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"A Pupil's View"

A report on the death of Johnny Pickering as a result of a glue sniffing session. Written by Sarah Guest at Tupton Hall School.

Exclusive for The Wath Chronicle

Devastation. How else can I describe what hit the whole school. When we first found out about the news of Johnny Pickering's tragic accident we were all in shock. At first we thought it was someone's idea of a sick joke and we didn't believe it, but we soon realized that it was the truth.

That morning as you looked around you all you could see was people crying. It was amazing how one death could have such an effect on so many people. Whether you were close to Johnny or not, you could not help but be drawn into this web of sadness.

The tragedy seemed to bring the whole school closer together. The atmosphere throughout the school was one of mourning. It wasn't just for that particular day either, even now over a month afterwards everyone seems to be in a state of shock. Often people still think of the cheerful well liked teenager whose death will never be forgotten. On the day of the funeral the school was deserted, everyone who knew Johnny even slightly went to pay their respects. A huge amount of flowers has been placed on his grave and our school (Tupton Hall School) has made a collection for a headstone and have collected over £250.

The whole school is feeling for his family at this time. It seems unfair that a tragedy of this kind should happen to anyone and you never think that one day it will happen to someone you know. I think the nature of this accident has brought on awareness that drug and solvent abuse is not just something that happens in large towns and that you hear about on the news, it is a problem everywhere. Even though Johnny did not die as a direct result of drug abuse I think something should be done about preventing incidents of this kind.

On 30th April, fifteen year old John Pickering died from severe burns only 16 months after his sister, Helen committed suicide. The Tupton Hall school pupil caught fire during a petrol sniffing session. Exactly how it happened is not clear as yet. We know that at least one teenager has appeared in court on a murder charge. We are not allowed to speculate on details of the incident, except that it was a very tragic loss of life.

What do you think of this incident? Does this area of South Yorkshire have a problem with glue / petrol / solvent abuse? Why not tell us?

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Welcome to the first edition of the new school newspaper, The Wath Chronicle...

The Wath Chronicle Issue 1 Editorial

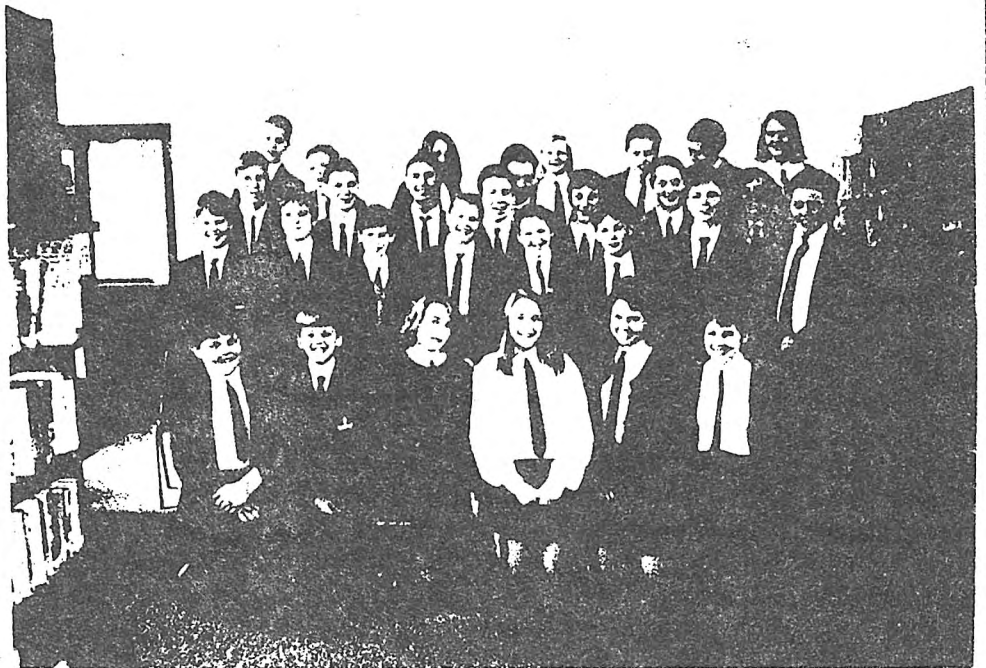
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If we have missed anyone, we will of course include their names on articles they have helped on. Sorry!



Hello and welcome to the first ever edition of the Wath Comprehensive school newspaper - The Wath Chronicle. As this is a trial issue, please help us to create future editions to your liking by completing the questionnaire on page nineteen. Issue two should be out in October with issue three the following half term in December. In addition for all you video gamers and computer nuts, between now and Christmas we will be producing a separate magazine full of news, reviews and tips. However if you can't wait then pages five and six are for you.

We've tried to keep the price and adverts low

but the quantity and quality high and we hope you'll continue to support us through buying our publications and helping us to produce them. If you are interested in joining the team come and see us on Monday lunchtime in U6 or any Wednesday lunchtime in the school library. Everyone is welcome and has equal chance of being included in the next issue. If you have any comments, questions or requests come along at the same times.

Well that's all we've got time for this issue, have fun reading and see you in October !!!...

Written by Paul Campy and Nadia V. Stevenson.

