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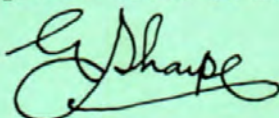


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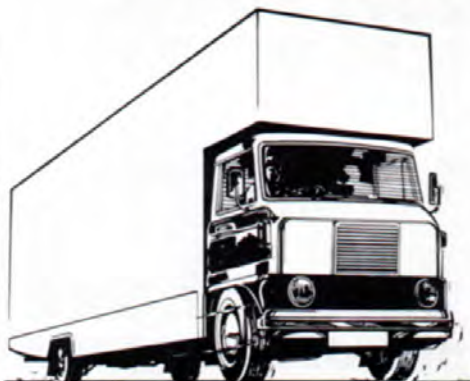
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RULES

(Revised November, 1973)

1. The Name of the Association shall be the “OLD STOCKTONIANS”. The Old Stocktonians aims at continuing friendships and preserving that spirit of comradeship which ought to exist among those who have been educated at the same school. These aims are to be achieved by means of social, recreative and educational pursuits.
2. The Association shall be open to the Former Pupils of the Stockton Sixth Form College and Grangefield Grammar School, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary School, and originally known as the Higher Grade School. Past and Present members of the staffs are also eligible.
3. The Officers of the Association shall be:-
 - (a) Three Presidents, who shall be the present Principal, the Founder of the Association and a Former Pupil.
 - (b) Six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President.
 - (c) A Treasurer
 - (d) A Secretary and Assistant Secretary
 - (e) An Auditor

These together with twelve elected members shall constitute the Committee of Management.

With the exception of the Principal and the Founder of the Association, all Officers and other members of the committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting which shall be held in December each year, and the Committee so elected shall be empowered to coopt additional members.

- > The AGM shall also appoint a sub-committee
- In committee seven shall form a quorum.
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 - The Annual Subscription shall be Fifty Pence payable on the 1st January each year.

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Any Member who left school fifty years ago, or more, shall be permitted to retain Membership of the Association for life, without further obligation.

- An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee of Management or shall be called on demand in writing by twelve members of the Association

Notice of such an Extraordinary General Meeting, and of the Business to be dealt with, shall be given to all members or by general advertisement.

- The rules of the Association can be altered only at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting and then only by a two thirds majority of those present at the meeting. All motions for any such alteration shall be submitted in writing at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

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EDITORIAL

Hail. In this magazine, we have tried as usual to give information of Association and College.

This year, we have had to rethink our whole policy concerning the magazine because of the "super" rapid increases in printing costs and postage.

In the past it has been automatic for life members to be sent a copy. We now find that the "life subscription" is far from realistic if you think in terms of 40 magazines, envelopes and stamps. At present this would make the life subscription in the order £15-£20!

We believe we should send a magazine and this is the result, this year, of our search for an economic yet acceptable publication.

We have now used virtually all of our funds for last years bumper magazine and this years modest publication. The estimate this year is about 15p per magazine with advertising (bless Graham Rayner) bringing back about 8p. We have had to find 7p per magazine plus envelope and postage (about 6p)

We would urge that each recipient send about 30p, so that we can safely publish next year whilst still striving to achieve the aim of advertising supporting the magazine. If you can bring us an advertiser for a half page - better still, a full page we will be delighted.

Incidentally don't forget to mention the Association if you use any of the services advertised!

The postal orders (or cheques!) should be crossed, made payable to "O.S.A.(Mag.)" and sent to the Hon. Secretary.

Annual subscriptions are now due from our 172 Ordinary Members and we very much regret that only those who pay before the next magazine is printed will receive a copy. 75

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1973

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Stockton Club, 44, Yarm Road, Stockton on Thursday November 29th 1973 at 7.30p.m.

The Former Pupil President, Geoffrey Riddle, took the chair. After the minutes of the 1972 meeting had been accepted the various reports were read, summarised as follows:

The Hon. Secretary reported that membership figures were:

Life Members 836 (a decrease of 4) and Ordinary Members 172 (an increase of 28)

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the King and Armstrong Fund now stood at £131.35 and that the income from this would be available for prizes at Grange School, the 11-16 years Comprehensive on the former Grangefield Grammar School site.

The Baldwin/Allinson/King Fund stood at £250.55, the income from this to be available for prizes at the Stockton Sixth Form College.

The Life Members and General Fund stood at £574.28 (a decrease of £96.10) but this would be reduced considerably by the cost of the 1973-74 Year Book. (£505.08 for printing and £32.72 for postage with the last school contribution of £48.72 to offset these a little.)

The rise in costs was emphasised by the facts 1972-73 Year Book, 52 pages printing £282.83 postage £19.95

1973-74 Year Book, 84 pages printing £505.08 postage £32.72

The extra pages contained a full list of names and addresses of members. The increase in postage was partly due to having no help with local deliveries by the school.

Mr. Sowler, the Convenor of the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, reported that the fund was healthy, standing at £692.80.

A donation of £65.70 had been given by grateful recipients of loans. (Loans repaid with £65.70 extra). The balance sheet was circulated as usual for members at the A.G.M. to study.

We now came to the important business of the proposed changes to the Rules of the Association. The proposals from the committee as set out in last years magazine were carried with a few amendments, namely the deletion of "Stockton Grammar School", in the heading and in Rule 2, and the deletion of the "28 days" in Rule 7.

The points made were, no recruiting from ex-Stockton Grammar School Pupils and no need in future for 28 days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

[The rules are set out earlier in this magazine]

Officers were elected, as shown earlier, the changes being:

A new President, Mr. A. Carr, the Principal of the Stockton Sixth Form College and Mr. R.E. Bradshaw elected to the committee in place of Dr. L. Lloyd who is now a "european citizen" resident in Brussels for I.C.I.

The Treasurer, in Any Other Business, proposed that the annual subscription be raised to 50p and the Life Membership subscription to £5.00. This was carried unanimously and it was agreed that the £5.00 could be paid, if desired, by one instalment of 50p followed by three instalments of £1.50 each, in consecutive years.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1974

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, on Thursday, 12th December 1974 at 7.30p.m, when it is hoped you will find it convenient to attend.

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Matters arising from minutes
3. Hon. Secretary's report
4. Hon. Treasurer's report and balance sheet
5. Benevolent Fund report
6. Election of Officers
7. Any other business

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No calls were made upon the Fund during the past year, and no repayments of loans were received. Thus the credit balance at the bank of £692.80 on January 1st 1973, augmented by £46.29 interest, became a credit balance at the bank of £739.09 on December 31st 1973.

Our thanks are once again due to Mr. Harold Dodsworth for auditing the accounts.

The Fund, as always, is at the disposal of those members of The Old Stocktonians' Association who are in need. It is also available to assist present pupils, of the Sixth Form College.

