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EDITORIAL

Hail! Second year! I'm pleased to say that whilst inflation has roared on, the response to my 30p appeal brought in £51.65. There were four donations each of £5.00 for which we are grateful. When you consider that only thirty four people responded you might wonder how we, on the committee, feel.

If it wasn't for the extra £50 we dare not have continued with the magazine and I ask that those who have not yet responded — Dig down.

You will see from the list of new members that we are not dead — but we must keep those who join. Seventy one "annual" members have not paid subscriptions since 1972 and have been purged and there are thirty eight from 1973 who need to pay this year or there will be no magazine next year.

We have always been "soft" with members who join as they leave school but you will agree, I hope, that if they show no further interest in three years we should purge them from our lists.

We are extremely grateful to our advertisers and we must accept that without them we would not be able to print a magazine. YOU can help by:

- (a) Mentioning the magazine when using our advertisers
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We can only gain advertisers by the personal approach and some of us are straining friendships by bringing in more than our share!

Please help by making an approach to your friends and letting the Secretary know if you have success. One half page will be welcomed from anyone.

News on a brighter note. We are hoping to expand our activities next year. Graham Rayner, who did so well with the advertising last year, runs the "boys" sporting fixtures in Rugby, Soccer, Hockey and Basketball (see reports) and his social for afterwards has tickets on the "Black Market" (Wish the Annual Dinner was like that!)

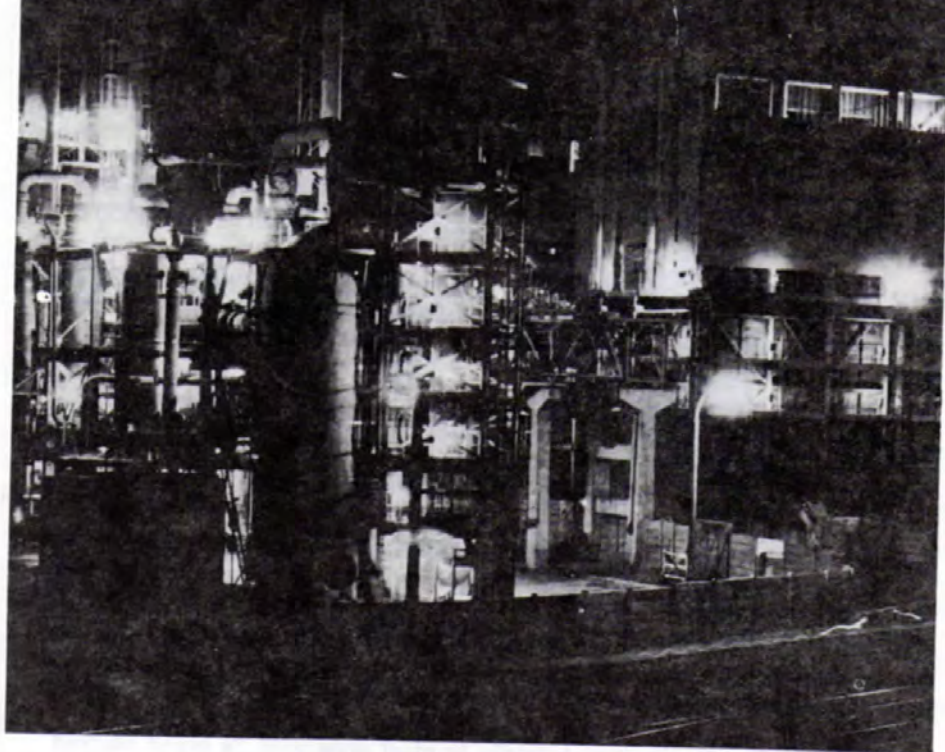
The girls would like their share of fixtures and we hope to twist a pretty arm to organise it. At the same time we have twisted a more masculine arm and Peter Davies has agreed to organise the cricket fixture in the summer term (see our Cricket for details).

The Grangefield Old Girl's Association has written enquiring if membership of the O.S.A. is open to their members. The Secretary was pleased to reply that it was, and we hope that their Association will not regard it as any "take over bid" when we say we will welcome any of their members who care to join.

On a sad note you will find, in the "In Memoriam", tributes to David H. Shepherd (one of our Vice Presidents) and Ron (Bull) Wright (member of staff for over 26 years). Although failing in health David Shepherd attended committee meetings as recently as March this year and took an interest in all our discussions during reorganisation.

I owe a real debt to Ron Wright. He showed me how to use my limited abilities on the Rugby field and this enjoyment lasted me 25 years. I was grateful to be able to thank him personally when I was on the staff at Grangefield. The thanks were typically brushed aside with "a brand plucked from the burning".

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Those of us who played for "His" team from 48-51 will always remember him with affection as "Bull".

Turning to next year's magazine. The College have agreed to join us in principle, the final decision to be made by the Student Council each year. *We need your news.* Let the Secretary know how you are getting on and also how your friends are making out. We print news of non-members because we are interested in *all* Former Students. For obvious reasons we cannot send magazines to non-members. **JOIN BY SENDING A SUBSCRIPTION (OR SEVERAL!).**

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 staff 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.

4. In committee seven shall form a quorum.
5. Members will be encouraged to form sections for specific activities, but must first obtain the approval of the Committee of Management.
6. The Annual Subscription shall be Fifty Pence payable on the 1st January each year.

In lieu of an Annual Subscription a Life Subscription of Ten Pounds (£10.00) may be made. (This may be paid one instalment of £1.00 followed by three instalments, each of £3.00 in consecutive years). Such subscriptions will be decided by the Annual General Meeting

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

7. 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.

8. 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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PRESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS



Fellow Stocktonians,

May I take this opportunity, as a newly elected President, to offer greetings to you all. I have been an Old Stocktonian for perhaps more years than I care to count, but never seriously considered finding the presidential chain around my neck. May I confess, that while honoured and flattered – I find the prospect also a little daunting.

Our Association is very much at a crossroads. I believe that in allying ourselves with the College we have made a happy alliance, and I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Principal, his staff and the students for their hospitality, help and support. The College is as yet relatively young, and whilst we look forward to many ex-students joining our ranks, the future of the Association is still very much the responsibility of the older members.

I should like to record my thanks to the members of the committee who keep the wheels turning, and I am sure they would add their gratitude to mine when I mention Brian Brand, our Secretary.

May I make one special plea? On Saturday 3rd January, 1976, we hold our 50th. Annual Dinner. This seems to me to be something of a special occasion. Could we please reaffirm our support of the Association, and do our best to attend – I look forward to meeting may old friends, and to making new ones.

Sincerely,

Clive Bell.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1975

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, on Monday 15th December 1975 at 7.30pm.

