year has seen the Youth Services Committee expand its work through an M.S.C. sponsored Community Programme. This was aimed at providing a team of people with specific skills to work in clubs and pass on those skills to the youngsters by participating in Drama, Handicrafts, Art and Dance workshops. The project has now ended, and we are taking time to reflect on the work carried out by the team. It is important that we receive your views and comments for inclusion in our deliberations.

The strength of our team of Field Officers has been reduced during the year due to illness and pressure of other commitments. We express our thanks to Len Agg for his work in the Gloucester area and to Ray Kilmister in the Forest of Dean. It was a great pleasure to see Ray back on his feet and enjoying the Tug O'War and It's A Knockout events at Blaisdon. We plan to review the role of our Field Officers in a changing club scene and are looking at ways of improving liaison with clubs.

To this end, we re-established the Activities Committee in February, with defined responsibilities. The result is a strong committee dedicated to our 'grass roots' work of organising competitions and events to national standards. An extremely well organised Regional Finals has already taken place at Tewkesbury School and Pwll Du has been chosen as the new venue for the annual Adventure Weekend.

We have also seen collaboration between GYA and GABC by way of a jointly presented Air Rifle and Pistol Shooting Competition. A similar venture in the form of a Drama Festival, in conjunction with Coleford Youth Club, takes place in July.

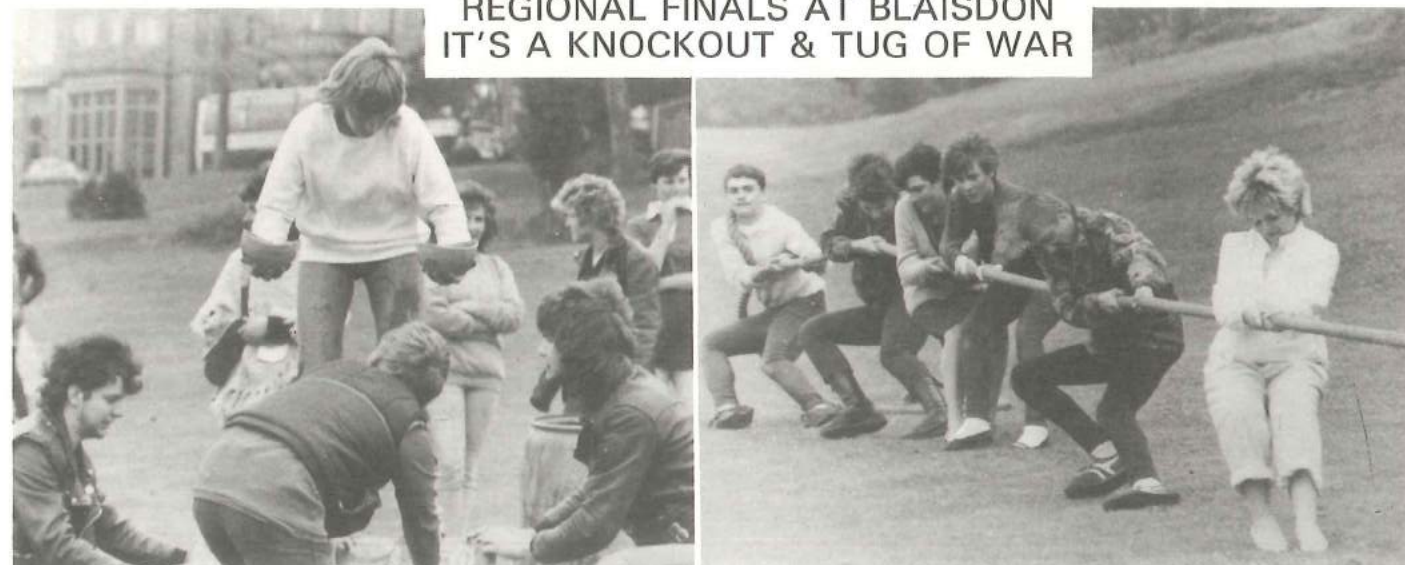
In the year ahead, 1985 has been designated 'International Youth Year' and we need your ideas and suggestions on how best to involve your club members.

STEVE POWERS  
VICE CHAIRMAN - YOUTH SERVICES

## COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Disco Dancing Team	- Club 388
Netball	- Blakeney Y.C.
Quiz	- Coleford Y.C.
Darts - Team	- Nailsworth Y.C.
- Boys Ind.	- High View Centre
- Girls Ind.	- Forum Y.C.
Tug O'War	- Blakeney Y.C.
It's A Knockout	- Newnham Y.C.
5-a-side Football - Girls	- Blakeney Y.C.
- Boys Junior	- Chipping Norton Y.C.
- Boys Senior	- Stonehouse Y.C.
Pool	- Winchcombe Y.C.
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- Mixed	- J Webb & L Hill
- Junior Boys	- S Brown
- Girls	- M Neale
- Mixed	- S McClean & H Weston
Snooker	- S Brooks
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- Girls	- K Jackson
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	- Ebony Y.C.
	- Star 66
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	- Chequers Bridge

REGIONAL FINALS AT BLAISDON  
IT'S A KNOCKOUT & TUG OF WAR





## ABBEY NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS 1984

On Saturday, 26th May, our team comprising of Richard, Dave, Chris, Domini, Christine and myself, representing the Salesian Club - who had by luck won the Regional Finals of the Abbey National Youth Award Competition - were privileged to go to Birmingham for the Finals.