Appeals to the Benevolent Fund for assistance are dealt with in the strictest confidence, and should be made to the Principal of the Sixth Form College or to the Convenor of Trustees at No. 2 Highfield Crescent, Hartburn, (Telephone Stockton 580690)

The Trustees welcome donations which should be sent to the Secretary of the Old Stocktonians' Association, or to the Convenor of Trustees.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1974

LIFE MEMBERS' FUND AND GENERAL FUND

Income

Brought forward, 1.10.73	574.28
Sale of Dinner Tickets	110.00
Advertising	0.00
Sale of O.S. Ties	10.20
Life Members' Subscriptions	10.50
Interest	22.19
Donations to R.E. Bradshaw and J.G. Rattenbury	
Testimonials	61.30
School Donation to Year Book	48.72
TOTAL	£847.69

837.19

Expenditure

Cost of Annual Dinner	98.20
Disbursements to R.E. Bradshaw and J.G. Rattenbury	
Testimonials	61.30
Year Book, Printing	505.08
Purchase of O.S. Ties	27.72
Hon. Secretary's Expenses	2.00
Balance at 30.9.74	115.17
Year Book, Postage	32.08
TOTAL	£847.69

£47.35

C.W. KING AND G.G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL FUND

Balance brought forward 1.10.73	131.35
Interest 20.11.73	8.02
(Prizes not awarded)	
Balance at 30.9.74	£139.37

EVAN BALDWIN FUND AND ALLISON KING COMMEMORATION FUND

Balance brought forward 1.10.73	250.55
Interest 31.1.74	8.32
Interest 31.2.74	8.74
(Prizes not awarded)	
Balance at 30.9.74	£267.61

T.P. Bellis, Hon. Treasurer

H.G. Farrington Hon. Auditor

48th Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held at the Queen's Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees, on Thursday January 3rd 1974. The President of the Association was in the chair. This 48th Annual Dinner (or should it be the first of a new series?) was approached with some trepidation. Would the spirit of previous dinners be maintained under the new conditions? There was no need for apprehension for numbers were larger than usual, and the company was good. Maybe the size of the glasses at table was smaller, and the choice of drinks more restrained and select.

Lt. Colonel Cohen T.D., J.P. was the principal guest, and had the distinction of speaking to our first mixed gathering. He was in good form, and his remarks were much appreciated by his audience. "What has happened in the world at large" he wondered, "to those good old-fashioned qualities of self-discipline and loyalty?" The Old Stocktonians had stood for those very things in the past. He wished it every success, in its new form, in continuing with those ideals.

The President had welcomed the ladies to the Dinner as a shepherd leads his flock to the fold, rather than as a spider lures an unsuspecting fly into the web. The ladies could now see for themselves the sort of thing that had gone on at previous dinners. Everything, as always, was a model of respectability and good humour. The after-dinner jokes had all been very mild – "well almost. There had been the one about the elephants".

Mr. Bradshaw, now an Old Boy in his own right, proposed the toast of "The College". He had hoped, at the 47th Annual Dinner as he sat down after replying to the toast of "The School", that in future he would be able to enjoy his dinner without interruption – but there was no rest, one could almost say, for the wicked, for had he not until the last possible moment advocated the cause of the Grammar School, and argued against Comprehensive Education? However he was magnanimous in defeat, and felt honoured to be called upon to propose the very first toast to the new Sixth Form College.

Mr. Carr, in responding to the toast, had the unenviable task of batting last on what could only be described as a crumbling grammar school wicket. When stumps were finally drawn he had carried his bat with honour. We are happy to declare that Mr. Carr proved to be "one of us" and we look forward to his company, and that of the charming Mrs. Carr, on many occasions in the future. What, however, is going to be hard to remember, after the habit of a lifetime, is to address the Headmaster as "Principal", if that statement is not un-grammatical, (or should it be in-comprehensive?).

. And was the experiment of a mixed dinner a success? It most certainly was. We raise our glasses in anticipation of the next time.

" The ladies! — bless 'em".

49th ANNUAL DINNER

After the success of last year we look forward to another get-together at the Queens on Saturday January 4th.

As reported the "mixed dinner" went down well! and we would remind members bring your wives.

Our guests this year are Dr. Peter Price, who is the Chairman of Governors at the Stockton Sixth Form College, and the Reverend Geoffrey Hunter, the vicar of St.. Barnabas, Middlesbrough.

Tickets are now available from the Secretary, price £2.00 and tables may be reserved for 6 or more.

Please complete the slip, to be found on page six and return it to Brian Brand, 24, Ainderby Grove, Hartburn.

Closing Date December 29th for final members

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

The service was held in Grange School in what used to be the "boys" hall. Mr. Evans and his staff organised the service admirably and entertained those "Old Stocktonians" who were able to attend to coffee afterwards:

It can, in fact, be added that the service for 1974 has just taken place and again our thanks to Mr. Evans and his staff for allowing us to pay homage to those from the Higher Grade School or the "Sec" who died in the two World wars.

This year, as last year, our representatives were Messrs Bradshaw, Munday, Rattenbury and Sowler.

Mr. Bradshaw read the lesson this year and Mr. Sowler laid a wreath, on our behalf, to honour those who fell.

It is good to know that the memorials are in the care of such thoughtful people.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

Re-organisation of secondary schooling on Teesside could not claim the annual Old Boys' Rugby Match as one of its casualties. In fact there was very keen competition for the left wing berth right up to the whistle, as first Harry Trotter (a most capable reserve) and then Bernard Beattie (not the most prompt of wingers) pulled on and off the number eleven jersey.

There was however, one useful thing to emerge from the aforementioned re-organisation:- an Old Boys' soccer Match which we hope will flourish in the same manner as the rugby has in the past.

Both matches were quite typical in that the calibre, expertise, and humour were no more than we have come to expect in recent years from players reared on the best beer in the land. For those true and loyal supporters who either forgot their kit, or were willing to brave the weather just to get a ticket for the night revelery - a sincere thanks as socials are made of people not arrangements and planning, lets hope for more next year as anyone who has been, will testify, its well worth the effort. There were some obvious gaps in years passing through Grangefield and Brian Winter was heard to say that he was the only one of his year there.

Plans for next year are:-

- 1) AT LEAST one soccer match
- 2) AT LEAST one rugby match
- 3) AT LEAST one hockey match
- 4) DEFINITELY A GOOD NIGHT OUT (possibly by coach - any ideas)

If you wish to perform in either 1, 2, 3 or 4 please write to:- Graham Rayner
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LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

Rugby: Won 19pts to 10pts H.T. 6-4

Team: D. Chesser, A.Makin, D.Agar, A.Roberts, B.Beatie, W.Douglas, A.Dodgson, H.Wilkinson, B.Winter, E.Thompson, P.Hood, D.Underwood, J.Barker, T.Wilson and Dennis Chisman who led from the front (or so we're told).

Scorers for the Old Boys were; Hood Makin and CHESSER. Krezcak and REED replied for the College.

Soccer: Won 3-2

Team: C.Henderson, J.B.Eale, G.Rayner, P.Davies, C.Barkiss, P.Iveson, B.Waller, G.Buckle, J.Welsh (sub. G.Hindmarsh) A.Lucas, G.Opie.

Scorers for the Old Boys were; Welsh, Opie, Buckle. Chapman and Highfield scored for the College.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

There are two plans to develop the active participation of members, namely;

- 1) A GAMES EVENING IN THE COLLEGE SPORTS HALL
A proposed informal session for; badminton, 5-a-side, basketball etc.
Suggested for a Thursday evening starting in the Autumn.
- 2) AN OLD STOCKTONIANS SOCCER TEAM
The formation of a team or teams to compete in a local Sunday League.

If you have any thoughts on either of the above proposals please contact Graham Rayner at the previously mentioned address.

N.B. We require not only players but coaches and secretaries also.

IN MEMORIUM

During the past year we have heard of the deaths of the following former pupils.

J.D. Loughram

F.G. Elcoat

Alan de Caux (1923-27)

Frank L. Scaife (1900-03)

James E. Rennie

who in fact died 3 years ago

at Norton

at Tarleton, near Preston

at Stockton

in a motoring accident in Edinburgh, near his home
at Macmerry.

Our sympathy, in each case, is extended to the near relatives.

FORMER PUPILS HERE AND THERE

Strange to see this heading after so long as "Old Boys" – and for this year we feel that "Ladies first" reminds us that Former Pupils of Secondary School days are eligible to join the Association.

