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## MR WOOLF BACK AS GOVERNOR

The return to the school by an ex-Biology teacher as a governor has prompted great concern amongst the staff.

Mr. Harvey Woolf resigned from his position last January using a skull-and-crossbones to end his letter of notice, which gave no reason for his leaving.

Mr. Woolf was to be the subject of an enquiry into his actions and behaviour; it was reported that the enquiry would be looking into reports that Mr. Woolf refused to set homeworks and tried to impress his political beliefs on his pupils.

One of the school's staff believes that Mr. Woolf's "eloquent nature" may win him the votes of other governors on important issues, giving him a majority to support his "extreme aims".

It is believed that Mr. Woolf is opposed to uniform and homework and may try to abolish both.

## GCSE ANGER

The introduction of the GCSE examination this term has not been greeted with open arms by the staff, and many are very unhappy that it has been allowed to go ahead in its present state.

Almost every teacher we spoke to said that the exam. should have been postponed by at least one more year, to allow for training for teachers and for text books to be written.

The new exam means that assessment will play a large part in pupils' marks, so that less importance is placed on The Exam. - good news for hay fever sufferers or the nervous type.

No text books have been written for the new exam, and many teachers feel that they are ill-prepared for its introduction.

The general feeling amongst the staff was summed up by Mr. Chapman, though: "In principle it's a nice idea, but it's a shambles. It should have been postponed..."

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## ISSUE COMMENT

SO, here we are! YOUR magazine, YOUR forum, YOUR chance to have YOUR say. We want you to write in and comment, and we want to print your views. Anyone who wants to write for us should see MHJ. We want to inform and entertain you, but, love us or hate we'll still be YOUR magazine.

## THREE NEW TEACHERS IN SCHOOL

There are three new teachers at school this term; they are:-

MR. WATSON (DMM) who teaches P.E., Social Studies and Geography,  
MR. TOWNSEND (IRT) who teaches English and History and,  
MRS. PEARSON (EP) who teaches Economics and History.

Mr. Watson comes from Manchester and is widely travelled; he has been to Australia, the USA and has taught in Israel. Oh, yes - he was once a sales rep. too! His hobby is "sport in general".

Mr. Townsend comes to us via Leicestershire, and he moved to change his teaching age group. Mrs. Pearson last taught in Northamptonshire and moved here "as it is a good school in the right area."

### THE PLUG

Last term the Language Lab. had new equipment installed in it. But we have been unable to use it yet, as the school has been waiting for OVER EIGHT WEEKS for an electrician to come and fix a plug to the equipment.

It is hoped that the electrician will arrive within the next month or so!

### THE BRIGHTER SIDE

A Toronto man was up on a drunk-driving charge, but before leaving for court promised his wife he wouldn't do it again. But, on his way to court, he stopped at a pub for a drink, for Dutch courage. This was followed by more until he drove away, totally drunk, at 88mph! As he neared the court, he lost control of the car and smashed into the courtroom just as he had been called to the stand!

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## Letters

In each "ISSUE" we hope to be able to run a Letters Section.

We want these letters to be from any of our readers (pupils, teachers, parents, anyone) and they can be on any subject you like.

Homework, uniform, school dinners, politics, sport, the economic climate in Mongolia... ANYTHING at all!

Just make the letters fairly short and reasonably sensible and hand them to Mr. Johnson. (The deadline for letters for the next "ISSUE" is September 25th)

Each time we run the section, the writer of the best letter we print will win £9! So get writing as soon as possible.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SHORTEN AND EDIT ANY LETTERS SENT TO US TO SUIT OUR NEEDS.

# Bookworm

ENTER OUR  
COMPETITIONS  
ON PAGE 6!

## A FINE SITUATION!

The library book fine situation is becoming ridiculous! According to research, around £88 a year is being collected through fines. Every month £5 is collected and used to buy the library magazines - so a good £68 a year is spent solely on magazines. And each year about a dozen new books are purchased, also through the fine money collected. £88 a year seems staggering, and the situation should

improve, but, on the other hand, if new books and magazines are being bought through the system it can't be all that bad!

THE LIBRARY HAS ASKED US TO TELL ALL PUPILS TO EITHER BRING BOOKS BACK ON TIME OR TO RENEW THEM - OR ELSE!

NEW BOOKS BOUGHT BY FINE MONEY COLLECTED OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS ARE:-

'Fellowship Of The Ring' TOLKIEN  
'The Two Towers' TOLKIEN  
'The Return Of The King' TOLKIEN  
'Assasin!' SMITH AND THOMSON  
'Montrose, The Captain General' TRANTER

### BOOK REVIEW - "Wilt On High" by Tom Sharpe.

This is the third Wilt book; the first two are "VILT" and "THE VILT ALTERNATIVE". Henry Wilt teaches at his local Polytechnic, but also has two other jobs on the side - he needs these to support his four daughters' expensive needs! Wilt becomes a victim of events both at home and at work.

