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## Comic Relief - It's back!

by Christina Roberts

It's back in big style! What am I talking about?, well Comic Relief!. Once every two years the whole country goes mad, literally. This year's Red Nose Day will be the sixth since 1985, when comic Lenny Henry began the charity after a television broadcast from a refugee camp in Sudan, in the Middle East.

### Charities

So far, over £112 million has been raised and every penny goes to charities in the UK and Africa. Around 2,885 projects in the UK are funded by Comic Relief, many help the young like Gyroscopie in Hull. It was started in 1985 by a group of young people concerned with the growing amount of young homeless people in Hull. They renovated a building and learned new skills in the process, since then they have repeated the process and now house 45 young adults (who they now employ) and 18 children.

There are other projects that help drug and alcohol abusers, the elderly and the disabled, of course there are many others that this worthwhile charity has helped.

### Water

In Africa, the money pays for water pumps to provide fresh water for villages, clothes, food and medical supplies and tools and equipment. All of these can help give people a chance to live and see how much life can be enjoyed.

In an interview with Tony

Robinson this week, he said that the sight that gave him most satisfaction was that of a child in Africa, brought back to life by a packet of medicine that cost only 20p!. Tony, who became involved with Comic Relief through the writer of Blackadder and Four Weddings and a Funeral, Richard Curtis, has been on many trips for Comic Relief to report back to the public. They include Malawi, to look at refugee camps, Tangania, to see

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why people are so poor and Uganda, to a village where a third of the people are HIV positive. If given his one wish, he would want the world trade agreements to allow farmers in developing countries to sell their produce to the West at fair prices, as at the moment these farmers are being ripped off!.

### Tonight

On BBC1 starting at 7pm, Lenny Henry will open the six hours of fun and mad tv fund raising continuing on through the night. With specials like the teaming up



of The Vicar of Dibley and Ballykissangel and one Comic Relief themed episode of Men Behaving Badly! But of course we can't forget the traditional slot of French and Saunders!, and included with this section of comedy are the lovely Sugarlumps performing the number one single Who Do You Think You Are?, with the SPICE GIRLS. One to watch!!!!

Closer to home, we at school are doing our bit for Comic Relief. Several events are happening, like the Uniform Free Day (organized by Mrs Whiting), where pupils pay 50p towards Comic Relief for the day. Even a few very brave teachers have been sponsored to wear fancy dress or the school uniform for Comic Relief.

### Spicy

There's a special afternoon assembly organized by Mr Cox of the weird and wonderful mixture in the Science Department. Special guests are the SPICE GIRLS???????

Many of our pupils are taking part in sponsored silences, bike rides etc.

The resident mathematician, Mr Gordon has organized a 'Clottery' lottery, while biologist, Mrs Elston and her tutor group has started an Easter Eggstravanza (Easter egg raffle).

What more can I say?, lets just hope that we raise more money that last year!



## Madman Shoots Dead Seven Israeli School Girls

Last night a Jordanian soldier horrifically shot dead 7 innocent children on a school field trip. He opened fire when the girls had turned away from him before colleagues overpowered him.

King Hussein is blamed by Israeli ministers for provoking this attack.

All five children aged; 12 and 13 died in a Jordanian hospital.

Their funerals are expected to generate an outburst of grief from the nation. One 14 year old survivor said, "The girls screamed and cried.....Many girls were hurt and bloody."

that an investigation into the tragic incident would occur.

Peace now seems to be put off, even Anna Ostrovski, 13, one of the pupils at the school where the field trip came from said, "Peace is not worth any thing if these kinds of things happen."

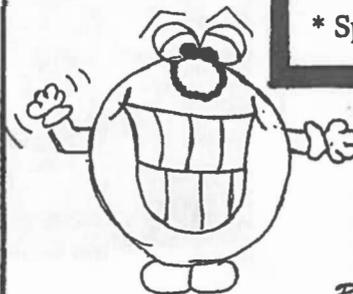
This tragedy falls heavily on the heels of the anniversary of the Dunblane massacre.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked on his journey from Spain if he could visit the families of the dead as he was deeply sorrowed by the event.

"I saw an Arab soldier running towards us and firing his rifle. Many of the girls fell to the ground and there was a lot of blood"

- Karen Ivri

Crown Prince Hassan, who went to the scene, spoke of his personal shame. He also pledged



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## HEADLINES

My warmest thanks to the editorial board for their kind invitation to write a short passage once more. As most of you will know, this will, in all probability be my last offering to this publication, in that I am retiring at the end of the Summer term. My teaching career began in 1959, and so I can say that I have taught in five decades of the Twentieth Century. I did give some thought to continuing into the next century, but my longest holiday calls strongly. There is much which I wish to do, God willing, before I slide into physical or mental decay. Having taught RE and PE in Castleford for several years, I was appointed to teach RE at Wath Grammar School. I intended initially to stay for about five years, but a thirty year extension to that idea seems to have gone remarkably quickly. When I was a youngster my father used to say that "The older you get, the faster time goes" which at the time I thought was nonsense, since it is commonly accepted that time is constant. However, take it from me, my father was correct.

I have enjoyed my time here, and in fact I am still very happy for I believe that I have the best job in the world. I am delighted to have taught the parents of many of our current students. I have not heard of any grandparents here that I have taught but it is possible!

The South Yorkshire Times and The Advertiser have both asked to talk to me. I have declined personally to do so on two grounds. One, I am still very busy with my teaching, and responsibilities, and secondly, I wanted to give the Wath Chronicle the first bite.

This is a good and successful school. I hope that every pupil will continue to work as hard as they can and do their best. I hope that each pupil can smile each day. I hope that all pupils co-operate to the full with their teachers, and that they are kind and respectful to their parents.

God Bless You All  
D.E Kirby



## EDITORIAL

By Ian Watson

*It is my pleasure to have been asked to write a few words to introduce this issue of the Wath Chronicle. This year has seen many changes to the Chronicle, not least a change of editorial staff. Jessica Mahdavi has been replaced by a team of five editors, Lauren Campy (sister of the paper's founder, Paul), Christina Roberts, Javid Mahdavi (brother of Jessica), Katy Nash, and Myself.*

*Many other radical changes have been made to the paper for this issue. The Front page, for the first time ever, has been printed on red paper, for Comic Relief, and for the first time ever, the sport section has been run separately, by Helen Clayton.*

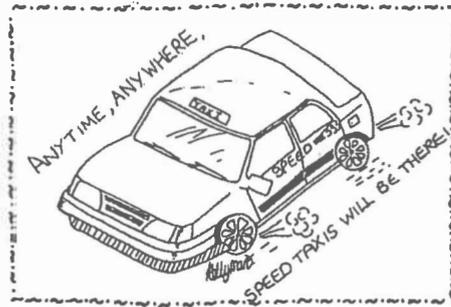
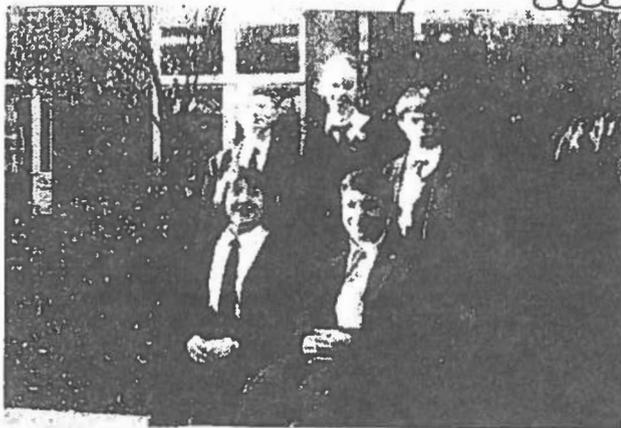
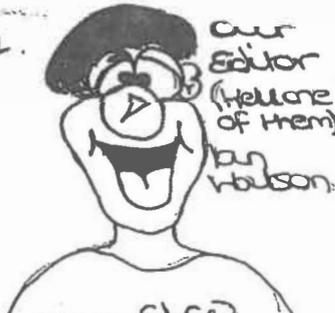
*During the making of the paper, it was realised that it was exactly one year since the tragedy of Dunblane. Thus, one of our leading articles, written by Lauren Campy reflects upon this tragedy, and extends to us all, the hope that it never, ever, happens again.*

*It is impossible to get away from the fact that today is Red Nose Day, and our school has been busy raising money in some unorthodox ways - see later in this issue! Finally, may I extend my thanks to a number of people without whose help this issue would not have been possible. I would like to thank Mrs Mitchel, without whose kind help, and loan of the school library, we would have had no base. The staff of resources, without whom, no photocopying would have been possible, The office staff, for running around with faxes for us, and Miss Huggup, and Mr Jordan for their help on the IT front. Finally, by thanks go out to the Wath Chronicle team, for putting up with me through thick and thin. THANKYOU*

IAN WATSON

*Lauren Campy*  
*Jan Watson*  
*A.L.D. Ardron*

*Helen Clayton*  
*Christina Roberts*  
*Javid Mahdavi*



### Speed Taxis To The Rescue

Speed taxis opened in the summer of '94, then expanded and moved to bigger premises in '96. They now have 15 vehicles including a mini-bus. Speed taxis are on call 24hrs a day 365 days a year. Their response time is approximately 15 minutes and distance is no object. They have freephones in Netto's Wath, Leo's Wombwell and they will soon have a phone in Kwiksave Wath, and Wombwell.

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### BILLY-JOE FOSTER FATHER RE-ARRESTED

39 year old Sion Jenkins was re-arrested last night for the murder of his foster daughter Billy-Joe.

Billy-Joe was battered to death with an 18 inch tent spike at their home in Hasings on the 15th of february. She was fostered 5 years ago by Jenkins and his wife lois 35.

Jenkins has already got 4 daughters who he has been living apart from.

Police obtained a magistrates warrant allowing only 36 hours to question Jenkins.

Jenkins a well educated Deputy Headmaster was considered a pillar of the community.

After Billy-Joe's death Jenkins made a T.V. appeal. The spike used to kill her was left on a garden table nearby.

Two other men where arrested earlier in the murder hunt but both were released with Police bail.



### CHELTENHAM

Every March Cheltenham gets ready for the onslaught of horse-racing fans. The prices for food, lodging and everything else soar. All because of the Festival of National Hunt Racing. Parties last until dawn and if you want to sleep in a bed for yourself you will probably have to book in December, if you do get a bed it will cost.

Mr. Pat McMahon believes his pub on Cheltenham high street will make quite a bit over the time of the

festival. when his rooms were full he started taking bookings for his bowling alley for an Anglo-Irish slumber party. Bring your own sleeping bag and £20 and you will have the best bargain in town.



### Kohl Crisis

The German chancellor Helmut Kohl seems to have backed down under mounting pressure from irate German miners who faced having their government subsidies reduced.

Angry miners from all over the country came to Bonn to protest against the

government, sleeping in the streets and blockading the HQ of one of the chancellor's coalition parties. Herr Kohl, who is the longest serving German chancellor ever, has had a difficult run over the past year, with unemployment running at over 12% and the government having to make cuts in public spending in order to qualify for the European Single Currency (the Euro) by 1999.

Although his party is still strong in opinion polls, Kohl, who looked invincible in the past, is increasingly under threat from a ferocious opposition and an increasingly unsympathetic public.



### Rail Staff Rewarded

Who says that railways Are going down-hill? Staff at Mexborough railway station have been awarded a silver award for improving public transport. This prize, seldom awarded, is given at the discretion of the organisers, the Transport Executive. Travellers were impressed when staff at the station organised cars to ferry passengers to Swinton station after a minor disruption.

Gary Morgan, Richard Ellis, Shaheen Khan and Melissa Hazell were the staff to receive the award. The station has received national awards before such as Best National Station. This reward was also due to staff efforts.



### SUPERMAN'S SUPER RIDE

The most terrifying theme park ride, higher than the statue of liberty is set to launch in Valencia near Los Angeles. The 415 foot ride propels from 0-100mph in just 7 seconds. The Californian version is fifteen feet taller giving it the edge in the highly competitive war of the white knuckle giants. Superman the escape is said to be like flying as a super hero boasts the six flags chairman, Larry Bouts the ride has a total track length of 1315ft and 1800 visitors an hour on two tracks can travel on it.

### Sex and Football Don't Mix!

"I need all the players in full possession of their physical and mental faculties" explained the Costa Rican football coach when questioned why he wasn't letting his players have sex during the present round of World Cup qualifiers. Just what he thought they would lose in the act he didn't specify. The policy might sound a little far fetched, but Costa Rica did beat Cameroon 5-0 last Sunday!