Our first lady member is Agnes Sowler (Tom Sowler's wife to be mischevious in these days of Women's Lib.) Agnes spent her school days in Nelson Terrace.

A letter from EDWARD J. BATTY (1915-18) arrived just a year ago to remind us of a happy visit he made to Stockton from his home in Portland, Oregon. He was grateful for the help given by STAN CURRY (1914-20) in his sightseeing around Stockton, the delight in meeting old friends, Stan and his wife Muriel, GEORGE LITTLE (1915-18) and GRANVILLE HEWITT and his wife Mary (nee Livingstone).

He has now retired from his work as auditor the U.S. General Accounting Office and Fiscal Officer with U.S. Customs (30 years Service) After two trips to Hawaii he decided the U.K. would be a nice place to visit! Edward J. is also active in directing a children's Vacation Bible School each year.

CLIVE BEAUMONT (1965-72), , now at Cambridge, writes of his delight at the achievement of ALAN TURNER (1966-73) (who writes of his activity – "slave labour at University") and that he met up with JOHN ALLEN (1965-68) who left us to join Abbotshire Boarding School when his father went to India. Clive tells us that John is studying Archeology and Anthropology at Clare College.

PERCY BELL writes from Ripon to give us the delightful news that he and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding in October this year. Our congratulations to them both.

IAN R. BROWN (Farmer!) 59-66, gives us his curriculum vitae since leaving. He was a member of a mixed hockey team (no comment!) at Royal School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh, meeting TONY POTTAGE (1959-66) BRIAN DOCHERTY (1958-65) and RICHARD MURRAY (1960-67). Ian goes on "I travelled in Canada at the end of the first year – picking tobacco, cooking breakfasts in Ontario and Alberta respectively". He then "saw practice" with the Army Veterinary Corps at Melton Mowbray and Sennelager (Germany) and is now in general practice in

Kincardineshire, "mainly farm animal practice, but including the Queen's corgis when she is in residence at Balmoral!!" To round off he says that by now (November) he will either be working as a Veterinary Supervisor in North Africa or newly returned from camp in Cyprus with "D" company of the 2/51 Highland Volunteers. (He didn't foresee the present troubles in that island!) I'm glad he still quotes his parents address for a year book!

HILARY BULMER (1922-27) surprised the committee by announcing that he was going to Nova Scotia and would not be able to attend future meetings! His firm Power Gas sent him out as Manager of their office there and Hilary intends to stay there when he retires. In a long letter he tells of a beautiful summer exploring the spectacular seascapes, lakes and forests of the province.

During his vacation, he and his wife Isabelle motored over 3,200 miles through New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Niagara into the States, toured the Finger Lake region of New York State, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine. They hope to visit some of these in more detail later!

He recounts an amusing tale from his cricket (He is the only member of the "Association of Cricket Umpires" in Nova Scotia)

Whilst umpiring a match between a Nova Scotia XI and a team from H.M.S. Hermes an incident occurred which Hilary thinks is probably unique.

The match started when the temperature was about 86 deg F but then a sea breeze sprang and the temperature dropped to about 60 deg F. A medium fast bowler shattered the stumps but failed to dislodge the bails in spite of the wicket being 30 deg out of vertical – the varnish had melted, then reset, glueing the bails in position. Umpire had no alternative but to give "not out"! [At the Old school, the batsman would have walked!]

Gwen Cardno, sister of WILFRED CARDNO (1914-19), wrote to tell us that her brother is now living in New Zealand after being Dorman Long's representative for bridge work in many parts of the world. His last major job was the Auckland Harbour Bridge and he and his wife enjoyed New Zealand so much, they decided to settle there in retirement.

HOWARD CLEVELAND (1964-72) is now in B. Tech. Operations Management at the University of Bradford having changed from a Civil Engineering course.

STUART DICK (1959-64) has helped us produce this magazine. Without his guidance and advice we would still be trying to gain a true picture of printing costs. You can see for yourself the finished product which we must only look forward to (with confidence). Stuart joined his father in a printing business in Middlesbrough straight from school, then earlier this year started Normid Business Services at Yarm – Stuart gives us news of JOHN B. HALL (1959-66) and JIM DOWNES(59-66) John is a partner of William Nicholls Associates (an architectural practice) whilst Jim is still an architect with North Yorks authority in County Hall, Northallerton.

WALTER DOBSON (1934-39) decided to read for an Open University degree. At the time of his letter he had completed 5 credits (3 by examination and 2 by exemption) of the 6 required for a B.A. degree.

BRIAN DOCHERTY (1958–65) is an accountant in London and gives the brief information of his friends who at the last Sparks dinner, brought their own crate of beer!) NIGEL HEYWOOD, teaching at Oakham in Rutlandshire, PAUL MAGEE, Town and Country Planning in Nottingham, PETER KNOWLES, Gas Council in Birmingham PETER SHARP, Solicitor, London.

In a brief note W.A. Eden (16-18) and (19-23) says he was as near to Stockton as Ingleby Arncliffe but unable to call and see GORDON RATTENBURY (Staff 31-73) He asks us to pass his warmest greetings to Gordon, which we do and pass on also, the news that Gordon is enjoying his retirement – the more so now that his wife Eileen has also retired from teaching. (Confession: we almost put B.C. – 73 for Gordon's time at school).

T.B. Farnaby (19-23) gives a simple cryptic message "Happily retired".

R.A. FENSOM (1971-73) is one of our first members from the Sixth Form College. He is now at Leicester University and would like to keep in touch with friends through the Association.

ALAN W. FOSTER (1921-28) remembers Dr. Crockett urging leavers to join the Association and says how valuable he considers the last magazine. [We will endeavour to keep the news flowing and if we can help with that lost address – just write to the Secretary]

GEOFFREY FULLERTON was recently best man at a wedding. The news reached us via a Gazette photograph!

DENIS HARDIE (1934-39) accepts the change in the Association preferring a modified form, rather than see the Association gradually go out of existence. We Note from his card "C.Eng., M.R.I.N.A., F. Weld I., F.I.W.M. Director and Group Training Manager for Vickers Ltd., (Never knew he was a welder!)

JOHN HEDLEY (1951-58) brings us up to date after his "American Visit" (reported in an earlier magazine) In 1971 he moved to British rail as a lecturer in their Management Services Training Centre on "Computer appreciation" He points to the length of course (6 months) as being "not so much that I'm a slow teacher, but the trainees have to do a lot of practical work" – a good way of learning. He then reminds us that he was in an I.C.I. research lab. at the same time as BRIAN BRAND (1947-54) Brian certainly agrees that practical work is indeed valuable.

John married a London girl in December 1971 – met through their common interest in music. His wife is his good luck charm when it comes to enjoying good weather on his visits to Stockton (which day did he come last year?) though he confesses that he has to follow road signs round the Stockton one way traffic scheme (don't we all!)

DAVID LAWSON (1950-57) with whom John shared a flat is now married and still a near neighbour. David has his second headship, a Middle school in Holmer Green, Bucks.

J. HUMBLE (1931-37) writes to say how sorry he was when he missed the dinner (he usually makes the trip from Hull!). We hope the Saturday will be more convenient for all.

EDWIN HEMPSEY (1954-61) was married on the 7th September this year to Pauline (a Middlesbrough girl). We wish them both every happiness for the future.

HAROLD W. JONES (EX-STAFF) HAS NOW SPENT 11 years on the staff of the University at Bradford. He had the misfortune to lose his wife Eveline in 1971 and he has the task of bringing up their son (now 16 years old). Although GRAEME DEWISON (1947-54) is on the staff of the Margaret MacMillan College of Education, he has not, as yet, bumped into him, though another (1947-54) JACK GILLILAND recently completed a post graduate course at Bradford and is now lecturing in the Institute of Education at Durham.

