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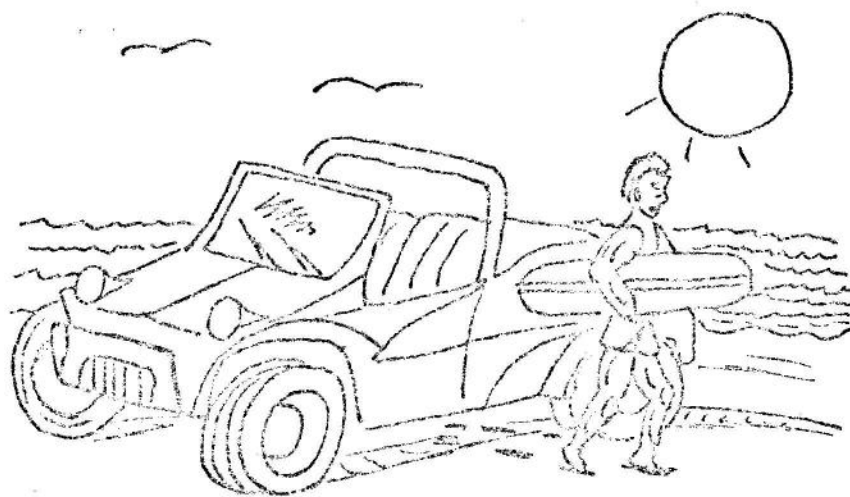
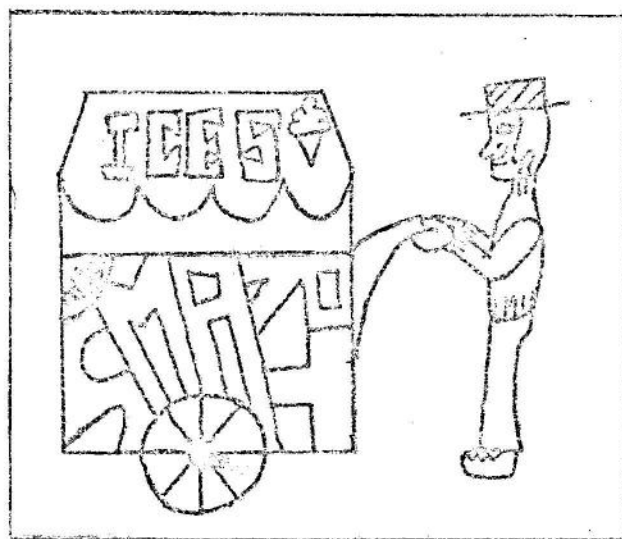
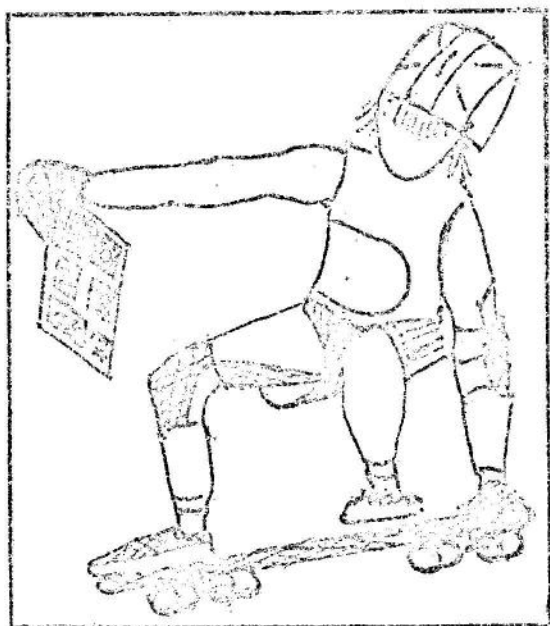
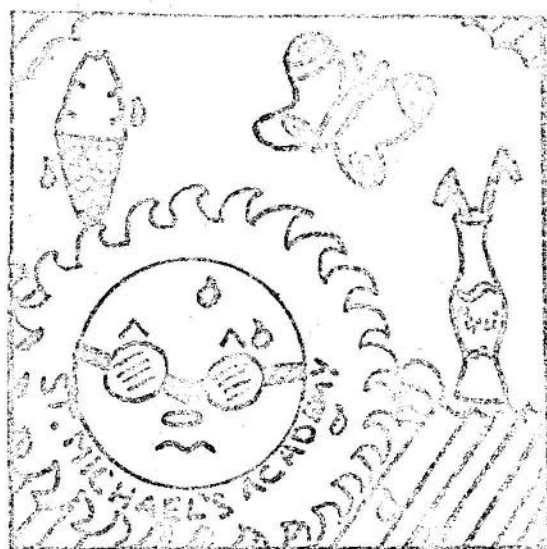
Summer Annual 1979

Following the success of the 1978 Smart Summer Annual,
Editor, Ian Dickson (Principal Teacher of Classics),
and the SMART team of reporters, staplers and sellers,
produced the 1979 Smart Summer Annual
57 quarto pages (cover + 48 + 4 extras + 4 photo pages + flyleaf;
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The price was 20p!

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SMART SUMMER ARRIVAL



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Editorial.

JUNE 1979



After the success of last year's Summer Annual, it became clear during the session that another Summer Annual was expected this year. So the SMART team set to work. The Annual, like the newspaper, aims to reflect the life and activities of the school so that we all have a better understanding of each other's opinions and actions. As pupils are by far the major part of the school, the Annual is written mainly for pupils by pupils and sold at an attractive price. The Editor's task is to make sure it appears.

The Annual would not have appeared without the willing co-operation of many individuals. Most are named on page 15, or wherever their contribution appears. Two colleagues I thank especially: Mr Lucchesi for help as assistant editor, and Miss Cruickshank, whose fingers are worn down from the typing, and whose efficiency and accuracy eased the last-minute rush.

Nothing is perfect, of course, and two things sadden me. Firstly, that the seniors, although they buy SMART regularly and were asked to help, show so little dynamism that few contribute to the school journal. Many, especially budding journalists, could gain fun and experience by being involved (even if they have technically left school). I am grateful to those who have helped (named below or inside). Secondly, I wish contributors would produce their work on time; some articles are still in pupils' homes!

Next session Mr Lucchesi (who has helped the newspaper all year) will be swapping jobs with me. He will be the SMART editor and I will assist as required. I hope, and expect, that all the many keen reporters keep reporting next session, and that SMART continues to reflect independently on the life of St Michael's. The Annual is quite important, but not nearly as important as a spontaneous school newspaper. Let us make sure SMART continues, and does even better, next session.

I. J. Dickson
(Editor)

COVER DESIGNS by Kerry McQuade (top), Margaret Savage (middle left), Lesley Fitzsimmons (middle right), and Richard Paul (bottom).

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CARTOONS in margins and other odd spaces are by Lewis Rankine and Danny Anderson.

WRITTEN TITLES are by Susan Donachie.



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COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS:

Crosswords can be handed in up to Wednesday 4.00 pm, to Room 26. Three prizes: £1 each. Winners will be contacted.

Lucky numbers will be posted on the main notice-board on Thursday at 2.00 pm. All copies sold up to Thursday at 12.30 will be counted in the draw. Winners must collect prizes by 12.30 on Friday. Three prizes: £1 each.

ADVERTISEMENTS were designed by the Art Department (especially Mr Smith).

DUPLICATION ASSISTANCE was given by Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Quinn (can anyone tell them why the school's nice new Xerox doesn't like the Summer Annual quarto-size paper?)

Gemini Boutique #
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Ben Cruachan.

On 7 June, after five or ten minutes fighting over seats, we left the school and everyone began to bring out their books, cards etc.



At Loch Lomond we were given out our worksheets and competition sheets. The competition was to find the town names by the clues given; most were pretty easy, eg -

Clue - Special agent, not too clever. Answer - Dumbarton

Going through the Highlands, Mrs Lamb pointed out a few landmarks through the intercom, but nobody could see anything through the mist anyway. Finally we arrived at Cruachan Hydro-Electric Power Station. We were taken down a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long tunnel to the main cavern in the very centre of the mountain. We stood on a balcony high up on the side of the wall looking over the vast cavern. It was really impressive with its four huge turbines and two massive cranes above us. On the way to and from the cavern we were told all about the Power Station and the surrounding countryside.

While the next group went in we had our lunch beside the Loch, which as we were told is 380 metres deep. A few attempts were made to throw people in, mainly done by Mr Blair.

Our next stop was at Inverary where we spent fifty minutes walking through the town in torrential rain; some people bought a few things and then back to the coach.

We then started home and I'd say that the return journey was better by far. Most of us were at the back having a good time, in more ways than one. Nearing home we started to get ready and we dropped people off all the way to Irvine, and dropped the rest of the party there. Quite a good day in all.

Brian J Littlemore -
Class 204

AND, FOR THE ALTERNATIVE VERSION:

One Thursday in June a band of intrepid Geographers set out on a quest to boldly go where no St Michael's pupil had gone before.

The mission: to seek and investigate H.E.P.-Semaphore signals were sent out from our apache scouts K.F., M.McD., and S.McC. but inquisitive natives soon took flight.

1st Base Camp was set up at the Farm Milk Bar at Luss. But the Milky Bar Kid saw us all back on the trail of the lonesome U-Shaped Valley. A little later J.M. opened a deposit account at the Bonnie Bank of Loch Lomond.

At the foot of the mountain we were met by our Sherpa guides who took us deep underground to, "THE FORCE". A million tonnes of granite were above our heads but two aspirins from the medical room soon fixed that.

The piece treaty was signed and washed down with coke. J.M. opened another deposit account at the Bank of Loch Fyne. Further essential supplies were taken on board our Starship at Inverary and Second Years did a tribal rain dance - unfortunately they were good at that (glad to hear they're good at something!) More tribal customs were observed on the return journey to ensure a safe re-entry into the non-sanctified atmosphere of the Garnock Valley. - 'Some of the Group'



HOLLARD

One of the major school visits this session was to the Dutch coastal town of Noordwijk. Mr Cassidy and Miss Martin were accompanied by 24 boys, 8 girls, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr and Mrs Dickson. Here is a day-by-day account by Susan Donachie (Class I) and impressions by Kevin Fyfe (Class III) and others who were there.

Sunday 8 April

Today we left the school after a mass for Holland. We travelled by coach to Hamilton where we picked up the driver for the rest of the week. We then travelled down to Hull, arriving at about 5 o'clock and had an hour's wait before we boarded the ship. The ship was very big and was called the Norwave. Here we had a dinner with a choice of a hot or cold meal. Later we bedded down on reclining chairs and tried to get some sleep, although most people were unsuccessful, and some also felt sea-sick. It was very windy and cold and the sea was very choppy.

Monday 9 April

We woke up on the boat at 6 o'clock when the lights went on, while somebody told us it was 7 o'clock Dutch time. We had breakfast, at which again we could have a choice, although most people hardly ate anything because they still felt sea-sick. The boat entered Belgium at about 10 o'clock and by 11 o'clock we were all on the bus. We had packed lunches from the boat which were demolished on the bus. We stopped at Utrecht and stepped out onto Dutch soil for the first time. It was funny walking along the street hearing babies talking in Dutch. Goods were very expensive (eg flashcubes - 7 guilders 25 cents) but the people were very nice in all the shops and most could speak English very well. At half-past 3 everyone was on the bus travelling to Noordwijk where we were staying. We arrived at about 5 o'clock and when everybody had had a wash, a change of clothes and a breath of fresh air, we were called for dinner. Dinner consisted of Mushroom Soup, Chicken and Chips with Ice Cream for desert. When we had finished, everyone made their way to the town of Noordwijk and tried to buy

such things as postcards, sweets, stamps etc with some money we had. Also I had a game of crazy golf with my pals. At 10 o'clock everybody was back in the Hotel, and by 11 o'clock everybody was in bed in their rooms, which were small but comfortable and our room opened out onto a balcony.

Tuesday 10 April

I woke up at 7 o'clock. After breakfast we tidied our room and made the beds. Next, we wandered around the Hotel and the beach until lunch time. After an early lunch we walked into Noordwijk. In Noordwijk we bought some presents and explored the town. We had dinner at half-past 6, then played some games.

Wednesday 11 April

At 9 o'clock we boarded the bus for an all-day excursion to Amsterdam. In Amsterdam we went on a glass-topped barge on a tour of some of Amsterdam's canals. After this, we ate our packed lunches by the quay. On a very long walk through Amsterdam, we saw the flower market and a fruit market. Three of us and Miss Martin and Mrs Fitzpatrick visited the Van Gogh Art Gallery where we talked to some Dutch children. Then we went home and had our dinner. We went to bed at 10 o'clock after a game of table-tennis.

Thursday 12 April

Today after breakfast we visited the miniature village - Madurodam. It was superb: everything scaled down from 1:25 in exact detail. There was a motorway, airport, trams and even docks, not to mention all the elaborate cathedrals and houses. I bought a picture magazine of all the models in

the village. When we finally boarded the bus after an absorbing couple of hours in Madarodam we went to Delft to see some of the famous pottery being made. We were shown the various stages the piece had to go through to become the very beautiful and extortionately expensive Delft Pottery. We also passed through Gouda on our way back to the Hotel.

Friday 13 April

Today after breakfast we went on a full-day excursion to Flevohof. After a two hour bus journey we left the bus to explore the 350 acres of recreation area. It was great! We paid a visit to a souvenir shop and then explored the various thatched cottages which housed some aspects of Dutch life. We visited a fairground and had a ride on a small open train. After this two of my friends and I explored the huts some more and found one in which you could try your hand at making your own pottery, so we did and the results were not too bad either. Then we were taken in a truck around the whole of Flevohof. Unfortunately this is where our only major mishap happened - Charlene Smyth was knocked out when a swing hit her on the back of her head. On the return journey we made a detour to a hospital and Mr Cassidy was told he could collect her at 12 o'clock the following day. So we returned home without her, although it seemed queer that night in our room with one less. The rest of the night passed without much ado.

Saturday 14 April

Today we left for home at 9 o'clock in the morning. We had a very long bus run stopping in Hilversum to collect Charlene. We also stopped later in a town with a windmill, which some were allowed into to watch the locals start the sails turning. Back on the bus we travelled to the terminal. We were checked through customs and boarded the ship. This ship was super and really massive - it even had elevators which took you up and down the seven decks. There was a games hall and plenty of places to spend our money - and after a really scrumptious meal there was a fantastic disco. That night the sleeping arrangements were much the same as the ones going.

Sunday 15 April

We woke this morning and went into the dining room on the boat and had a really nice breakfast and then quite a long wait to get off the boat. After another wait the bus appeared and we started on our way home - only making one stop for lunch. Eventually we were back in Kilwinning at last. We were greeted by anxious parents and all of us had to admit that we had a really superb holiday. *by Susan Donachie I*



Impressions of Holland.

My impressions of Holland are very good because I thought it was excellent. When I first arrived here, I didn't think much of it, because it seemed very much like any other country. I noticed that the land is very flat, that is why the Dutch have an awful lot of bicycles, in fact I thought that there was more bike parks than car parks but I soon got used to it.

