

SMART

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and the SMART team of reporters, staplers and sellers,

with further issues edited in 1980/81

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It has been rumoured that there have been a fair number of typing errors (no offence to Miss Conway and her roving Girvanian poet) because somehow names have found their way onto articles not written by the said persons and others have found themselves quoted as saying some really chronic things. It has also been rumoured that there was some arm-twisting done to obtain material for the article "to be or not to be". Although generally there was too much material to be included in the mag.. Unfortunately there are still some copies left. 50p may seem excessive (that is to peasants and illiterates among us). As I so aptly put it myself:

Never in the field of school magazines
Has so much been crammed into so little space
And bought by so few.

Eddie McNeill
Annabelle Miller

(by 'E.A.' and 'A.T.' VI)

Footnote: The fourth year pupil who was going to do a review of the magazine lost his notes a few days before publication.

TUCK SHOP opening times: interval only.
First Year pupils to Mr Gill's room window.
Others: Girls to girls cloakroom window
Boys to boys cloakroom window

HUMOURS:

That another reason why Mr Connolly is leaving is that he's fed up beating Mr McIlroy at badminton and bridge.
That one teacher likes doing Home Economics supervision because he can teach how to make and drink cups of tea.

CROSSWORD; this week's by Jim Jennings

REMINDER: Pennyburn is out of bounds at interval.

HOLIDAY: Monday 26th September is a one-day holiday for St Michael's and some other (but not all) Kilwinning and Irvine pupils.

SAINT MICHAEL'S ACADEMY RUMOURS & TALES

NO. 52

19th Sept., 1977

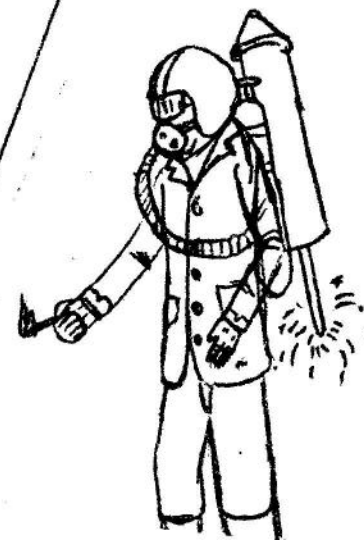
Crossword prizes are 50p and 30p.
All entries handed in by Wednesday at 4.00 p.m. will be put into the draw. The names of winners will be published in the next issue of SMART, due to appear on Oct. 24th.

Extra copies can be obtained from room 26.

Holidays: Sept 26 and Oct. 17-21.
Exams: I, II, & III from about 16th Nov.

And if we don't manage a mini-bus . .

The first of a series of ideas from Gerald Donnelly (II)



Mr Connolly, Principal Teacher of P.E., is leaving in mid October to become principal P.E. teacher at Ayr Academy.

In a recent interview he said that when he came here there was talk of a games hall but nothing came about. The facilities at Ayr are reasonably the same as at St Mike's so there is nothing that he can do at Ayr that he can't do here. The only thing he is sorry about here is that not enough boys take part in the school rugby teams at St Michael's.

So we say farewell to Mr Connolly and hope he enjoys life at Ayr Academy.

Math Devine 406

Smart is improving its standards of production as you will see in this issue - all, hopefully, readable, without too many blank patches or blotches. Unfortunately, the method has become more expensive, so the usual price for SMART has to become 3p. This also allows cash prizes to continue in most issues.

FOOTBALL: 2nd year drew 5 all against Irvine Royal on Tuesday (scorers: McDonald 4; Gilhooley 1).

405 will come sometime to take gueesses for no. of sweets in the jar for 1P each for Autumn Fayre.

All these people know their way around.
I am lost.

I like St Michael's
because it helps
to get you a good
job.

I felt terrible. I had only one pal in my class.

When I w
and saw
blazer h
of going
made a s

After dinner we went to Art.
to draw the person next to me.
When I had like her.
even I look like her.

by
to Art.
it did not
I had I

(by B.K., R. K.
J.W., T. McL.,

(by B.K., R. K.,
J.W., T. McL.,
V.C., S.T.,
R.C. et al.)

I was woken up by
my brother
tickling my feet.

I miss the playtime
in the afternoon.

My first dinner was good - corned beef, chips and peas.

Eight different classrooms
in one day!

(by 106)

FIRST YEAR IMPRESSIONS OF ST MICHAEL'S AFTER THEIR FIRST DAY HERE

INTERVIEW WITH MR GRAY

As everyone will know, Mr Gray the school janitor recently left St Michael's to take up a new post just down the road at St. Luke's. Two SMART reporters went along last Friday to interview him.

When asked if he found any difference in the work he was allocated Mr Gray replied, "No difference; each school has its own particular cleaning routine and the main thing is to keep the school clean and tidy and only by trying to do your best can you get any satisfaction from a job".

Mr Gray found "no difference between primary and secondary pupils, although Secondary pupils tend to take liberties. But on the whole kids are kids no matter where they are". He said that "in his experience if you can get on well with kids . . ."; and as you all know Mr Gray got on well with every pupil in St. Michael's.

Mr Gray finds that he can cope with primary school better because the pupils are younger and more apt to listen to their wee janny. And secondary pupils being older tend to think they know it all and do as others do, instead of as they're told.

When asked if he would ever return to St Michael's Mr Gray replied, "Probably, but I would have to give it a wee bit of thought. As I still have a soft spot for St Michael's, I only hope I was of some use to the school in my own small way".

And we're sure the whole school including the rector, staff, pupils and cleaners will join us in wishing Mr Gray every success in his new job and St Michael's loss is surely St Luke's gain.

