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CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first Cardinal Newman High School Yearbook in this, the fifteenth year of the school's existence.

The following pages give a pictorial account of both the curricular and extra - curricular life of the school over the course of the last year. Although wide ranging in the type of events covered, it is by no means a definitive record, such is the vast array of diverse activities taking place in a school of this size. The Yearbook, however, serves as a focus on the life of the school and offers staff, pupils and parents the opportunity to remember some of those 'magic moments' that always happen in any school.

With the Annexe scheduled for closure in June of this year it is important that many of the pages are devoted to the work that takes place in it, as the Annexe has contributed so much to the life of the whole school over the last fifteen years. It will be sadly missed.

Finally, it is only left for me to say that I hope you will find the time spent reading the Yearbook to be as enjoyable as life is in Cardinal Newman.

R. Glyn

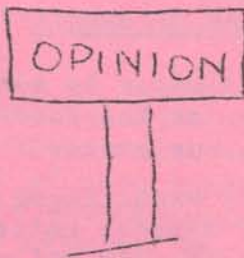
Headmaster

 * CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Christmas is only just around the corner, and once again we will be beset by the usual tinsel-bound programmes, films and records. Christmas always seems to be the T.V. producer's excuse for a massive bonanza of 'Repeat Year after year the merry public swallow more repeats than turkey and Christmas pudding! Thus, films like 'The Great Race', 'Oliver' and the "beloved" 'White Christmas' become an accepted part of the Christmas Season and every year Bob Hope insists on making a * * * * * fool of himself.

For the soft of heart (and head) Christmas brings us the tear-jerking, heartbreaking, sob-stories of the Waltons and Little House on the Prairie. While for those who enjoy a truly merry Christmas, the Goodies make an annual special appearance, along with the hilarious 'Two Ronnies' and their counterparts, Morecambe and Wise.

Christmas is a time for the family, you may say, but why are the TV programme arrangers so sure that every family adores Billy Smart's Circus? Year after year we see chimps, elephants, clowns and trapeze artists - extremely monotonous and boring.



The mistletoe season, however, does bring a feast of joy for teenagers who enjoy pop music. On Christmas Day Noel Edmonds, Kid Jensen, D.L.T. and the cigar, make the past year's charts seem fantastic because they only play the number ones. Later on in the night the Old Grey Whistle Test takes over with a recorded live concert; last year it was Elton John, the year before Queen. During the Christmas holidays many more pop spectacles are shown which reflect the mood of the moment. It should be fun this year to see Billy Idol and Johnny Rotten in their Christmas outfits!

T.V. has in no way contributed to the real Christmas message. Children's minds are swamped with Disney, teenagers with pop, and adults with tinselised comedy - so much so that the true message of 'Christ among the nations' is lost among the glitter and bright lights. Let us enjoy our Christmas programmes this year - but let us spare a thought too for the meaning behind the 25th. December, and perhaps that will make this Christmas - on or off the 'box' - all the more enjoyable.

Angela Pacitti)
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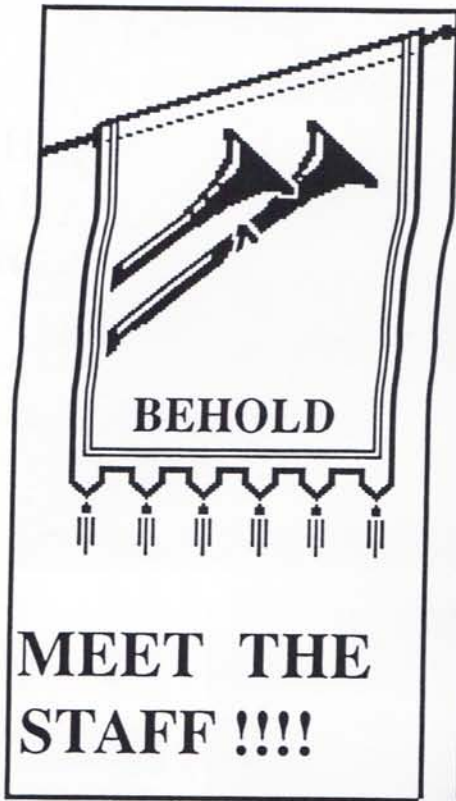
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Horse power was a lot safer when the horses had it.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Here we have Mrs. McLaughlin (bottom left) in her class with a view of the great outdoors at her back. The other photos reveal that there is life beyond the confines of the school. Above left we capture the S4 Soc Voc class enjoying themselves at Caldercruix Outdoor Centre. Taking the plunge (above right) is a young gent undergoing exhaustive training for the Krypton Factor! Left, Julie McGranachan and Daniel Keenan visit the Motherwell Aquatec on business concerning the yearbook. Below, Louise Black and Lee Ann Davidson visit Glasgow Zoo on Work Experience.





CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL: OFFICIAL OPENING

On Thursday, 9th. February, our school was officially opened by Councillor Richard Stewart C.B.E., J.P. - and thus came to fruition a venture that began as long ago as 1967.

It was in that year that the building of a school here in Bellshill was proposed, but money for building was somewhat scarce and it was not until 1971 that the decision to build was finally taken - and not until July 1974 that building did actually commence. Nevertheless, once begun, work advanced rapidly, so that we were able to move into the completed school in August of 1977. It was therefore with some sense of achievement that the platform party at our official opening took their place. It was evident that they were happy with their completed project - as indeed are we! - and around the school, particularly perhaps the theatre, it was easy to see that justifiable was their pleasure.

