

CST News Bulletin (1966-70)

General background

The swinging 60s under a Labour government predominated this period until June 1970 when a new Conservative government was elected. Changes in education were implemented, divorce law was eased, abortion was legalised, laws against homosexual practices were curbed, capital punishment was abolished, the age for the right to vote was reduced from 21 to 18 and legislation was passed to prescribe equal pay for equal work for women.

The Plowden Report 'Children and their Primary Schools' was published in 1967 as was the Seebohm Report 'Local Authority and Allied Personal Social Services' in 1968. The former recommended the establishment of educational priority areas for children in deprived areas and nursery school places for 50% of 3 year olds and 90% of four year olds. The latter led to the 1970 Local Authority Social Services Act, which created integrated social services departments in England and Wales. The same had happened in Scotland following the Social Work (Scotland) Act of 1968. Further legislation of the time include Children and Young Persons Act (1969) and Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act (1970). Two green papers appeared which concerned reorganisation of the NHS.

Bulletin

Two editors (Mrs Gower and Mrs Christopherson) covered this period. The editor requested articles from members at the beginning of this period (eg Nos 171, 176, 183) but later there was little direct correspondence with the members. The emphasis of Bulletin in the latter part of the 1960s was conveyance of news, but changes were made following a letter to the Editor (No. 193) which said that in Bulletin there was currently 'nothing of lasting interest to keep' and after several discussions with Council (eg Nos 200, 202), eg to include calendar of meetings at HQ. The size changed (No. 191) in response to post office regulations for the size of envelopes because of mechanisation. An ex-Editor commented (No. 196) as did the Associate Editor (No. 201). Discussions with printer were reported in No. 205. In the financial year 1967, income from advertisements covered the cost of Bulletin production (No. 195) but by July 1969 Bulletin was running at a loss and advertisement rates had to be raised (No. 210). Eleven issues continued per annum (none in September) until 1970 when there was a monthly service, designed to help advertisers (No. 220). Nos 203 and 210 were special editions.

Themes which permeated these issues were changes in CST policy, 21st and 25th anniversaries of CST, the Gift of Speech campaign, and the run-up to the Quirk Report.

HQ

Future policy was to be discussed at the 'Wallingford week-end policy conference' (11-13 February 1966) (Nos 169, 171). Areas under discussion were the role of the speech therapist, aptness of present training, future training and structure of services (No. 171). A statement was to be sent to DES (No. 173). The Chairman's 1966 AGM statement was on future policy (No. 174). A further policy week-end to discuss implementation of Wallingford was planned (No. 179) and held in the Waverley Hotel, Southampton Row, London (21-22 January 1967) (No. 182). The Chairman's 1967 AGM statement was on future policy (No. 185). A questionnaire was distributed with No. 188 to members on the future role of the speech therapist.

Miss Collis (CST Secretary) retired following the 1968 AGM and Mrs Fishman (her deputy) took over the post (Nos 193, 195). An ad hoc committee recommended the appointment of a professional administrator (No. 195). One suitable applicant was interviewed, but the position was not filled (No. 208). Mr J Broadbent began work as Director of Services on 1 March 1970 for an initial year (No. 217).

Open letters to Council re: election procedure were printed in Nos 186, 192. New areas were introduced in 1968, which expanded the number of areas from 4 to 8 (No. 191). This increase meant that election procedure would have to be different.

Honorary Fellowships were awarded to Professor JP Tuck and Henry P Wood (No. 170). Fellowship by thesis was awarded to Mary M Harris ('Stammering') (No. 170) and to Rona Williams ('A study of speech and language disorders and hearing loss in the hospitalized subnormal population') (No. 206). Notices re: MCST appeared in Nos 190, 202. MCST was awarded to Lilian McGregor and Norma Pyper (No. 192) and to Patricia Pollard and Anne Stoneman (No. 203). The 10th MCST was awarded to Anne Christopherson (relationship between therapist and patient) (No. 213). Fellowships were awarded to Miss MO Hamlen ('Speech assessment following palatopharyngeal flap procedure and speech') and Mrs AI Neaves (No. 195) ('To establish a basis for prognosis in stammering').