It is a very warm country, but it was a bit too warm for my liking.

I liked the canals and the barges. The barges were very colourful (hand-painted). The houses are very nice, but I don't know why the Dutch will put plants everywhere; you can't see the windows because of them; as if it wasn't enough to put them in gardens.

In the towns, all the shops are in one place - I think this was a good idea as well as some of the other things. The roads are badly situated, they have tight corners and probably bad for large vehicles, they would be hard to get round. The shops have a large choice of goods, gifts and souvenirs. Most of the shops sell Delft Pottery. As well as sport shops they have a good lot of jewellery and sweet shops.

I liked the Hotel and I liked where it was situated - right across the road from the beach, in fact just about 25 yards; it was very handy.

But altogether, I thought the holiday was O.K.!

by Kevin Fyfe III

P.T.O.



COMMENTS FROM OTHER HOLLANDERS:

"not enough freedom" (P Gow)
"pity the swing - it's still in hospital" (A Keenan)
"hardly any vandalism" (D Gorman)
"magic" (J Jardine)
"didn't like drying dishes; did like lassies on boat" (S Walsh)
"didn't like going into hospital" (C Smyth)
"had good laughs" (L Barrett)
"worth going to see how other folk live" (I Wilson)
"stayed on coach too often" (M Biondi)
"no graffiti or litter" (S Donachie)
"got on well with the people" (J Jardine)

COMMENTS FROM BERLINERS (see p.16 for full account)

"every day was good. It was great" (J Gaw)
"not very nice going into East Berlin" (A Byrne)
"didn't like the traffic" (I McMenamin)
"enjoyed going into a Chieftain Tank" (E Graham)
"much bigger buildings than in Glasgow" (T Hood)
"shops had a lot of things we don't get here" (A Byrne)

collected by "Minos"

GUESS THE FAMILIAR FACES by Eddie McCann VI (F.P.)

Answers on page 43



CLUBS



Chess

The membership of the club has swollen to around 60 members. In the league this year the Seniors were third, one up from last year, but the Juniors improved their position from last year to sixth this year. In the four board allegro we were knocked out only because Irvine Royal were bad sportsmen. Throughout the season there were only three players with 100% Records. These were: Thomas Barrett and Brian Teaz from the Seniors and Kenneth Cochrane from the Juniors. The members of the club thank Mr Smith for running the club and Mr Dickson for driving the team to their away matches; also those who bought 1979 diaries, the profit from which was used for new board and chess sets.

Thomas Barrett

Modelling

On September of last year we started the modelling club again, this time, making a balsa-wood aeroplane. It all looked very simple but soon we found it was very difficult especially S.H. who had made two wing-tips and had them smashed.

He started them again and this time he put the pieces in the wrong way round, so once again he started it. Quite a lot of people dropped out and now there are only five. 204 boys go regularly.

Most of us are almost finished our models and should have them flying soon, but S.H. will be lucky if he gets his flying by Christmas!

Iain Wilson - Class 204

Animation.

As everyone knows, in the Animation Club - we animate - which means we bring to life, eg by cartoons.

All twenty or more members drag themselves every Friday dinner-time to Room 56. It is run by Mr Smith who edits and finishes off the work. Each person contributes something to the film whether it be good, bad or indifferent.

The film we are making at the moment is about the strange happenings in a haunted house. It is only half made and, as yet, has no title.

We all hope that the Animation Club will be as successful next year as it was this year. We are all very grateful to Mr Smith for giving up his spare time to run the Club.

Marek Kolodziej &
Gerard Boyle

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Science

So far this year the Science Club has held two talks and visited Hunterston Fish Farm. The first talk by Mr Thaine from the White Fish Authority at Hunterston was very interesting and we managed to learn, with the aid of slides, about the way such fish as Tarbet and Dover Sole grow. The second talk by a representative of Roche was equally interesting and we saw slides of the Plant and we were told about the new Vitamin C Plant which is presently being built. On our visit to Hunterston 11 Fourth Year pupils and Mr McClure saw the fish from egg to maturity.

On the whole it has been quite a good year although the talks weren't very well attended. Finally on Tuesday 19 June we visited I.C.I., but too late to include a report in the "Annual".

Catherine Craig - IV

School Band

The band just started this year and is improving very rapidly. There are about 13 in the band, one Second Year and the rest First Years. The band played at the St Michael's concert and concerts at the various primary schools this year.

Mr Keenan (Conductor) has taken us to various concerts to see brilliant professional bands. These trips have been very good experience for us.

In the coming years we hope to expand and have a wider range of music and instruments for us and other people to play.

Paul Douglas - 107

P.S. Some of the band play in the Irvine Youth Band. Stephen Bradley - Class 202 writes:

This band, approximately four years old, has 27 members, with a wide range of instruments including percussion and bass trombone. Its conductors are Mr and Mrs Carrick, who take the weekly practice at Ravenspark Academy.

Some of the engagements of the past year have been the band's Annual Concert and a visit to Aberdeen. Requests by various organisations to play in churches in the area have been granted willingly, and at the recent Round Table Fete in McGavin Park in aid of charity, the band provided entertainment.

Fund raising ventures have helped with the provision of uniforms. This was possible with the help of a faithful and energetic committee, and the generosity of the public along with donations from certain organisations. We look forward to another busy year and we hope that you will be able to come and hear us play in our new uniforms - yellow shirt, brown trousers and brown tie with the band's emblem on it - acquired with the assistance of the Manager of Kilwinning Co-op.

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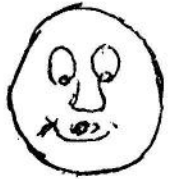
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Drama

The Drama Club began in April and the club received a good response - 25 pupils attend regularly. The club is in the process of getting together a play called "Paddington", which is to be shown next term. The club has also organised trips. On 12 and 13 June the club visited Craigie College in Ayr to attend a school's drama festival. Lots of schools and pupils took part in plays and prizes were awarded to the best plays. The club also visited the Theatre Royal in Glasgow to see a musical called "Fiddler On The Roof".

The Drama Club will also continue next term and we would like to thank Miss McLaughlin, Mr Cooke and Mr Dickson for making the club and trips possible.

Linda Brawley - 303

Bridge

In recent weeks the Bridge Club has not been on because of the exams and a sudden but slight drop in attendance from about twelve to four people. Everyone and Anybody (and Anything, even Boot McKenna) is welcome to come. The club will start up again after the summer holidays. Competitions with other schools will begin at Christmas. J.N. still thinks he's the greatest at it, although there isn't much competition except ME. So try and remember to come along after summer.

JAP

Adverts

F.P. (former pupil) TIES

A limited number are available from the office at the bargain clearance price of £1 each. Call in for one any time, before or after the summer.

BIOLOGY

Mrs Anderson will have a senior class next year for Fifth or Sixth Years who need to do 'O' Grade Biology in one year. Apply to Mrs Anderson for details.

THE EASTER DRAWINGS

This is the title of a set of six drawings being produced by Mr Johnson this year. The cost is £100 per set (unframed). There will be a limited number, and many sets have already been booked, but if interested, apply to Mr Johnson to see them before ordering.

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Autumn Fayre

Two years ago we had a very successful Autumn Fayre, the result of which was that we were able to pay immediately half of the cost of a new Mini-bus for the school. We now require the money to pay the remainder, and so make the 'bus, literally ours.

Everyone in the school should remember that the 'bus is for the use of the school - and that means you, the pupils. If it were not for your going on various trips, outings, and excursions, there would be no need for the 'bus at all. This applies also to all those who play sports of any kind. In other words, the existence of the 'bus is a boon to every pupil in the school.

If you agree with the above - and who can disagree with it - then you must also agree that we all have a moral duty to help pay for it. If you give your support to the Autumn Fayre, you will be doing your duty, and helping the 'community' of which you are an important part.

How can you help? That's easy. You will already have seen the letter to your parents, giving details of the list of stalls, details of the 'collection' days etc. If you want any more information, ask your Registration Teacher, or one of the Committee, whose names are listed below. Will you try to persuade your parents, friends, relations and neighbours to make a contribution to one of the Stalls? Will you make sure you sell programmes to all of these people, in September? Will you make certain that your parents and friends come to the Fayre on 6 October? Will you come on that date, and join in the fun?

In all these ways, you can help.

We need your help!

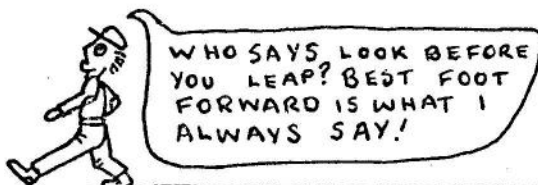
We need your parents' help!

You need a successful Autumn Fayre!

Let's all pull together and make it a success.

COMMITTEE:- Chairman - Mr C H Westcott

Members - Mrs Lunardi; Mr Blair; Mr Maxwell; Mr McNulty



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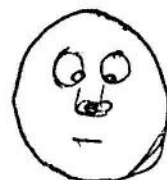
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U-13 FOOTBALL

This season the U-13 Football Team has been unlucky in both the cup and league. Although we played well with a number of convincing victories to our credit, far too many games were lost by the odd goal. These came about usually when we had control of the play and then took it easy. We have won games against good teams and then far too often thrown away games which we should have won. Of the 16 games reported in SMART, we had 8 wins, 7 losses and 1 draw, with 50 goals for and 31 against. If only we could learn to put the ball in the net in the tight games or maybe play more consistently through the season. We did have a regular pool of players at the beginning of the season with some good results. The pool was strengthened at the end of the season so with some luck and more effort I hope the team can do better next season.

by "Offside" (C. McG.)

U-14 FOOTBALL

The Under 14 Football Team, whilst making tremendous progress this season by winning half of their league games and reaching the semi-final of the North Ayrshire Cup, still continued to show inconsistency in their play. Perhaps the players still lack that sense of discipline which is necessary if a team is to have any chance of making the grade.

Stephen Pollacchi had a very good season in goal making many a crucial save at a vital moment in a match. Jim Hughes and Ivan Steel played consistently well when in defence. The introduction of John McGeough proved very successful. He added greater strength and skill to the mid-field and his strong shooting added much to the forward play. Alan Brennan faded after having scored the "goal of the season" in the first league match of the season against St Andrews. Insufficient space to mention all players but in game all played well - the Cup defeat of Ardrossan Academy by five goals to two - an excellent team performance.

by Mr Mousley

U-15 FOOTBALL

This is my third year together with this team and they have shown a vast improvement since they first came to St Michael's. Their ability is equal to, if not better than any of the other teams in North Ayrshire. The only thing that this team lacks is the killer instinct; the ability to believe in themselves that they can win something. Perhaps next year in the senior league we can win a cup or a league to prove to other people in other schools that we are a good team.

An outstanding success this year was striker Stephen Gilhooley who played for Ayrshire and had International trials and reached the last 40 boys in Scotland.

Next season if the boys stay together we will win something.

D. McIlroy - (Coach)



IRON

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U-15 FOOTBALL

St Mike's started the season fairly well. We dropped only two points out of four games. When we met Garnock, they beat us quite convincingly, but when we drew them in the quarter final of the North Ayrshire Cup, they just managed to beat us after a replay, the score being 4-3. Our next crucial defeats were in a 4-pointer against Ravenspark and in a normal 2-point game against St Andrews. These three defeats put paid to our hopes of winning the league, but we gave a fine performance against Auchenhavrie, who were contenders for the league. We also beat Kilwinning, St Andrews and Ardrossan. Our final game was against I.R.A. and we again lost a 4-pointer. At the end of the season we finished with 16 points out of a possible 30.

John Hutcheon

AYRSHIRE 'FIVES'

To reach the finals of the Ayrshire Five-a-side competition St Mike's qualified in a preliminary tourney in Kilwinning Academy. The finals were held in the Magnum Leisure Centre, where a large crowd attended. We reached the final by eliminating Queen Margaret on a sudden death penalty kicks divider. The final, against Loudon, was toughly fought and inevitably one goal decided the game. We had to be satisfied with second place.

John Hutcheon

SENIOR FOOTBALL

This year under the guidance and wisdom of Mr Whiteside, the Under 19 Football Team sought their fortunes in the Ayrshire League and the Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and Scottish Cups. Fortune however did not come quickly, if at all. The league proved fruitless, but in each and every game the team gave of their best and on many occasions only one goal deprived them of success. The cold, hard winter played havoc with the league fixtures, a backlog occurred and with a shortage of time the team was forced to withdraw from the league. The Ayrshire Cup and Scottish Cup proved fruitless also, with the team being defeated in the first and second rounds respectively. However, the team did have some success, if it could be called success, in the North Ayrshire Cup. After a long, tiring struggle with Auchenhavrie Academy they reached the final of this Cup. However, fortune passed them by once again and they had to settle for runners up. The boys did not receive even a runners'-up medal, as this tournament appears to cater only for the winning team. The winning team on this occasion was Ravenspark Academy, the final score being 3-1.

E McCaffrey

U-15 BASKETBALL

The Under 15 Basketball Team, coached by Mr McIlroy, did very well this season. They made an early exit from the Ayrshire Cup at the hands of an extremely experienced Cumnock side, but played very well in the league.

Paul Kytzia and James Connell, the two "big men", were outstanding in winning the rebounds and could notch up a good few baskets. The most consistent scorer, however, was John Hutcheon who, along with James Mason, formed a good attack. The most improved player in the team was Jim Cullinane who joined at the end of second year and has turned into a very

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U-15 BASKETBALL (Continued)

competent player. Paul McGeown did not score many baskets but he played a very important part with his intelligent play. Tony McIntyre who joined at the same time as Jim Cullinane has been noted for his ability to score as well as defend. Derek Campbell who missed a few games upset many defences with his good attacking play.

After a bad season in first year, the team have improved vastly and should keep up the good work in fourth year.

Jim Boyle

1st YEAR HOCKEY

The First Year Hockey Team did quite well this year. They won all the games except one in which they drew.

The team was:- Carolyn Walsh, Tricia Mount, Frances Walsh, Donna Fee, Carol Ann Craig, Charlotte King, Jackie Vance, Clare Paterson, Kathleen Quirk, Karen Docherty, Irene Smith, Anne Marie Hart, Alison Scott.

The captain of the team was Karen Docherty. The most difficult game which the team played was probably against Marr College. The score was 4-0 to the opposition. All of the players were good. When we asked Mrs Dorrian who scored the most goals she said that it was Charlotte King. She also said that Donna Fee scored quite a lot. The hockey team would like to say "A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO MRS DORRIAN FOR SPENDING TIME TRAINING THE TEAM AND ALSO ENCOURAGING THEM".