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Animal rights are the cause of much controversy amongst many people and in many places. Even in schools, like ours, there are many different views and opinions. When we say "animal rights", we usually mean experimentation and the testing of cosmetics on animals, but in reality there is much more to it than that. How many of you think about genetic engineering, circuses and zoos, fox hunting and intensive farming? All these things and many more can be included in the category of animal rights.

Throughout this article we take a look at some of the main animal rights issues and the arguments for and against them.

ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

Many cosmetics firms test their products on animals in order to make them safe to use. The "Body Shop" do not use this method of testing on any of their products. Many other firms claim to be "against testing on animals" but these claims are sometimes false.

FOR: Animals are needed in medical research. They are used to test the effects of new drugs on living creatures. Animal

What Rights

by Nicola Palmer

experiments have played an important part in developing successful treatments for kidney and heart disease, asthma and leukaemia. AMRIC (Animals in Medicines Research) say that drugs must be tested on animals before they are tested on humans, in order to safeguard them. AMRIC also says that very strict legal controls make sure that animals do not suffer unnecessary pain or distress.

AGAINST: Animal experiments can be misleading because drugs may not affect animals in the same way. In these cases animal testing can actually hold up progress. There are many good alternatives available: chemical testing is beginning to replace animal testing of insulin. The National anti-Vivisection Society claims to have evidence of cruelty and unnecessary suffering in laboratories and wants all animal experiments stopped.

More Animal Rights in the next issue.....

GENETIC ENGINEERING

Scientists are already at work creating bizzare new animals from bits of different ones. As it's name suggests "Genetic Engineering" is genes from many different animals engineered into a new one. At the "Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetic Research", Cambridge, a cross between a goat and a sheep has been created. The animal is known as a "Geep".

FOR: Genetic engineering can produce stronger breeds of animals which can be used in many different ways. These experiments can give us extended knowledge of many animals and the different ways that they can be interbred.

AGAINST: These experiments are unnecessary and many of the animals produced are very weak and suffer much pain during their pitiful lives. In Beltsville, America, pig embryos were injected with human growth hormones. The product - a 12 foot long pig with a deformed skull, poor eyesight and so much arthritis that it could not stand properly. Having said all that the scientists feel that they succeeded!

If you have a view on this, why not write us an article ?

HEAD-lines

Written by Mr Kirby

My thanks to the Editor and the staff of our 'new' newspaper, first for their initiative in creating "The Wath Chronicle" and secondly for the opportunity to contribute a few words. With this in mind, it is easy to see why I regard myself as being the luckiest person in education ! I am proud to have been associated with this school since 1962, and the main reason for this, is because of the qualities of the students we have both now and in the past.

I am the first to recognise that we are not perfect, we have for instance still some distance to go with the problem of litter. We need now, more than ever to be conscious of our environment; in the classroom, school campus, the immediate district, our country and the world.

An enormous amount of money has been spent recently on decorating the school. I know that I can rely upon the co-operation of everyone to see that we are as

proud of the buildings and grounds, as we are of our students, and their sporting, artistic, musical, and dramatic achievements as well as their academic prowess.

We have had in the past, school magazines and newspapers; long may this one flourish. I hope very much that it will become a regular feature in the life of the school as we pursue its motto "Meliora Spectare".

Club News

by Paul Campy

Are you interested in photography ? If so we are trying to start up a camera club. Sign the list outside the library if you are interested. If you have any more ideas for clubs or societies the Wath Chronicle could form at the school, there is another list in the same place. Since I am away on Trident for the next three weeks I can't organise anything until I get back. Keep those ideas coming though !

Or, use the questionnaire on page 19 to put your ideas and views across. Hope to hear from you !

The Library

by Paul Campy

The subject of this issue's library news is the Library Press Service. This was started in March by myself and Nadia Stevenson with the help of Mrs Mitchell and the P.T.A. who gave us the funds to start. It consists of three parts. The first is the Observer World Press Service which is sent to us monthly and contains a round-up of that month's news. The Essential Articles files cover a wide range of topics from abortion to zoology with articles from the press year by year. The last system is the best covering any subject in the non-fiction section of the library. Just go to the right number and there will be many articles collected from the press by the library. Used in conjunction with the books it is ideal for any school projects or coursework. It is available any lughtime that the school library is open. Speaking of which, the library after many changes is ready for use. Please treat YOUR library with respect. Okay ?!!!

**Since this page is for the school,
anyone with news, please contact us!**

Console & Computer News & Reviews

News

Sega and JVC have teamed up to produce the ultimate games console the **WONDERMEGA**. This amazing machine will run Compact Discs (which will be a lot cheaper than cartridges) as well as all existing mega drive carts. It will cost a stonking £355, but if you can afford that, you're in for a hell of a good time. The console was released in Japan on the 24th of April, and is due for release in the UK in early 1993. Like Sonic and Mario, the Wondermega has **WONDERDOG**. This ace game will be released in late June and resembles Psycho Fox and Decap Attack. The Wondermega itself will come bundled with a package on CD called **THE WONDERMEGA COLLECTION**.

Along with news of the Wondermega, Sega and JVC have another hot console at the ready—the **GIGADRIVE**. This 32-bit super console has been described as "Console of the future".

SPEAKING OF CD'S...

Check out the hot review of the new CD-drive for the Amiga over on page six by Michael Taylor!

