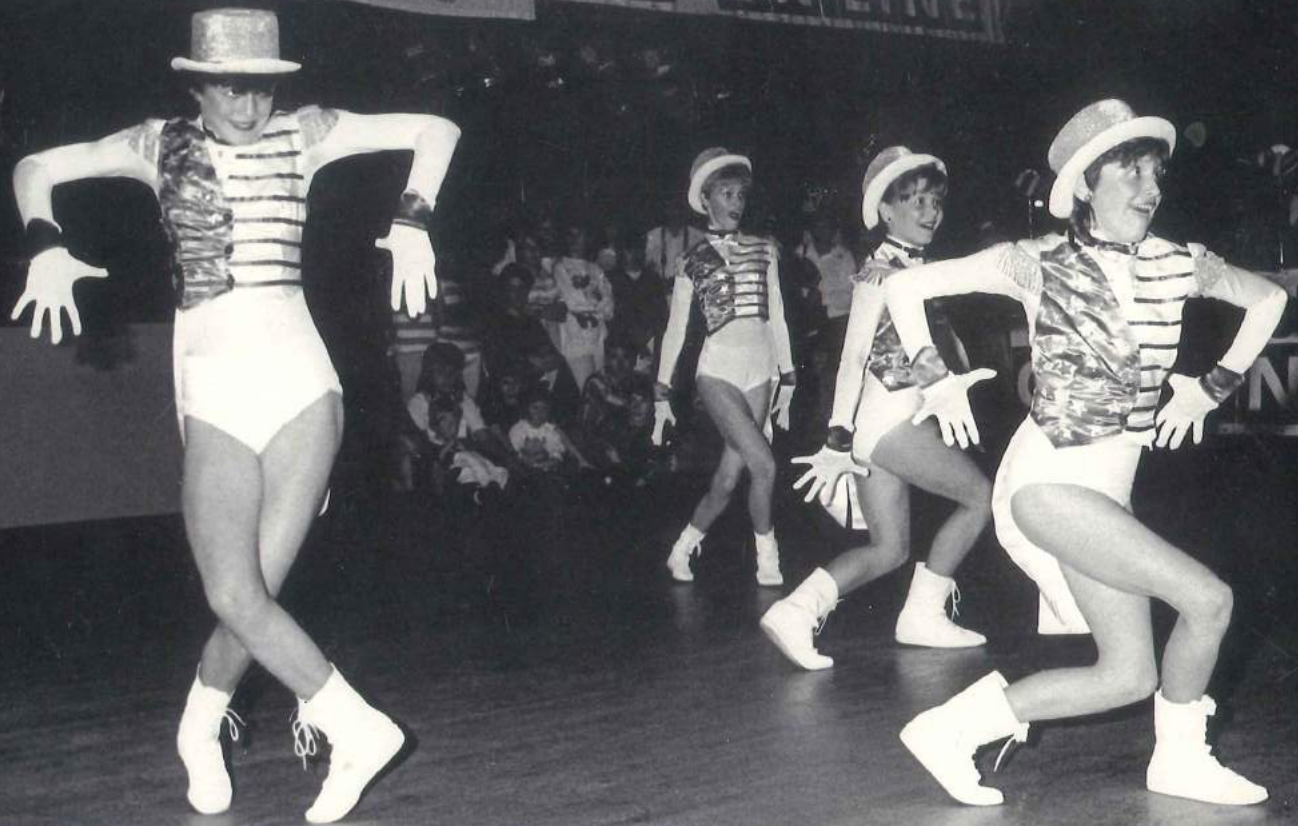




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GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUTH ASSOCIATION





Sir Peter Scott and Captain Mark Phillips at the Unveiling Ceremony for the Naming of Peter Scott House.

PETER SCOTT HOUSE

The Association's office at 78 London Road, Gloucester has been named "Peter Scott House" to mark the 40th Anniversary of Sir Peter Scott becoming President of the Association in 1947 and in appreciation of his valued support over so many years.

On the 18th May, 1987 Sir Peter, at the invitation of our Chairman, Captain Mark Phillips, unveiled a name-plaque which has now been fixed to the front of the building.

The plaque, based on one of Sir Peter's own drawings, depicts White Fronted Geese; Sir Peter explained that these birds frequent the Severn Estuary in winter and it was this fact that, indirectly, first brought him to Slimbridge where, also in 1947, he founded the Wildfowl Trust.

The unveiling took place at a function attended by members, friends and officers of the Association and afforded a welcome opportunity for them to meet informally.

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

'If you prick us, do we not bleed?
If you tickle us, do we not laugh?
If you poison us, do we not die?'