Harold remembers the Secretary serving him several times from the "excellent shellfish stall in the market". (That's the second time he's been caught working – now he teaches!)

Note: That excellent Shellfish stall – W.SHARP & SON is still in the market and have promised an advert in the mag!

DAVE NASH (1951-54) is still in army accounts but tells us he keeps being side tracked, whilst specialising in tax affairs, to exploit another loop-hole in personal taxation for himself!

We were delighted to see DAVE PILBROUGH (1949-54) and his wife Heidi at the Dinner. They were on holiday in Germany over Christmas and New year and made a special trip to be with us. (Hope Mr. Smith wasn't annoyed with you Dave!)

GRAHAM RAYNER (1959-66) has now moved from Kirby College to Teesside Polytechnic – promotion of course. He tells us that he is now involved in P.E. exclusively. News from Graham of BRIAN WALLER (1959-66). Brian is still teaching in Edinburgh but has changed schools. We hear that he is due to marry a scots girl called Pat next year and that he is organising a bachelor night on Teesside sometime early summer.

J.K. ROBERTS married last year. He lives at Lytham St. Annes and is working for the British Aircraft Corporation at Preston as a computer programmer – Our best wishes to you both.

TOM H. REAY writes from as close as the Cross Keys Yarm (and we thought we'd lost him!) to say that the 30/- he paid for Life Membership must have run out and he renews it with a cheque for £3.00 – thanks Tom. He would very much like to contact his boyhood friend, Albert Tinkler. If anyone has his address let Tom know.

RIDLEY SCOT(1950-54) after completing his studies at the Royal College of Art, joined the B.B.C. as a designer then as a Director. After about 5 years he opened his own business – Ridley Scott Associates Ltd., Film Products – which is now well established and operating on an international basis.

Ridley's brother FRANCIS [F.J.A. Scott (1950-53) spent many years based in Singapore with the Sterits Steamship Company. He was Chief Officer and later became Master with command for five years. He returned to the U.K. with his family, in 1969 and now operates on Sealink between Harwich, Hook of Holland. Dunkirk etc. Next time you use this service – ask for Captain Scott!

ERIC SHAW (1948-55) went to a Teacher's Training College – Westminster, after his National Service. He then taught at South Croydon Secondary School for 10 years, with a break in 63-64 to gain a P.E. diploma at Carnegie, Leeds.

After a spell (1970-73) as Deputy Head of a Croydon Junior School, Eric was appointed Head of Atwood Primary School, Sanderstead, Surrey in January 1974 – at the same time as gaining his B.A. degree through the Open University. Congratulations Eric.

A.E. SHIELDS (1927-34) writes again from Adelaide to tell us RON LUDBROOK one of his contemporaries is in Melbourne and they are planning a get together. Ted tells us he is now settled in and enjoying the change – How did the Centenary Celebrations go? (Adelaide was visited by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh last March).

MICHAEL SIZER (1939-44) is another of our old boys departed to Australia. The Secretary received, what can only be described as an abusive phone call one Sunday morning earlier in the year. It was Mike demanding to know why he hadn't been picked for the Old Boys rugby team! He was visiting his parents in Billingham and we are grateful he gave us his new address. Incidentally, his family were staying a block or so from Ted Shield's office in the University at Adelaide (Did you meet?)

Mike recounted an amusing tale. Whilst changing for rugby (He's still mad!) over there he noticed another player with a green and white hooped shirt.

He remarked that his old club Billingham played in green and white – and, you've guessed it, PETER DODDS (1954-60) replied that he used to play for Billingham (lets have the shirt back Peter!). Not content with this coincidence .

Mike goes on, another voice (strong australian) cut in – "I used to play for Billingham whilst on secondment from I.C.I. Australia" – name of RANDY CRESSWELL and still remembered at the Billingham R.F.C.

COLIN SINCLAIR (1952-59) is yet another one in Australia. Colin spent two years at Tennant Creek (the Dodge City of Australia) and then spent part of his leave at the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand. He managed a couple of weeks in the U.K. and then returned, ahead of his family to Parkes in New South Wales. Colin comments that for £15,000 you don't get a brick house – "just plasterboard with a tin roof". Brick Bungalows average £25,000!

TOM SOWLER is now retired and working harder than ever helping organise the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

A. SHERLOCK (1960-65) whilst giving us a change of address hopes that the new system of education "will not clear the air of the good atmosphere that the Old 'Boys' school had".

ROY STEWARTSON (1934-41) writes from Cardiff of last year's dinner "would like to come up to the dinner, but will be abroad that day!" This year Roy?

GEORGE WHITE (1951-58) a former speaker at the old boys dinner which he thoroughly enjoyed,. After leaving Keel he became Sales Manager of Blackett-Hatton is now General Manager of Project Engineering Services (UK) Ltd., an international design engineering company.

ALAN A. WILKINSON (1956-61) joined the family farming business straight from school. However in 1970 he realised there were easier ways of earning a living and joined the accountancy profession specialising in taxation. "from the sublime to the ridiculous" he says!

There have been many notes from F.P.s for dinner tickets, ties, changes of address –but little news. A brief note at any time may give a friend from the past some pleasure or bring back a happy memory (we are rarely reminded of the unhappy ones)!

THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT

(by A. Carr)

In accepting the responsibility for opening the new Sixth Form College I was very conscious of the need for the College to be seen, by as many people as possible, to be an improvement on the previous provision for sixth form education and not merely change for the sake of change. This would obviously be no easy matter since the College was to replace three grammar schools' and a technical school's sixth forms, each of which could justifiably claim to have been forward-looking and successful. Most of the staff and the vast majority of the students in the College had spent many years in these schools, had helped to make them what they were, were proud of their achievements and had a great deal of affection and esteem for the old order.

The College, in collecting all the sixth form students in Stockton together, has two advantages. The first is, and will continue to be, the number of students. Because of the size of the College we were able to offer new sixth formers last year a free choice of courses from a total of 23 different 'A' level subjects. Two of these subjects had each two significantly different courses on offer so that the range of choice was even greater. This year we have added 3 more subjects to the list making the choice greater still. In addition we offer about the same number of 'O' level courses so that the intending student has an enormous range to choose from. The only limitations that we impose are that the choice must be considered in relation to previous academic performance and any known career aim.

The second advantage is the maturity of the students. Any student coming here for two years will, during those two years, reach adult status. There are no 11 year-olds looking over our shoulders and attempting to ape their seniors and we can therefore afford to treat the students here as adults or near-adults. In this we are helped by the fact that students come here only if they want to continue their full-time education. We are trying, with some success already, to establish and enhance the atmosphere of friendly co-operation between staff and students, and the enjoyment and satisfaction in studying together, which characterised sixth forms in the schools.

Last year we opened in 2/3 of the building with insufficient furniture, even for the rooms we were using, and most of that furniture borrowed. As the year progressed we moved into more rooms and watched furniture arrive piece by piece. Informality and improvisation were forced upon us. It was not unusual to walk along a corridor and find a class sitting or lying on the floor being taught by a teacher using the back

of an old envelope as a blackboard. Fortunately the staff were never driven to writing on the walls and, perhaps as a consequence, the students have also refrained from doing so.

By being very determined it was possible to see some humour in our situation that first term but it was also very alarming. Besides having to change teachers halfway through their courses the Upper Sixth, in the fourth term of what is effectively a five term course, were without any facilities for practical work of any kind. Their lessons were conducted against a background of noise that for several weeks included three bulldozers levelling the ground adjacent to the building. I, and I am sure, most of the staff, awaited the examination results at the end of year with some anxiety. I am delighted to say that these fears proved groundless. The results would have been considered good in any year in most schools and colleges. Considering the difficulties under which they were achieved, they must be described as very good. Indeed, they set a very high standard for succeeding years to try to surpass.