Reviews

TEST DRIVE 2-THE DUEL BALISTIC £34.99

This is probably the best driving sim on the Mega drive. It sports superb 3D graphics and brilliant sound effects. You have a choice of driving a Lamborghini Diablo, a Ferrari F40 or a Porsche 959. It has heaps of options, but is missing a two-player mode. Nevertheless, this is a superb driving sim with addictive gameplay and lots of tweakables. Fab!
OVERALL: 90%

ASTERIX

SEGA

£29.99

This has got to be one of the best games out for the Master. It sports great graphics and totally dreamy gameplay. The music is groovy and this has a lot of variety in both graphics and gameplay.
Overall: 93%

Other Sega scores:

Two Crude Dudes (MD)	89%
Champions/Europe	91%
Flicky (MS)	72%
Double Dragon (MD)	29%
Alisia Dragon (MD)	88%
Super Off Road (MD)	73%
Donald Duck (GG)	94%
Spiderman (GG)	87%
Fantasy Zone (GG)	39%

Tips/cheats

KICK OFF 2 for Amiga
When opponent comes up to you to shoot or take a free kick or penalty, hold down fire button and waggle the joystick vigorously. Now opponents shot will be saved or bounce off the keeper.

WWF Wrestlemania for Amiga
To beat opponents, climb up ropes, and constantly jump on their heads, and when energy runs out, pin them down.

THE GODFATHER for Amiga
Start as normal and pause type in PIZZA HUT and when you restart, you'll be invincible.

R-TYPE for Master System
After you have died and the continue screen shows, circle the joy pad in a clockwise direction to earn extra credits. Alternatively, circle the joy pad in an anti-clockwise direction to access the sound test screen.

More tips next issue and in the new computer magazine. (see over)

If you've just bought a computer game, why not review it for us. Have your writing and name published here in the next issue or even in the computer magazine coming soon to Math Comprehensive. Just bring the review and yourself along to one of our meetings. Until then keep your finger on the fire button!

CD for Amiga ?

by Michael Taylor

If all goes according to plan at Commodore UK, the next few weeks should see the release of the A690 CD-ROM drive. As well as the drive which plugs into the side of the Amiga, a power cable and disc caddy are included in the cost. The discs must be slotted into a

caddy which is then put into the drive. 500 megabits of memory are offered, the equivalent of 640 floppy discs. The potential for graphics and sound is huge. Commodore is expected to keep the price under £300 which should make it sell very well. A survey showed that 48%

of Amiga owners would pay the £300. This would mean a potential 480,000 CDTV owners. At the moment there are around 10,000 CD users. Whether people will buy the CD drive will depend on the "first generation" of CD titles which we believe are excellent. A good buy !! Review soon.....

More news and reviews next issue !!!
 Edited by James Sullivan & Matthew Wade

Coming soon.....

To

Wath Comprehensive

The Comprehensive guide to computers,
 consoles and games.....and only 15p !

A pupil's view.....

continued from page 1..

You will now have read how one incident of solvent abuse ended in death and affected a whole school. All Wath pupils should now have learned about this subject (2 or 3 times). However there is still a problem in this area and especially in Wombwell which has been in the newspapers recently. After the tragedy, Tupton Hall school were given a leaflet on how they should handle their feelings. Under FEAR was written...

FEAR

- of damage to oneself and others
- of being left alone or of having to leave people who are close
- of breaking down or losing control
- OF A SIMILAR EVENT EVER HAPPENING AGAIN

"A pupil's view" was written by Sarah Guest and Paul Campy. Produced by Yvette Chaplin and Paul Campy.

The Trident Experience.

by Ryan Turner

Next Monday (22nd June) Year 10 will be going all over the county for their Trident work experience. The following article gives a few pointers for them and future year 10 pupils on how to act during those 3 weeks.

One of the most important things is to make a good impression on your first day. You should be smartly dressed. Jeans are not suitable for most jobs. Punctuality tells your employer a lot about you. Be on time but not too early. Always show enthusiasm and interest. If you are asked to do a particular job, do it. Remember, if you were working for real, your future would be at stake and your employer after your school life will be paying your wages.

Do show respect to the other employees and they will show respect to you and not just order you around because you are a student. If you are ill and unable to work, telephone your employer the first morning that you are absent. It is not a good idea to take

The Trident Experience.

from last column...

time off unless you really have to.

If you have any problems at all talk to the boss! You are only a teenager and he or she should be sympathetic. It's a good idea to keep a diary of what you do each day, as this will help in English lessons afterwards.

The most important thing is to enjoy yourself and help the company as much as possible. Whether you want to go into the same kind of career or not in the future, it is a worthwhile experience which should continue to carry on for a long while.

Good luck to all of Year 10 for next week's Trident work experience.

Year 10: Why not tell us about your Trident Experience for the next issue

Indie Music

by David Sherwood

There are many good albums out at the moment. We have seen the likes of Guns 'N Roses with their "Use Your Illusions" and then your pops the debut album from the enigmatic Manic Street Preachers which, in my opinion, is excellent and is of the same quality as Guns 'N Roses. There are an incredible eighteen tracks on the album and all of them rate high. I think for £12 it is a very good buy. The classic "You Love Us" and "Slash 'N Burn" show power. "Motorcycle Emptiness" is superb and I think it is one of the best songs so far this year. The album lasts nearly as long as Guns 'N Roses "Use Your Illusion II" - about 70 minutes of sheer excellence. A must for all Manic fans.

