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THE TUPTON HALL SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

CHRISTMAS 1981

## NARROW BOAT AFLOAT

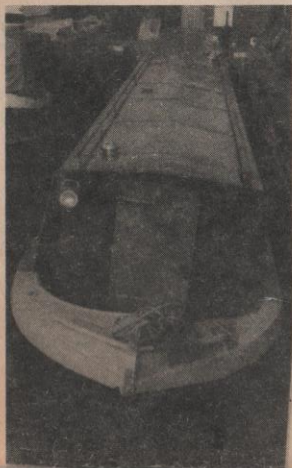
After four long years of hard work Tupton Hall's narrow boat is on the water. The 8 tons and 70 feet of steel plate which has been stranded behind the sixth form block since 1977 has finally made it to a canal, and is nearing completion.

During the summer holidays, when the weather got colder and wetter, the boat was moved by a low loader to the Langley Mill Canal Basin about 15 miles from school, (so any theories that it has been stolen or sold for scrap metal can be dismissed). The boat was immediately placed on the water and it DIDN'T sink – or even spring the slightest leak. At this stage, the boat was well on its way to being finished but some of the remaining tasks required a little more skill and experience than our competent, enthusiastic, amateurs could provide. So since the boat is to be moored at Langley Mill who better to finish the job than the Langley Mill Boat Company?

Whilst the boat has been at school, the fitting out has not been straight forward. Many problems had to be tackled. Who would do the inner design? How should the bunks, and cupboards be constructed? What electric lighting and wiring system was to be used? How were the showers and toilets to be plumbed? What size engine was to be used and how was it to be fitted? These all had to be discussed and thought about bearing safety, practicality, and cost in mind. The work has been carried out after school and at weekends, when the boat has been a hive of activity.

### DRY DOCK

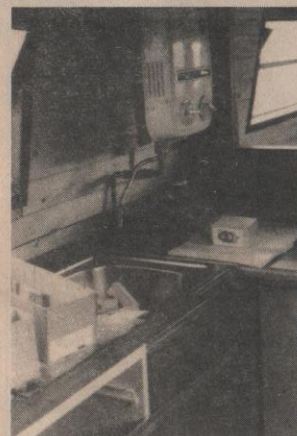
When we visited at half-term the boat was in dry dock, a technical



an amazing appliance since it runs off both gas and electricity – although not at the same time.

### ENGINE FITTED

The diesel engine is situated under the reardock floor and powers the boat along at a staggering 3 m.p.h. a speed not ideal for all you budding water-skiers. The engine also generates power to charge the 12v batteries which will be in constant use. Steering is by simple rudder and tiller. It is said that steering a 70ft boat is relatively easy but standing on deck it seems almost impossible. At half term a small deck had still to be constructed in the front of the boat if getting out isn't to be a rope and tackle job.



The galley nears completion

### The Video Club

The school has just bought a new video recorder. This will supplement the models now in use in the science preparation room, two Philips V.C.R. machines which have limited facilities.

The new machine is an Hitachi 8300E. It was chosen as it has the facilities required at the right price. It can play three hour tapes and record up to ten days in advance. As well as the usual features of fast forward and rewind, and playback, it has a pause (still frame) facility, single frame advance, fast forward and reverse visual search, and it can be operated by remote control. A very important factor is that it is reasonably portable and can be used in many parts of the school, though a regular position is still being sought.

Another advantage of this machine is that pre-recorded films can be played cheaply. A film can be hired for less than two pounds a day. Therefore a very wide

### What's Its Name?

The competition to find a name for the new magazine produced many interesting suggestions from all areas of the school. We would like to thank all pupils who took the trouble to enter the competition and also members of staff, especially the ladies in the kitchens. Here are a few of the suggested titles that didn't quite make it:

"The Mad House" – M. Sills (Cavendish Kitchens).  
 "The Tupton Topic" – B. Bradbury (Caterer).  
 "The Four Houses" – Jayne Boyer (2T1).  
 "Centre Of Detention" – Julie Sutton (2T1).  
 "T.H.iS" – Stuart Moss (3C1).  
 "Out Of Bounds" – By Julian Carwen (2T1) and David Holt (2T1).

Several people suggested "Colditz" but the winner was Julian Rapkins (3C1), who receives a book token as his prize.

### TUPTON HALL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

"Which town has a crooked football team and a third division spire?" Easy, isn't it!

Well at Christmas you will have the opportunity to answer 250 questions of a similar nature and win some excellent prizes. For the first time the school is running a Christmas Quiz and it will be open to pupils and staff.

The questions will require one or two word answers, the subjects ranging from history to events of 1981, from the straight forward to the cunningly cryptic. Sport, pop



term for a canal with the water removed. It was in this state in order to fit the propeller and to give the hull its final coat of bitchumen paint. The top half of the boat is finished in a vivid pea green.

Inside the inner walls are finished in pine and the insulation between these and the outer steel walls is provided by expanded polystyrene.

The fittings, such as wardrobes, drawers, and cupboards, are finished in mahogany. The boat is designed to sleep 12 people, 2 staff and 10 children, in the form of bunkbeds which are used as seats in the daytime. The thoughtful modern design makes full use of modern furnishings and fittings. The boat is centrally heated and the water supplied to the two showers is also gas heated. There are also

#### **The Narrow Boat at Langley Mill Canal Basin**

two separate flushing toilets. Lighting on board is 12v electric fluorescent units, the power being supplied by heavy duty 12v batteries. These batteries also provide the power for two shower pumps, which pump waste water from the showers into the canal, and a bilge pump which removes any water which gets into the bottom of the boat, through the propeller shaft. The waste from the toilets is stored in metal tanks under the floor until the boat is moored at the end of each day when these tanks are pumped out. The kitchen area has a full sized gas cooker, working surfaces, and a fridge, which is quite

Although the boat will be completed imminently it will not be used for cruising until the spring of next year, when weekly and fortnightly trips will take place giving a range of about 50 miles and 100 miles respectively — if all goes well.

Finally, we believe that the project has been a worthwhile undertaking. The project has been rather slow but the school now has a boat which has cost around £10,000 and is worth about £25,000. The narrow boat will be a great investment providing both leisure and educational facilities at a very reasonable cost to anyone in the school wishing to take advantage of it.

Mike Barber L6 G1  
Dave White L6 G2

variety of films will be available to the school. The one drawback of video films is the small size of the screen. However, a good view can still be obtained at the back of the Lecture Theatre.

The video recorder offers several possibilities for the future. Under Mr. Shore's guidance, for example, a group of pupils is planning to make a video film about Derbyshire and Clay Cross to enter a competition. Cameras can be hired and sound can be dubbed on using the Hitachi machine.

Eventually, perhaps, the school may be able to afford a camera of its own. Who knows, there may even be the chance of a television studio being set up!

The video film club is initially aimed at the 5th and 6th forms, although films for younger pupils may be shown at a later date. Shorter films will be shown at lunch times, while full-length feature films will be screened after school, probably on Wednesdays.

The club is open to all fifth and sixth forms. For further details, see Mr. Hudson.

Alan May and Michael Parmley  
ST3

music, children's books, science and geography are but a few of the subjects covered.

Book token prizes of up to £8 each will be distributed amongst the winners with five prizes for the Lower School (Years 1, 2 and 3), five prizes for the Upper School (Years 4, 5 and 6) and a staff prize. The quiz will be distributed during the last week of term and hopefully taken and done at home during the Christmas holidays.

So, when you don't want to watch "Sound of Music" for the ninth time and the rest of the family are sleeping off the excesses of Christmas, why not have a go at the quiz?

Further details from Mr. Cathey.

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#### **P.T.A. NEWS**

Forthcoming events for Spring Term 1982 include a lecture by John Merrill on his walk around the coast of Britain on March the 5th in the Drama Theatre. A dance will be held on March the 26th in the Parish Hall at Wingerworth.

There will be a paper collection, but no date has been officially set. The highlight of the term is that the narrowboat will be launched — who will have the honour we do not yet know, nor do we know exactly when it will be launched. A competition will be run to find a suitable name for the narrowboat.

Anita de la Motte LVIC.