Eleven teams came from Ireland, Scotland and all over England. We had to compete in Ball Skills, Pop Quiz, General Knowledge Quiz, Dart Skills, and produce a home-made vehicle to carry an egg utilising a standard elastic band as the only source of power.

We arrived at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham at 12.00am. After a buffet lunch and briefing meeting we were taken by coach to the Aston Villa Sports and Leisure Centre for the competition.

All teams were given different coloured tee-shirts and there was much excitement at the commencement of the games at 2.30pm. We were all pleased to meet Peter Powell and Cliff Lazarenko and see ball skills performed by Aston Villa players.

Below SALESIAN TEAM - from left to right Domini, Claire, Richard, Dave, Chris & Christine



We also had a Karate display by the Zen Shin Club from Birmingham.

The final event was our home-made vehicle to carry an egg. Our egg-machine was quite small compared with some. How delighted we were when our machine came first in this event.

At 7.00pm we departed from Aston Villa, the overall winners being Scotland and the North West, who received gold medals from Mr. Alan Brook, the Regional Manager of the Abbey National Building Society, and a most beautiful trophy which they will share for six months each.

We arrived back at the Holiday Inn at 7.30pm and up to our lovely bedrooms for a bath and change ready for dinner. The after-dinner speaker was Mr. Jim Bowen, who was excellent.

The evening finished with a Disco which was thoroughly enjoyable.

Thank you Abbey National for giving us a very memorable weekend.

CLAIRE TYREMAN

## ACTIVITY TEAM

From October to May the Association employed a team of five young people funded by the Community Programme. The team were all enthusiastic about arts and crafts and convinced they could pass their enthusiasm on to others.

The group made a substantial impact and over the period club members were able to participate in a variety of activities. Drama, puppetry, toy making, dance, and even painting wall murals were on offer in various clubs, and our mail seems to indicate the success of the venture.

The supervision of a team of young people needs time, a scarce commodity in G.Y.A., particularly if the training for work with clubs, and for personal development is of a high standard. For this reason we are unable to continue the project, but the potential has been noted, and as soon as time becomes available we intend to attempt to restart this exciting scheme.

Our thanks must go to the team of young people that led the way.

## EUROPEAN YOUTH CLUBS SPORTS WEEK - ANNECY.

Gloucestershire were invited to send seven young people to this week in France along with members from Surrey and Wiltshire. At Anncy they joined seven other Nations to take part in a whole series of activities ranging from sail boarding to jazz dancing in which they received excellent coaching.

There was also a competitive element to the week, and although it was not taken very seriously the British Team were delighted when they were declared Sports Week Champions 1984.

Just as important was the social side of the week, and one of the most cheering things was the way in which the team mixed with the other groups. Perhaps a quote from an Irish Youth best illustrates the weeks success, he said 'I did not think we would get on with the Brits but they are a great crowd, and I am not as anti Britain as I was last week'.

## REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FINALS

The Gloucestershire Teams did very well at this years Regional Finals, which were held at Tewkesbury. The Quiz, Netball, Boys Darts, Junior 5-a-side, and Netball all progressed to the National Finals.

P. Thomas did very well in the Darts, for after demolishing the opposition at Regional with a series of 180's and 140's he went right to the National Semi losing 3-2 to the eventual winner.

The Quiz team from Coleford also did well and though they looked close to defeat twice in the preliminary rounds they scraped through to the last round where they would have won but for a disastrous last section.

The Netball and 5-a-side teams did very well but found the competition too much at this high level.

Our front cover shows the Tug of War team from the Blakeney Y.C. who were able to win the National Championships in this event at their fifth attempt. Gloucestershire have been in the top four in this event for seven of the last eight years, but thanks to the efforts of Stan Bolton and his team the richly deserved win has at last been achieved. Our sincere congratulations.



STONEHOUSE JUNIOR DISCO TEAM



## TRAINING COMMITTEE

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United Reformed Church  
Mr E Tose - Training Officer (to February 1984)  
Mr D Wadley - Course Tutor  
Mr B J McCarrick - GYA Training Officer

## TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee has met five times since the last A.G.M., with the same loyal and experienced membership. There has been much brooding on finance and a great deal of enjoyable work with the residential courses for young people from M.S.C.

Sixteen courses have been held with a total of two hundred and forty trainees, one hundred and forty four boys and ninety six girls. Eric Tose gave us a year of excellent service with a gradually developed team of part-time staff who became a valued group of helpers. The courses continued to generate a wide acceptance and enthusiasm from the trainees, not all of whom were easy to help at times.