The agenda will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Hon. Secretary's report
5. Hon. Treasurer's report
6. Benevolent Fund report
7. Election of Officers
8. Proposed change to rules*
9. Any other business

*Alteration of Rules

Notice has been given of motions to alter Rule 3 by omitting the Hon. Auditor from the list of Officers and to alter Rule 6 by omitting the offer of Life Membership.

It is intended that a lump sum payment may be made in advance for several annual subscriptions.

Handwritten signature: G. H. RIDDLE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1974

This year we were able to hold the meeting in the Stockton Sixth Form College for the first time. As usual there were only three or four non-committee members and our President Geoffrey Riddle took the chair,

The Hon. Sec., giving the membership figures as 140 annual members and 846 Life Members warned that 75 of the annual members were in arrears and that 24 members who began paying Life membership by instalments had failed to keep up the payments. Reminders had been sent with the Year Book.

142 of the life members had not given a new address when moving house 36 Year Books had been returned last year alone.

The Treasurer was unable to be present and the meeting considered the balance sheet in the Year Book. The figures were found not to balance and as the Auditor Mr. Farrington was not present, the President suggested the Committee investigate the error, as the bank books, which were available for inspection, were in order.

(Note: It was found to be a printing error).

The Convener of the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, Tom Sowler, gave information which will interest Stocktonians.

The beneficiaries now include the present members of the Stockton Sixth Form College. He (Mr. Sowler) had been in touch with the Education Authority concerning the payment of grants to Students who are accepted at College/University/Polytechnics at a late stage in the sorting out. The processing of

long and he had gained their approval to check with the Authority the validity of a student's acceptance before making an advance from the Fund.

Questioned on outstanding debts, Mr. Sowler reported that there were two, each of £40. One, incurred 8 years ago which he felt could be written off, and another 3 years ago.

Asked if loans could be made to girls, Mr. Sowler gave a firm "yes". The election of officers gave the list as printed earlier.

The last item — subscriptions was debated at length. Some felt that Life membership was now a quick route to breakdown — no-one could guarantee a year book for Life. One suggestion that a Life subscription of £100 would discourage potential takers was dismissed and instead the meeting agreed subscriptions as follows

First year College leavers	£0.25
Annual members	£0.50
Life members	£10.00 (payable by instalments)

Mr. Munday suggested a change of rules for next year, to enable the Annual General Meeting to reconsider the whole question of Life Membership.
[See agenda of 1975 A.G.M.]

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

No calls were made upon the Fund during the past year, and no donations, or repayments of loans, were received. Thus the credit balance at the bank of £739.09 on January 1st, 1974, augmented by £55.75 interest, became a credit balance at the bank of £794.84 on December 31st 1974.

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

At a meeting held on December 9th 1974 the Trustees accepted the advice tendered to them by the Committee of the Old Stocktonians' Association that in future appeals for assistance should be considered from "former pupils as now defined in Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of Association"

In case of need the Fund is of course also available to 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 Mr. A. Carr, Principal of the Sixth Form College, or to Tom Sowler at 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.

COLLEGE SCARF

After some considerable delay College scarves are at last available. They may be obtained from Maxwells at a cost of £3.75 and are very good value for money. The design of the scarf is as shown on the magazine cover — black with the College badge in white.

49th ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at the Queen's Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees on Saturday 4th January 1975. The President of the Association was in the chair. Dr. C.P. Price, Chairman of the Governors of the Sixth Form College was the principal guest. He had, he explained, fallen victim to one of the virulent bugs prevalent in the area and was speaking under difficulties. At a time of changing structures and standards in education, the Old Stocktonians' Association must be thanked for providing an honourable "past" for a completely new institution such as the College.

The President in his reply reminisced about that past. Staffs to-day were constantly changing, and had not the permanence of his youth. He felt that his education and outlook owed much to that stability. Was that factor being lost in modern circumstances?

The Rev. G. Hunter was glad that the Association had not turned its back on the new developments. The known past was coming to terms with an unknown future. The young people in the college to-day would ensure that that future would be honourable and worthwhile.

Mr. Carr brought us back to the reality of life in the College in its first year. Something like an earthquake had struck it as the builders moved in and out. Earthquakes in the past had wreaked destruction but had been short-lived. The dead had been buried and the earth had bloomed again. The tremors at the College had lasted for months, but despite everything all had survived, and great progress had been made.

50th ANNUAL DINNER

This is obviously a special occasion and we look forward to meeting at the Queens on Saturday 3rd January 1976 at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

The last dinner was budgetted for 60 and the disappointing number of 40 attended. It is not surprising that a small loss was incurred. The dinner is non profit making and again it has to be supported by 60 members and their guests to be self supporting.

We kept the price down last year by confirming the menu early. This year prices have caught up with us and there is a sharp increase in the price of the meal (£1.80 to £3.00 for last year's menu)

We have booked a meal with main course "Contre Fillet of Beef Chasseur", which we hope will be acceptable.

One of our main guests this year is Bill Rodgers, our Member of Parliament and Minister for Defence in the present Government. We hope that Mrs. Rodgers will be able to make the trip with her husband.

We have not confirmed our other main guest as yet but expect to hear from a lady soon!

— Yes it will be a lady, guest speaker.

Tickets price £3.25 are available from the Secretary and tables may be reserved for 6 or more.

Closing date for final numbers December 28/29. A slip is enclosed with the Year Book.

Note: Fiona Johnston of B.B.C. Look North has confirmed that she can join us at the Queens in January.



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LIFE MEMBERS AND GENERAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward	115.17	Year Book Printing	216.93
Interest 31st Jan '75	5.19	Advertising Leaflets for	
Interest 31st July '75	3.72	Students (printed)	17.95
Interest 28th Sept '75	1.28	Cost of Annual Dinner	77.40
Dinner Tickets	76.00	Hon. Assistant Secretary's	
Sale of O.S. Ties	12.35	Expenses:—	2.00
Subscriptions	58.50	Cricket Prize	17.00
Advertisements	108.00	Returned cheque	2.00
Donations	50.85		
Donation from Sixth Form College	50.00		
Transfer from Evan Baldwin		Balance at 31.10.75	164.78
Memorial Fund (Re Cricket Prize)	17.00		
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Notes: The Cricket prize was mistakenly debited to the above account and a transfer was made to rectify the accounts.

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward	267.61	Transfer from Life Members	
Interest 31st Jan '75	9.04	and General Fund for	
Interest 31st July '75	9.10	Cricket Prize	17.00
Interest 28th Sept '75	2.79	2 Sports Prizes at £7.50 each	15.00
		Balance at 31.10.75	256.54
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C.W. KING AND G.G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward	139.37	Prize to Grange School	9.00
Interest July '75	9.15	Balance at 31.10.75	147.49
Interest Sept '75	7.97		
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Hon. Treasurer:— D.P. Wiletts.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

Thursday, 27 March 1975 saw, yet another increase in attendance of active players participating in four sports; rugby, soccer, hockey and basketball. It is interesting to note the differing attitudes of players belonging to the different disciplines although hailing from the same stables and even more interesting to see them all come together under the unifying theme of wild life preservation with special attention drawn to the position of the fox.