Dead schoolgirls, laced beer, some US Airmen, a gas attack, a third-degree interrogation and a mayor's wife all play important roles in the rest of the story.

As in all of Tom Sharpe's brilliant books, the "hero" becomes a victim of circumstances beyond his control and this results in an hilarious novel!

Published by Pan Books at just £2.50, I recommend that anyone with a sense of humour reads this book as soon as possible!



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# THE COMPUTER PAGE

HELLO AND WELCOME to 'The Computer Page' of your new school magazine - "THE ISSUE" - where you'll find news, views and reviews on all the latest in the computer world. As it is the SCHOOL magazine we rely on feedback from you, so if you have any tips, suggestions for articles, programs or problems please hand them to Mr. Johnson - but mark them with 'COMPUTER PAGE' first, please! Incidentally, if we print any ORIGINAL programs, their writers will receive a £4 prize.

## SOFTWARE REVIEW - "SPEECH!"

SUPERIOR SOFTWARE - VARIOUS COMPUTERS

"SPEECH!" is the latest thoroughbred from the Superior stable, better known for such BBC and Electron gens as "CITADEL" and "REPTON". It is simplicity itself to use - just type \*SAY followed by the text you would like spoken. Then press <RETURN> and your computer speaks!

It does this by converting your text into 49 phonemes (!), or sounds, and producing them.

The pitch of the speech can be altered with the \*PITCH command followed by a letter A to Z. (A indicates the highest pitch, Z the lowest.)

You can use the individual phonemes directly with the \*SPEAK command. A number after a vowel sound alters its pitch - 1 being the lowest, 9 being the highest!

You can switch the screen display off with the \*OFF command, which improves the quality of the speech. \*LIGHT returns the screen display to normal.

"SPEECH!" is a very well packaged program, and it comes with three other programs for use with "SPEECH!":

DEMO - which shows off the features of "SPEECH!"

SPELL - a spelling test where the program says a word and you spell it

SAYFILE - this program says your word-processor files out loud for you.

All in all "SPEECH!" is a very good speech synthesiser at a reasonable price.

CBM 64 tape £9.95, disc £11.95  
AMSTRAD tape £9.95, disc £14.95  
BBC 'B' tape £9.95, disc £11.95

## TECHNOLOGY AND 'THE ISSUE'

"THE ISSUE" is created on the BBC Computer with the aid of the AMX Mouse and the "PAGEMAKER" software package. All the material is collected and then each page is designed on the "PAGEMAKER".

Each page is printed at near-letter quality on A4 sized paper, then lithographed on the school machine and then, finally, hopefully, you buy the finished article!

The mouse itself is a gadget with three buttons which moves a cursor around the computer screen, with which you can create all sorts of fonts, graphics and the like!

## SNIPPET

OCEAN HAVE FINALLY RELEASED "KNIGHT RIDER" AND "MIAMI VICE" FOR VARIOUS MACHINES!

# THE INTERVIEW

## 'THE ISSUE' TALKS TO MR THOMPSON

Did you know that one of the teachers in school was once an international Rugby League star? Well, it's true!

The Economics/Social Studies head, Mr. T.C. Thompson, whose age is unknown, was once a top professional.

In an interview with us he said that he played top flight Rugby League for ten years. "I played for Hunslet from 1959 to 1963, and then for Workington until 1969 when a bad knee injury ended my career."

During these years, Mr. Thompson played for Yorkshire twice, England twice, Great Britain twice, and the British Empire twice.

"I played on the second row or on the wing and scored over one hundred tries. I played at Wembley twice, but lost both times, and my greatest club honour was when I got a League Championship runners-up medal with Workington."

Mr. Thompson later became the coach of Barrow R.L.C., and eventually turned to teaching to "contribute to society". He teaches Economics as he was "outstanding" at the subject whilst at school.



MR. THOMPSON AT HIS WEDDING IN 1973.



MR. THOMPSON IN HIS PRIME, SCORING ONE OF MANY TRIES.

# COMPETITIONS

## WIN £10 IN OUR TRIVIA QUIZ!

Just answer the following five questions, send in your entry form (right) and you could win £10! Here are the questions:-

- 1) How many football World Cups have been held?
- 2) What was the Beatles' first British number one?
- 3) What is Ethiopia's capital city?
- 4) What film was based on Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell's lives?
- 5) Who scored the first televised maximum snooker break?

### TRIVIA QUIZ ENTRY FORM

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2) .....

3) .....

4) .....

5) .....

NAME .....

AGE ..... FORM .....

HAND YOUR ENTRY TO MR. JOHNSON BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26TH. ALL CORRECT ENTRIES WILL BE PLACED IN A BAG AND THE FIRST CORRECT ENTRY DRAWN WILL WIN THE £10. MAGAZINE STAFF MAY NOT ENTER. SHOULD NOBODY ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS CORRECTLY, ALL ENTRIES WITH THE LEAST NUMBER OF INCORRECT ANSWERS WILL BE PLACED TOGETHER AND A WINNER DRAWN FROM THEM. GOOD LUCK!

