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Crisis Continues

The outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, originally sighted in Hebdon North Yorkshire has caused havoc in the farming community throughout the UK.

The spread of the disease has been phenomenal. 22 further cases were discovered on Tuesday. All public events have been seriously affected. Even local elections have been postponed.

Meat is now very hard to come by with Australia and New Zealand now joining the growing lists of countries banning imports of livestock and meat products from the European Union. The European union has announced that all exports of live animals from France will be banned, along with movements of fresh meat and milk from affected areas.

The disease has now spread as far as Argentina, which has put its \$500mm beef export sector at risk.

The French outbreak in Mayenne, Northern Western France is the first anywhere in mainland Europe to have a cattle herd infected.

In the UK cases have now risen to over 200, the agricultural minister Nick Brown quoted that he deeply regretted the spread of the disease to France, although the UK could do nothing at all to help as he had banned exports as soon as the outbreak was discovered.

Officials at the French Agricultural Ministry say the afflicted herd in Mayenne was close to a farm which had imported sheep from the UK in February, the sheep had all been slaughtered and an exclusion zone set up.

Mr Glavany said that at least half the 20,000 sheep slaughtered in France after being imported from the UK had been carrying the virus.

The E.U export ban applies to cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and other species at risk from the disease,

all countries have taken harsh measures to prevent the disease, for example:

The German state of north Rhine-Westphalia announced that all sheep imported from France in the last three weeks would be destroyed.

Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Poland, and Germany imposed an immediate ban on French livestock imports.

The Netherlands announced an immediate ban on all animal transport, and officials will track down all French imports from the past 3 weeks.

Switzerland closed its borders to all livestock from the E.U.

Italy has also declared a foot and mouth alert, where antibodies to the disease were found in French sheep taken to a slaughterhouse near Pescara in Abruzzi central Italy.

Further tests are being conducted to see if the disease itself is present.

Today we have received further news on the foot and mouth, Prince Charles has donated £500,000 from his charity fund to help farmers who are seriously effected by the crisis. Friends say that Charles was moved to act, friends say because he fears there is a growing risk of suicide and financial ruin among farmers. Although the donation was not from Prince Charles own pocket, it will still be much appreciated by many in the farming community.

People are now wondering if this means that prince Charles is not satisfied with the government's performance?

By Leah Fisher

MAY ELECTIONS TO GO AHEAD

Tony Blair has called for the May 3rd Local Council elections to go ahead even though the foot and mouth disease has exceeded 200 cases. Tony Blair said there was no need to cancel the democratic process, as the countryside was still open. The cabinet decided that it would be best to go ahead with the elections, when the government is expected to call a general election.

There are currently warnings saying that the epidemic could stay in Britain well into the summer or even until Christmas. Blair said that the democratic process should still go ahead, as campaigners don't have to visit the farms and risk carrying the disease to get to farms to campaign.

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DENISE MAKES IT TO CHICAGO

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Former Big Breakfast presenter Denise Van Outen is to join the cast of the hit musical Chicago in a 16-week run from 17 April.

In her West End debut Van Outen will play Roxie, a chorus girl who has murdered her lover but manages to get acquitted with the help of a sleazy lawyer.

Van Outen, 26, attended the Sylvia Young Theatre School in London and appeared in productions such as Les Miserables from the age of 11, but this will be her first time treading the boards in ten years.

Weather

EDITORIAL

As new editors to the newspaper this year we are finding life very hectic. Organising a newspaper isn't an easy task. Trying to get everything done, as well as getting a new print head in time is very frustrating. As I type we are still waiting for a new printer borrowed from the art department! We remember it well. Last year Amy and Leah had the angst, now we how it feels to have the pressure at the top.

From our recent experience from the Yorkshire Post Resources Day we have learnt many skills in technique and organisation, which have become useful. We have decided to increase the editorial team and set specific tasks. Now instead of a heap we have an organised heap! Having visited the Yorkshire Post and made a decision to look more closely to our school news, we decided that paying attention to our local community was paramount. When we received our remit from Brian Robinson, the organiser of this competition we were delighted that we were already on the right track. We decided to concentrate more on school and community news and so have become more aware of local issues. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the newspaper this year and special thanks to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Sanders.

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Summary: Today and Outlook:

Thursday

Frequent snow showers over north Scotland, rain spreading northeast across Wales and southern England. Dry elsewhere, the odd shower, sunny intervals. Cold in north, becoming mild in far south.

Friday

South continuing cloudy and wet at times. Fewer showers in north, one or two over east coasts later. Otherwise dry with sunshine, particularly in west. Freshening, mainly northeasterly, winds. Colder in south.

Saturday

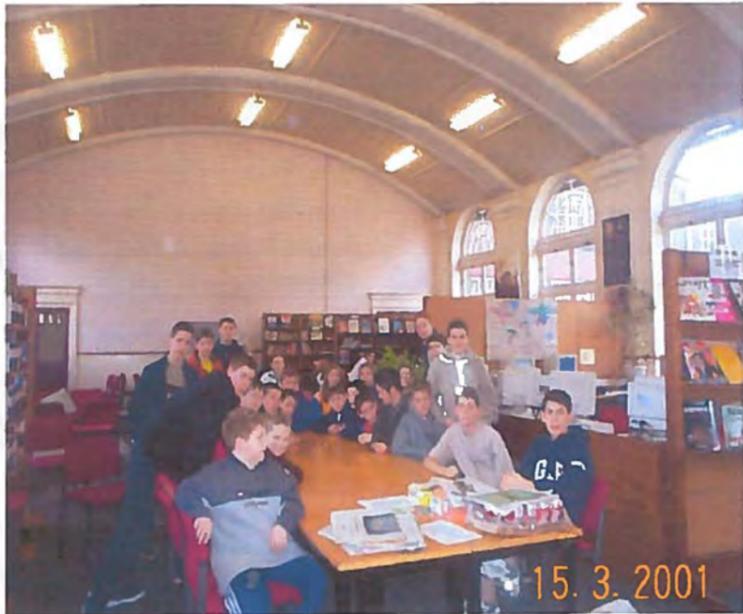
Rain in south turning to sleet or snow in places and becoming sporadic. A few wintry showers over east coasts, dry and sunny in west. Becoming generally cold, strong easterly winds in south.

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World News

May 3rd Council Elections go ahead. (continued)

They can now use more modern means like telephone and Internet and they can still use some of the more traditional methods such as posting literature to voters. Today there are 234 cases, of which 29 came yesterday, the biggest daily rise so far. In fact the disease has spread to the continent and the Middle East. The tourist industry is currently losing £100 million a week; this could change to £250 million if the crisis continues into the summer. However, government ministers have been stressing that the countryside is still open for business as usual, even though most footpaths and attractions such as National Trust properties are all closed as a precautionary measure to fight the outbreak. Chris Smith, the culture secretary, told MPs "It is very important to get over the message that there are still a lot of hugely enjoyable recreational facilities outside cities. Rural Britain is not closed". Even after that people are staying away from the countryside, many hoteliers etc. are finding that they have to dismiss members of staff to make ends meet.

Also, the ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Fisheries are today trying to trace back sheep sold at certain markets as well as livestock which have been transported by an unknown group of haulers who unknowingly spread the disease around the country.

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Also today a man has been found in his house in Powys, Wales hanged. 54 year-old farmer of two Brian Oakley had been struggling with low prices during the BSE crisis, and his beloved farm now had foot and mouth disease, so he sadly committed suicide. A neighbouring farmer Clifford Evans said, "Brian

had not been well and he needed to get out and see his family and meet farmers at the market. He felt trapped in his home by foot and mouth. His sheep were lambing but were short of grass and he was worried because he could not move them. There are bound to be more cases like this. Farmers are getting more and more depressed."

Anyone entering or departing the UK is now under huge checks to make sure they don't carry the disease. Also, certain EU countries are banning food



coming into their country from the UK.

Downing Street still refuses to give any details of when the general election will be, but MPs, including Wentworth constituency MP, John Healey think that the General Election will still go ahead on May 3rd. For this to happen the government will have to ask the Queen to dissolve parliament by April 5th By John Fogg.



Robinson Death Threats

In the news today there have been stories about a death threat that was sent to the 'Weakest Link' presenter Anne Robinson. The threats were sent to the B.B.C. Television centre in London. There were also threats

to BBC Television Centre. They believe that it could well be from a group of Welsh people who have gone against her after her statement on the series. Whilst the B.B.C. refused to speak to the reporters, a spokesperson said, "While we take the security of our staff seriously it would not be right for us to discuss security arrangements publicly." Noel Sullivan from the 'Popstars' group 'Hear Say' said that Anne Robinson's comments were "bang out of order" and the Cardiff-born singer was quite angered by the comments made on the Room 101 show. Many other Welsh celebrities and MP's were outraged at her 'racist slurs' against them and the Welsh civil rights group, 'Cefn' want her to be prosecuted under the Race Relations Act and have her charged for 'inciting racial hatred.' The postmark on the postcard sent to the B.B.C. centre was that of the town of Llanfairpwllgwyngyll on the Welsh island of Anglesey where the comments were heard on national TV. The message was malicious and part of it threatened, "You will be the next Jill Dando," and after the killing of Miss Dando Ms Robinson was among the people who received police protection. After the threat death of Miss Dando the B.B.C. have taken these death threats very seriously. Ms Robinson's husband, John Penrose, has said that 'his wife planned to carry as normal,' and she is planning to go over to America and produce an American version of the Weakest Link.

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sent through the Weakest Link. Many people are saying that it is probably the result of her appearance on the 'Room 101' series a few weeks ago. On this programme she said that she wanted to put the Welsh people into Room 101 because they were 'irritating and annoying' and then continued by asking 'What are they for?' The Room 101 presenter, Paul Merton, refused when she made this request of putting Welsh into the waste bin but even her saying it could still have moved people to do this. Scotland Yard said it was investigating "an item of malicious correspondence" sent

She is the weakest link she can stay in America

By Clare Oates

Magna: The Science Museum of the Future!



The new state of the art Magna Centre, one mile from Meadowhall shopping centre is due to open next month. It is said to be Britain's first Science adventure centre. It is made up of seven different zones, which are quite similar to the Millennium Dome in Greenwich. The magna centre gives its visitors a journey through different elements of science using hands-on, interactive challenges. We have reviewed the different zones inside the Magna Centre:

Earth Zone- In the Earth Zone you can find out about different rocks of the earth and how it would have been for children of Rotherham two hundred years working in coalmines. You can operate a real JCB, set up your own explosion and run for cover whilst debris falls around you. You can experiment to see whether you can lift up all your family and friends!

Air Zone- The air zone is set in an airship, in which you can control tornadoes, find out about air in your body, and be able to fly like a bird as the floor falls away from you. You can also make scary, airy music using air and walk on a wobbly bridge.

Fire Zone- walk down a passage surrounded by flames, into the power zone where you can feel the heat of a real fire tornado. You get a chance to make your own heating system in the powerhouse. You can see one of the world's largest larva blacksmith at work carefully handling and moulding red-hot metal. You can sit in the hot seat, a seat specially

designed to see how hot your bum is! You can see a machine in action converting the heat from your body into energy.