## **TUP-AWARE**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the publication of the first edition of Tupton Hall's newspaper, especially:— the Commerce Department and the B.E.C. girls (particularly Beverley Wholey and Jackie Gill) for the typing; Adrian Smith for the photography; all those pupils and members of staff who have written articles and reports; Carl Flint for the illustrations; Mr. Munroe for the financial advice; Mrs. Lyons for the Art work; Messrs. Hughes, Sanderson, Bunten and Hudson for showing an interest; Miss Whittington for advice from the P.E. department; Susan Clark, Jane Howell, David White, Mark Wightman, Jackie Moon, Michael Barber, Lorraine Sutton, Sasha Karabusevic and Julia McFarland for helping to set the paper's layout, and anyone else whose name I have forgotten.

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

Mr. Whitehead

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# TEACHER FEATURE

*We thought it would be a challenge to pick on unsuspecting teachers and extract from them valuable pieces of information concerning their private lives — get the idea? ... Good! So, in the first issue of the newspaper we decided to victimise two rather different teachers; the first is an older member of staff who has been at Tupton for many years and the second a young teacher who is a new arrival. We thought, and we hope you do too, that it would be interesting to discover just what their views of Tupton are, as well as finding out more about their lives, so here goes.*

## Mr. Sutton

If on your travels around the vast expanses of Tupton Hall School, you have come across what appears to be a fisherman, wearing an old blue Breton cap and with two rather petrified white rabbits peeping out of his trouser pockets, you have met one of the more established inhabitants of the school — Mr. Sutton.

After fighting through hoards of marauding fans swarming round Turbutt staffroom, (actually they were all waiting for Mr. Ershaw's arrival), we succeeded in dragging Mr. Sutton off to some quiet corner of the detention room. There, with strange looks from Mr. Bunten and Mr. Turner who happened to be passing, full scale interrogation proceedings began.

We discovered that Mr. Sutton began life in 1935. He is a native of this area, his birth place being Clay Cross and he also attended Tupton Hall Grammar School as a boy.

As a teenager his main ambition in life (believe it or not) was to break a record in athletics — he didn't succeed. However he did achieve fame by running in the 400 metres for Derbyshire and at school he was a keen cross-country runner and rugby player.

Like most sensible people at the age of sixteen he didn't want to be a teacher, but after two years in

once attended a fancy dress party as a rabbit and ... listen to this ... someone once mistook him for being the son of Mr. Turner — we'll leave you to work that one out.

## Dr. Handbury

Dr. M.J. Handbury was born in Staveley on the 28th January 19?? and was educated at Netherthorpe Grammar School but later went to Queen Mary's College, London where he attained a degree and doctorate in Astronomy (that's why he's called Dr. Handbury).

On leaving London, he went to Henry Fanshawe School, Dronfield and Rowlinson School, Sheffield before he managed to find his way to our school.

He now lives at Chesterfield and is married. M.J.'s hobbies are chiefly football, reading, swimming, gardening, astronomy (although he doesn't have a telescope) and hiking. He doesn't have a favourite football team but he supports them all (how can he resist the temptation of becoming a Spirite?). When asked for his first impression of the school he was unable to answer as he was overcome by emotion at such a personal question. When he recovered he told us that he didn't like the housing system as it separated the staff and pupils. He saw Tupton Hall as being a traditional school for example in having a

## COMPUTING IN TUPTON HALL

Are you interested in buying a small computer and doing the school a favour at the same time? If you are (and you've got £190 to spare), go and see Mr. Gibbons about the new Commodore VIC computer. For every nine VIC's sold to Tupton Hall pupils, the school will get one free!

Since the first computer arrived around Christmas 1979 the school stock has risen to nine computers (along with several devices to record and store information). Mr. Gibbons has had Q4 converted into a computer room and is hoping to establish O-level and C.S.E. courses in Computing.

All of our computers are Commodore PETS, one of many types of microcomputers now available. Although small, portable and relatively cheap, microcomputers can do many of the things that the large 'mainframe' computers used by modern companies can do.

They can, for example; work out class positions, sort a list of names into alphabetical order, set maths tests, solve equations, synthesise music, play space invaders, and so on.

Many teachers (especially those in the Science Block) are using the computers to make lessons more informative and (hopefully) more interesting.

Perhaps the most important aspect of our computers is that anybody in this school can gain a

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have anything interesting to say about school life, why not express your views in the pages of Tup-Aware?

Dear Sir,

I am writing to complain about the school buses and bus-routes. I come from Wingerworth and although there are five buses, the last two come at about 4.30 p.m. In winter, waiting for these buses we get very cold. It is unbearable. But it is even worse when it rains. Everybody gets soaked through. Last winter I was very disheartened when I arrived home soaking wet and was told that I might not be able to go to school in the morning in my uniform because they might not dry (my other uniforms were in the wash at the time). Why can't

we have a bus shelter for the late buses or change the buses so they come earlier?

The Wingerworth '64' bus, which goes up past Wingerworth Church, is far too crushed. Why don't they use a double decker bus or two single decker buses so it wouldn't be so crushed?

On double decker buses girls and boys are separated. Why can't they mix because going to school some girls don't get a seat when there are seats where the boys are.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Smith 2C1



the Artillery (Royal) his luck ran out and he was compelled to go to Loughborough College to study P.E. and History.

He began work as a teacher at Tupton in 1969 and he says, he enjoys the life here very much! He has a high opinion of the school, stating that its facilities are 'first class'. However he admits that it is too big and regrets not being able to communicate with a large percentage of the pupils and other members of staff.

As well as being a teacher, Mr. Sutton ran that ever-popular annual event, school camp. He is also notorious for performing the delicate task of pelting and gutting rabbits in front of rather squeamish classes. Nowadays, (to the relief of the rabbits no doubt), he has had to abandon this pleasure through it being too expensive and unhygienic to keep the rabbits.

Away from school, Mr. Sutton has a farm at Cutthorpe where he can indulge in his hobbies of poultry keeping and gardening; he also enjoys brass rubbing, beer drinking and hat collecting.

His favourite musical tastes include the Beatles, Mersey Beat etc. Country and Western and Classical — (no chance of him being a head banger!). His favourite comedians are Max Boyce, Jasper Carrott and Mike Harding and his sporting interests include rugby and local football — he's a Cloughie fan!!

Mr. Sutton also admits to being on a diet and he confesses that he

Perfect System. He thinks the school is a 'nice size' and has very good facilities. When asked what the school needs his first response was 'no kids'. He says he would definitely change the hours system. He would prefer the school to be run more like German schools with school starting at eight in the morning and finishing at two in the afternoon.

If you want to find Dr. Handbury for any reason whatsoever (e.g. you've forgotten your homework) he can usually be found in Gladwin.

Finally we would like to thank Dr. Handbury and Mr. Sutton for allowing us to pull them to pieces — not literally we add.

By Susan Clarke L6H  
Lorraine Sutton L6T

## SCHOOL CAMP



Mr. Myhill enjoys the luxuries of school camp 1981

basic knowledge of computing. With more and more businesses using computers nowadays, this knowledge could give ex-Tuptonians looking for a job, a definite advantage over those from less fortunate schools.

by Mark Wightman

We thoroughly enjoyed school camp in Norfolk this year and would recommend it to anyone who likes cornflakes and smash, (not both together of course). We were warned, before camp, to take extra pocket money because we would be starved, but this wasn't true judging by the amount of 'spares' in the grease pit.

Talking of being warned, we had heard stories about the 'toilets'. There was just one for all the girls. We were able to sit there and watch the corn blowing in the fields and see the red and white stripes of Happisburgh Lighthouse; in fact if you were artistic it would have made quite a masterpiece.

Work was a word which hardly existed in some 'lucky' groups. Beach study consisted of sitting in a cafe (because it was raining) sun-bathing (because it stopped raining), then playing space-invaders (because it started again).

On the last evening, each group performed a sketch or sang, (including an action replay of the Royal Wedding which took place earlier that day).

This is a very rare photograph of Mr. Myhill being extremely brave. (We think he secretly enjoyed having buckets of freezing cold water thrown all over him; anyway he seems to be smiling!)

Katherine Pilkington 4T2

## FIRST YEAR VIEWS

*How do the first year see Tupton Hall School? Debby Turner (L6T) found a willing victim and asked some searching questions.*

I selected the sixth form section of the library in which to conduct an interview with Sarah Melville aged 12 from form G1. A confident pretty, dark haired girl who after an initial nervousness, became chatty and co-operative.