Education, and this is inherent to the Youth Service, teaches people to discriminate. This is one of the good words to describe purpose in learning and each of us welcomes the accolade 'discriminating'. To listen to reason and to choose, to develop tastes and to appreciate, to become skilful and so to possess power, each one of these helps to determine the validity of our claims to be truly human.

However, such qualities are not sufficient in themselves for we need to identify the conditions in which dignity and individuality are open to all. It is here that the word 'discriminatory' takes on a significance that is worthy of a little consideration. To deprive people of life's good chances on such irrational grounds as colour of skin, sex, or disability is both unreasonable and unjust. Therefore, a society which values personal freedom must take positive action to promote opportunities for those of its members who are discriminated against.

It is ten years since the Commission for Racial Equality was established and, a few days ago, I listened to Sir David Lane (its first Chairman and now Chairman of the National Association of Youth Clubs) calling for a lead by Government in combating racial discrimination within its own departments and services. It behoves us, also, to look at tactics at the level in which we have the power to do something, at youth clubs and youth associations. What are we doing in the battle against prejudice and discrimination?

The question is a practical one and we can respond by examining the membership of our committees, our programmes of activity, the composition of our staffing and the facilities which our premises provide. Best of all it begins with a frank look at ourselves as to whether we are hindering or promoting a community which is free of injustice.



THE ARTS TEAM IN ACTION AT THE PREMA ARTS CENTRE ULEY

May I present to you this Annual Report of G.Y.A. in a year when we have continued to increase the resources devoted to youth work in the County. This is made possible by the considerable support of a great many people and the Association is fortunate to have so many who are committed to its service. We record our great appreciation and congratulations to our distinguished President who has held office for forty years. Mention must be made, also, of the insightful leadership of Roger Tolman who now completes his own set term as Chairman of our Youth Services Committee and of Brian Jellie whose diligence and personal gifts make him such an effective Honorary Secretary. We are to lose a splendid Youth Work Assistant in Helen Phillips but, fortunately, we keep her as a voluntary worker.

Partnership is at the heart of youth work provision and the year has seen developments which are expected to have considerable consequences for the future. The National Association of Youth Clubs, under its new Chief Executive, Jan Holt, has a policy of devoting more resources to local activity in support of youth groups, therefore, we shall see a stronger regional presence in which closer cooperation with neighbouring associations will bring about the benefits of joint strength. A new direction in County policy for youth work provision requires much more collaboration by all interested parties in bringing about a purposeful and coordinated response to the needs of young people between thirteen and twenty-one. We have welcomed Mr David Stickels, Principal County Youth & Community Officer into the Management Council and this will assist greatly in developing the Association's role.

On behalf of the Council of Management may I close by recording appreciation and gratitude to all who have so generously contributed to our work. To the members, to the youth workers, to our friends and subscribers we say 'thank you'.

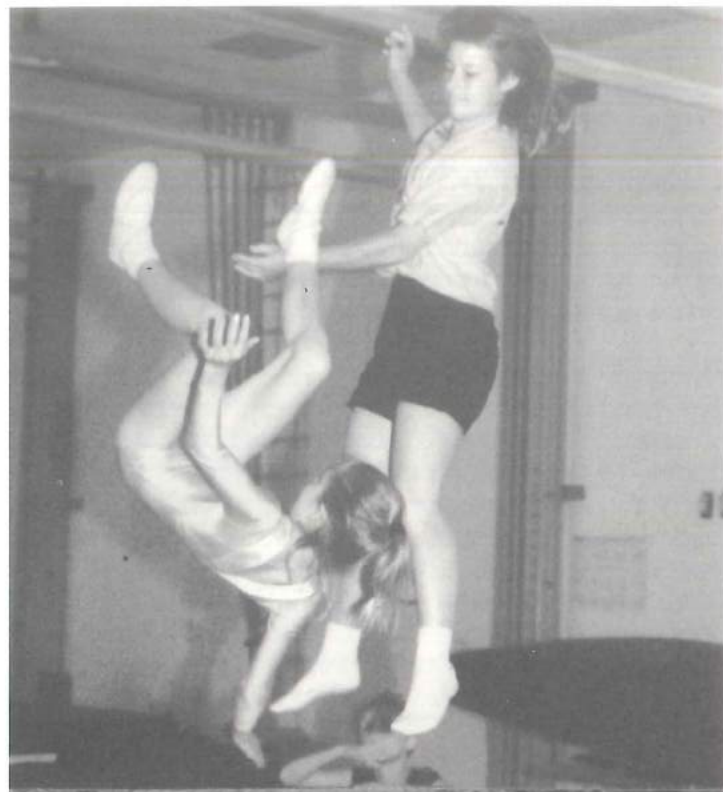
CHAIRMAN: COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT



ALLAN MENTZ

When the news broke that our Executive Chairman Allan Mentz had received the OBE in the Birthday Honours List there was great satisfaction within the Association. Allan has served us well for so many years and it is thanks to his leadership that we have made mighty strides in recent years. In addition, Allan has played a major role as an Honorary Officer of NAYC for a number of years. Many of us wonder where he gets his energy.