Water Zone- Be prepared to get wet in this zone. You can make your own waves in Magna's giant water tank. You can have plenty of fun by shooting from a water cannon at moving targets. You can also make a Hydrogen rocket using water! For younger children there is a wet play area. There are also many other hands on activities.

The Face of Steel- Here you can watch a video about different people who have worked in the steel industry. You can listen to different stories about the dangerous metal production industry, one of counties' backbones, especially in the last century.

The Big Melt- here is a twelve-minute show with special effects with smoke and lighting. In which you see how the steel industry worked at the disused Templeborough site, where the museum now stands

The Play Zone- this is where you can get some rest after all the interactivity of the museum. The museum is due to open on 12th April 2001, where the Mayor will officially open it. Admission fees haven't been brought out yet, but you can find out information by the following sources:

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Reported by John Fogg and Greg McGarrigle.

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Community

Hope for Cancer Sufferers.

Alison Tinker started the Dearne Valley Cancer Support Group in 1996. The group was started because there was no local cancer support group at the time, with the nearest being in Sheffield. A proposal was made to the area manager of Rotherham Health Authority, for a local group and with funding from the Dearne Valley Enterprise Trust of a £1000. The group now helps many people today.

'It was formed fairly quickly and there was a reasonable membership at the time. It started with about 10.' Mr Foster added, 'I got involved in it after my daughters sudden death in 1997. When one of the people who was responsible for running the group found it was not progressing satisfactory, so I was approached in January 1998 to see if I could give any assistance in organising the group.' The group is open to anyone who has cancer, their families and the bereaved. The chairman is Pete Foster. It meets on the last Tuesday in every month at Swinton Health Centre, (just off the Queen Street Car Park). The session starts at 7pm and lasts 2 to 2½ hours

The group offers (for free): -

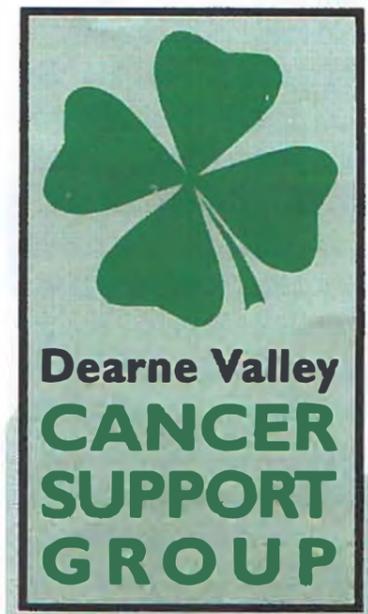
- Self Support
- Counseling (individual or group)
- Therapy
- A large collection of books, tapes and videos (meditation, relaxation, special diets, etc) all available on loan
- Up-to-date leaflets on all types of cancer from RACGP

A team of health care professionals assists the support group and all therapy is complementary to ongoing hospital treatment.

'Fundraising is established to run the group, as there is no membership fee so we need some input of finance,' Mr. Foster said. The Support Group is planning to hold an event at the Co-op in Swinton as part of National Bowel Cancer Month in April of this year. As well as that they are to set up camp at the Kilnhurst Fayre, Rotherham Show & Wentworth Show.

This year they're also planning another sponsored walk, last year it started at Dearne Valley College and went to Wentworth via Brampton. This walk raised over £1,500 (exact figure unknown). But that depends whether they need to run another one.

'Fundraising brings the group together; we get members of the group all directed in one path. Kilnhurst Fayre, which we first did in 1998, had a tremendous impact on bringing the members together because we all had one common aim.'



Cancer Support Logo



Mr. Foster then added.

Mr. Foster later commented 'One over towards Sheffield is run a lot stricter and is less social than the Dearne Valley and that is not the way I would run a support group. Its not a meeting where everyone is involved like ours, it has groups of people talking about different things, and no one draws it together. I think that the Dearne Valley is run a lot better but some people like what that group do and therefore won't come to Dearne.'

'We don't necessarily need Charity Status although we do have the funds to get it.

Its been brought up twice and it has been rejected on the grounds that it will cost too much time and money.' Mr. Foster told me.

A member of the Dearne Valley Cancer Jean Speight told me, 'the group made me

so welcomed. After the first visit I felt so much better. I would recommend this group to anyone who as been touched by cancer.'

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National Bowel Cancer Month April 2001

Following the success of National Bowel Cancer Week 2000, the Bowel Cancer Forum has extended the awareness campaign to one month and has designated April 2001 as National Bowel Cancer Month.

The Bowel Cancer Forum is the collaboration of 9 national cancer charities working in partnership with health care professionals, support groups and individuals. The aim of the Forum is to increase the

awareness of bowel cancer throughout the United Kingdom to reduce the alarming statistics of this disease. In the UK, one person is told they have bowel cancer every 15 minutes. National Bowel Cancer Month will begin with a reception at the Houses of Parliament, which will be attended by government representatives, policy makers and leaders in the bowel cancer field. Key speakers will be invited for an open discussion on the theme.



Members of the cancer group

What is Cancer?

One in three people will be affected by cancer at some stage in their life. Cancer is not one disease but many, all with some similar features but all with a distinctive character, which varies according to the cancers type and location. There are over 200 types of cancer, but all start in the same way. The control signals in a normal cell in the body go wrong, resulting in an abnormal cell. Cells normally divide in controlled way, but abnormal cells keep on dividing, which can form a lump.

This cluster of abnormal cells is called a tumour. Some tumours benign (harmless) and often don't need treatment. But malignant tumours – the cancers – can spread. They may be dangerous because they can invade nearby parts of the body and stop them working properly. Cells from



Malignant tumours can break away and travel to other parts of the body, where they can form new groups of abnormal What causes cancer from person to first place, and how quickly the cells grow and spread, is different cells, called secondary growths. A large number of people will overcome the disease and live fulfilled lives for many years How the course of your treatment and care develops is up to you, your doctors, nurses and other members of the team who will be helping you. Here is a general outline of some of the stages you may go through.

By Andrew Rodbourne

Wath C of E School Thinking about Wath Comprehensive School

England School to interview their year 6 teacher, Mrs Wells and some of its pupils. I was trying to find out their thoughts about joining Wath Comprehensive School. From my research I found out that most of the Year 6 pupils are not scared of coming to Wath Comprehensive, but were excited at the thought. Their favourite lesson is Maths but they think that when they get to Wath Comprehensive their best lesson will probably Games. I spoke to the year 6 teacher Mrs Wells. She told me that she has been teaching for 16 years. She has taught two classes, Year 1 and Year 6. She says she loved Year 1 and she quite likes Year 6.
By Christopher Smith and Daniel Straw.

Wath Victoria School: Welcome to Y7

Many people would think that because a particular school has bad S.A.T's results then it is a bad school. This is sometimes the case with Wath Victoria School. Many people think that because the results are poor then it is not very good. This is not always true, especially in the case of Wath Victoria School. It is actually quite a good school but the reason for the bad test results is because the take a number of children which other schools do not want. The school has a large number of pupils who require work in one to one situations, which generates the need for extra staff. This cost extra money.

Also the school runs a fruit scheme where instead of the children taking money for sweets and having a normal 'Tuck Shop' they take money either at the beginning of the week or ever day to buy fruit. The idea behind this was that it would encourage the children to eat more fruit than sweets now and they would be more likely to want to eat it in the future. I think that it is a good idea because it helps them to understand the importance of eating fruit for a healthier lifestyle.

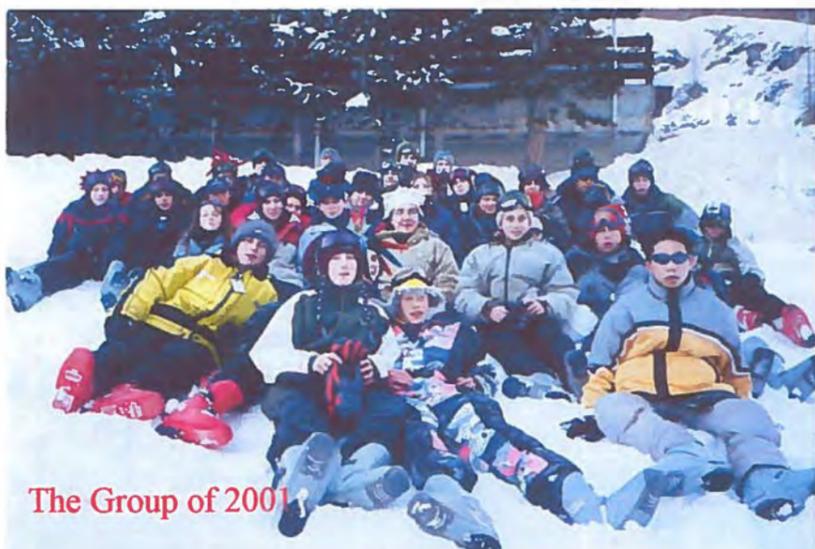
The head, Mrs Wylam, sometimes organises a few of the staff to hold a fund raising event at the local fairs. Some of the stalls include games and bric-a-brac where you can buy things and have a go at winning a prize. All proceeds go towards the school funds.

When the different classes in the school do projects they organise a series of trips relevant to the subject they are studying. I think this is a good idea because it gives the children a chance to have experience outside of the normal school area.

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Finally, our 'Bully Court' idea came originally from the ideas of the Wath Victoria School in their efforts to bring down the effect of bullying and to show the children that it is not a good idea. It helps them to understand the concept of bullying and encourages the children to sort out the problems that they may have with bullying themselves. After looking at all of these points you can see that Wath Victoria School does a lot for the community and has a very useful effect in the school community. This puts the whole idea of the school not being very good because of its S.A.T.'s results were incorrect because after looking at all of these points you can see that it is, in fact, a very good school.

On and off the Piste



The Group of 2001

Italy Ski Trip

This year Wath's Annual Ski Trip took place once again but this time with a new destination. Gary Greaves trip went to the beautiful valleys of Gressonay, Italy. Before the trip commenced, the pupils were taken to the Sheffield Ski Village several times where the beginners learned the basics of sledding on your feet. Bystanders were treated to some top class comical crashes. The main perpetrators being Adam Logan, Amy Noonan and Sam Ludlum. On the second visit a

couple of our own teachers watched heroic attempts to use the T bar by some of the less confident pupils, i.e. Me! But by the end of the profitable visits every pupil felt a lot more confident and even more excited about the trip than they had before. For weeks preceding the trip, the only thing on peoples minds in the year 9 classrooms was the ski trip. For the 60 lucky ones, clothes and equipment needed to be bought and hired, and for the rest the prospect of a distinct lack of work in lessons because of the absentees. So just two weeks after the Christmas holidays, a double decker "luxury coach" left the school. But it wasn't long before the luxury part was being reconsidered. There was little if any legroom and it immediately became clear that we were not getting the top class coach fore promised. The 24-hour journey was

definitely eventful with the "luxury" coach breaking down 3 times. The first night, as a passenger you were lucky to get over 3 hours sleep, as spirits were high and the excitement level soared. Not to say that the views weren't good, as we drove past Lake Geneva the amazement of pupils as they witnessed the natural beauty of this planet in its most complete form. The bus managed another two breakdowns before we arrived two hours late at the hotel in a local bus! We eventually settled down for the night in the basic but comfortable rooms.