Sarah started by telling me of her various hobbies which include macrame, sewing, knitting, making corn dollies, drawing, painting and horse riding out of school. In school she is a member of the Junior Girls Choir and the Junior Orchestra in which she plays the violin. She performed in both choir and orchestra in the Autumn musical concert.

Her first impressions of the school were the same as many other pupils - surprise at its vastness compared with the Junior School.

I asked Sarah what she felt about the attitude towards first year pupils from the older pupils in the school. I was surprised to hear that it is relatively good as she feels that they remember their own first year and are helpful and understanding. When asked about her opinion of the sixth form pupils, she promptly replied that she felt sixth formers were not properly part of the school, as they don't associate frequently with the rest of the school. Her remedy for this would be to have the sixth form helpers who go into first year from rooms to visit more regularly and

become more like friends.

Her favourite subjects at the moment are Art, Needlework, and Woodwork, she feels that Woodwork and Metal work for girls is a good thing as girls are often better than boys at the subjects.

The bell signalled the end of the



Sarah Melville — likes school dinners

interview, so I quickly asked Sarah what other changes she would like to see in the school. Her ideas included having blocks for each year instead of house blocks. Also, instead of having the dinner ticket system, she thinks the cafeteria system should be introduced. Sarah ended with a compliment to the kitchen staff by saying she preferred Tupton Hall dinners to her Junior school dinners.

# MORE NEWS AND VIEWS IN TUP-AWARE



Once upon a time an English man had a dream. His dream was to walk across the North Yorkshire Moors. His name was Phillip Blythe. One night a fairy came to him and said "Thy dream shall be fulfilled. Thou will walk the Lyke Wake Walk Thou will take others with thee. Thy sidekick shall be Jenny Ballard....." and she went on giving details of the arduous journey. The fairy waved her magic wand and a group of brave young heroes willing to risk life and limb for Cancer Research and 6th form pride appeared.

On a stormy night in September intrepid hikers set off by minibus to Osmotherly – the beginning of the Lyke Wake Walk.

After a two and a half hour journey our intrepid hikers eagerly piled out of the mini buses, and set off into the starry darkness, at a pace which would do the explorers of the British Empire proud, (at this pace even some of the Great British pioneers would have been left standing).

The going for the first half mile was very good, unbelievably good, almost too good.

Yes, you guessed it, our hikers were going in the wrong direction.

Realising their mistakes our hikers back tracked – without a word of complaint. They set off on the first stage of the Lyke Wake Walk again.

Through the dark starry morning they hiked down an endless muddy rocky path, those with torches getting just as muddy as those without. As the hike went on the British Pioneering spirit went on, and on. Up some steps which must have been made by some long dead giant.

Up, up our hikers went, never a moan, never a groan, keeping a stiff upper lip all the time.

"Why are we doing this?" they would ask. "Because its there" would come the reply.

The top at last. The pioneering spirit only allowed a short rest, then down, tripping over rocks in the semi-darkness, down they went, winding down the track, down through the trees.

#### DAWN BREAKS

A welcome sight. The first stage

## THE LYKE WAKE WALK

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Messrs. Ellis and Walker search for lost walkers.

Off he sped, passing the back markers, catching up with the middle of the pack striding through heather like a knight in shining

the path of their own Lyke Wake Walk). Eventually our super heroes, limped, hobbled, crawled and



Tim Bestwick and Vicki Stanley walk on and on and...

off; bouncing, full of vitality and life. But now they were limping bravely the last eleven miles. It made one proud to be British, it brought a lump to ones throat, Rule Britannia! 'God Save Our Gracious Queen!

Finding the penultimate marshalling point was easier said than done. It was in a lay-by. It was sad to see the state of some of the super-super heroes (but, it was also

Bunten needs help!" The nurse sprang into action, and discovered Mr. Bunten crawling with as many blisters on his hands as he had on his feet.

At the radio-mast at Ravenscar the mini-buses were waiting. We (well some of us) had made it!

As a treat our super-heroes were taken to Scarborough for a swim in the sea.

Fully clothed our heroes ran into the sea. What a relief. Into



The sun was shining. No more blindly groping their ways through the dark, no more stumbling over rocks, heather and sheep. Waiting for our heroes-to-be-hikers was a mug of hot drinking chocolate — which tested their pioneers spirits to the full. Needless to say being British they survived the ordeal.

Here too was a good chance to be relieved. Half of the brave female contingent took the chance. Its a good job that artificial forests have good drainage systems.....

Blisters attended to, off our heroes went, off into the distance. A last look at first base. No, no



Mr. R. strides out

turning back — onto the end of the second stage. Up, up — sheep heather, grouse, rocks and sheep. On they went through seemingly miles of flatish track stretching out into the horizon.

What is this, they say catching us up? Is it a bird, is it a plane? NO — its Mr. Rivers. Here is a fine British hero — steam rising from his soggy plimsolls, burnt turf where his feet tread, carrier bag in each hand hair blowing carelessly in the breeze, the true figure of a mega hero!

around (please allow for artistic licence).

All the way along the second stage the Headmaster and his friend were wielding whips at the back, but to no avail. The pace of the back markers decreased, falling further and further behind but not losing that spirit which made Britain great, (just temporarily mislaying it some where).

#### AT LAST — THE NURSE!

Back markers eventually spied the second base; the speed of their gait increased.

One or two of our heroes had blisters but, after the nurse had administered treatment, off they set again. "Once more into the breach dear friends once more..."

Along the road, then on to the moors once more and its devastatingly beautiful landscape: the purple heather in flower, the desolate open moorland, the sheep, the peat bogs, the backs of our heroes as our intrepid reporter (me) got slower and slower, and they disappeared further and further into the distance. I'm glad some heroes wait for mere mortals, (thanks Jenny, thanks Ralph).

The third stage in sight, all the smiling faces sat giving encouragement. I'm ashamed to admit it, but my Empire spirit got mislaid somewhere under a rock, or a grouse ran off with it.....

#### TWENTY MILES TO GO!

I decided to change from a hero hiker to a navigator in Mr. May's car, not using my legs, but sitting in comfort until the next marshalling point. Whilst waiting for our super heroes, Mr. May went off to find an old Roman Road — (fancy having a road straight across the middle of the North Yorkshire moors; strange people these Ancient Romans).

There was still no sign of our super heroes, so Mr. May took the nurse and I to look at the Roman Road.

(I suppose it could have been

hopped to the marshalling point.

This is when the nurses true qualities emerged. I've never seen anyone have Transvasin rubbed on their calves and enjoy it as much as certain members of the superhero crew appeared to. Off they all limped into the mid-day sun....

At the next marshalling point, our super heroes come in, in dribs and drabs; at once the nurse sprang into action, hands and Transvasin at the ready, ready to rub the aching leg, ready to plaster the blisters, ready in fact for almost anything (as rumoured that she had even got a gun to shoot anyone with a broken leg).

At this point, one of our super heroes could go on no longer.... not even with the nurse pointing her gun at him.

#### BLISTERS

As we watched the survivors heading towards the giant golf-balls on the horizon, on the penultimate stage, we thought back to how they were before they set

out. Philip Brydie was to blame, but when one saw the state of him, one could only forgive him for coming up with the idea in the first place.

Back at the last marshalling point most of our super heroes had arrived and gone. Someone came running up and said "Mr.

the mini-buses our mortals, heroes and super heroes prepared for their journey home, with the thought that they had helped to raise over £500 for charity, the perfect medicine to ease the aches and blisters caused by the Lyke Wake Walk. Debbie Bradshaw. (U.6).



Mr. Sanderson enjoying a message from Mrs. Whelan.

## HEAVE AWAY! 6th Form Tug of War

The sixth form tug o'war took place on the Thursday and Friday before half-term. Each of the five teams tugged a total of twelve times. The results can be seen in the league table.

One thing this event has proved is that the Upper sixth girls have either strength, determination or the need to slim, as they out tugged the Lower sixth boys no less than three times.

Following the ups and downs of the participants it became evident that the staff team were in need of more expert coaching and are ill-advised to renew



The Staff put their backs into it!



L.6 Boys working hard (for a change!)

their contract with their team manager for next year, losing all but one round.