We feel that this honour is just reward for unselfish effort for young people that illustrates the caring attitude upon which youth service is built.




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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES



YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Roger Tolman promised the Association three years as Chair of the Youth Services Committee and he retires this year having completed his term in office. It is fair to say that he has presided over an important period as we have firmly established the Association on a solid basis and have begun to plough resources directly into youth work.

Helen Phillips joined us for a year as our Youth Work Assistant. She was only nineteen years of age when appointed but reinforced our firm commitment to the participation of young people within G.Y.A. Certainly Helen created a stir, and the number of opportunities she created for young people was quite remarkable. Good luck to Helen in her future work with the disabled.

Two of the most exciting activities Helen was involved in were the Pop Quiz and the Archery events, for these led to close co-operation with the Gloucestershire Association of Boys' Clubs and the County Youth Service. This developing co-operation will be fostered carefully and we are keen to see an even closer partnership in the future. We are particularly pleased to have played a part in the consultation process to arrive at a new policy statement for the Youth Services of

Gloucestershire. We look forward with eager anticipation to the changes taking place, even though they may have a considerable effect on our work. It would seem that young people will benefit greatly from the new structure and G.Y.A. would therefore want to play a major role.

The Association once again hosted the Regional Finals at Tewkesbury as both Shropshire and Hereford/Worcester have new Organising Secretaries. The day went very well with Hereford winning a majority of the events. We were ably represented throughout the competitions and eventually Leonard Stanley (Netball) and Westfields (Pool) went on to represent us at the National Finals.

This year we have been able to offer clubs a range of taster opportunities and this has been of particular interest to the smaller clubs who normally cannot get a sufficiently large group together to enjoy these events.

Over a number of years the Association has been well supported by the College of St. Paul and St. Mary, Cheltenham and this year is no exception. The Junior Fun Day was great fun and well organised; the College students were very helpful and made sure the young people enjoyed themselves. Carl Benton, a recreation management student from the College, spent a month on placement with the Association and made quite an impression, particularly in his visits to clubs to help with sports' coaching. Thanks to Carl, to Paul O'Flynn - who was very active in G.Y.A. throughout the year - to the other students and to their tutor John Buswell. We hope that this excellent arrangement can be developed further.

We welcome back Jan Jones as the Activities' Chairperson following her year at college, and wish Tony Daniell success as he takes on the chair of Youth Services.

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr R Tolman (Chairman)
Mr L Agg
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Mr K Kellaway
Mr R Lindsey

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Mrs M Patrick
Ms H Phillips
Mr G Powers
Mrs M T Tyreman
Mr B Wilden

THE NATIONAL SCENE

G.Y.A. continues to play a very active role at National Level with Allan Mentz as National Vice Chairman and our Organising Secretary serving on both the Sport and Recreation and the Youth Work Committees. In return we receive excellent support from N.A.Y.C., primarily through Bill Evans, the Staff and Organisation Development Officer for the South West, but also from the headquarters' staff.

In junior work, member involvement, publications, training, sport and recreation, we have only had to ask and considerable help has been given. The never-ending stream of material and information forthcoming from N.A.Y.C. means that clubs are kept well in touch. Of immense value, in particular, has been the publication "Youth Work That Works". The National dimension to our work is of great importance.

G.Y.A. ARTS TEAM

It is now several years since G.Y.A. realised the importance of re-introducing the arts back into youth clubs. The present Arts Team - the second recruited through the Manpower Services Commission Community Programme Scheme - are making a significant contribution to club programmes. They are also committed to project work in the period when clubs are closed for the summer. Below is a report compiled by Alan Bland, the Project Supervisor together with a few remarks from team members and club workers.

We are now eight months into this year's Arts Team and with the closure of the clubs for the summer break we are busy preparing our summer project 'Alien Aid'. This is a multi-media arts project where young people are asked to use their imagination and help a group of aliens who have crashed on earth and need repairs to their ship and a safe environment built for them. Initial reactions to the idea have been favourable and we hope to provide young people with a lot of fun and entertainment during the summer holidays. The team have tackled the project with commendable enthusiasm and have shown this attitude from the very start when they set off to their first club at Woolaston.

We have visited forty clubs so far and hope to increase this substantially by the end of the project. Highlights so far have included the Cirencester and Whiteshill/Ruscombe murals which have created much interest besides substantially enhancing the club environment. There have been drama and video projects on subjects ranging from attitudes to the police, AIDS and racism. A high quality video was produced at Chipping Norton Youth Club which was an attempt to recreate a silent movie using a story and costumes designed by the Club members. Dance has proved once again to be very popular but music comes out on top.