The reduction in numbers which caused us consternation in budget terms was due to financial pressures on the agencies and to the shortfall in recruitment by M.S.C. G.Y.A. found with regret that we could not afford to continue with a full-time training officer because of the reduced numbers and Eric left us at the end of January, 1984, easily finding an alternative post for his talents. We are grateful to him for creating a good residential tradition and for endless demanding and tiring work on our behalf.

The courses continue under the leadership of good tutors from the part-time staff and under Brian McCarrick's supervision.

Other training work opportunities continue to be sought, but are few in number to our disappointment and we await suggestions from G.Y.A. colleagues, clubs and committees as to how we can usefully contribute

our collective expertise and experience.

A change of committee leadership will enable a new outlook to be contributed by Mrs Jean Elkins who becomes Chairman in June. I hope to remain a committee member and am grateful for the last three years.

KENNETH DAVID  
CHAIRMAN OF TRAINING COMMITTEE

## RESIDENTIAL COURSES.

The Association has many years experience in the organisation of residential courses for young people. When the opportunity came to put that experience to use on courses financed through the Youth Training Scheme, it seemed to good to miss.

Our staff on these courses are mainly from a youth work background and with some training from the Association are proving ideal for the job. The work is strenuous and after five days the tutors are in need of a long rest!

Each week consists of a mix of leisure pursuits, projects, and survival skill training, and the young people join in everything from menu planning to night exercises. The programme varies depending on available instructors but may include canoeing, caving, climbing and even clay pigeon shooting and a similar range of indoor pursuits. Projects include video, photography, tape recording, and one group prepare a formal dinner with all the trims.

It is fair to say that our contribution to YTS Training is now considerable.

## YOUTHFORCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Captain Mark Phillips with members of Workshops Staff at Alvin Street and Assistant Co-ordinator (Training) Rosemary Rees after opening the workshops on Thursday 9th February.



# YOUTHFORCE

The past 'Training Year', if we may call it that, has been a particularly significant one for Youthforce. Right at the beginning it saw the departure of Glenne Mitchell, an experienced Coordinator who was the prime architect of the successful base on which Youthforce had grown, and the arrival of his successor, Bob Perkins - coming to us directly from the Royal Air Force after some 30 years' experience in administration, accounting and computing. Since then there has been a number of staff movements - all of which tend, for a time, to militate against the maintenance of a dynamic team of experienced and dedicated trainers. Nevertheless we can look back on a year of positive achievement and success as far as our trainees are concerned.

Because the principles of Youth Training Schemes or YTS (the now common acronym) are still evolving, we, at Youthforce, are ever conscious of the need continuously and critically to examine our training machine and the courses offered. We must ensure we are providing our trainees with the best programme, and most importantly, that we direct the training towards the actual employment opportunities in the local area - the right blend of training and work experience. Accordingly, with the help and understanding of our colleagues in the Manpower Services Commission we have, during the latter part of the year, planned and implemented a number of extensions to our training programme. As a result we can now add training courses in catering, care in the community and welding/general fitting to the range of workshops (carpentry, painting and decorating, plumbing and bricklaying) we previously supported. Indeed during the coming months we hope to widen the concept of the Stitch in Time Workshop to encompass a number of product-related handicraft skills, to introduce our own in-house office routine workshop and to undertake to provide Personal Development Training, including Computer Literacy, from our own resources instead of having to buy in these courses as a package from the Further Education Colleges. Such a far reaching programme of changes must mean

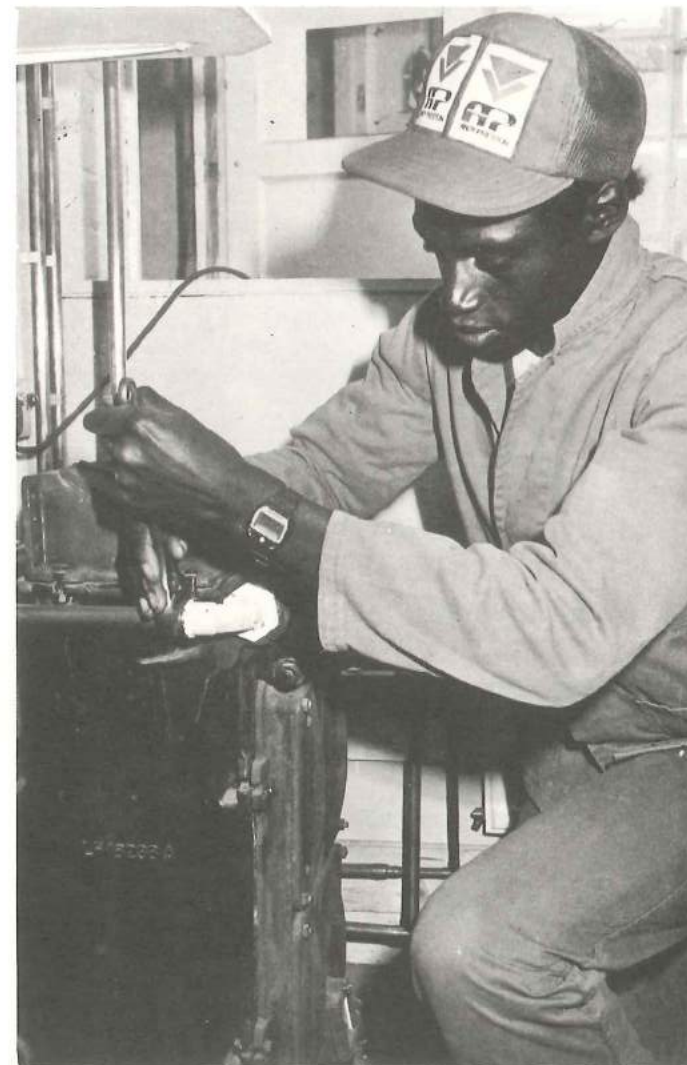
inevitably a considerable amount of extra work and perhaps more staff movements. These changes must be viewed against the nationwide trend to reduce the overall numbers of Mode B1 YTS places, and MSC's statement of intention that 1984/5 is to be a year of consolidation. Youthforce, for the reasons set out earlier, must still carry on developing and establish a new base on which to consolidate itself for the future.