Nevertheless, a good but muddy time was had by all, the money raised going to charity.

TEAM ORGANISER	TEAM	TUGS WON
Sasha Karkusevic	L6 Boys	6
Jackie Moon	L6 Girls	3
Tim Bestwick	U6 Boys	9
Karen Corbishly	U6 Girls	8
Mr. Sunderland	Staff	4





Mr. Rivers and Kerry Lewis in "The Winter's Tale"

### A DEMANDING PLAY

Preparation for Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" began a term and a half before the Easter performances. Mr. Shore rehearsed the cast of pupils and staff for many long hours throughout last winter. But the hard work was rewarded by a production which held the attention of the audience throughout the two hour performance.

The kaleidoscope of activity in which scenes and atmospheres were contrasted left many memories for those lucky enough to see the play: Kerry Lewis as Hermione, the wronged queen, produced a memorable performance, and a magical theatrical moment as her 'statue came to life in the final scene of the play; James Merrifield as the rogue Autolycus was a convincing yet likeable villain. Mr. Hudson was a very funny rustic and the sight of David Baggaley as Antigonus being eaten by a bear (courtesy of London Zoo would you believe!) was more effectively done than a recent performance by the R.S.C. at Stratford.

Also worthy of praise were Alex Morton as Perdita, Justin Leivers as the young prince, Stephen Peacock as Florizel, Simon Randall as the Shepherd (Mr. Hudson's father!) and Debbie Vickers as the bear. Add to these performances the great contribu-

# Excellent Year for Drama

A production of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" which was compared favourably with a professional performance; a dramatic presentation of the melodrama "Maria Marten" which won national drama awards and was named the best amateur production at the famous Edinburgh International Arts Festival; a varied and interesting Speech Festival which many pupils thought the best ever — these are just some of the events which have made this year another highly successful year for Mr. Shore and his drama group.

mer's festival was TIME and there were as many ideas for sketches as there were drama classes in the school.

Of the different contributions, "Space Invaders" by 2H1 was a humorous response to those noisy machines which clutter every coffee bar in the country. 3G2's "Doing Time" illustrated the problems of prisoners' visiting time, with John Bagnall a particularly convincing jailbird.

Natalie Field, Sian Davies and company provided a humorous view of the chilling subject of nuclear war and 2C3 contrasted youth with old age in their sketch "Playground", John Wilson being particularly good as a friendly old man suffering from a life time's smoking. Contributions from the upper school included David Baggaley's extract from "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy", and the mysterious "Clown's Dance" presented by the sixth form. The quieter contributions of Lisa Chapman's "Birds" and 3C1's "Four Ages of Mary" provided an effective contrast to the more lively, dramatic scenes. There were many other sketches and readings, and with such a store of talent in the school we should be assured of good Speech Festivals for years to come.

### PRIZE-WINNING

Also in the summer term, a sixth form group presented Edward Albee's "American Dream". Jacqui Holmes, Alex Morton, Kerry Lewis and James Merrifield gave several performances of the play both at school and in Chesterfield. Alex and James won the awards of best

swept the board, and was sent to the National Finals for Dramatic Productions at Felixstowe, representing this area. At Felixstowe too, the play was outright winner, part of its prize being the opportunity to perform at the famous Edinburgh International Arts Festival in the summer. Acclaimed as the best amateur production at the festival, the play was performed in night clubs and theatres, and became well-known and eagerly anticipated among theatre goers. It was even filmed for Scottish and French television programmes.

Despite their tremendous successes those involved found it very hard work and the group was even robbed of £100.

### EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES

"Maria Marten" along with other plays was invited to Darmstadt in West Germany during the recent half term where the play was per-



Alex Morton performs "Maria Marten" in the streets of Edinburgh

### COMING SOON

With so much enthusiasm being generated in the Drama Department, the school can expect a full programme of theatrical events in the coming months. The Christmas entertainment will feature "Skung-poomery" by Ken Campbell, a zany play which replaces the more conventional pantomime.

Once again the school is presenting a full scale Shakespearean production at the end of the Spring term. This year Mr. Shore has chosen "Macbeth" with witches, sword fights, murders and all. Rehearsals will be starting soon, and anyone interested in taking part should see Mr. Shore as soon as possible. Add to these major productions the many smaller efforts being made, such as 3C3's "Good Samaritan" play and a group of fifth formers including David McLellan, David Smith and Gary Marven in the play "Zigger Zagger" and you will see that Tupton Hall has a Drama Department of which it has every right to be proud.

## IN TUNE

On the 21 and 22 of October the autumn Music concert took place after only six weeks of practice. Speaking to senior members of the choir and orchestra a week before the event, most took a rather pessimistic view of the probable standard of the concert. However they were both proved wrong on both nights

## THE LONG ROAD TO TUPTON HALL

Most of you who have been in the craft block recently will already have seen the new technician, Mr. Harhat. He probably seems to you to be a rather unremarkable person who speaks with a strong foreign accent.

But behind him lies a truly incredible life story, the sort of story that is usually found only in films or books.

Mr. Harhat was born in August 1924 in Galacia, a region in the West of the Ukraine. Following World War One the Ukraine was divided amongst several East European nations, and Mr. Harhat's home village found itself in Eastern Poland.

The Ukrainians always saw themselves as being separate and different from the Poles, and this may have contributed to the wave of anti-Ukrainian Laws passed by Poland in 1938. The singing of Ukrainian songs was forbidden, a curfew was imposed, and some Ukrainians were hung for no apparent reason while others were imprisoned in the town of Bilabreza.

After this treatment Mr. Harhat, although by no means a fan of communism, wasn't unduly concerned when Russia invaded Eastern Poland in September 1939. He recalls that the invading troops left civilians alone to a large extent.

### NAZI INVASION

However, things took a definite turn for the worst when the Nazis attacked the Russians in 1942. Eastern Poland fell rapidly and as the Germans advanced they brought with them their own cruel brand of racial ideology.

It was at 5 a.m. on the 20th July, 1942, that Mr. Harhat (then aged 17) heard the dreaded knock on the door. It was the German Police looking for forced labour. They took him to join all the other young men and women who were being taken from the village. It was the last time he saw his parents again, (they died of old age during the war).

The Germans then took all those rounded up from the village to the city of Stanislav (now called Ivano-Frankovsk) where they were joined by thousands of others. After three days there they were crammed into cattle wagons on the railway. They were packed in so tightly that they all had to stand — there wasn't even enough room to sit down.

After travelling like this all the way to Austria Mr. Harhat was put to work on a farm. He was given heavy work to do, such as harvesting crops by



of peasants and country folk made livelier by Lorraine Haycox and Helen Fake, Mr. Rivers as the jealous king Leontes, Mr. Buntin as Polixenes, Mrs. Bilby as Paulina, and Mr. Sanderson as a variety of Lords and noblemen, a marvellous set designed by Mr. Shore and friends and original music by Chris Ellis, and you have a production of which many professional companies, would have been proud, and which the packed audiences certainly appreciated.

#### TIME

With "The Winter's Tale" taking up so much time the Speech Festival was moved to the more relaxed period after the summer exams. The idea behind the Speech Festival is that pupils should create their own drama, with only a few suggestions and helpful ideas from the staff. The theme for last sum-

Festival.

The only reason for "American Dream" not winning more awards was that it was competing against the highly successful "Maria Marten", also directed by Mr. Shore and presented by a combination of the school Drama club and its friends from outside.

#### T.V. APPEARANCES

"Maria Marten", subtitled "Murder in the Red Barn" is a Victorian melodrama, but was presented in such a way that the tension and excitement created by the black costumes, stylised movement, face masks and compelling drumbeats grew to a thrilling climax. Although short, the production created a memorable theatrical performance, which has, now been seen by at least 10,000 people!

At the Chesterfield Civic Drama Competition, "Maria Marten"

formed in front of massive audiences of over two thousand, receiving standing ovations and being hailed by the press reviews as "a new type of theatre".

#### N.Y.T.

Mr. Shore's enthusiasm and guidance has not just improved the standard of school drama, it has also helped to launch several pupils into the theatrical world. Six members of the school went for auditions with the National Youth Theatre, and all were invited to return for a second audition. Finally, three were chosen to join the N.Y.T. summer school, Kerry Lewis and James Merrifield to act and Jackie Holmes in the costumes department. All three were involved in productions in London's West End, and also appeared in a special television programme about the N.Y.T.

as both were a success.