(by Karen Freer & Janice Small)

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Last week I had the good fortune to examine, at first hand, the capabilities of the latest recruits to the sports scene. Under Mr Mousley's critical eye the first year football team challenged the second years to a battle of skill in windy conditions.

From both the touchline and left-back I had the impression that this squad is confident and has the ability to be a recognisable force in the leagues which begin this week. The score on the night in no way suggests that the second years overwhelmed their juniors although superior stamina told in the end with the first year defence being beaten on half a dozen occasions to reply with a couple of goals.

Individuals who merit mention are Andrew Keenan and "Sheik" I believe that these two players can be an asset to the team in the crucial season ahead.

(by S.Ed.)

CHESS

The St Michael's Chess Club can be found alive and well in R. 29 on any Monday lunchtime. Anyone interested in the game is welcome.

The club is being run by Mr Smith, who has entered the school for the Senior and Junior Leagues of the Ayrshire Schools Chess Association. Club members who are at the top of the Club's own league table will be playing in matches and representing St Michael's against the best players from other schools in Ayrshire.

The entrance fees for these leagues are being met by a payment of 20p from each Club member. Any money collected in the Club will be put towards the purchase of new chess sets and chess clocks etc. At the moment the membership is 25 and we hope eventually to have enough sets to allow every member to play at every meeting.

(by R.A.S.)

CHOCOLATES WINNER

When the lucky numbers for the last issue of SMART before the summer holidays went up on the notice board, Eddie McCann was the first to claim a prize and so won the box of chocolates. The numbers of Anne Marie Scott and Claire Devine could have been lucky if they had managed to claim them first.

SMART
SURVEY
DEPT
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Starting soon - the SMART

Survey Department.

You will be asked to complete a questionnaire so that the Survey Department can compile statistics about the school and its pupils.

SMART REPRESENTATIVES

The first meeting of the SMART team will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) interval in room 26.

This meeting is for class representatives only. They should be prepared to comment on what is best and poorest in this issue, and to suggest items for the next issue.

OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

Anyone can write for SMART, either under their own name or under a pseudonym (false name). But remember to hand items in in good time.

AUTUMN FAYRE

PROGRAMMES

Mr Dickson reports that the response from pupils has been "fantastic". At least 225 pupils are helping (Thursday's count), and the programmes have had to be reprinted twice since Tuesday. Even if a pupil sells only 10, it still means that he or she is helping the mini-bus effort by £1. Programme times are 1.15 - 1.30, Room 47.

If the lucky number is not claimed at the Fayre, it will be announced at Assembly on the 27th and published in the local newspapers.

Starting today, bundles of 20 will be available, but only to pupils who have already sold 30.

MRS HASTINGS

Our well known and well loved (?) librarian has left! A few days before the end of last term, she stunned all the librarians who were there at the time by saying that she was leaving a week or two after the new term started. She then startled us further by announcing on the last day that she would not be coming back. But after complaints that some of the librarians were on holiday, a compromise was reached and Mrs Hastings agreed to come back one day before she left (we're still waiting!)

She has gone to near Chester (it should have been Hastings). The reason for the move is that her husband works for ICI and he was being moved; therefore his whole family had to move and we have lost our librarian.

We wish her well in her new 'adventure' and hope that she settles in and enjoys England as much as here.

(by 'Ace')

J. Harrington 601

Footnote: We hope to have news of a new librarian in the next issue.

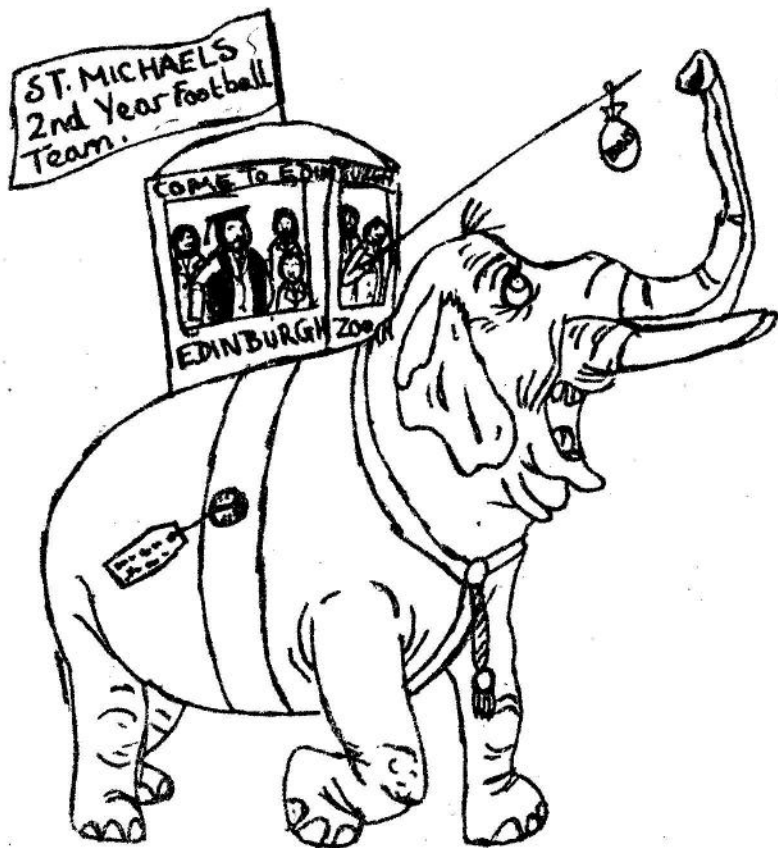
AUTUMN FAYRE (continued from previous page)

Latest news from Mr Westcott, Fayre Convener:

On Tuesday last, the Autumn Fayre Committee visited every shop, hotel and public house in Kilwinning. The object was to get posters up everywhere, and request donations. The response was encouraging and courteous. Some gave a donation; some invited us to return next Tuesday for a donation. Nowhere were we refused.