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### A One Horse Race?

As the General Election approaches, it looks like a foregone conclusion: Labour by a mile than a short head! In our part of the world, that is what we expect: there is only one Tory seat in the whole of South Yorkshire, and huge Labour majorities are normal. In Barnsley East, for example, which includes a large part of the Dearne Valley, Labour had a staggering 77% of the vote at the last election in 1992.

This election will be rather different in the Wentworth

constituency, which includes Wath, Swinton and Brampton. Peter Hardy, who has been in the House of Commons since 1970 is standing down, and defending his 22,449 majority will be TUC researcher Alan Healey, and if, as seems certain, he becomes the new M.P. for our area, we shall be welcoming him to our school very soon.

Perhaps, even sooner than that! As usual we shall have a "mock" election in school shortly before the real thing, and everyone will have a vote. Candidates will be chosen just after Easter and 'our'

election will be in full swing by mid-April. The Wentworth will be invited in to put their parties' views. Watch out for more news of this.

What of the rest of the country? Most people will be very surprised if they do not wake up to a Labour government (Presumably on May 2!) Perhaps the main reason is that the country has become bored of the Conservatives, who have been in government since 1979. No one of school age can remember a Labour government, and you would have to have been over 40 to have

been voted for one! Labour would be a novelty, no doubt! The Tories have won 4 times in a row, but a 5th victory seems most unlikely; no party so far behind the opinion polls for so long has caught up by polling day, and the government last held a seat in a by-election in 1989 - and that was old Wathonian William Hague at Richmond.

'May Day' is the international distress signal. How appropriate for Mr Major!

By Mr Godber



### MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS IN DERBYSHIRE

6,000 children in Derbyshire are starting to be vaccinated against the infection, meningitis.

It is one of the biggest immunisation campaigns in the UK and it started after five children recently caught meningitis in East Derbyshire.

Every child between the ages of 2 and 18 that live in the area, or are at the school there must be vaccinated. However meningitis is fairly difficult to catch and so the jabs are only a precaution.

### JUDGE

A Los Angeles Judge was ruling on a £60million Reebok suit against Tristar pictures after the placement of its products in Tristar's new movie Jerry Maguire. The judge was so bored he fell asleep in the movie and missed some crucial parts in the film so he has demanded to see it again.

### CHANNEL 5

For most people March 30th will be a day to look forward to. The day when the fifth channel comes out on T.V. but would you believe it? Channel 5 have admitted that 18,000 television viewers have complained about the new channel!

The couch potatoes dream come true is causing havoc for many of the viewers. Even though the channel is not out yet, people are complaining that it will upset their video recorders, as most people set their videos on number 5. Because people have had to change the channel over, the returners had to be sent in by the company before the channel comes out at the end of March.

So far the company has had to pay out between £20,000 and £30,000 to 525 complaints, to compensate for the inconveniences that the new channel has caused by the returners who failed to turn up for their appointments, or who broke videorecorders. With all these problems, questions still lie about whether or not the channel will be launched on the planned date, but for all those telly addicts reading, the channel will still be launched on the 30th March.

### GRANNY POWER

Girl power could well be granny power in the year 2017 with the help of computer graphics complete with wrinklers gray or purple wash hair and last but in any means least handbags every granny should have one. After just 12 months of starting their singing career and becoming international pimps, lets hope the SPICE GIRLS are still going strong in 20 years from now. GIRL POWER.

By HELEN RATCLIFFE.



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## Rotherham Insurance Brokers.

You may recall, at the start of the school year that this school entered into a unique partnership aimed at raising money for School funds in return for a guaranteed reduction in the cost of personal insurances.

Wath Comprehensive School receives a valuable contribution to School funds, policy holders enjoy a valuable reduction (10%) in the cost of insurance for such as private car, Motor

cycle, travel and other such insurance of a personal nature.

Mr Terry Harpham of Rotherham Insurance Brokers has arranged a validation card shown. These can be obtained from Mr A.A. Price, via the school office.

This is an opportunity which the school cannot afford to miss-income for the school funds and saving on insurance costs for staff, pupils and their families.

By Mrs Mitchell.



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## Revision Tips

I know for a fact that you all are sick and tired of hearing about revision, your teachers drone on at you, your parents drone on at you and at times even your exercise books seem to jump up in your face and scream READ ME. But as you keep being told it is for your own benefit, you will be suprised at how much your exam results improve with revision. Now for those of you who have read this far and not turned over to the next page because you thought this one was boring here are 12 top tips on revision, read them if you wish, if not thats your choice but you will be suprised at how much they help you.

1. short intensive spurts of revision are much better than slogging away at it for hours on end. Just small 20 minute bursts are fine.

2. It is an idea for you to study individual topics, then read and write about them to fully understand their significance.

3. Past examination papers are vitally important and should be marked by a specialist teacher. DO NOT complete whole papers in one sitting. Do sections at a

time on selected topics.

4. Refuse to be interrupted by anyone or anything including T.V's and hi-fi's. Set aside a specific time in the day and tell everyone that you do not wish to be disturbed.

5. Use all possible resources, seek assistance from anyone outside who may be able to help you.

6. Organise your various books and files, break your work up into manageable sections and work through them systematically. Seek help from your teachers for this task.

7. Plan your revision times ahead and try to do something enjoyable between them. (Some of us like to revise at night and relax in the day, some of us revise through the day and relax at night, some even mix and vary between the two, it's your choice).

8. Use past papers, notes and tape recorders (not music) and enlist help from friends and family for tests on factual matters.

9. Eat and sleep well.

10. Be carefull to work on all subjects not just the ones that you like and are good at. It is so easy to ignore the really boring bits

but they usually crop up in exams.

11. Stop and take a break if your mind starts drifting.  
12. Don't panic or worry, just do your best.

I am 15 and I know that revising is a hassle and is usually a lot harder than earning the work in the first place and a lot of pupils feel that they are facing an up hill battle alone, but they are not, There will always be someone there to help be it a friend, relative or teacher. If you have read this far then you have done yourself a favour if you have not read this far thae I don't know why I am writing this anyway but it is your problem.

By Lee Usher

## Ulrika and Hunter split!

Telly Beauty Ulrika Johnson has finished James 'Hunter' Crossley.

The sexy 29 year old denied allegations that her two year relationship was over.

The past two years have been strenuous on both Ulrika and Hunter. allegations of Ulrika and Vic Reeves having a kiss and cuddle on tour were equally matched by Hunter and fellow gladiator 'Vogue' in a London Nightclub.

That along with her five year old son and last years divorce, it's all taken it's toll on Ulrika and Hunter alike.

Ulrikas friends say that she knows her relationship with the eighteen stone bull is over, it's just that she can't accept it.

Phil Nash.



## THE MILLENNIUM EARTH CENTRE

The Earth Centre in Donisbrough, South Yorkshire, has received a grant of £50 million from the Millennium commission of the National Lottery.

The Earth Centre is one of the first two national landmarks projects to receive funds from the Millennium commission, which on the 2nd of October 1995 announced it's second grant award's totaling £109 million. The other successful landmark project is the Renaissance of Portsmouth Harbour, which has been awarded £40 million towards an £86 million maritime leisure development.

Millennium Commission Chairman, The Rt.Hon.Virginia Bottomley JP, MP,said : " We are delighted to support a Landmark Project of potentially international significance - a world class centre for sustainable development in the 21st century and a focus for the public's increasing awareness of enviromental issues.

" On completion, The earth Centre will be the largest public education complex in the U.K since the great Victorian museums of South Kensington. This ambitious and inovative scheme will break new ground in environmentally - friendly

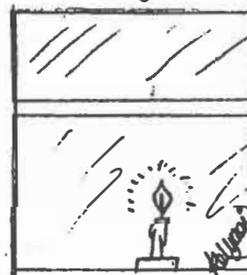
development and will give the Dearne Valley in South Yorkshire a tremendous regenerative boost."

It is estimated that the £ 125 milli on visitor centre and state-of-the-art science complex on a 142-hectare former collirey site will attract over 2.5million visitors a year in the year 2000. The concept of The Earth Centre was born from a report of the World Commission on Environment and Development which preceded the Rio Earth Summit, where a urgent call was made for "vast campaigns of education, debateand public participation."

Charlotte Fawkes Y10

## Anniversary Of Dunblane Tragedy

The 13th March 1996 was the day of the Dunblane massacre.The day when Thomas Hamilton went into Dunblane Primary School and murdered 16 children and teacher.The families of the people who died are going to mark the day privately. However they have asked people to put lighted candles in their windows, in memory of the dead.The press have agreed to respect the families wishers and let the people have their privacy on the first anniversary of the Dunblane killings.



By Lawson Campy

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## P-rhyme time for a vote in the political nursery

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall. Humpty Dumpty... The pregnant mood of expectation in the country, anticipating the fall of the present government, is not hard to see in the inevitable terms of the nursery rhyme. Each week brings a new wave of scandal and leaks which a government, already desperate in its fight to convince us of its integrity and political vision, could well do without.

Little Jack Major is finding that every time he puts his thumb into the Tory pie he pulls out yet another burdensome and attention-diverting problem.

Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg's garden is not growing as he, or his party colleagues, would wish. His "bomb shells and abattoir bell and dosy cows all in a row" are becoming an ever more burdensome millstone around his political neck.



Momentum is gathering behind the view that the present administration, after farming out its realm to the private sector in a series of (if the opposition is to be believed) less than successful sell-outs, lately and most alarmingly in the creation of an education "market" through the introduction of nursery vouchers, is spending its last days in power.

The government has been marched up to the top of the caning and Euro-sceptic

hill only to be quietly marched back down again, in such a way as to diminish dangerously faith in its direction and unity.

The prevailing government ploy of offering tax

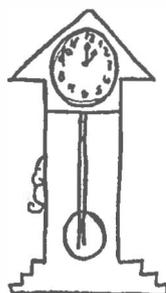
incentives as a bribe for votes may win over the master and the dame, but but the diabetic little boy who lives down the lane (alias Worcester Woman) seems not to be swallowing the Tory tax pill.

If John Major's fortunes are akin to those of his beloved English cricket team, (the occasional positive blip punctuating a malaise of humiliating defeats at the hands of, largely unknown opponents), then Tony Blair's affinity to football could be seen as a good omen for his "coming home" to number 10.

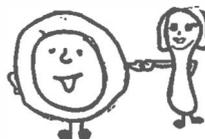
The days are gone, however, when everywhere that Tony led the party was sure to go, and New Labour's white as snow image is beginning to look a little tarnished at the edges as the old guard reappears. The blackbirds of the party are safely baked in the pie of unity at the moment, but when the pie is opened in power, who is to say that they will not start singing?



The Labour mouse is banking on running up the privatised utilities clock with the windfall tax, but if the markets strike one then this Labour rose could find itself uprooted before it has had chance to bloom.



Blair's party may well be able to sail away in a beautiful pea-green royal yacht, but whether they can take plenty of money with them, having pledged to adhere to Tory spending ceilings, is far from beyond doubt. While New Labour may be able to pacify industry with the oranges and lemons of a tough stance against the trade unions, the belles of industry will not remain silent for long if their five farthings begin to depreciate in value.



Although Paocoy and Tony may be going up the hill of constitutional reform together, the Labour Party, a paler shade of European blue than their liberal colleagues, may cause both to come tumbling back down.

As for the timebomb of the millennium project, if the wolves of spending cuts and inter-party wrangling began to blow at the Greenwich dome, the whole house could fall down.

There seem to remain only inacey wincey differences between the two major parties in many areas, and the voter could well find himself either falling prey to the pre-election spider's of political gimmicks and sound-bites before taking the one, two steps into the voting booth.

The determining factor in a few weeks time could turn out to be that however menacing the labour ogre

under the bridge may seem to be, for the majority of voters, after eighteen years the grass is definitely greener on the other side of the fence.

by Sue Shower

## COMMONS REPORT CONDEMNS VOUCHER SCHEME

The Government's nursery voucher scheme is unlikely to increase parental choice raise standards or provide more places, says a Commons Select Committee. The Education and Employment Select Committee's conclusions have been leaked a week ahead of schedule. It believes the scheme may benefit some nursery schools at the expense of voluntary playgroups.

Some Tory MPs say the report is blatant electioneering by Opposition parties.