Also, another very good album is "Going Blank Again" by Ride. There are ten songs lasting a total of around fifty minutes. The inspiring "Leave Them All Behind" and the newly released single called "Twisterella" which is also very good. Among the best are two called "OX4" and "Mouse Trap".

EMF's new "Unexplained EP" is absolutely mind-blowing. With a new scene and a new direction it is a lot different. They have ditched most of the keyboards and introduced a different style to the music. My advice is to buy it.

The Dylans have a new single soon called "Mary Quant In Blue" and is brilliant. On the single there will be material that will be unavailable in future albums.

Kingmaker released a new EP on May 11th called "Killjoy Was Here" and features "Eat Yourself Whole", "Highway's Gate" and "Pyjama Girl".

The Family Cat released a single called "Steamroller", which is very good, on May 4th.

The Sandkings have released "Let it Grow".

Actually, if you listen to Radio One at seven o'clock in the evening Mark Goodier has a fairly good session. He plays a lot of new songs that are up to five weeks before release and also he plays a lot of songs from forthcoming albums, eg. Dappleganger by Curve, Sebastopol Rd. by MegaCityFour and Honey's Dead by Jesus

and Marychain. But he also plays a lot of dance music which is a bit of a downer, but you can stick this when you hear the excellent indie songs played by him.

The future of music

By Emma Coldron

Have you ever thought about the types of music formatting that shops use? As CDs become increasingly popular, we buy more and we do not realise that the legendary record is declining in popularity due to this.

It is true that CDs give a much better sound quality but they are more expensive. Records are cheap and so are record players compared to CD players. A few months ago "Tomorrow's World" showed 2 gadgets for replacing the cassette, the "Sony Mini-disc" and the "Philips Digital Compact Cassette". Some shops already stock C.Ds instead of records. Will records disappear from the face of the music industry? And will the cassette be soon to follow?!

See opposite for the full story..

The Wath Chronicle Music Scene

"Music to your eyes"

The music industry was shocked when several stores and companies stopped selling and using vinyls A.K.A records. We have already seen and rather heard the quality of compact discs and their digital sound. Records and normal cassettes use analogue sound where sound is recorded as it is. Digital recordings have all the sound information recorded in 1s and 0s (like a computer) in pits on the CD. Record companies are now looking for alternatives to the ordinary cassette and to even surpass the CD. The problem with the CD is that you cannot record unless you have a CD write once system which costs 1000's of pounds.

There are three main contenders. Two are cassette formats: DCC and DAT whereas the other is a recordable disc system called MD. Digital Audio tape has long been used by professionals and now it has entered the consumer market. This is quite expensive though and the tapes aren't compatible with our home tape decks and stereos. The next is the Digital Compact Cassette developed by Philips. This is the same size as the normal cassette so a new deck can also play all your

old recordings all be it in analogue. DCC is cheaper than DAT because it uses a stationary head instead of DAT with a drum head like a video recorder. The late arrival of Mini-disc from Sony has disrupted the plans of DAT and DCC. A Mini-disc is smaller than a CD but is both digital and recordable. Just how Sony does this is not very clear but is revolutionary. Recently little has been spoken of DAT and even "Tomorrows World" from the BBC told of the battle between DCC and MD. One of these three I believe will succeed and beat the others. It all depends on which format the record shops adopt and which the record shops use. The public rarely have a say in these matters. Sony has quite an advantage as it already owns Columbia and Epic. There are other companies though backing the other formats which have recording studios. I would personally wait to see which wins the battle before buying the equipment. As buyers of such projects as Betamax VCRs, V200 VCRs, U-matic VCRs and BSB tv it isn't the customer who decides and may be left with obsolete equipment.

There are advantages and

disadvantages for all systems. Here are the main points:

DAT Digital Audio Tape

GOOD High quality sound Recording time, equipment availability.

BAD track access time, availability of pre-recorded tapes, cost of blank tape, incompatible with others.

DCC Digital Compact Cassette

GOOD High quality sound recording time, compatible with standard cassettes, price of components.

BAD Track access time, availability of pre-recorded tapes, availability of blank tape, availability of equipment.

MD Mini-Disc

GOOD High quality sound Track access time, estimated price of equipment, estimated availability of pre-recorded discs, life of a disc.

BAD Price of pre-recorded disc, recording time, price of a blank disc.

You can make up your own mind which you'd buy, if any, yet !!!...

The Wath Chronicle Music Scene "Music to your Eyes"

General Election

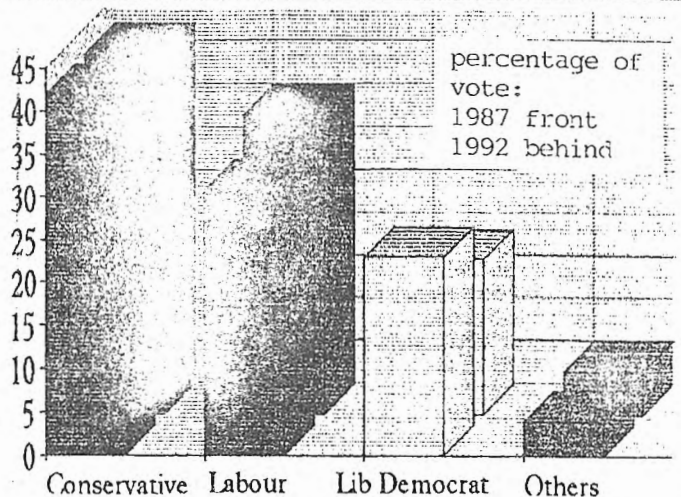
by Chris Watkin

Never before since the Napoleonic wars has a political party won a fourth term in office. Is the Labour party rapidly becoming unelectable? What is wrong with Paddy? Why did the polls get it all wrong? I hope to answer these questions here.....