The trades people of Kilwinning are giving generous support. Are you ? It is all for you.

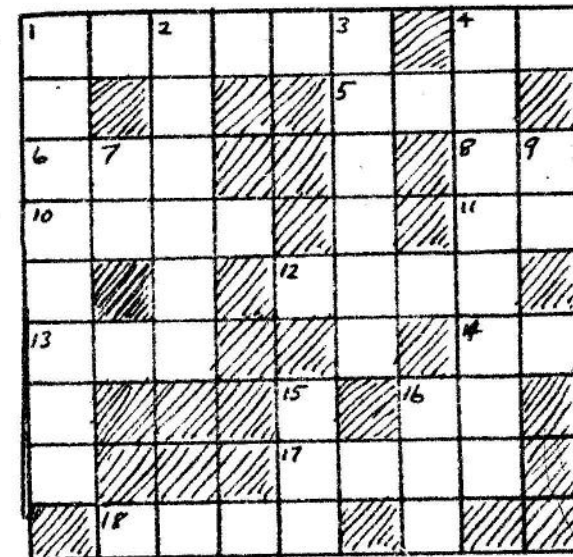
And if we don't manage a new mini-bus . . .
(another Gerald Donnelly drawing)



Tear along dotted line

Class

Name



PRIZE CROSSWORD

Rules: Only one entry per person.

Entries must be handed in to room 26 not later than Wednesday at 4.00 p.m..

Hand in only at change of periods - not during a period.

CLUES:

Across:

- 1 Clergyman
- 4 Saint
- 5 Number
- 6 Sidney
- 8 Religious Education
- 10 Cosy
- 11 Spanish 'the'
- 12 Water from clouds
- 13 Post's word for 'open'
- 14 Automobile Association
- 16 Anno Domini
- 17 Woodwind instrument
- 18 Female Horse

Down:

- 1 Document granting permission to travel
- 2 Bring down
- 3 Usual
- 4 Played at night below a person's window
- 7 Entrance
- 9 Same as 11
- 15 Tool for weeding
- 16 Air Officer Commanding.

Prizes: see page one

Back of crossword . . we thought you
might not want to lose any of the news.

In the next issue:

A huge prize crossword

GERMANY CALLING

During the Easter holidays next year Miss Murphy intends to take a party of 35 first, second and third year pupils to the Rhineland in Germany. The trip will start on Sat. 25th March, leaving from the school by bus to the North Sea Ferry at Hull. We will be in cabins for the duration of the trip across to Rotterdam and from there to Bacharach. Going to Bacharach will be like a one day tour through Holland. The bus will be at our disposal for excursions round the Rhineland. The group will go to castles, medieval towns and vineyards. We might go for a steamer trip up the Rhine to Mainz and Weisbaden. The boys and girls will be able to go to the swimming pool and maybe an ice rink.

We will reluctantly leave Bacherach on Friday 31st March and return to the school via Ferry on Sat. 1st April. Anyone interested should see Miss Murphy as there are two places left !

(by Dennis McKay and Paul Forde 203)

ACTRESS AT ST MICHAEL'S ?

There are quite a few new teachers this year. We interviewed Mrs Graham just two weeks after the term had started.

She was born in Kilmarnock and also lives there. Our first question was "What would you be if you weren't a teacher?" She answered, "Newstreader".

Our next question was, "What were you before you were a teacher?" She replied a housewife. When she was young she wanted to be an actress, and she went to St Columba's Primary and St Joseph's in Kilmarnock. Then she went to Craigie College.

Next we asked her what she thought of St Michael's. She answered, "It's a nice school, nice size, and the staff are friendly, and most of the pupils are quite nice; they have too much to say to one another and not enough to say to me. She doesn't like not having a classroom of her own.

When we asked her who in the world she would most like to meet, she replied "No-one in particular."

Her favourite pop star is Rod Stewart, film stars Al Pacino, Glenda Jackson. She teaches English. She likes and also plays tennis and table-tennis. We asked her if she had any pets, she answered, "No, just tropical fish. Her favourite TV shows are When the Boat Comes In, and Marie Curie.

(by Kevin Monaghan and Mark Collins)

ADVERT: pens 6p and pencils 4p available
from room 26.

IS IT TRUE THAT . . . ?

. . . Ms Collum is leaving for Norway? It has been rumoured that Ms Collum (Principal Teacher of Biology) is to leave for Norway. In a short interview with her she confirmed this statement. When asked for a reason why, she said, "Because you can ski better there!" (It's not one of her present hobbies but she hopes to take it up!)

Her husband, whom she met when he was a student here in Scotland, will be joined by Ms Collum and their seven-month-old daughter, Seline Ragna Inderhauk (Ms Collum did not adopt a married name), on 14th October at their future home in Oslo.

She has been teaching in St Michael's for 5 years now, and has found both the work and the pupils interesting! When she was asked if she was sorry to be leaving, she replied "Yes and no!" She will not be taking up a teacher's position in Norway and here, as yet, no-one has been appointed in her place.

She is quite looking forward to living there as the climate is very agreeable. She made a previous visit to Norway once before for two months. When asked if she would come back to Scotland she replied "Possibly!"