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THE PHOTOGRAPHS

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1. U-15 Football Team
Mr McIlroy, Gary Kerr, Tony McIntyre, John Hutcheon, Denis McKay, Stephen Gilhooly, Tom Connor, James Boyle, James Connell, James Mason, Paul Ruddy.
2. Second Year Netball Team "B"
Alison Delaney, Maureen Wells, Jean Fraser, Marie Duffy, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Lesley Anne Caitens, Lorraine Magorian, Lesley Carson, Anne-Marie Monaghan.
3. Third Year Netball Team "A"
Catherine O'Neill, Linda Hall, Helenor Forde, Miss Dorrian, Catrina Running, Anne McMillan, Yvonne O'Brien, Sandra Mullen.
4. Second Year Netball Team "A"
Fiona Lennon, Mary Ellen McRitchie, Angela Carberry, Patricia McGorry, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Barbara Branley, Sharon McLaughlin, Rosemary Docherty, Marie Duffy, Sandra Connor.
5. U-14 Football Team
Mr Mousley, Tom McIntyre, Thomas Gilligan, Stephen Pollachi, Scott Campbell, Alex McMillan, Joseph McIntyre, Alan Brennan, Derek Kerr, Ivan Steel, Jim Hughes, John Evans, Michael McGonagle.
6. U-13 Football Team
Mr Vernon, Paul McCutcheon, Tony Diamond, James Whiteman, Colin McGeown, Francis McFarland, Paul McLaughlin, Martin Smith, Stephen Ainsworth, Jim Stewart, Andrew Keenan, Stephen Darroch, John McDonald.

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7. U-15 Basketball Team
James Mason, Derek Campbell, Jim Cullinane, Mr McIlroy, James Boyle, John Hutcheon, Tony McIntyre, James Connell.

8. U-14 Basketball Team
Richard Paul, Mark McCutcheon, Terry McMillan, James Hughes, Stephen McMonigle, Mr Vernon, Paul Neilson, Alex McMillan, Terry McMunigal, James Mason.

9. 4th Year 5-a-side Team who won the "Irvine Times" U-16 Shield at Ayrshire Schools 5-a-side tournament at Magnum in April.

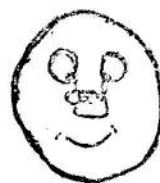
Eddie Docherty, Paul O'Neill, Neil McDonald, Douglas Pearson, and Rab. Lennon.

10. Karate Club
Richard Mallinson fighting Hugh Donohoe.

11.* Robert O'Donoghue, David McKendrick, Martin Gilhooley, Tony Bracaglia, Mark Gallagher, John McNulty, Gerard Welsh, Ricardo Lucchesi, James Shanks, Stewart Russell, Douglas Maguire, Peter Roche, Andy Smith.

12. Staff Football Team before their March match against the senior team.
Mr Vernon, Mr Keenan, Mr Cairney, Mr Mousley, Mr McNulty, Mr Cassidy, Mr Blair, Mr Whiteside, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr Lynn, Mr McIlroy and Mr Scott.

* The team (Primary 7) from St. Mary's who won the Friendship Cup on the day of their visit to St. Michael's.



2nd YEAR HOCKEY

The Second Year have been very enthusiastic throughout the season despite some very disappointing results. However, against St Andrews they held this very strong team to a 0.0 draw* and were unlucky in the last minutes not to snatch a goal.

(* in spite of Mrs Dorrian expecting her old school to win and cheering on St Andrews. R. Docherty)

Mrs Dorrian

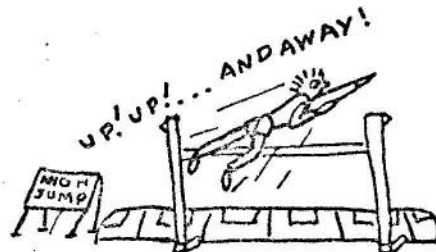
HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

First Year - Charlotte King

Second Year - Sandra Connor

Third Year - Kay Robinson

Well done girls!



QUOTE FROM MRS DORRIAN

"I have been very pleased with the enthusiasm shown for the game of hockey in the school this year, especially 1st and 2nd Year. There have been good attendances at the practices and a good spirit shown throughout the games. I sincerely hope that all the girls who played this year will continue to play next year and the standard of hockey in St Michael's Academy will undoubtedly improve until we are a force, once again, on the hockey fields of Ayrshire".

1st YEAR NETBALL

G.S. Tricia Mount, G.A. Frances Walsh, W.A. Joan Chambers, C. Carolyn Rayside, W.D. Brenda Henry, G.D. Judith Carslaw, G.K. Carolyn Walsh.

This is St Michael's 1st Year Netball Team. We came third in the league. Our hardest game was St Andrew's Academy 10-10 (note!). Our easiest game was Kilwinning Academy 18-6 (note!). We will be soon playing a tournament at Garnock and we all hope to win. Our best player is (well we are all good or we wouldn't be in the "A" team). We have one more thing to say: A BIG THANKS TO MRS BROWN who gave us confidence in every game we played. THANK YOU.

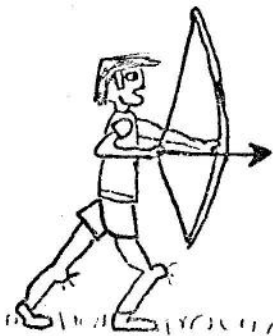
Brenda Henry & Joan Chambers

2nd YEAR NETBALL

After a series of losses, we had an unexpected victory against Ravenspark (17-6). In the tournament we lost one, drew two and won one.

A Carberry &
B Branley

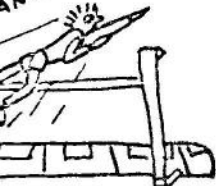
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Mrs Dorrian

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The SMART year last session ended with the first ever Summer Annual at 20p, containing 33 sheets and featuring stories, reports, interviews, etc, and 11 pictures. It sold out all 368 copies in two days.

Over this session there have been 9 issues of SMART, issue numbers 64 to 72 (SMART began in November 1973). Sales have broken all previous records, with the average sales shooting from 324 to 403, and the record highest single sale shooting from 415 to 458.

SMART thanks all those who contributed news, reports, book reviews etc during the session. They include:

First Year: Fiona Burnett, John Chambers, Carol Delaney, Morag Devlin, Susan Donachie, Lesley Fitzsimmons, Anne Marie Gilchrist, Anne Marie Hart, Brenda Johnstone, Andrea Muir, Kathleen Richardson, Kim Sweeney, Elizabeth Todman, Miriam Weideger, Riccardo Angelini, Gerard Boyle, John Cook, Hugh Davidson, Mark Devlin, Paul Evans, Edward Graham, David Herraghty, George Kelly, Denis Kirkwood, Paul McCutcheon, Colin McGeown, Mark McGowan, Paul McMahon, Brian O'Connell, Michael Walsh, Gary Welsh, James Whiteman.

Second Year: Elizabeth Anne Allan, Agnes Walsh, Stephen Bradley, Tom Gallacher, Jim Hayes, Stephen Keane, Gerard McGrory, Gordon Scott, Andrew Twigg.

Third Year: Daniel Anderson, Thomas Barrett, William Benson, Mark Collins, John Hutcheon, Paul McGeown, Michael McGonagle, John Paterson, Alan Priest, Elaine Forsyth, Violet Hillis, Anne Marie Kelly, Susan McAllister, Michele McDonald, Anne Marie McKenna, Catrina Running, Anne McMillan, Ronald Teele.

Fourth Year: Lainey Barrett, Caroline Bennett, Rosemary Campbell, Catherine Craig, Maria Sfarra, Oonagh Sinclair.

Fifth Year: Lynne Ekkles and friends, Lynne Kerr, Clare Robertson, Mark Devine, Michael McLaren, Kenny McKillan, Laurence Roche.

Sixth Year: Phyllis Harvey, Kathleen McAulay, Eddie McCann, Robert Smith.

Starling Team Regulars: John McLaughlin, Billy McLaughlin, Michael Meechan, Andrew Twigg, Gordon Scott, Andrew Keenan, John McCourt, Janice McDougall, Lesley Carson, Mary Ellen McRitchie. Several others have also helped.

Class Representatives: Too numerous to mention, but all did an excellent job, selling efficiently and successfully.

If you helped and your name is not printed, don't be too upset: you're probably not the only one, and there's always next year!

The Editor

Crossword in last issue: There were the usual large number of entries, those unable to spell 'skeleton', 'quay' and 'obstinate' were knocked out. After several draws by the SMART team, the three 50p winners were:- Michael Allison 202, James Jennings 205, and Tommy Trodden 101.



BERLIN

The other major visit this year was to Berlin, when Miss Murphy and Mr Nellany were accompanied by 24 boys and 17 girls, along with Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Paul. Here are two sets of impressions and an account of what they did each day.

IMPRESSIONS OF BERLIN NO 1

Driving through East Germany I noticed many woods and farms built beside the autobahns. Occasionally we passed through small villages, usually they were a collection of small farms. Several of the farms used the old horse and plough.

In West Berlin the streets were considerably cleaner than those here in Britain. The streets are very long and straight. The streets in the main shopping streets are crowded and large amounts of space are taken up by stalls and newspaper kiosks. In the quieter spots there are large areas of space which are used as market grounds and are more interesting than the large department stores. Several large stores have painting on the walls which brighten up the place. That is the only painting on walls as there is very little vandalism.

There are many monuments in the West side on the war. Many are devoted to the Jews who died in concentration camps in the Second World War. Other monuments have been erected to the Russians who liberated the city in 1945. There are old churches in Berlin opened to the public. Any grassland areas in Berlin are extremely well-kept as well as the trees which line the streets of Berlin. The largest park is built around a lake. Much is forest which have a small area where you can have a rest or play crazy-golf.

The houses usually have a very old facade, but inside they have all been modernised. They are very tall and narrow and the houses are built around courtyards hidden from the streets. The people of West Berlin were, on the whole, friendly and most could understand basic English.

In East Berlin the old stands beside the new. Any buildings being built must as far as possible be built to the same plans of the buildings which originally occupied that site. There are few monuments about the war although there is a large monument built on a hill surrounded by the graves of the Russians who died during the siege of Berlin. Several statues stand featuring Karl Marx and other communist leaders.

The people didn't appear as open as the West Berliners but as we didn't really meet any - I can't judge.

The weather was continuous sun and very little cloud.

James Rooney - 303

IMPRESSIONS OF BERLIN NO 2

Berlin is a very impressive city, built mainly on a flat plain. There are a couple of hills found on the outskirts of the city where wild life flourishes in the beautiful scenery, where one can spend a quiet day in the rays of the sun.

In the city centre it is very similar to Glasgow with a main street called the Kurfürstendamm. It has one of the largest stores in Europe - Ka De We. From the front it looks average size but goes on for ever and is as busy as any large store in Glasgow. A few hundred yards away is a Woolworths store and there are many other British stores scattered throughout the city. Berlin's biggest shopping complex is the Europa Centre which also includes offices which reach up to the sky. The shops which mainly caught my eye sold souvenirs, pottery and very expensive furniture. From the top of the building there are spectacular views of the city.

Another aspect of Berlin is its tidiness. With literally no rubbish at all it makes

Berlin very pleasant to live in and to visit.

A motorway in our terms is the equivalent to a normal street in Berlin. It has six-lane traffic with cars whizzing by at speeds above 50 mph at times, but no-one seems to mind.

Public transport is similar to ours. It has buses but only single-deckers, taxis and an underground on which it is easy to get lost. Berlin residents however mainly have their own cars. The main make of car is the Mercedes and American cars can be bought from the many show rooms.

Places which people can visit are varied. Museums, monuments and shopping stores are the main attractions of Berlin. There are other places one would not think of, but are just as interesting and enjoyable. These include art galleries, the Olympic Stadium and the lake to the south-west of the city.

My overall impressions of Berlin are that it is cleaner and more up-to-date than Glasgow with much the same shopping and recreation facilities. It is of great historic interest as you can imagine with some spectacular views. While I can imagine that it would be a pleasant place to live in, I know that it was a pleasant city to visit.

Colin McGeown - 103

WHAT WE DID EACH DAY

Saturday 7 April

Everyone arrived promptly and was checked in by 4.50 am. When the bus arrived everyone gleefully tried to rush out the door, but Miss Murphy and Mr Mellany told us to calm down and that we would all get on the bus in good time. When we were all settled, we waved goodbye to our parents, most of us trying to hide our tears. Our driver was Billy. Everyone enjoyed the trip down. We were lucky because we had a cassette player built in the bus so we could have music with us. We reached Harwich at about 4.00 pm and everyone who was fine except one (no names mentioned), got on the boat, found our cabins, searched and studied the boat and generally had a good time. The trip was good as the sea was not choppy.

Sunday 8 April

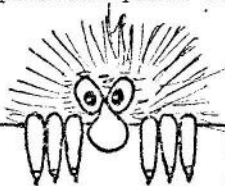
We docked at 9.00 am - again we were travelling, but not the whole day. Mr Mellany's group was first off. Our hotel was smashing: we had a shower and a sink each. The other group were not as pleased with their hotel as they said they only had an antique bed in their rooms. We all settled down, changed and went out for tea. We all had an early night that night. Some stayed awake and talked. Others read but hardly any of us slept, only Marie-Claire. So it wasn't worth going to bed. (she never stays awake.)

Monday 9 April

This was our first day in Berlin. We were all determined to enjoy it. We were going on a guided tour of West Berlin. First we went to the Wall where we spent half an hour. Most of us took photographs, bought postcards and some presents. The shop there was lovely, it sold keyrings, postcards, books, bears, rock and charms. Then we went to the war memorial for the Russians. It was funny because the British guarded the memorial, the Russians guarded the British and the Germans guarded the Russians who guarded the British who guarded the war memorial. Then we went to the airport. It was quite big and we all raced round it and were back in the bus by 12.30. After lunch we were free in the Kurfurstendamm providing we were back at the Lipstick and Powder Box by 5.00 pm.

Tuesday 10 April

We got up at 7.00 am and had breakfast at 8.00 am. We were going to the Charlottenburg Palace. We all gasped at the size of it. You should have seen the dining room, it was enormous. On the ceiling there was a superb picture of the clouds and sea. After lunch we spent an hour at the Olympic Stadium. We all had great fun running round the track and climbing over the seats. That day it was



too nice to spend racing round Berlin. We spent the rest of the afternoon at Havel Lake. It was super. There was crazy golf, a castle, two ice-cream stalls, lots of forest walks and a small beach. We all had great fun there.

Wednesday 11 April

We went to the flea market today: it was quite good. Hiedi and Gabrielle both got necklaces with their names on them. Someone bought a super diary. In the afternoon we went on a guided tour of East Berlin. None of us liked East Berlin as much as we liked the West.

Thursday 12 April

First we went to the Reichstag where we saw the stand where Hitler made his speech. Then we went to the Brandenburg Gate which is the entrance to East Berlin. In the afternoon Mrs Anderson kindly offered to take some of us to the zoo. Some of us went shopping to finish buying our presents. After tea two men came to show us round the army barracks. Most of us went. We had a ride on the tanks and were shown inside them. We also got to feel the weight of the bombs. We went home early that night so we could pack our bags. We all slept soundly as we had to get up at 6.00 am.