John Major has at last escaped from the shadow and veil of Margaret Thatcher and has gained the mandate from the masses that he wanted. He has now the right to govern the people albeit from a minority. He cannot be accused of riding on the back of the Thatcher bandwagon. He has a majority of 21 seats in the Commons which is more than anyone expected. "Number Ten is mine by rights now, and I don't care who knows it!" said a triumphant Major on the morning after the election. He was very clear on his aims "to move the country out of recession and back into growth. And then we must begin to extend those opportunities and those choices which make such a difference to peoples' life-styles".

The election was to say the least, disappointing for the Liberal Democrats and at best, a vote of no confidence. As the night went on, a hung parliament of power for Mr Ashdown slipped away. His wife was close to tears but Mr Ashdown himself dubbed the campaign a triumph and that Britain was back to three party politics.

It was a disappointment for Labour but Mr Kinnock said he would fight on, just a short time before he



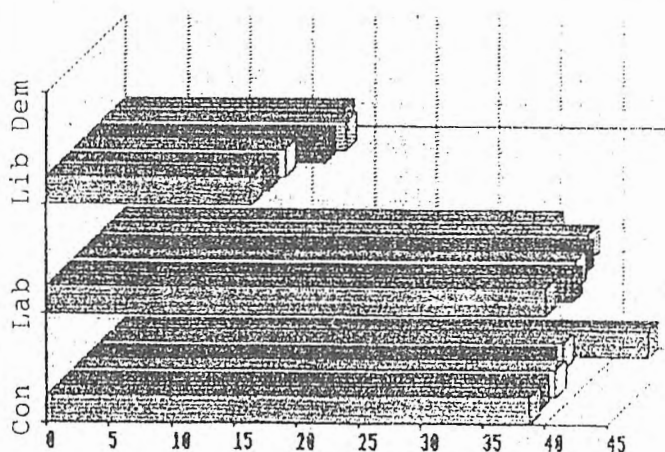
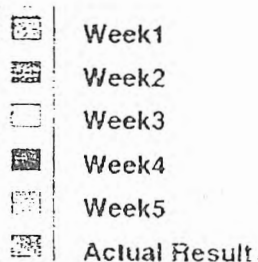
resigned as leader of the party. During the night Labour started well with large swings but the hardest blow for them was the Tory triumphs in Basildon and the Essex area. In spite of large swings to Labour in the north, it was never going to be enough. Tories also did very well in Scotland, not farcical like had been expected. After the Major win, the stockmarkets and money markets shot up in favour of sterling.

So the Tories are back for at least five years. What of the future for the other parties though. Time will only tell. One of the strangest things in the election predicted a hung parliament with a swing to Labour. They all got it wrong. Are the pollsters wrong or were the people lying to them? One M.P. said "I think that there is one lesson to learn from this election and that is not to put your faith in opinion polls". According to Mori polls should be likened to a thermometer and not a barometer. They are a snapshot in time as opposed to a prediction of the future. The only poll that counts is that John Major is in number ten and the deliberation is certainly not over by any means yet.

Wath Chronicle Election Special
Continued opposite...

How the poll results differed from the actual result of the general election....

RIGHT: Key to diagram



Of course Wath has had an interest in politics for a long time. Our own editor, Paul Campy interviewed William Hague for the Star newspaper last year. William Hague former Wath School boy is now Conservative Member of Parliament for the North Yorkshire constituency of Richmond. Just one of the schools' success stories. Our school has an excellent record in politics as a subject under the watchful eye of Mr Godber. Who knows? Wath may one day produce a Prime Minister. Any ideas for a suitable candidate?.....

More politics in our next issue, which should be out on October 28th before the half term holiday.

School Election

by Paul Simpson

April the 8th saw the school Mock Election, only a day before the General election and the results differed greatly from those of the Wentworth constituency.

Throughout the campaign each party had put up a large poster campaign. The fiercest campaign came from the Liberal Democrats who also put up 6 large manifestos. However no party was going to give in.

Lots of effort was put in by everyone and I am sure everyone noticed what was going on so the parties all had success in the way of catching attention.

Each of the candidates from the Wentworth constituency also came in for questioning in the video room. The Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates came under close scrutiny but Michael Brennan the Conservative candidate had a particularly rough ride from both students and teachers.

The campaign also involved a debate in P.S.E. where all candidates came across quite well but the Tory candidate made a mistake by saying there was nothing wrong with the Poll Tax. Something the other parties both used to discredit the Conservatives.

But as everyone knew this is one of the safest Labour seats in the country and with the strongest support coming from the Liberals it seemed that without having to do much Labour had wrapped it up.

And in the end Labour support was the strongest. Labour had a 13% lead over the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives had an embarrassingly low number of votes.