(by two shy reporters, IV)

And if we don't
manage a new
mini-bus . . .
(another Gerald
Donnelly drawing)



SMART has received the following modest invitation to the young gentlemen of the school.

Contrary to popular belief, the male population of the school have not all been doped up to the ears with secret-hypnotic drugs which make them go all goggly-eyed and wobbly-kneed. No! And it's not just the macaroni and cheese for last week's school dinner taking effect either. There's a much simpler reason for their strange behaviour than that.

It's the school's latest requisition from Strathclyde which captivates the immediate interest of every male - pupils and staff alike (they're all the same!) - within a radius of ten yards. The lady in question teaches English and doubtless to say, 50% of her pupils are unable to believe their good fortune and stop between drools and sighs to consider themselves "lucky dogs!"

Of course I understand her problem! I know how she must feel, being subjected to such male behaviour. Being followed and commented on is absolutely no fun! So boys, next time you're tempted to stare or utter "Cor, whit a cracker!" remember how embarrassing the situation will be for her and refrain from doing so!

But if you feel you really must rid yourself of some of the building-up tensions of life today for the budding male, then why not find yourself some nice, plain ordinary female and chat her up!

After all, there are plenty of us about!

(by Felicity Chance)

School magazine reviews

(Three pupils agreed to write up their impressions of the 1977 magazine.)

At last after nine years the school magazine is finally back, full of beautifully written pieces of poetry from the budding poets of St Michael's, and from those already established as poets - not to mention of course the occasional poem from a certain member of staff. I must say that the poetry was well up to the standard of St Michael's, a standard set by the parents and grandparents of present pupils.

The magazine was not made up entirely of poetry. There were a few articles of interest relating to surrounding areas and to St Michael's. The articles relating to St Michael's were full of facts about the past and present staff and pupils of St Michael's - one written by Sister Pauline. Many of the pupils in St Michael's today never came under the guidance of Sister Pauline? I myself being one, so this gave us a vague idea of what St Michael's was like during Sister Pauline's time.

There were articles relating to present day happenings at St Michael's. Clubs and groups who come together in their free time to further their education on a specific subject or pastime.

And of course the magazine did have its bad points, one being in my opinion that the magazine could do with fewer advertisements and more space vacated for work from the pupils as it was a pupil's magazine. But beside this, the good points vastly outnumber the bad. I myself hope there will be many further editions of the magazine.

(by Karen Freer II)

MAGAZINE "SHEER MAGIC"

Poetry not being my scene I paid very little attention to it in this year's magazine but I will pause to comment on "The End of the World"; this is definitely 'good stuff' (perhaps because it consisted of only one stanza*). There was a certain 5th year namely Campbell Burns (who is certainly 'a head' in the English department and is found lurking in the shadows of Room 25. His poetry follows the style of good old 'Rabbie' but doesn't quite come up to his standard. Perhaps if Mr Cassidy takes him under his wing he will one day be a great poet.

There was a very good piece by Hugh Donohoe who must be our very own Mary Whitehouse. Although Hugh has assured me he wants to be a wrestler, I'm sure his talents lie elsewhere.

Still on the literary side the article on Smart was to say the least a very poor advert for a wonderful newspaper (admittedly page 3 is a bit dull). The whole article was brought down by a number of silly asides (like this one-, not to mention the pathetic question on riding lessons which I thought was totally irrelevant and gave a wrong impression of St Michael's. We don't all have horsey accents, though some of us do smell, namely ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~).

I'd like to recommend "One More Incident" by Hamish Rhinaboot alias Mr Maxwell (you let it slip in line 48, Sir) which successfully endeavours to reveal the strange ritual rarely experienced by human beings, the feeding of the 500 - a very witty piece showing the effects of hunger. It is also an excellent lesson on survival, or

"a must for outward bound people" ("Observer")

Before taking up any instrument (blunt or otherwise) I would recommend a piece called "Glorious disharmony", which we shall not elaborate on because it lacks an identifiable author (own up, Sister).

* I count two. (Ed.)

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Tail-Page

AUTUMN FAYRE total profit (latest figure): £2177-76

MINI-BUS latest news: The school will borrow the rest of the money for a new S-registration bus from Strathclyde Regional Council. The bus will be ordered soon, but will probably take several months to arrive. A committee of teachers has been formed to raise the rest of the money.

LIBRARY: Books which are still out must be returned this week.

U-13 FOOTBALL: St Michael's 2, Garnock 4 (Wed. 5th). The scoreline represents a complete travesty of justice!! St Michael's were by far the better team and with a little luck would have scored 6 goals. Scorers T McMunigal and A McMillan.

MRS HADDOW is helping again in the Home Economics department until Mrs Parker returns.

STAPLING of this issue was done by Peter Ainsworth, Martin McKee, George McDaid, Paula Giusti, Maureen McCafferty, Paul Morris, Paul McArdle, Michael Meechan and John McLaughlin.

TUCK SHOP NEWS: Some lines ran out last week because our suppliers did not have what we needed. Things should be back to normal this week. New line: Liquorice Variety, Fruit Drops, Butter Crunch: 6p

ANYONE can write for SMART: if you have any news, reports, letters, crosswords (your own, not copied), etc., hand them in for publication at room 26.

THE 1977 SCHOOL MAGAZINE has been entered for "The Scotsman" school magazine competition. SMART newspaper is also being entered.

3rd YEAR HOCKEY: St Michael's 0 Greenwood 4 (Wed. 5th)

CARTOONS were advertised for this issue, but there's no space left.

THE SMARTER SMART: fantastic value for only 3p.