## FRENCH OIL PLATFORM SEIZED OFF NIGERIA

The French embassy in Nigeria is in contact with the local authorities following the seizure of an oil platform in the Warri region. The platform was seized in shallow waters and 16 French citizens and three others possibly Britons are being held on board.

Its owners ETPM operate a number of off-shore drilling platforms.

It is assumed that those occupying the platform will demand a ransom.

## MURDERER EXECUTED BY LETHAL INJECTION

Texas death row inmate John Kennedy Barefield, 32, has been put to death by lethal injection.

He was sentenced to death for the abduction, rape and murder of an architecture student.

His execution at Huntsville was the second in Texas this year and the 109th since the state restored the death penalty in December 1982.

Barefield's last words to his brother were: "Tell mother I love her."

## WRECK OF ELIZABETHAN SHIP IDENTIFIED

Archeologists claim to have finally identified the wreck of an Elizabethan ship found some years ago.

The wreck was found off Alderney, one of the Channel Islands.

With the help of the BBC2 programme Horizon it was classified as a fast cargo ship taking supplies to British

forces in Normandy 400 years ago.

The find has been described as second only in importance to the discovery of Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose.

## NHS RED TAPE CUTS SAVE £340m DORRELL

Cuts in Government spending on NHS red tape will release £340m for patient care, claims Stephen Dorrell.

In 1997-98 cuts are expected to match the overall efficiency target of 2.7%.

This means management spending will have fallen by £1 86m 10% in real terms in the two years to the end of 1997-98, according to Mr Dorrell.

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## DORRELL RELEASES VOUCHER SCHEME FOR ELDERLY

Stephen Dorrell released a scheme so elderly people could pay for private residential care. The new vouchers would be offered to the elderly to help pay for care under the biggest shake-up of Social Services for 25 years.

Mr Dorrell outlined a gigantic sell-off of old peoples homes generating more than £1 billion thus extending nursery vouchers to the elderly

If the Conservatives are re-elected every elderly person with assets of less than £10,000 would be eligible for the vouchers

The vouchers would cover the cost of nursing or residential care after an assessment of their needs Those with larger assets would get vouchers covering part of the costs

A White Paper on show for the first time yesterday shows that the government are ready to demolish any legal obstacle in the way of an extension of the scheme

Under proposals in the White Paper 2,500 elderly peoples homes run by the council would be sold or closed affecting up to 76,000 people

Mr Dorrell believes that the privatisation of the homes will add to an already good service

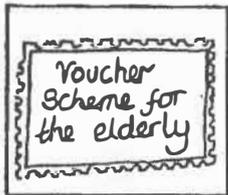
The government have decided not to privatise

childrens homes due to the abuse scandals that have come to light in recent years

By averting the elderly and disabled towards voluntary carers, Social Services would concentrate on spending more money on the frail, disabled, drug addicts, and alcoholics.

With the Social Service reform bill, local authorities would have to sell or close their elderly peoples homes unless there is a valid reason why they ought to be kept open

A survey ordered by Stephen Dorrell found that homes were £50 per resident more expensive to run than the private owned



Homes at £280 per week in 1994-95. The savings ought to be sufficient to buy an extra 10,000 places for elderly people in care homes

Help the aged announced that there would have to be demanding safe-guards. "Quality must not be sacrificed to costs in the pursuit of cheaper service"

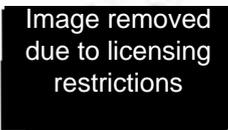
BY WINSTON BAUGH



"What a load of beef!"

## HAGUE SHORTENS LEADERSHIP ODDS BY TYING THE KNOT.

William Hague one of the leading MP's tipped to succeed Mr Major, has announced his engagement to a Welsh civil servant who he calls Jolly Jenkins. They both fell head over heels in a churchyard where she taught him the Principality's anthem.



Mr Hague announced he would tie the knot with Ffion Jenkins next year. Friends have said that Mr Hague's chances of being Prime Minister have increased considerably by announcing this marriage. Yesterday wedding plans were put on hold as they both looked towards more immediate matters such as an engagement ring. Clive Ranger's, a Cardiff jeweller who makes Welsh gold jewellery seems to be the shop they will purchase the ring for.

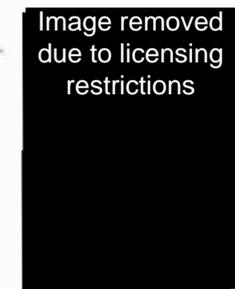


As William Hague took over the Welsh secretary post from John Redwood in 1995 he met Jenkins who was working in the

secretary of state's private office.

Miss Jenkins was taught in Cardiff and carried on her education at Jesus college, Oxford studying English. She then followed this by gaining a degree in Welsh at The University of Wales. William Hague studied at Wath Comprehensive where he recently spoke at it's annual Speech day.

Some colleagues and



friends were amazed at the news but some Welsh Office Aids had suspicions of the romance when Mr Hague left a party early to have a meal with Miss Jenkins.

Julie Kirkbride greeted the news with joy "I had no idea... it will be a real meeting of minds".

Toby Horton chairman of The Richmond Conservative Association in Mr Hague's Yorkshire constituency announced that Mr Hague had asked him advice on the matter before asking the question,

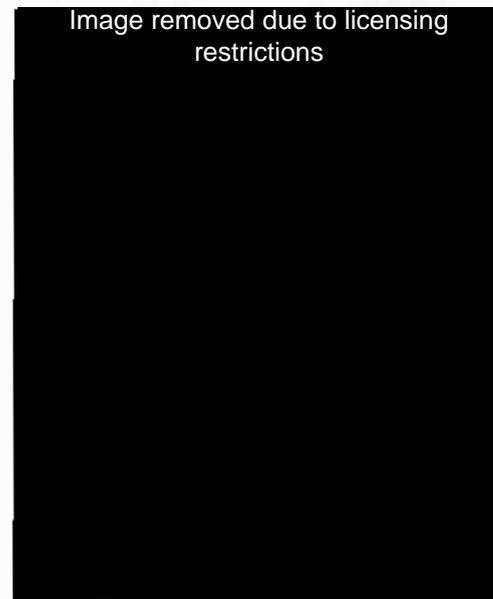
Mr Horton also said "William had to be very discrete but now Ffion has taken a sabbatical and the news can come out, I think that is the right way of doing things."

Mr Horton carried on "I am sure a wife will be seen as an asset to Mr Hague's political profile."



## I.R.A THREAT

The I.R.A are going to try and abilitterate the British armed forces in the run up to the general election this warning came from Belfast councillor Reg Empey, only hours after a British soldier was injured in a grenade attack.





## And you thought Hamsters were cute...

On a recent Wednesday night, at the Pheasant in Sheffield, around two hundred people gathered with a mix of anticipation and, in my case at least, anxiousness. We were about to see a concert by The Hamsters, and whilst I'd been told they were exceptionally good, they're also exceptionally loud. We weren't disappointed.

The band are a three piece (base, drums, guitar and vocals) Blues - rock group with the guitarist providing surprisingly good vocals for someone who was swigging from a medicine bottle between songs. They played a variety of stuff including Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top covers. In late '95 he band did a Hendrix tribute tour to celebrate (celebrate?) his death and this year are planning a similar tour playing material by ZZ Top. The one disappointing thing was that I couldn't see much during the first half, though I had a great view of the back of the bassist's head. Finding this not especially interesting the second half found me in front of the stage, and an amplifier...

Up this close the guitarist's fluid and seemingly effortless guitar work was hard to miss (though spraying WD - 40 onto a guitar seems just slightly over the top...). A quick

## Sleeping as a serious hobby.

Why is it that I only ever seems to remember about my English homework at half past eleven? What strange force prevents me from remembering earlier? Why don't I go to sleep earlier, it's free, relaxing and beneficial, so why not get more of it?

The majority of people who suffer from a lack of sleep do so because they try to cram more and more into their day, and when something must give, it's usually sleep. Although the



glance at one of the gig guides scattered about the room revealed how hard the band work: five gigs a week until the end of May, and starting on the nineteenth of February, when I saw them, and if their performance on that night is anything to go by, their work has paid off.

In the middle of the last song things became slightly weird. The lights went off and the necks of both the guitar and the bass lit up, their owners then descended into the audience. Meeting up at the back of the room they exchanged instruments and returned to the stage playing them. After giving the drummer the bass the guitarist took over rhythm duties himself. They certainly ended the night with a bang and not a pzzzt.

And so it was with nurbed and ringing ears, and slight concern about whether I'd ever hear anything again, I left The Pheasant feeling I'd got my money's worth.

## Radio Ga? Ga?

The fifth of December saw a bunch of intrepid adventurers leave Wath at about eight O' clock and head for Sheffield. Each year a group of students from the school are taken by Mr. Haynes and Mrs. Pinto to Radio Sheffield where they are shown around and then given a chance to write and record a mock news broadcast. The journey there was uneventful, except for the fact that Mrs. Pinto had to be collected and we new the street but not the house. and so we arrived on time.

We were greeted by Jane Kitson, a sports presenter for the station, and she duly gave us a tour. This included visiting a recording studio and seeing how interviews are recorded and edited on computer and how it used to be done on a reel to reel tape recorder. Editing on computer is a lot easier than doing it with tape, you can replay things instantly and see exactly where you are. When editing reel to reel tape you have to mark where you want to start and stop - editing bits out by literally cutting them out with a razor blade! We also saw how jingles are played and saw Tony Capstick's chair!! (hold on to your hats there's more to come).

News from London is faxed to the building in the same room as the

journalist's computers and is also sent as a broadcast, which is taped. There are independent firms which employ people to sit in courts all day to find out what's happening and then sell their information to the Media. The building also includes a small television studio, which is big enough for one person. This allows presenters in the main studio interview people who aren't actually with them by having them in Radio Sheffield's studio.

A few minutes after this we found ourselves in a room with half a dozen press releases, writing (or trying to write) a newsbulletin. We had listened to a selection of broadcasts, all from the same day, by different stations. This allowed us to see the importance they gave to each news item, both by its length and the running order, which changed considerably for each station depending on the audience they expect to attract. We had to chose a press release each and from it write part of the broadcast. This basically meant editing bits of it out and making it easier to say: changing words which were difficult to pronounce and making sure that sentences weren't too long and had suitable punctuation.

The next step was to sort out the running order, deciding whether Oasis

How to have a good kip.

- Chose a bedtime that gives you the best amount of sleep, it varies for each individual.
- Have a healthy snack, it's harder to sleep when you're hungry.
- Avoid caffeine and tobacco, they are stimulants.
- Deal with any problems before going to bed.
- go to the toilet, it is hard to sleep with a full bladder.
- Read the rest of this page (only joking).

And remember, a good night's sleep means that you can go to school/work and enjoy every minute of it, possibly...



being subject to criticism for having CD boxes resembling cigarette packets was more important than a policeman being prosecuted for drinking driving, or rather, which was more interesting. Having done this we had a practise run in the studio, your voice sounds very different when you listen to it on tape, ordinarily you hear it not only through your ears but through vibrations inside your head. After we'd all stopped cringing we recorded the mock broadcast onto tape and played it back, including all the swallowing, coughing as well.

It was very interesting and enjoyable evening in which I learnt a lot about radio, both the technology involved and how it is organised. Jane Kitson obviously enjoys her job and has worked in radio since she was sixteen. It seems to be a job which you have to love, but this visit was a worthwhile experience. Oh, and by the way, apparently I've got to mention that you've got to listen to Radio Sheffield, so er... listen to Radio Sheffield.



By Stephen Butler

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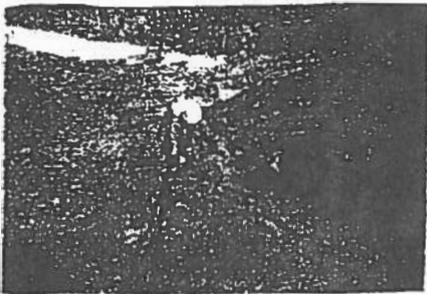
Welcome to the hobbies page, here you will find out about some new hobbies

## RADIO CONTROL FREAK!

When you take controls of an R.C car you just switch off from every thing else the buzz is phenomenal. The good thing about this particular hobby is that you can spend the amount of money you wish to spend on it anything from £250 to to £4000. The basic things that you need are a car (this comes in kit form but more about that later); a radio, some fuel and a glow plug.