The Wath Chronicle....
Number one for politics

film review

"HOOK"

Yes I know it's pretty late to persuade you to go and see this epic adventure, but I'm sure it'll be out on video before too long. This is Spielberg's latest masterpiece based on J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan but with a few little twists. Peter Pan is now Peter Banning living in the real world as a successful business man with no recollection of his adventures in Never-never land. One day while staying in the now elderly Wendy Darling's house, Hook returns and steals his two children. It is up to Wendy, the lost boys, and Tinkerbell played by Julia Roberts to turn Banning into Pan in time to get back his children. To do this he has to duel with Hook played brilliantly by Dustin Hoffman. Robin Williams is also very strong in his two "Peter" roles. The sets are lavish, the effects are spectacular and the story exciting. It certainly has the Spielberg touch and is yet another jewel in his crown.

Rating 8/10

book review

"THE EYES OF KAREN CONNORS"

Many of you may have read books by Lois Duncan, but in my view this has to be the best I've read so far. The book is on the topic of mystery/crime. Karen Connors is a happy go lucky teenage girl except for one thing, she can sense things that others can't-ESP. When Karen is asked to help the police in their investigations of a murder, it upsets her greatly. So when she is again approached by the police officer to track down two kidnappers she isn't over enthusiastic. But she goes and come face to face with the kidnappers who's main aim is to murder her. Will they? Read it and find out. This fantastic book is available in the school library and is well worth the read.

Rating 9/10

Other books include:
 Locked in time 8/10
 Stranger with my face 8/10
 Through a twisted window 7/10
 Killing Mr Griffin 6/10

All available now !!!

film review

"HOT SHOTS"

Although many of you may have already seen this film at the cinemas it is well worth a look next time you visit your local video store. "Hot Shots" is one of the most recent video releases and it looks set to stay in the video charts for a long time.

"Hot Shots" was a hilariously funny film that is definitely not meant to be taken seriously. In fact it had certain similarities to the hit film "Top Gun" - but totally exaggerated of course!

More light entertainment than serious film "Hot Shots" rated "PG" is an enjoyable film that is suitable for all the family, so there's no need to worry about little brothers or sisters!

By now you're probably wondering why I haven't told you anything about the story. Well I'm not going to give anything away. You'll have to find out for yourself.

Rating 8/10

**Been to the cinema recently ?
 Why not write us an article ?**

Student council

by K. Anderson and N. Garbutt

What would you think of a school council? A boy and girl from each year would be voted by YOU and put ideas forward from your year and you could even have a say.

This process has been known to work well in other schools in the Rotherham area and with your co-operation it could be an advantage here too.

It would ensure that your views and opinions are not overlooked. Think about the idea and its advantages carefully for possible future P.S.E. lessons.

The idea may not take off straight away but with help from the teachers and YOU, it is sure to take off soon.

School Uniform

Written by members of Year 10

There have been many ideas put forward about our school uniform and possible "modifications" to it.

Two year ten girls have suggested a Summer uniform for girls consisting of a dress instead of a blouse and skirt which should be cooler.

Many students and teachers think that girls should HAVE to wear blazers. Why not write in and express your opinions?

What about girls wearing trousers? More information in our second October issue.

If you have any SENSIBLE ideas on this subject, you can always speak to your head of year.

Club Special

by Paul Campy

See page four, the school news page for information on clubs and societies.

Ideas for clubs so far:

Photography club	Philosophy club
Chess club	Environmental club
Philately club	Book club
Charity club	Automobile club
Model club	Music club

Bullying Forum

by Nadia Stevenson

After I wrote an article about bullying for the Star newspaper, I received quite a bit of feedback. If you don't know what to do therefore, here are a few pointers.

1. Ignore them (usually works)
2. Speak to mum or dad
3. Speak to tutor or head of year

MORE ON THIS NEXT ISSUE. . . .

Why don't you send an idea in for the
WATH CHRONICLE STUDENT FORUM?

Wath Chronicle

Horoscopes

ARIES (Mar 21- APR 20)

Get into writing and learning as that is how you can make your future. Try new things too, with caution.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

Looking good, feeling great. Romantic attachments are looking good too! Take good care of your health.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Life moves along speedily. You are probably a bit pressurised by the pace. A lot of people will seek out your company now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You might have to get all sorts of advice over the next couple of weeks; listen and make well chosen decisions.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Your desire to earn and spend should be curbed, but avoid people who will dampen your fiery spirits.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You're just getting into the swing of your teenage years, enjoy them, that is what they are for, but, don't forget your school work.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

There are plenty of interesting things coming your way - take no chances, use your commonsense!

SCORPIO (Oct 24- Nov 22)

Don't worry if a personal issue makes you unhappy. Stand back and wait, don't get in a state.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23- Dec 21)

You're about to begin a relationship with someone who will be good to you. People around you are very supportive.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan 20)

Work fast without lowering your standards. Money may cause you a hassle.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

Don't be quick to jump to conclusions or you may have a lot of apologising to do!

PISCES (Feb 20- Mar 20)

Don't sit at home and brood. A disappointment in your home life won't be nearly as bad as it seems.

By **Eggie Jumbly**

See you next issue
for more mystical
marvels !!!!!!!!

Got a Problem ?
See opposite for all the answers...