The players were:

RUGBY

Sutherland, Ross, Chesser, Roberts, Murray, Kreczak, Armstrong, Kirkwood, Hedley, Langthorne, Barker, Chisman, Willets, Miller, Oliver.

SOCCER

Henderson, Barkiss, Moore, Davies, Buckle, Webster, Waller, Iveson, Reed, Lucas, Bailey, Dodgson.

HOCKEY

Bond, Ball, Dick, Munkley, Brearley, Kitching, Clark, Pragnell, O'Neill, Grainger, Phillips, Newton.

BASKETBALL

Thompson, Hood, Douglas, Hewitson, Routledge, Hayton, Heads, Rayner.

The results, although not the purpose of the days activities, saw the Old Boys win the rugby and hockey with the college circum navigating Davies, Moore and Company four times to win the soccer. The basketball was a fitting climax with the Old Boys eventually succumbing to the fitter college squad in front of a large, much appreciated and appreciative audience that would have had Jackie Charlton crying in his beer.

If you haven't already guessed I do get pleasure from both organising and writing up the Old Boys Sporting Life, I feel however that there are certain sincere criticisms and observations that must be made. I hope they are, a) printed, b) read, c) appreciated, as the Old Stocktonians future could well be dependant on the attitude of our sporting revellers.

- i Old Boys matches are an integral part of the organisation as a whole for its members.
- ii. Old Boys matches provide an experience to current students at the college of what an Old Students or Former Pupils Organisation can offer.
- iii. Although called Old Boys matches, they are not an attempt to perpetuate the Grangefield Grammar Boys' School but an attempt to integrate ALL former students.
- iv. Although having worn the 'male chauvenist gown and mortarboard' the current organiser is not using his position to further his qualifications in that field. Simply the organisation involved in such events is considerable, voluntary, also over and above payed employment. If there is someone willing to accept the burden of organising functions for, or with the fairer sex I am sure the committee would welcome such a person with

enthusiasm, as take it from someone who knows, they are always looking for a 'willing horse' – please excuse the rather unfortunate pun.

- v. Finally, to the sportsmen, if they have read this far, although to the last man enjoying themselves on the day and night, they are a pretty selfish lot, which is typical of the majority of sportsmen, and think only of themselves and their particular sport. This not wholly bad but in the context of the above they must realise the Old Boys matches are something different. It requires considerable forward planning and everything really must be in writing. For two years I have asked people to write to me for a game, in two years – four letters. I send 100 each year. As far as the Sunday Soccer Team is concerned, for which we have been promised a strip – No – a kit! from the committee, three people have 'expressed interest in playing'.

If this organisation is to survive, and I see no reason why it shouldn't, someone must pull their socks up!

For your information the Old Boys Sporting Life attracts twice as many Old Boys than the Annual Dinner and ten times the number at the AGM – I think those socks are worth pulling up.

I welcome comments.

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NEW MEMBERS

Where possible their future plans are given

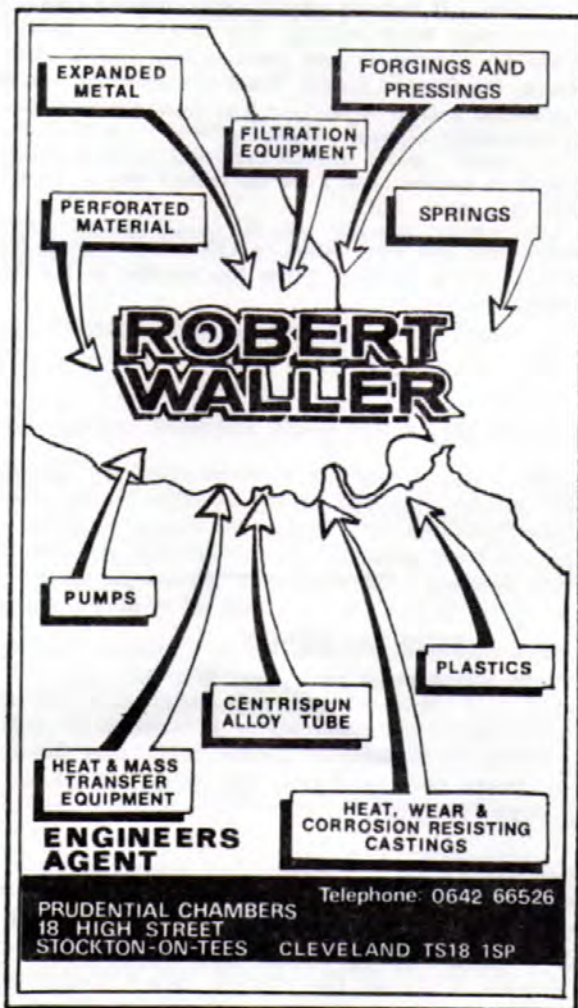
NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

T.J. Hart, J.W. Barker, N. Waddle, D. Chesser, J.H. Lyon, Susan Row (York University) Susan Burrigge (Eaton Hall College of Education, Retford), W.N. Little (1915-17)

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. A. Estruck, Mrs. A. Sowler, Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss L. Waring, Julia Bracknell, Naomi Clegg, Jill Colpitts (English at Sheffield), Isobel Campion, Susan Elliot, Elizabeth Hodgson, (Zoology at Nottingham), Maureen McDougall (University), Alison MacLennan, Janet Mackenzie, Angela Nowak (Biology at Bradford), Christine Ross (P.E. at Lady Mabel College of Education), Janet Richmond, Jane Sowerby, Ruth Wall (University). Christopher Adams, Malcolm Bendall (Pharmacy at Sunderland) Peter Bibby, K.N. Brown, Philip Dryden (Architecture) Peter Durrant (Physics at U.M.I.S.T.), Andrew Emmerson (University), Andi Gearing (Botany/Zoology at Hull), Philip George (University),

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FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

Any news you send is of interest to your contemporaries. When you send in subs — let us know how you faring. Write and let us know of any meetings with other former students. The secretary keeps a special folder each year for filing news items.

R.W. BURNAND (19-23) is now retired in South Africa, 90 miles South of Durban, overlooking the surf and the Indian Ocean. He grows a few pawpaws and bananas and spends some time defending his fowls and plants from snakes, mongooses, howks, buck, monkeys and insects. He asks "what did they all live one before I came?"

He still keeps his hand in, doing the occasional concrete and engineering design job and operates a fairly-well equipped workshop. He comments "It has been a joy finally to live in the country of Rider Haggard's 'King Solomons Mines', make the acquaintance of some descendants of Umslopogas and enjoy their graceful although difficult language which Haggard seems to have used quite accurately".