During April and May 1983 we began introducing trainees into the Alvin Street Workshops (formerly part of Kingsholm Secondary School) for training courses in Painting and Decorating, and Carpentry. In the summer we were able to add workshop courses in bricklaying and plumbing - the latter course has since then been extended and modified to include welding and metal-work. 30 separate courses have been run, so far attended by over 200 trainees - some trainees do more than one course. We were especially privileged when Captain Mark Phillips, as Chairman of GYA, agreed formally to open the Alvin Street Workshops during his visit to Gloucester in February 1984.



CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS OPENS THE YOUTHFORCE WORKSHOPS AT ALVIN STREET.

Other significant developments have been made. A Computer Assisted Learning programme specially piloted by Youthforce in conjunction with the College of St. Paul and St. Mary began to make a positive impact on those of our trainees who needed extra help with their numeracy and literacy ability and, after two evaluation exercises, we believe we are on the right road and have produced a valuable and flexible training aid for us in the field of Personal Development. The potential of today's micro-computer is well recognised and we have plans to introduce more new hardware during the coming year and run our own multi-purpose computer workshop to cater for a variety of needs - not least of which is to bring the power of the computer into the day-to-day working environment of Youthforce and our joint sponsor, GYA.



TRAINEE NEVILLE BRANFORD WORKING IN THE PLUMBING & FITTING WORKSHOP, ASSEMBLING THE PIPE WORK TO A DOMESTIC HOT WATER SYSTEM



A BRICKLAYING PROJECT, BUILDING A WALL AT GRANGE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Of course, against a background of considerable change in the training available, we have not lost sight of the need to provide a variety of good quality work experience. Skills training is largely wasted without opportunity to put it into practice and to consolidate it 'on the job'. The community aid projects continue and we are careful to select only those which offer a wide range of skill opportunity. Similarly, we have undertaken actively to move the emphasis of our work experience programme of placements away from the public sector of local industry and commerce, from manufacturing more towards the service industries, for it is here that the greatest increase in job opportunities is predicted. We still offer each trainee the chance to go away on a week's residential course, and we believe firmly in the investment we make in good, relevant staff training provided through the medium of the Accredited Centre.