### THE CAR

This comes as a kit and PREVIOUS CAR BUILDING OR ENGINEERING IS RECOMMENDED but the basic thing you need is patience. I own two cars a Schumacer Club ten electric and a Panda monster truck with a size ten engine and the Club Ten was definatley much easier to build but do not be put off they are not hard to build they cost about £160. You will also need a two channel radio set this costs £50-£60, some fuel only £15 a gallon you will also need a glow plug. Within two weeks you can have the car built and ready to drive. For the first few months only drive on grass or you will have some accidents. For the first few weeks run the engine rich and don't keep it on full throttle all the time or the engine will seize. Your local model shop is Williamsons of Bentley near Doncaster



## Kayaking Fact File

**WHEN:** Saturday Morning

**WHERE:** Rother Valley Country Park

**TAKE:** Swimwear and Old Footwear

**COST:** £3

**CONTACT:** (0114) 2471453

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## ON THE ROCKS

Most people in this school will have been on an outdoor pursuits trip with Mr Ashmore probably climbing this is what I am going to tell you about.

Rock climbing both indoor and outdoor is one of my hobbies. I climb inside at the Edge and outdoors all over for example Wharcliffe, Stanage and Burbage.

If you are going to start climbing your best bet is to go to an indoor wall and have a "Taster session" this usually costs about £10. If after that you are still interested you can then providing you are 14 or over take an intro course at the Edge for around £40 this will make you a member of the Edge. If you are 16 or over you can then take a test to get your Green card so that you can climb at the Foundry. But if you are not yet 14 DO NOT DESPAIR you can join the rock stars club at the Edge or go climbing with the school's climbing club or just go with an experienced climber. The basic equipment that you need for climbing indoors is a harness £40-£70, a belay device £10-£20 and a carabiner £5. If you want to climb outdoors you will need a rope £100 and some slings and carabiners altogether about £50. If you get serious you will need some rockboots £30-£100 and clothes £40.

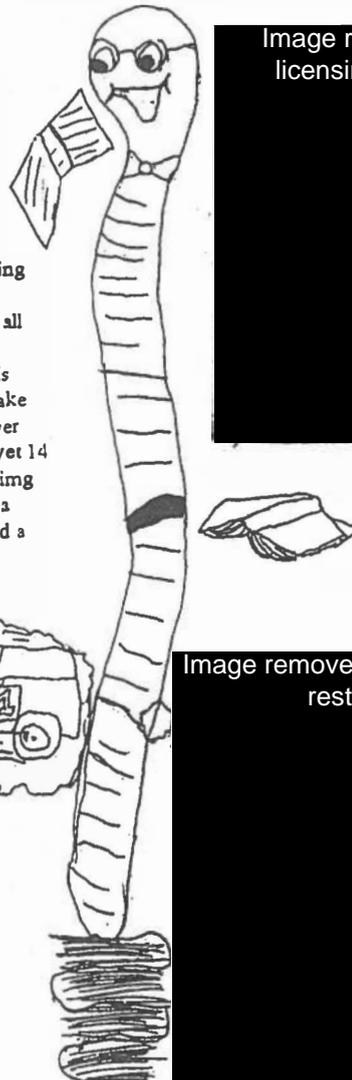


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## Have a read.

The English Department are always encouraging you to read, read, read, and thus, many of you may feel that this is a boring pursuit, just for boffins. Its not. The school library holds a stock of thousands of books, and a recent re-organisation has cleaned it up and made it more user-friendly. The library now incorporates an IT section, where pupils can type their coursework, and get information from a number of CD ROMs. In addition, hundreds of 'boring books' have been thrown out, and the library re-stocked with up to date novels by authors such as Judy Blume, and Betsy Byers, and . In addition, did you know that the library has the FULL Encyclopaedia Britannica in stock, which can provide information for almost any homework assignment. I will finish this article on a high note, however, with one word.

**READ** for your own good, not for anyone else's.

7 BY NEIL WATSON



# THE WATH CHRONICLE

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Welcome to the larking around page where you may participate in several competitions .  
 Also there are strange things which are going around in school which we have no control of.  
 (SEE BELOW AND ENJOY)



Each line below has several numbers and arithmetic symbols. Every line also has an equals sign. You are to make an equation of the numbers and signs in each line, using all of them once only. Here are three examples.

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 3 4 4 9 22 = - - x ()    9 - 3 = 22 - (4 x 4)

1. 2 3 3 8 = - +
2. 2 3 4 14 = - x
3. 4 5 7 8 = - ÷
4. 2 2 2 4 12 = - x x ()
5. 3 5 18 30 = ÷ ÷
6. 1 2 3 3 4 5 = + - x x ()
7. 2 2 2 3 5 = + - x x ()
8. 2 3 3 5 21 = - x ÷ ()
9. 3 3 4 6 15 = - ÷ ()
10. 2 2 2 3 3 5 = + + + x

1. Place some sticks like this :

$$VII - V = VI$$

This equation is not correct but you can make it correct by moving one stick to another position , using all 12 sticks with which you started with.

2. What do you sit on , go to sleep in and brush your teeth with ?

3. A cow is tied to a 30m rope in a large 1km<sup>2</sup> field . Over how large an area can the cow graze ?



## COLIN

THE GALACTIC SUPERTROOPER.  
 ON THE PLANET OF THE SLIMY BOGROTTERS!



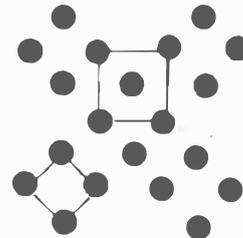
THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES ON PAGE 12....



Guess the teacher!  
 One of our staff has been caught monkeying around. An edible prize awaits the first person to tell us who!



## SQUARES



How many perfect squares can be made by joining the circles with straight lines so that a circle sits on each corner of a square?  
 (Two squares are shown, but there are many more). A prize goes to the person who finds the most.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ Squares in this pattern.

Please cut out, and return to the library to enter.

## BUILD THE TOWER!

T	O	W	E	R
▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
R	I	V	E	T

Find the link words (change one letter at a time) to turn rivet into tower. Only change one letter at a time, ie rivet - civet, and so on. All words must be real words.



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## Passport To Pakistan

When the letter arrived informing me that I had been successful in gaining a place on the expedition to Pakistan, I was extremely excited.

After making a presentation in front of the organisers explaining why I wanted to go, I waited anxiously to hear if I was to join the trip of a life time.

I first heard of the expedition in the spring of 1996 through an assembly notice. At first I didn't pay an awful lot of attention to it but I went to enquire about it. I received a pile of letters explaining the trip and the process for pupil selection through presentations. Since that time I have attained a place on the expedition and will be leaving for New Mirpur in Azad Kashmir, Pakistan in late April for two weeks.

The trip is being funded

by South Yorkshire Police and the idea is to develop links between the young people in the communities of Rotherham and New Mirpur. It will help develop an understanding of the culture in a different part of the world and hopefully develop racial understanding and harmony throughout Rotherham.

There are around twenty members of the expedition, twelve of those are students, including Judith Lakin who is in the lower sixth here at Wath, and myself of course. The adult members consist of Police officers and teachers, one of them being Mrs Morley. Our very own home economics, R.E. and social Science teacher.

Whilst in Pakistan we will be visiting schools and colleges in order to find out more about the way of life for people of our own age.



We will also be visiting Lakes, Glaciers, Ancient ruins and many other incredible sights.

When we return we will be expected to to lots of other children and adults throughout Rotherham, about the expedition, passing on our experiences and sharing our knowledge of the culture that we have encountered. It will be an invaluable chance to meet people in a very different part of the world, a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget.

By Lauren Campy.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

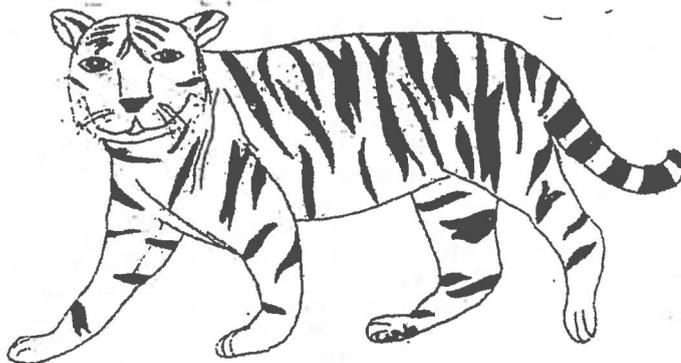
An asylum seeker was begging not to be deported. After he survived a ten hour flight from Delhi to London in the wheel of a Jumbo jet. Pardeed Saini survived despite lack of oxygen and temperatures as low as minus 60 degrees

centigrade. His brother Vinjay died after contracting hypothermia and falling 2000 feet to his death when the undercarriage was lowered to prepare for landing at Heathrow. Mr Saini was discovered stumbling across the tarmac towards the terminal. He is now being cared for by his uncle in London.

The Siberian Tiger is the world's largest cat. It is a beautiful animal that, like so many others today, is endangered because of mankind but the Siberian Tigers are one of the most critically endangered and they must be saved. At the latest count it is estimated that only 430 are alive today.

The Siberian Tiger is in danger because of many things. These things are poaching, habitat loss through forestry mining and their value. The poaching has been particularly bad for four straight years and in this time the Tigers population halved and this led to scientists predicting their extinction. They were killed for their body parts and their coats. The latest danger is the increase in forestry mining which is leading to the tigers losing all their habitats. Probably the main danger though is the tigers value. One tiger can now fetch up to \$15,000. This is how the poachers make their money and why they keep on poaching

## Tigers in Trouble



One Of The Last; by Richard Adams.

The Siberian Tigers are not helped by an illegal trade going on in China and S.E. Asia but there is still hope for this beautiful animal. Lately Russian and American scientists have been trying to increase numbers. The Russians have set up four Biosphere Reserves to protect wildlife habitats which have been funded by foreign money but are now being funded by the Russian Government, also in Russia the Tiger Decree aims to set up the worlds biggest

Wildlife Sanctuary. While in the University Of Idaho in the U.S.A. is working on The Siberian Tiger Project (Inventive Name!). Another positive sign is that illegal tiger hunting and trading in the Far East of Russia has dropped a lot. Although there is a lot of encouraging signs the tigers are not safe yet, and I still feel the tigers should be protected more. This could be done by better laws protecting the tiger and also by more money being put into the Projects

in Russia and America. I feel that these things are vital for the tigers survival. Even with the encouraging signs some professional poachers do still win the battle and hunt down the tigers. Russian authorities have now discovered a trade going on in Europe and America as well as the Far East trades. Until this is stopped the Siberian Tiger will hover around extinction. The Siberian Tiger is a beautiful creature and yet again I feel the need for tighter laws and

much harsher penalties. Otherwise the Siberian Tiger could be extinct by the millennium. This however must not be allowed to happen because the world's largest cat should be seen by all the future generations. For the moment at least the tiger lives on the edge of extinction Richard Adams Y8  
Is It A Bird? Is It A Plane?  
No Its Superman!

The new rollercoaster in America has just been announced as being the fastest in the world. It reaches speeds of 100mph as it is going to the top of a tower as you reach the top you become weightless. It is named **Superman!**

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## Have A Go at Avago!

Who fancies racing around a flat piece of tarmac on a piece of metal with four wheels and an engine, or, if you would prefer it, "Karting". Avago Karting is an indoor Karting track in Swinton on Whitlea Road. Simply turn up, pay your money and drive! For £3.50, on a weekday before 6:00pm, you can give the karts a good thrashing in a 5 lap practice followed by a 10 lap race. On weekends, it is slightly more expensive at £8.00, but if more than 6 lunatics turn up you get a go for a fiver. We went to try out the track and review it from the eyes of a beginner, and the eyes of an expert.

Beginner (Adam).

"I was completely unprepared when I arrived at the track. I hadn't the slightest idea what to expect. When I donned my protective gear, I was honestly expecting something akin to an Apollo mission. All the protective gear was given out, and a talk given on how to drive properly. Its not really that hard when you get going. Don't expect any miracle lap times when you first start. Twenty-five seconds is about an average time for a beginner. Remember that you have a brake, as well as an accelerator. I forgot about mine and ended up in the tyre wall. It's all right though if you do, because you can't really hurt yourself. There's always a Marshall to help you out anyway and, if you're lucky, there will be none of your friends there to laugh at you. I was really amazed at the acceleration. When I put my foot down I was squashed into the back of my seat. After about five laps I was starting to put my foot down and finding what my limits were. Another of the exciting things was skidding around the corners. Putting in as much power on as I could into the corner and just doing a skid round. Exciting? I got a kick every time I did one. The second time I went the excitement was the overtaking. I had all my sights set on overtaking someone, as there were some people who had never been before. Over taking plus skidding round a corner or accelerating down the straight is just the ultimate. I really enjoyed my Karting experience and hope to go again in future. My advice to you is get down there and "AV A GO".