His wife (nee SLACK) had "the good fortune" to spend some of her student years at Nelson Terrace.

LES BARTLETT (29-33) sends greetings from Hampshire.

DAVID E.H. BALMFORD (48-49) wrote to us from Dorset. He had not received a year book for some time and a check revealed that a year book has been sent to an "old" address for some time — the year book neither being forwarded to him nor returned to us. The moral is — keep in touch. The year books go out in November, if you don't receive your copy by Christmas (for 'home addresses), write to the Hon. Sec.

DAVID BROWN sent a life sub. but no news! We were interested to note that on his cheque was D.T. Brown. If my memory is correct, he was "christened" Trinity by the school. There were two David Browns in the form and to keep them accurately documented they were told to identify themselves as David T. Brown (T for Trinity) and David R. Brown (R for Roseworth). It would seem that either habits die hard or he found the T useful!

MERVYN J. BLADES (61-68) obtained his Ph.D at Nottingham. His work involved development of new systems for use underground in coal mines. He visited Eastern Europe in 1973 as "part of a Symposium and Conference

circuitous tour". His thesis was so thick that he claims lions could be trained off it or small trees pressed in it!

Mervyn's letter dated 6th June 74 arrived with the Sec. (his former Physics cum Maths teacher!) late February '75 so we hope that his address for "anybody who was his contemporary" is still valid i.e. M.R.D.E., Mining Systems Branch, National Coal Board, Ashby Road, Stanhope Bretby, near Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

Mervyn's work has appeared in publications in this country and has also been translated and published in Poland. No wonder he had the opportunity to stay in a cushioned academic life in this country, U.S.A. or Australia! Why choose to get your hands horny in industry?

HILARY BULMER (22-27) wrote from Mexico — he and his wife are certainly getting round the world in their 'old age'! Davy Ashmore International asked him to do one last one job before he retires to Alberta where they have bought a bungalow. He says that Monclova, in the North East Mexican Uplands is described by some as a huge 'dust bowl' and at times it resembles this — with temperatures up to 120/130 deg F (49/54 deg C)! As his job involved trips to the ports, he and his wife have been enjoying trips to Tampico (Mexico) and Texas — Brownsville, Corpus Christie and Houston.

Any Old Boys in the area please note, Hilary says he has not met any in that neck of the woods! — When will the Mexicans be playing Test cricket, Hilary?

A short note informed us that CAMPBELL BOSANQUET (58-63) has now left the R.A.F. and is flying helicopters to and from North Sea Oil Rigs. (Sec — Campbell showed me how to represent $(x + y)^2$ graphically in 1963 before he disappeared to Gordanstoun. I was the teacher, he was the pupil but I was taught well by him!)

TREVOR J. COLLETT sends best wishes from Warminster as does REG CORNFORTH (20-24) who renewed his tie and gave a help to the Mag. Reg retired in 1972 due to Arthritis after 40 years in Pharmacy (modern term "Pill Bashing" he says!) Although his activities are restricted he is enjoying retirement and has come across more Old Stocktonians than he ever did whilst working. He tells us that many had not heard of the year book — pass the word on!

J.A. CALVERT (65-72) is pleased that the Association is continuing, even though in revised form. He would like to see the poetry and short stories in the mag. again. He is assistant manager for a Darlington firm of building contractors and drives the van for a Pop Group "Jack Thighs" which was formed in '74 by JOHN KNOTT (65-72) and NIGEL BROWN (65-70). We hear that they "did" a dance at the Sixth Form College — any members who need a good group need look no further!

DAVID CRESSER (65-72) didn't send any news but did send support for the mag!

ARTHUR CHAPMAN (53-60) is now a fully fledged Ph.D. He has spent the last few years at Vancouver, on the staff of Simon Fraser University, lecturing in Biometrics. Among his visitors there have been JACK GLATTBACH and GORDON RATTENBURY!

JAMES A. COWAN (57-64) spent 4 years in the Police Force until 1969 when he was commissioned in the R.A.F. He has been flying Hercules Transports from Lynham and is now stationed at Haverford West Wales. Jim is happily married with a 2 year old daughter.

JOHN S. COWEN (63-65) is back in this country and with a wife!

E. CLARK (27-34) retired officially as Headmaster of Frederick Nattrass Junior School in August 1973 owing to ill-health. He now resides at Skeeby, Richmond and writes to recount two "very pleasant experiences". He met for the first time since 1933, DAVID KIRTLEY, now a V.I.P. in the hierarchy of the Civil Service and then had a visit from GEORGE STERLING, ex school captain, whom he had only seen once in 40 years.

They feel that their year group was unique (Each year group is certainly unique!) and remember the snooker championship in the Old Empire Buildings (Sloans?) – held despite C.W. King's constant reminder that prowess on the billiards table was an infallible sign of a mis-spent youth. C.W. King and T.B. Brooke are remembered for the love of music they nurtured in young people with unpaid, out of school effort.

(The secretary found the letter from E. Clark 6 months after it was delivered! His daughter had gathered the envelope with others from the Christmas mail!)
Note: must buy the children toys sometime!

S. CURRY (14-20) continues to be a main support of the dinner. His party consisting of himself and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. GOLDSTON, Mr. and Mrs. H. BELL, Mr. and Mrs. J. MOTHERSDALE, Mr. and Mrs. H. WILKINSON and Mr. and Mrs. A. CRAWFORD gives the Sec. great comfort when their order for tickets arrives, and they certainly enjoy themselves! Another regular at the Dinner is WALTER DOBSON (34-39).

JOHN ELLIS writes that he would hate to see the magazine die. He was amused by the various remarks in the last issue about facilities (Messrs Carr and Reed) He remembers having battled to the heights of 6 Sc ii, being given access to the "Chemistry Prep. Room" in Nelson Terrace (a euphemism for an unheated chemical store). Workwise John is still with British Nuclear Fuels, trying against overwhelming odds to make electricity just a little cheaper in the future.

HERBERT FARRINGTON (25-30) resigned from the committee this year firstly because he was retiring and going abroad for a couple of months, but mainly he wanted someone younger, possibly a new leaver from the College, to join the "Board". We owe thanks not only to Herbert as a Vice President but also to DEREK HENDERSON (31-36) who resigned to make way for someone younger.

JOHN DEEHAN, who took his degree in Electronics at Sussex, went to the B.B.C. as a sound engineer and proved so sound that he was rapidly promoted to become the youngest person to hold the post (We don't know which post!) He designed the radio link between Broadcasting House and Parliament.

A short note from A. FOGGIN (15-22) thanked us for the mag. and gave a donation to the funds. A note post mark Rio de Janeiro from J.W.L. GALE tells of retirement in December 1975. He has been the British Council's representative in Brazil for the last three years and was honoured by the Queen

in the Birthday Honours List, receiving the C.B.E. Congratulations from the Association and all your friends.