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# POP SPOT

# POP FACT!

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NAME FROM MOSCOW'S MOST FEARED  
STREET GANG!

## SPLIT DECISION!

### 1986 - The Year Of The Rift!

1986 has become the year of the rift!

Duran Duran, Wham!, Frankie Goes To Hollywood, Ultravox, The Thompson Twins and Blancmange are the big-name-acts that have been affected by at least one member deciding to leave their respective group.

Duran's Roger Taylor left the supergroup in April due to exhaustion, and Andy Taylor has recently been replaced as guitarist on their new album being recorded in Paris.

Ultravox drummer Warren Clark left to pursue a solo career, and Frankie's lead singer Holly Johnson will be leaving soon to do the same.

The Thompson Twins' percussionist Joe Leeway left the group due to "musical differences", and Blancmange split for the same reason after their last single, "I Can See It", flopped.

But the most famous split of all, of course, was the WHAM! break-up.

So, as you see, 1986 has become the year of the rift: who next?



## NEW RELEASES

**BELINDA CARLISLE** - ex-GoGo - has released her US number two, "MAD ABOUT YOU", and her LP, "BELINDA CARLISLE". Both are excellent and on I.R.S. Records.

**PETE MYLIE** - The Sinful One - has a new single out. It's called "DIAMOND GIRL". It's a marvellous pop record on M.D.M. Records.

**THE BANGLES**, whose last single "GOING DOWN TO LIVERPOOL" flopped, have released "WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN" on C.B.S. Records.

**FIVE STAR** release a new single "RAIN OR SHINE" on Arista this week. By the way, why are The Romford Five never out of the charts?

**AMAZULU** follow up their biggest hit to date ("TOO GOOD TO BE...") with a cover of the old song "MONTEGO BAY". (Ask your parents what it's like!) It's on the Island label.

**BOOM BOOM ROOM** are trying again with their fantastic "HERE COMES THE MAN" which flopped earlier this year. (Epic Records)

**PAUL YOUNG** is releasing a single sometime during the next month.

# SPORTS NEWS

On the Sports pages in future "ISSUES", we hope to run stories about school sporting achievements, and also on sports news outside of school. We would like your suggestions and criticisms on this page - mark them with 'SPORTS NEWS' and hand them to Mr Johnson. As there has been little happening in the school's sports department lately, we devote this "ISSUE" to football news.

## CHESTERFIELD F.C. '86

Chesterfield Football Club have not seen many changes during the summer break - especially in the first-team squad. This is probably due to the lack of funds, because of compulsory safety work having to be completed.

The players that have arrived at Saltergate have been mainly on free transfers. An old Kop favourite, Andy Kowalski, returned to the club after an absence of three years. But the best close-season capture was ex-European Young Player Of The Year Oliver Bernadeau.

Tony Coyle joined the club after six seasons with Stockport County. Tony plays on the left-hand side and is hoping to score a few goals.

Steve Kendall - who many thought had left the club - suprisingly reappeared in one of the pre-season games and is now on a weekly contract basis.

Derek Walker - a Scot who scored four goals in four games in the pre-season - earned himself a year's contract with the club. Derek plays up front with Ernie Moss.

Players that have left the Saltergate scene include the Irish international Gerry Armstrong - who went to Brighton - and Steve Spooner, who went to Hereford for a small fee and is already finding the back of the net. Released by the club after last season were Steve Baines, Phil Walker and Paul Batty.

The final change this summer happened in the boardroom, with the appointment of Mike Watterson as Chairman, and Ken Unwin became managing director.

It is to be hoped that this season will see The Spireites enter Division Two for the first time in nearly fifty years, but if this was to be it is certain that the crowd attendances would have to increase considerably to account for wages, transfer fees and even more safety repairs.

So, go along to Saltergate one Saturday afternoon and give the lads a cheer.

## The Season's Predictions

- DIVISION ONE:- first three - LIVERPOOL, NOTTS FOREST, LUTON  
bottom three - MAN. CITY, LEICESTER, ASTON VILLA
- DIVISION TWO:- first three - HULL CITY, SUNDERLAND, IPSWICH TOWN  
bottom three - BRADFORD CITY, STOKE CITY, SHREWSBURY
- DIVISION THREE:- first three - BRISTOL ROVERS, SWINDON TOWN, BLACKPOOL  
bottom four - CHESTER, BRISTOL CITY, NEWPORT, WIGAN
- DIVISION FOUR:- first four - TRANMERE, BURNLEY, CAMBRIDGE, PETERBORO'  
bottom four - ROCHDALE, ALDERSHOT, CREWE, TORQUAY

F.A. CUP FINALISTS - SOUTHAMPTON and ARSENAL  
LITTLEWOODS CUP FINALISTS - Q.P.R. and TOTTENHAM

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