Advanced (David).

Unlike the beginner I was completely prepared as I marched in with my full race suit, helmet, gloves and driving boots, as I have had 3 years previous experience at

various other tracks. The track looked good, so did the karts, powered by one Honda GX160cc engine, which seemed to have enough power for the short twisty circuit. The track was pretty challenging, but once you had learnt it, it seemed rather easy, but they are going to change it every month which should make things interesting. The real enjoyment for myself was to demoralise the opposition by beating them by at least five laps. This is because I really like to win. It seems to give me great pleasure whoever I win (even if some of the opposition are complete novices). I always strive to get the best out of my Kart. To do this I must enter the corner in a slide by jamming on the brakes and turning the steering sharply. I must exit, still in a full drift (sliding), but straightening out as I exit, and applying full throttle throughout this manoeuvre. You won't be able to do this straight away, but if you keep practising for eighteen months you will do it automatically. They may be starting a race school soon, so go along to that if you're interested.

### The Flags

Flags are important in racing. They are held up by those Marshall's. You know, those idiots standing in the tyre wall who seem to have a death wish (don't tell them we said so). A yellow flag means that there is an accident ahead and that you have to slow down to walking pace and NOT OVERTAKE (unlike some members of the school who shall remain nameless but is called Dan). I (the beginner) tried ignoring this and crashed. How incredibly embarrassing! The other one is the red flag, which means stop. This is the stopped stop. Not the stop where you keep trundling round trying to catch up with the leader. The green flags means that you're safe to return to full racing speed or continue the carnage.

To sum up, it's great fun really. Don't take it too seriously, but if you do win, kick some butt in the snack bar afterwards!

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## Hoop Dreams

### Basketball

Basketball is the world's most popular indoor sport. It is a good game for people with quick feet and quick hands, who can jump. It helps if you're tall. Basketball is a not contact sport. It requires its players to be very fit. There is a lot of running to do. With only ten players on court at any one time you get a lot of possession. It is not a specialist sport like football. There is no clear-cut defence or attack. Everyone does both.

Basketball now has a full professional league in England with teams like the Doncaster Panthers and the Sheffield Sharks based in South Yorkshire.

On a more amateur level to get you started, you could always go to the practices at 12:45pm on Wednesdays in the sports hall run by a group of sixth formers.

A basketball club is also run on Saturday mornings at Darfield Foulstone High School by Mr. Bert Beaumont and Mr. Dave Markham. The training sessions run from 9:00am to 11:30am for years 7 and 8 and from 11:30am to 2:00pm for years 9, 10 and 11. There is also a session for junior school kids from 9:00am to 11:30pm. It costs 50p and there are refreshments on sale. Also on sale are cut price pairs of basketball

boots, and Barnsley basketball T-shirts.

All you need to bring is a T-shirt and pair of shorts (or jogging bottoms if it's cold), a pair of trainers and 50p. If you get good you could be chosen to represent Barnsley at either U13 or U15 level. From there, who knows? Three of our year eight pupils have represented Barnsley Schools this year.

### Comet.

A comet called "Hale-Bopp" is currently in view in the northern sky. It is a brilliant astronomical spectacle and will be visible in all it's glory for the next month or so. It will not set again until the early hours of Wednesday 16th of April. During this time period it will vary in magnitude (brightness) from 0.5 to 0.6, meaning that it will outshine some of the dimmer stars. During this time period the comet's distance from Earth will be about 200-300 million km which is a lot further away from earth than the sun. The best time to see the comet will be from about 9:00pm in the evening until about 5:00am in the morning. Don't miss it. Astronomers say this will be "the best comet of the century." It will not return to view for another three thousand years.

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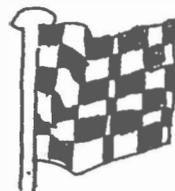


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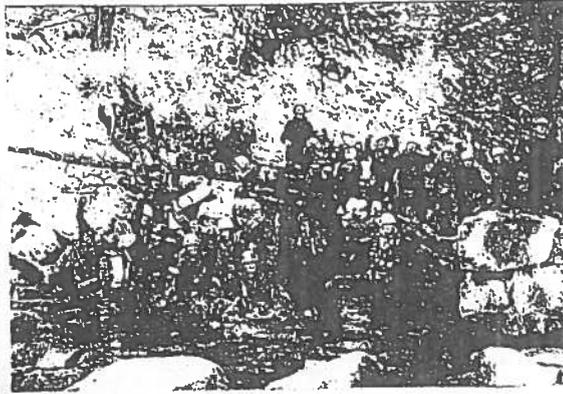
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You, as pupils at Wath Comprehensive School, are very lucky indeed. All Wath Comprehensive school pupils have the opportunity to go on any one of many school residential courses, and any one of these promises to be a good laugh, and excellent value for money. This page shows just some of the fun our pupils have been having all over the world!



A Kollercoaster of a time  
At Eurodisney



In deep water  
at Crowden,



Beach Boys



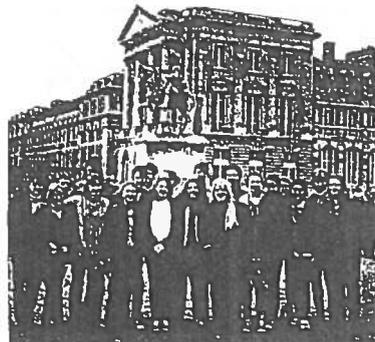
A trip down to the Somme.



Skiing their way home,



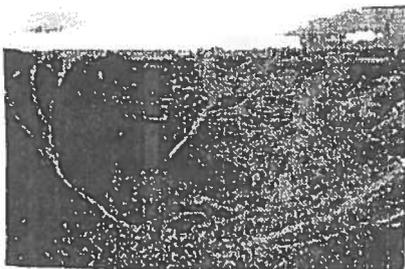
The Spanish department goes off to the  
sun with GCSE pupils.



The trip to Paris brought,  
good sight seeing.



Indiana Swift

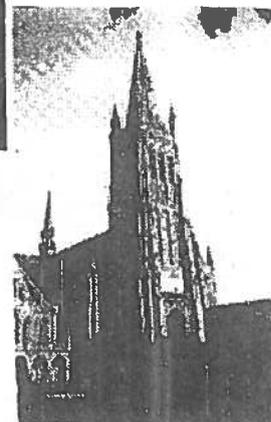


Loch Nagar  
(La Boiselle)  
Nr Albert  
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Golfing Pro's



The Cathedral at Ypres.  
(Before the Great War)

by Sean Townsend and Ian Watson

## Trip Log

This page just about sums up the all the trips of 95-96, but 1997 / 8 promises to be an even better year still, with trips to both Pakistan and America - Wath Comprehensive school really is going global!





## Bald future for Beauty Queen

Beauty Queen, Liz Taylor left hospital the other day after life saving surgery to remove a brain tumor. 65 year old Liz managed a smile after she emerged in to public view for the first time since the operation. She has shown an astonishing will to live and survive. She left the hospital with a shaven head and the scars from the surgery with no attempt to cover them up.

How many celebrities can you think of that would show the courage and bravery of Liz when she has suffered from so much agony in her life. She was born in 1932 with an imperfectly formed spine, condemning her to a lifetime of back pain. While she was filming Lassie in 1934, her foot was crushed by a horse. During the filming of National Velvet in 1944, a riding accident crushed a disc. She almost lost her sight in 1953 when a stone was thrown in to it. She fell on stairs in 1956 while on a cruise, which meant she had to have an operation to transfer bone from her pelvis to the spine. In 1959

Taylor Made For Disaster, Liz Taylor, 65, Tumor Removed. Charlotte Fawkes



she was admitted to hospital twice for a throat operation and pneumonia. In 1961, she had another pneumonia emergency, she had a tracheotomy and at one stage was pronounced dead. She suffered facial injuries in car crash in 1962 which followed gynaecological surgery. She severed an artery in her arm in 1973 after slipping beside a swimming pool. In 1975, she was put in to traction after a spinal operation. A double dose of trouble happened in 1976 after she fell from a horse and later from a motor

car crash in 1982 which caused neck and leg injuries. She collapsed in 1988 after compression fracture of vertebra which reduced her to wheelchair access. In 1990 she was close to death again through pneumonia and pleurisy.

She had a hip replacement in 1994 because of Chronic osteo-arthritis followed by a hip operation in 1995 and now finally, the removal of a brain tumor. For Liz however, life must go on and she is determined to carry on with normal life but to take it easy at the same time.

## HOROSCOPES

PISCES (20 February-20 March)

Someone very close to you surprises you with a suggestion concerning the summer of '97. Go along with their idea to save yourself from upset in the future.

ARIES (21 March-20 April)

Your outgoing nature gets you into trouble soon; so be careful. But don't let this spoil plans in your social calendar.

TAURUS (21 April-21 May)

An overseas visitor causes trouble between you and your loved one, but tread carefully, things may not be as they seem.

GEMINI (22 May-21 June)

You're not usually self conscious, but recent events have put you off relationships, try to relax and take life as it comes.

CANCER (22 JUNE-22 JULY)

It's time to settle down to some work and concentrate on your future, an important decision needs to be made and only you can make it.

LEO (23 July-22 August)

Things are going really well for you at the moment and will continue to do so until June, don't take everything for granted though, help someone out once in while.

VIRGO (23 August-22 September)

You might feel left out when a friend falls in love, be happy for them and wait for that special someone.

LIBRA (23 September-22 October)

You need to face up to your responsibilities and start a fresh, watch out for people taking advantage of your new good nature though.

SCORPIO (23 October-21 November)

Money troubles are on the way and impulsive spending now will be regretted later, so be careful.

SAGITTARIUS (22 November-20 December)

Some problems at school are getting you down. Don't be afraid to speak out and tell someone who can help.

CAPRICORN (21 December-19 January)

It's a busy time at the moment but you're still smiling. Carry on with the good work and it will pay off.

AQUARIUS (20 January-19 February)

Things look bad when you are issued with an ultimatum, but a with bit of compromise on your part and things will turn out fine.

By Cosmic Keith

with any luck they may hit our stores just before Christmas. Better start queueing!

By Helen Ratcliffe

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It's a fact that this is the 6th red nose day!

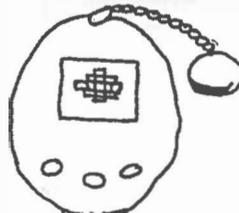


## New Craze Hits Japan!

The Japanese have always been world leaders in technology and the latest craze to sweep their country is no exception. Demand for this product is so high that over 2,000 people recently queued outside Hakuinkai toy park in Ginza for up to 16 hours before the store was due to open. 300 of them left disappointed as supply soon vanished. The product

that has caused this mini hysteric is called Tamagochi, it is a small L.C.D game in which you have the experience of raising a virtual pet. Ok for the lazy pet owners among us you might think but not so you must feed your pet regular meals and snacks, take it for walks and treat it the way you would a real pet. In fact if you don't clean up after your pet it could get sick and die. Its character is also determined by the care of the owner. The pet is a fascination in itself,

its neither a dog or a cat and can mutate to take on a different appearances and personality depending on how you care for it. A Tamagochi will grow a year older every night, and the average life span of a



Tamagochi: The new virtual sensation.

Tamagochi is around 20 years but some say they can live up to the age of 99. But don't get too upset if your pet dies, just press the reset button and you have a new pet. Each game is on a key-ring and has a built in clock. no wonder you cant go into any classroom without seeing many students busy caring for their pets. Look more closely and you will find some of the teachers are hooked too. The Bandai company cannot keep up with the demand for Tamagochi but who knows,



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## Poor puppy!

Puppy farming has become a big business over recent years and something needs to be done to abolish the mass breeding of puppies for profit.

Puppy farms are more like battery farms than professional, well kept kennel. Thousands of dogs are born in cow sheds and shacks all over England.

Families that go to buy puppies, think that they're buying a well-bred dog but if they are originally from a puppy farm, they may have serious health and behavioural problems.

All the puppies are kept in cramped conditions, after being taken from their mothers too early on in life. The pups are also denied exercise.

Bitches are bred and interbred inside the farm until they can't reproduce anymore. All they can see is four walls of dark, damp pens, conditions are extremely harsh.