Alan Bland

"I went to a Youth Club and read my lines
There was nothing to inspire
a sad sign of the times.
But I tried and continued and soon I could see
That all young people require inspiration like me.
Some heeded my warnings and planted their seed,
Let's hope they grow quickly and scream what they need."

HARRY

"The visits that we had not only lifted the spirit in the club but increased interest in it."

IAN MITCHELL

WHITESHILL AND RUSCOMBE YOUTH CLUB

"The arts activities provided by this year's Arts Team were a very valuable input, providing ideas that were up-to-date and which were presented with great skill and patience."

DEREK GARDINER

TIBBERTON AND TAYNTON YOUTH CLUB



"There is no such thing as a typical night in a youth club - the young people in each club vary from place to place and their attitudes can vary from week to week.

So far there have been more ups than downs, although it is easier to cope with too much enthusiasm than not enough.

It can't be bad when you are doing something you enjoy, especially if you get a good response - but you can never be over-prepared!"

TESSA



"Taking the arts into youth clubs is like delivering the first potato to the court of Elizabeth I.

One of the most surprising things I saw at a youth club was four young men spinning on their heads whilst another member of the club mixed and scratched records on a leopardskin disco console. It was one of the most vibrant youth clubs I have visited.

If I had to describe to someone what it was I did with the video it would be difficult - from the well-rehearsed sketch to the unguarded moment; football to chat shows to dance routines. Every time is different."

PAUL



TRAINING COMMITTEE

Mrs J Elkins (Chairperson) Mr B J McCarrick
Mr M Brown Mr A D Mentz
Mr S Cox Mrs A Mentz
Mr W Evans Mr P Smith
Mr N Havard Mr R Tolman
Mrs M Kellaway

It is so sad that residential opportunities for Y.T.S. Trainees are now few and far between, for although these courses were very demanding for the tutors, there is no doubt that many trainees derived great benefit. We have had the opportunity to organise only one five-day course in 1987 for Launchpad, and whilst this was successful it is felt that our expertise in this area could be put to greater use.

As we anticipated last year the Training Committee is now beginning to become more active in other areas. Our most successful venture was in close co-operation with the statutory youth service when we ran a Senior Member Involvement Training Course based upon the Scottish experience of this work. The tutors and young people found this to be an area of huge potential for development, and there is some excitement as to future development of the course to be even more compatible with Gloucestershire's needs.



SENIOR MEMBERS TRAINING

Opportunities offered to senior members in our clubs have been limited in recent years due to the Association's very heavy involvement with YTS residential. However, with the easing of pressure for this work we have been able to re-establish the training which was our forte in the past.

With considerable support from the statutory service we offered clubs a course based on the Scottish Senior Member Involvement Training Experience. The young people on the course responded quite well. At the first two full-day sessions we met a group that were eager to learn some of the skills needed for involvement in the running of their own clubs. Of course our aim was to encourage this enthusiasm and provide the chance to share and develop ideas and projects.

The highlight of the course was a residential weekend at Windmill House near Birmingham. It was at this weekend that the young people showed they could work together efficiently as a team. The simulation exercise set by the tutors which crammed about a year's decision-making in an average youth club into a morning exercise was a great success. Certainly the tutors were pleased with the way the group organised themselves and particularly with their financial organisation and awareness.

Our hope now is that the youth workers in the clubs allow the young people to try out their skills. There is only one way to gain experience and that is to practice in the club. We are confident that the members we met could organise themselves and their friends into running some superb events across the County. We look forward to seeing them in the future heavily involved in G.Y.A. activities.

YTS RESIDENTIAL COURSE

In March G.Y.A. organised a five day residential course which was attended by nineteen "Launchpad" trainees. The course centred at Bracelands was designed to bring out potential leadership abilities in the trainees as well as encouraging them to work as a team.

The first day's activities were centred on the afternoon's swimming session. Later that night the trainees were "thrown in at the deep end" when, armed with only a map and a torch each, they had to make their way through three miles of woodland in pitch darkness.

On Day Two the trainees were split into two groups and whilst one group stayed at Bracelands to be joined by the Arts Team for Silk Printing, the second group went to Blaisdon to try their hand at pottery, with groups being switched in the afternoon. Some of the trainees showed remarkable talent in these fields.

Day Three was the day the trainees were most eager for - Activities Day - where they had the opportunity to partake in a couple, or all, the activities on offer. These activities included canoeing, archery, pony trekking, rock climbing, abseiling and rifle shooting. There were several personal achievements particularly with the abseiling.