The next morning, we kitted up and headed for the ski lifts, where at the top we would meet our instructors. The first stage of the lesson was held on a junior slope where we were sorted into groups on an ability basis. There were 6 groups, firstly the advanced groups where only the star year 12s were, then the intermediate group where 3 pre experienced Y9s were skiing along with the rest of the Y12s, the other 4 groups were all beginners groups, where most of the Y9s and a few Y12s started from scratch. In the first session all of the groups remained on the same slope but after that the advanced and intermediate groups moved to harder slopes. Each day we had two lessons with our instructors, which lasted two hours each. Then in the evenings there was entertainment laid on including a Japanese accented court.

But the main entertainment spot went to the dodgy pool table which must have taken over £100 of the pupils money. The last day presentation showed how well all the pupils had done with some even winning awards, even the people in the weakest groups were now of the intermediate standard. On one of the last meals Mr Greaves announced the teachers choice for the skier of the week, Emma Stevenson battled through injury and sickness to complete every session of the week.

The week had just one last twist of excitement when because of the dangerously dodgy bus we might have had to fly home but these rumours were quashed when the bus was finally fixed just hours before we were ready to set off. The journey home was a lot less exciting and a lot better for those who wanted sleep!



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John Healey: An Interview with our local politician.

An interview with John Healey MP

I sent seven questions John Healey MP for Wentworth. He then replied to them:

What could young people do if they were considering a career in politics?

Try to meet and talk to politicians – local councillors, MPs and Euro MPs. Most of what we do never reaches the newspapers. Like most MPs I try to encourage as many people as I can to come to the House of Commons. It is the centre of democracy for all of us in Britain, not just the place where MPs work. I also welcome students in my Commons and constituency office who want to gain some experience or spend some time on “work shadowing”.

What are your views on the Children’s parliament?

Anything that gives children a better idea of politics and makes full time politicians answer to young people is a good thing. That’s why the youth parliament is supported by MPs from all political parties and it’s a great event for the fortunate few taking part. Political formalities and institutions are one thing but I try to explain politics as the simple idea that people can change what happens around them, especially if they get together and work out who has the power or influence to help them achieve the changes they want to see.

I developed this in Wath Comprehensive School last year with students who wanted a local skating or skateboarding rink, and this year with pupils at Thrybergh Comprehensive over a local clean up campaign.

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Should children be encouraged to take politics at school?

I am pleased “citizenship” is now part of the national curriculum and support schools like Wath encourage pupils to study politics – as long as it’s not done as a remote and irrelevant subject!

At what age did you take an interest in politics?

I was a campaigner first, and a politician second. I worked with disabled people and also in a mental hospital trying to help people become more confident and independent. I felt what I was doing was very worthwhile but it began to dawn on me that politicians and policy makers were in a position to be strong to alter their everyday lives with decisions to provide better funding, services and rights. So I became a campaigner, working on the same issues in parliament and the media but no longer involved with individuals day-to-day.

I found as a campaigner that I could influence such decisions but it is politicians that ultimately take and account for the decisions. So in 1990 when I was 30 I stood for the first time in my home area in North Yorkshire.



What is the atmosphere like on budget day, being PPS (Personal Secretary) to Gordon Brown?

Working with Chancellor before the budget is like going into a tunnel for a fortnight, late nights and little contact with the world beyond the treasury. My main job is to prepare information for MPs to explain the budget, and to sit behind Gordon Brown with a second copy of his speech in case anything goes wrong.

The House of Commons is always packed and tense before the Chancellor’s speech, then MPs scatter and Westminster buzzes with discussion afterwards. When he leaves the chamber the Chancellor explains the budget details to newspaper editors whilst I tour the Commons talking to MPs to

gauge reactions. Budget day ends with Gordon Brown calling his treasury team together in Downing Street to review the day, watch the late TV bulletins and prepare for his round of interviews, which start at 6.30am the following morning.

What are your views on the new Magna centre?

Magna was a vast building site last September when I visited but it was starting to take shape. The vision is good and as long as the visitor numbers are realistic Magna should be a big draw for Rotherham

Can you give me a scoop into when the next election is?

If only I could! But most MPs still believe the smart money is on 3rd May.

I would like to thank Mr. Healey for spending his time answering my questions.

Reported by John Fogg

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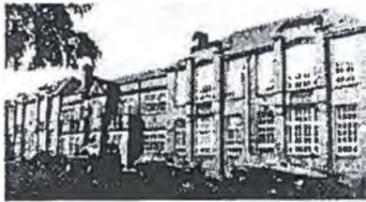
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School News



HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL (1923-2001)



REFLECTIONS.

So what exactly did the school used to be like? How has the education system changed? What was it like at Wath Grammar School in the swinging 60s? I interviewed the Head Teacher of our school Mr. Robert Godber to try and find out the answer to some of these questions. My first question was "Have you been at Wath Comprehensive School for all of your career?" Mr Godber has indeed been at Wath Comp for his whole career. This led into the question of his previous positions in school before he became HT.

He was appointed to Wath Comp in 1965 to teach History. A couple of years after that he started to teach politics as well as History. The school reorganised in the early 1970s. Mr Godber became one of the first Heads of Year to be appointed. In 1977 he had become a senior teacher (now called assistant head.) In 1983 Terry Deely a friend and colleague left to become head of Clifton school. Mr Godber was appointed in his place and continued as deputy head until 1997 when Mr Derek Kirby retired. Mr Godber's appointment as head followed. That is the history of our head teacher.

He told me that during his career there have been many educational changes. My next question was "What was the school like when you first came to work here?"

The school had just become a Comprehensive School when Mr Godber arrived, but he described how it was organised before then.

It was split into two parts which were known as the grammar school, positioned on the site where our main block is now. Children who lived outside of the area also came to this school by passing their 11+ exam.

The other was a secondary modern school. They catered for most of the children. This was positioned at Park Road, which is now the Y7 wing.

The educational system has changed a lot, I would say judging by what Mr Godber told me. There was a kind of ability split between the grammar school and the secondary modern school. There

were no G.C.S.E.'s. at that time. Children were divided into those who did an upper level exam called O level. The rest did something called the Certificate of Education. These are not a lot different from the lower tier and the upper tier in the G.C.S.E. There has been a gradual change as the school has progressed, as at first it did not cater very well for the not very able youngsters, but now it does.

Mr Godber has, as well as witnessing things that have changed, witnessed the fact that some things have stayed the same.

The buildings haven't changed much. The school uniform has altered slightly for girls. They used to have a summer uniform and a winter uniform. It was only recently that girls were allowed to wear trousers.

The school has always had a good reputation for P.E. Mr Godber thinks that this is because of the commitment of teachers over the years and the commitment that inspires students to work hard in P.E. Ever since Mr Godber has been here Wath Comp has been very strong on Rugby. In most years Wath Comp has been represented at the finals of the Yorkshire Schools Rugby Competition and have come away with some silverware. That is against the best in the country!

Mr Godber says that he is glad that he chose teaching as a career. There was one occasion however when he would have hesitated to say yes, because he was thinking of going into the Civil Service in the 1960s reflecting his interest in politics. There was also a time when he quite fancied being a good lawyer. There was another time when he started on the road to parliament, but he is glad that he didn't now.

I asked Mr Godber that if he were granted three wishes for Wath Comprehensive School, what would they be? He replied. That teaching always continues to earn and to have the respect of the local community. That it continues to have good and better standards of achievement.

That the buildings could be more appropriate to work in for the 21st century.

By Warren Smith

Duke of Edinburgh

The D of E award has thousands of dedicated followers. They spend a great deal of their time out of school working towards three components of the award: community service: new skill and expedition. At Wath Comprehensive school, Mr Price, Mr Murray and staff from the D of E office, Rotherham have now trained two groups and began training the present YR12, in September 2000.

As an illustration of the various aspects, we went on a canoe expedition to the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness, this is an example of students gaining experience in

working independently as a team under trying conditions. They canoed 60 miles setting out from Girlochy Bridge, Fort William, passing Glas -Dhoire ruin, and then paddling through Loch Ness. Each evening they set up camp by the side of the Loch. Part of training included 3 * canoe Award which took 3 months of training to complete with Mr John Brain at Ulley Reservoir bag packing, map reading and camp craft.

By Chris Wroe.

Celebrity Big Brother

It's true - the most incredible thing is happening for Comic Relief. Six of the most famous names in the UK have entered the most famous house in the UK.

Locked in, with 24 cameras, including the two night vision cams, recording their every move (apart from in the loo or the shower), the nation will decide who gets voted out and which three stay to triumph on 16th March - the night of Red Nose Day 2001.

In the process they'll be raising shed loads of money to help some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in Africa and the UK. The BIG BROTHER house includes Anthea Turner, Jack Dee, Keith Duffy and Clare Sweeney and the evicted ones are Chris Eubank and Vanessa Feltz.

Chris was born in London on 8th August 1966, he attended various schools, managing to get himself expelled from all of them. He spent his childhood in and out of care and by 14 he was living on the streets. He was constantly being chased by the police - once for a full 24 hours, only escaping by sliding down a drainpipe in his underpants.

At 16 he moved to the USA with his father and he graduated school while taking up boxing.

The residents of the house are given tasks to do, every time they get the task right they get

a max of £1.50 Occupants of the house are asked to vote off the person they think should leave, however the viewers make the final decision. The vote is taken over the phone, part of the cost of the phone call goes to the Red Nose charity. It is hoped that this fun fund-raising event will raise thousands of pounds for needy people.

WHO DO YOU WANT TO WIN?????????????

By Christopher Smith 7EY and Mrs Sanders.

Comic Relief

As you all probably know by now comic relief is near. On Friday 16th March red nose 2001. Radio one have got Craig David to perform on their radio station. He will be playing live on red nose day to the audience of Radio one.. Over all the years Comic Relief have raised 174 million pounds on red nose days.

By Warren Smith

Anthea Turner advertising red noses!!!

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Happy Red nose Day Everyone!!

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Anti Smoking

Yesterday was no-smoking day, so you, too, can make a change to your life. As you probably can guess by the title, this article is about why you should stop smoking. But before you skip on to the next article, just because you're sure that this is just going to be the same patronising words in another order, you might thank yourself you read this. Especially when you're faced with some life threatening disease that just so happens to have been caused by



smoking. I'll get to the point- smoking needs to go up in a puff of smoke. Frankly, it's pointless, expensive and unhealthy. There is no point in smoking whatsoever. That's not just an opinion- that's a fact. I can't see the point. You get some leaves, dry them, roll them up in paper, stick it in your mouth and set fire to it. What a stupid idea. When told about the health issues, though, smokers simply say, "It'll never be me." WRONG. It could very easily be you. One in five smokers die prematurely. So, what diseases can smokers get from their habit? Let's see...lung cancer, larynx (voice box) cancer (this often makes the victim unable to speak), oesophagus cancer, pancreas cancer, cancer of the kidney, coronary artery disease and the list goes on. The vast majority of lung cancer patients are smokers. I've

seen someone on a machine that does their breathing because they've got lung cancer- it's a pathetic sight; they're just stuck there, barely alive, a shadow of their former self. Do you smokers really want to end up like that? If so, you're even more stupid than I thought. As for those who don't want to give it up, can't you get through your thick skulls just how bad smoking is? It does not look good; it does not make you strong. I don't care why you do it; just stop. It makes your skin go yellow, your breath smell of an ashtray, your teeth discolour and your lungs fill up with tar. Anyway, there are plenty of ways to stop; only you can't be bothered. Oh yeah- everyone else around you thinks they're choking to death because of the filthy smoke. Why aren't I taking a sympathetic approach like others do? Because that doesn't seem to work anymore. There isn't any room for excuses- there is only one-thing smokers should do. Stop smoking. That's all. How? Well, there are patches, inhalers and all sorts of other ways to help break the habit. But it's nothing without will power. You have to want to give up, or all of these aids are useless. And, as I've already said before, if you don't want to stop smoking, then you must be a complete idiot. So there you have it. You need to stop smoking.