Puppies are big business, at around £250 each and although they may look



happy when shown in pet shops their history can lead to aggressiveness in later life. They have been wrenched from their mothers as soon as they're weaned and then herded, miles away.

If you are thinking of buying a puppy then try to see it with its mother to give you some idea of its health and background. Don't buy from an unlicensed establishment or a pet shop, where a puppy may have come from a puppy farm. For more information on how you can help, send a first class S.A.E to:

RSPCA enquiries department, Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex RH12

## Joe Kinnear and his Amazing Technicolour Democrat



I was on the point of being transported from my footballing contemplations by an ingeniously placard-based interchangeable five scene set and Rebecca Uttley's stunning lead vocals when, by a cruel twist of fate, Joseph's brothers enter in blue and white with "Sanderson" emblazoned like a personal taunt on their chests.

Searching for some deeper meaning behind this choice of costume, (the brothers sold in Joseph the most valuable asset they have!), I finally left Wath for ancient Egypt, but not for long.

As the set and music took on a distinctly Wild West air, I wondered if the sight of Mr Storer singing in the choir was a desert mirage. The States theme continued with Elvis the Pharaoh rocking the stage with a hip-swivelling, sideboard-pricking rendition of his dreams (a ha ha!).

Still wiping my eyes after Wednesday's humiliatingly (and some might say self-inflicted) defeat at the hands of Wimbledon this week, it was with little enthusiasm that I took my seat for the lower school production of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". As the show started my mind was still re-living that fateful evening, those defensive slips. That guy Wittingham...

The overture thumped out by the impressively polished live musicians went some way towards assuaging my woe, and my foot ventured a tentative tap as I recognised the old favourites.

The profusion of red, white and blue was reminiscent of the cringingly patriotic pre-election conferences of the Democrat Party, and I found myself glancing apprehensively at the ceiling waiting for an avalanche of balloons.

I was put at my ease by a powerfully delicate performance by Chole Fairman in the role of Joseph, and come the encores I was joining in the dancing in the isles.

Walking home I was carefree and comforted with the thought that Wednesday evening had cured me of Wednesday's woes.

Chris Watkin



# REVIEWS



## SPICE GIRLS—MAMA WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE

You'll know these songs already if you got the album. The video for Mama has got the Spice Girls and their mums on. The Comic Relief video for who do you think you are has got the Spice Girls featuring a new band called the Sugar Lumps. The Sugar Lumps are Jennifer Saunders [Geri], Dawn French [Victoria], Lulu [Emma], Llewella Gideon [Mel B] and Kathy Burke [Mel C]. The songs are both very catchy.

## ETERNAL—DO YOU LOVE ME

They've been away for a bit but their back and sounding great! It's got an American thyme to it with police siren, children singing and old fashioned harpsichord going on in the background.

## PETER ANDRE—NATURAL

Natural is a fast summer time feeling track, like Flava by that oily man Mr Andre. It's a title track off the album Natural with Pete in fine voice and lots of little noises going off in the background.

## BOYZONE—ISN'T IT A WONDER

This has got to be the best out of all these singles its sure to be another number 1 hit for the boys, it's got a good beat going on in the background while Ronan with his great voice takes lead with the rest of the boys doing great backing vocals.

## KULA SHAKER—HUSH

This is another brilliant hit from those talented lads. It was originally sung by a band called Deep Purple. It's not as good as their own tunes, but it's still brilliant. It's sure to reach the top 5 in the charts.

## Ransom

Starring:

Mel Gibson, Rene Russo

Mel is a billionaire who has decided whether or not to pay the ransom when his son is kidnapped. He decides not to pay it. It will keep you on the edge of your seat but you can't help thinking that you have seen it all before. It is a great action film and has some brilliant special effects.

Rating: \*\*\*\*

- \*\*\*\* = Excellent
- \*\*\* = Very Good
- \*\* = Good
- \* = Not that Bad
- \* = Terrible

## That Thing You Do

Starring:

Johnathon Schaech, Liv Tyler, Tom Hanks

This film is written, produced and stars Tom Hanks. Set in the 60's it tells the tale of a boy band's rise to the top and their sudden slump to the bottom after just one hit. The group are called the Wonders, with the gorgeous Johnathon Schaech as the lead singer. This is a great film to see if you want to go hunk hunting and is also good if you want to see a romance film. The good points come when the band first get together and get some fans, but it soon plummets to boredom. The bad bits are that it goes on and on, Liv Tyler has a pointless role and the ending is very disappointing.

Rating: \*\*\* Certificate 12

## In love and war

Starring:

The gorgeous Chris O'Donnell, Sandra Bullock

Chris plays an injured World War One writer Ernest Hemingway who falls for his nurse. Unfortunately for him, she doesn't feel the same way. Never mind Chris, I'm here for you love! Anyway the cute thing is that Chris and Sandra make a cute couple, but it's a bit weepy so have the tissues handy.

Rating: \*\*\*\* Certificate 15

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# GOSSIP PAGE

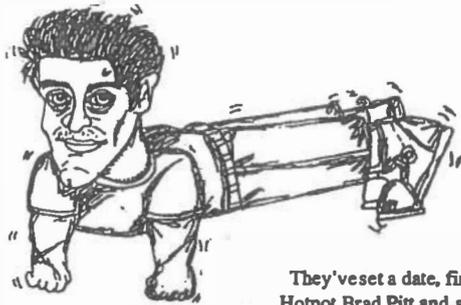
Welcome to the newest edition to the Wath Chronical, the 'Gossip page'.

Here you can find all the latest, the best and the coolest showbiz goss!!!!

I'll even include a few fan club addresses every now and then just to keep you busy.

Well here we go... Hope you enjoy reading!

Matt Le Blanc has gained a slight weight problem at the moment and has turned to sexy superman Dean Cain to help shed those unwanted pounds.



Paul Nicholls, our homegrown saucepot has had a very generous payrise, £5,000 for another year on EastEnders. Ladies if you get yer mitts on him then you've just gained £80,000 a year!

Julia Roberts, the poor lass!. The Pretty Woman star posed for John Kennedy Jr's upbeat mag GEORGE covered in silver paint-when it came to washing the stuff off, it refused to budgel Poor Jules had to stay at home till it faded!

O! Mads is getting a little overprotective at the moment. Mads has bought a lifelike doll as a decoy to protect little Lourdes.

Mads leaves with the doll at the front, while the nanny and Lourdes go out the back!

Louise just keeps on being spotted out with Jamie Redknapp on the town. But apparently they're just 'good friends'.

Watch out for Blur's Damon in his movie debut in Face, with Robert 'Hamish Macbeth' Carlyle. Wonder if it's as good as the singing?

Paula Hanson has just landed the job of the century, looking after Paul Nicholls! all day, everyday. It seems that things have got a little out of hand with the girlie fans.

They've set a date, finally! Hotpot Brad Pitt and angel Gwyneth Paltrow have put us out of misery by announcing their wedding date.

Gwyneth has also got into the habit of hinting suggestions, in a big way. She turned up at the set of Brad's new film with a present-a baby buggy!

Courtney Cox is considering plastic surgery to keep on looking good. After seeing her new film Scream, she decided that the wrinkles around her eyes were 'horrible'!

Gorgeous beef cake Keanu Reeves is not available any more! The sexy superstar has grabbed hold of Amanda De Cadenet and won't let go!!!!

The new Batman Movie is out soon, but poor ol'George Clooney and Alicia Silverstone have been banned from eating sweets while filming, so they can fit into their skin-tight costumes. Anyone spotted giving them sweets will be fined \$25!!!!



Pammy, the Baywatch babe's bin was sorted through recently, and it was found full of coke cans, chocolate wrappers, crisp packets and Vodka bottles (empty of course!). But what we want to know is how does she keep in shade???

Speaking of Pamela Anderson, our sexy Prince William has ripped down the posters of Pammy and has replaced them with pics of those five native wild lasses the SPICE GIRLS!!!



Everyone's saying that Peter Andre's pecs are plastic, well now you too can have pecs like Peter's with the launch of the Peter Andre doll at the

end of the year. Peier, who doesn't like his legs, has insisted that the little Pete wears trousers.



Little miss prime, Chelsea Clinton has been doing her thang on Broadway recently. Star of a musical it seems. It actually looks like she likes the SPICE GIRLS, as she was doing a Geri dressed in a short American flag dress!!!!



Here are a few addresses to keep you busy:

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USA C/O Amblin Entertainment  
100 Universal Plaza  
Bungalow 477  
Universal City  
California CA91608

Tom Cruise  
C/O PMK 955  
Carrillo Drive  
No 200  
Los Angeles  
CA 90048  
USA

Sleeper  
PO Box 585  
Sheffield  
S1 2YQ

Spice Girls  
Freepost  
PO Box 859  
London  
SW11 4BR

Well thats all for this issue, see ya next time.

## JEANS!

How much do you pay for your Levis? A pair of jeans have been bought by Levi Strauss and co, for 38,000 to exhibit them in their San Francisco. The faded 100 year old jeans were found in remarkably good condition. They belonged to a colorado miner (who probably paid 80p for them).

## SHOES!

Putting a spring in your step this year may be a little tricky. Skimpy clothes and massive shoes are in. The Spice Girls began this fashion statement when they all bought shoes which were bigger than their dresses. Wedges and platforms in all shapes and sizes are in for spring and if you don't have any GO AND BUY SOME! they are a sound investment, as your parents will tell you- "I used to wear a pair like those ones", so if you save them your kids may be able to make use of them in the future.

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## EXPEDITION TO THE ARCTIC

This year, last month, two experienced British explorers set off on a two leg Arctic Expedition. They started from the Arctic Cape on the 5th of February and they aim to reach Ward Hunt island on June 5th. But before the expedition can even start the men had to train. This training took seven months from August 1996 to February 1997 just before the expedition set off. This training took place in the Lake District where the team also co-ordinated the preparation of the equipment. In mid February the team set off for their exciting journey. This was only a plane flight to Moscow to meet the film crew but in some way in symbolised the beginning of this long and tiring expedition. The

'Fracture Zone' the doctor and business partner will have to travel another 430 nautical miles. This will take the team across broken terrain until they reach the North Pole. A few of the obstacles faced will be 'leads' these are areas of water where the pans of ice have broken. To overcome this problem the team have decided to make a rafting system with their sledges. The 'leads' are crossed instead of circumnavigated. The team is going to take advantage of all the natural things. For instance the team are going to take advantage of the prevailing winds. They will do this by using two parawings to pull themselves and their sledges across the open sections of the ice. The parawings act like plane wings when they are filled

because of quite a few factors. For a start the load will be getting lighter all the time, another helpful thing will be that the sun, instead of being out for just four hours will be out all the time. This is of course the Midnight Sun. Another benefit will be The Transpolar Driftstream which will assist the team up to 8 miles a day. However, the team does have one final obstacle in their way. This is the final 60 miles when they must cross the 'pressure ridges'. These are barriers of ice created when the current of ice smashed against the coast of Greenland and other similar countries. I think the team should be able to complete this task quite easily. In June this year the expedition will hopefully come to an end. This will be after approximately 100 days and after the team has covered approximately 936 nautical miles. When the team do reach Ward Hunt Island there's sure to be some welcome! The only other thing I can say is good luck to the team!

Richard Adams Y8



team was then flown out to Severnaya Zemlya to set up a small camp. The first proper leg of this journey will take Dr. Stephen Martin and David Mitchell from the Arctic Cape to the North Pole. This leg is estimated to take until May. Over the first 50 to 100 nautical miles the men will cross over an area called the 'Fracture Zone'. This is an area of thin ice where the Polar Ice Caps meet land. The area is very cold with temperatures as low as minus 40C and that's in the day time! Another hindrance, is at the start of the expedition, there will only be four hours of daylight. After they have past the

with air and this will take the people over the open areas. When the team change the tension on the control lines they can move up or down. The team should reach the North Pole after about 70 days of travelling. In this time the team will have covered a total of approximately 518 nautical miles. You would have thought that this was a pretty good achievement but the two Brits will then plod on with the second leg of their journey. The second leg of their journey will take the team to Ward Hunt Island. This will again be roughly 418 nautical miles long. However the pair expect this to be a much easier leg

## GNVQ's

Why choose G.N.V.Q? G.N.V.Q courses have proved very popular with students who enjoy the variety, flexibility and independence they offer. They give students an opportunity to work on their own and as part of a team; to do short projects and longer assignments and to take more responsibility for their own learning as never before. Students gain experience in the workplace and are able to see the relevance of what they're learning to life after school. Work is assessed by coursework and short tests as they go along, giving them targets to work towards.