On Projects Day - Day Four - the trainees were split up into three groups to participate in one of three projects; a meal, a video or photography. That evening the staff, the trainees and guests were treated to a four course meal followed by a home video show and a slide presentation.

Day Five was spent clearing up prior to going home and it was here that evidence of teamwork really showed. Everyone came back exhausted after their five day course which had shown interesting points regarding trainees' abilities, talents and personalities. It is through these results that trainees can be helped to develop in YTS.





Superclub Event at Ullenwood.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

My year with G.Y.A has been extremely busy, but very enjoyable thanks to all those who are associated with the youth of Gloucestershire.

September saw Longford Youth Club becoming champions of our Superclub event, yet again hosted by the National Star Centre at Ullenwood Manor.

Introducing ice skating trips, sailing and windsurfing also proved to be a winner amongst members. However we did find that participation in the events that go to National Finals was lower than expected - often in this game it's swings and roundabouts.

Leonard Stanley did us proud at the Super Dance National Finals which was held over a weekend in London. I am sure the girls had a wonderful time. The Junior Team from Stonehouse and Lisa Day, our individual competitor, also had a memorable weekend.

SO-SO Club yet again won the Cookery Competition. This time they 'tapped' their way to the National Finals for the third successive year.

This year we had a full programme of events and I am sure that all the young people who participated in these events had a great time.

Our Activities Committee has grown in strength with new young members coming into the organisation. We were sorry to see our Chairman Steve Powers leave us after so many years of service to the youth of Gloucestershire, so may I take this opportunity to wish Steve all the best. However we do have a new chairperson - Jan Jones - who many of you know, and may I wish her good luck as Activities Chairperson.

HELEN PHILLIPS

YOUTH WORK ASSISTANT

GYA ACTIVITIES WINNERS 1987

Archery - Team	Forum Youth Club
- Sen. Boys	John Brimble (Tibberton/Taynton)
- Sen. Girls	Dianne Close (Voluntary Police Cadets)
- Jun. Boys	Colin Tate (Tibberton/Taynton)
- Jun. Girls	Lisa Edwards (Forum)
Badminton - Sen. Boys	Simon Underwood (Salesians)
- Sen. Girls	Ann Milliken (Coleford)
- Sen. Mixed	D Winter/Alison Marland (Elmtree)
- Jun. Boys	Michael Lewis (Coleford)
- Jun. Girls	Lyndsey Brown (Coleford)
- Jun. Mixed	Michael Lewis/Lyndsey Mudie (Coleford)
6-A-Side Cricket	Leonard Stanley Youth Club
Darts - Team	Winchcombe Youth Club
- Individual Boys	Darren Hyett (Longhope)
5-A-Side Football - Sen. Boys	Viking Youth Club
- Jun. Boys	Salesians Youth Club
- Girls	Forum Youth Club
Food For Fitness	SO-SO Club
It's A GYA Out	Highnam Youth Club
Netball	Leonard Stanley Youth Club
Pool	Westfields Youth Club
Pop Quiz - Girls	Hayley Richardson (Tetbury)
- Boys	Steven Barrett (St. Georges)
Snooker	Timothy James (Upton St. Leonards)
Superclub	Longford Youth Club
Superdance - Sen. Team	Leonard Stanley Youth Club
- Jun. Team	Stonehouse Youth Club
- Individual	Lisa Day (Stonehouse)
Tug O' War	Highnam Youth Club
Unihoc	High View Youth Club



JUNIOR FUN DAY

A Junior Fun Day was held in July organised jointly by the College of St. Paul's and St. Mary's, Cheltenham and G.Y.A. Over 150 young people took part in a wide-ranging variety of activities.

The following accounts written by two of the participants illustrate the success of the day, which we hope will become an annual event:

"The Junior Fun Day was very enjoyable with groups, clubs and schools getting together to have a good time. The weather was fine.

You had a choice of 'of about twenty events. You picked six and did four. They gave you a personalised card which had your four events' on. I chose computers, archery, rifling and motorbiking. Rifling was the best. We started on cans, then moved onto targets.

I would like to thank all the people who gave their time to make it a very enjoyable day and particularly G.Y.A."

ANDREW JONES (AGE 10)



"The Junior Fun Day was a very enjoyable one. There was a number of different activities to take part in. I did...

Self Defence: We started off by doing some vitalising. Vitalising is doing exercises on miniature trampolines called vitalisers. After this we got down to the self defence. I enjoyed this and learned a lot from it.

Motorbikes: When I put my name down for this I expected to ride motorbikes. Instead we were told about how a motorbike works.

Video/Sound: We went around the College grounds filming people. We then watched the tape. Then we produced a film about a murder. We had a lot of laughs while making this film!