A lot of praise should go to Miss Reader who dealt with the senior and junior choirs. The senior choir sang four pieces ranging from the traditional "Come to the fair" to the humorous and less well known "Courting of a deaf woman". For a change, the two junior choirs were combined and sang the popular work "Joseph" by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The 127 members of the choir looked most impressive as they occupied not only one side of the theatre, but in addition most of the pit. The sound filled the whole theatre when the choir sang and the audience, judging by the clapping, fully appreciated them.

The senior and junior orchestras were maybe not so polished with their performances. However, what they lacked in technique was made up by their enthusiasm. People do not often realise the difficulty there is in choosing pieces for the orchestra, because of the wide range of abilities. Therefore, all credit must go to them for achieving a praiseworthy performance, in a short period of time.

The recorder group, conducted by Mr. Wood, played six variations on a theme. Each piece was short with pleasant harmonies and the result was an excellent performance, probably the best I have heard them play in six years of concerts.

The best aspect of the concert was the obvious enjoyment of all the participants — even the soloists who were of an excellent standard. The pupils who enjoyed themselves the most seemed to be the 127 members of the junior choir but it is a sad reflection that so many drop out and never reach the senior choir.

The concert would not have been a success without the hard work of the music department, therefore, we must not forget to thank them for their time and effort.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENT

On the 14th and 15th December is the School Carol Service in Wingerworth, and Clay Cross Parish Church, all the proceeds towards charity.

Jacque Moon.

nand. He had to do all this work on a daily ration of two baked potatoes, two small lettuce leaves, (often complete with snail slime), a small piece of black bread and a cup of black coffee.

Whilst not working he was locked in a stable, but he was so miserable there that he was allowed to live with the family of a schoolfriend from his old village who had been sent to the same farm.

#### ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

After three weeks Mr. Harhat had had enough. One day at midday he threw his possessions into a case and tried to escape. He ran down a hill from the farm, along a road . . . and then met up with an armed German Postman, who persuaded him to stop by firing a shot over his head.

Several other workers attempted to escape from the harsh rules of the camp/farm, and eventually they were all sent to a different farm where life wasn't quite as hard.

He worked there until the end of April 1945, when the Nazis, desperate for ammunition, transferred the farm workers to a nearby munitions factory. One of them promptly sabotaged it and blew it up. The Germans were furious, and retaliated by sending the entire workforce to the nearest concentration camp.

Conditions there were, of course, terrible. Each day he was given only some black coffee, a piece of black bread the size of a matchbox, and a bowl of turnip water.

Fortunately German resistance soon collapsed, and the camp was soon liberated by the allies. He was given the opportunity to go home, but as "home" was now part of the U.S.S.R. he decided not to go.

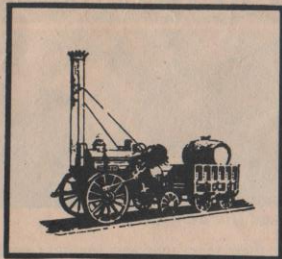
#### ENGLAND

Instead he (and his friend) were sent to the displaced persons camp near Clay Cross in 1948. He worked as a farm labourer for a few months before signing on at the Clay Cross Company. He worked there until 1980, gradually working his way up to be the supervisor of a sandmilling machine.

When the recession hit the company, Mr. Harhat went on voluntary retirement. After fifteen months, however, he decided that redundancy was too depressing, so he got a part-time job at Clay Cross Infant School as a caretaker (a job he liked a lot). He then became a technician in our craft-block.

Mr. Harhat (now a naturalised Briton) says he finds the British to be (on the whole) a friendly, kind people. He still writes to his sisters in the U.S.S.R. but he has no intention of joining them. After a long, hard life, Britain is the place for him.

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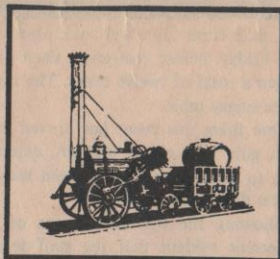


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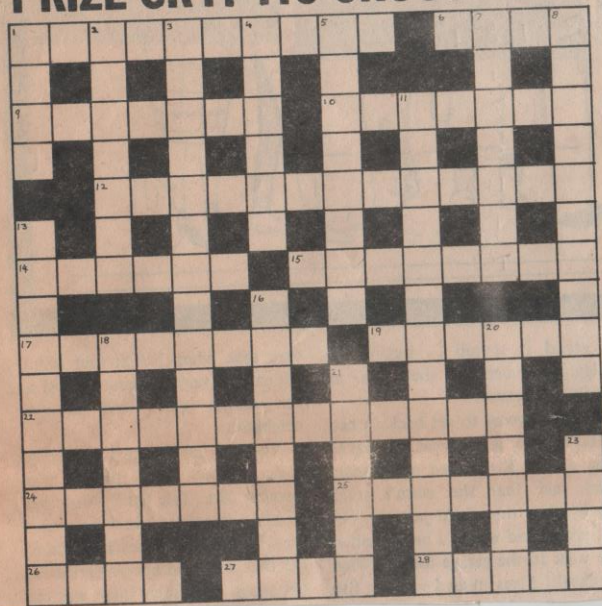


# Who Are They?

Can you identify these three members of staff?



## PRIZE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD





Completed solutions to Mr. Hudson by the end of term.

#### Clues Across

1. Ll and L2? (5-5)
6. Osiris's sister-wife exists twice (4).
9. School for science of language (7).
10. As unpopular school dinners remain? (7)
12. French and German, for example, in front of a toilet, are spies (7,6)
14. Initially, when I do this, he sends measures. (6)
15. Round pit, note uncomfortable standing position to see over something. (2, 3-3)
17. P.E. coach with tumbler of gin (8)
19. Frugality in both rift valleys. (6)
22. Nostril one doesn't need? (4,2, 3,4)
24. Tame god mixed food for pets. (3-4)
25. The material side of Diana's welshman. (7)
26. Light gas. (4)
28. Approaches snare carelessly (5)

#### Clues Down

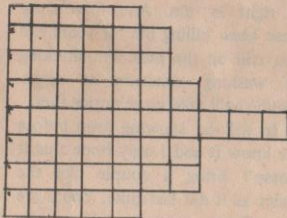
1. Mother and soldier are three wise men (4)
2. Teachers, and journalist provided with teachers. (7)
3. Extensive school replacing. 9. (13)
4. Brother in Liverpool. (3,3)
5. Grieving before twelve we hear. (8)
7. "O, it isn't muddled," says the Fonz. (3,2,2)
8. Use them in lac. to join in (4,6)
11. During which, 9 may be studied. (7,6)
13. Unravel scone width - then you're started! (8,2)
16. International Organisation's Gallery - date is not mentioned. (8)
18. Brisk in the lac. (7)
20. Country, northern one, in a state. (7)
21. Benumb an endless cul-de-sac. (6)
23. Amphibians in Beef Tsar ignored. (4)

#### JUNIOR ACROSTIC

(Years 1-3 only)

Fill in the answers and find the mystery name in the lefthand vertical column.

1. This teacher is a sport. (5)
2. Cavendish teacher with a beard. (6)
3. Jolly teacher of languages. (6)
4. Mr. Myhill's home county. (7)
5. Teacher from Turbutt and the Art Department. (10)
6. Teacher from Ipswich. (6)
7. Mr. Munroe's favourite football team. (7)
8. You can't see this teacher for the trees. (4)



#### JUNIOR COMPETITION (YEARS 1-3 ONLY)

This excellent illustration by Carl Flint (U6) portrays a character in a children's book written by Roal Dahl. Fill in the name of the character below, hand it into Mr. Whitehead and you could win a book token.

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by Alston Winter, 2C1

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*In every edition of the school paper, we will publish a short story or a piece of writing which we think is of a high standard. The first contribution is a dramatic monologue overheard in a bus queue. Written by Verity Jones (5T2), it captures a noisy, talkative type. Perhaps you will recognise her? The illustrations are by Carl Flint (U.6).*

I expect you'll have met Gladys: that's her over there, at the front of the queue, the one with the dyed hair. She's a newcomer from Manchester so I've heard. Seemed nice to begin with she did, but that was before I found out about her.