The Publicity and Publications Panel hoped to publish leaflets (No. 171). Two for the guidance of parents were available by No. 186 (*Are you worried about your child's speech*), *Teaching your child*

to talk'), written by three members of the NW London discussion group (Tessa Abrahams, Elizabeth Clarke and Sylvia Lewin) and a further two by No. 199, *'Without words'* by Joyce Mitchell, intended for the relatives of dysphasic clients where speech therapy was unobtainable, and *'Is your child a stammerer?'* by Ann Brookes, intended for parents. Margaret Fawcus was to amalgamate the first two and develop a new leaflet on speech development (No. 206).

A summary of the report by the Second Working Party on Cerebral Palsy was included in No. 172. The Seebom Committee is mentioned in No. 175 and evidence was sent to it by Council (No. 180). A summary of preliminary report of the 'after-care' working party (No. 177) and a second report (No. 188) were presented. Evidence on the needs of handicapped children presented to the National Bureau for Co-operation in Child Care was printed in full as a special edition (No. 203) and a report by the Working Party on the Changing Role of the Speech Therapist was printed in No. 207.

Exhibition material was now administered by Miss R Kelham (No. 178) and expanded (No. 197). The tape library was advertised (No. 184). The College library was given on permanent loan to RNID library until a suitable CST library became available (No. 188). RNID offered use of their bibliographic service (No. 191). The possibility of a list of tests was investigated (No. 188) and completed (No. 199). Careers material was noted to require up-dating (No. 206).

A meeting was held between CST and the Union of Speech Therapists (UST - ex STPA) (No. 190). The College Register was renamed 'Directory' in No. 183 and a note about the work involved in and cost of directory was given in No. 189. The Directory was given a new cover colour (No. 208). Provisional registration was given to the speech therapy training school at Matthew Boulton Technical College, Birmingham (No. 195). Post-graduate courses were proposed (No. 182) in audiology, cerebral palsy and for married therapists planning to return to work but only 30 replies were received (No. 184). An introductory course in cerebral palsy was advertised (No. 190). Badge prices increased (No. 169). Membership cards were to be issued (No. 170). Subscriptions and re-admission procedure were explained in No. 180, the former had to be raised (No. 195) and a new instalment scheme was introduced (No. 201). The professional journal title and appearance changed (No. 170). A notice about the journal was inserted by its Editor (No. 181) and letter to the Bulletin Editor written by the journal's editor (No. 200). Thomson directories listed STs and Elocutionists together until CST intervened (No. 193).

Notices about the Committee of Enquiry into Speech Therapy Services (Quirk) appeared in Nos 210, 212, 214, 217. Evidence by CST to the committee was completed by No. 221.

Advents and events

21st birthday appeal: various fund-raising events were organised, eg the Bluebell picnic (No. 172). A reception for CST 21st birthday was noted for June 1966 (No. 169) with details given in No. 171. Stage 1 accomplished (over £2600 raised by No. 186) and a larger scale Stage 2 was discussed (No. 186).

The target for stage 2 suggested was £200,000 (No. 187). Progress was reported regularly from No. 189. The appeal for a 'diagnostic and consultative centre which would provide opportunities for research' (suggested by Midland Area) (No. 198) was named 'Gift of Speech' campaign, with Norman Jeffries as campaign organiser (No. 191). Its aims were expanded (Nos 195, 200, 201). The campaign was launched at the Mermaid Theatre 6 June 1968 (No. 197) with a speech by Jack Hawkins (using oesophageal voice and no microphone), amid 'shattering news' (Robert Kennedy's assassination). An appeal newsletter was distributed with the Bulletin (No. 203) - one still extant with No. 221. A London Charity ball to be held in the Dorchester in May 1969 (Nos 203, 204, 206). At the end of the first and second years of the appeal, it was approximately £3,000 better off (Nos 206, 219). A Christmas card was developed for the appeal (No. 222).