Trampolining: This sport looks easy but I think you have to be very experienced to do it properly. I enjoyed trying though.

I think that the Junior Fun Day was an excellent idea. It was a very interesting and entertaining day. I had a superb time and would love the opportunity to take part in another FUN DAY!"

LISA O'MALLEY (AGE 10)



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WEST REGION FINALS

Yet again Gloucestershire hosted the N.A.Y.C. West Region Finals held at Tewkesbury School on 7th June. The matches were keenly contested by all three counties - Hereford and Worcester, Shropshire and Gloucestershire.

Due to the cut backs at N.A.Y.C. a handful of events had to be dropped so only Uni-Hoc, Darts, Football, Netball and Pool took place.

Hereford and Worcester swept the board with winners. However, Gloucestershire did manage to win the Team Darts and the Pool. In addition, Gloucestershire managed to send a Netball team to National Finals due to Hereford's team backing out.

The day stayed fine and all had a good afternoon of competitive sport.

GIRLS' WORK IN LONGLEVENS SCHOOL

During the period April-June this year, G.Y.A. participated with the Gloucestershire Youth and Community Service in a pilot girls' work project in Longlevens School.

As a first step Helen Phillips and Sheila Brown (District Youth Worker in Gloucester City) conducted a survey at the school of fifty 14-15 year old girls, investigating their leisure interests and youth club involvement. Two main factors were highlighted - that most of the girls expressed an interest in sport, particularly keep-fit and badminton, and, more importantly, that there was a clear lack of involvement in youth clubs.

A discussion session on attitudes was then followed by the organisation of three after-school activity sessions related to the girls' expressed interests, that is, self-defence, keep-fit and badminton. Nineteen girls took part in some or all of these activities.

Although this work can only be seen as fairly superficial and not particularly conclusive at this stage, the general opinion from the girls, the school staff and the youth workers involved was that the sessions were relevant and valuable. Certainly, given the apparent lack of interest by girls in existing youth club provision, a project of this nature allows a broad, in-depth contact with them and the possibility of some very interesting developmental work in the future.

SHEILA BROWN

DISTRICT YOUTH WORKER (GLOS. COUNTY COUNCIL)

ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Keith and Mary Kellaway ran the adventure weekends for G.Y.A. this year, with the Junior event in June and the Senior event in October being as popular as ever.

Canoeing, caving, climbing, abseiling, archery and night exercises, together with a few special surprises, kept the young people happy and active. The Association is about providing young people with opportunities for personal development and the way that Keith and his team use adventure certainly pushes the young people towards finding out new things about themselves and their capabilities. These exciting weekends involve the young people in learning to develop self-confidence and also their trust in others.



Northway Youth Club Members
After a Caving Session.

EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS SEMINAR

Peace Work and Youth Work.

I was selected to represent the National Association of Youth Clubs on this ECYC Seminar in Sweden with Kerry from Birmingham and Max from Leicester.

At the Seminar there were delegates from 10 member organisations in Europe making a total of 35 delegates. At the seminar we took part in a peace festival, and took part in workshops in maskmaking and street acting. We also visited a youth club.

The seminar was very interesting and a lot of things were discussed on the subject of peace. We were able to learn what other countries were doing to promote peace through youth clubs. There was a lot of musical talent in the group and not a day passed without music being played.

I enjoyed the seminar very much and I have learnt much about the situation of peace in particular in Youth Clubs.

MOHAMMED DHALECH.



Young People from 10 Nations at the ECYC Conference.

FIELD OFFICERS



Field Officers play a very important role in G.Y.A. as they show our face in the clubs and are able to encourage greater involvement. Unfortunately limited resources mean we have to seek volunteers for this time-consuming work. Ideally we would like a part-time Field Officer in each district, but that would be expensive. Richard Harrison is one of the people who is prepared to devote some of his evenings to us, and he has given us some impressions of his patch in the West of the County.

When I took on the role of voluntary Field Officer for the Association in the "Forest" area at the beginning of this year I was immediately impressed by the enthusiasm and variety of ideas being displayed in the clubs I visited. It is really unfair to single out any particular clubs from so many, but I should mention a few of the examples that stick in my mind. There was Westbury, with a full, organised programme including a 'night-shift' visit. There was Woolaston, a new club set up in direct response to a local need with an enormous membership in both junior and senior sections, and eagerly gobbling up any ideas we could offer (including the Arts Team!). There was Coleford, hosting a 3-day, 10-stage 'survival' event for eight groups of young people from all over the country. And, of course, there was John Drew's Lydney club, who beat us all off the mark with their own senior members' training scheme.

There is also a good local organisation already in place, in the form of the West Gloucestershire Youth Leaders' Council, offering a programme of competitive events, inter-club contacts and a support service. In an area that has suffered more than its fair share of economic difficulties, it is encouraging to find that youth work, at least, is alive and kicking.