R. GARDNER (26-31) not only sent a donation for 1975 but gave a donation for 76 based on 33.1/3 inflation!

JOHN F. GUILLE (16-22) likes the form and content of the new magazine. He sends thanks that the Association is still broad enough to allow in veterans from Nelson Terrace!

RAYMOND GEDLING (29-36) was pleased to see that we had made the transition from one life to another and sent a donation to keep him on the magazine list!

EDMUND HEMPSEY (54-61) – EDWIN of last year, and his wife PAULINE now have a daughter FIONA, who arrived in time to make the magazine!

A very brief note from FRANK HEALD was included with a donation. It said "Receipt not required"!

JACK HAIGH (23-25) joined us at the dinner. He gave this information. "Self employed journalist. Cricket sub editor to the Daily Mail each summer. Relief racing sub editor (when required) to the Daily Mail, Daily Mirror, The Sun, each winter".

J. HUMBLE (31-37) who shared with 'Tibby' Brooke the task of breathing new life into the magazine in 1948-49 offered his congratulations on the first 'New Stocktonian'. As a former newspaper editor, his opinion is valued and although he was apprehensive of an 'editorial committee' I can assure him that whilst the Hon. Sec. pulls it together by liaison with the printer, it is a team effort.

H.W. JONES (staff 49-52) still enjoys the mag. – and writes "with happy memories of 1949-50, 3M" (You gave the Sec. 11 detentions in one term, that year!) Note the advert for the shell fish stall H.W.!

G.K. KNOTT (22-27) sent his belated apologies for missing the A.G.M. last year – his year book arrived after the event! Our apologies to you and others who received their books late.

G.G. LEE (Staff 42-63) hopes we can continue the mag. He used to write the report of the School versus Old Boys cricket match (when we had one!) It's good to know that George is still enjoying his retirement.

G.D. LITTLE (15-18) writes from Great Ayton and points out that life is very pleasant, "always something for one's entertainment." He took on the job of Secretary of the local Cricket Club – some 48 years after he served in the same capacity at Synthonia, Billingham. George missed the dinner last year, as he was visiting his daughter in Sussex. Whilst there he visited one of his old friends – Sir Fife Clark, who was a guest at a dinner some years ago.

R. LUDBROOK (27-31) received his year book by sea mail in March – in Australia. (Our apologies for the delay, but we have to watch the 'New' pennies). Ron and Ted SHIELDS (27-34) have contacted each other, but at the time of writing had not had the opportunity to meet and chat. The boundaries of the U.K. Counties are obviously a talking point in Australia but we can assure Ron that the country doesn't change too much. (Derwentwater still looks the same from below Cat Bells, even if it is Cumbria!)

W.K. MARTIN (17-21) writes "Like Master Farnaby I too can say "Happily retired".

No news but one tie went to C. MOORE (circa 1935?)

A fairly recent letter from M.W. OZELTON (52-60) was passed to us last month. Since graduating from Birmingham University, he spent 4 years in California, working on Aero space Research. He returned to the U.K. in 1970 to I.C.I. Fibres in Pontypool. The entire research department moved to Harrogate last year and as he expects to "stay put" for a while after 10 years of wandering, would welcome any communication from old colleagues who might live in the North East. His address is 32, Moor Close, Killinghall, Harrogate, N. Yorks. HG3 2DZ.

D.G. PENSON imagined his 'subs' were overdue and sent a cheque with a note "if it is not sufficient, let me know, as I would not like to lose touch with the mag." (Take note you '73 leavers!)

It's O.K. David you are up to date to Dec. this year. David was on the Feb. to August Solicitors Finals Course at the College of Law, Guildford. Hope you made it — we are tiring of Riddle, V. Bowron, V. Wislade!

J.D. ROBSON (57-64) is now in Derby with British Rail's Research and Development Division. He writes "We now have a sixteen month old son and another baby expected during May".

(Hon. Sec — no news!) During the Summer of 74 he met up with KEITH PARNABY and family and also DAVE TATCHELL and wife. Keith was engineering roads in Reading and Dave was writing up his Ph.D. thesis whilst doing consultancy work, part time. (The 73 year book should be with this year book, John!)

Ted (A.E.) SHIELDS (27-34), mentioned earlier as contacting Ron LUDBROOK, writes to say there isn't much news this year. The problems facing Britain are coming upon Australia, but he and his wife are still enjoying life out there. They miss relatives and old friends but are hoping to make a trip back next year (1976). One thing Ted — the College is in a new building on Bishopton Road West and you mentioned Grangefield. The Grangefield Buildings are enjoyed by that new animal in Stockton, the 11-16 years Comprehensive (Grange School in this case).

A.P. SIDDLE wrote from South Shields. (The Sec's apologies for the delay with the tie, but your letter arrived in the Christmas post and believe me, the dinner and examiner's duties didn't leave enough time to answer all the letters before January 5th).

D. STEWART (57-63) was yet another who responded to the appeal, but didn't include news of himself.

K. STEWARTSON (37-42) sent, what must be the saddest letter we have received. He wrote "I wish to resign my life-membership. The recent changes at the school seem to have transformed it out of recognition and I can no longer summon up sufficient interest in its activities. I recognise that these changes may well have been politically necessary and I wish the School and the Association a vigorous and successful future" As far as we know Keith Stewartson was our first F.R.S. and although we sympathise with his views, (and many others hold similar views) the committee felt a live Association was better than a dying one.



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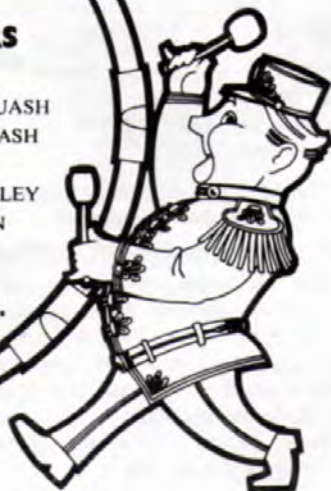
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The Rev. Prof. E.J. TINSLEY till recently Prof. of Theology at Leeds University is to become (has become?) Bishop of Bristol. Our congratulations to him.

J. SALMON (27-33) retired recently from his position as Manager of Barclays Bank (49, High Street, Stockton). We hope his health improves and wish his successor H. PIERCY (45-50) good fortune!

W. PLACE who was at Nelson Terrace in the 1930's recently visited Stockton from his home in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He greatly enjoyed seeing old friends and old, but changed, places.

P.M. TROTTER (57-65) wrote at the turn of the year from Bristol. Phil has been with I.C.I. at Severnside for 3½ years. There have been two additions to the family a little girl of 13 months and a big dog of 18 months! His rugby has been interrupted by a knee ligament injury although prior to that he was playing for Stroud and Thornbury.

Apparently whilst in Teesside Phil visited Ernie Fisher and is working to his instructions.