Friday 12 April

We left at 6.25 am and went to the hotel where the other group was. At Checkpoint Charlie we were let through with no bother, but 'boy', when we reached the East German Border, they held us up for an hour. When we eventually reached the docks we were told we had missed the boat. So we drove up to Hamburg as a man said he could maybe give us accommodation. We were to sleep at a Youth Hostel. We had an early night again as we didn't want to miss the boat again.

Sunday 14 April

We got off the boat at 9.30 am. We were travelling all day to arrive home at 9.00 pm. We were all singing just before we arrived at school and all our parents were waiting for us. We all told our tales of the holiday, waved goodbye to our friends, saying we'd see them on Tuesday. (No, we weren't sick of the sight of them!)

The whole holiday was great, we all thought it was fabulous.

Judith McGlone -
Class 108

Rumours.

- that Lynda Barrett found her shoes on Irvine beach.
- that Mr F. is scared of Mrs McG.
- that G McDaid is every teacher's pet: they've all got cages for him at the back of the room. (M.J.O'C)
- that Mr K. does not know the words of the "Jeely Piece Song".
- that, when asked what soap was, P Green replied "It's a TV programme".
- that Esther Rantzen is Marco Biandi's Aunty.
- that Andrew Twigg has Dutch Elm Disease.
- that hardly anyone in Miss Murphy's hotel in Berlin had a shower (too mean to pay 2 DM).
- that Iain washed his hair three times during the Berlin week (clean boy).
- that Mr Mellan, Mr Reid and Mr Westcott were all working out whether they could afford an early retirement or not.
- that Mr Walsh would be delighted to receive back the nameplate from his door and exchange it for the size 7 welly (right) which was left in its place.
- that the Berlin group found an ice lolly named after Heidi Douglas.



The Road To Berlin.



At 5 in the morning of a dark April Saturday our Coach rolled out of the car park, the first move for 41 pupils and 6 teachers on the road to Berlin.

The changes and surprises throughout the months of arranging this trip with the travel company seemed to be forgotten now as we were driven south through the darkness. Forgotten but not finished. But at this stage all was sweet expectancy, an excited, chattering coachload. Even the long day's journey into evening passed and we were in Harwich without too many bed sores, bad tempers or bilious members.

Aboard the Prinz Oberon and cabins found, we relaxed now to enjoy the first flavours of our continental venture. Breakfast in Bremerhaven and on to the autobahn, we scudded past Bremen, Hanover and Brunswick. A hurried stop for our last meal before the border (Sir, how do you order pie and chips in German?), and on to Helmstedt. Through the checkpoint, with a vague unease, and the head-counting border-guards; we were into East Germany and in the throng of Sunday traffic rushing to West Berlin - one road, no stops, no deviations and mostly tree-lined. Three hours of this, a city in the distance, another control-point like a giant supermarket check-out and we had arrived. Berlin. The unique city. The west's star in the east. A cosmopolitan haven after hours in the hinterland.

The hotels were found and more surprises overcome. We just refused the demand for a deposit of DM 300 for keys to the bedrooms and, at the Studentenhotel, convinced the warden that a meal on our arrival should have been arranged by the travel company. At short notice 48 dinners were produced, all credit to the staff at this, our meal-place during our stay.

So, we were here, 36 hours after leaving Kilwinning, and minor frustrations and bus-lag were not going to spoil our anticipation of the next few days. The kids had been marvellous on the long trail but now we all needed sleep.

Bright and shining now, replete with German breakfast, the morning tour with expert guide (a New Zealander) began to reveal the facets and faces of this amazing city. And on following days we made our visits to only some of its attractions. Charlottenburg and Brandenburg, the Reichstag, the empty, eerie, echoing Olympic Stadium (1938 and political), all steeped in history. The WALL, sinister and dead-stopping, steeped in graffiti (1979 and political). A morning at the Fleamarket, an afternoon by one of the lakesides. Strolling hours on the Kurfurstendamm, bustling and elegant. The Berliners' Champs-Elysee. Where wee John Kelly snapped everything that moved and most that didn't, quite often with a spool in his camera. Where little girls can get carried away with the magic of the sights and shops and miss the nerve-racking fun of travelling in a group of 48 on the underground. Where are you, Judith and Karen?

But the highpoint in educational terms, or political, historical or human interest terms, was the visit to East Berlin - a vast and different city in its own right and Das Kapital

of the East German Republic. Through Checkpoint-Charlie - it really does exist - and into a waiting bay. Who on the coach did not recall some spy-film or other. A stern faced guard boarding our coach and, in absolute silence, walking the full length of the passage and back, hand-searching the luggage racks. Got it! A pop magazine had been planted on the bus. Still not a sound from him - or us. The purge completed, the magazine was dumped with deliberation into a large and sealed refuse bin.

Head-counting, list-ticking now by a happier guard and we were allowed through to pick up our official guide, a pleasant man with a nice balance of architectural and political commentary. West is west and east is east and the difference shows. Less flamboyant than the western city with an air of seriousness about it, from the goose-stepping soldiers changing guard to the awe-inspiring Russian war memorial. Leninplatz and Karl-Marx-Allee. There is a presence. But this too is an attractive city with colourful facades on new blocks of flats and fastidious restoration of its pre-war best. This visit was an invaluable experience, however short, of that other way of life, and worth every pfennig. Back at the checkpoint we bade our guide goodbye, pressing a fold of capitalist corruption into his hand. He accepted with genuine reluctance.

These golden days (everyone a scorcher) passed all too quickly and the morning of return came. On Good Friday all of Germany takes a holiday, we were told; so leave early, the roads will be busy. 7.30 saw us at the checkpoint for leaving Berlin, heading west but entering the East. Waiting and waiting. Coaches behind us cleared and waved through before us. A respectful appeal to hurry things up met with a curt instruction to stay in the coach. Eventually, the head count and passport check over, we were moved on at 8.40.

This was the road to Hamburg and worse than the corridor we had come in on. Solid traffic, level crossings, nose to tail, stop and start, 40 minutes to pass the barrier. A police helicopter back and forward above us. On again, the driver pressing his every skill to make up for lost hours of delay, and up to the final checkpoint out of the East. This time a strong appeal to hurry us through. 5 pm the travel company said on the itinerary but could it really be 1 pm when the ship sails.

A decent guard, affecting the normal check, ordered us on



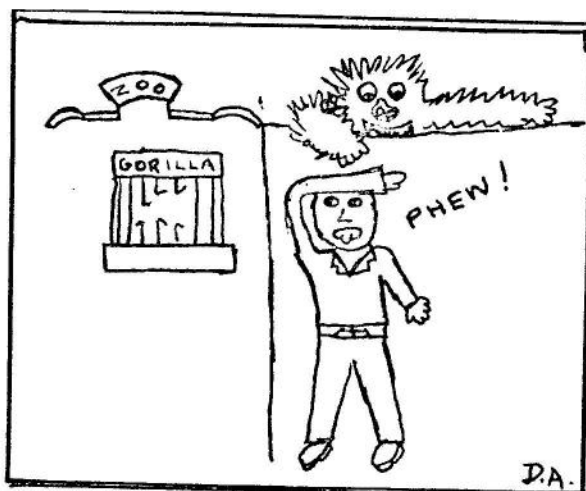
within minutes. The autobahns of the west again and the driver hurtling us on. Edge of the seat stuff this, watches being looked at every minute. Into Hamburg, through the city and into the docks. Where for the Prinz Hamlet? The Prinz Hamlet - she sailed twenty minutes ago! Crunch! So it had been 1 pm! Keep calm. We're British. We have Consuls abroad. But first ask a policeman.

We could not have been luckier in our choice. A friendly, patient Captain of Police made phone-calls to the Consul and the epitome of the Foreign Office arrived. Mr Kingsberry, our man in Hamburg, correct but pleasant and concerned. More phone calls by the Captain and we were fixed up for evening meal, bed and breakfast in Bremerhaven. Two of us away now with Mr Kingsberry, across Hamburg to the Consulate's carpeted corridors. Safe were opened and money counted out to cover our extended costs. Signed for "We promise to repay H.M." Relief. Disaster at 1.30 had become a pleasant prospect by 5.00, another day's holiday, albeit enforced. The 80 miles to Bremerhaven went past unnoticed, an air of sing-song in the coach.

The Captain of Police hadn't got it wrong. A big, bright, new Youth Hotel a Hilton among hostels. Sparkling, clean and comfortable. Cold buffet and hot showers. Table-tennis in the sunny grounds in the morning. Why didn't we come here sooner, asked Fiona. Then into Bremerhaven city, phone calls made, a look around and on board the Prinz Oberon again, with its own delights for tireless children.

Back-tracking from Harwich in the morning, we were in the school car park just 24 hours later than first planned. A memorable trip. Ask any one of that elite bunch who blazed the trail.

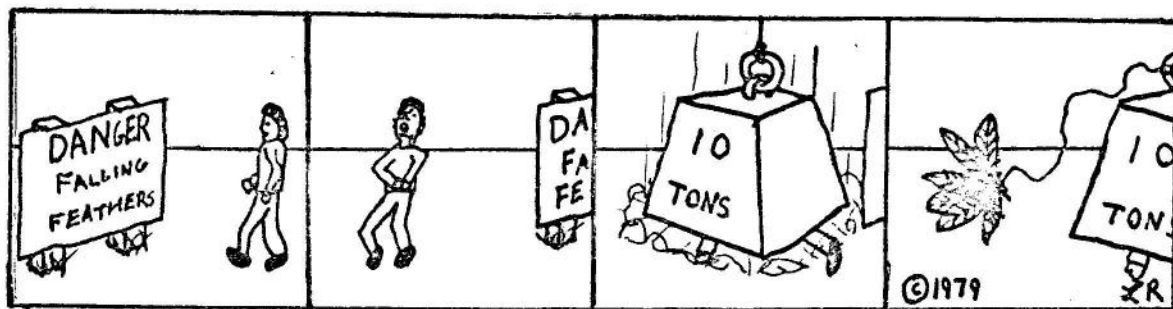
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STOP PRESS: VOLLEYBALL (1st year)

On 27th Feb. Mrs Dorrrian took 5 girls to a volleyball tournament in Kilmar nock. They were: M Docherty, K Docherty, A M Hart, A Harrison & J Vane. Our first game was against Garnock but never turned up. So we had to play Ardrossan (who later got to the final) and we got beat. Then we played Ravenspark whom we beat easily. We enjoyed ourselves anyway.

by M Docherty



1979 PRIZEWINNERS



First Year: John Booth, Gerard Boyle, Hugh Davidson, Carol Delaney, Mark Devlin, Karen Docherty, Susan Donachie, Marnie Hodge, Marek Kolodziej, Alison Lundie, Angela McCourt, Paul McCutcheon, Pauline McDonagh, Colin McGeown, John McMillan, Daniel Moriarty, Clare Paterson, Carol Pillans, Heather Stewart, Graham Teaz.

Second Year: Christopher Fallon, Brian Freer, Thomas Gallagher, Rosemarie Gilmour, Catherine Grant, John Higgins, Brian Littlemore, Maureen McCafferty, Mark McCutcheon, Patricia McGorry, Terence McMillan, Paul Neilson, Michael Neison, Richard Paul, Ian Wilson.

Third Year: Paul McGeown, Dennis McKay, Margaret Savage, Robert Foy, Susan Clogg, Linda Hall, Carol Russell, Anne M Scott, Daniel Anderson.

Fourth Year: Maria Sfarra, Carol McKinnon, Lewis Rankine, Brian Teaz, Isabel Pinnigan, Elaine McLaughlin, Shirley Ross, Patrick Smith, Sarah Rolfe, Mary Walsh, Brian Murphy, Richard McGowan, Suzanne McCulloch, Lorraine Barrett, Michael McArdle, Anne Clancy, Tracy McQuade.

Fifth & Sixth Year: Marian F Kolodziej, Elizabeth A Donohoe, Josephine Thompson, Paul F Tomnay, Bernadette Morgan, Robert Bennett, Mary McKelvey, Alan Hughes, Ian Stewart, John Paul.

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INTERVIEWS

Mr. Walsh.

For those of you who don't know, Mr Walsh is the student whom you would have seen in the Maths or Physics Departments in May. He found the school quite different from what he had expected - in some ways better and in others worse. When asked to give examples of these points he replied, "Well, as for the bad points, there is in some cases a lack of interest in the pupils - almost apathy; eg today", indicating the 4th Years around the classroom. "But on the whole the behaviour of the pupils is quite good". (muffled cough)

He finishes at Notre Dame College this Christmas and when he leaves he doesn't mind whether he teaches Maths or Physics. "I would have taught both subjects before I came here, but since then I've heard some stories which have made me a bit sceptical". Before deciding to go into college he had been working in Industry where he had been an Instrument Engineer and Computer Engineer, "which basically involves operating, maintaining and making programmes for computers". He stated that he enjoyed working with them very much and is certain that it will help him in teaching.

He is married and lives in Kilwinning though he comes originally from Stevenston. In his spare time he battles with the weeds in his garden. He has a V.W. Beetle and as for the questions you've all probably been asking - is he related to Mr Walsh in Biology? - Yes, he's his cousin.

He hopes to get a job teaching in Ayrshire; this school? He said, "I don't think they'd have me". We wish him all the best wherever he teaches, whether he comes back here or not.

Interviewed and tortured until
he spilled the beans -

Mark Cunningham - Class IV

Mrs. McCallum.

Mrs McCallum has been at St Michael's for nine months and she likes it. (!)

She is married (funnily enough), but has no children. Her husband is also a teacher and he is in St Andrew's Academy, Ardrossan. They stay in Ardrossan.

She teaches Classical Studies, History and Modern Studies. Her hobbies include gardening, watching football and playing badminton, which is her favourite sport. She does not like Punk Rock.

Before coming to St Michael's she taught handicapped children. She likes being a teacher and enjoys teaching most classes.

by David Herraghty I

Miss Conway.



On Wednesday 30 May we went along and interviewed Miss Conway. She told us that if she were not a typing teacher, she would love to be an air pilot. She left St Mike's to go to Queen Margaret Academy in Ayr. On asking her who she would miss most, she replied "Third Years". She said that she must definitely make a mention about her travelling companions -- Miss Bolton and Mr Colgan.

We asked her what she thought about the new government. She said that we might as well give "Maggie" a chance. She said, "I suppose she is trying to do the same job as previous P.M.s. I have nothing against women P.M.s."

The kind of holidays Miss Conway enjoys are camping ones. She is going camping for three weeks to Italy with some pupils from QM.

Finally we asked Miss Conway if she thought that Smart was a good thing. She replied, "Indeed it is. Also at QM I am hoping to start a magazine, something like Smart. Maybe St Mike's pupils could help me?"

Could you or couldn't you find a suitable name?

Catrina Running &
Delia Clancy III.

Miss Martin.

As you probably know by now Miss Martin, a former languages teacher at St Michael's has left. Before leaving she managed to find time to give us an interview.