GOT A PROBLEM ?

If so, read on. If it isn't there, send it in !!

SILENT TREATMENT

I'm 13 and in love with a boy that I've known for 8 years. We both go to the same school, but he went out with another girl. They've finished now but they don't talk. I'm afraid that if I went out with him our relationship would end up the same way.

It's not definite that your relationship will end up the same as theirs as every relationship is different. I'd go for it !

SHE COPIES ME

One of my friends copies me in everything I do. When I buy clothes she says she was getting them on the weekend. My other friends ask me why I copy her, I tell them that I don't and that she copies me but they don't believe me. What can I do?

I wouldn't let this get to you because your friend needs someone to copy and has chosen you. Next time your friend says that she was getting the same clothes as that on Saturday say something like "I know you like me but there's no need to copy my clothes" She will soon realise that you are being sarcastic and will soon stop copying your clothes.

I WANT A BOYFRIEND

I'm fed up and I hate myself because I haven't got a boyfriend I want one more than anything. Why can't I get a boyfriend? I know my life would be better if I had one. I just want to be happy.

You may be lonely and think you need

a boyfriend to brighten your life. My advice to you is find a boy that you like then ask him to the pictures or somewhere similar and may be go as a foursome with some friends then ask him out and you never know he might say yes.

DIARY PROBLEMS

I've caught my mother reading my diary and letters that I've got through the post she says that she's allowed to read my diary and things like that. Please help.

Your mother is wrong you have a right to privacy. I would find a really good hiding place for your diary. It is illegal to open other people's post even if you are related to that person. If all this fails ask an uncle or aunt or speak to them on your behalf and then sort it out.

BOY TROUBLE

THERE IS A BOY IN MY FORM THAT I REALLY LIKE I'VE ASKED HIM OUT BUT HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE WERE JUST GOOD FRIENDS BUT THIS SEEMS A BIT STUPID AS HE SEEMS TO SAY THIS TO EVERY GIRL AND WE'RE NOT PARTICULARLY GOOD FRIENDS OF ANYTHING!! I REALLY REALLY LIKE HIM WHAT CAN I DO TO ATTRACT HIS ATTENTION AND GET HIM TO LIKE ME BACK?

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT LOVE IN YOUR EYES AND THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET YOUR MAN DON'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL TO ATTRACT HIS ATTENTION JUST BE YOURSELF AND GET TO KNOW HIM AND HIS INTERESTS. THAT WAY HE WILL ALSO GET TO KNOW YOU. IF YOU HAVE A BUBBLY PERSONALITY THIS WILL PROBABLY HELP. IF YOU'RE STUCK FOR THINGS TO SAY TALK ABOUT: COMPUTER GAMES, FOOTBALL etc.

If you got a problem, write in !!!

Write your letters or questions and send them to us at the address below:
"GOT A PROBLEM", Wath Chronicle, c/o Wath Comprehensive School Library

Toxic Waste - the story so far.....

by Ben Lawson, Senior Reporter

Toxic Waste is considered somewhat an enigma to the inhabitants of Wath. It has constantly been promised removal by the council but still, after several years it still remains.

Indeed many groups oppose the dumping of harmful toxic waste on our doorsteps, but we do not have the support to move the 2,700 tonnes of waste and if the waste is removed then where will it be placed? Baltimore of America will not accept the waste which they deposited here. It is too toxicated to place in the sea and cannot be quarried because the toxic waste contaminates all soils with which it comes in contact.

The Wath Labour party and the Wentworth constituency Labour Party are extremely concerned with the toxic waste but it is considered a rather low priority for the region. Both Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth are fighting to ban the import of harmful substances but at present there is no such law. The South Yorkshire Hazardous Waste Society are fully supporting the Wath Labour party but are helpless.

Many Wath citizens are grouping together to oppose the Toxic Waste situation. Many banners have been placed in house windows enforcing the Wath motto:- T.W.O. Toxic Waste Out. This is particularly alarming as some people live just several hundred metres from the Wath site.

The site lies within the Dearne Valley improvement area. Until the waste is removed, the re-generation scheme cannot progress. There are plans for an industrial estate in the Dearne Valley, the toxic waste is preventing this and is thus keeping potential workers out of a job.

An immediate concern is the state of the drums in which the toxic waste is kept, after 2 years the drums are rusting and they are liable to burst or leak at any time. The station where the waste is kept is poorly sealed off and young children may wander into the toxic zone, totally oblivious of the danger which they face. There is also a river nearby which could become contaminated by a toxic waste leak - this would kill off the scarce wildlife which we have already. Bird wildlife in the Dearne area has been scared off by the constant noise pollution of vehicles going to and from the toxic waste site.

Toxic waste has been an interesting discussion point for the school "Youth Forum" which is a meeting between various Rotherham schools' staff and pupils. Many ideas have been put forward by various schools and deep concern has been shared about the toxic waste situation. Remember, we at Wath are not the only ones in danger by the toxic waste.

Meanwhile the waste stays in Wath, almost two years since it arrived from Baltimore U.S.A.. The case has finally been announced in the U.S.A. courts of law and in the very near future in the New York federal courts the case will be brought up Wath versus Baltimore...who accepts ownage of the toxic waste? Hopefully justice will show through and Baltimore will have to move the waste

If you are very concerned about this problem, you can always write to your Member of Parliament, or Member of the European Parliament to try and get this problem taken away from our doorsteps here in the Wath upon Dearne area. Many thanks to Peter Hardy M.P. for his help in writing the above article.