On the games fields, too, we have made a good start in trying circumstances. We still have no playing fields of our own and shall have to wait a year or two until they are ready. The sports hall was ready for occupation in time for us to use it as an examination room for the summer examinations but it is having teething troubles. All of our matches have been effectively away from home but we have still succeeded in producing a good record in several games. In a wider variety of games than is normal in a school, we have won more than we have lost.

Charities, local and world-wide, were well supported by practical help as well as by fund raising. Contrary to the proverb, efforts for our own cause, a college minibus, came only at the end of the year in the form of a sponsored walk which raised a lot of money but not sufficient to achieve our ambition. For sheer pleasure a number of social events took place, and, whether for pleasure or some other reason, a Lyke Wake Walk. The social events were organised by the Students' Council and I cannot end this report without thanking the Council, and in particular its officers, for the work that they did and the help that they were in establishing the sort of atmosphere in which work becomes a pleasure.

All in all, the College met every challenge last year and got off to a very good start. Now we must seek to improve. This will be a real challenge, but challenges provide the real interest in life and we welcome any, particularly of this nature.

THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN DAVE

(by David Reed)

Once upon a time I thought I might have made a good journalist, that however was before I had tried my hand at writing anything of a character remotely creative, descriptive or journalistic. Believe me, the difficulties are not slight. Consider this article for example, my mind is set on writing something about a year as a student in Stockton Sixth Form College, that haven of all that stands for good sense, good taste and the greatest possible academic diligence. Particularly I wish to communicate some thoughts about our Student Council. The greatest difficulty lies in the fact that I am writing for two groups of people, The Old Stocktonians and the Students, the latter group having (in most cases) some idea of what has been going on around them for the past year, and hopefully a resulting advantage in an easier understanding of whatever I may think fit to write.

It is very tempting to use this space to try to advertise the student council to some of my more cynical or apathetic friends and colleagues as the potentially useful body I believe it to be.

The greatest problem facing the council has been apathy amongst a large proportion of the students. Of course, it would be thoroughly naive to expect one hundred per cent active enthusiasm for anybody of this sort from those it is designed to help, but I am convinced that with correct contemplation, communication and representation the council can give the sort of results which will force people to take an interest.

All these three activities are very important, of course, particularly the first. Thought leads to ideas, the food of a body such as our Student Council. Whether constructive or critical ideas are the seeds of action. Everyone has an opinion, a desire or a grievance which through the Council, can be aired and acted upon. Opinions can be communicated to any council member, and through his representation discussed at a meeting.

Initial enthusiasm was healthy. A Student Council was a step into democracy previously unknown, I think by everyone. Some apparently important results kept this enthusiasm going for most of the first term, until we began the business of devising a constitution. This took a long, long time and involved a great deal of work by the officers of the time; Dave Willets (Chairman) Martin Reeve (Secretary) and Simon King (Assistant Secretary) Unfortunately, though perhaps predictably, the conception and production of the constitution tended to block other matters which might have been discussed. As far as results visible to the majority of students are concerned, this was a barren period.

Further disillusion was caused by what should have been the council's most popular achievement. The acquisition of a stereo record player system, very expensive but (when it works properly) giving a sound worth every penny, should have helped the council's cause had its arrival not taken so long to come about.

Since I became Chairman of the council last Easter a commonly repeated request has been for more to do during the free time everyone has at lunchtime. This situation should be at least alleviated by the acquisition of a pool table and a darts board. However the request is one I can well understand. When I first came to the college it was enough to have a lounge to sit in, infinitely better than the situation at my previous school. Eventually though the lounge began to seem crowded and we began to amuse ourselves by indulging in what the more conservative pedagogues of the establishment might describe as "Horseplay" or "Childish pranks"

We had fun, in a harmless way simply because everyone had got to know everyone else at once. There was no distinction between upper and lower sixth students.

This brings me conveniently to a subject which I believe is very important now. Naturally enough, at the beginning of this term there was something of a rift between members of the upper and lower sixth. This is natural enough with a situation of unfamiliarity, but I do feel that the Council can and must play an important role in preventing any permanent "them and us" feeling.

The message I have tried to communicate in this article is that I can see two major problems facing the students, and one solution, first we must overcome apathy about student affairs, secondly, when more of us care about what is going on we will be able to pull ourselves together into one student body. I believe that we can achieve these goals largely through the Student Council if we can only start to think, and having thought, make sure everyone gets to know about our ideas.

ORIENTEERING

(by A. Emmerson)

Orienteering is a competitive sport which involves a combination of cross-country running and navigation, with the aid of a compass and a large scale map (1:20000 is common) which a course is marked. The courses are of varying lengths, according to age groups and sex, and are designed to be mentally and physically demanding.

Orienteering events nearly always take place in wooded countryside, usually coniferous, thanks to the Forestry Commission, and this prevents a competitor from locating his objective at great distances and also makes it hard for him to follow another competitor.

The basis of one type of Orienteering is to visit all the checkpoints or controls in correct order and return to the finish in the fastest possible time. A competitor can choose any route he wishes provided he does not venture out of bounds and as long as he visits every control on his course and stamps his "control card" with a punch attached to that particular control. This form of Orienteering is commonly called cross-country or point to point orienteering.

Another form is Score Orienteering, in which a competitor is allowed a set period of time to call at as many controls as possible from the large number of controls positioned in the forest. Difficult and distant controls carry a higher points total than nearer and easier ones, and time penalties are awarded for lateness, the winner being the person with the highest net points total.

Both these types of Orienteering can be used for team relay races and again each of the above forms may be on foot, cycle, canoe or skis.

Orienteering at S.S.F.C. is of the cross-country and score variety and so far has taken place only on feet, hands and knees. The terrain is either streets or muddy fields, but accurate compass work, map reading and pacing are nevertheless necessary. The incentive for doing well in these domestic events is a first prize of a "Crunchie" or a packet of "Polos" paid for out of Mr. Allison's pocket. (there must be a catch somewhere) These courses are not only planned by Messrs Allison and Vasey, both accomplished orienteers, but also by student orienteers.

One afternoon all the orienteers disappeared in the direction of Lazenby Woods to run a simple course in an attempt to gain the feeling of an orienteering event proper, and this proved to be popular. A college coach also visited a score event in an extremely cold Slayley Forest, a few miles up the A68. 200 yards short of the car-parking area at the top of a steep bank, the coach broke down and because of the ensuing exhausting walk before we even started the race no-one did brilliantly except Messrs Vasey and Allison.

Further forest visits are planned, and in the meantime, Orienteering at S.S.F.C. continues to thrive.

LYKE WAKE UP, MAN!

(by Phil George)

Had you been at the college around 6.50p.m. on Thursday, 4th July, you might have mistaken what you saw for a backstage view of a Godspell production, or perhaps, if you had spotted the coach, the start of a tramps' mystery bus trip. In fact, the motley dressed teenagers were potential Lyke Wake walkers in hiking kit!