For those who don't know Ernie, he's a marvel in the physiotherapy trade.

Phil was hoping to return to Teesside during the year, but we haven't a new address as yet. D.P. TROTTER (54-62) is still in Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, where he has a flourishing Dental Practice as well as a daughter (4) and a son (2). Apparently David is more Scottish than the Scots — with Scottish oil!

Phil also sent news of M. PURNELL (53-61) who's been working (and marrying) in Germany. Mike still plays rugby but missed a golden opportunity of becoming a near-international. Mike was due to play for the British Army (!?) against the Yugoslav national team. He didn't turn up until half time and therefore missed his chance! Finally Phil asked us to curb young G.S. RAYNER. Apparently Graham couldn't play rugby when Boro were at home because he has a season ticket! "Some might call it progress PETE HUDSON would call it something else".

R. PURNELL (Father of Mike) had his picture in the Gazette recently. He is retiring from Head Wrightson. Happy retirement!

Another Old Boy to be featured recently in the Gazette was T.S. SOWLER (25-32) Having "retired" Tom set about helping with the 150th Rail celebrations and a series of articles in the local paper by Tom helped the celebrations along.

C. THORNTON (61-68) is with the Cleveland Museum Service (not in the museum!) He is particularly interested in Industrial Archaeology and stresses that it is just as important to preserve something from the present for the future as to find relics from the past.

R.E.B. WILLIAMS (08-15) sent a donation and a note "Do not trouble to acknowledge" All we can say is that he is still in Luton — and Thank-you.

D. WILLMER (63-68) sent £5 as a "Life Sub", he says he sent a first instalment of Life subscription some years ago and has been receiving a year book ever since. Thanks for the cheque!

B. WINTER (63-70) has been teaching in Nigeria, (V.S.O.) and was due back in this country during the year (July).

Peter WIMBERLEY (55-62) lives in Mill Hill. He trained in London University Hospital, specialising in paediatrics, and hopes to be a fully fledged consultant in a year or two. He is now married (a nurse) and they have a daughter (6) and a son (4). His brother Richard WIMBERLEY (54-62) is a deputy Head in a Junior School in Wembley. We hear that contemporary Peter RAMSDEN is close to being a consultant in Surgery. Tony WHITTINGHAM appeared on television connected with invention (we don't know what!)

Dave YOUNG writes from N. Ireland "Thanks for the mag., trust all is well"! Trust and hope all is well with you Dave.

Paul FROST (62-67) still has a bye line in the Gazette.

Ian FOX (56-63) is back in the area, Stuart FOX is in the family butchers business.

Colin SINCLAIR is still in Australia at Parkes, thinking of re-joining the teaching ranks (abroad!)

Brian FENNER was looking for a Junior School Headship when last we met him.

Albert JEFFRIES is with British Steel (he is next door neighbour of the Sec).

Barry MIDDLETON (lives opposite!) is still alive and kicking.

Barry BROWNEE (lives nearly opposite) is still playing golf and was the best rugby player in the Stockton Handicap Sevens (his son told the Sec!)

L. DAVIS (another who lives nearly opposite!) is lecturing at Stockton/Billingham Technical College. His daughter Elizabeth is at the Sixth Form College!

Finally a plea — Send us some printable news!

IN MEMORIAM

SIDNEY CHANDLER (1917-19) retired in 1961 after 40 years with the Midland Bank. He lived at Great Broughton until 1972 then moved to Middleham, Leyburn where he died in late September this year. As the note in the 72-73 Year book reflects, he had a great affection for his teachers in Nelson Terrace and indeed was a great credit to them.

RON WRIGHT Head of the English Department at Stockton Sixth Form College, died very suddenly on 8th February 1975.

Ron was an old boy of Middlesbrough High School and a graduate of Birmingham University. After a few years teaching in Middlesbrough he served throughout the war in the R.A.F., and came to Nelson Terrace in 1946 after the death of C.W. King. On the retirement of T.B. Brooke he became Senior English Master of Grangefield Grammar School, which post he held till reorganisation.

His interests were many and varied. In his early days he did a tremendous amount for Rugby in the school, and introduced many boys to the pleasures of walking in the hills. He was always a lover of music, especially chamber music, and his productions of 'Everyman' and 'Macbeth' at Grangefield were

certainly among the best seen there. He devoted many years to the somewhat thankless tasks of the School Library.

He prided himself on his Yorkshire bluntness and directness, but those who were on the receiving end soon found that there was in Ron no trace of personal hostility or spite. He said what he meant without fear or favour, and this direct honesty was characteristic of the man.

His sudden death came as a great shock to his colleagues and students at the Sixth Form College. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and three daughters.

DAVID SHEPHERD (1915-18) died on 11th October 1975 at the age of 72. He was a modest man of powerful loyalties, as shown by the fact that he was such a long-standing member of the Old Stocktonian's Association Committee, of which Association he was also one of the Vice-Presidents. In Stockton he will long be remembered for his services to Holy Trinity Church Sunday School, of which he was superintendent for more than fifty years.

JOHN SPARK (1896-1902) died in August 1974. He was one of the dwindling number of those who attended the 'new school' in Nelson Terrace at its opening in 1896. He was for a long time head of the well known local firm of Spark's Bakeries. He was active throughout his life in many forms of public service, an Alderman of the old Stockton Borough, Secretary of the League of Nations Union, actively associated with all manner of Church and charitable organisations, a truly kind and generous man, loved and honoured by all who knew him.

GILBERT PATRICK DEE died in January 1975. He was of the 'founding generation' of the original Old Stocktonians' Association who started things off in 1913. This was of course among the generations who shortly afterwards spent 3 or 4 years in France, Gilbert with the others. At least one 'young' soldier of 1940 remembers receiving valuable if earthy advice from him on how to live with the Army. He taught for many years at St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough, then at Richard Hind School. His two sons, Peter and Paul, both attended Nelson Terrace after the Second World War. To his wife and sons we extend our sincere sympathy.

R. METCALFE (1921-28) After a short illness Robert Metcalfe died at his home in Tynemouth on 7th May this year.

Described by a contemporary as "the brilliant Metcalfe" he obtained the Higher School Certificate in 1927 in English (Distinction), French and History.

After obtaining a First Class Honours Degree in English in 1931 at Manchester University he was awarded research scholarships by the University itself and by the Anglo-German Academic Board (tenable at Freiburg University)

Entering the Civil Service in 1933, he joined the staff of the Ministry of Labour and in 1948 was appointed Labour Attache and First Secretary at the British Embassy in Copenhagen. In 1949 he was appointed as Principal in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and was engaged at various times on Finance, New Towns and Clean Air and Smoke Control before taking charge of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government North-East Regional Office at Newcastle in 1964.

Although he only enjoyed a few years of retirement Bob was able to devote

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himself entirely to his passions of reading, gardening and walking.