CROSSWORD this week by Jacqueline McMahon

S.M.A. RUMOURS & TALES

No. 53

10th Oct, 1977

3p

Last minute news: **EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS?** Marys Kolodziej

Last Thursday a roomful of assorted teachers and seniors were subjected to a lecture on "the possibilities of extra-terrestrial life ???!!!" Prof. A E Roy of Dept. of Astronomy and author of 3 books did not, contrary to rumour, materialise in room 36 in a telephone box.

The lecture, accompanied by slides, developed into a mind-blowing array of facts and figures. The first planet in the row was naturally earth, which we all know pretty much about. Secondly, the moon, a lump of rock and dust whirling round the earth. The first words spoken by a man on the surface of the moon were "It's a sort of dirty grey colour" (doesn't sound very exciting).

The other planets were much more interesting yet inhospitable; Mercury, so hot any lakes on it would be of molten lead; Venus, 450°C and suffocating carbon dioxide atmosphere; Jupiter, poisonous methane and ammonia atmosphere (yeuch!); Pluto, cold enough to freeze oxygen.

To finish, Prof. Roy presented us with a few mind-benders. Say the universe was the size of a cathedral, our galaxy (the Milky Way) would be the size of a speck of dust. There are probably 1 million million other planets of similar temperature, atmosphere and humidity to earth. Scientists plan to communicate with extra-terrestrials by sending out simple sums, if certain radio messages are received, and eventually would use the periodic table. If you were on another planet and heard the periodic table over the radio, would you answer? Is Prof. Roy a Martian sent to confuse us? (by 'Science Club member

Extra copies of SMART can be bought from room 26. no. 1')

£1.50

in prize money
waiting for you

CROSSWORD page 3 prizes 50p, 30p, 20p

BRAIN-TEASER page 12
prizes 25p, 25p

CURIOUS CURRIES

Mr Fitzpatrick originally came from Saltcoats, but attended St Mike's as a boy. He boastfully told us he was head boy as there were no prefects at the time. (Why did they ever bring them in?)

He used to teach at St Andrew's in Glasgow, but he thinks the pupils here are more disciplined and better behaved.

He likes cooking exotic meals especially Indian curries, which are his favourite food. He dislikes television which he thinks is a load of rubbish, except for the old films. He goes to the cinema a lot and his favourite actor and actress are Robert Donerroe (who?) and Jodie Foster.

Mr Fitzpatrick also attended Glasgow College and Jordanhill Training College. When asked his age, he answered "under 25" (lies). He thinks on the whole the pupils are O.K. though some can be cheeky; he also thinks the belt is necessary sometimes. He lives in Bourtreehill and has no children. And finally a word of warning to Mr McCutcheon: Mr Fitzpatrick's ambition is to become a headmaster!

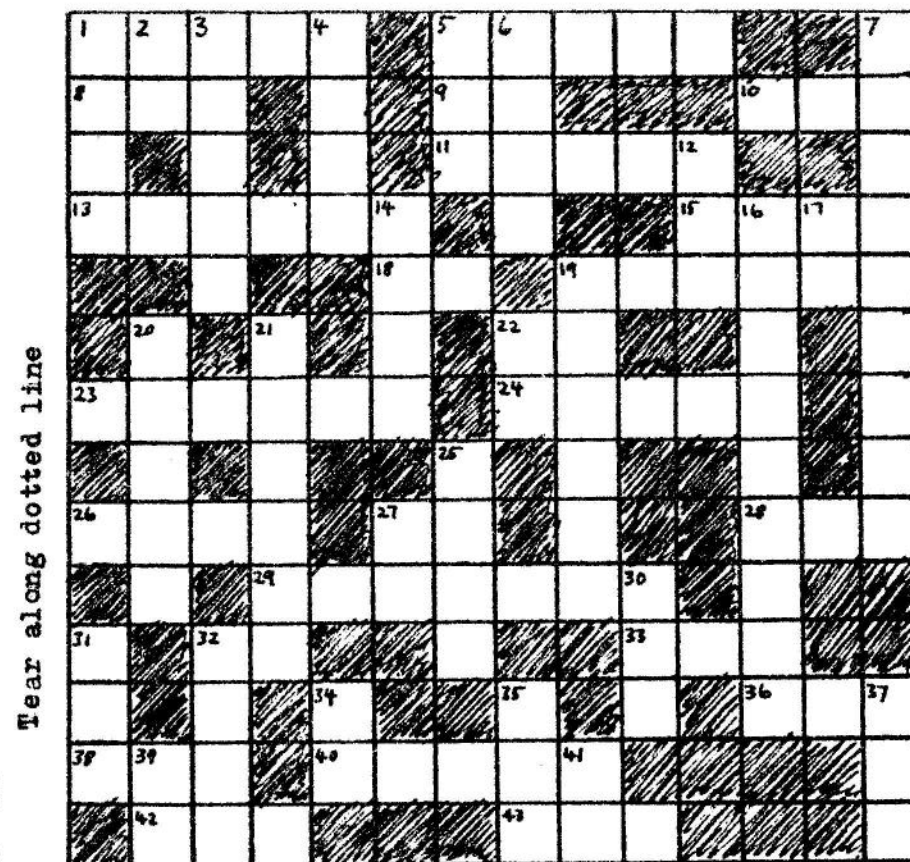
Ann Marie McKenna

(by 'Scooter')

CROSSWORD CLUES: ACROSS:

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|--|---|
| 1 Slow as a (5) | 22 Father (2) |
| 5 Colour of an Aberdeen Angus cow (5) | 23 Materials made on island of Harris (6) |
| 8 Not bottom (3) | 24 Look constantly (5) |
| 9 Automobile Assoc. (2) | 26 Certain (4) |
| 10 To hear with (3) | 27 Mother (2) |
| 11 England/Scotland boundary river (5) | 28 Unusual (3) |
| 13 Roof of mouth (6) | 29 King of the sea (7) |
| 15 You have two (4) | 32 Court (2) |
| 19 Humans have five (6) | 33 Plus (3) |
| 18 Water closet (2) | 36 Unhappy (3) |
| | 38 Label (3) |

Prize Crossword



Tear along dotted line

Put your name and class on back of crossword

ACROSS :

- 40 Small sailing boat (5)
42 Rug (3)
43 Thou (3)

DOWN :

- 1 Halt (4)
2 Negative (2)
3 Needed for cider (5)
4 Slang for money (4)
5 A blind animal (3)
6 A green patch (4)
7 You're doing it (9)

The rest of the clues and the rules are on the next page . . .

DOWN CLUES (contd. from previous page)

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 12 A lion's home (3) | 25 Not early (4) |
| 14 Mates of rams (4) | 27 Military Police (2) |
| 16 Group of important stars (9) | 30 Consume (3) |
| 17 Religious Education(2) | 31 Drawing and painting (3) |
| 19 Planet (6) | 32 West Indian island (4) |
| 20 Terrible (5) | 34 Past (2) |
| 21 To be sorry for sins(6) | 35 Timid (3) |
| 22 Postscript (2) | 37 Doctor (3) |
| | 39 Part of verb 'to be' (2) |
| | 41 Too & Two & (2) |

Your name

Class

Last issue's crossword winners were:

first drawn: Paul McArdle 207 (50p)
second " : Kieran Griffir 402 (30p)

Rules: Only one entry per person

Entries must be handed in to room 26
not later than Wednesday at 4.00 p.m.

All correct entries have a chance.

HAVE A GROAN

Patient: Doctor, doctor, I get a pain in my left
cheek every time I drink a cup of tea.
Doctor: Try taking the spoon out first. (R.T)

Have you heard about the Irishman who had a
pet zebra called Spot? (S.H)

Diary

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12.50 Chess Club room 9 20p to join	10.55 SMART team meeting for class representa- tives	1.00 Rosary Circle boys & girls Sister Maurea room 10	Debating Society dinner- time	1.00 Guitar Club Sister Maurea room 1 (Music)
4.00 Legion of Mary boys & girls Sr Maurea room 10	1.00 Guitar Club 4th years only Mr Rennie room 32	4.00 Activity Club boys & girls badminton & table tennis Mr Walsh		
4.00 Under 16 Badminton Club boys & girls Miss Dorby Mr Cairney	4.00 under 14 Badminton boys & girls Miss Cruickshank Mr Ritchie			

Next week: one week's holiday; restart Oct. 24th.

Next Science Club meeting: Thursday 27th October during lunch-hour
Films: "Unseen Enemies" and "The Threat in Water"

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Compiled by Anne Clancy and
Catherine Craig.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE

Some of the high profit figures were:

Wheel of Fortune	£230
Nearly New	£216
Bottle Stall	£172
Fancy Goods	£165
Tombola	£143

A DESCRIPTION (by SMART representative P.M.)

An Autumn Fayre was held in the school on Sat. 24th Sept. to raise money for a new mini-bus for the school. Apart from the toy stall, the book and record stall, the jewellery stall, brick-brac, nearly new and jumble stall, there were hot dogs, hamburgers, tablet, toffee and the wheel of fortune. The total of money raised was well over £2000. At the end objects from different stalls were collected and a small auction was held. In the dining-hall teas and biscuits were being served. In the field there was 'Beat The Goalie', 'Target Golf' and the funniest game was that you could pick out any one boy from a few and he was put into the stocks and then you got a large bucket of cold water to throw over him. In the end the Autumn Fayre did very well indeed.

PROGRAMMES: Pupils managed to make £315-10 (3151 programmes) before the Fayre. Three seklers sold 120 each and won £2 each: Fiona Lennon and Libby Jones (both 105) and Damian McCourt (304). Consolation prizes of 50p went to Ann Marie McGrattan (101) who sold 100 and to Gordon Ronney (201) who sold 90. The total profit from programme selling before the Fayre and at the door was £329.

LUCKY NUMBER PROGRAMME (1020) prize not yet claimed, but the number was advertised in the local press this last weekend.

More Fayre news on next page

AUTUMN FAYRE (contd)

Guess the weight of the cake: Thw weight was 4lb 8½ oz. Fr. Bradley tied with a Mr Roxburgh from Kilmarnock, both being ½ oz. wrong. Mr Roxburgh won the toss.

Sweets in the jar: There were 228, so the jar and sweets went to Bernadette Craig (402), who guessed exactly correct. Steven Murphy (201) was only one out.

AN IMPRESSION (from SMART representative P.R.)

One of the big attractions at the Fayre was 'Soak the pupil of your choice'. Five third year boys were down in the playing fields in stocks getting soaked at five pence a time. . . .

PUPIL-SOAKING: The five victims were Jim Anderson, Michael Meechan, John McLaughlin, Paul McLaughlin and Paul McPherson. When SMART asked Michael if he'd enjoyed it, he said: "Magic; it was a guid laugh".

ANOTHER REPORT (from SMART representative S.Ed.)

The months of appealing are over and nearly everybody left the Fayre the proud possessor of either a plant or a goldfish The fact that most stalls were 'sold out' suggests that IF more articles had been donated the minibus would already be ours.