In the Silver Jubilee year (1970) an amnesty for lapsed members was announced (No. 212). A Jubilee Ball was advertised (Nos 213, 214, 216-17) as was a cocktail party to be held in December in the presence of the patron (Nos 217, 219, 220). The ticket price had to be subsidised because of membership reaction (No. 222).

The 1966 conference and its programme were advertised (Nos 170, 171). A call for papers for 1970 conference 'A Time to Speak' Eccl. 3. vii. (Manchester 7-11 September 1970) was made in No. 206, followed by advertisement of the conference (No. 213) and its programme (No. 218).

The posthumous publication of a book by Margaret Eldridge on the history of speech therapy was finalised by Dr Morley (No. 187). Marion Cole published 'The Life of Elsie Fogerty (1865-1945): Pioneer of speech training for the theatre and everyday life' (Peter Davies Limited) (No. 188). Joan van Thal's 'Elements of Logopedics: A handbook for students of speech therapy' (published by Kaye

and Ward) (No. 204) and W Kingdon-Ward's 'Helping the stroke patient to speak' were published in 1969 (No. 207).

Notices about AFASIC were printed (Nos 196, 200, 222) as was a progress report by Margaret Greene, Chairman (No. 204).

Letters to the Editor - themes

Re: salaries, Nos 170-172. Re: use of College funds, Nos 170-173. Re: professional status and future, Nos 172, 175, 184-86, 190, 204. Re: private patients, Nos 172-174. Re: university course, No. 172. Re: journal and title, Nos 172-175. Re: married therapists, Nos 172-174. Re: incidence of speech defect in children with histidinemia, No. 175. Re: Saturday meetings, No. 175. Re: shortage of therapists, Nos 176, 177. Re: reciprocal recognition, Nos 176, 178, 196, 197, 202, 205, 214. Re: cluttering, Nos 177, 179, 181, 182. Re: Plowden Report, No. 181. Re: onward referral problems, Nos 182, 183, 184. Re: equipment for severely subnormal patients, Nos 183, 185, 187. Re: speech therapy role in autism, Nos 192-94. Re: Bulletin, Nos 193, 196, 199. Re: Gift of Speech campaign (for and against), Nos 195-201, 203, 208, 221. Re: name of the profession, Nos 195-96, 198, 200, 202. Re: subscriptions, Nos 196, 198-99, 201, 203-04, 207, 209, 220, 223, 224. Re: speech therapy with stammering children, Nos 199, 201. Re: block clinical practice, No. 204. Re: nurse treating patients with laryngectomy, Nos 204, 207. Re: article in No. 210 (modern trends in speech therapy), Nos 211-12. Re: higher qualifications, Nos 211, 213, 215, 217. Re: speech therapy with dysphasic patients, Nos 216, 217. Re: training speech therapists to train students, Nos 221, 222.

Continuations

The Jansson lecture for 1966 was noted (No. 169) to be given by BM Foss (No. 172), the 1968 by Barry Wyke - 'Deus ex machina vocis' (No. 193) and the 1970 by Prof D Russell Davis 'Interact and communicate' (No. 214). Papers from these lectures appeared in BJDC.

Technology: electronic artificial larynx, Nos 169, 171; electronic metronome, Nos 181, 187; Micro Wave Voice Aid, Nos 201, 203; Language Master, No. 202; communications aids (J Mitchell, No. 206); SG Brown amplifier, No. 213. A technical aids study group was set up (No. 216).

Remarks by students Rebecca M Beggs and Sister Marie de Montfort Supple on the Diploma in Teaching of Speech Therapy at Reading University were given in Nos 172, 177, 223 and by other students in Nos 220 and 222. A repeat of the course advertised in Nos 183 and 205 at cost of £200.

Few pieces of humour were printed during this period: A lighter note? (No. 174) and speech therapy joke (No. 204).