There were thirty eight of the college students, escorted by Mr. Vasey and Mrs. Tiffen. When our food had been sorted into mounds for the respective support parties, (I thought we were going to get it back!) we piled on board the 'Pride of Beamish Hall', and set out for Ravenscar, stopping only to pick up Mr. Allison in Nunthorpe, and to leave some food in Guisborough with Mr. Harrison, whom we were to see at 6 o' clock the following morning. The only newsworthy occurrence on the journey (apart from incipient nausea) was the spotting of a large bird circling over the hills near Ruswarp. This 'vulture' as it was dubbed, provided the source for several jokes along the first few miles of the Walk, about unsuccessful trekkers and bleached bones on the hills. We arrived at Ravenscar radio mast around 9 o' clock and waited for our mobile support party, consisting of Nigel Cotterill on four wheels (and a dented boot) and Howard Linton on two wheels (and a foot round corners). This team, assisted by Rachel Pocock, was a terrific help throughout the Walk, carrying equipment and guiding us to checkpoints.

The first three and a half miles took us to Jagger Beck, where we stopped to eat.

Darkness fell rapidly, and the mist thickened as we crossed Fylingdales Moor. Suddenly Lilla Cross loomed ahead of us and we could hear the generators at the early warning station, sounding deceptively near through the mist. A mile further on and we could clearly see the red lights surmounting the famous 'golf balls'; useful markers, as a fellow walker remarked, for any enemy aircraft (or big golfers). We were dazzled through the last half mile by a searchlight used by the support party.

After a fifteen minute rest we entered the Fen Bog nature reserve, and, with the promised full moon shining invisibly behind the mist and cloud, crossed the three mile stretch of moor to the stepping stones at Wheeldale Lodge, climbed the far bank, crossed the Roman road and met up again with the mobile support around 2.30 a.m. Here most of us donned our waterproofs — a wise move as the rain which the mist had threatened materialised soon after.

The next section, to Hamer House, contained the notorious "Blue Man i'th Moss" marsh, but our first problem was to find the path across it. After toiling about three hundred yards through thick heather, Mr. Vasey led two of us south on a scouting mission. Happily we found the trail about fifty yards away. The Blue Man was not as wet as many of us had expected, but much bog-dodging was needed to reach Hamer with dry feet.

The next section would take us to Ralph's Cross, where a major support party was waiting with our breakfast. The sun no doubt rose sometime along the way but we

could hardly tell as we continued bog-hopping through the mist and rain until we reached the road, a mile from the checkpoint. We arrived at the cars at 6.35, and as we ate we had to choose between dropping out and carrying on. Feeling cold, wet and tired, my mentally flipped coin came down on edge and I was forced to continue. Fifteen people chose the other way. When we left the support party the weather was still atrocious. No wonder Ralph's cross!

The track led us into Esklets, which is somewhat damp underfoot. We then climbed up to a three mile stretch of disused railway line, where it is not uncommon to see 'sleepers' walking. A slight lifting in the mist was followed by an increase in the rainfall, and much of the track was covered by an inch of running water. A further three miles took us to Clay Bank, where we had lunch (if you call it that) at 10 a.m. Just before we reached the support party, however, the mist cleared and the rain stopped.

Most of the last twelve miles was relatively easy. The sharp initial climb from the cars up the inaptly named Hasty Bank, was followed by five miles of easy terrain, ending in a rendezvous at Carlton Bank. Eager to finish, we did not stay here long, but climbed Carlton Bank and headed for Sheepwash. The sun broke through and a strong, warm, exhilarating wind began to blow. A few of the more energetic walkers set a blistering pace, resulting in most cases, not surprisingly, in blisters. The field was now spread over a tremendous distance, which would not have been allowed under earlier conditions. The first group finished at Sheepwash, now an official finish, at 1.30p.m., and overall we had an average crossing time of 16 hours 45 minutes - fast considering the conditions.

We were unable to contact the bus and so we had to wait until 4 o' clock for it. Unfortunately, the weather changed again and those with inadequate waterproofs were drenched a second time. On the journey home there were several resolves of "never again" but it is surprising how rapidly the difficulties have been forgotten and only the achievements remembered. Already there are murmurs of unsupported crossings and the Cleveland Way.

Huh!

I wonder what the Pennine Way is like

IMPRESSIONS OF LENINGRAD

(by Susan Elliot and Janet Mackenzie)

During the Christmas holiday, 1973-74, a party of 8 students and Mr. and Mrs Gwinnell spent a few days in Leningrad.

Our first impression of the city was the lack of snow and the comparative warmth, in spite of the fact that we had been warned about this on the flight.

Driving to the hotel in the dark, we were surprised at the number of neon lights and the brightness of the city. In daylight, however, most of the ordinary buildings seemed shabby and neglected.

Inside all the public buildings it was very warm and also very crowded, because of the school holidays. This led to long queues at the cloakrooms, where all the visitors leave their coats before being rushed through the palaces. This did not give anyone the chance to appreciate the exhibits and magnificent decoration of the buildings.

The Russian people appeared glum at first but changed considerably on New Year's Eve. After buying their New Year trees they began to celebrate, and there was a party in the hotel which we attended after enjoying a performance of the Kirov Ballet Company and witnessing a demonstration in favour of the Panovs. All the guests at the party were given small gifts from Father Frost (surprisingly like Father Christmas) and plenty to eat and drink, including caviar and champagne).

All the time the temperature had been dropping and when the snow fell on the mass graves at Piskarev (the people who died in the 900 day siege were buried there) it set a depressing scene.

Everywhere we went children asked for chewing gum in exchange for badges and a few adults asked to exchange our pounds for roubles when they thought the armed guards who were a familiar sight, would not notice.

The temperature continued to drop until people could skate on the smaller canals, so making us feel we were really in Russia at last.

CROSS LINK 1973-74 (by Linda Ciechowska)

Cross Link is a voluntary organisation, which exists to meet community needs. These needs are usually the routine, mundane jobs that a social worker with a huge case load finds impossible to deal with efficiently. This is where Cross Link steps in, with a case load of 179 clients and a volunteer force of 256, 76 of whom are students at the Stockton Sixth Form College.

Last year the volunteers set out, mainly on Wednesday afternoon, equipped with paint, wallpaper, brushes, shopping lists, gardening tools or simply a willingness to sit and listen, and share in people's problems.

By the end of the summer term, 17 decorating jobs had been tackled successfully. no less than 37 old or disabled people had regular visitors, to whom they could look forward and in certain circumstances rely on completely for such necessities as shopping or pension collecting each week. Many of the visitors became very attached to the old people, calling more often than once a week.

In April we said 'goodbye' to Mrs. Wright, who had been a most devoted and conscientious organiser of Cross Link, by handing over to her a cheque for £150 which had been raised by the unforgettable Vicar's stretcher race. Mrs. Armstrong, the new organiser, has become a familiar face in the College on Wednesdays, armed with folders and files.

This year we have the same number of volunteers and hopefully, by the summer, our record will be as good, if not better than last year.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of appealing for recruits, to Cross Link.

STOCKTON STUDENTS STAR ON TELEVISION

(by Maureen McDougall)

Mr. Carr had asked any students interested in appearing on a television show with the mountaineer Don Whillans to stay behind after assembly. And so it was that the Tyne Tees Top Ten proteges came into being.

With the bright lights of stardom glittering ahead and all ready to sign contracts with 20th Century Fox, we cruised away — no, not in a sleek Pink Limousine, more like a hired mini-coach and we were not really cruising either, due to the fact that a certain pair were late. I name no names, but Sallie and Maureen were panting for most of the journey to Newcastle.

When we arrived at the Television studios we were welcomed by the researcher for the series, Alex Murchie. She ushered us upstairs, showed us where the food was and introduced us to the programme's chairman, Fred Dineage.

Instead of the stereo-type mountaineer, tall, lithe, icicles hanging of the beard type Don Whillans was only small, but he was a straight, blunt Yorkshire man and obviously an expert in his own field.