ANOTHER REPORT (from SMART representative 'Ace')

Visitors to the school before the Fayre must have been confused by the strange comings and goings of certain senior pupils (One was seen carrying a large bear to Mr Westcott and then conveying a PHAM to Mr Cassidy!). . . . A big thank you to everyone, especially the teachers, pupils, janitors and the contributors for the success of our Fayre.

P.S. We still need about £2000 for a new bus!!!

Sports Report

(by S.Ed.)

With winter just around the corner an attempt has been made to play as many HOCKEY games as possible before the frost sets in. This sport therefore forms the basis of this report . . .

Anne McMillan writes: "So far this season the U-14 'A' hockey team have been doing well. The first game against Auchenhavie has been our only defeat so far. Game two on the other hand, against St. Joseph's in Kilmarnock, has been the most profitable, the final score being three-nil. The goals came from Helenor Forde, Patricia Farrell and Yvonne O'Brien. And so to St Andrew's where we played in pouring rain and a strong wind. The score was one each, our goal being in the first half from H. Forde. In our first home game we played Ardrossan Academy which resulted in a no-scoring draw. Our most recent opponents were Kilmarnock Academy. This was another good game for us with the scoreline two-nil. Again Helenor Forde and Patricia Farrell scored".

Meanwhile the 'B' team have played four games as reported by Sharon Richardson: "Unfortunately we haven't managed to win a game yet, although we drew nil-nil with Kilmarnock. The other games were against St Joseph's, St Andrew's and Ardrossan.

The first game ended unluckily when St Joseph's scored only a few minutes before the game ended. This was the only game we played against a 1st year 'A' team. The next game, against St. Andrew's, was during wind and rain which wasn't any advantage. Their only goal was scored during the first half. The third game against Ardrossan Ac. wasn't very successful for us either. They scored during the second half. During our last game against Kilmarnock no-one managed to score at all, so at least we weren't beaten.

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Well, the saying goes "third time lucky" but for St Michael's 2nd year 'B' team, we are hoping it will be not fourth, but fifth time lucky".

. . . but there has been a lot going on elsewhere

Under-13 FOOTBALL - Ayrshire Cup, 2nd round
(report from Mr Mousley)

St Michael's 3 St Joseph's 8 (after extra time)

At the end of normal time the score was 2-2 and that thanks only to some excellent saves by St Joseph's keeper. Unfortunately St Joseph's dominated the extra period of play and ran out easy victors, albeit by a very flattering scoreline. In dreadful conditions all boys played exceptionally well, but special mention for Derek Kerr, Ivan Steel and Jim Hughes. McMillan, McCutcheon and Gallacher scored St Michael's goals.

I THOUGHT IT WAS UNLUCKY 13 BUT IT WAS UNLUCKY
UNDER-14 (by Coby and Franie McDonald)

It was raining heavily and not a good night for football. We started off well with a few attacks and eventually got a goal when Francois McDonald beat two men and crossed it to Denis McKay who scored from close range. But the second half belonged to Ardrossan when they got the equaliser. But near the end John Stirling had only the keeper to beat but put the ball into the keeper's hands.

"The U-14 BASKETBALL team weren't so lucky", writes James Mason, "Being 36-8 down and then Paul Kytzia being sent off in the second half, our prospects didn't look too good. We were rewarded in the end with a bottle of Vimto and a packet of crisps. Final score Prestwick 64 St. Michael's 20."

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But a previous game was luckier:

St Michael's Acad. v. Ardrossan Acad.

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On 19th Sept. in the gym St Mike's played a successful cup tie against Ardrossan. Although being down 8-2 in the first five minutes, the 2nd year team came back with a flurry of baskets to end the match with a decisive win. Top players were Paul Kytzia, James Mason and John Hutcheon.
(by J Mason and P Kytzia)

Mr McLaughlin tells me that the U-15 FOOTBALL first game ended in a three each draw against I.R.A. Scorers: Gibson and Hampson (2).

On a lighter note, the U-14 BASKETBALL team went to St Andrew's for a game to find that the opposition had not turned up at their own school!

(Sports Report compiled by S. Ed.)

THE BREAKDOWN (a tale from first years)

As we were going to our first hockey match we were going along Stevenston Road. We passed Miss Martin and the police; they were at her dismantled car because Miss Martin's car had broken down. What a laugh we had on our run to Ardrossan Academy! And Miss Cunningham was laughing as well. By the way, the score was: 'A' team: 4-1 to St Michael's

'B' team: 2-0 to Ardrossan Academy.

(from Lizzy, Fee Fee and Jeany)

John Hutcheon

Have you ever been asked by outsiders what exactly goes on in school in your Guidance period?

Or what do teachers find to guide you about?

Mr McIlwraith, the Adviser on Guidance in the Ayr Division, will speak in the school library this evening (Mon. 10th Oct.) at 7.30 p.m.. His talk on the aims of Guidance in schools should perhaps answer these questions. Other members of the Guidance staff will also be there.

Everyone will be made extremely welcome; tea will be served after the talk, and then the visitors can ask questions. Please pass on the invitation - and then you yourselves won't have to go into long-winded explanations about your guidance in school.

SENIOR DISCO

After weeks of careful planning, days of cajoling and threatening, and hours of worrying, the disco for the 'Action Research for the Crippled Child' was finally held on Fri., 30th September in the Assembly Hall.

The seniors of Greenwood, Irvine Royal Academy and Ravenspark Academy were all invited, along with our own, but the only notable response was from Ravenspark. However, we were not short of numbers as over £50 was taken at the door.

Lurking in the shadows of the porch were some alien beings, including Mr Cassidy (sorry, no Mars bars) and Mr McNulty, and some members of the PTA. The Rector was also seen freaking out later in the evening.