Wath v Swinton
Cricket match.
7th May 1992

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It was an overcast day with a north westerly wind. Wath won the toss and captain Matthew Fellows elected to bat. Openers Neil Harvey and Paul Jackson took the field. Opening the bowling for Swinton was captain Chris Cobb. The first over passed with three runs being hit, one for Harvey and two for Jackson. A steady rate of scoring continued until the ninth over when Harvey played a bad shot in the air and Jody Parrot caught him off Mickey Wheeler for 11, and this was just the start for Wheeler. The next batsman in was Fellows still facing Wheeler, he saw the over out with two runs. Fellows got three more runs then two overs later disaster struck! The third ball of the over saw Fellows caught for 5 off Wheeler again. Then on the last ball of the over Jackson fell to Wheeler for an admirable 17. This now brought Ryan Wake and John Ashton to the crease respectively. Wake started briskly with three runs to get of the mark. Ashton followed suit by getting off the mark with a 4, but trouble was brewing as in a couple of overs

Wake had gone, falling to the ever steady Cobb for a disappointing 5 that could have promised so much more. Ashton was keeping the score ticking over steadily with a series of 2's. Ashton had now been joined at the crease by Bevan Butcher who had a 4 second ball. The score was now progressing well and things looked better for Wath. These two played steadily with a flurry of singles from Ashton and Butcher helped the score increase well. The next batsman Lawson was kept waiting as the pair batted admirably and played the overs out finishing on a respectable score of 82-4.

The Swinton openers took the field knowing that they needed a good score to win. Cobb and Wheeler took the wicket with Cobb facing the first ball from Harvey. This was played down, but two runs followed this. Success was soon to follow for Wath, as on the 5th ball of the over Cobb fell to Harvey for 2 as Wake caught him behind the stumps. The next over saw Fellows bowling to Wheeler. This passed quietly with one run being scored. Tim Whitehouse, having joined Wheeler at the crease started to put a steady partnership

together. In the 8th over Kalim Rashid replaced Harvey and in his second over he claimed the important wicket of Whitehouse, thanks to a good catch by Ashton. This brought keeper Lee Cocking to the crease, who had earlier dropped Wath opener Harvey in the first innings. Then in Rashid's next over there was confusion between Wheeler and Cocking and the unlucky victim was Wheeler as Wake took the bails off to run him out. Wath now looked to be in a commanding position but there was life in Swinton yet. Parrot was next at the wicket and Wath were certainly not ready for what he and Cocking were going to do. After a steady start they opened up, hitting 4's off Butcher, Harvey and Ashton. Wath skipper Fellows felt a field change was in order as Harvey returned for one more over. Rashid was placed at extra cover and next ball Parrot slashed at a full length delivery that flew to Rashid who dropped the catch. Disappointment for Harvey and a let off for Swinton, they still had hope. That was until Fellows came back for the last over. Cocking skied a catch to Lawson for Fellows' wicket. Wath had done it.....JUST!!
Report by N.HARVEY.

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What about the game of football?

Written by Simon Osborne,
Wath Chronicle Sports Editor.

The new football season beginning on the 15th of August heralds the end of the Football League as soccer puts its faith in the new Premier League set up.

This now means for those of you that did not already know, that the present 1st Division will now take the title "Premier League", the 2nd Division will become the new 1st Division and so on. "So whats the difference?". This is the question put forward by many loyal Football Fanatics. At first glance, the only difference is the new titles given to the four main Leagues. However you must ask what is to become of the smaller, less glamorous clubs, after all the Premier League is geared to suit the aims and needs of the so-called big clubs.

For a start all the present 1st Division clubs resigned from the Football League in support of the Football Association's system.

Sadly like many other aspects of todays Football, it has become a money-mad sport and the Premier League highlights this fact. This is simply because all Premier League teams are set to receive a share of the £304 million from SKY Television. The question must remain, "Why should clubs such as Liverpool, Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday receive millions they don't necessarily require, when in contrast there has been the demise of little, unfashionable Aldershot?". We must

also remember that nearly every Premier League player is the product of a lower Division side, for example Rob Jones of Liverpool was purchased from Crewe, a 4th Division team. So it is true that the lower clubs enable the Premier League clubs to have decent sides.

The person behind the Premier League system, Grahm Kelly said that "The Premier League will bring greater revenue into Football and improve our international side". This is very questionable as the Premier League involves the same system as the present Football League, so the training of the international side will be the same. Also, the revenue is not going to Football but into an enormous business, his reasons are therefore insufficient in the eyes of many Football supporters.

So overall, it is very disappointing that Football is no longer to be enjoyed as a game but as a money dominated business. In the end, I believe that Football will be the loser as sides in the lower Divisions will become amateur teams with very little money. You only have to look at the state of the Premier League in Scotland, for example, the Premier League only contains 12 teams. Also, in Scotland's 2nd Division all the sides contain amateur players, so the Premier League is a proven failure and yet the F.A. are still to persist with this unfair scheme. Finally could the F.A. forget about money and get back to the sport of Football!

What do you think of the new Premier League? Your views in the next issue.

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