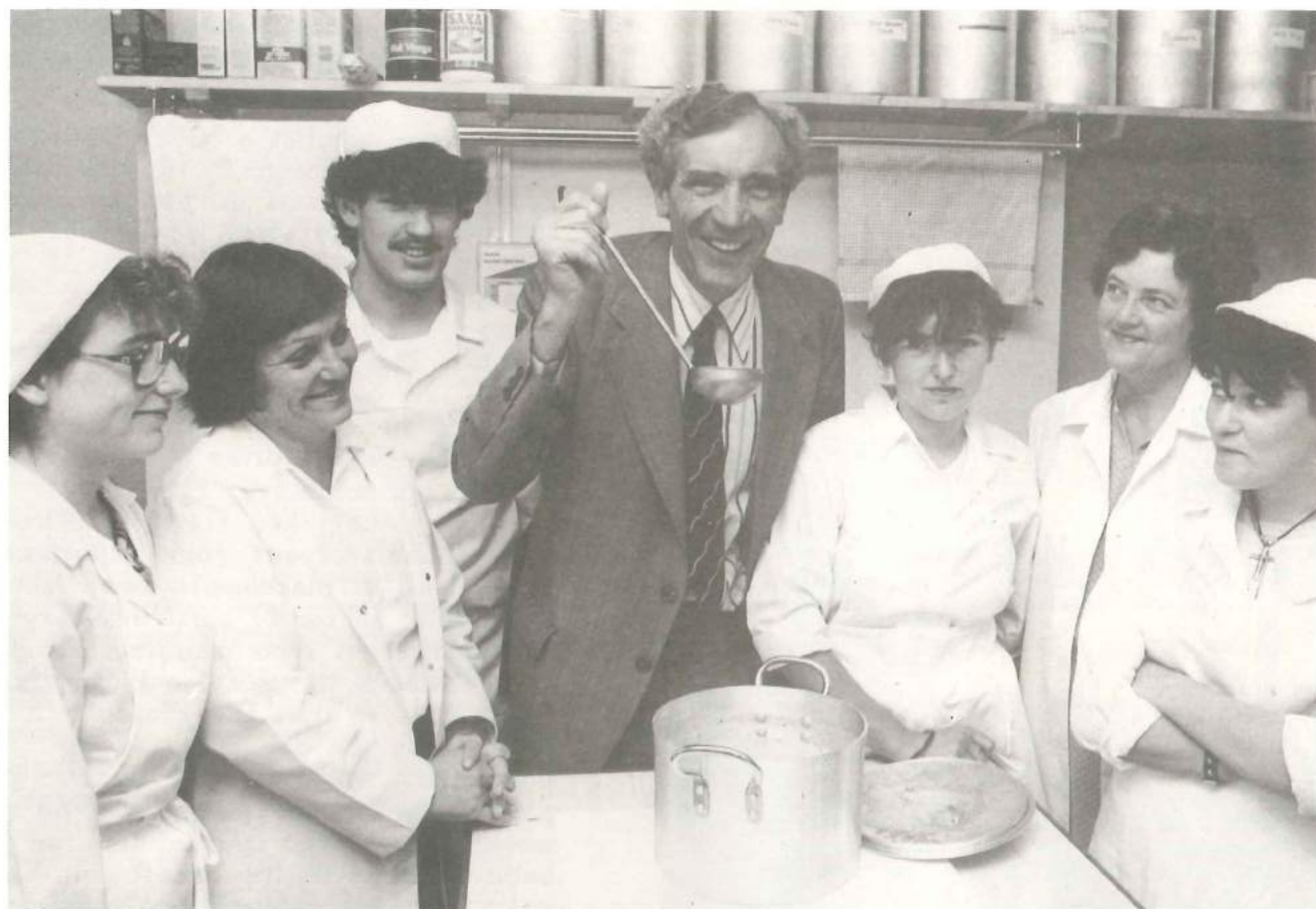
As Youthforce enters the second full year of YTS it does so with confidence and a sense of excitement. Whilst we may have had our number of places adjusted from 150 to 140 for the year, as part of an overall rationalisation by MSC, we face a two-fold challenge - to widen our training spheres whilst seeking to improve our existing courses, and to attract sufficient school-leavers to these changes - not for change's sake, but because we have a duty to our sponsors, GYA and MSC, to offer the best training available to those unemployed school-leavers who come to us for help.



Finally, may we thank all those providers of work placements, job tasters and community aid projects for the worthwhile opportunities they offer our trainees. Likewise we express our appreciation to our friends in the local Trades Unions for their continued support in all that Youthforce undertakes. YTS demands a partnership of all those seeking to create a well-trained and efficient workforce for tomorrow's Great Britain. Youthforce is ready to play its part!



PLACEMENT TRAINEE AT WORK



Sir David Lane (centre) Chairman of N.A.Y.C. tastes the soup, watched by staff and students after opening Youthforce Catering Workshop at Heathville Road, Gloucester.

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# CLUB 388

Club 388 has gone from strength to strength during its second year. MSC allowed us to keep Susie Dawson for a second year as Supervisor, and also under an enlarged scheme funded four workers and a half time administrator. The workers - Danny in Stroud, Winston in Gloucester, Dale in Tewkesbury area and Cliff in the Forest - have made valuable contacts and worked together successfully, becoming street-wise in the process.

The progress of the Club has converted many sceptics, and has been much appreciated by the Management of Severn Sound, as it has stimulated awareness of the station at youth level.

It is said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Several local radio stations including those in Lincoln, Cumbria, Dorset and Birmingham have shown interest in the sort of Youth Club of the Air which we have pioneered.

We are extremely grateful to an International Trust Fund, whose initial grant got the project off the ground; to Group 4 Total Security Limited and the Local Authority for the support which has made a third year possible; and also to MSC who have expressed their satisfaction with the scheme by agreeing to fund seven workers and an administrator for the next year.

The Club's biggest publicity success was scored by the Disco Dancing Team. After being fourth at their first attempt last year, they progressed to being runners up this time and were featured on TV over Christmas.

Various trips have been accomplished including Pop Concert trips, Alton Towers Amusement Park, Pony Trekking, Water Sports, etc., giving youngsters opportunities to try out a range of experiences which individual clubs find it impossible to provide.

Club 388 has also run discos throughout the County and held its own individual Dancing Competitions.