Refresher courses: Northern Area refresher course 'Linguistics and programmed learning' 18-21 October 1967 notice printed in Nos 180, 182, 184 and programme provided (Nos 185, 188). Southern Area refresher course: Reading University, 17-20 September 1968 (No. 191). Scottish Area refresher course 'The non-fluencies of speech', Craigie College of Education, Ayr, 25-28 March 1969 (notice - Nos 200, 203, programme - No. 201). Not only CST (eg No. 198) and its Areas (eg No. 203) were offering courses to qualified therapists Courses were also offered by eg Education and Training Committee for Local Authority Staffs (on the problem of stammering) (No.191), Surrey County Council (No. 197). Midland Area refresher course, Disorders of voice and resonance, was planned for 29 March to 2 April 1971 at Leicester training school (No. 220) with its provisional programme offered in No. 224.

Discussion groups - notices of meetings feature throughout the period.

International

Notice for IALP Conference 1968 in Paris was given in No. 184 and 1971 in Buenos Aires (No. 202). MT Wohl reported on the XIV congress in No. 204. Notice asking for help in a project by the International Biphonetic Association was printed in No. 186.

Continuing problems of reciprocal agreement with Canada and USA were noted (see Letters to the Editor above). A meeting was held between CST and ASHA in July 1970 (No. 221).

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Issue	Date	Editor	Pages*	Articles etc
169	January 1966	Mrs J Gower	10/3+7	
170	Feb 1966	Mrs J Gower	10+7	Obituary: Miss Edith Whetnall
171	March 1966	Mrs J Gower	12/2+8	list of rehabilitation units employing speech therapists
172	April 1966	Mrs J Gower	12+7	Ann Canning: Reciprocal recognition - interim report Obituaries: Molly Wakelin and Sylvia Gerrans
173	May 1966	Mrs J Gower	12/2+9	Kent/Surrey discussion group report on training Obituary: Vera JK Coleman
174	June 1966	Mrs J Gower	12+8	Chairman's AGM statement re: Wallingford Hon Treasurer's report, Midland Area Report 1965-66
175	July 1966	Mrs J Gower	12/2+9	list of College committees' members Northern Area report 1965-66
176	August 1966	Mrs J Gower	7+10	
177	October 1966	Mrs J Gower	14/3+10	list of successful candidates in CST examination (used to be in journal)
178	Nov 1966	Mrs J Gower	14/1+7	Joyce Mitchell: report on 10th world congress of the International society for the rehabilitation of the disabled
179	Dec 1966	Mrs J Gower	8+8	
180	Jan 1967	Mrs J Gower	8/3+8	Ann Canning: The future of Moor House School
181	Feb 1967	Mrs J Gower	7+8	Muriel Morley: The journal
182	March 1967	Mrs J Gower	12/2+9	Report on policy weekend in Waverley Hotel, London
183	April 1967	Mrs AC**	8+9	Scottish Area Report 1966-67, including Northern District
184	May 1967	Mrs AC**	12/2+9	Northern, Midland and Southern Area Reports, 1966
185	June 1967	Mrs AC**	10+10	Chairman's AGM address; Hon Treasurer's report and Southern Area report
186	July 1967	Mrs AC**	12/2+8	list of College committees' members Obituary: Mrs Enid Roberts (née Taylor)
187	August 1967	Mrs AC**	8+9	Obituary: Mrs Margaret Eldridge (née Badcock)
188	October 1967	Mrs AC**	12/2+12	Obituary: Isobel Colquhoun list of successful candidates in CST examination
189	Nov 1967	Mrs AC**	12/2+9	Report: Seminar on non-fluent speech; list of advisers
190	Dec 1967	Mrs AC**	6+9	
191	Jan 1968	Mrs AC**	11/2+8	