After an informal chat we were informed that the make-up girls wanted to look us over. The general outcome of this was to powder our "shiny patches" and for the boys' hair to suffer a full scale assault, Derek Dodd being one of their main victims, but they met their match with Michael Daly's unmanageable mop.

Powdered and at the ready we then had to wait for clearance from the studio floor but eventually — full of peanuts, coke and bitten nails we took up our places on the set. The clipboard snapped, the cameras roll and "Hollywood here we come"!

Roland started off the questions and although we were all nervous at first this soon wore off. Simon King and Duncan Laurence rattled in questions from the left, Jackie from behind and Sal, fascinated with the spider stones, was not to be outdone! Fred Dineage was marvellous, cool, relaxed and ad-libbing magnificently. How does he do it! He cleverly manouvered the conversation round to Yeti and abominable snowmen and Derek's pent up questions about this strange creature were at last given vent! By this time Dave was becoming increasingly uncomfortable because as yet he had not asked a question and were were only a few minutes to go. Suddenly, with a determined gulp, his vocal chords sprang into action and no sooner had his question been answered than the lights faded and it was all over.

If you did see us on the T.V., you might like to know that we are available for bookings at any time. Just consult our manager Mr. Carr.

THE CHARITIES COMMITTEE

(by Linda Ball)

The Charities Committee was set up in October, 1973. Its aim was, quite simply, to raise money for worthwhile charities, and it has succeeded in this to the value of £424.85 in its first year.

After a successful coffee evening, which raised £82, we turned our attention to Christmas activities. Eighty stalwart carollers ventured forth to sing in Fairfield, Hartburn and Norton over the weekend before Christmas, and a party was held for deprived children on the last day of term. Though this took many hours of preparation, it was worthwhile to see the faces of the children when Father Christmas presented them with gifts from his sack.

In comparison with the weeks before Christmas, the Spring term began relatively quietly with a coffee evening in aid of Joe Homan's homes. The end of the term was more hectic, as Cross Link was chosen to benefit from the sponsored vicar's race to be televised on the BBC "See You Sunday" programme. Sixteen representatives from Christian societies within the college were selected to compete against a similar number from Acklam. The idea was for two people working, hopefully, together, to carry a stretcher on which was placed a dummy containing a beaker of liquid. The couple had to complete a circuit of the course, which involved crossing a stream twice and negotiating several trees, as well as a sharp incline, without spilling more than one third of the liquid. Each member was sponsored for the number of successfully completed circuits, and there was a competition between the two colleges for the total number of circuits.

A Ceilidh was proposed for the summer term and the Waggoners Ceilidh Band were engaged. The announcement was met with delight from the initiated and apprehension from the ignorant. Despite initial difficulties in persuading people to come to a folk dance, the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The term was concluded with a concert given by college musicians, at which refreshments were provided by the Committee.

The Charities Committee would like to thank sincerely everyone who has supported our ventures over the past year and hope that this year's activities, which include a coffee evening in November, will be equally successful.

ARRAN '74'

(by John Witham)

A party of twelve students, accompanied by five members of staff, including Mrs. Hudson (whose job it was to look after the girls and Mr. Hudson). spent an extremely enjoyable week's holiday on the Isle of Arran last Easter.

We left a murky Teesside, in a hired mini-bus. The students shared the mini-bus with jars of formalyn and various other biological equipment provided by Mr. Tiesing for his sea shore expeditions in search of rare plants and animals.

We arrived on Arran in beautiful weather and were greeted by the formidable sight of 'Goat Fell' 2868' above sea-level (one of our conquests). We were based in Samlash about a mile and a half by road from our landing point in Brodick.

The majority of the party stayed in a Holiday Fellowship Guest House. Already in the Guest house were a geology group from the town of Devizes as well as a party from Mr. Gwinnells old school in Hitchin. After the initial North-South partisan feelings had cooled down, the Stockton 'All Stars' footballers taught the other

parties how to play skillful and entertaining football. Stockton later blamed their own expert tuition for their defeat in the final of a 5-a-side competition.

Three days of our five day stay were spent walking in 'torturous' heat, and while our warm sweaters lay dormant back at the guest house, we devoured the refreshing snow still lying on the mountain sides. A noticeable pattern appeared during our walks, which were on the whole led by Mr. Gwinnell while Mr. and Mrs. Hudson helped keep up spirits as we walked over narrow ridge such as the Witch's Step bounded by 1000' foot drops. Mr. Tiesing, and Mr. Stephenson, however, employed similar tactics for each walk; at the back. Despite a few sore feet and stretched muscles, everyone enjoyed the walks (or so they said) if only for the magnificent scenery and sense of achievement at their completion. Special mention must be made of Mrs. Hudson, Alison, Pam, Kathryn and Elizabeth who proved to be as good if not better than the males at dealing with these tough walks.

On our days off, activities were varied. Some hired bikes and toured half the island, others exercised their blisters with gentle walks, while John Witham and Alistair Thorburn contested their own Lamash Open Golf Competition with the help of caddies Tim Race and Martin Bragg.

The holiday was voted a success by all who took part, and it is hoped similar holidays will become an annual event. On behalf of all who went, I should like to thank Mr. Gwinnell for the hard work he put into organising the holiday. This and the friendly relationship which developed between Staff and students, ensured that Arran '74' was a great success.

SOCCER SUCCESS, 1973-74

(by Derek Dodd)

After a shaky start the football team battled its way through a season in the Tees Wear Colleges League, finishing fourth in the league table, and being beaten semi-finalists in the League Cup.

Before Christmas we showed little consistency and alternately won and lost. At this time we had no settled team and results showed this; for instance, we were beaten 7-1 at Bede College, Durham, yet drew away to Longlands, who finished as League and Cup winners. Gradually the team settled and became more integrated. Then from the beginning of the Spring term we began a three month unbeaten spell. This considering that most of the teams we played were at least three years our elders, was quite an achievement. Our best results were draws with Longlands and with Nevilles Cross, and wins against Kirby College (2-1), Darlington College of Education (9-2) Teesside Polytechnic (13-0) and Darlington Sixth Form College (11-0)

Next season we look forward to the first year of a Cleveland Sixth Form Colleges League, in which we will play against people of our own age. Our thanks are due to Mr. Watton and Mr. Williams, to the teachers who came to watch us, and to the fan club (Susan and Pauline).

MUSIC REPORT

(by M.A. Alleston)

The Music Suite was not completed until January 1974, so teaching and general music studies caused a few problems until then. It was worth waiting for, though. There is a large studio complete with grand piano, stereo etc. and four well-equipped practice rooms, each with a piano.

A small choir which we managed to get together last September included Pam Cox, April Bell, Kath Rawson, Julia Bracknall, Barbara Short, Jackie Rowland, Linda Ciechowska, David Beall, Gareth Neal, Donald Gilchrist, Philip Sanderson, Bryan Evans. Elaine Wheatley joined us later.

A party of students and staff went to hear Vladimir Ashkenazy in concert at the City Hall, Newcastle in October 1973.

There was a Festival of 9 lessons and carols on the last day of the Autumn term, with items from the choir.

Another party saw the Magic Flute, produced by Scottish Opera, at Darlington Civic Theatre in February 1974, and on the last day of the Easter Term, Jackie Rowland, Elaine Wheatley, Linda Ciechowska, Susan Haswell and Alison Squire performed at Stockton Parish Church at a lunchtime Lenten recital.

A number of us heard Ashkenazy again at Middlesbrough Town Hall at the End of April. This time he played and conducted two Mozart concertos.