Apparently she's a ..... well how can I put it? Not exactly a manhunter but... well anyway, I heard that she's had a husband in every town she's lived in, and she's moved nine times! She kills 'em off after three months you know, invents these convenient little accidents for them. In fact, last time she got married on the same day as the previous funeral — and in the same dress too! And

stick with Jack, he's more her type. Did you know that when he was married he went to Brighton for the week? He picked up this girl there, Jenny I think her name was. She was a pretty young thing but experienced in the ways of the world if you know what I mean. Well, anyway, I heard that he had promised to marry her, didn't tell her that he was already married of course, but took what he wanted

## The Bus Queue



I wonder where that bloomin' bus is. This service is getting atrocious these days, I remember last week when they only sent us a single decker. Chaos it was, utter chaos, and of all the terrible things

I stand it myself — but if I'm helping somebody then it's all for a good cause.

Well anyway to get back to her. You'll never guess what she asked me to do. She picked up this can and said that she wasn't stuck really, but that she'd just run out of petrol and would I be so kind as to walk to the garage for her. What a cheek! Fives miles I walked; five

very nice when I first met them, which was very unusual in itself as I'm usually quite wary of new neighbours.

Then in the Spring I started to notice these little things. For instance Mrs. Talc hardly wore her wedding ring; it was as if she wasn't used to it whereas they had said to me that they had been married for ten years. And then there was the



there've been these funny noises coming from her house for the past two weeks: making her next coffin I shouldn't wonder.

But the thing I've been trying to figure out is who will her next notch in the bedpost be? I'd place my bet on Jack Neilson: that's him over there with the pipe, or it could be his brother Ken, but I'll

from her and left. Not a thank you, not even one word just up with his bags and away he went. Well you know what men are like. That's why I never married: Oh I had plenty of offers of course but, as my mother always said, 'Never marry a man unless he's a millionaire or changes his socks every day'.

that could happen I had to stand next to Mrs. Cook.

Pooh! I wish I'd taken a clothes peg with me; if only I'd have known. I've heard that natural body odours are supposed to be sexy but that's pushing it a bit too far. I reckon she's living in Elizabethian times, you know, only having a bath once a year.

Well I tried to drop some gentle hints, things like 'What bubble bath do you use?' and 'Didn't they stop making that brand years ago?' but she didn't take them; she just babbled on about her dog.

Have you seen that dog at number fourteen by the way? I think it's a poodle but Mrs. Snoot has done so many things to the poor mite that I'm beginning to wonder. Yesterday I saw her take it with her to the hair salon. Came out with exactly the same styles they did only it suited the dog better than it did her. It won't be long before we can't tell whether we're speaking to the dog or to Mrs. Snoot the way she's carrying on.

Ooooo! look! There she goes again. Thinks the whole world is bowing to her, she does. I remember last winter when her car, sorry her Range Rover, got stuck in a snow drift. There she was throwing snow all over the shop and calling her Rover all the names under the sun when I went up to her and asked if she wanted some help. I always like to lend a hand when anybody's in need, I do meals — on — wheels every Wednesday, you know, but you should hear those people moan, 'There's no gravy on me spuds' or 'This custard's cold'. I don't know how

long mules through walls of snow and all for what? A lift home and a cup of lukewarm tea, and then she had the nerve to show me out through the back door so that no-one would know that I'd been to her house.

Well if this bus doesn't come soon my knees will go. I'm sure those doctors don't know what they're about half the time. I went to him last week and said, "now look here Doctor what are you going to do about my knee?" Well I won't tell you what he said but I've got plenty to say about him.

Did you ever see Miss Forbes? She's the woman who used to clean her windows at midnight so that nobody would watch her. She had a phobia, or something like that, about being watched. Well, anyway she went to my doctor and what did he do? Treated her straight away, he did, none of this 'keep taking the pills' business but a quick series of sessions and she's as right as rain. And there's my knee been killing me for years and I'm still on the pills. I'm thinking of washing windows at night. Maybe he'll take more notice then.

It will be snowing soon before we know it and I only hope that it doesn't bring a couple like the Talcs as it did last time. You'll see the Talcs tomorrow if you're going to that lecture, they're an odd looking couple. Both tall and thin but Mr. Talc has ginger hair and she has blonde. They seemed

way that they always went everywhere together. Mr. Talc even went shopping on Saturday which of course is uncommon as most men spend Saturday in front of the box watching football.

I, being a broadminded person, took it for granted, that they weren't worried; well, I mean what's wrong with that? Let people live as they want to live that's what I always say. As a matter of fact, I became quite fond of Mrs. Talc but then something happened; the baby came. How could I look her in the face again? I mean living together is one thing but having a baby is a completely different story. Well, I still speak to them of course and the baby's so cute you just can't resist him.

Oh, Isn't it cold! They were saying the other day that we're in for another ice-age but I don't believe them though I must admit that I do feel the cold a lot more than I used to.

And what about that Mrs. Parkins? She was saying, it can't be more than a week ago, that the Council's going to close down the town for the winter as to save fuel. But you know how these gossips are, you can't believe a word they say.....



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## SPORT FOR ALL

The annual Sport and Leisure festival was once again held in the grounds of Tupton Hall School. The festival has been held for the last five years — the latter three all at Tupton Hall. It cost £750.00 to hold the festival, the money being donated by local parish councils and various sporting organisations. Much time and effort was put in by both staff and pupils of Tupton Hall. The aim of the festival was to promote the theme of "SPORT FOR ALL". It did this in two ways: firstly by giving information on different sporting activities, and secondly by showing the public what was included, and giving them the chance to have participate.

Two thousand people braved the cold, windy weather to visit the festival. This number was only one third of the turnout last year — but then apparently they were blessed with much better weather. Since the English weather did live up to



Spectators watch participants at the Sport for All Festival.

its reputation many people frequented the gymnasium — the bravest of them joining in with the keep-fit groups. To the spectator their antics reminded one of the Generation Game.

Outside, the budding athletes competed in their different sports amid the few shouts of encouragement from those amongst the spectators who could follow the events. There was a noticeable norman's land surrounding the archery enclosure — due to the force nine gale? Many people gathered to watch the tug-of-war, though not many people seemed so eager to pull against the hefty men from the opposition.

It was quite surprising to find that not all of the displays that were supposed to come, did turn up. Overall the festival was a little disappointing although those who bothered to come seemed to enjoy it.

Anita de la Motte L6C

## RACING CYCLIST

Craig Sankey, (L6H) has recently come to Tupton Hall from Shirebrook. He is one of a number of dedicated cyclists who can regularly be seen pedalling furiously along Derbyshire's roads. In Tupton-Aware he writes about his growing interest in the sport of competitive cycling.

Twenty-five miles in less than an hour seemed impossible way back in April this year. This is when I was encouraged by the secretary of Bolsover Wheelers' Cycling Club, of which I am a member, to start racing. At that time I already possessed two racing bikes one of which had been re-sprayed several

Trial Council.

However in late May, with nine more members of Bolsover Wheelers, I was accepted for a 50 mile trial held at Blyth on the A1 course. At last I had an official time which I could enter onto application forms for other races, even if it was not a very good time: 2 hours 17 mins. for the 50 miles.

Further races followed; a 25 mile on the A1 course at Blyth at a respectable time of 1 hour 3 mins. This time was good enough for me to be accepted for the 16-18 year old 25 mile National Championship where I was to meet the fastest 120 junior riders in the country, but on the day returned a very

the aching back? I still hadn't broken the hour for a 25 mile race. Weight training must be the answer. Borrowing some weights from a friend I included them in my training programme. My next race was the Nottingham Clarion Goose Fair 25 mile time trial held on the A25/4 course at Oxtun. The race was held in the afternoon. Once again the weather was extremely cold but not too windy. I was up against the fastest riders and teams in the Midlands and there were some excellent prizes to be won. The man who set off three minutes behind me was the scratch man of the race. If I could hold him off I knew a good time for me was on; training hard and the 10 mile time trials of 23 minutes for the last ten weeks must pay off.