What kind of placement? The answer is - virtually any; Rotherham Managing Agency ensure that requests for work placement are Justified.

Rebecca Murphy is a yr 12 student at Wath who is studying G.N.V.Q Intermediate Health and Social Care here at Wath Comprehensive School. We asked her about the course she is following, she said "I enjoy the small group situation with Mrs Bowes, regular short tests constant targets keeps me on my toes. My present work experience at Rawmarsh Sandhill Nursery is giving me an insight into whether I would like to teach in the future. I have applied to Thomas Rotherham College to do an Advanced G.N.V.Q in Health and Social Care. Hopefully that could lead me on to teacher training or university."

Two of the G.N.V.Q's on offer at Wath include Health and Social Care and Business Studies. Mr Trevor Bagaley and Mrs Jennifer Bowes presently organise these two courses as part of a joint venture between Wath Comprehensive and R.M.A Rotherham Managing Agency. This is called TIME OUT

## GNVQ

How 'TIME OUT' works Students are given the opportunity to spend part of the week in school doing chosen courses, the rest of the week involves work placement organised through R.M.A.



### A VOCATIONAL VIEW

Piloted in 1992, GNVQs; a new option for students in 14 vocational areas. Each GNVQ focuses on an area of work, such as business, or health, or engineering, and is offered at 3 levels: -FOUNDATION LEVELS, which is broadly equivalent to four GCSEs at grade d and below, and is usually a one-year full time course. Foundation students take 3 mandatory vocational units, 3 optional vocational units and level one key skills units in communication, appreciation of number or five and I.T.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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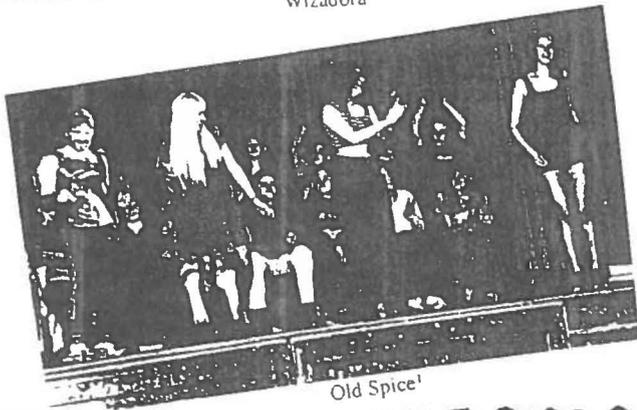
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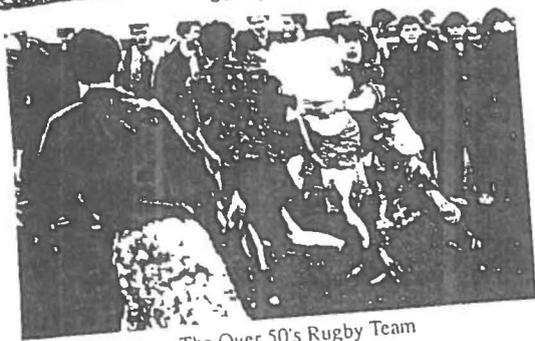
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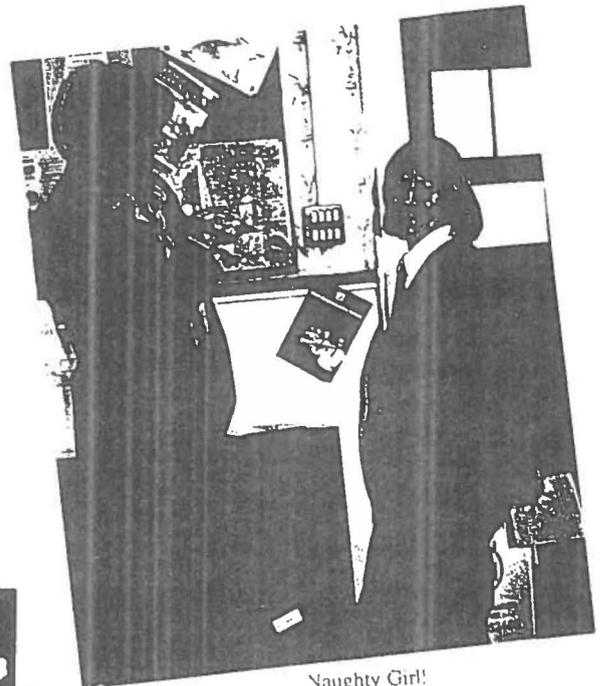
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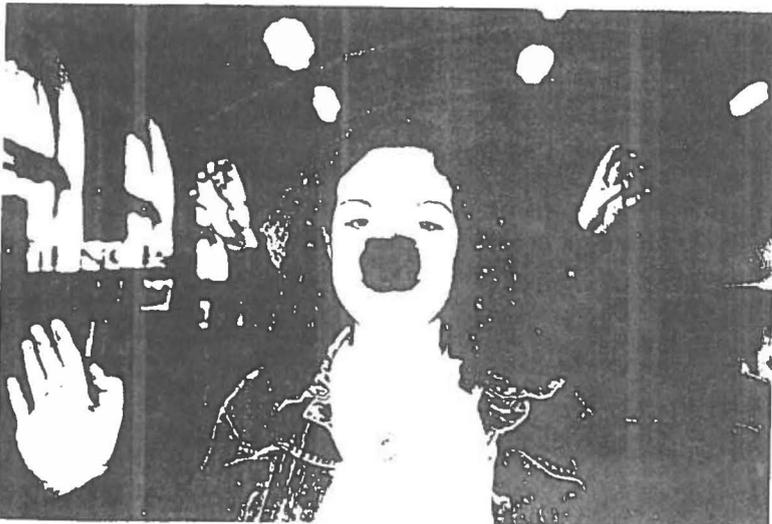
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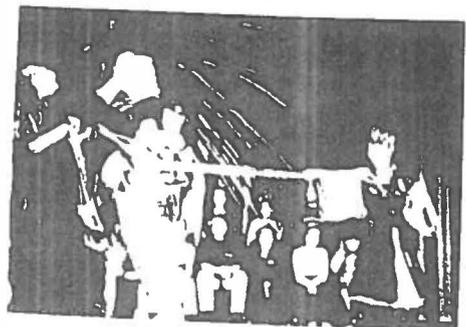
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Naughty Girl!



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## F1 REVIEWS

The F1 World Championships started in earnest this month with the Australian Grand Prix. After a shock win for McLaren and both the Williams' crashing out, what for the rest of the season?

### The Disappointments of Melbourne

Four teams were very disappointing: Benetton, Jordan, Williams and Arrows. Benetton, at the top of our list of failures were very bad in qualifying and also in the race itself, with one retirement and a 4th place finish. They showed speed and promise in pre-season tests but all this went out of the window in Australia.

Jordan also promised much with their pre-season tests, claiming that they had found 20% more downforce on their cars which they said was worth about two more seconds a lap. This should have put them right at the front challenging with Williams in qualifying, but lowly grid positions were the norm. Both cars retired in the race.

The two Williams had a brilliant qualifying session with both cars on the front row of the grid. The race though was an anti-climax with Villeneuve going out on the first corner, Frenzen losing the lead through a bad second pitstop and then having to retire through an exploded brake disk.

Arrows were a little disappointing starting on the last row of the grid after Damon Hill was fairly confident about qualifying in the top ten. This high grid position was wishful thinking as he ended up only just qualifying in 20th position. His team mate, Pedro Diniz, had to put in an appeal to get into the race when he didn't make the 107% qualifying group. The race was even worse as Hill didn't even make round the parade lap. An electronic throttle failure

meant he couldn't start the race.

### The Surprises of Melbourne

Some of the more mediocre teams were quite surprising: McLaren, Ferrari and Sauber. McLaren were the sensation of the race. David Coulthard took his first win for McLaren and his first since 1995. Mika Hakkinen took third place for an eight point lead for McLaren in the Constructors Championship.

M. Schumacher has played down the performance of his Ferrari but from 3rd place on the grid he grabbed the second place spot with Frenzen crashing out, even though he had to do a short third stop for fuel. Eddie Irvine was impressive in qualifying, but he retired early in the race after a clash with Villeneuve.

Sauber, with last years Ferrari engine, were amazing in qualifying with Johnny Herbert 5th on the grid until the last two minutes when he was

pushed down to 7th. Nicola Larini was not so impressive in qualifying but he scraped a point out of the race. Johnny Herbert had an super start in the race, up to 3rd from 7th, but it all ended on the first corner when he tangled with Villeneuve. This was a especially good race as the Sauber was late to be launched so little testing had been done.

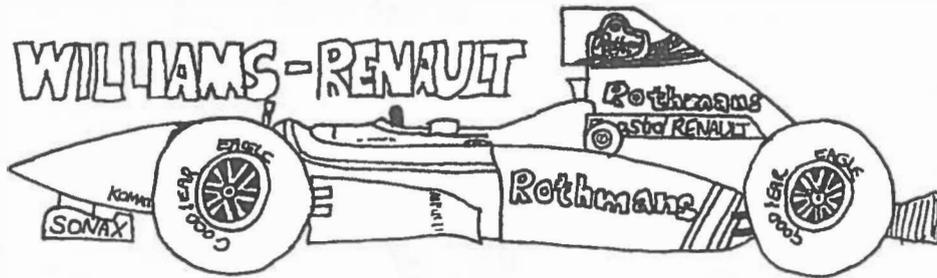
Minardi qualified and finished 9th in the race!!!! Pedro Diniz finished in the off-the-pace Arrows!!!!

For the championship we still sav Villeneuve but

with strong challenges by Frenzen, M. Schumacher and possibly Coulthard.

Williams for the Constructors Championship. This looks the most secure prediction but Ferrari, McLaren and the ever improving Sauber may spoil the party.

Adam Ardron and David Beckett in Melbourne, Australia.



### Honda Prokart Challenge

Scaling down a tadde from Formula 1 the Honda Prokart challenge is due to start in April. Karting is a motorsport where a lot of the greats. Micheal Schumacher, David Coulthard, Olivier Panis and many other household names started their motorsport career with this sport. Some of our schools pupils are into the sport and have accumulated many trophies (see Have A Go At Avago on page 10). This competition for children 16

and under is a good starting point for moving up to other stages. The Challenge will have two rounds at Wombwell near Barnsley as well as other various venues around the country. Xeramic Lubricants, Arai Helmets and Dunlop Tyres are sponsoring the challenge. The rounds are as follows :

- April Sunday 27th Cadwell Park-Lincolnshire
- May Sunday 25th Rye House-Hertfordshire
- June Sunday 8th Wombwell-South Yorkshire
- June Sunday 22 Langbaugh-Tyne and Wear
- July Sunday 27 Fulbeck-Lincolnshire
- August Sunday 10 Chasewater-Staffordshire
- August Sunday 24th and Monday 25th Rowrah-Cumberland
- September Sunday 6th Lydd-Kent



### September Sunday 14th Wombwell-South Yorkshire

Adam Ardron and David Beckett

## News

Ex England and Sheffield Wednesdays star Chris Waddle has been refused the chance to move to Premier League team Nottingham Forest. Forests manager wished Waddle good luck but the Yorkshire team eventually blocked his move due to a contractual technicality.

It has been revealed that Dennis Bergkamp has signed a £2million contract. The star has spent the last week putting the finishing touches to an advertisement for his new boot.

### Boban For United

According to reports in Italy Manchester United are set to put in a bid for the 28 year old midfielder Zvonimir Boban. The midfielder has played a key part in the A.C. Milan side for the last five years and helped them to win the European Cup in 1994. Milan however may be willing to sell to make room for the Czech Radek Bejbl of Atletico Madrid. Boban is respected throughout Europe for the key part he played in the Croatian side during Euro '96. He led the side to the quarter-final.

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## SCHOOL SPORT UPDATE

### NETBALL

Y10 are doing well in netball, they are winning the Rotherham league so far and just lost out in the final of a Rotherham tournament to Wickersley by 1 point.

Y11 aren't doing so badly themselves as they have only lost 2 matches this season to Maltby and Old Hall.

We have two South Yorkshire representatives in Becky Nicol (Under 18) and Frances Leighton (Under 16).

### HOCKEY

Y7 are competing in their first tournament tonight.

Y8 Our hockey team are looking very promising for the future, only losing once to Wales.

Y9 The third year team are top of the indoor league.