Under these circumstances the Association's efforts must clearly be tailored to fit in with and complement what is already available to clubs. West Gloucestershire covers such an extensive area that it actually makes quite good sense to pool resources with the Local Authority and others, and assist each other in satisfying particular needs that are identified. However, G.Y.A.'s role and 'image' must also be clearly identifiable, so that we are not just seen as providing more of the same thing. This could mean concentrating on the provision of high-quality County or "Inter-Area" events, or on much greater involvement of young people in running activities, for example. Indeed, we have already been considering what the best approach might be. But it must not be forgotten that this is only a means to get across the important message, which is that we have resources on offer from which we want the clubs in the area to benefit and are not just interested in the number of registrations we can get. Of course, the only sure way to know what G.Y.A. should be doing in West Gloucestershire is to talk to the leaders and young people in the clubs and find out what they want. Doing that, and then putting it all into action, is quite a challenge for a new Field Officer.

RICHARD HARRISON

FIELD OFFICER - FOREST OF DEAN

DANCE

This year the National Westminster Bank sponsored the Superdance competition which continues to attract considerable interest in the County. The competition is a first-class opportunity for clubs because young people are given considerable freedom to develop their own artistic talent through dance and also costume design. The effort is spread over some considerable time and some groups are involved throughout the year in preparations. Although the event is no longer televised it remains extremely popular and very well supported. The best reward for us is when we see the young people who were dancers a few years ago now acting as choreographers for teams of juniors in the event.

Senior Dance Winners



COOKERY

"Fitness" was the theme of this year's cookery competition organised jointly by N.A.Y.C. and Brooke Bond Oxo. However, planning and cooking a meal was not the only requirement. Clubs had first to answer fifty questions from a cassette tape. SO-SO Club and Stonehouse Youth Club - who had the highest number of correct answers - then proceeded to the West Region Final where teams of two people had to cook a meal and display a poster, both with a fitness activity in mind. SO-SO Club chose "tap-dancing" as their activity and succeeded in reaching the National Final, which was held in London. Yet another element was then added to the competition - the compilation of a thirty second advertisement relating "Oxo" and "Fitness".

This new approach to the cookery competition was enjoyed by the participating clubs who were able to give all their members the opportunity to become involved at various levels, whether in design, musical creativity, knowledge of cookery or in preparation of the meal.



The Food for Fitness Finalists Share Their Dish with Peter Powell and Nicky Slater.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year has seen the beginning of an ability to devote a little more funding to the servicing of our clubs and their activities. It is essential that this process continues which means, in turn, that the support of the L.E.A. is critical and is really the base upon which we build the future. We are, of course, grateful for their support in times of financial constraint. We hope that the benefits of permitting us to continue to support our clubs in as many ways as possible will be sympathetically understood by those in authority.

Our own fund raising continues with moderate success. In this context we are most grateful to the importance of our freehold, and the income it generates cannot be overrated. At the same time it provides a headquarters for our Association and a base for Launchpad and the important work it does under the sponsorship of the National Children's Home.

We look to the future with confidence.

FRANK MAY

HON. TREASURER

FUND RAISING

Gilbert Phillips is a retired Tax Inspector, and his very valuable knowledge in the field of covenants is put at our disposal for several days each month. Gil appears when the bank statements arrive and then quietly beavers away until the various donations are acknowledged. His efforts have ensured that our income from this source remains high despite the difficulty of finding new contributors. It is people like Gil who have given many years of voluntary service to young people that ensures our existence.

We are delighted that major Trusts, the Sports Council and the various Councils continue to endorse our work with very significant contributions.

In the coming year we hope to target some of our County's industrial and commercial concerns and seek their sponsorship of our efforts. In particular we ask them to consider the new 'Give As You Earn' schemes and consider the inclusion of the smaller local charities like us who may otherwise miss out from this possible source of funding.

THE ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS

The Association Headquarters can now be regarded as being in reasonably sound structural condition and, subject to the normal type of maintenance work, should stand for some decades proudly bearing the plaque which gives it its name. The underpinning has ensured that the later side annexe is properly founded on similar subsoil to the main part of the building, which was constructed on more stable ground below basement floor level.

The basement itself has been improved to provide a dry storage area and other innovations have included the installation of a security system and preparations for the possible refurbishment and insulation of the attic room.

Further re-roofing works are envisaged together with the implementation of measures to make the premises more readily accessible to ambulant disabled persons.

The neighbouring property to Peter Scott House has had renovation works carried out and has been reoccupied, thus halting the deterioration which would have been to the disadvantage of the Headquarters.