You might say I've never been faced by a situation where someone I know smokes, and I don't know what I'm talking about. But I do. My mum smoked. And it really got on my nerves. Every day I got nearly got choked to death by the smoke. I kept on asking her to stop, but she just didn't. Eventually, after much nagging by me, and much moaning by her, I eventually pressurised her into giving up.

It was hard for her, but she managed it. It is hard to kick the habit- after all; Nicotene is a drug. But that's no excuse. If she can do it, so can people in the US are stopping smoking. It can be hard, but don't give up. Eventually the withdrawal symptoms will wear off and it will benefit you in the long term.



As I've already said; there are plenty of things smoking does to you. None of which are any good. makes you breathless (due to lung problems), you'll find that you're nowhere near as fit as you used to be and your teeth will go from white to yellow.

Incidentally, how much money does it take to fuel the habit? Well, if you smoke say 20 a day, you spend up to 3 pounds for a pack of twenty. That's £21 a week, or more than a thousand pounds a year. That's a considerable amount of money, which could be spent on much better things.

By Jimmy Breck-McKye



By Tom Stanton

Can you afford not to give up smoking? If you are having trouble giving up, just imagine what you could do with a thousand pounds every Christmas.

So there you have it. Even if you think that this article is a load of rubbish, try to give up, or you'll regret it in years to come.

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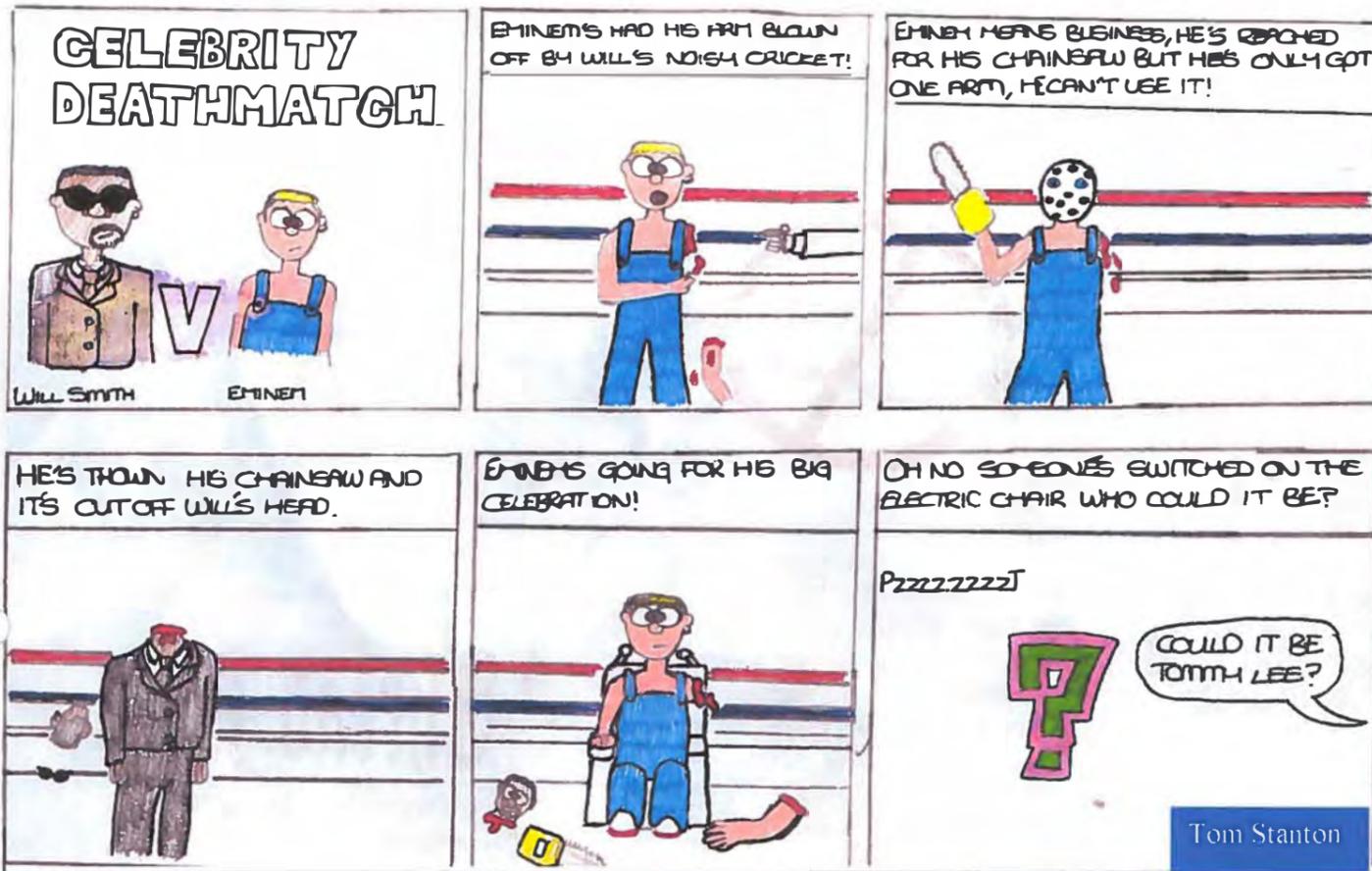
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A frog applying for a bank loan

There was a small frog who needed a loan to buy a new car. He went in to see the loan officer, Mr. Patrick Whack.

I'd like to have a loan, the frog said timidly.

The loan officer said: "well, do you have any collateral?"

"Well, said the frog, all I have is this small charm, that has been in the family for years, will it do?"
The loan officer wasn't sure so he went in to see the bank manager.

"There is this small frog outside who needs to buy a new car, and the only collateral he has is this"; and he handed the charm to the bank manager. The bank manager looked at the charm and said: "It's a knick-knack, Paddy Whack, give the frog a loan!"



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F1 Quiz

Who won the first Malaysian Grand Prix in 1999?

- a) Michael Schumacher
- b) Mika Hakkinen
- c) Eddie Irvine

Kuala Lumpur's famous Petronas towers are?

- a) The oldest building in the world
- b) The tallest building in the world
- c) The smallest building in the world

Which driver was penalised for a jump-start at Sepang last year?

- a) Rubens Barichello
- b) Jarno Trulli
- c) Mika Hakkinen

What is the currency of Malaysia?

- a) Yen
- b) Rand
- c) Ringgit

What is Britain's time difference with Kuala Lumpur?

- a) -6
- b) +6
- c) +8

Which driver finished last year's race with a blister on his backside?

- a) Mika Hakkinen
- b) David Coulthard
- c) Michael Schumacher

How many times in the last five years has it rained on March 18th in Kuala Lumpur?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4

What Ferrari part was deemed illegal at the 1999 Malaysian GP leading to the team's disqualification and eventual reinstatement?

- a) Tires
- b) Rear Wing
- c) Barge Boards.

Mathew Harrison
And
Christopher Parks

1.B 2.B 3.C 4.C 5.C 6.B 7.C
8.C 9.A 10.B

Economical London For Kids

Before I start telling you about this great City and how to hit it without spending very much money, I must warn you it is not a place to go to by yourself, you must go with a parent or Guardian.

Anyway, the first factor is getting there; Midland Mainlines 4-sight ticket lets 4 people travel from Sheffield to London for £39 return. If all else fails you can go by

and the Rosetta stone. It is free to get in, but you are expected to contribute at least £2, the museum also has an excellent gift shop. The nearest tube station is Russell Square.

The National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square.

This gallery's name tells you the picture of it! It is filled with portraits, portraits and more portraits. It is free to get in. The nearest tube station is Charring Cross.

Changing of the Guard, Buckingham Palace.

Here you see the Queen's guards change from shift to shift however it is colourful with lots of music. It takes place daily, but try to get there

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National Express for £52.50, based on 2 adults and 2 children booking in advance from Rotherham.

Another thing you have to sort out before you go is a hotel; you can stay at a travel lodge for £59.95 a night but breakfast is an extra. An alternative is to stay in an Aster hostel, there are several dotted around London, which would cost you approximately £45 for a family of four.

When you arrive in the capital, the first thing to do is to get a public transport pass. For two days this costs around £15, but it gives you unlimited use of busses and the underground.

There are many great museums; here are quite a few where you have to pay very little or nothing to enter.

The British Museum

This museum contains artefacts such as Egyptian mummies, the Elgin Marbles

for around 10 o'clock to get a

good place. It starts at 11. It is free. The nearest tube stations are Charring Cross and St James' Park. An alternative is to watch this happen at Whitehall, which is less popular. The nearest tube stations are Westminster and Embankment

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Therapeutic Cloning

Recently, there has been much controversy over the subject of therapeutic cloning. There have been many different

opinions voiced over the media, but the facts have not, leaving the uninformed public much in the dark.

What is therapeutic cloning?

Despite so many arguments from Pro Life type groups, there has been little coverage on how the process itself works. When an egg cell first divides (after being fused with the sperm DNA) 'totipotent' stem cells form. These stem cells can change into any tissue or a whole organism. After approximately 5 days, a ball of a hundred of these cells form. This is referred to as a blastocyst. The cells on the outside of this hollow ball form the placenta, whereas those on the inside of the blastocyst form the embryo itself.

As the embryo develops, these cells change. The 50 or so inner cells become pluripotent. Pluripotent stem cells can turn into almost all types of tissue, but not a whole organism. Later, these cells become Multipotent- they can only produce specific types of tissue. Multipotent stem cells are often referred to as adult stem cells; the other two types are named embryonic stem cells.

The tissues produced by stem cells can be used for transplanting.

But what makes stem cell cloning any different to ordinary transplants? And what's this thing about cloning?

Normally, when someone has a transplant, these tissues have different DNA, and thus the immune system attacks it. Normally, that person then has to take immune system-suppressing drugs. This means that as long as the patient is on these drugs, they are at risk from very serious infections. Even minor infections that would soon be killed by the immune system can do major damage unless treated.

So what makes stem cell cloning any different?