The heart of the Club is the "Air Time" on Mondays and Fridays from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Programming has been adventurous and varied, treating such subjects as "how to be a pop star", "how a group makes it into the charts", "under age drinking", "the new bill on glue sniffing" and "birth control". Rounds of a county wide "questions of pop" competition with teams competing live in the studio have caused much interest.

We bid farewell to Susie with regret and grateful thanks for her pioneering work in the first years, without which the Club would never have got going.

Please remember Club 388's times - Monday and Friday, 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Our telephone number is Gloucester 500522 - let us know what you want, what in our programme you like and what you criticise. We are all about communication - so please communicate with us.

JANET KIRKWOOD  
CHAIRMAN - CLUB 388

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## DETTOL YOUTH CARING AWARDS

SO SO Club from Drybrook were nominated by the Association for the Awards, and won £1000 for the club to use in its community work. Andrena Meek sent a report and these are extracts from it.

Sarah Minchin and I were chosen to represent SO SO Club, she being one of the older members involved with Spina Bifida, whereas I do more with the old people.

On the Friday of the presentations we were taken to the Pebble Mill Studios. We were all very anxious and nervous by the time Princess Anne arrived. I presented her with a posy and she asked where we came from and wished us all luck.

By this time we had met all the other finalists from Liverpool, Blackpool, Northumbria, Northern Ireland and Hampshire. We had also met representatives of the sponsors.

On the last day after filming we got each others addresses and promised to write. Everyone was sad to say goodbye, but it was a fantastic experience which I shall never forget. We are very grateful to the organisers for such a terrific time.

ANDRENA MEEK.

## FORTHAMPTON YOUTH CLUB HAVE BACKACHE! WHY?

In February Forthampton Youth Club members decided they should do one of their good deeds. Two ponds in the village were so overgrown that no water could be seen, and so, armed with brushes and spades the youth club set to work.

Mind you, it was not all hard work. A metal detector was brought in but found no treasures only bits of tin and lead.

The ponds still need a lot of our attention but it is a great improvement, a picture!

VALERIE DIDCOTE.

We understand Forthampton Youth Club have won a prize in the Village Venture Competition.



MEMBERS OF THE SO SO CLUB AT PEBBLE MILL TALKING TO H.R.H PRINCESS ANNE



MEMBERS OF FORTHAMPTON YOUTH CLUB AT WORK

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report upon a year of consolidation as far as the overall situation is concerned. This is reflected in the reduction in the level of borrowing in the balance sheet - an achievement, the importance of which cannot be over-emphasised. We must totally eliminate our debt as soon as possible, so that the income derived from our ownership of the freehold can be dedicated to youth work in the true spirit of the Association. You will see that all the youth activities are running with financial deficits, the total of which almost eliminates the surplus monies on the general account income and expenditure.

It is not inappropriate to remind ourselves that we are almost entirely dependant upon the L.E.A. for the grant they make and which covers the salary of our Organising Secretary - we are grateful for this continued support, without which we could not continue to serve our clubs - an increasingly important task these days.

Whilst the existence of Youth Force imposes certain management responsibilities, it is something that we value as a contribution to the youth scene generally. It adds very considerably to the financial scene by allowing us to maximise the use of our freehold, and indeed to maintain its fabric.

Fund raising must remain one of our main objectives so that we can constantly seek to improve the standard of our service. The management, in turn, are constantly looking for methods to curtail overheads.

As always we record our thanks to our auditors Messrs. Deloitte, Haskins and Sells and for their help and guidance.

H.F.A. MAY  
HON. TREASURER

## THANK YOU.

We would like to thank the Citizen Newspaper for photographs on pages 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and on the inside back cover. The B.B.C. for the photograph on page 8. We would also thank the advertisers who have enabled us to produce this review of our work.

## FUND RAISING

Last year our Treasurer asked us to make every effort to eliminate our borrowings. Inevitably this takes time, but our recent efforts and the generosity of our contributors means that we have been able to reduce our bank loan by £2000 more than we anticipated at the start of the year. There is a long way to go, but if we can keep this effort going then our future looks quite bright.

During the year Ann Fisher left the Association to work for an Insurance Company after seven years service. It was thanks to her efforts in establishing an easily understood system that we were able to continue the fund raising after considerable reorganisation of the office using voluntary and casual support. The fact that our fund raising has not declined is a tribute to Ann, but we do hope that our subscribers will bear with us if they no longer get the cheery, very personal response of the past. We hope they will be happily reassured by the fact that the savings produced go directly to our youth work, and that their donations are not eaten up by administrative fund raising expenditure. We must also thank Gilbert Phillips for his tremendous voluntary effort in looking after our valued covenanters.

Could we draw the attention of those subscribers who make a single annual donation to the Association, to the opportunity to turn this into a deposited covenant. If you complete a covenant form each year we can divide a subscription into four equal amounts and claim back the tax over a four year period. We can repeat this process every year and increase our income by almost 50% at no further cost to you.

