The World in 2065

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..futuristic essays from the 1958 National Child Development Study aged 11
'When I got home of a night I would like Just to press a button and in a flash a hot meal would come sliding down a shute into my hands.'

'I am a pilot off a XL5 space ship. I work at space center no 5. I keep pluto, jupiter and Mars in order. I am due to have my leave in three earth days. For my leave I am going back to earth to my home town of Heckington. My house is made of argnite, all my chairs and tables are all in flatable [inflatable]. The kitchen has a cooker with infrared rays. There is a radio-controlled trolley on my roof. I can have a choice of a helley-jet or a small jet space ship both with folded way [illegible] pads. My leave is is two earth months. Now the children go to school a small hover scooter. The schools have television. One of the schools has asked me if I would give them a small talk on space craft. I will. I was as lucky as that when I was young. The commander of the center told me to give all the children space bages. After the talk I will go and fly my model aeroplanes at Ancaster.'
‘When I am twenty-five I think the world will be all changed, because space men would have landed on the moon. And they would be finding out if anyone, or anything was on the moon. I think I would be married at that time and have four children.’

‘I have a giracopter of my own and in my spare time fly it’
By then I might have some sort of mini jet to get to work in and I think this would stop traffic's jam's and I think robot's of some kind would be doing thing's like controlling air-craft from hele-platform's or lifting heavy load's I might even have one to clean the house!.

‘We have 1 car a Capri which are very ordinary cars nowadays + Rolls Royces are way out of fashion. Mari [Maxi?] skirts have come in but gone out again + things are much cheaper than my youngr days. I do alot of athletics also (including Tennis.) Leather jackets are out in my younger days every one was wearing them except me and a few of my friends.’
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The 2015 shortlist for the ESRC/ SAGE Awards are...
Gioia Barnbrook
University of Aberdeen

A rapidly changing climate and renewed social science
James Fletcher
King’s College London

CITYInc
Doubting Gender. Or why it is best to leave certain questions unanswered
Elizabeth Houghton
Lancaster University

After ‘posh and white’: the 50 year slog towards achieving educational equality
They know how much oxygen I breathe which is fine by me
Navigating Private Life in a Public World

Sam Miles
Queen Mary, University of London
Louise Thompson
University of Hull (PhD)/ University of Surrey (present)

People will soon be at the very heart of law making
Samuel Ian Quigg
University of Surrey

Keeping pace with the ‘perennial gale of competition’
Matjaz Vidmar
University of Edinburgh

One morning in 2065
Rebecca Wheeler
Goldsmiths University of London

Policing in times of financial austerity and beyond: the role of psychology in maximising efficiency
SAGE are delighted to support the newly launched writing competition. Awards such as these go a long way to recognise the longevity of the social sciences and the importance of their societal value.

Congratulations to a great shortlist!

Miranda Nunhofer, Executive Director, SAGE
The celebration of ESRC's 50th anniversary has caused us to look back at the contribution of the Council to social science over half a century. It is also appropriate to look forward... to envisage the role of social science in helping us see the future.

The best essays display provocative original thinking. We commend all the contributions and offer congratulations to the winners.

Dr Alan Gillespie, Chair, ESRC