... Which leads us onto our next point. If you could change the DNA of this tissue, then the immune system wouldn't attack. But the only way to do this would be to use stem cells with your DNA. There are stem cells in adults, but these can only produce specific types of cells. This is why cuts and other injuries repair themselves. Besides, the removal of these cells would stop any injuries there to stop healing. Not only that, but most problems in places where stem cell tissues would most benefit- that is, the brain tissues, are not replaced by stem cells after they have been born. So embryonic stem cells are required. But these still contain other peoples DNA. So, the patient's DNA is inserted into the egg cell. This means that the stem cells produced create tissue that can be used for transplants and will not be attacked by the immune system.

So why are people against it?

Well, an embryo is used for this process. This embryo is potentially a human life; so many Pro-Life groups are upset about how life is destroyed to do this. Also, some people may find it tempting to clone themselves or somebody else, something that is clearly prohibited by law. As a result, stem cell cloning does not have a bright future.

What's this going to mean?

With heavy legislation problems, and many protests from several groups, stem cell cloning may not see the light of day. A great shame, as this is a precious ray of sunshine that could help people with many different brain problems (such as brain damage, stroke damage, and forms of neurological disease) may be blocked out, leaving millions of people in the grey once again.

By Jimmy Breck Mc Kye.

Wired

Today's technology explained!

Introduction

Wired, it's an update to you about the latest technology that is travelling around the world, like laptops, games, mobiles and other stuff which none of us have even heard of. The latest Gadgets are all in Wired, along with loads of other great stuff.

MOBILES INTRODUCTION

Mobiles aren't what they used to be, today they're used for the Internet, messaging, taking photos, voice dialling and just lately MP3. Samsung have the most up to date mobile phones like the M100 MP3 phone, the SGH-2400 voice activated dialling and Sgh-A100 ultra-compact lightweight phone.

NOKIA 3310

The Nokia 3310 will liven up your party tonight, with its 4 built in games and at £89.00 from virgin mobile, it lets you store up to 200 in your phone book and it weighs a mere 133g. It has the predictive text input like all new nokia mobiles but the 3310 has the new option of adding a smiley ☺ and it also has the option of having a screen saver. How about voice dialling, just say the name and the nokia 3310 will dial the number. I think the stylish new nokia is worth a stylish 8/10.



Siemens C35i

There's nothing no to do with this phone, with WAP, a modem and a stopwatch you'll never get bored. It's worth its pricey £100 with every thing you need and with a new improved menu system, 4 new games and your own programmable ring tones. Another new thing to the Siemens range is picture messages but there's still that old time favourite calling faces, when someone who you've programmed a face to, the face will show when they ring. I give this phone a great 9/10.

SAMSUNG'S SGH-2400

The makers of this phone believed that you have better things to do with your hands so that's why they made this voice activated dialling mobile phone, giving you up to 20 numbers which can be dialled by just saying the name. It has a smooth stylish finish, with an aqua-green light up display and you can store up to 99 names and numbers in the phone's memory, plus the amount on the sim card. It's worth a 7/10



NOKIA 8890

It's the first phone which you don't need roaming* to receive phone calls in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and in South and North America. It also has an infrared link to printers, so you can print off your important messages; as well it has 8 voice dialling activations. This phone is nearly identical to the 8850 as it weighs no more than it at 91g and it's one of the smallest and lightest phones around. Its features are as follows: games, an alarm clock, a calendar and new currency converter. But one of the bad things about it is its ugly plastic aerial; it is wiry and cheap looking, so it's only got a 7/10.

GAMES INTRODUCTION

Computers these days can be used for a million different uses but the younger kids often go for the games and because there are so many on the market here are the top 5 for the PS2, Dreamcast, and the PC.

PS2 top 5

1. Moto GP.

You line up on the starting grid, fear and excitement are eating away at your nerves, and the deafening rattle of the two stroke 500cc rattles away at your adrenaline tank.

2. SSX Snowboarding.

Race, show off and the free ride mode, insane tricks, international riders, 8 unreal worlds with unlimited terrain and techno break beat tunes.



3. Time splitters

In the 1000 years spanning the 2nd millennium a desperate bunch of heroes and villains battle it out against their own challenges. Each challenge is more exhilarating than the one before.

4. Fifa 2001.

EA Sports Fifa 2001 takes the player into the most realistic football experience. Your not watching the match you are in it.

5. Tekken Tag Tournament.

The secret to success is all in you. Control your anger, channel all your strength, take control and enter the Tekken Tag Arena for the definitive fighting experience.



Dreamcast top 5.

1. Phantasy Star Online.

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**Phantasy Star Online is the first massively played RPG designed for a home console.

2. Toy Racer.

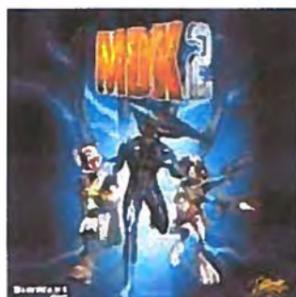
On your marks and get ready for Toy Racer, as you and 3 other players race in the miniaturised world that is Toy Racer.

3. Sonic Adventure.

Sonic is back to save the world as usual in his greatest adventure yet.

4. MDK 2.

From the creators of Baldurs Gate comes the sequel from MDK the pioneer of stealth games.



5. Grandia 2.

Ryudo is a young Geohound working odd jobs with his mate Skye. But he takes a job as a bodyguard for the young priestess Elena.

PC Top 5.

1. Who wants to be a Millionaire?

The game show that has captured the imagination of the nation is now out for you to play on at home.

2. Championship Manager Season 00/01.

It's the most important game in your life! Following the hugely popular and record-breaking sales of Championship Manager 3.

3. Severance.

Don the mask of one of four adventurers in the goriest hack and slay games this side of the gates of hell.

4. The Sims.

In Sim City, Will Wright gives you the power to create and control your very own cities, with The Sims you'll create and control people, and build your dream home.

5. The Sims Livin It Up.

Make your Sims lives even more exciting, and be able to put them into extreme situations, with The Sims Living it up, and a add on to the original Sims.

COMPUTER INTRODUCTION

This article will review some of the latest and most up to date computing advances. I will review laptops, desktops and palmtops and will give them each a rating out of 10. SM-466V From NEC Direct



This desktop is in my opinion an excellent deal for a mere £510 ex V.A.T. This computer contains a 40-speed CD rom drive and a standard floppy disk drive; these are partnered by a 9.5GB hard drive. This desktop has a 433mhz celeron processor; the processor is backed up by a 64mg memory, which can be updated, to a 256mg. The machines system board is limited to three PC1 expansion slots. This computer has a few slightly dated Microsoft programs and Windows 95, which has been made better, by having word 2000 which makes it very good for 1st time buyers. 7/10.

By Kyle Driffill,

Nathan Clegg

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att Wilson

Playstation 2 is here!

The age of the 128-bit console is here; there's no denying it. So far, there have been four major players entering this race: Sega, Sony, Nintendo and Microsoft. Sega started with the Dreamcast, a force to be reckoned with, as all its games have been excellent. However, there are reports that Sega is halting production of its new console. If this is true, then it's a real shame, as the Dreamcast has shown much potential. Sony has just released its Playstation 2 console. The Playstation 2 is again very promising. Nintendo has shown its Gamecube- an impressive piece of equipment to say the least. Details on the games to be released are still a little sketchy, but there is much hope that a few early ground breaking games are what the game industry needs to shake it up. The cube will be quite a lot cheaper than Playstation 2. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, to try beating Playstation 2 on sales. Secondly, to attract a younger audience as the console is aimed at the younger market. However it is predicted that the Microsoft X-Box console won't sell in large numbers because of the fact that most people already have a P.C., Microsoft's new console do have too many similarities to the PC.



This could be its downfall, as people buy consoles because they find computers are too fiddly to play games on, whereas the console works on a 'plug in and play' scheme. The P.S.2 is, however the more expensive console, currently selling for over three hundred pounds. So it is considered that the P.S.2 is mainly targeted adults or parents wishing to buy their son/daughter one. There have

been some excellent games, for the Playstaion2, such as the mighty Timesplitters. There will be many good games coming out in the future.

We can expect to see Crazy Taxi on it soon as Sega no doubt know that this game will sell like mad.

Also, Metal Gear Solid 2 is on the horizon. Like its predecessor, M.G.S 2 is a stealth action game.

With plenty of great games in the pipeline, a popular previous console and an excellent market niche, the Playstation 2 is bound to sell in huge numbers. An excellent console, and excellent games.



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The BBC-ITV rivalry

In 1998 ITV decided to withdraw News At Ten. This caused outrage among MP's and the ITC as complaints from all over Britain were flocking in. Last year Greg Dyke then decided that the BBC should change its 9o'clock news to BBC News at Ten. But this was soon to backfire as ITV decided to move its low rated ITV Nightly News back to ITV News At Ten. The BBC hit

back by bringing its plans for its 25 minute long bulletin at 10. Mr Dyke also decided that then 10 o'clock news should be available 6 days a week. The BBC's schedule was unlike ITV's as it decided that only 5 days would have the news. But not all will be at 10 exactly because of feature dramas and football coverage.

But sure enough when ITV News At Ten begin broadcasting again, it was a ratings winner getting almost double the ratings the BBC 10o'clock news had in its first night. And since then it's gone from strength to strength to be the best news bulletin of the year.

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But TV rivalry didn't have to stop there. Last year Channel 5 poached Home and Away from ITV. Home and Away was the Australian soap getting more ratings than the BBC Aussie soap Neighbours. ITV was outraged by this and started looking for a new soap to rival to Neighbours. In September of last year was commissioned a new series of Property, until Crossroads was ready.

Crossroads came back to us after a 13-year gap, and came Crossroads.

But until then they had to fill

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Des Lynam

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the gap and up with programmes like Celebrity and Public although it didn't get more ratings than Neighbours, it was a hit with the critics. ITV found the perfect soap and after a few gritty storylines they are hoping to turn it into the best ITV soap ever. And in my opinion it's the best soap in the world. I enjoyed this more than Neighbours and other soap rivals all across the TV network.

But ITV wanted more sport coverage so they poached Des Lynam and nearly all the football off the BBC

Trevor McDonald ITV news presenter

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Formula One - A New Era

Formula one is undergoing numerous new safety features. This was sparked after the terrible crash of Michael Schumacher, where after spinning over twice at over 150 miles an hour in the practice session, he remarked that it was "A gentle roll." Leg Protection Following the result of Michael Schumacher's crash last year, in Silverstone, where he tragically broke his legs, new safety features have been introduced this year to prevent leg injury.

In the tunnel where the drivers legs are situated, the cars are fitted with 25mm of padding. This is to cushion the drivers legs in the unlikely event of an accident.

Roll-over hoop Behind the cockpit where the driver sits the cars have been developed with roll over hoops. These are built up areas of the car, which are designed to protect the drivers head during a roll.

Wheel safe guard

An additional tether has been fitted to each wheel to them from flying off in a crash. This came into being after the death of a marshal last year. But sadly this new feature did not come to its expectations and again killed another marshal, this year.

Side impact

New side impact plates have been fitted to the cars, which will handle double the impact of last years cars. They have been significantly re-inforced and the side pods have been extended.

Traction control

A new safety feature, due to be enforced in early April will detect the wheel spin of a wheel and equal the power to both wheels thus slowing down the engine.