He leaves a widow, married son in Malawi and son at University in Lancaster.

We were also sad to hear that W. Bellairs and W. Moss (29-33) had died, our sympathy, in each case, is extended to the near relatives.

RECENT DEGREE SUCCESSES

News is always welcome of any old boy or girl who has successfully completed a course of further study or training.

R. Bailey	B.Sc.	Civil Engineering	Nottingham University
C.J. Beaumont	B.A.	Engineering	Cambridge University
D. Chesser	B.Sc.	Mathematics	Nottingham University
G. Cruickshank	LL.B.	Law	Nottingham University
S. Collinson	B.Tech	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Bradford University
J.A. Dale	B.Sc.	Economics	London School of Economics
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S. Lambert	B.Sc.	Physics	Bradford University
C.J. Pounds	B.Sc.	Botany/Zoology	King's College, London
G. Opie	B.A.	History	Kent University
M.S. Robson	B.Sc.	Physics	Leeds University
P.L. Turner	B.Sc.	Civil Engineering	Leeds University

ONE ASPECT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S WORK

(by Lissie Wright)

Since I became a member of the Student Council, two recurring themes have dominated meetings, namely apathy and the state of the student lounge. These two problems are inextricably mixed since it is widely felt that apathy has been the main reason for the problems in the lounge. For those unfamiliar with the tale I have included a short history of the council's efforts to remedy problems in this area.

As last year progressed the state of the lounge and the behaviour in it caused increasing concern to staff and students alike. Eventually an ad hoc committee with both staff and student representatives was set up and after lengthy deliberations and a questionnaire, this committee finally presented its recommendations to council. Basically it was felt that a feeling of pride in the college facilities should be encouraged amongst the students and that this could best be achieved by making the student lounge a council responsibility. In due time this was written into our constitution and a committee (S.L.O.B.) set up to organise general maintenance and to institute various changes. Posters were put up, attempts made to repair damage and encouragement given to students to take an active part in caring for the lounge.

Students will be well aware, however, that the new year had hardly begun before Mr. Carr was forced to comment on the state of the lounge yet again. The fact that this occurred after so much time and energy had been devoted to rectifying the situation was depressing to say the least.

S.L.O.B. soon recovered from this crushing blow however and gathering themselves together set about mobilising their forces. Mr. Carr made a plea in morning assembly and S.L.O.B. members began the task of speaking to every tutor group. That morning was the first of many to be spent in this way and from the response they received and my own I would like to express some hope for the future.

Much to the delight of S.L.O.B. they received an unexpected boost to their morale. Even in tutor groups where there was opposition to many of the suggestions made there was general agreement that any action taken to improve the lounge area should be supported. Several constructive suggestions were made and much general interest expressed.

Any new ideas or offers of help are more than welcome now that members of S.L.O.B. seem to have been given the chance to do something really constructive. From the various comments made and my own recent observations, I feel reasonably hopeful that S.L.O.B. is not going to be disillusioned. Of course by the time this article is printed we will all know the fate of S.L.O.B. and their plans. Comparing the attitudes now to these of the same time last year I feel that apathy, whether through the efforts of council or merely because of a more forthcoming Lower Sixth, is not the problem it used to be. The next few weeks are critical however.

It may seem pointless to write all this about something which will be long past by the time this article is printed however, it is of particular relevance to the future. The new council will soon be elected from the Lower Sixth and will be wrestling with the same problems. If we have not managed to find the solutions we are looking for it is hoped that they are more fortunate. However, I rather think that we will have left them some firm foundations on which to continue building. Either way the results obtained by the present council will be very important to them and the history of our efforts in this field may be a guide to them. We hope that they may avoid the pitfalls and find the means to solve their own problems and promote a happy and workable atmosphere between staff and students.

OPEN EVENING

(by J. E. Gwinnett)

"Put us on the map." A simple sounding yet ambitious brief for the many involved in the Open Evening.

Sixth Form Colleges are new to Cleveland as indeed to the rest of the country and it seemed opportune, a year after opening, to attempt a large scale "public relations" exercise.

In past years those schools with Sixth Forms have safely assumed that the "Sixth" did not need "selling" to students or, for the most part, to their parents. Although in many respects the College continues the work and concepts of previous Sixths two changes in particular provided the stimulus for an open evening.

"Open access" is a phrase of significance. It means that the College welcomes any student over sixteen who wishes to continue, and to benefit by, full-time education. The College therefore caters for some C.S.E., much G.C.E. 'O' level as well as the bulk of G.C.E. 'A' level study. We wished to exhibit the opportunities we offer for such study, in numerous combinations, to many more students than were previously taking advantage of Sixth Form education.

Secondly, because the College embodies new ideas developing in a new, separate building an institutional gap occurs at 16+ where it did not for most Sixth Formers in the past. Students and their parents now need encouragement to bridge that gap by information, "advertising" and a persuasive, attractive projection of the College as an academic, liberal and social community. Particularly do we wish to make ourselves known to first generation sixth formers.

A highly satisfying by-product of our Open Evening, staged primarily for purposes outlined above, was the effervescent enthusiasm engendered through staff and students and communicated to our visitors — all 1200 of them.

Such numbers were most gratifying and they included visitors from other Stockton schools, Councillors, future students, parents and those who may have sons or daughters joining the College in the future, together with a large number of Stockton people who came to see the College in action.

Action there certainly was. Rock-climbing and luminescence; stone-polishing and optical illusions; language tapes and macramé; singing and star-gazing; coffee and blood tests; Student Council display and slide-shows; electronics and classics; cooking display and business games; trampolining and etching with many other features contributed to exhibiting dramatically both the breadth and depth in our approach to the education of Stockton's 16+ population who wish to join us.

That congratulations were received from all quarters was pleasing, but if the evening led to greater appreciation by Stockton people of our role in the community, our spirit and the opportunities we offer then those who put in so much effort within the College and those outside who helped with publicity and in other important ways should feel truly satisfied.

ORIENTEERING

(by M. Gardner)

On Wednesday afternoons in the vicinity of Stockton S.F.C. a passerby may catch a fleeting glimpse of a student "racing" along a road or across a field with pen and map in hand. If the passerby happens to be you then stand well back! It could be an orienteer looking for controls on a course fiendishly devised by Messrs. Allison and Vasey.

Earlier in the year, some of the not very athletic members of the orienteering group rather foolishly volunteered to perform on a Sunday afternoon. After several outings the cries of these lost souls are still reverberating through woods from Berwick to Pickering and even in the Lake District.

Most of the serious events of the year have been blessed by brilliant sunshine but the Cleveland Schools Championships were held in arctic conditions. This event was held in a blizzard in Boltby Forest but the College orienteers were not deterred. Sally Hayton was third in the W17 event, Michael Gardner held the same position in the corresponding event for men and Andrew Emerson won the M19 event.