Queen Margaret Academy in Ayr is her destination, where as well as languages she will teach guidance to First Year pupils. She feels that she has learned a lot at St Mike's which she would like to use in other schools. The system of guidance at QM is different from here. She hopes that there won't be too many interruptions to class but she has resolved to continue to be a Nazi, so if she must leave class her pupils will be frightened to speak. She doesn't think she will make any amendments to the present guidance system yet, but she hopes to get to know her pupils quickly, informally as well as formally through excursions and open days.

She hopes that she will be able to involve parents as she thinks they play a major part in their children's guidance. Miss Martin intends to be lenient with some types of problem if she understands the reason fully, but she won't stand for any nonsense from people she thinks are trying to pull the wool over her eyes. Truants will have their cases looked into thoroughly by Miss Martin and she will first of all find out if the truant's parents know what is going on, then she will try to ascertain the reason for truancy and carry on from there.

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Her great aim is to be Ayrshire's first lady Rector and this along with the future she saw for herself in guidance was the reason for her application for this job. She hopes for more job satisfaction in the guidance department. Watch out teenage delinquents if you cross Miss Martin's path - you are liable to be shot, but she hopes that she won't come across any cases of delinquency yet. She thinks that this school could be doing with more out-of-hours activity.

Her famous last words are "Pupils should really take advantage of all the patience and skills of the teachers, and try to recognise what the teachers are here to do, and make good use of these years because they are years which are never to be repeated, and if you don't, sometime in your life you will regret never having done your best."

Catherine Craig -
Class 401

*P.S. It is deliberate that there is
nothing on the back of the crossword*

Mr. Farrell.

By now most girls in the school will know that there is a new Secretarial Studies teacher in the school, named Mr Farrell. Unfortunately he is married and lives in Ayr.

When interviewing Mr Farrell he said if he hadn't been a Sec. Studies teacher he doesn't know what he would have been. He used to teach in Auchenleck Academy and Queen Margaret Academy, but he admits that he likes St Mike's so far. He doesn't have any comment on school dinners because he brings a piece-box (no wonder!). "What do you think of our school magazine?" - "Never seen it" - (lucky fellow). His favourite subject out of Typing, Office Practice, Audio, Accounts and Economics is Accounting.

by a namesake in Class III
(with the help of V.H.)

Others.

The title 'others' is not meant to be an insult, but to include several who ought to have had an interview to themselves. Let's start with the young ladies. The reaction of our Irvine Marymass Queen, Anne Marie Scott, to being interviewed was "Aw, naw!". Her first duty will be to open Marymass on Aug. 16th - for which she will have a free hair-do. She is very pleased to have been chosen. Her hobbies include swimming and her pets include her wee brother (sorry, she asked us to delete that). Janey Burns will be a Marymass Mary. She already knows two of the other Marys, from other schools, through the Guides. Her sister Karen will be coming to St Mike's next year. SMART hopes that they enjoy themselves and that Andrea Barratt and Catherine O'Neill, attendants this last month to the Dreghorn Gala Queen, enjoyed their tasks, though SMART did not get around to interviewing them.

Mr Cooke, our librarian, will be leaving this summer to be in overall charge of one secondary and six primary school libraries in Arran. Based at Lamash, he will be the only permanent librarian on the island, and he looks forward to catering for a whole community. It doesn't mean any extra pay, but his wife prefers the country; it was her idea for him to apply for the job. One thing he intends to do is to have a permanent stock of books for sale. He also looks forward to being involved in drama and acting. The only disadvantage (is it one?) is that he will not be able to visit his parents and parents-in-law in Durham so often. He hopes that staff and pupils at St Michael's will co-operate with his successor.

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3rd YEAR NETBALL

This has been a very good year for the 3rd Year Team. They have been successful in every game they played.

They played all the neighbouring teams - St Andrew's (15-3), Ardrossan (22-9), Kilwinning (23-9), Irvine Royal (17-15), Greenwood (15-8), Ravenspark (22-3), Marr (21-2).

We went on to win the North Ayrshire and we hope to win the Ayrshire Cup on 23 June.

The whole team, Michelle McDonald, Helenor Forde, Anne McMillan, Yvonne O'Brien, Sandra Mullen, Linda Hall, Catherine O'Neill and Catrina Running would like to thank Mrs Dorrian for all the help she has given us throughout the year.

Anne McMillan

AYRSHIRE TRIALS

After playing netball all afternoon in the school sports, six Third Years went to the Ayrshire Trials at Garnock Academy. These trials were to select 15 girls to go forward against another 15 from south Ayrshire to select the U-16 Ayrshire Netball Team. We were accompanied by Mrs Dorrian.

Unfortunately we were split up into separate teams and played two games. Everyone seemed very nervous and the games were played almost silently, which is very unusual!

Finally it was narrowed down to 15 girls by the judges after playing two nerve-racking games. Four were from our own 3rd "A" Netball Team: Yvonne O'Brien, Linda Hall, Helenor Forde and Anne McMillan. These girls will go on to further trials after the summer.

Good Luck!!

A. McMillan

4th YEAR NETBALL

Three girls represented Ayrshire in the recent Inter-County Netball Championships at Dundee. They were: Patricia Cardle, Sally O'Brien and Caroline Bennett. The girls gained valuable experience from the tournament.

KARATE

There are about half a dozen pupils from the Irvine Karate Club who train in the school. We practice weaponry, self-defence and team pool training.

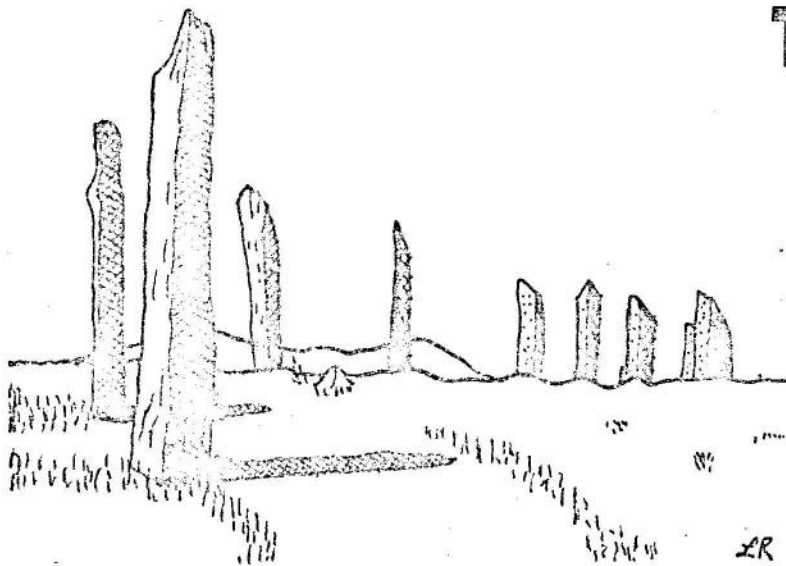
R.M.

* School Sports Day Champions were Smithstone, for the third year running, to the delight of Fr Walsh (fix! - V Hillis).

* St Mary's (lassies) won the overall cup when the Primary 7's were up at the school.

* 1979 Sports Champions are: Junior Boys - Stef Gilhooley; Junior Girls - Kay Robinson; Senior Boys - Mark Devine; Senior Girls - Bernadette Morgan.





The Ring of Brodgar

The Ring of Brodgar is a circle of standing stones near Kirkwall in Orkney. These stones date from prehistoric times and very little is known about them. Archaeologists suggest that they may have been used for religious ceremonies of some kind.

Here are two imaginative reconstructions of what may have taken place at the Ring of Brodgar in the distant past.

The Stones

By ten o'clock the sun was down and the moon was out. They entered in two's dressed in long white cloaks. There was an eerie sensation as each one stood in front of a stone. The moon watched over the thirty-two druids as the chanting began. Each had in his hand a bowl of liquid. It very much looked like blood. The chanting grew higher, and, as they turned round to face the middle of the circle, they raised their bowls towards the moon. The chanting stopped, and everything was still. Only the night breeze winding its way through the long grass on the edge of the circle could be heard.

They slowly walked towards the centre, bowls still stretching towards the moon. Soon a small circle of white robes had been made. The bowls were placed in the centre. Then another person entered the circle holding a flaming grass torch. He threw it into the bowls and immediately the liquid went up in flames reaching as far as the stones and as high as two large men standing on one-another's shoulders. Seconds later the flames went out. The druids were gone. Where were they? Did they leave the circle? Did the flames consume them?

James Gillies - Class 303

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The Ceremony

The wind whistled across the bare moor. A priest stood in front of each of the 12 stones which formed the Ring of Brodgar.



Each of the priests was clothed in long white robes, tied round the middle by a rope, which reached his feet. They all had long, wild white hair and long bushy grey beards.

In the centre of the Ring by a large pyre surrounded by wheat and various other cereal crops. The priests were all chanting in a low murmuring tone of voice. They praised the sun, the stars, their Gods, and they gave thanks for their crops, their good health and their success in battle.

The chanting died down as the high priest entered the Ring. In his right hand he held a torch but the only way to discern him from the others was a silver star painted on his forehead.

Behind the high priest was a bier borne by six warriors. On top of the bier were two bodies. One was that of a nineteen year old girl selected from one of the villages. She was clad in a virgin white veil and she too had a silver star painted on her forehead. She kept her eyes closed throughout the proceedings.

The second was a captured warrior from a rival tribe. He was tightly bound, and struggled till the end.

The bier was placed on top of the pyre.

The chanting continued for nearly an hour. The priests prayed for good crops, good health in their tribe and more success in battle. They offered some of their harvest, one of their tribe, a captive from a battle victory and their souls in afterlife.

The high priest threw his torch into the heart of the pyre and the priests watched the golden flames leap into the darkened sky.

Dennis McKay - Class 303

P.T.O.

Cartoon Corner by Ronald Teele 305



The Vikings

No-one could believe what was happening when the children came running into the village. Their faces were white and their arms and legs were trembling.

"What's the matter with you?" shouted an elder as he grabbed a small child.

"We were playing up on the hill when we saw dragon ships coming towards us from the sea", replied a shaky voice.

"In the boats there were tall, blond warriors with battle-axes in their belts, shields at their sides and swords in their hands", cried another one.

"Nonsense, go away", said an angry man, "the Romans left long ago!"

"They were not Romans".

"What else could they be?"

"Consult the old man. He could tell us", shouted someone in the crowd.

"I'm telling you. They're Romans with renewed forces come back to tax us again".

"They're different from Romans", cried a sulking child.

"Then maybe they're traders".

"Yes, of course, they're traders".

"We must greet them".

"But be careful!" said an old man, "I've heard stories of people from the North. They arrive in their dragon ships to murder and slaughter, stealing from normally peaceful folk".

"Yes, then what are we going to do?" cried a now anxious voice.

"Forget it, the old man's off his head. Aren't you coming with me to welcome them?"

So a small band of village-folk went to the place where the children had seen the dragon ships. It was now misty. A couple of the men said that maybe the old man was right, but their leader dismissed this idea.

They walked on to the shore. Then, out of the mist they saw that some ships had landed. The ships were just like the children had said. The villager's leader stepped forward and shouted,

"Welcome, my friends!"

He was greeted by a spear that went right through his chest. A rowdy horde of savage people came forward, swords in their hands

Robert Foy -
Class III

Burns' Cottage and Culzean Castle.



On Monday, 4 June some members of the Third Year history group set off on a Wee D... mystifying tour to the exotic holiday resorts of Burns' Cottage and Culzean Castle.

On the first leg of the journey, the atmosphere in the bus was similar to that at a Kilmarnock game - flat - but soon things began to liven up when we reached Burns' Cottage and Sr D started to give out the worksheets. After a tour of the Museum and Cottage we were all packed into the bus and taken in the direction of Culzean Castle.

Arriving at Culzean we were shown round by a woman who sounded as if she could rattle off more history notes than P. McG. After the tour we went into the gardens to eat our lunch. (P.R. actually refused a sweet). J.B. enjoyed his Coca-Cola shower and we all headed for the sweet shop where P.R. quickly made up for lost time. Then we went up to the "Home Farm" or Park Centre where we went to an exhibition on the history of Culzean.

We would like to thank Sister Dominic and Miss Murphy who took us on the outing which I am sure everyone enjoyed.

John Neison - Class 301

Cleeve's Cove Visit.

On Thursday, 7 June, while the rest of Third Year went to Cruachan for a study of H.E.P., the remainder were surprised when we went into our Geography Class and Mrs Rattray asked if we wanted to go to Cleeve's Cove that afternoon. Minutes later we were on our way.

On arrival we made our way round a hay field and descended to a stram with steep sides and a lime-stone cave cut by the Dusk water. Only four people dared to cross the stream: Paul Armstrong crossed over, turned round and came back again; John Gilfillan crawled out along the branch halfway then fell in; Michael McGonagle and myself climbed up the cliff and came up at the end of some farmer's back garden - he was, fortunately, not about at that moment. Oddly enough not many entered the treacherous looking cave but considering we had no torches or wellies (quite apart from safety helmets) this wasn't surprising.

We then went for a mystery tour round the area. We passed cows being herded into a field and Dalgarnen Mill where Mrs Rattray almost forgot to slow down.* We then passed a Bauxite mine, from which aluminium is made, in High Smithstown.

Shortly afterwards we then came to another mine: this time the diggers were after coal. We walked down the mine being careful not to climb the sides except by the two paths. Some fossils were found which resembled leaves, twigs and branches from trees of the Carboniferous Period in earth's history, millions of years ago.

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We piled back into the mini bus, after wiping our feet, and drove off back to St Mike's passing Ashgrove Loch and a boy with his dog. We passed two horses (plus riders) which Tom Malone almost scared with one of his nerve-jolting grins as we passed them. Soon afterwards our 2½ hour trip ended as we arrived back at school, exercised and very very dirty.

* (Untrue, according to Mrs Rattray. Ed.)

Danny Anderson
et al
Class III

Arran Visit.

Dawn breaks in houses from darkest Bourtreehill to even darker Kilbirnie, preparations are going on in earnest. It's First Year's History Trip to Arn (Arran to some of us). On 1 June, a small coachload of the "little angels" leaves with Sister Dominic Savio and Mrs Lunardi for Ardrossan and the Cal-Mac ferry to Arran.

On the boat there was a B.B.C. filming crew which were making a programme which will be shown in September. We watched them filming a short sequence at the ticket office, one from the deck of the boat and one in Brodick. But before we had time to tie up the captain, we were in Brodick.

We left the boat and made our way along the shore towards Brodick Castle. Only a handful managed to reach the castle without being soaked or without having sand-filled shoes. Finding that it was over an hour till opening time, we all went into the gardens to eat lunch. The gardens are renowned all over Europe for their exotic plants. A few boys even had lunch in a Bavarian Summer House.