When the music suite was fully operational, we got a small orchestral group together some of whose members were also in the choir. Others were Brian Mansfield, Malcolm Bendall, Philip George, Philip Brown, William Thompson, David Bullock, Alison Squire, Richard Jakobson, Neil Thornborrow Pat Devlin, Richard Fensom. There was considerable activity to prepare for a summer concert which we gave on July 9th. Nothing went wrong, which was a surprise to everyone, and we managed to raise a healthy sum of money towards North Tees Hospital Radio. Thanks are due to Mr. Tiesing for his loyal support to the choir and orchestra throughout the year.

COLLEGE LEAVERS 1973-74

Unfortunately, space restrictions do not allow the publication of a complete list of leavers this year but only the following very brief summary.

As many students come to the college simply to gain additional G.C.E. 'O' level passes, it is expected that a considerable number will leave during or at the end of their first year. In fact some sixty students did so during the past year entering a wide range of jobs including Nursing, Banking, Civil Service, Police, Armed Services etc. Most of the second year students who left had of course entered the College half way through their 'A' level courses. About sixty students are now at university, thirty two at colleges of education, twenty at polytechnics and other colleges, Twenty have entered employment, eight have returned to college and about twenty five have disappeared without a trace!

GIRL'S HOCKEY 1973/74

(by Margaret Bullock)

During the season of '73 to '74 the girl's hockey first XI played only nine fixtures, many others being cancelled due to bad weather. The team had an extremely good record of seven victories, one defeat and one draw, being beaten only by Wellfield, and scoring 27 goals with only two against Sallie Reed was the top scorer with 11 goals. Most of the defence were experienced members of the upper VIth, and this produced a strong backbone for the team. The forwards consisted of skillful lower VIth and this produced an effective combination as shown by the results.

The college team was represented in the Teesside squad by 8 players: Barbara Short, Dawn Popple, Jill Alborn, Pam Cox, Sue Bance, Alyson Chester, Sallie Reed and Margaret Bullock. Barbara Short and Dawn Popple went on to represent the college in the Durham County team.

This very successful season owed much to the hard work of Mrs. Tiffen, and we are grateful for her help as coach and umpire.

RESULTS

v Kirby College	won	12-0
v Teesside High School	won	7-0
v South Park S.F.C.	won	3-0
v Henry Smith's	won	1-0
v Gosforth	won	1-0
v Brinkburn	won	1-0
v Wellfield	lost	0-1
v South Park S.F.C.	drew	0-0
v Teesside High School	won	2-1

FIRST SEASON'S RUGBY

Despite the lack of facilities, the college first XV had a fairly successful first season.

The team gave some sparkling displays, notably against Bede Sixth Form College and South Shield's Grammar School, but on other occasions we were well below par.

Regulars in the team were:

D. Willets (captain) C. Bulmer, D. Edmundson, M. Grange, A. Evans, P. Marley, T. Wild, N. Beadle, D. Gilchrist, D. Kreczak, I. Ross, M. Reed, K. Fawcett, R. Andrews, K. Knott.

RESULTS

A. J. Dawson	won	26-9
Midd. Snr. Colts	lost	21-4
Brinkburn	lost	23-6
Morpeth	Drew	3-3

Dame Allen's	lost	18-8
Newcastle G.S.	won	20-4
Durham Johnston's	won	18-3
Scarborough VI Coll.	won	14-8
Henry Smith's	won	40-10
St. Cuthberts	won	34-0
Acklam	won	21-6
Bede VI College.	won	39-0
Hatfield College	won	48-4
South Shields G.S.	won	92-0
A.J. Dawson	won	20-0
Brinkburn	lost	16-6
Doncaster G.S.	lost	24-18
Old Boys XV	lost	19-10

Record: P. 20 W12 D.1 L7

Leading scorers were Rob Andrews (17 tries)

Nick Beadle (52 points) and Keith Fawcett (52 points)

Willets, Edmondson, Marley, Wild, Kreczak, and Ross all deserve special mention for playing for the county.

The seven's team was not consistent, but still brought back the first trophy to the college by winning the Durham Sevens at Billingham.

The 2nd XV ended the season with a better record than the 1st XV.

Often with an excess of players to choose from, the team underwent many changes, but we still managed to field a balanced side and the team spirit was excellent.

Regulars were:

A. Thorburn (captain) A. Newton, D. Stubbs S. Skinner P. Wells, T. Race, A. Wilkins, A. Kirkwood, W. Trenholme J. Miller, M. Dumper, S. Dowden, P. Millions, M. Bragg, D. Owen, P. Westgarth, E. Parry, and T. Phinn.

The Record was: P.18 W.13 D.0 L5

Top scorers were Thorburn (59pts) and Miller(40pts)

Both Teams would like to thank Mr. Hudson for his hard work and coaching throughout the season.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS

Last season was fairly successful for both the girls and the boys Basketball teams. The boys reached the semi-final of the Cambrai Cup and were close to the top of the Second division.

The girls team also reached the semi-finals of their competition, the Handicap Cup, and were narrowly beaten by Cleveland Eagles.

This season, even more success is promised, and six of our boys' team have been selected to play for Cleveland: K. Knott, D. Reed, M. Daly, A. Wilkins, Scott I. M^CGregor.

Finally special congratulations to Ann Gall on her recent selection to play for the England under-19 team.

1974 CRICKET REPORT

(by P. Thomas and K. Knott)

The college 1st XI enjoyed a very successful season. The team gained victory in four of their five fixtures, only going down in the last over of the season. The batting was inconsistent, too often having to rely on one or two individuals. In contrast the bowling was good though it must be said that wickets did favour the bowlers. The fielding was perhaps surprisingly keen and it was this all round enthusiasm that gave the college such a fine start.

The first match was against Yarm Grammar School who provided much stiffer opposition than was expected. Yarm batted first and were restricted to 58 for 7. The college's understandable expectancy of victory was soon shattered as the score tumbled to 41 for 9 but a fine last wicket partnership between Derek Dodd and Nic Beadle saw the team home.

demoralised the Hatfield College bowlers in reaching the formidable total of 130 without loss. However, uncharacteristic bowling and fielding allowed Hatfield to fight back and reach the respectable total of 119.

In the third match the team completely overwhelmed Darlington VIth Form College Darlington could only manage a meagre total of 36, "Jimi" Daly taking 4 for 22 and a superb exhibition of fielding resulted in four run outs. The college quickly acquired the runs for the loss of only one wicket.

Prior Puroglove College of Guisborough however, provided much tougher opposition. We batted first and managed to make 77 for 7 mainly due to a fine innings of 40 by the consistent Dodd. In the Prior Pursglove innings the game swung from side to side till both teams had victory within their grasp. At the start of the last over it seemed that the Guisborough lads would triumph, but a double wicket maiden by the captain meant victory for the college by the narrow margin of 1 run. A dramatic end to a thrilling match. Again it was a success that was won in the field. Prior Pursglove were made to struggle for every run by sharp fielders and the dogged bowling of Daly (3 for 51) and Thomas (5 for 23)

In the final match of the season the college batted first against Brinkburn but could only scrape the rather feeble score of 51 all out. Yet again the opposition were made to fight and it was only from an inside edge in the last over that Brinkburn passed the college total.

So ended an exciting if somewhat short season. As the team was made up completely from the lower sixth there should be even better results next year. The team would like to thank Mr. Walton for his services.

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CRICKET

This award is made each year to the player making the most outstanding contribution to the performance of the team. The recipient is able to buy cricket equipment to the value of £5.00.

During the 1974 season the team as a whole played very well and it is felt that this was to a large extent due to the influence of the Captain, Phil Thomas. Not only did he perform exceedingly well with the ball but generally provided the necessary inspiration for the rest of the team. Congratulations to Phil on being the first student from the college to receive the award.



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