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The new replace the old

This season of formula one features many new drivers, which will have presumably evolved from formula 3000. Many of the most well known drivers, have either left or moved to a new team. New drivers include, Montoya, Bernoldi, Raikkonen, Burti and Marques. New comer Kimmi Raikkonen stormed into F1 with a result of 13th place in the first race of the season in Australia. He hopes to improve his place and move rapidly up the field. Everyone's favourite driver Michael Schumacher finished an excellent race securing 10pts and 1st place. He also hopes to keep his place through the rest of the season.

His rival, Mika Hakkinen had a good qualifying session and finished in 3rd place. However, this led to a serious downfall as he retired from the Australian Grand Prix due to brake failure.

It seems that Michael Schumacher's excellent driving skills have shined through once more and it seems certain that he will continue on his winning streak.

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Rules – the new and the old

Following the crash of Jacques Villeneuve in the Australian Grand Prix, Formula 1 is planning on changing the present rules. They are hoping to bring out a new set of lights run by a computer system, on account of 2 Marshals being killed in the previous two years. This

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process is yet to be confirmed.
By Matt Harrison Chris Parks

Popstars spark fan fever

The ability to sing live is a selling point of the band

More than 3,500 screaming fans turned out to meet pop phenomenon Hear'Say at a signing session to launch their debut single Pure and Simple. People of all ages queued from 0800 GMT outside the HMV record shop in Oxford Circus, London, to meet the group. The five members have spent weeks promoting the band and single after they were chosen from more than 3,000 hopefuls on the TV programme Popstars. The

single is tipped to go straight to the top of the charts with reported advance sales of 400,000 copies, but publicists for the band claim they will be more than happy if the song merely charts. Kym Marsh, Suzanne Shaw, Danny Foster, Noel Sullivan and Myleene Klass played their first live concert at a nightclub in central London on Saturday night.

String of tunes

The audience was treated to live renditions of the group's single Pure and Simple, as well as B-side Bridge Over Troubled Water and a string of tunes from their first album, which was recorded in Norway last month. The ability to sing live has been a selling point of the band as they attempt to sidestep accusations of being "manufactured". On Saturday morning the band played live for the second time on the Saturday morning show CD:UK and recently gave a surprise live performance at the Brits. The band embarked on a gruelling promotion schedule for the single. They followed up their live concert with an appearance on the BBC Two programme Top of the Pops Plus on Sunday morning. Band member Danny admitted he would "probably cry" if the band achieved its first number one single next Sunday.

By Daniel Chorley

Man shot

A man has been shot dead and another wounded in a gun attack in County Down. Two men, one armed with a rifle and the other a handgun, parked outside a house in the village of Conlig near Bangor at 2300GMT on Tuesday. The gunmen fired a number of shots through the ground-floor living room window, hitting two men inside. Both men were taken by ambulance to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. One of the men, aged 35, was pronounced dead at 0200 GMT. The other man, who is aged 22, is being treated for non life-threatening injuries. The area is predominantly loyalist. The police have said the murder is not believed to be sectarian.

Out of hours: Is it adding up?

Among the many initiatives hitting our schools are the study support programmes designed to enhance our education. These are extra-curricular activities, out of school activities, out of school hours learning, or, as we shall refer to it today, Study support.

We decided to begin an investigation into exiting into existing Study Support activities at our school. All articles featured here reflect these activities.

Quote from NFER 1998: The Benefits of Study Support.

"Those young people who take part in a range of activities outside school are better motivated and achieve better marks at school."

In a recent speech David Blunkett goes one step further. "We intend to establish an out-of-hour entitlement for older primary and secondary pupils.

We want to develop the concept of a learning day in which activities in school both during and outside the formal school day, at other locations such as football clubs and youth centres, and work done at home, are seamlessly linked."

The New Opportunities Fund, allocated in March 2000 is being used to help fund the costs of running study support.

By David Elston and Mrs P Mitchell.

Reflecting our Rights!

About a year ago, the head commissioned the play "The Road to Mandalay" written by playwright John McGrath to be performed in the school.

Ian McGrath felt that if kids



were to see the play, they had to have some understanding of Human Rights issues, the head agreed. Some time was taken out of normal curriculum to raise the awareness of pupils. The English infringements of Human Rights were the focus of poetry writing and the art department drew ideas and inspiration from the Human Rights issues when drawing. The R.E. department organised Holocaust survivors to talk to some of the younger pupils. Lisa Vincent had a great effect on year seven pupils when she spoke to them, mainly because she was only their age when she was only their age when she was shipped out of Germany on the kinder transport. They had a real insight into what it was like to have your whole existence turned upside-down through persecution.

Mrs. Whiting not only organised a trip to Beth Shalom War Museum to raise awareness for pupils in years 9 and 12 but also founded the Amnesty Group in school, which now has a number of members.

"The Road to Mandalay" was a great success in terms of the effect it had on the school, and considering what a difficult play it was to produce was a great achievement. Ian McGrath is certainly quick to praise anyone involved, especially the actors who had to adopt a completely different style of acting.

By Laura

In the summer of 2001 a group of Wath Comprehensive Pupils will be jetting off to Namibia to spend a month helping unprivileged children in schools around the country. Research is now being carried out by Monica Nashandi, the high commissioner of Namibia.

Namibia World Challenge 2001

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She is in close contact with schools that are looking for sports facilities and expertise, in order to reduce youth alcohol and drug problems. Providing recreational facilities and equipment is seen as a positive way for young Namibians to occupy their free time.

Training

Along with two other schools from Yorkshire and Kent, Wath Pupils will attend a 3 to 4 day expedition-training course in Buxton, Derbyshire to prepare the team for Namibia. All members must maintain their own regular fitness programme to meet the needs of the expedition. Also they must have knowledge of first aid, which will be assessed by St John's Ambulance. There will be a 3-day first aid training course organised by World Challenge attended by the top medical team in the country.

The Project

The Wath Comprehensive School group have opted to carry out basic construction tasks, improve sports facilities and teach within the school community. This will include: Repairing the school building, and introducing new sports to the children of Namibia. Hopefully, this will raise spirits and moral in the communities of Namibia and

provide an intensive leisure resource to help combat the rising problems in Namibia. Some of the new sports the group will introduce are; table tennis, badminton and cricket, football, rugby, hockey and tennis. Also the groups will be teaching basic English to the young Namibian School Pupils. The group will make special links between the young school pupils of Namibia and all the Years form Wath Comprehensive School by taking work from year 7,8,9,10,11 to show Wath Comprehensive School is one of the first schools in South Yorkshire to do this type of project. The reason for this is because Wath Comprehensive School is a 'Trailblazer' school. It will be one of the first schools to do one of these projects in the local community of Namibia. The project is in conjunction with SHA and is being run by World Challenge Expeditions. The last week of the Challenge will be spent carrying out various day treks around Etosha National Park. Also a couple of days will be spent at Gross Barmen Hot Springs, a resort at which the team will unwind in the hot restaurant, tennis court, health farm and oasis. This will end the expedition for the challengers who will fly home with many happy memories.

John Diamond: A Tribute

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was a senior biochemist and ended his career running the biochemical lab. His mother was a clothes designer. The family were Jewish but John Diamond did not want to be a Jew. After he finished school he became a teacher at Trent Park Collage of Education, now part of Middlesex University and he edited the news-sheet for the school. In 1979 he decided to change his career so he began to research about Property Letters. Within three months he was given the editorship and it was used to begin freelance writing for The Sunday Times. His writing abilities took time to grow and he only worked on margins for children's magazines. He became the consumer editor of Richard Branson's short-lived London tour event before he joined the more successful in Time Out. "He was great fun to have around," said one of his former colleagues, "But he couldn't write for toffee in those days". In 1982 he began working as a researcher for London Weekend Television Six O'clock show. One of the presenters Danny Baker said, "The most flamboyant rotten researcher in history." Then in the year 1989 he became an associate travel editor. Then a year later he began writing a column for the Daily Mirror but the owner Robert Maxwell was not pleased and sacked him. A few months later Robert Maxwell died. From 1991 onwards he found himself in demand as a writer for the Evening Standard, The Times and The Guardian and as a broadcaster for many radio stations. Then in 1998 he became principle columnist of the Jewish Chronicle and for those pieces he is on the short list for the British press awards and the results of that will be announced in three weeks time.

John Diamond the columnist for The Times Magazine has died after a four-year struggle against tongue cancer. Whilst he was alive he still carried on with his column writing. He wrote about both the trauma and trivia of his life as a cancer patient. He was an excellent journalist, whether writing about media, travel, computers, politics, television or cinema. But it was writing about himself that he won applause from the readers of The Times Magazine for over nine years. In his later life he lost his ability to speak and so that he could express himself he wrote his articles in the Magazine as though it was his voice. In March 1997 when his cancer of the tongue was diagnosed and after that his weekly light-hearted column was transformed to a psychological study, but it still stayed a witty column. As the cancer became more intense the weekly column became deeper and more intense. But his articles still were humorous. Then in 1998 his book C: "Because Cowards Get Cancer" was published and all the critics approved it and said it was an excellent book to buy. John was born and grew on in a council estate in Hackney, East London. By his own account he thought his parents were unlikely tenants this is because his father

He was married two times first to Anne-Marie a dancing teacher and then in 1992 to the writer Nigella Lawson with whom he had two children.

John Diamond, journalist and broadcaster, was born on May 10, 1953. He died on March 2, 2001 aged 47.

Wath's Community

Wath Centre



Community spirit.

This article is based on the community spirit shown by local businesses in the Wath area. We interviewed several people who either work or own local businesses, the type of questions we asked them were based on their job, their custom and if they enjoyed living and working in the local community.

Salvation Army Care Shop

We interviewed the manageress of the Wath branch care shop and here is what we found out: Her name is Linda Taylor and she has worked at the store since it was opened nearly seven years ago. All the proceeds go to charity and the shop relies on volunteers. She enjoys working there very much and is pleased with the custom. Linda lives in Mexborough and works with her Mum, she likes the community in Wath.

Wath Library



Out inWath



W. Wood and son butchers

Glen Bowater has been working at this family butchers for 15 years and is happy with his work as he says "I can make a living from it". He lives in the local area, Brampton and likes the community that he lives and works in. W. Wood and son get good custom especially in the mornings, the majority of his customers are elderly or ex-minors.

The Big Yellow flower Shop

The worker that we interviewed was Linda Grieson, she has been working in the flower shop for about four and a half years. She lives in Bolton-upon-Deame and is pleased with the custom at the florists. The community is reasonably good and she enjoys working as a qualified florist.

Marie Curie Cancer care

Anne Jenkins was walking round Wath handing out cancer care leaflets. She says that the majority of the community are willing to help as she has found out working for this cancer research group for over eight years. She says that it is a job needed to be done and is supported by regular small donations.

Nathan Barlow, Matthew Wilson and Tom Stanton.

Pictures from around Wath



Year 7 Poems

Nature

The leaves have fallen the trees are bare.

The animals get busy, and start to prepare.

The squirrel is scurrying to hoard up his food.

But the hedgehog hibernating and is not in the mood.

Mr Badger burrows deeper under the ground

For when it is cold he is never around.

While the proud robin flies round

Showing off his red breast.

His friends find shelter and are glad of the rest.