One hour later the castle was opened. In the first room a guide showed us around. You may be interested to know that this castle was formerly owned by the Duke of Hamilton, but is now owned by the National Trust. Some of it is about 600 years old and was the home of Robert Bruce for a short time, while he was there in hiding in 1306-7. On the walls are 87 stags' heads and one bull's head. Also inside are a grandfather clock which has been going non-stop for nearly 300 years, a bowl in the library, given as a gift by Napoleon Bonaparte, and many paintings throughout the castle.

Later we were allowed to go into the town for free time before returning to the boat. On the beach some boys caught shrimps which were later dissected on the boat by P.M. After eating Brodick's supply of fish and chips for a year we eventually boarded the "Clansman" for the return journey to Ardrossan and home. One seagull decided that Hugh Davidson's finger looked more appetising than the bread he was offering it, so it took a bite.

We would like to thank Sister Dominic Savio and Mrs Lunardi for a great day enjoyed by all (just about).

Graham Teaz
Gerard Boyle - 108
David Herraghty - 102

Portencross.

At 9 o'clock on 14 June, pupils from 3rd and 4th Year went on a Biology field trip with Mrs Anderson and Mrs Bolton to Portencross, a small dwelling on the coast - six houses, a telephone box and a castle. The gale force winds and driving rain didn't make things any easier as the groups levelled off the rocky shore to identify the animals and plants at different levels. After examining rock pools, each group returned to the shelter of the castle with specimens ranging from starfish to shrimps, anemones and crabs. One group found a rare fungus sticking to a rock, which was later identified as a rotten orange. After eating our packed lunches at an old barn, some of us endeavoured to climb the hills behind the village in the pouring rain but after lunch it was back to work doing belt transects and examining high tide rock pools which were full of tadpoles. At quarter past three it was back to the car park where there was nearly mass murder on the part of the driver, and after narrowly escaping that, it was back to the school, the end of another exhausting day.

Margaret Savage - 304

Hunterston Steel Works.

On Tuesday 5 June some pupils along with Mr McNulty, Mr Gill and Miss Lennon went to see the Queen Mother unveil a plaque to declare Hunterston Steel Works officially open.

We left school at about 9.20 am and arrived at about 9.55 am. We assembled in the 'Red Registration Room' where morning coffee was supposed to be served but wasn't.

At approximately 11 am we went to the marquees where we each received a flag which we were to wave as the Queen Mother arrived. She arrived promptly at 11.20 am and gave a short speech. Finally she pulled a cord which opened the curtains to unveil a small plaque in honour of her visit.

Afterwards we returned to the buses as we were to be taken on a guided tour of the grounds of Hunterston. About an hour later we returned once again to the 'Red Registration Room' where we were given a packed lunch which consisted of a few sandwiches, some biscuits, a sausage roll, a packet of crisps, a can of pepsi and if you were lucky, some fruit.

From then on until 3 pm we walked about part of the grounds. Then at 3 o'clock the Queen Mother gave an after-dinner speech. Eventually we all returned to the bus to be driven back to school. On the way back as the time reached 4 pm we had still not arrived at St Michael's, but after a quick run from the coach to our own buses, we all arrived safely home.

Janey Burns - 306

Note from Jim Jennings (205): Schoolchildren came from Motherwell, Wishaw, Kilbirnie, Largs and Kilwinning. The ore terminal cost £98 million. British Steel also constructed two direct reduction plants at Hunterston costing £60 million.

PHOTOGRAPHS

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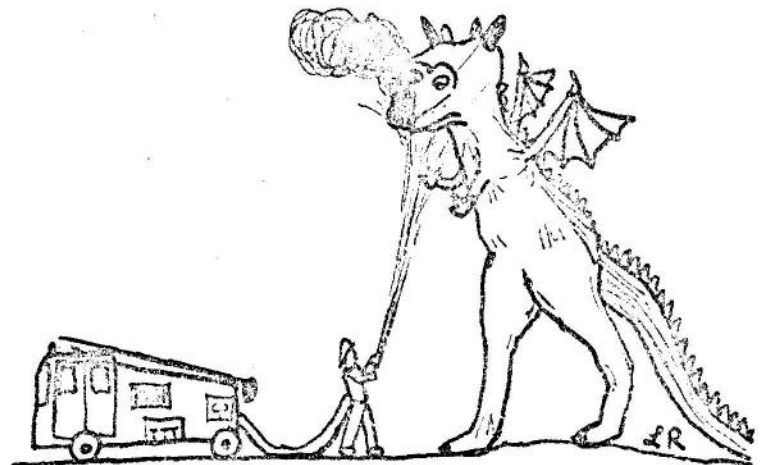
13. The "Smart" team at one of its weekly meetings. Stephen Burke, Brian Littlemore, Stephen Bradley, Gordon Scott, Jim Hayes, Hugh Gillespie, Alan Maxwell, Raymond Kerr, Stephen O'Connell, Lewis Rankine, Mr Lucchesi, David Herraghty, Paul McMahon, John Neison, John Hutcheon, Paul McGeown, Robert Cook, Andrew Twigg, Catherine Craig, Violet Hillis, Catrina Running, Susan Donachie, Morag Devlin, Anne Marie Moran, Mr Dickson.
14. The Brass Band. Carol Delaney, Paul Douglas, Stephen Bradley, Frazer Anderson, Anne Marie Hart, Mark Gaffney, John Booth, Anne Marie Gilchrist, Edward Hart, Gabrielle Short, Graham Teaz, Judith Bradford-Knox.
15. The Modelling Club modelling. Mr Colgan, Gordon Scott, Tony Scott, Brian Freer (at bottom), Allan Brennan, Stephen Hyland, Iain Wilson.
16. The Rector and Miss Boyle receiving a moped from a representative of Harry Fairbairn's Ltd for the STEP course. Pupils in background: William Creamer, Michael McLaren, Nancy McQue, Kenny McMillan, Lynne Kerr, Kathleen McAulay (hidden behind Miss Boyle), Mary McKelvey, Ian Felth, Helen McGill, John O'Hagan, Margo Waddell.

S.T.E.P. (by Miss Boyle)

This year The Schools Traffic Education Programme began, for the first time in Strathclyde Region, a road safety campaign. Our school was one of twenty-two picked to participate in the scheme and a 'Honda Express' moped was donated by 'Harry Fairbairns' of Irvine. Some Fifth and Sixth Year pupils took part in the course.

The main aim of the scheme, apart from teaching pupils to control a powered two-wheeled vehicle, is to try to create a fuller awareness in young people of the potential dangers which exist on our roads today - for pedestrians and drivers alike.

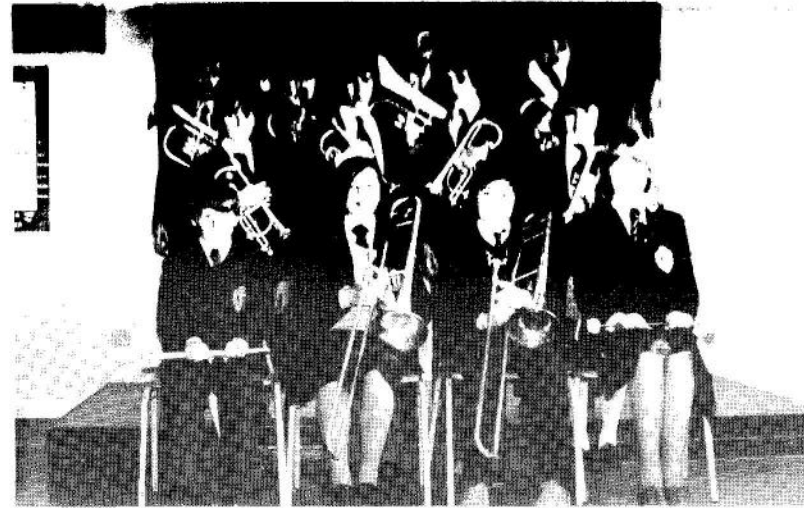
This year's course went reasonably well, familiarising pupils with riding and manoeuvring the bike and improving their road sense.



McLaron, Nancy McGuire, Kenny McMillan, Lynne Kerr,
 Kathleen McAulay (hidden behind Miss Boyle),
 Mary McKelvey, Ian Felth, Helen McGill, John
 O'Hagan, Margo Waddell.



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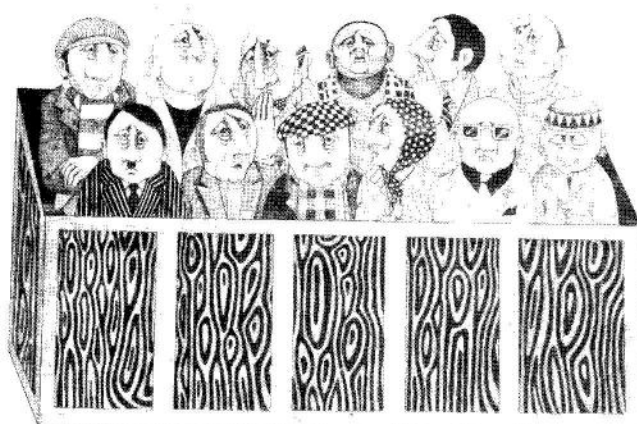
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THE PHOTOGRAPHS

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17. Mr Johnson, Art teacher, as seen on T.V.
18. "The Jury" by Mr Johnson. This is his sketch for a background section in a larger work "Christ before Pilate". See p.33 for an article about Mr Johnson and his work.
19. The Holland pupils (most of them) in their hotel.
 Back row: Jim Jardine, Andrew Keenan, Robert Cook, Marco Biondi, Iain Wilson, Kevin Fyfe, Brian J. Littlemore, Tom McLaughlin, Russell Murphy, Derek Gorman (the message on his jumper is to confuse you).
 Second back row: Edward Dolan, John McCourt, Peter Gow, Stewart Welsh, Stephen Walsh, Billy Falconer, Martin Waldron, Michael Walsh, Andrew Twigg.
 Second front row: Stephen Burke, Stephen McBride, Mrs Dickson, Miss Martin (sitting at attention), Mrs Fitzpatrick, Thomas Barrett, Raymond Johnstone, Mr Dickson.
 Front row: Ruth Anne Docherty, Karen Agnew, Susan Donachie.
20. At the Chess Club:
 Thomas Barrett playing Jim Loughran with Danny Anderson in the background.
21. Animation Club: (apparently requiring animation - Ed.)
 Back: Mr Smith, Frazer Anderson, Danny Anderson, Gerard Boyle, Martin McLaughlan, Martin Griffin, Robert Henderson, John McMillan.
 Front: Gordon Scott, Stephen Keane, John Kelly, John Booth, Iain Forrester.



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Interview With Top Skater.

On April 28th and 29th, the Magnum held Scottish Skating Championships and invited Robin Cousins, the World Silver Medallist in Figure Skating, to do some exhibition skating. We were then lucky enough to be able to ask him some questions:

When did you start skating?

At 9 years old, at Bristol Silver Blades Rink.

How many hours practise do you do?

In America about 7 - 9 hours a day. Between 7 am - 8 pm

What other hobbies do you have?

Art, Music, Swimming and Water Skiing.

What do you prefer - figures or free?

FREE! Not really, I enjoy both but find free skating easier.

What do you think of The Magnum Skating Club?

Although it's a young Club the Magnum has progressed very fast, and has been represented in many competitions.

What do you think of the standard of skating in Scotland?

Scottish skaters are under a handicap of being second to Curling, but I hope that with the T.V. publicity and more competitions, Scottish skaters could be back taking the titles from the English clubs.

What skaters of the Magnum club do you think could do well?

Any skater who has the dedication to work hard and practice, and most of all listed to the trainers' advice can do well. And I wish all the Magnum skaters luck in the future.

When are you coming back to the Magnum club?

When I'm asked, (which I hope will be soon).

What do you think of the Magnum centre?

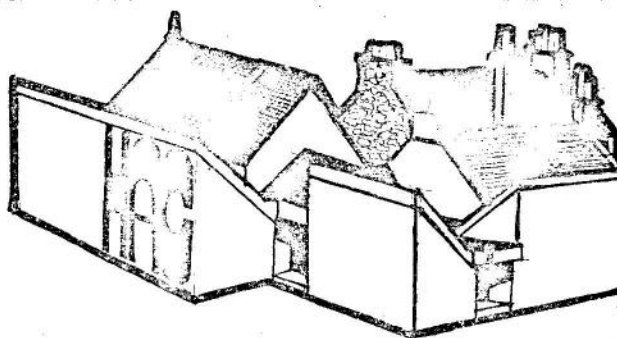
With many new recreation centres opening around the country, Magnum is a fine example.

Anne Marie Gilchrist &
Elizabeth Todman - Class I

Harbour Arts
Centre

next to Magnum

THEATRE & EXHIBITIONS



Mr. Johnson.



"Invented by accident", now living in a "dug-out in Kilwinning", Mr Johnson's main ambition is to become a world-wide famous artist! He is married and has five children, a dog, a gerbil and a rabbit, and recently has appeared on "Spectrum" along with another artist, Bill Gillon. When he was asked "Do you now know Bill Gillon?" his answer was "No, thank goodness!" (We leave the rest to you.) He enjoyed making the programme and his wife enjoyed it too. His children were not at school (lucky devils) so they watched the filming and chatted up the camera crew who were a very good looking bunch of chaps. (Cor!)

Mr Johnson prefers to paint your ordinary, everyday "gaffer" rather than the aristocratic, sophisticated people that are seen in the Renaissance paintings. He substitutes the wee west of Scotland man for the posh folk done by the big lads. He supposes that it was his painting of "The Last Supper" that triggered off public shock and controversy. He paints Christ as the big hard-working joiner, not as "an airy-fairy effeminate looking creature", as he says the "big lads" do. He says he himself is non-denominational so he can take an unbiased view of Biblical themes. He tends to paint people with huge noses because as a student he was working in a really slum-like bar and all the boozers had caps pulled over their eyes and scarfs pulled over their mouths, thus he only saw the noses. When he paints Christ in places like Gambling Casinos, pub s, etc, he says older people and young teenagers think this is blasphemy! He likes bringing older paintings, done by Michelangelo, up to date, but again this can cause a fair amount of public controversy.

Mr Johnson thinks selling paintings is very difficult. He says an artist never counts his time building up an exhibition. At one particular exhibition he had to beg and borrow £300 to frame his paintings and to hire a van etc. He said it was one of the best exhibitions he has held yet, although he lost £100. He says it is like gambling on the horses - you don't know what's going to happen. If he does make a profit he ploughs it back into the next exhibition.

Mr Johnson has been teaching since 1962 and in most schools he has been at, he has been told - "You spend too much time painting and not enough teaching." He likes St Mike's because not only does this not happen, they actually encourage him to paint. He doesn't like the classroom situation; he prefers to look on it as a studio, where he is the head artist and there are all the wee apprentices, learning their crafts of the trade.

Altogether, Mr Johnson thinks Art is like a disease - "once you've got it you can't stop". The last question we asked was - "Do you agree with the T.V. commentator that you could be described as self-willed, obstinate, hard to get on with, but with a sense of humour?" His answer was quite simply - "My wife thinks so."