Cath Guy and Cath Dysa both play for South Yorkshire Under 14's, and they both attend the Hockey Centre Of Excellence at Blackpool.

Y10 are top of the league so far and have yet to lose a game.

Y11 are also top of the league in both indoor and outdoor hockey. They lost

their first outdoor league game in two years against Dinnington and indoor they still remain unbeaten.

Our Rotherham representatives are:  
Jodie Shepherd  
Jayne Longden  
Emma Bower  
(All at Under 16 level)

Rachel Oxer  
Becky Nicol  
Vicky Ellis  
Jo Catling  
(All at Under 18 level)

South Yorkshire  
Cath Guy  
Cath Dyson  
(Both Under 14)

Jodie Shepherd Under 16

Becky Nicol  
Vicky Ellis  
Joe Catling  
(All at Under 18)

### CROSS COUNTRY

Anna Grant, Cheryl Ryan and Amy Ridsdale all represent Rotherham at the South Yorkshire tournament. Anna Grant was the individual champion in the Junior Girls Rotherham League.

### WATER POLO

Frances Leighton represents Great Britain in the Under 17 team.

### DANCE

Former pupils Emma Roache and Nicola Jackson are dancing on a cruise

**Budweiser**

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## SCHOOL SPORT

### Budweiser Basketball league.

As the final draws ever closer, the crowds get ever larger. A record crowd of 10,300 was recorded at the Binningham v Sharks match last week.

In way of Budwieser finals, the Moneys on the Sharks with their win over the London Towers on the 13th, the way is paved for their glory. Some may say that there is strong opposition from teams such as the Jets, Towers and Leopards, but the latter is the only one with any chance of glory. Their win at Thames Valley gave them the extra points, but they've played more matches than anyone else to date, this means that they have to put the brakes on their matches, and pray that everybody else loses to Hemel.

The Binningham Bullets made a stealthy job of getting to the top few of the League, but are likely to plummet back down again by the hand of the 'not-at-all-impressed-by-little-sneaks' London Towers.

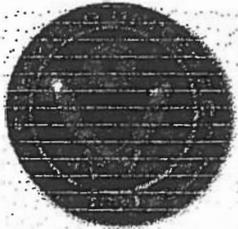
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## LOCAL FOOTBALL



## Steel City Football.

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Full Time  
Sheffield Wednesday 2  
Sunderland 1

Att 20,294

Mark Fennell at  
Hillsborough



### Independent Supporters Club Have Their Say.

As Rotherham United's future seems destined to be in division 3, so the fans decided to hold a meeting in the local Trades pub to air their views on the struggling team. Phil Henson, the Chief Executive said, "It was a worth while exercise and it did do some good for both sides". Not only Phil Henson attended the meeting, Chief Coach Danny Bergara and Commercial Manager Dave Nicholls were also present. However, Ken Booth, The Chairman could unfortunately not attend the meeting as he had a prior engagement.

### Place: Millmoor

Fellow strugglers Notts County come to Millmoor with little to gain as both clubs look destined to be relegated.

County manager, Sam Allard has admitted that they will need a miracle not to drop.

Former Miller in this game is Chris Wilder who will probably step in to the shoes of Gary Strodder who will be serving his second game of his three match suspension.

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### JAN'S THE MAN FOR UTD

Fratton Park  
Portsmouth 1  
Sheffield Utd 1

### Teams....

Portsmouth-Knight, Igoe, Thompson, McLoughlin, Perret, Awford, Hall, Simpson, Bradbury, Svensson, Hillier  
Subs-Durnin, Burton, Dobson

Sheffield Utd- Kelly, Short, Nilsen, Hutchison, Spackman, Holdsworth, White, Patterson, Fjortoft, Katchouro, Ward  
Subs-Sandford, Tracey, Walker

Sheffield Utd had to battle long and hard for a well earned point against an on form Pompey side at Fratton Park.

Portsmouth dashed the Blades's hopes in the 19th minute when Hall broke the deadlock after a well blocked shot from United. Hutchison keyed up his shot which looked goal bound until veteran keeper Knight blocked the shot to send Portsmouth on the counter attack, the ball was quickly swept to Hall downfield where he advanced on Kelly before cleanly striking the ball into the net.

Portsmouth at this point were looking the better side and the more likely to score again. Careless defending let in Bradbury, he took Kelly on and bet him, only to see the ball come back off the face of the upright.

Then a mistake by Portsmouth defender Perret, let in Katchouro, Perret made a real mess of what should have been a simple back pass to Knight and Katchouro latched onto the ball to find that Knight had again made a fine save with his legs. This was proving to be a good spell for United.

Halftime Portsmouth 1  
Sheffield United 0

There was an instant attack from Portsmouth straight after the half time break when Simpson worked hard to force a corner on the left. As the ball was struck towards the far post Simpson was again the man involved as he teed up his shot, but sliced the ball wide of the right hand post.

Howard Kendall's side showed a great improvement throughout the second half with Patterson shooting from all angles and Katchouro weaving his way into shooting positions. The Blades looked more and more dangerous as the second half went on and it looked only too obvious as United got their reward in the 54th minute, when a long ball forward made the Portsmouth defence put the ball into touch. A famous long throw in by Roger Nilsen was picked up on the left by Fjortoft who turned and volleyed the ball into the net with a sensational shot making his tally five for the Blades. Suddenly United looked a different team and were attacking the Portsmouth

goal for the full remaining 36 minutes. The home side had to re-organize their defence to keep the new look sharp Blades at bay. Only a fantastic one handed save by Knight prevented White from taking all three points back to Sheffield, White's superb shot was again blocked after a great header from Fjortoft, if it was not for Knight Portsmouth would have been destroyed by a highly spirited United team. Fulltime Portsmouth 1  
Sheffield United 1-  
attendance 12,715.



Last night Dejan Stefanovic blasted home a 63rd minute winner to keep Wednesday's hopes of getting into Europe alive. The £2million defender who's goals are as rare as his bookings made a run from out of no where to pop in the winner.

This victory put Wednesday up into 5th, their highest position since September. They are also level on points with Newcastle. This helped the team to get over Sunday's shock exit in the 6th round of the F.A. Cup to Wimbledon.

Before the match Pleat had to make two changes to the team that played on Sunday because of the ankle injuries to Jon Newsome and Graham Hyde, they will both be out for the rest of the season. This meant recalls for Lee Briscoe and Dejan Stefanovic.

Wednesday still looked to be asleep in the first half when Kevin Ball gave Sunderland a deserved 28th minute lead, but Wednesday fought back to level the score four minutes before the end when David Hirst gave the team an encouraging equaliser.

In the second half Wednesday were transformed. Des Walker twice had to be alert of Craig Russell's quick breaks and responded timely. The tension was rising when Hirst was

booked for a late challenge on Dariusz Kubicki who needed treatment before returning to the game. Wednesday battled on and were rewarded with a 63rd minute winner by their £2million defender Stefanovic.

The first shot came in from Pembridge and was vainly parried away into the path of Stefanovic who buried the ball in the back of the net.

Wednesday put pressure on Sunderland for the remainder of the second half and always looked like coming out the winners.



## FOOTBALL



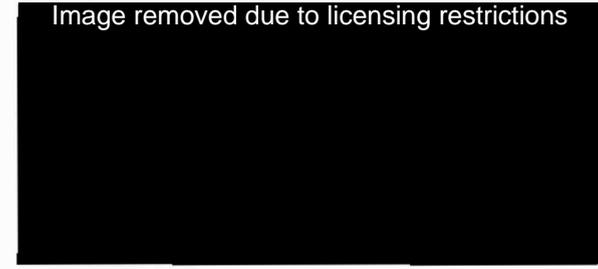
### REDFEARN IS DOUBLE TROUBLE!!

Referee R J Harris (Oxford)

THE two changes that Barnsley made from last weeks defeat at home to Wolves, obviously made the difference as Redfearn slammed the ball home for Barnsley after only 8 minutes, but this was not before they had a penalty appeal turned down after 5 minutes. Hendrie weaved his way inside the box only to be halted with a sliding tackle from Roget.

Eaden, who was also looking sharp, tried to set up another Barnsley attack, but his cross was just too far for Wilkinson to latch onto it. But Barnsley took the lead in the 8th minute when a deep cross from Sheridan fell to REDFEARN on the left, and he struck the ball cleanly into the roof of the net.

A timely tackle by Appleby stopped the Southend Attackers, when Thompson was bursting through the middle and looked odds on to make it 1-1. The home side were now up for the challenge and on 12 minutes, they got their reward after a blunder by Appleby. Marsh headed the ball forward and Appleby stood and watched as THOMPSON took the ball off his toe and raced clear to beat Watson all ends up with ease.



Another brave tackle from Moses was the only thing that stopped Moses from making it two, but Moses calmly nipped the ball from the end of his toe.

Just before half time Bullock raced away on the right, with men waiting in the area, but his cross was poor and didn't provide any danger to Royce.

Half Time  
Southend 1 Barnsley 1

Barnsley were back ahead after only 9 minutes into the second half, when Sheridan struck an inch perfect ball to Wilkinson, who headed down for REDFEARN and the ball was driven into the bottom corner for Redfearn's 14th goal of the campaign.

A nasty clash between Sheridan and Royce, left the Southend keeper needing treatment and Royce was obviously dazed by his experience.

Southend brought on former Barnsley favourite Andy Rammell in place of Thompson, and he should have levelled the score, when he was left free inside the box and took the ball around Watson, only to see his shot firmly end up in the side netting.

But it was not Southend's day as Barnsley looked the more likely team to score next as Sheridan sliced the ball to Hendrie, who broke clear into the area, but his shot

was firmly saved by Royce.

Full Time  
Southend 1 Barnsley 2  
Att 4,476

by Helen Clayton at Roots Hall.



The Doncaster Belles brought it home with a 6-0 win against the Southampton Saints.

This result marks their best win of the season, and keeps them in 3rd position for just a little longer.

Karen Walker (2), Vicky Exley, Michelle Jackson, Claire Utley and Gill Coulthard were the scorers for the all feminist squad.

Phil Nash



### Sharks Tower over London!

The thirteenth of March was the date for the Sharks v Towers thriller. Coke by my side and armed with the latest edition of White Dwarf, I ventured into the Sheffield Arena, preparing to cheer on my home team and throw my Coke at any Towers Fanatics.

The valiant efforts of Chris Finch allowed the Sharks to take the first quarter 28-20.

## BASKETBALL

Team	Play	Won	Lost	Pts
1 Leopards	30	23	7	46
2 Sharks	28	22	6	42

### The Sheffield Sharks, It's Coming Home!

Roger Huggins, Deon Hames, Todd Cauthorn, Chris Finch, these are just some of the stars that make up the spectacular new-look Sheffield Sharks.

The move up to the Sheffield Arena has obviously had a good effect on the players and fans alike. Their boosted confidence and excellence performance on the court has taken them within a Slam Dunk of the Leopards who have comfortably perched themselves at the top of the Budweiser League.

Defeat in the Classic Cola final, were shrugged off quickly and efficiently as they ramped to an amazing win the very next day!

The disappointment in London may have denied them 7-UP glory, But this only allowed the Sharks to concentrate further on the height of English Basketball glory, the Budweiser League Final.

The Sharks are hot on the heels of the Leopards, and are ready to take centre stage in England, and take centre stage in English Basketball, and become *The Champions Of The Budweiser League!*

Phil Nash

Blunders by both teams and the new commentator, gave Towers the chance to catch up. The score at the end of the second quarter: Sharks 42, Towers 39.

The third quarter has always seemed to elude the Sharks, they always have a lack in concentration, and give the other team the lead. This match however, was an exception. Mckinney was put on to get the three pointers, he failed. Then Mike Payne had a go, to little success. Then Jim Brandon let the Sharks off the leash a little, let them do what they want for a bit. This specifies as follows: Git du' Ball.

Pass tu 'Uggy.  
'Uggy Slam it in!

These tactics proved highly successful, taking the third quarter score to 70-65.

The competition in the break, saw the large 14 year old kid, get beaten by the two year old Diper Kid.

The fourth and final

quarter saw a massive win for the Sharks. (As well as a new catchy tune.) Mckinney got his three pointer, Voicey got his Breakaway, Huggy got his slam and as for the other team, well, they just got sent off really.

The new tune, (Jaws), saw Finch get a great two pointer right at the pinnacle. This and his two free shots got him Man of the Match.

Final score: Sharks 100, Towers 93.

Phil Nash.