### IN SCHOOL

- (1) TRIP TO WEMBLEY HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL ENGLAND v HOLLAND. SATURDAY 20TH MARCH.
- (2) TABLE TENNIS LEAGUES. OCTOBER — MARCH.

### IN MID-DERBYSHIRE AREA

- (1) DERBYSHIRE SCHOOLS TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS. SAT & SUN 12TH & 13TH DECEMBER.
- (2) GYMNASICS COMPETITION — SAT. FEB. 6TH.

- (3) U14 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT — TUES. FEB. 23RD.
- (4) 151 & 2ND YEAR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (AT TUPTON HALL). WED. MARCH 10TH.
- (5) U14, U16, U15 NETBALL TOURNAMENT. WED. MARCH 23RD.
- (6) U14, U13, U12 NETBALL TOURNAMENT — WED. MARCH 24TH.
- (7) RUGBY TOURNAMENT (AT TUPTON HALL) WED. MARCH 31ST.

## Prudent Students -and their Parents

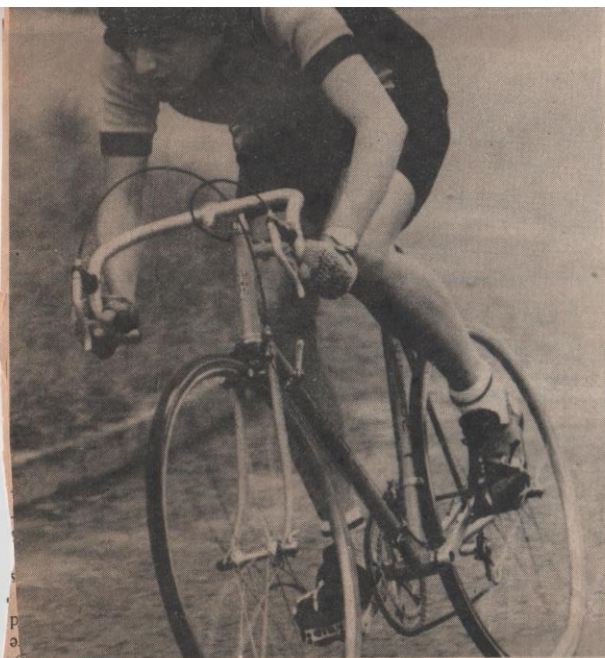
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times and built up with a variety of bits and pieces. The other was one that had been bought new and was basically a touring cycle, ideal for training and the long rides undertaken every Sunday usually in the Peak District. But to race I urgently needed a new frame which would be extremely light in weight, special tyres, gears and cranks. Fortunately for me I had parents who supported and encouraged and helped in every way possible. Consequently, being a Carlton fan, I obtained a brand new Carlton bike in full racing trim.

#### TIME TRIALS

Then the disappointments started as I was entering races that were being held within 100 mile radius of home, but I was not being accepted as I had no racing times that would be recognised by the Road Time

disappointing time of 1 hour 4 mins. finishing overall in 97th position.

Up to this time I had only been training in a half hearted manner, but I became very friendly with a group of junior riders of North Notts Olympic Road Club and I was invited to take part in their annual Mansfield to Skegness time trial a distance of 78 miles. The day was cold and windy and I was racing against the fastest riders in and around Mansfield, both seniors and juniors. However after 50 miles I started to be troubled with the aching back just as I had been in the National Championships. Nevertheless I finished a respectable 7th overall in a time of 2 hours 55 mins.

#### HARD TRAINING

What was I going to do about

The race was good. Not good. The scratch man passed me after 18 miles. I held him for a mile but he was too good.

#### SUCCESS

Reaching the last roundabout a quick glance at my watch, 2 miles to finish, thought I'd missed it again, sprint and hope. I returned to the changing rooms dejected. My friends round the master scoreboard claimed I had made it but I was doubtful. The waiting seemed endless, then it appeared: Craig Sankey, Bolsover Wheelers: 59.22, I had made it! Prize: a changing bag to the value of £8.00 but the real prize was the time.

With training (hard training), most people can achieve this. Bolsover Wheelers have open arms for new members however young.

#### Mid-Derbyshire Cross-Country Championships

This competition is used as a method of selecting the District team to compete in the County Championships. The competition is split into three sections, Junior (1st, 2nd and 3rd years), Intermediate (4th and 5th years) and Senior (6th years).

On Tuesday 17th November we competed at Alfreton Park against six other schools in Mid-Derbyshire. Our Junior team of five third formers and three second formers completely overwhelmed the opposition taking seven of the first twelve places to win the team event. Michael Hudson won the individual event closely followed by Paul Shaw (2nd) and Neil Johnson (4th). Lance Green, Mark Walton, Dale Wainwright and Lee Talbott produced performances which meant selection for the county Championships on 6th February next year at Sandiacre. The eighth member of the team, 2nd year Jason Parkin ran well, and with Dale Wainwright and Lee Talbott should form the backbone of next year's Junior team.

Tupton Hall's Intermediate team showed lots of promise in training but came up against strong teams from Swanwick and a Frederick Gent team containing last year's

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#### TUPTON HALL TABLE TENNIS

Our Table Tennis results in the past three years have proved that Tupton Hall is the number one school in Derbyshire. In 1980 four teams entered the Derbyshire Competition. These consisted of the U.13 boys and girls, U.16 girls and the same girls for the U.19's as well as U.16 and U.19 boys.

The U.13 girls won the Derbyshire trophy; in this team were Sarah Padley, Jeanette Maude, Sally West, Jane Moseley, and reserve Caron Shelton. These girls then went on to win the East Midlands

Championships at Grantham. It was in the North of England that the girls just failed and finished runners up. The U.13 boys fought hard in the Derbyshire Championships but unfortunately were also runners up.

• In the U.16 and U.19 girls the team were Tracey Golding 4T2, Shirley Musson 4G3, Debbie Holmes 4C2 and Mandy West 4C3.

These four girls came first in Derbyshire Championships, winning both the under 16 and under 19 girls trophies. They then went on to win the East Midlands title. It was then up to Leeds for the North of England Championships. Here Tracey and Shirley played the deciding game of doubles and won Two-Nil. Tupton became the North of England Champions for the first time ever. Then they went to the England final and came 3rd — a tremendous achievement.

The under 16 and under 19 boys, consisted of Allan Cooke 5G1, Darren Burton 5G1, Chris Clay 5C1, and Andrew Henry 3G1. These boys won both the U16 and U19 Derbyshire trophies. They then went up to Grantham for the East Midlands Championships and won that easily. It was then to the North of England Championships where they narrowly missed winning by one point.

Allan Cooke of 5G1, lives for the game of Table Tennis. He is currently ranked 1st in the Senior Derbyshire Mens Team and he is at present waiting for the new ranking list of England, where he is ranked in the Top Ten. Both Allan Cooke and Andrew Henry have represented Great Britain in International Matches. Allan in particular has shown tremendous application and dedication to become one of the finest young players in England.

Shirley Musson 4G3



# TUP-AWARE SPORT

## School Rugby Successes

The first half of the rugby season culminated in the various rounds of the county cup tournaments in which we were successful in two of the three ties.

**TUPTON HALL 1st XV 22 points  
SWANWICK HALL 3 points.**

After a disappointing start to the season the 1st XV rose to the occasion to defeat Swanwick and progress to a quarter final match against Chesterfield School.

A try by Nick White in his first game after injury relieved the tension after an anxious first fifteen minutes in which both teams made several elementary mistakes.

Swanwick reduced their errors with a penalty goal before captain Tim Bestwick scored a try to give us a 10-3 half time lead.

Lively work by scrum half Leon Evans and a sound performance at fly half by Richard Cole enabled Tupton to dictate the game pattern in the second half. A superb forward effort allowed David Hemens to touch down with a pushover try at a 5 metre scrum and excellent support play by Tim Bestwick and Roy Shooter gave them both tries in the last quarter to make the final score, 22 points - 3 points.

John Port who stretched the lead to 18 points before Mark Meredith nonchalantly kicked two penalties to put Tupton back into the game.

Instead of capitalising on their points scored concentration lapses allowed the bigger John Port forwards to score three more times before Richard Freeman touched down for a consolation try which was well-deserved if not for the magnificent contribution of the diminutive Lee Cropper than for the determined running of all the backs.