Susan Donachie &
Morag Devlin - Class 106

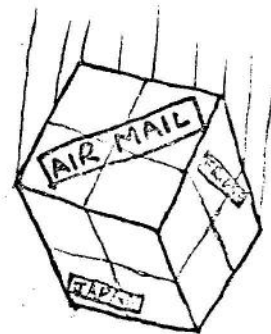


Prize Crossword

CLUES ACROSS:

- 1 Pam becomes a geographical aid (3)
- 4 There was a T.V. "Trail" here. (6)
- 6 Robin Hood was a good one. (6)
- 7 People say it brings children (5)
- 8 Part of "bypass". (2)
- 9 Where an escalator goes (2)
- 13 This industrial action hurts (6)
- 15 Higher than an archbishop (8)
- 16 Very keen (4)
- 17 Half of a dodo (2)
- 18 This kind of cat has a boy's name (3)
- 19 Pop star David is a county (5)
- 21 You can set this (5)
- 22 Three-legged part of a pea plant? (6)
- 24 Look at a clock to find it out (4)
- 26 Make a mistake (3)
- 28 Part of a foot (3)
- 29 Lazy (4)
- 30 To exist (2)
- 31 Fling (4)
- 33 Small and sharp (3)
- 34 Either . . . (2)
- 35 Kind of turtle (8)

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER:



CLUES DOWN:

- 1 Light fog (4)
- 2 Item on television (9)
- 3 Large, hairy animal with horns (3)
- 4 Revolution in space (5)
- 5 Animal from a certain tea advert. (3)
- 10 Nom-de-plume (9)
- 11 Opposite of concave (6)
- 12 Trouble found in "a dollar" (3)
- 13 Unpaid servant (5)
- 14 to signal or point out (8)
- 18 Edible rubbish? (5)
- 20 You can do this to wheat (5)
- 23 A pin has a sharp one (5)
- 25 Not old (4)
- 27 Flying chess piece? (4)
- 28 Rip which happens when you cry (4)
- 30 Put rubbish in this (3)
- 32 Just . . . (2)
- 33 Sounds as if you can eat this Greek letter. (2)

Drawings by Lewis Rankine
on pages 18(b), 24, 30, 31 ->

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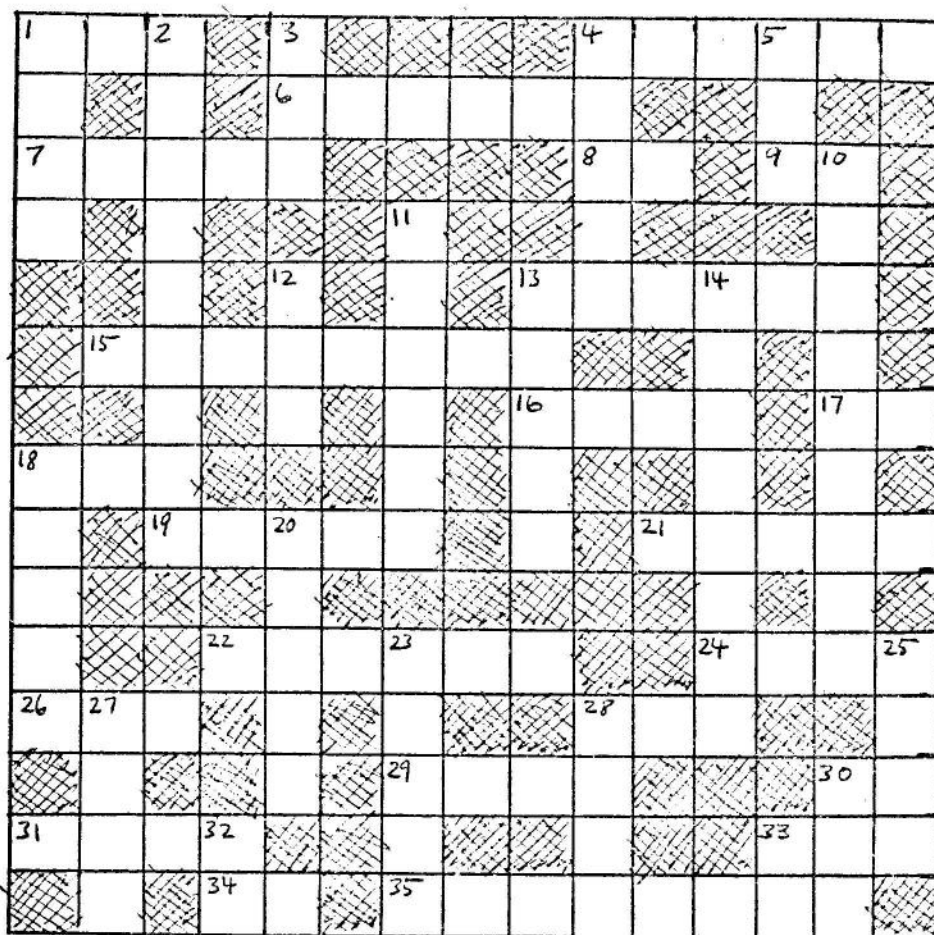
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INTERVIEW

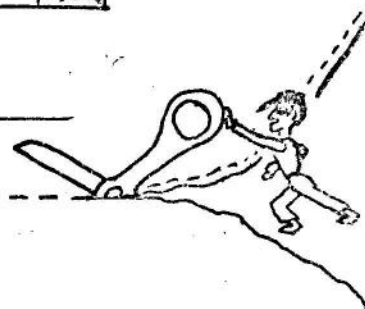
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Your name _____ class _____



INTERVIEWS continued from page 22

Mr McCourt, who has been at St Michael's for 13 years, retires this summer. He is "most certainly" looking forward to retirement, when he will garden and do housework (his wife will still be working). He has enjoyed teaching, but feels that a lot of enjoyment is going out of teaching, because there are, he thinks, too many distractions nowadays. He also thinks that modern pupils do not use their memories enough, and remember less than they ought to. His advice is "Watch TV less and work more". His daughter will start teaching French and Spanish at St Michael's next session.

Mr Keenan is also leaving. He will miss "the pupils, especially the brass band, and most of the staff" but he hopes he will be appreciated more in a different school with a different system.

Drawings by Danny Anderson
on pages 8(a), 14, 17, 18, 18(b), 35, 38, 49, & 8(b)

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The Sea



The sea is very clear and bright
But some of the things in it could give you a fright
There are fish thirty feet long
And mermaids that lure you with a charming song.

The sea is very clear and bright
And there's everything there for your delight
There are hundreds of caves for you to explore
And secret paths that lead up from the shore.

The sea is very clear and bright
But it's very different in the middle of the night
It goes all dark and very queer
Like a tin of syrup or a pint of beer.

William Flanagan - 204

As the moon shines on the sea,
The water ripples tiny moonbeams,
The silence is very peaceful and romantic.

The gentle swaying of the sea makes
you feel sleepy,
The black shadows look as if they are leaping
over the pale blue sea.

The wind whispers through the trees
The leaves rustle but there are still shadows on the water
It is nearly morning the moon is almost hidden
And the twinkling stars are disappearing.

Now the sun is breaking, the sea is golden
as the sun's first rays peep over the
horizon.

And a new day is born.

M McHugh - 204

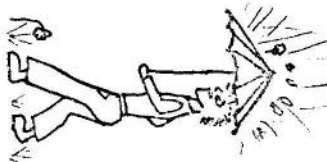
As I sit on the lonely cliff,
The wild sea battering below,
I wonder from where did it come,
And now where will it go.

The seagulls above me are waiting,
The wind wails around me too,
The sea crashes against the rocks
And sends a shiver through you.

The wind rises to a gail,
And gulls continue to wail,
The waves are climbing high,
And the sea is in full cry.

Frances Traynor

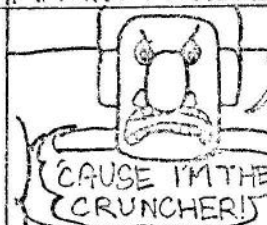




ANY TIME MR KILL IS BORED OR FED UP, BECAUSE OF GLOOM-A-RAYS, HE TURNS INTO THE

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LAST ISSUE... THE SULK FOLLOWS D.D. TO THE MAGNUM WHERE



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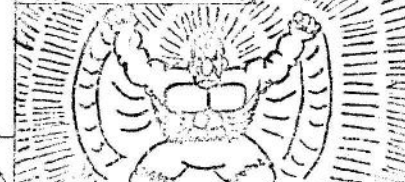
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SULK MUST USE ALL SULK'S BOREDOM



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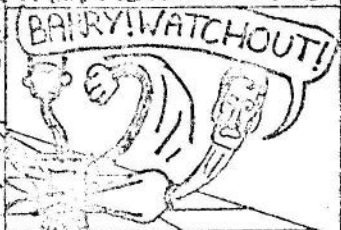


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OKAY! SULK! PREPARE TO DIE!

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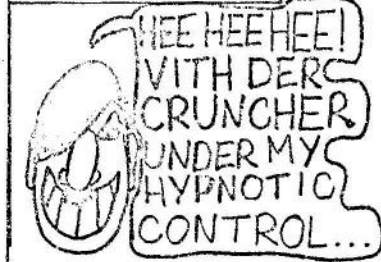
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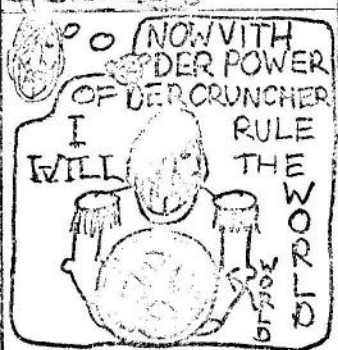
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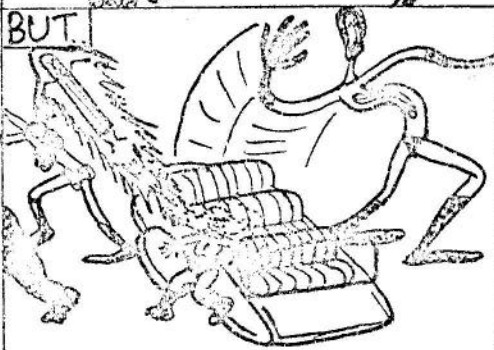


HEE HEE HEE! WITH DER CRUNCHER UNDER MY HYPNOTIC CONTROL...

I MADE THE SULK USE UP ALL OF HIS BOREDOM SO THAT HE HAD TO CHANGE BACK INTO MR KILL!



NOW WITH DER POWER OF DER CRUNCHER I WILL RULE THE WORLD



BUT...



Hadrian's Wall Weekend

On Friday, June 1st, thirteen Fourth Year pupils, accompanied by Mr Dickson and Mrs McCallum, began a two-day visit to Hadrian's Wall in the north of England, travelling by school mini-bus.

For those who have not heard of Hadrian's Wall*, it was built by the Romans around A.D.124, perhaps to prevent Northern Barbarians from attacking and raiding Roman territory but probably to mark the border of the Roman Empire. It was 73 miles long, stretching right across the country from the Tyne to the Solway. For defence the Romans built forts, mile-castles and turrets along the wall, guarded by almost 12,000 men.

Nearly 2,000 years later, parts of the wall still remain. It was these remains and the remains of the places where the Romans and their families lived and worked, which we had come to see.

For us, one of the most memorable events of our trip was when we walked a distance of about 3 miles along the wall to a fort called Housesteads. Some of us were heard mutter, "Humph! Mountaineering!" but for those who didn't mind heights there were some spectacular views of the countryside, especially at one point where there was a sheer drop down to a small lake. It made us realise just what it was like to be a Roman foot-soldier. The weather was beautiful and everyone was glad to see an ice-cream van when we reached Housesteads.

Perhaps one of the most interesting things we saw was a Roman temple to a god called Mithras where, despite having the misfortune to step in a horrible, boggy puddle, Mr Dickson told us many interesting things such as how the Roman soldiers worshipped Mithras. The next day in the University Museum in Newcastle we saw a reconstruction of the temple and even some animal bones left there by the Romans after a feast or sacrifice.

Another interesting sight was the bath-house at Chesters fort which seemed, to us, like a mixture of sauna, swimming-pool and club! Everyone had a surprise when Mr Dickson drove into a street in Newcastle and there in what was almost someone's back garden was the remains of a Roman temple! We also visited three museums where we saw everything from Roman shoes and jewellery, to swords and helmets.

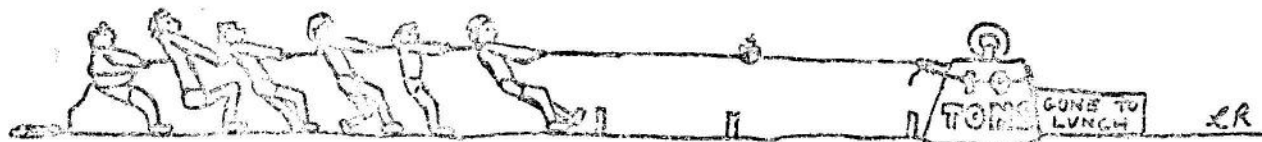
All in all it was a very interesting and enjoyable trip. Our thanks to Mr Dickson and Mrs McCallum who made it possible. Now that we've seen Hadrian's Wall who knows - one day we might reach Rome!

(* Who hasn't? - Ed.)

Suzanne McCulloch - IV

MORE RUMOURS

- that a pupil struggling up a steep mud-climb at Hadrian's Wall on the Friday afternoon was heard to mutter "to think I could be in Physics".
- that Mrs Fitzpatrick's room is overrun with ants.
- that Fr Grant, after driving pupils to Coodham in the school mini-bus, said that the school bus was great to drive compared to the Smithstone bus.



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At the time of the General Election various pupils in the school were asked what their policies would be if they were in charge of the country.

Here are some typical, and not-so-typical answers:

The Economy

I would put pocket money up by £5 per week and bring the cost of crisps and drinks down. - (Anonymous)

I would take less tax off the workers and give them higher wages. I would cut the price of food and cut the price of petrol. The funfair for children wouldn't be so dear, bus fares would be lowered, insurance would be less. - (D. Fee)

I would fix it, so there would be jobs for everyone, and there would be more money for people with large families. (D. Greenan)

I would try to ban people from buying foreign things and just let them buy British ones. - (A. Keenan)

Law and Order

I would bring back the death penalty and give the policemen guns and permission to shoot any people causing a riot. I would make strikes illegal. - (C. Fallon)

To cut crime I would thrash everybody with a whip if they committed a crime, or if anybody murdered somebody I would give them a life sentence with no chance of probation. I would ban the belt from all schools. - (C. Allan)

Try and bring in Capital Punishment for very serious crimes and clamp down on crime. Get a volunteer Police Force to help out. - (A. Hughes)

Because of the constitutional, metabolistic, pre-adolescent, pro-proprioparic groups, our country is in a terrible state. Maoists, Troskyists, Communists, Socialists, Dentists, Sociologists, Psychiatrists, Pathologists, Archaeologists, and Entomologists would be shot. - (D. McKay)

Devolution

I would give Scotland a bigger say in what happens in Britain, and give Scotland more money for housing, employment etc. - (M. McCafferty)

I would give Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland their own "Mini-government" where they could decide what to do with the money they're given, and let them run industry, education, health and social security, public transport, and in the case of Scotland - North Sea Oil. - (M. Hodge)

Employment

I would try to stop strikes of lorry drivers etc and give men who work long hours a decent pay. I would also give those people who have a good trade like a mechanic a better wage than people who scrub floors. - (Anonymous)

Unemployment cut - ie build more works for the steelworkers especially. - (E A Allan)

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Record Reviews.