The theatre foyer was lavishly adorned with many beautiful and colourful floral arrangements; the stage, fronted by banks of plants and foliage, had an almost sylvan appearance. The staff wore academic gowns and hoods - and lent a most distinguished aura to the evening - and the atmosphere was warm and happy from the start.

Councillor Irvine, the Chairman for the evening, led on to the platform to introduce distinguished guests, while Purcell's 'Trumpet Tune' filled the theatre. Having introduced the platform party, Councillor Irvine invited the Chairman of the Educational Committee - Councillor William Harley - to speak. Following this Councillor Richard Stewart gave a most interesting address and declared the school officially open. Monsignor Flanagan D.D., Ph.D., of Sacred Heart Parish who was representing His Lordship Bishop Thomson, then read the prayer of dedication, - a truly beautiful prayer in which the school, its staff and pupils were commended to the care of John Henry Newman.

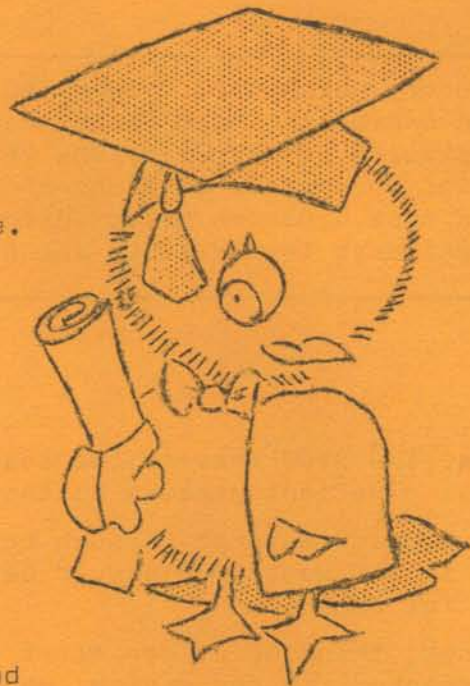
Following this came a musical interlude from the choir, an interlude much appreciated by all our guests, and afterwards, Mr. James Manson, Chairman and Managing Director of Wight Construction Ltd., presented to Mr. Equi a silver rose bowl which will be used in the school oratory. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks from Mr. Equi - and we all departed to the dining area where our guests, staff and parents enjoyed a most attractive buffet.

The next hour or so was spent on guided tours of the building - tours which impressed all our guests and left them wondering at the impressive facilities that schools now offer their pupils.

All too soon the evening was over and we found ourselves making for home. The Cardinal Newman High School had now been officially blessed and declared open and sent on its way to carve its own future, its own academic record, its own achievements, its own traditions. Looking at the little table at the back of the theatre where were displayed the cups already won on the sporting field, we felt our future had got off to a good start.

Angela Pacitti
Bernadette McGrath 5th. yr.

CARDINAL NEWMAN COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE



In the not too distant future, Cardinal Newman School will become known under another name - Cardinal Newman Community Education Centre. This means that in the evenings, the school will shed its day-time mantle and don a new identity, making it possible for the Bellshill community to make use of the school's wide range of facilities.... from the classroom accommodation to the P.E. centre, the theatre, technical block and community wing. In effect, it will function as a sports centre, theatre, conference centre and adult education centre all rolled into one; and as such, it should become the finest Community Centre in the area.

The Centre will provide general interest classes such as Art, woodwork, sports and dressmaking, and this will also be given to those who wish to form their own specialist groups, using the facilities and resources of the Centre - for example, a number of local housewives may wish to form a consumers' group and the Centre will be able to help out with this. It is hoped that some classes will be started after Easter and the Centre should certainly be in full swing by September of this year.

The Community Education Worker for the area who will be in charge of the running of the Centre is Mr. John Thomson - who will already be a familiar name to most pupils in the school - and he is anxious that people should come forward with ideas and suggestions for clubs, groups and activities in which they have some interest. If there are sufficient numbers for any class, a paid instructor can be provided, and a few teachers have already offered their services to the Centre in this field.

What is needed are volunteers to help in the coffee bar, to serve on the Management Committee, to make up posters, and to supervise or run various club activities. These are only a few of the tasks to be performed in any club or group: anyone who feels able to volunteer help, ideas or suggestions can contact John Thomson at the school, where he has his own office in the Community Wing.

Membership of these groups/classes will be open to all those who live in the Bellshill area and who are over 16 years of age. The membership fee will be about £1, but this will be reduced to 50p for those under 18, and there will be no fee at all for Senior Citizens. Course fees depend on total enrolment and length of course, but as a rough guide, a six-week course is likely to cost somewhere between £2.20 - £2.80 again with reductions for the under-18s and the Senior Citizens. Section fees of around 20p per person will also be charged to cover the cost of running the coffee bar etc.

As a Community Centre, the school has almost unlimited potential; but when we interviewed Mr. Thomson he stressed the need for an enthusiastic response to the possibilities. Somehow, we feel that will not be wanting, and we hope, in future editions of this magazine, to chronicle something of the success of the Cardinal Newman Community Education Centre. On a personal note, I would like to thank Mr. Thomson for his help in compiling this article and to wish him every success in the venture ahead.

Therese Callaghan 5/2



CARTOON TIME, this term was selected by some of the boys from 45 ... whose work can be seen on the walls of a certain English classroom on the third floor!