The weather gets colder, and cold winds start to blow.

Now the grounds a white carpet covered in snow.

By Shaun Hill

A Mumble Car

If you find your car won't start
There's no feeling in its heart.
To run your mumble car you must
Show all your love and faith
and trust.



Your mumble car you should treat well
And never tell it you will sell.
With love and care he will repay
And take you where you want to play.

Charles Hunt

As I walked across the sand

*As I walked across the sand,
I saw a ship sailing to another land.*

*Its mast was painted brilliant blue,
Its destination was Timbuktu.*

*The ship was bobbing on the waves,
The rough sea crashed against the caves.*

I stood there until I could no longer see,

The ship that sailed right passed me.

By Sadie Hill

The lion

The lion, king of the jungle,
Swift as an Arab,
Beckons with a sly, sleek, smile,
Upon a face surrounded
By a blazing mane.
He pounces,
But his agility and lightning
speed betray him.



He gives up his chase,
And goes to lie lazily
on a rock.

Has huge paws stretch
out in front of him.

His coat of silk looks
like the rising sun. His
wiry, wilting whiskers,
Surround his delicate,
fragile nose.

Frustrated and hungry,
He returns to the
jungle.

WANTED: SECRET AGENTS

New Zealand's spy agency, the Secret Intelligence Service, is advertising for secret agents.

The advertisement, "appearing for the first time in many years" in the situations vacant columns of newspapers, says the job "requires people who are mature and have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, flexibility, good judgment, initiative, strong analytical skills and the ability to work in and lead teams. Source-- The Daily Telegraph 15/03/01

The Year 7 poems are part of an anthology being compiled by Year 7 in their English lessons, to send to NAMIBIA with the WORLD CHALLENGE NAMIBIA GROUP



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The Sports Section!

Racing Rearranged for After Easter.

Writes Mathew Harrison. Cheltenham's racing Festival, a casualty of the small print in anti-foot and mouth regulations, will today be rescheduled for the week after Easter. The course management is set to confirm April 17-19 as its new dates, having given up on its preferred slot the following week. The discussions took place yesterday afternoon by the organisers of the Punchestown Festival.

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They expect further guidance from their government by the weekend and are hopeful of some relaxation on sporting restrictions. The organisers of one, not taking any chances even made the queen mother go through the disinfecting area.

Golf and Wath, Great Team.

A record 7 golfers have qualified for the South Yorkshire schools Golf Championship being held at Hickleton Golf club.

Favourite for the title in last years number up and England International Chris Clarke if lower 6th. This handicap of 1 is one of the lowest for his age group in the country.

Other boys qualifying are Tom Meltcalf, Craig Shaw, Gareth Chapman and Scott Davison has also qualified but now attends DVC

Mr Price

Ireland may be forced out of Six Nations

The reverberations within European rugby of the postponement of Ireland's three remaining Six Nations Championship matches were evident yesterday.

The unhappy circumstances of the foot- and -mouth outbreak in Britain may, though, force administrators to acknowledge once and for all that they must reduce the number of matches played.

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overhanging fixture pile-up in May would be the voluntary withdrawal of Ireland from the Six Nations. However this does not look likely as Ireland are in a good position and may well win it.

This is not an argument proposed by English clubs for the preservation of their end-of-season matches, however such an arrangement would be for them. The rearrangements could have an impact on the Heineken Cup final on May 20 which will involve an English club travelling either to France or, if Munster beat Stade Français on April 21, Ireland; they could also affect the personnel required by the

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British Isles for their tour to Australia, whose party is expected to be announced in mid-April, and the Barbarians tour to Wales, Scotland and England. Philip Browne, the Irish Rugby Football Union's chief executive, met Francis Baron, his English counterpart, a week ago but both men know that the 30-day quarantine period demanded by the Irish Government after the last case of foot-and-mouth is reported in Britain make those dates fluid in the extreme.

Browne said: "There is plenty of scope for the championship to go on" he said, "and we have already shown we can run a 50,000-capacity match at Lansdowne Road with only three weeks' notice, but if the disease mushrooms, as happened in 1967, all bets are probably off. There is surprise reaction, or lack of it, by the British Government in certain areas." Meanwhile, Jean Glaveny, the French agriculture minister, said that he hoped to confirm France's match against tomorrow week by the weekend.

Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive and a member of English first-division rugby's negotiating team, believes the later date of May 26 or 27 should be considered for the Ireland versus England match, regardless of the gathering of the Lions squad that weekend.

"That date is a week before the Lions are due to leave, and two weeks before their first match," Wheeler said. "The Australian Rugby Union benefit financially from the Lions tour, whereas the funding of several countries hinge on the Six Nations.

There's no point disrupting existing domestic fixtures until we know what the extent of the outbreak is likely to be. People have given a lot of money to setting up the season's end in England, not least the sponsors, Zurich, who severe repercussions for several clubs. "We would say the Six Nations is a much better tournament due, in some part, to the investment in the English club game. I think it's possible to work out a solution together if all the parties involved are prepared to talk reasonably." The postponements create hope that Kieron Dawson could yet appear in the championship. Forced out last November by a neck injury, the London Irish flanker returned not long ago as a replacement against Saracens, hoping to remind the selectors of Ireland and the Lions of his talent.

Andrew Fairman



Liverpool One Down, Two to Go!

Liverpool once again started this season as the favourites to have one of the best squads but to achieve as little as everyone else. But so far that theory has been overturned by Gérard Houlliers men, who have stormed to a League cup win, an F.A cup semi-final and a Uefa cup quarter-final, incidentally they meet FC Porto tonight with a good chance of progressing to the semis. The Liverpool team is full of talent from the back to the strikers, and the Anfield faithful are hoping that this team could in future rival the great teams of the 70s and 80s.

The league cup run was just a gentle distraction from the more pressing issue of the league and European competition. After an initial rough start, scraping a 2:1 win over Chelsea they went from strength to strength with wins over Stoke and Fulham. The Stoke win was especially great, for the facts that the final score was 8:0 and that Robbie Fowler hit a hat trick. The semi final was a topsy turvy affair with Crystal Palace taking a 2:1 first leg lead before being whooped at

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Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler

Anfield, the final score line being 5:0.

In the final Houlliers team under performed and at the end of extra time they were lucky to still be in it. The only reason they were still in it was a quality strike from Fowler.

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Emile Heskey: The powerhouse of Liverpool.

The F.A cup run is still on going but up to this point Liverpool haven't really broken sweat. A semi final against Laurie Sanchez's Wycombe on paper is easy but in reality the famous cup spirit runs through the Wycombe side. Liverpool though are definite favourites as they are to go through against FC Porto tonight in the Uefa cup. After the titanic victory against Roma in the previous round, Liverpool are now second favourites to triumph in the European competition after Barcelona.

Liverpool's only problems are trying to keep their players fit, such as Gerrard and Redknapp, and keeping all 4 of their star strikers happy. Each week he faces the problem of choosing which partnership to play. Fowler and Owen. Owen and Heskey. Fowler and Heskey. Or even Litmanen and Heskey. Whatever the choice the other two are never going to be content. But so far this season apart from a few rumours about Fowler the squad rotation system has worked and all the forwards have flourished.

Gunners lose the battle but win the war!

Bayern Munich	1
Arsenal	0

Last night Arsenal finally reached the quarterfinals to join 3 other English teams in their race to become European champions. After their 1-0 defeat against Bayern Munich, they waited a nerve-wracking 4 minutes to discover the result in Russia to find out where rivals Lyon, who had to win to take Arsenal's place in the quarterfinals, finished in Group C.

Arsenal's problems started in the 5th minute when a harmless cross from Jancker which bobbed across the six yard box and Grimandi, who was facing his own goal, was not under any pressure as he managed to miss the ball with his right leg but still almost managed to beat Seaman when it ricochet off his left shin. David Seaman saved it well considering the unexpectedness of a shot from one of his own defenders, which was watched by Sven-

Göran Eriksson.

However 5 minutes later, in the 10th minute, there was nothing that Seaman could do when a fine move by Mehmet Scholl laid the ball back to Thorsten Fink who played wide to Bixente Lizarazu, the France full back, had a surging run down the flank and perfectly placed a cross behind the Arsenal defence. As Tony Adams appealed for offside and Grimandi stood helplessly. Giovane Elber dived to meet a ball which he met with his head to give Bayern Munich the only Goal of the match.

Afterwards Wenger said "The dressing room was very quiet after the game as we did not feel we had performed very well. Physically we looked very tired. Maybe also it was down to a psychological problem and we started off scared."

Even after the defeat they still reached the quarterfinals as Lyon only managed to draw 1-1 against Spartak Moscow. Spartak Moscow scored a penalty in the 4th minute by Parfenov, Lyon got one back through Anderson, again by a penalty, in the 68th minute.

Amy Smith

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Thierry Henry was kept quite by the Munich defence.

Super League Starts With a Bang!

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In his first exclusive column for BBC Sport Online Wigan's Denis Betts says this season's Super League could be the closest yet. Well, the season is underway and it's started with a bang.

Bradford's win over Saint Helens was certainly impressive, but we were also happy with our victory over Warrington. There's been a lot of talk in the press recently about the need to improve the structure of Super League and perhaps introduce more 'top quality' clubs. It's an old argument. The quality has improved considerably over the past five years and this season any number of clubs will be chasing the title. No-one will be able to hold onto the top spot the way that Bradford did last season. And in any case - it's easy to talk about introducing more quality in the league, but first you need to create it and that's what we should all be working on. Super League has come a long way since its inception. Everyone will have an idea who will take the title this year, but no-one can say with any certainty who it will be. You only have to look at the Premiership to discover that teams can often dominate, but I can't see anyone running away with it in Super League to such an extent. You may be sure that a couple of the teams who find themselves lower down the table will suddenly jump out and take a bite out of one of the top clubs. What we need is for that to happen more often.

Going for glory

In terms of our own aspirations, we hope to be there or thereabouts this season, fighting for the top spot. It was a good win at the weekend, but it's only the start of a long season. Although we've strengthened ourselves, it does take time to gel. With 28 games it can only get better so expect to see some great rugby from us. There's no doubt that losing to St Helens in the Challenge Cup was a disappointment and we lost

our momentum, but only temporarily. Saints are an exceptional side and over recent seasons have created a superb defensive unit - so expect them to bounce back. Bradford have started well again, but then they always do. It's always a tough task to face them early in the season. It's going to be an exciting time for Super League fans and in Wigan the pressure will be on to succeed - but then it always is. The club has such a great history and as a result expectations are always high. There's no doubt that helps the players, but it can also be something of a hindrance. We can't get caught up in the past because that's not helpful. Instead we need to look to future - because that's where our success now lies.

By Matt Harrison

2000: A Sports Odyssey!

The year 2000 proved to be an excellent year in the sporting field for Wath. The P.E department headed by Mr Ridley and Mrs Thompson was commended for its excellent standard and extraordinary number of pupils' who went on to get higher honours. Many pupils' talents were recognised and they were chosen to play for Rotherham and/or South Yorkshire. Richard Leighton one of our Y13 pupils, was chosen to play water polo for

England and Great Britain. The rugby season followed a successful tradition by further enhancing Wath's reputation as one of the better rugby playing schools. Both the year 10 and 11 team won the Hall Cross 10 a side tournament and as least half a dozen lads were selected to play for Yorkshire.