OUTLANDOS D'AMOUR - THE POLICE (A & M)

'Roxanne' the single is fantastic and the other tracks are even better. In places Sting (the lead singer) sounds very like Johnnie Rotten. The best track is 'So Lonely' where Sting screeches like a demon and proves that he writes excellent songs. Other songs include Makoko Tanga, Peanuts, Hole in my Life, Born in the Fifties and Next to You. The Police have been described as 'white reggae' but whatever you call it their music is good.

BLACK ROSE - THIN LIZZY (VERTIGO)

If 'Live and Dangerous' was the best Thin Lizzy live album then Black Rose is undoubtedly their best studio effort to date. Once again Phil Lynott demonstrates his ability to switch from rock to ballads with ease. The most likely single is 'Anything you want to do'. 'Got to give it up' is pure rock and the title track 'Black Rose' is a haunting ballad which would be a classic if only it were two minutes shorter. Where will Thin Lizzy go from here?

LODGER - DAVID BOWIE (RCA)

Once again Bowie and Brian Eno combine to produce a rock enigma. There is nothing really new on the album; it could be termed a Bowie Collection. 'Fantastic Voyage' could have been on Hunky Dory. I suppose the only basic theme is Travel. Bowie himself said the album could have been called Travel Along With Bowie. The European aspect is heightened with the title on the album cover being written in English, French and German. 'Red Sails' is a German type song (of Kraftwerk). 'Look Back In Anger' stems from a dream about an angel of Death. 'Repetition' is about a wife-beating in America and 'African Night Flight' is partly sung in Swahili. Disappointingly perhaps, the best track is the current single 'Boys Keep Swinging'.

Once again Bowie keeps us guessing.

by A.M.

Employment (continued from previous page)

I would do my best to give everybody a job. I would want most machines abolished so as there would be less unemployment and people could take the place of machines. - (P. Gusti)

Old People

Nowadays old people are suffering of no food and the cold. I would help supply new and better homes and equip them with what they need, and organise trips to get them out and bout in the fresh air. - (A. Twigg)
I would give the old people more money and free meals. - (M. Biondi)
I would make euthanasia legal, then there would be a stop to old folk saying, "when I was a lad" - (P. Forde)

Education

I will pass a 'Boredom' Bill, prohibiting boredom in schools. This will rule out 99.9% of teachers. It would make openings for the unemployed as class jesters. - (T. McNeill)
I think they should ban the belt and suspension and just leave us alone. - (Anonymous)

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Footnote:

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What Enca thought of Scotland.



My impressions after almost a year's stay in Scotland are many and sometimes - why not say it - contradictory. I think that the judgements we make, even when we try to be objective, are an expression of our being and this "being" always has as its base a particular culture, in my own case obviously, Spanish; and this, when you are living in some European countries, means facing up to and adapting oneself to a quite different attitude of mind and way of life.

One of the most difficult things to accept in Scotland is the kind of personal relationships which people have. For Spaniards the development and expression of our feelings is very important; we are described as "open" - I would say that this is absolutely essential to us.

When you are in the midst of a people who, even though they are delightfully pleasant (many have been kind enough to point out the correct word to me on numerous occasions) and open "the door" to you, do not let you over the threshold you feel happy and sad at one and the same time -- happy because of the kindness and sad and alone because the potential friend is hidden behind an invisible barrier.

In spite of everything, in the schools, and through the White family, whom I have had the good fortune to get to know during my stay here, I have met people who are interesting on both a personal and an intellectual level.

I have worked in a very pleasant atmosphere. But there is something in the education system which I personally do not accept -- the use of the belt. I understand the reason for its use and I know that for it to disappear there would have to be a change in some ideas and attitudes, which in turn would alter the system. Too complicated? I think it would be worthwhile.

On the other hand, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to come to "Bonnie Scotland". I love nature which is found here in all its splendour - sea, lochs, fields, trees and flowers, which together form scenery of impressive warmth and beauty.

The less said about the weather the better.

In these few lines and in conclusion my thanks to all the teachers and pupils of Spanish because they all made me feel welcome.

My best wishes to everyone.

Hasta siempre

(Encarnacion Plaza Molina)

Footnote: Senorita Molina, Enca to her friends, was Spanish Assistant at St Michael's this session. All pupils and staff enjoyed having Enca here, and wish her all the best in her career. (Ed.)



Mr MacLutcheon, Mr Rentleton, Mr Cassid
P.6 answers:

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Let's Make Money.



Money, they say, makes the world go round, and since St Michael's could loosely be called part of the world SMART decided to look at fund-raising in the school.

Two autumns ago the school ran an Autumn Fayre to raise money for the new mini-bus. That event raised over £2,000 and in an attempt to raise further money there will be another Fayre next term.

The Tuck Shop, run by Mr Vernon, as well as being a service to the pupils is also a profit-making concern. Mr Vernon estimates that it will make around £1,500 profit this school year.

Another profit-making concern is the "500 Club" which was launched last October. In the early days money flooded in, so much so that the weekly prizemoney was increased from £12 to £15. In the last few months, however, interest has waned. When SMART asked Mr Westcott for "500 Club" profit and prize figures, he was unable to supply them. Responsibility for financial statements had just been transferred to Mr Fitzpatrick and his figures do not yet correspond to Mr Westcott's. I have, however, made a very wild guess that £400 to £500 has been presented to prizewinners.

Perhaps we should all be told on a regular basis how much is paid out in prizes and how much profits have been raised for the benefit of school and pupils. I believe that this would go a long way to avoid the dropping off of interest as we have experienced recently and in fact give an incentive to us all.

Thanks from Mr Vernon and everyone else in the school go to the hard-working Tuck Shop girls without whom none of the £1,500 profit could have been made. The girls are: Michelle, Kathleen, Ann Marie, Pauline, Anne, Anne Marie, Sharon and Maureen.

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York Weekend.

Thirteen 3rd Year pupils (Janey B, Louise C, Moira McC, Mari McC, Anne Marie K, Anne McM, Sharon R, Jacqueline W, James B, John H, Peter C, Paul McA, Paul McG), Mrs Anderson and Mr Dickson went on a weekend visit to York last week. After the long journey we arrived York at 3.15 pm. Mr Dickson parked the bus in Nunnery Lane where we happened to see a nun crossing the road. Then we went a walk to Micklegate Bar which was the most useful gate and also used for hanging the head of traitors. Mr Dickson and Mrs Anderson took us in for a cup of coffee in the Theatre Royal Cafe and later we went to see a comedy called "Bedroom Farce" in the Theatre Royal. After that we went back to the Youth Hostel to get ready for bed, as it was lights out at 10.45 p

On Saturday morning breakfast was at 8.30 am. After breakfast we washed the dishes for 125. It was nice and clear on Saturday morning. We all set out in the mini-bus to St Mary's Abbey. Another stop was York Minster, well worth a visit. However, don't climb the tower unless practising for the Olympics: 270 steps up and 270 down. Before returning to the Youth Hostel we went to the Railway Museum where we could even walk under the trains. We also bought what must be the cheapest railway ticket - about 2p.

Later we all got our own impression of the beautiful city. We visited Stonegate and the Shambles both of which are full of quaint old-fashioned little shops. John Hutcheon gleefully spent £1 on a brass rubbing of Henry VIII in St Williams College, only to leave his good drawing (*!?) in the Youth Hostel. (shame).

Talking of shames, photos of Anne and John taken in the woods will be displayed shortly.

Sunday ended our holiday of a lifetime! with a visit to a pub - no, not for a quick booze-up, but to see another (how spiffingly fascinating!) collection of Roman baths.

A fantastic time was had by one and all and many thanks to Mrs Anderson and most but no means least Mr Dickson himself. No home-sickness, just York-sickness.

Moira McCabe - Class 305
(and Sharon Richardson)

Prize Competition:

The first person to find out who Ebenezer is, and how an underskirt got into P.McG's packing, and who can imitate P.L.'s sleep-sounds (snoring, ticking and lip-smacking), will win a ticket for 15 people to the top of York Minster tower, (dated 16 June). (Ed.)

Footnote: Thanks are due to Louis^e Carmichael, Paul McArdle, Jim Boyle and Paul Ruddy for cleaning out and washing the mini-bus last week.

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We recently contacted Martin and Michael McKee to find out how they liked their new school since moving from St Michael's last summer. Here are their impressions:

Last summer my family and I moved back to Cambuslang so my brother and I were obliged to go to Trinity High School.

The school has an Annexe where First and Second Year study, with the main building two miles away. Each year has 12 classes 2S1 - 2S12, and six of the Second Year classes study Latin; French is the only Modern Language available to First and Second Years. (Yawn!) I hope I'm not boring you. The sports activities are off limit.

There are no football facilities in either schools and there's no lining up in the yard.

The school magazine which comes out every year is a load of utter, absolute and, well, rubbish.

Martin McKee - Ex SMART Rep., Ex Stapler, Ex Advertiser, Ex 103 pupil

Trinity High Secondary, Eastfield, Glasgow is very much different from St Michael's. Trinity was just opened, the main building 1½ years ago. The main building is the school I attend (for Third Year upwards) and the somewhat older building a few miles away is for the others (not a bad idea to be separated from the horrible First and Second Years).

The main building is very modern with all up-to-date equipment. There is a recording studio for modern language practice, a drama theatre and lecture theatre. This building is about twice the size of St Michael's. There is also a packed-lunch area, a canteen, tea bar, several common rooms and a library. The school also has elevators for staff. I might also mention that school uniform is not compulsory.

As yet the school does not have its own playing-fields and a swimming pool.

To be truthful, I still prefer St Michael's.

Former Pupil - Michael McKee

RUMOUR - that Sr Bernadette beat Gordon Kennedy at five stones (twice!).

MIRACLE - that 103 sat in silence for 75 minutes to raise money to help people who depend on kidney machines, thus raising over £25. Well done!

PLEASURE - Mrs Dorrian and Mrs Brown will be delighted to learn that they are 307's favourite teachers, being first equal in a class vote. (The Ed. hears that Mrs Dorrian voted for herself, however.) Mr Ritchie was third, and Miss Whiston received one vote, from Paul Grogan (s-o-o-o-o-k). Compiled by 307 boys.

VIKINGS - If you have read Robert Foy's story on p.26, you may be interested to know that archaeologists at York are discovering how peacefully some Vikings settled down in Yorkshire from 876 AD, got on well with the native people, and built up a great and prosperous city where home industry and trading were more important than raiding and plundering.



First Year.

First Year, like all their previous counterparts, arrived in St Michael's looking as if they had come out of a draper's window in their new school uniforms. Some looked scared: some looked confident. Most of them just accepted the fact that their 'baby-days' at Primary were over, and that they were now in the Big League. At the time of writing few of them - if any - are still scared: some may have become over-confident. But most of them have made the transition in the normal way.

Academically, they came as a purely comprehensive spread, and in compiling the classes, cognizance of this was taken. Classes were, therefore, compiled on a purely comprehensive spread: on the basis of the grades and numbers of pupils from the Primary Feeders.

The Christmas Exams more or less confirmed this compilation; with some variations on the normal curve. However, in the Summer Exam, one class has proved an exception to this. This, of course, was due to the calibre of the teachers involved with this class. In the interests of staff harmony and morale, the name of this class will be withheld. Still if you are really anxious to boast of an association with this seemingly elitist group, remember that even housemasters have their price.

Despite periodic out-bursts of indiscipline, the year group has been mostly well behaved. As usual, one class has been tagged as the 'worst class'; and they may be in the eyes of some teachers. However, we have it on good authority that the same 'ragtag' class have collected over £25 for a kidney machine.

First Year, then, in our opinion, have been no better nor worse than previous years. We look forward to their Guidance in Second Year. At least, we hope so - after the school trip to Rothesay.

Neil Gill

SCHOONER BOY

Every year cruises are run by the S.T.A. Fellowship for boys and girls between the ages of 16-21. These are on two Schooners, The Malcolm Miller and The Sir Winston Churchill. Both are entered annually in The Tall Ships Race, which gives you an idea of their size.

To get a place you must be sponsored. This year Thomas Freer (IV) was sponsored by The Business and Professional Womans' Club. On 10 June he set sail for two weeks on the Continent. As Thomas is hoping to make a career of the Merchant Navy, this cruise will be to his advantage. So to Thomas (TAM), we say Bon Voyage!

Jossie Bear

RELIEF - D.C. (V) will be relieved to see that there is no space left to relate how, while working in Low's at the meat counter, he once sold apple turnovers as bridies. The woman returned to complain that her husband had put brown sauce over them and hadn't liked the result.

APOLOGIES to Fr Walsh, the interview with whom is being held over till next session (as the main feature in the next issue?).

APOLOGIES to anyone who ought to have been mentioned, but hasn't been. Moral: make sure next time!

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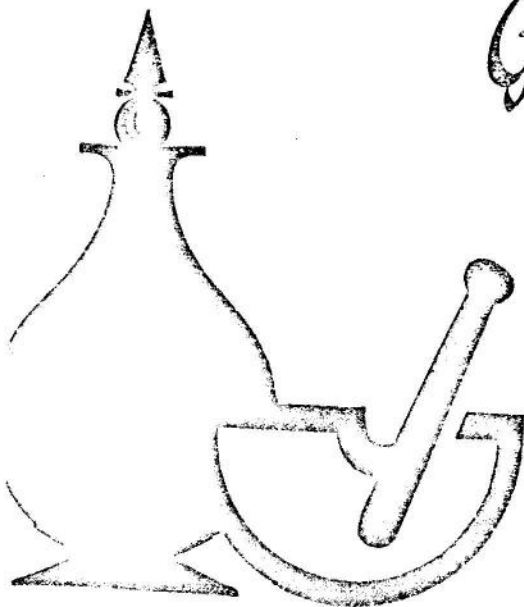
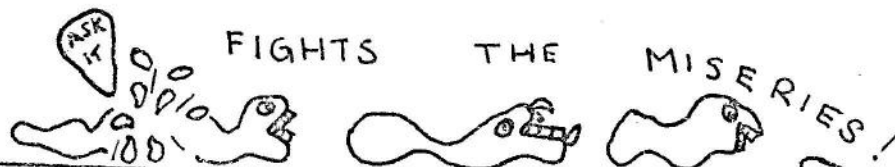
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