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192	Feb 1968	Mrs AC**	10+9	Lisa Campbell: One year after... list of successful candidates in CST examination
193	March 1968	Mrs AC**	15/3+12	Mary Kenney & Mary Zee: Associations of interest to STs and their publications
194	April 1968	Mrs AC**	10+10	
195	May 1968	Mrs AC**	12+9	Council election results; Hon Treasurer's AGM report Obituary: Miss Ina K Noton
196	June 1968	Mrs AC**	14/3+10	Chairman's AGM address
197	July 1968	Mrs AC**	18/2+7	list of Council members 1968-9; AGM report and Jansson lecture 1968 new salary scales
198	August 1968	Mrs AC**	13+9	
199	October 1968	Mrs AC**	21/3+10	list of successful candidates in CST examination
200	Nov 1968	Mrs AC**	16/3+8	Obituary: Eric W Peet
201	Dec 1968	Mrs AC**	22+8	HMSO publication of Choice of Careers leaflet No. 51, The Speech Therapist Report: Conference of national organisations concerned with work for the disabled
202	Jan 1969	Mrs AC**	18+7	Doreen Walker: Speech therapy in the special infant class Miss Renfrew?: Case history Ann Wallace: report from AGM 6 of National Bureau for Co-operation in Child Care Obituary: Angela Bickford-Smith (née McIlroy)
203	Feb 1969	Mrs AC**	21/3+7	Edna Butfield MBE list of successful candidates in CST examination subscriptions - how distributed on costs Mary Kenney: report from conference of National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children
204	March 1969	Mrs AC**	16+9	GW Herbert: Children with delayed language development - diagnostic and treatment facilities in Bristol (reprint)
205	April 1969	Mrs AC**	14/2+9	Ann Canning: Moor House school Training and Registration Board - bibliography panel new salary scales

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206	May 1969	Mrs AC**	23/3+9	list of Council members 1969-70 Catherine Renfrew: A case history General Purposes Fund: 1964-1968; NE Area report 1968 J Wilks: Assessment of speech therapy students
207	June 1969	Mrs AC**	19+9	Chairman's 1969 AGM address; Hon Treasurer's AGM report
208	July 1969	Mrs AC**	16/3+11	Obituary: Dr Leopold Stein list of College committees' members Joyce Mitchell: Rehabilitation and resettlement
209	August 1969	Mrs AC**	10+9	Press Officer's comment Sr Marie de Montfort: The International Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled
210	October 1969	Mrs AC**	17/2+10	Obituary: Kathleen Allen Obituary: Mabel Primrose-Pechey Doreen Walker: Liaison between speech therapists and speech training teachers Anne Porteous: Modern trends in speech therapy list of 'senior' appointments list of successful candidates in CST examination June 1969
211	Nov 1969	Mrs AC**	26/5+7	Mrs Goodwins: résumé of report of the Royal Commission on local government in England (Maud Report) Beryl Hammond & Col John Gillington: case history
212	Dec 1969	Mrs AC**	14+9	Joyce Mitchell: report on Stroke and the Family conference
213	Jan 1970	Mrs AC**	15/3+8	
214	Feb 1970	Mrs AC**	17+8	list of successful candidates in CST examination Dec 1969 Joan van Thal : death notice Résumé of White Paper on Social Insurance benefits Subscriptions - expenditure July-October 1969 Margaret Gordon: The rehabilitation of patients following total laryngectomy
215	March 1970	Mrs AC**	21/4+10	Obituary: Joan van Thal MBE Joyce Edwards: Doctoral qualifying question - England v USA, training Catherine Renfrew: The open syllable
216	April 1970	Mrs AC**	17+10	NE Area Report, Scottish Area Report 1969
217	May 1970	Mrs AC**	17/2+10	list of Council members 1970-71; CST - office programme

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218	June 1970	Mrs AC**	17+11	Chairman's AGM address, Hon Treasurer's report J Broadbent: Green Paper - The future structure of the NHS
219	July 1970	Mrs AC**	13+11	
220	August 1970	Mrs AC**	14/3+9	
221	Sep 1970	Mrs AC**	14+8	Beryl Saunders: review of Goldman-Fristoe Test of Articulation list of successful candidates in CST examination June 1970
222	October 1970	Mrs AC**	14/2+8	Appreciation: Sarah (Sadie) Nelson
223	Nov 1970	Mrs AC**	15/2+9	Miss Renfrew: review of Living with a handicap C Armstrong & B Kellett: Group therapy with young children
224	Dec 1970	Mrs AC**	8+9	

*body of Bulletin including /number of pages of bibliography + adverts

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