May we take this opportunity to thank our contributors, trusts, businesses, commerce and private individuals. All enable us to carry on with our work amongst young people.



## PROPERTY ACCOUNT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	1984	1983
<b>INCOME</b>		
Building fund receipts	2,530	-
Rents received	5,748	4,990
	8,278	4,990
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</b>		
Cleaning	149	391
Light and heat	216	805
Rent and rates	124	638
Insurance	95	74
Depreciation	84	93
Repairs and renewals	316	2,142
Services Health	-	115
	984	4,258
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
Sundries	-	496
	984	4,754
<b>OPERATING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		
Deposit account interest received	6	15
	7,300	251
<b>INTEREST PAYABLE</b>		
Bank loan	1,046	1,120
Bank overdraft	42	4
	1,088	1,124
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	6,212	(873)

## TRAINING ACCOUNT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	1984
<b>INCOME</b>	
Residential training income	18,283
Sundry income	120
	18,403
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE</b>	
Administration	242
Food	2,424
Tutor's fees	3,708
Repairs and maintenance	94
Hire of premises	2,312
Salaries	6,443
Motor expenses	1,819
Use of materials	633
Telephone and postage	30
Courses and use of equipment	1,256
Sundry expenses	186
Depreciation	152
	19,299
<b>OPERATING EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) OVER INCOME</b>	
	(896)
<b>INTEREST PAYABLE</b>	
Bank overdraft	12
<b>EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) OVER INCOME</b>	(908)

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUTH ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS LIMITED

## YOUTH SERVICES ACCOUNT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	1984	1983
<b>INCOME</b>		
Training income	-	81
Registration and entry fees	1,421	1,278
Fund raising	475	465
Transfers from general account	-	400
Sundry income	475	358
Courses income	163	169
Club week	193	265
N.A.Y.C. grant (Club 388)	-	145
Klix (loss)/profit	(47)	109
	2,680	3,270
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	11	110
Telephone and postage	517	889
Printing and stationery	287	577
Motor expenses	480	621
Courses, events and competitions	875	479
Sundry expenses	437	209
Field officers expenses	125	375
Affiliation fees	474	158
Fund raising expenses	19	132
National finals	-	227
Depreciation	5	-
	3,230	3,777
<b>EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) OVER INCOME</b>	(550)	(507)

The complete accounts may be inspected at the Registered Office on request.

### Auditors Statement.

We have audited the financial statements in accordance with approved auditing standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at the 31st March 1984 and of its profit and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981.

DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS

Chartered Accountants  
Gloucester.

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	1984	1983
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fund raising and donations:		
General	6,283	8,424
Smiths	1,000	-
Grants:		
Local Authority	12,702	11,744
N.A.Y.C.	1,002	1,000
Training:		
General	-	-
Y.O.P.	-	3,106
Annual review advertising income	646	4,204
Sundry income	366	234
	21,999	28,796
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
Printing and stationery	687	150
Salaries (Youth Work)	16,578	16,264
A.G.M. expenses	115	-
Accountancy	673	793
Depreciation	113	125
Motor expenses	8	-
Annual review	692	590
Postage	432	286
Sundry expenses	136	121
Telephone	749	408
Training:		
General	-	1,694
Y.O.P.	-	2,814
Wages	-	940
Bank charges	3	9
Transfer to Youth Services	1	400
	20,186	24,594
<b>OPERATING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		
Deposit account interest received	1,813	4,202
	163	435
	1,976	4,637
<b>INTEREST PAYABLE</b>		
Bank current account	49	3
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	1,927	4,634

## BALANCE SHEET 31st MARCH 1984

	1984	1983
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible assets	47,277	44,981
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stocks	115	528
Debtors	198	2,643
Bank accounts:		
General	4,810	2,963
Property	80	(630)
Youth Services	208	591
Training	(794)	-
Imprest	100	100
Cash in hand	4,717	100
	4,717	6,295
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	1,783	2,124
Bank loan (property)	3,600	3,600
	5,383	5,724
<b>NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS</b>	(666)	571
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	46,611	45,552
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Bank loan (property)	9,939	15,561
	36,672	29,991
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	3,794	(840)
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	1,927	4,634
	5,721	3,794
<b>PROPERTY FUND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	26,413	27,286
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	6,212	(873)
	32,625	26,413
<b>YOUTH SERVICES FUND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	(216)	291
<b>EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) OVER INCOME</b>	(550)	(507)
	(766)	(216)
<b>TRAINING FUND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	-	-
<b>EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) OVER INCOME</b>	(908)	-
	(908)	-
	36,672	29,991



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income tax leave in the hands of the said  
Association the net sum of<sup>2</sup> £  
such sum to be paid from my general fund  
of taxed income.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal this ..... day of  
..... 19 .....

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DELIVERED by the said .....

In the presence of .....  
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Occupation .....

