

stout leather shoes (no football boots in those days) and play would commence. In 1920 the team soared to success winning the Oxfordshire Junior Shield and the Risborough District League. A favourite photograph stands to this day on Jack's sideboard showing that 1920 team of which Jim Clark and Harry Kent were also members.

When questioned about his thoughts on life today, Jack summed it all up in two words, pleasure and respect. In his day you took pleasure from the simple things in life, the great consumer and rat-race society had yet to come. Respect — well, that was something that was taught you at an early age whether it be respect for fellow human beings or for property. Without these two commodities the world can be a very sorry place.

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CHINNOR SENIOR CITIZENS' SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The winners of the October draw were:—

£10.00 — No.57 — Mrs. R. Chapman

£ 5.00 — No.117 — Mrs. A. Witney

£ 3.00 — No.122 — Mr. T. White

ICKNIELD SCHOOL

The Icknield School, Watlington, has installed what it believes to be the first computer Network of its type in a school in Oxfordshire. The Network, which is supplied by Research Machines Limited of Oxford, consists of ten microcomputers and a Network server. The ten microcomputers, known as Network stations are RML 480Z's and have 56k of available memory and colour monitors. The Network uses a modified RML 380Z as a server. This server is equipped with a dual disc drive using double-density floppy discs.

The microcomputers can be used as personal computers but they also have access to the Network printer, which they can use whenever necessary. They can also share the external storage, and information retrieval, provided by the Server's disc drives. This shared usage of expensive devices is what makes the Network such an attractive prospect for schools. The server and the Network cables are connected by means of coaxial cables and are set up in the specially designated computer room.

Being in the forefront of information technology presents a challenge of its own for teachers at the school. There is provision in the timetable for the use

of the Network by pupils following examination courses in Computer Studies. Senior pupils have available a short course in computer appreciation, and all first years have the opportunity to gain "hands on" experience.

These activities, together with the 'extra curricula' activities of Junior and Senior Computer Clubs and the prospect of the use of the Network by the local Community, ensure a busy life for the computer room but they represent only a small part of the school's wider aims for it.

The staff at the school are committed to the concept of Computer Assisted Learning (CAL) and are anxious to promote the use of the Network right across the curriculum. When good educational software is integrated into a teacher's armoury new and exciting classroom practices become possible.

Computers allow new approaches which might not be practical in a traditional classroom. Examples of this are: **Simulation.** Pupils can emulate a reality that is not normally available to them. **Interaction.** This encourages active rather than passive learning. **Decision making.** Pupils can ask themselves, "What would happen if I tried this?"

Since pupils often work together, in pairs, at the computer there is a potential for peer teaching and collaboration which could improve the social education of the pupils, and efficiency within the classroom.

These plans for the Network are ambitious and will not be realised overnight. However the staff at the school have shown a willingness to attend in-service training courses on the use of CAL and educational software is becoming more plentiful and of better quality within the Authority. Also the school is to appoint, from Christmas, a new member of staff who will be responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of the staff and managing the computer room. Thus it is realistic to hope that, in time to come, the steps taken now will be seen as the first of a long and fruitful journey.

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NATIONAL PENTATHLON CHAMPION

MARK VINCENT, 13 years old, of RAF Benson, and a pupil at the Icknield School, Watlington, was declared 'Pentathlete of the Year' after a gruelling competition sponsored by the Daily Star and Butlins. The final was held on Sunday, 9th October at the Army Physical Training School, Aldershot, the original 60,000 entrants having been whittled down to 28, in 3