Most people seemed to enjoy themselves (well, a certain D.J. did anyway!) and got a laugh at the punk rockers doing the Pogo. (My feet are still sore!) Lots of matches were made (like B.S. and . . .) but to M.M. we would

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definitely say "Give up and go home!"

We would like to thank Taurus, who did the disco, Mr McLaughlan the janitor, the teachers and P.t.A. members who supervised, and everyone who supported us.

(by M. Dalton)

THIS WEEK'S MOST POPULAR TEACHERS

(by Pauline, Caroline and Lainey, who asked a large number of pupils who their favourite lady teacher was)

1st Miss Lennon	4th Miss Boyle
2nd Mrs Tannahill	5th Miss Martin
3rd Miss Cunningham	6th Miss Murphy

WE NEED SUPPORT !

Seniors of St Michael's have been invited to a debate-disco in Irvine Royal Academy on Wednesday, 9th November. If you are at all willing to support our team (and, of course, attend the free disco!) please come to our meetings any Thursday at dinner-time.

BRAIN - TEASER

An aeroplane flies in a square, each side of which is 100 miles. It flies the first side at 100 mph, the second at 200 mph, the third at 300 mph and the fourth at 400 mph. What is the average speed of the aeroplane.

Answer :

Name :

Class :

Write your answer, name and class in the box on the left and hand in to room 26.

My Unusual Summer

Two St Michael's pupils had unusual summers this year. In this article, written specially for SMART, Anne Butler describes the honour of being one of the four Maries in the Irvine Marymass celebrations.

My summer was not only unusual but great fun. "I think all of us here will have great pleasure in congratulating Anne" said one of the Carters and that's when it all started - I was chosen to be a 'Mary' in the Marymass celebrations. In the car going home that night all sorts of things were going through my mind. I didn't even tell my parents I was going in for it so it was a surprise for them.

Most of the excitement started when I came home from my holidays. First of all the unfurling of the flag and we all had our fingers crossed that it would work as it didn't last year. But it turned out great. After that we all had a talk about where we were to go and we decided to go to as many things as possible as it only happens once in a lifetime to us.

After that we went to the Kirking of the Captain which was very embarrassing because we weren't even supposed to go. It was in the Old Parish Kirk. We sat in the Burns Club loft and they had no-where to sit.

All that week we decided to go to the King's Marymass Disco (which we liked best), 3 folk concerts, a dress rehearsal, a Radio Clyde Disco which wasn't very good, Clifford Beckett's.

Then the big day was here at last. I had to get up very early to pin and tack my dress everywhere because it was about three sizes too big for me. I was on holiday when they phoned for my measurements and so it was pure guesswork.

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A big taxi picked us up at 8.30 and we went to the townhouse to get into our coach; then we went to Liz's (the Queen's) house to collect her with her coach. From there we went to the moor and had our dinner. We walked about and had hundreds of photos taken of us by a lot of people. We went to Ravenspark hospital in a POLICE VAN. When I returned home I fell asleep and slept until the next morning. It was all that moving, and smiling especially; my cheeks and my arms were sore.

The next morning we went to the Old Parish Kirk in our costumes and from there to the Caledonian Hall for our dinner; then we were presented with our lockets. We still meet sometimes and talk about it and we're all very good friends. It is a memory I will treasure all of my life.

(by Anne Butler IV)

. . . and another pupil went on an archaeological week:

DIG THIS CRAZY HOLIDAY !

Sunshine, sand, beautiful bronzed bodies on a Mediterranean beach? The South of France? No, a travel brochure which I and my 'fellow-diggers' drooled over on our horrible day off in Soggy Falkirk. You see, I chose the grottiest week in July to go on a working holiday. The rains poured on top of us and the gale-force winds scattered any hopes we might have had of attaining golden sun-tans. The nearest my frozen body saw to coloration was a sort of mottles purple and that was at the end of my nose.

I was mad enough to join a team(?) of equally mad archaeologists who were delving into the far depths of history - behind the bus station in Falkirk! The site had once been a Roman fort and we were digging up what had been left behind -

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I'm not surprised they left it - half of it was Roman rubbish anyway!

Being the lowest of the low (and they don't go much lower than this lot) as I was the least experienced there, I was on my knees most of the day, digging, scraping at, and generally messing around in what looked to me like ordinary 'common or garden' muck.

Some of the 'people (?) had to be seen to be believed - and it was no easy sight to look at. Steve, who works permanently on 'digs' all over the country to 'earn a living' went to our 'end of dig dinner' in his everyday working clothes (everyday meaning every day of the year). His muck-infested, knee-less jeans, smelly ripped shirt, and 3 sizes too big fisherman's wellies caused no end of problems as we tried to sneak him past a snooty waiter in a very high-class restaurant.

The accommodation was wonderful - if you're into ancient monuments. As we had to stay in Falkirk we were given an old broken-down school to sleep in. But things worked out fine - it was too cold indoors for the rats and the cockroaches seemed a friendly bunch - unlike the locals. The local, on the other hand, was no less than two staggers away - and very nice it was too! (I have been strictly advised to incriminate myself no further).

Laundry night was a bundle of joy. Once a week everybody's dirty (understatement of the year) washing was hauled away to the local launderette and returned for a small fee. Although it was very convenient I found it a bit difficult to get used to wearing a pair of enormous blue tartan rugby shorts under my jeans - I dread to think what befell by pink frilly . . . !

On the whole (sorry - whole) my holiday was very - well - different and I enjoyed it so much that I would wholeheartedly advise anyone to try the Mediterranean next year!!

(by 'ardent digger' S.W. VI)