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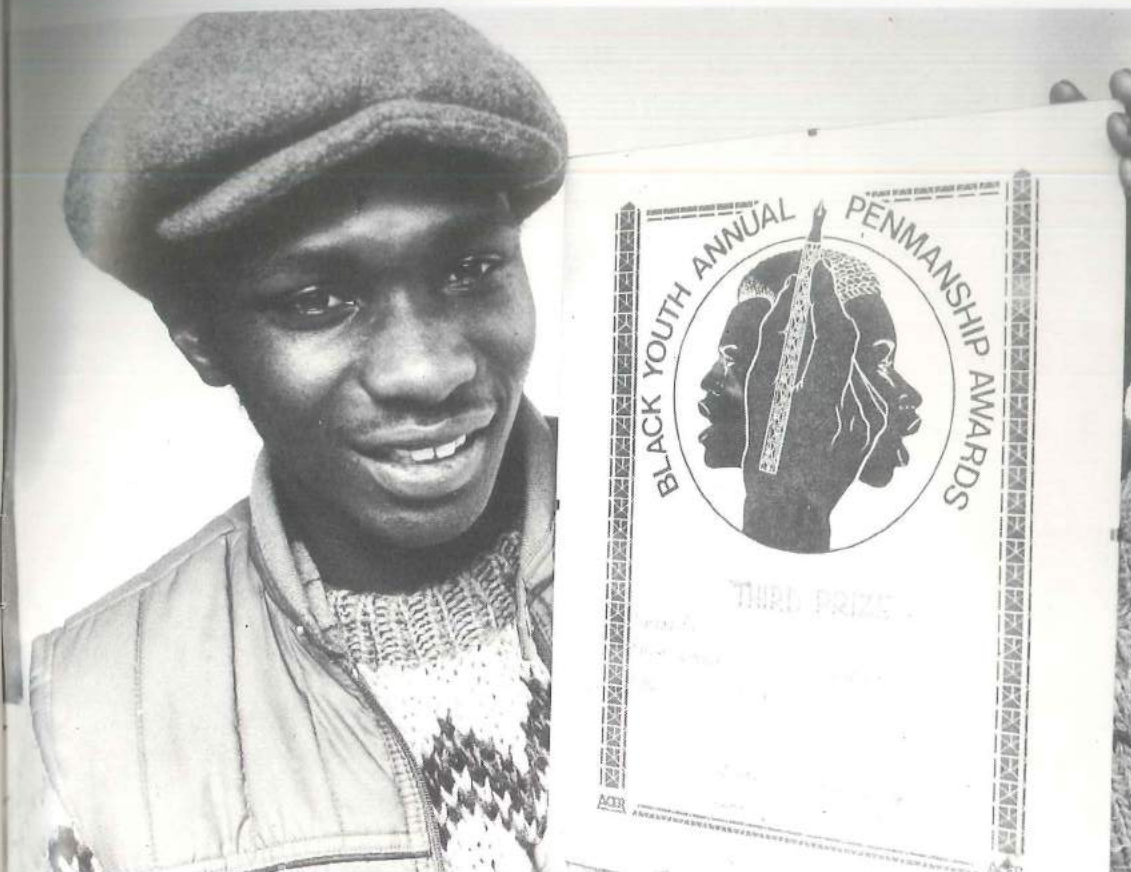
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Winston May is a member  
of Ebony Youth Club in  
Gloucester. He also  
represents young people on  
the National Conference  
Committee and the  
National Executive of  
N.A.Y.C. However,  
Winston is a man of many  
talents for recently he  
received a certificate for  
third place in an  
International Poetry  
Competition organised by  
the Afro-Caribbean  
Education Resource Project.  
His poem is reproduced  
below:

## MY FREEDOM LIVES WITHIN MYSELF

I "begged" don't let me walk in  
ignorance  
I "implored" don't leave me like a  
dusty mantle bedecked and  
weighed down with alien  
Tradition  
Suddenly He spoke  
Seek for your inspiration!!  
Your freedom is within!  
There lives your destination.

In history lives your situation  
But in the present and future is  
your  
Own determination  
My mind circles itself in a mass of  
Confusion is it left?  
Straight or right? Have I learnt of  
Where I stand as a black citizen?

Truly there are many rivers to cross  
And I yes! We must find our way  
over  
Otherwise we come to a halt  
Just sitting in the background,  
Waiting to suffer.

Mentally, spiritually they have us  
Under slavery,  
My freedom lives within myself so  
Fighting the system from within  
So when I and I play the tune they  
Shall all have to sing.

## OBITUARIES

### John Anderson Dixon

The Association was sad to lose a  
longstanding friend during the year.  
John served young people in the  
Stroud area for many years with an  
energy that left most of us  
bewildered. He was a leader of  
Beeches Green Youth Club and then  
an Association Field Officer before  
taking on important work abroad.  
He will be greatly missed.

### Jim Tyreman

Jim was the chap who worked  
quietly at so many of the  
Association events doing the jobs  
that were not in the limelight but  
that were so important. Steady,  
reliable friends like Jim are few and  
far between and we join his family  
in mourning his premature death.



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