BOB PRIEST

HON. ARCHITECT

GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUTH ASSOCIATION LIMITED

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1987

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 1987

	1986	1987	Notes	
FIXED ASSETS	£	£		
Tangible assets	52,855	52,855	5	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	144	-	6	
Debtors	2,576	331	7	
Bank accounts	5,387	7,681	8	
	8,107	8,012		
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	5,678	6,317	9	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	2,429	1,695		
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	54,562	54,550		
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ON YEAR	1,416	962	9	
	53,146	53,588		
Represented by:				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	53,146	53,588	10	
	53,146	53,588		

The financial statements on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the board of directors on 9th July 1987 and are signed on its behalf by:

A.D. MENTZ) Directors
H.F.A. MAY)

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1987

<p>INCOME</p> <p>Rents received</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6,752</p>	<p>1987</p> <p>£</p> <p>6,752</p>
<p>EXPENDITURE</p> <p>ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</p> <p>Cleaning</p> <p>Light and heat</p> <p>Rent and rates</p> <p>Insurance</p> <p>Depreciation - fixtures and fittings</p> <p>Repairs and renewals</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2,580</p>	<p>1986</p> <p>£</p> <p>7,150</p>

TRAINING ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1987

<p>INCOME</p> <p>Residential training income</p> <p>Acte team training fee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1,773</p>	<p>1987</p> <p>£</p> <p>1,773</p>
<p>EXPENDITURE</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE</p> <p>Loss on sale of mini bus</p> <p>Administration</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Tutor's fees</p> <p>Repairs and maintenance</p> <p>Hire of premises</p> <p>Motor expenses</p> <p>Courses and use of equipment</p> <p>Sundry expenses</p> <p>Depreciation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">47</p>	<p>1986</p> <p>£</p> <p>13,060</p> <p>39</p> <p>13,099</p>

OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

(1,282)

(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

(1,282)

YOUTH SERVICES ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1987

<p>INCOME</p> <p>Donations towards materials</p> <p>West Region Trust Money</p> <p>Registration and entry fees</p> <p>Fund raising</p> <p>Sundry income</p> <p>Courses income</p> <p>Club week</p> <p>Kilix profit</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4,219</p>	<p>1987</p> <p>£</p> <p>1,712</p> <p>1,674</p> <p>686</p> <p>5</p> <p>142</p> <p>-</p> <p>4,219</p>
<p>EXPENDITURE</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</p> <p>Expenditure on materials</p> <p>Administration</p> <p>Postage</p> <p>Printing and stationery</p> <p>Motor expenses</p> <p>Courses, events and competitions</p> <p>Sundry expenses</p> <p>Field officers expenses</p> <p>Affiliation fees</p> <p>Depreciation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>1986</p> <p>£</p> <p>390</p> <p>250</p> <p>1,058</p> <p>571</p> <p>15</p> <p>422</p> <p>103</p> <p>26</p> <p>2,835</p>

OPERATING (DEFICIT)

(877)

INTEREST PAYABLE

82

(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

(1,302)

The complete accounts may be inspected at the Association Registered Office upon 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 companies affairs as at 31st. of March 1987 and of its surplus and source of application of funds for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

DELOITTE HASKINS AND SELLS.

OBITUARY

MARY DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT

We were very sad to lose our longest serving Vice President when Mary Duchess of Beaufort died in June, aged 90. The Duchess had been a Vice President since the Association's formation forty years ago and had always shown a keen interest in our work. Two events stand out - firstly, when the Duchess hosted a superb evening at Badminton House which raised substantial funds for our work with young people; secondly, when at 82 years of age she attended the Annual General Meeting in order to present certificates to those who had just completed youth worker training courses. Our sympathy goes to her family.

THANK YOU

G.Y.A. wishes to thank all of those who have supported us in the past year. Those who give financial support - from a couple of pounds to very substantial sums - know just how much their contributions are appreciated. In particular we might make mention of the very many District and Parish Councils who have supported us.

We would also like to thank the very many people who have acted as officials at our events throughout the year. The clubs who have hosted our programme also deserve a mention of thanks.

Finally, Our acknowledgements to "The Citizen" and N.A.Y.C. for photographs in this Review and thanks to Len Agg for his hard-working efforts in its production.

DEED OF COVENANT

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

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by the said

In the presence of
(Signature of Witness)

Address

Occupation

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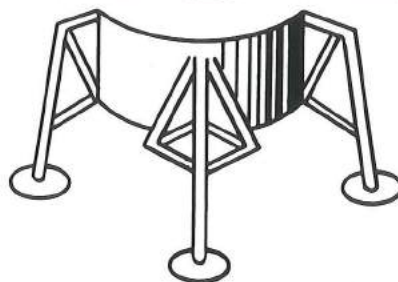


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