Nearly 20 of our pupils were chosen to represent Rotherham in athletics and almost as many in the Rotherham cross country team.

The year 8 football team had a fantastic season entering three tournaments, whilst getting to the semis in the Rotherham cup. They came runners up in two other tournaments. The year 9 team also got to the semis for the second year running. Both the first and second eleven football teams were beaten at the final hurdle in the Rotherham school cup. Netball and hockey teams from Wath got to a total of six tournament finals but only the U18s could finish the job. Nearly a dozen pupils also received individual honours in this sport

The season was capped off when in April of last year the department was again awarded the sportsmark award for the second year running. Ben Keen.

Ex- Wath Pupil Reaches For Rugby Balls.

Ex-Wath Comprehensive pupil Martin Bray, is set to take the rugby world by storm. At six-foot, Martin is preparing to sign for the U21 squad at Newcastle Falcons where he will be training with English International Johnny Wilkinson, and will be coached by England great Rob Andrew. As well as this he has been selected by the England Schools U18s where

he is determined to make his presence felt.

Martin left Wath Comp in 1999, for a sixth form scholarship to fee-paying Woodhouse Grove School and he is shortly to embark on a tour to Barbados.

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for Martyn.

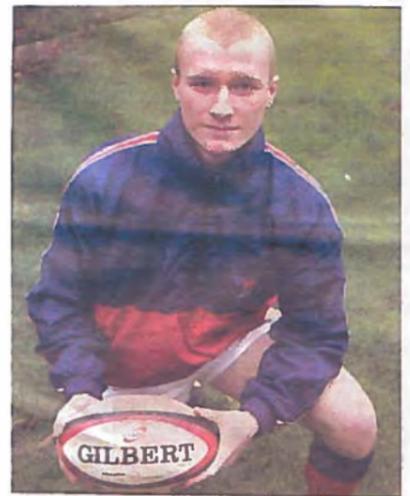
At trials in Castlecroft, Wolverhampton, he beat off 50 hopefuls from all over the country. He will appear in his first game for England in March against Northampton Academy, then he is set to go on international duty against Ireland on April 14th Wales April 21st and then in August he leaves England for a tour of the Southern Hemisphere.

Martin first played Wath RUFC U8s as a seven year old and later was selected for Yorkshire U16 of which he soon became vice captain.

He then went on to play for England.

When Martin has completed his A levels, he plans to study sports at Northumbria University and then to fulfill his ultimate dream, to play for England's back line and tour with the British Lions.

Amy Smith



Epic journey around the world

Ellen MacArthur could have pressed pause, put her sailing plans on hold, and spent a hectic and lucrative year or so on land. But on Friday in Paris, she announced her intentions to move her already successful sailing career further forward. MacArthur will be a key player amongst a six-man crew on board giant formula one trimaran "Foncia" on the highest profile grand prix sailing circuit in France. She will also continue to race her Open 60 monohull Kingfisher - the boat she raced to second place in the Vendee Globe. For the French Mutihull tour she will team up with Frenchman Alan Gautier, a former Vendee Globe winner and member of the team that designed Kingfisher. She will race with a crew in two inshore events and provisionally in the EDS Atlantic Challenge which will see a fleet of Open 60's racing from France to the USA and back.

Intensive racing

The race starts in France in July. She announced Australian round-the-world sailor Nick Maloney would be co-skipper of Kingfisher with her this year. The Formula one multihull circuit in France will see a fleet of 60 foot long and 60 foot wide machines battling it out on a race tour that includes short races just offshore and long marathons including a Trans-Atlantic race in the Autumn. Ellen will compete in the Trans-Atlantic race with Gautier on board in the one race which stands out in an intensive programme. The last time this race

was held in 1999, two of the Formula one mutihulls somersaulted over. Alan Gautier was skipper of one of those boats - but he escaped unhurt. Tragically, Paul Vattine lost his life on the other boat. A sprint across the Atlantic in Formula one mutihull is extreme sailing. The move to mutihulls by MacArthur has long been predicted in France - the progression from extreme monohull to extreme multihull has been the way to go for so many of the top French sailors. Vendee Globe winner Michel Desjoyeaux has already confirmed that he will be on the tour. MacArthur will be in familiar ground breaking territory. She is entering a sailing event the French care about passionately - but is not widely followed around the World. But she is used to that, as prior to MacArthur's achievements, the Vendee Globe was a major sporting event in France but only reported elsewhere when disaster struck. And whilst MacArthur was the catalyst that stimulated interest in that race, there is every chance she holds the key to unlock the secrets of the Formula One multihull tour to a general sporting audience. And if the diminutive MacArthur could start fighting for podium places then the impact would be huge. Like in Formula One motor racing, this is a realm where only men have ruled, but this is a new game for MacArthur, she will need to be a team player on board. She is surrounded by those who have years of experience and are proven winners on the circuit. In theory, this year will be about steep learning curves and making mistakes. In practice few of the tour old timers will be feeling complacent.

Matthew Harrison
Chris Parks

WE'VE GOT THE TREBLE NOW GIVES OUR CASH!

After their 4-2 victory against Ayr Scottish Eagles in the challenge cup final, the Steelers should have been buzzing but through not getting paid they have been through hell. Whilst some of the players were in a training session with the Sheffield Greyhounds under sixteen's, their cars were repossessed through the Hyundai dealer not being paid.

They finished top of the Sekonda superleague by 20 points, they won the challenge cup semi-final 8-1 against the Belfast Giants and they won the Benson and Hedges Cup final against Newcastle Jesters 4-0.

All of their problems are not because of Darren Brown not paying them; they have not got their bonuses for their cup and league victories, which the team had been promised.

Will the Steelers overcome their problems to win the playoffs? They are probably the best team ever to play in the U.K. but their problems are putting the celebrations on ice.

Tom Stanton.

India win in Greatest Ever Comeback!

India defeated Australia by 171 runs in Calcutta in one of the most amazing fightbacks in Test cricket history. Harbajan Singh dismissed Glenn McGrath with just six overs of the match remaining to seal the win. It means Australia's record 16 match winning streak is over, after they had seemed destined to take the match after the first innings. After having been forced to follow on, the home side declared at 657 for seven on the morning of the final day, leaving Australia two and a half

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Waugh trying to save the game.

sessions to bat through to a draw. At 166 for three, the visitors were strolling towards a draw before the loss of four quick wickets. Captain Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting and Adam Gilchrist all lost their wickets for small scores, whilst opener Matthew Hayden's brave innings of 67 came to an end to leave the score at 173 for seven. Shane Warne fell shortly after to leave India with the task of dismissing the Australian tail. After some brief resistance, Jason Gillespie also departed, with India left needing just one wicket to seal an incredible win. Much of the damage was done by spinners Harbajan Singh and Sachin Tendulkar, who shared nine wickets between them. The start of the day saw Vangipurappu Laxman finally undone after claiming the highest Test score by an Indian as the home side continued a remarkable recovery at Eden Gardens on the final day.

Laxman was out for 281 off the bowling from Glenn McGrath, after hitting 44 boundaries from 452 balls, having surpassed Sunil Gavaskar's previous record of 236 not out. Australia's hopes of a 17th successive Test win faded as Laxman and Rahul Dravid produced a brilliant batting display as India built a commanding lead.

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Steelers ace Jason Weaver who demands his money.

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Ellen McArthur after finishing in the second place spot.

Chronicle Sport!

Man Utd Leave it Late!

Man Utd 3
SK Sturm Graz 0

On Tuesday night Manchester United finally reached the quarterfinal stage of the UEFA Champions League. Although there was a faint mathematical chance of Manchester United not qualifying, they extinguished the hopes of Sturm Graz reaching the next stage by winning 3-0 at Old Trafford.

A perfect start was almost made by Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in the first minute as he was foiled at point blank range by an alert Graz goalkeeper Kazimierz Sidorczuk after Roy Keane nodded down a Dennis Irwin corner. But soon the Manchester United fans were on their feet celebrating, even though they had been asked to remain seated throughout the match for safety reasons.

Nicky Butt smashed home a stunning 20-yard shot into the net. The huge improvement demanded by Sir Alex Ferguson was definitely in progress when, in the 20th minute, Teddy Sheringham swept home a second. Butt was also involved in the second goal, he fed a ball through to Solskjaer on the left, which he pulled back for Sheringham to tuck home his 20th goal of the season.

Manchester United nearly had their 3rd goal when Jaap Stam headed an Irwin free kick into the chest of Sidorczuk straight after the restart and then Butt went close with a rasping 25-yard drive, which the Graz Keeper did well to keep out. At the end of the first half it was obvious that their performance would be nothing less than their best.

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Nicky Butt putting Manchester United in front

They dominated the second half their third goal didn't come until the 87th minute when Roy Keane shoot beneath the goalkeeper after good work by Luke Chadwick and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. But not even the result from this match could place them above Valencia in Group A as they bet Panathinaikos 2-1.

It is not known who they will face in the quarterfinals but it could be Real Madrid, Deportivo

La Coruna or Bayern Munich.

As a surprise to most fans David Beckham did not appear in the game after a poor run of form in his displays as England Captain. Joining him on the bench was Andy Cole, Dwight Yorke, Philip Neville and Wes Brown as Ferguson was looking for a winning formula. In the end it was a comfortable win for United.

Amy Smith

Leeds Show Great Character!

Leeds United 3
Lazio 3

Leeds manager David O'Leary praised his players and paid tribute to them for reaching the quarterfinal stages of the Champions League, something nobody expected them to do. However, he did also say that he believes that they should have recorded a morale boosting win against Lazio last night. Leeds were held to a 3-3 draw at home after Sinsia Mihajlovic scored an amazing 20-yard free kick to make it 3-3. The manager said he was delighted with the way his team performed but they shouldn't have lost the lead so late in the game.

In the space of nine minutes three goals had been scored and

Lazio had the lead 2-1 through a 21st minute goal when Ravanelli found space behind Danny Mills to give them the lead. Seven minutes later Harry Kewell headed a half cleared ball down to Lee Bowyer who scored with a shot over the keepers head and into the top corner of the goal. 1 minute later Lazio were awarded a penalty when Dominic Matteo hauled down Ravanelli in box and Mihajlovic converted to make it 2-1 in the 29th minute.

But then two minutes before half time Leeds equalised when Ian Harte fired a corner over the

defence which was put between the legs of Lucas Castroman by Wilcox. Then in the 63rd minute Leeds took the lead and look likely to win when Viduka powered in through Mihajlovic to head home what looked like the winner. But then, in the 90th minute Mihajlovic scored a very late equaliser to draw the match at 3-3.

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Bowyer celebrating after his goal.

The scoring of Bowyers goal meant that he joins Rivaldo, Scholes and Simone as the top scorers in the Champions League this season and he may have held the outright lead but miscued a shot in the 56th minute after a penetrating run through the Lazio defence. All in all this was an overall good performance and O'Leary was right to praise his team and right to say they should have held on to the lead until the end.

Andrew Fairman.

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Viduka in action last night