**TEAM:** Wass, Blower, Booker, Parkin, Bradford, Delaney, Smith, Cropper, Freeman, Karakusevic, Randall, Meredith, Alton, Wardle, Harrison and Bowmer.

### COUNTY RUGBY

Christopher Sellars has been selected to play for the County Under 16 team. This is quite an achievement for a 4th year pupil who will still be available at this age group next season.

Julian Rapkins, Jason Holmes, Matthew Gambles and Paul Wardle attended an Under 14 county squad coaching week (9th-13th November). This was a course for

1981 has been a great year for Tupton Hall Swimming Club, with Claire Holmes being selected for England, the first swimmer ever from Chesterfield to become an International. Claire left Tupton to go to Portsmouth College in October and all the team wish her luck. She had been with the team since she was eleven years old and was a great and loyal team member and a credit to the school.

The club is only a small one but a happy one and we have some really good swimmers, who have made rapid progress in the last year

## Swimming

such as Nicky Burton, Christopher Sellars, Emma Clarke, Debbie Holmes and younger members. We are looking forward to a super new year even better than this year when we had nine entries in the UK Nationals and twenty three in the Midlands Competitions. Last Monday the team began a ten week high pressure workout to prepare for the short course and long course Nationals in the new year. Our aim is 300 miles of top quality work

and to have one or more in the National Squad.

**Tupton Team:**

Christopher Sellars	14 years
Paul Clarke	14 years
Duncan Pass	12 years
John Robinson	11 years
Nicky Burton	15 years
Emma Clarke	13 years
Julie Clarke	13 years
Vicky Clarke	14 years
Tracey Bargh	14 years
Paula Pleasance	15 years
Liz Wellby	14 years

R.A. Bannister M.S.T.A.  
H.I.S.T.

## SCHOOL SOCCER

Over fifty games have been played by the School teams since September in regular Saturday fixtures and mid-week Cup Competitions. Thirty seven games have been won, three have been drawn and we have suffered twelve defeats.

Sadly, several defeats have been incurred by the 1st XI. Despite the presence of County player Andrew Davis, they have had a disappointing start to the season. The Under-15 team, captained by Stephen Peacock, are developing into a



Nigel Oliver (4G2) Chesterfield representative

strong and successful side. Graham Bradford and Nigel Oliver have represented Chesterfield Boys U-15 level and Oliver has been selected to represent Derbyshire. At Under-14 level, a distinct lack of physique among players is hindering their progress. When conditions and other teams allow, they play attractive football and are captained by Jamie Peacock, another Chesterfield Boys Representative. Perhaps the most exciting team in the school are the Under-13's, captained by Mark Newton. They won the Chesterfield Cup last season and have several talented players in the

team. The Under-12 team have started well and have the makings of a promising team. They are captained by Wayne Sutton and play with great enthusiasm.

Several rounds of the various Cup Competitions have been played and, apart from the 1st XI, all teams retain an interest in their respective Competitions. The age-group teams are through the 1st rounds and the Under-13 team are into the semi-finals of their competitions, no doubt hoping to add to the successes of last season.

### HOUSE SOCCER

With only the 5th year Competition and the second round of the Russell Thompson 1st year competition to be played, Gladwin and Cavendish appear to be continuing their domination of the last few years. Gladwin 1st years retained the Russell Thompson trophy and Cavendish won both the 3rd and 4th year Competitions. However, it is pleasing to report the success of Hunloke in winning the 2nd year Competition. Inspired by the vociferous management team of Hawcroft and Kench who are threatening to rewrite all known football coaching manuals, Hunloke



Andrew Davis (U16) - County Player



Team: F. Robinson, Andy Gardner, Alex Gardner, N. White, P. Smith, R. Cole, L. Evans, A. Slack, S. Randall, S. Sellars, R. Shooter, I. Towndrow, T. Bestwick (capt.), D. Hemens, N. Sheppard.

**TUPTON HALL U.15 28 points**

**BELPER HIGH SCHOOL 10 points**

The first round of the county cup saw Tupton take on a disorganised Belper School. Belper relied on two or three strong running players to take the game to Tupton and poor tackling allowed the visitors to take an early lead. A powerful display by the Tupton forwards produced enough clean possession for Kevin Moore and Keith Taylor to score tries to make the score 10-6 at half time.

Soon after the restart Chris Sellars and a second try for Kevin Moore took the score to 18-6. Yet again poor tackling allowed Belper to get back into the game.

The last ten minutes saw the Tupton forwards dominant with Mark Wilmott scoring from a line-out and Mark Golby barging his way over the try line to stretch the lead to a convincing 28 points to 10.

Team: K. Winter, M. Ashall, D. Swain, N. Johnson, M. Taylor, K. Taylor, S. Williams, M. Golby, K. Lunn, S. Woodall, M. Wilmott, M. Henman, I. Bradbury, K. Moore, C. Sellars.

**TUPTON HALL U13 12 points**

**JOHN PORT SCHOOL 32 points**

Our Under 13 team were unlucky to draw an unbeaten John Port School from Derby in the County Cup 1st round.

Playing against the wind in the first half Tupton defended well but conceded 12 points before half time despite a late rally when first Jason Parkin and then Paul Karakusevic were stopped short of the John Port line.

The second half started with Tupton on the attack but it was

selected schoolboys after a series of trials.

### HOUSE RUGBY

The 2nd year rugby was won by Cavendish whose slick-handling backs performed very capably against Hunloke and Turbutt but were held to a draw by a determined Gladwin team.

Cavendish	5 pts
Hunloke	4 pts
Gladwin	3 pts
Turbutt	0 pts

Turbutt turned the tables on the favourites Gladwin and Cavendish to win the 3rd year rugby with some impressive performances, particularly by Neil Johnson and Paul Wardle.

Turbutt	5 pts
Gladwin	4 pts
Cavendish	3 pts
Hunloke	0 pts

The 5th year Hunloke team put their house into overall 2nd position in the House rugby tournament by being the only house team so far this season to do the grand slam of wins over the other three houses.

Hunloke	6 pts
Gladwin	4 pts
Cavendish	1 pts
Turbutt	1 pts

Training for all Rugby players is held in the gym throughout the winter terms every Tuesday at 4.15 p.m.

### Stop Press

4th Year House rugby final table.

Hunloke	6 pts
Cavendish	4 pts
Turbutt	2 pts
Gladwin	0 pts

Overall	
Hunloke	16 pts
Cavendish	13 pts
Gladwin	11 pts
Turbutt	8 pts

Mr. Hodgson

## HOCKEY FEVER

School hockey seems to be improving! There is generally more interest, enthusiasm and participation from all areas within the school. On average we seem to be winning rather than losing but the most important thing is that pupils are enjoying taking part in a game that not only requires a lot of skill but which may seem downright dangerous at times!

All the school teams are showing promise but the team that perhaps deserves the most praise is the Under 16XI. These girls (they have a squad of 15), have worked hard together with great determination to achieve a high standard of hockey. Although there is always room from improvement (correct grip for the drive, passing the ball and scoring more goals . . . or stopping more!!) this team has a tremendous spirit and are willing to work together, practise and generally enjoy themselves.

The hard work of the U16's earned them second place in the Mid-Derbyshire U16 Hockey Tournament, which means they will now represent Mid-Derbyshire at the Derbyshire Schools U16 Tournament in March. We wish them every success.

The increased interest in hockey is evident in other levels of play. The Inter-House matches have been played with enormous enthusiasm, particularly amongst the junior teams; an encouraging sign for the future! We also have a number of girls who play for Ladies Clubs outside school, giving them more opportunity to develop skills and gain experience.

We must also congratulate Catherine Bowmer (U16 XI, 5H1) who has been selected to play for the Derbyshire County Under 16 1st XI; we wish her well in the forthcoming matches.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all those who take part in this barbaric (!?) game (including the 6th form boys on Wednesday afternoons) for showing such enthusiasm and let's hope they will encourage others to take part.

Everyone is welcome to come to practices.

Miss Whittington

won an exciting competition from Turbutt.

In the overall competition for the House Soccer Cup, the positions are very close. Cavendish, Gladwin and Turbutt are locked together with Hunloke in close contention and the outcome may well be decided by the second round matches in the Russell Thompson competition for 1st years.

Mr. Cathey

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