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Unfortunately, these successes were not repeated in the almost tropical conditions found in the Lake District. The skilled compass work needed or maybe the sunshine proved too much for our heroes. Oh well – the scenery was beautiful.

EASTER HOLIDAY TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

(by P. J. Martin)

A summer evening spent at the college with coffee, biscuits and smiles all round followed by an exhaustive slide show made it all quite clear. The six students and four staff were able to watch themselves climbing, descending, sitting, eating, riding and fooling. Certainly it all seemed very impressive and all the parents made suitable exclamations of admiration and interest. The participants found themselves describing the week in the appropriate guidebook terms.

And yet, persuasive though we were, we failed to capture the real spirit of the trip, something which is difficult to express and which in any case is different for each individual. What one really remembers are those breathtaking moments when a view or rather vista overwhelmed one perhaps because of its contrast with earlier surroundings – something no photograph can convey, the indescribable cold freshness of Easter morning amid a silent landscape and the sense of quiet (and not so quiet) triumph after a laborious climb. There were the epicurean delights uncovered by Mr. Gwinnell but enjoyed by all, the camaraderie that developed amongst us in the face of daunting sleeping accommodation, the information gained from Mr. Gwinnell's wide knowledge of the Lakes and the last night when staff and students drank harmoniously together.

For many, the week's holiday was their first real introduction to Lakeland and one which was bound to have endeared that region to all.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

(by Jan Railton and Barbara Shaw)

The Charities Committee got the ball rolling very easily in the term last year with a ceilidh. The hall was packed with both upper and lower sixth who really enjoyed themselves. From the proceeds we were able to send £60 to 'Save the Children Fund.

The Christmas season was soon arriving and we wanted to give some of the underprivileged children of Stockton a Christmas treat. So, in November we held a christmas-card selling coffee evening and then used the money to take children from Mill Lane School to see "Dick Whittington" at the Globe theatre Stockton. It turned out to be quite an unforgettable experience for the committee members who took the children. At the end of the Christmas term the students turned their talents to carol-singing in the Norton, Hartburn and Fairfield areas. Thanks to much support we were able to send £35 to 'Save the Children Fund. A further £10 was raised from a raffle held within the college for a christmas cake kindly donated by Mrs. Smart.

Reports returned in the new year, it was now time for the parents and teachers to meet and discuss the progress of their sons and daughters. We

decided to provide the much needed refreshments. So much needed that we were able to give £13 to the Wrensfeld Centre for the Mentally Handicapped.

Then came, what at the time seemed to be the highlight of our year, the first College Open-Evening. A lot of work was spent in writing up reports and constructing posters displaying our efforts. The results were much admired by visitors and the local press. Once again we provided the refreshments (for those who had not realised this is our new sub title) The whole evening was very successful, we sent £60 to the International Boys Town Trust. In the same month we organised another ceilidh.

Towards the end of the term we decided to put on a Summer Fair to raise money for charity. When the idea was prepared at the next council meeting the councillors said that they too wanted "a finger in the pie" half the proceeds were to go to college. After much deliberation it was agreed that sixty per cent would go to charity, forty per cent to the college. This amount was to be called the College Survival Fund to be used to maintain standards, as we know them at the moment, in view of the cut backs in educational spending this year.

The organisation was undertaken by a few members of staff and about a dozen students, many other students were co-opted during the preparation to help in various ways. The news of our fair spread far and wide and thanks to the generosity of so many people the College and grounds were packed. Especially popular were the drama groups production of "Poison Passion and Petrification" and "Barnstable". The fair raised the magnificent total of £485. The three charities we sent cheques to were The Save The Children Fund, Help The Aged and Wrensfeld Training Centre for the Mentally Handicapped.

During the year house to house and street collections were made for Dr. Barnadoes, Shelter, Christian Aid and the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The total amount raised for charity in 1974/75 was over £900 and we would like to thank all the people who helped in the raising of this magnificent total.

YESTERDAYS

(by Pamela Waddle)

I walked across the now overgrown lawn, passed the rockery, the plants of which sprawled all over the paving stones like long protruding fingers, outstretched, as if endlessly grasping for something just beyond their reach. I stopped and looked at the small pool, once filled with clear water and abounding with life, now still, stagnant, green and slimy, with its small statuette in its centre, slowly decaying with the change of seasons. The swing beside the wall swayed gently in the breeze, creaking rhythmically on its rusted frame whilst its fraying ropes twisted and extended.

I walked. No I drifted, as if pulled by some force other than my body, from the garden, towards the front porch, passed the low stone walls on each side with their grand, white, yet now flakey grey carvings. The door was ajar, and as I pushed my way in, the heavy door groaned in objection to being moved after so long a retirement. The air was dusty, and the now bare floor was scattered with fallen plaster. I pushed the door further and entered, whilst cobwebs, as if in slow motion stretched and then snapped.

The room seemed naked without all the trimmings that had once made it such an elegant entrance hall. All that remained were scattered fragments of things which had been broken in the process of moving, and one or two things which in the speed of our leaving were left, counted as only hindering our means of immediate departure. Grandmother's chair in which she sat, whilst I at her feet, listened with intense interest to her stories, as the light dimmed, and the fires blazed in the now cold empty grates. A large blue vase had been there and now was lying cracked and chipped on the floor, but as I remembered it, still as beautiful as when it had stood on the table full of flowers, which changed shape and hue with the reasons.

The whole house had a melancholy air to me. Every inch, as if still filled with the happy life that had abounded there, was unchanged by the suffering and hurt, mingled with emptiness which had for so long surrounded it. Music sifted into the hall from the dining room, and I could hear the singing from the family as we stood, as often we had, around the piano on dark winters' nights. My nostrils seemed to encounter the smells of Mother's cooking — pies, cakes and other delights conjured up to tempt childish appetites, when ill in our rooms.

At first as I wandered upstairs, all seemed peaceful, but then, in each of the family's separate rooms, I heard and saw such familiar things. I could see Mother sitting at her dressing table, father standing lovingly behind her, as they dressed for dinner with friends, or perhaps a trip to the theatre.

Jamie's room swayed to and fro with the motion of his rocking chair upon which I had often sat, looking at him while he read, now too old for playing with me. How dearly I had loved my brother who had grown up as my hero, teaching me, protecting me, and as I grew, being a continuous source of advice. I think I miss him the most.

My room was a different matter. It was quiet, still, and yet full of recalling memories. Over by my window, I gazed to see a hazy figure of a small girl, and suddenly the room became full of paintings, dolls, bright colours, soft toys, happiness and youth. I sat, as often I had done, looking out of the window at my brother playing ball with the dogs in the sun drenched garden of summer; the rain bouncing off my sill, and into the pond below, at the winter's evening sky, the moon casting amber shadows on the crisp, cold snow.

Music was playing, the little girl in the pretty pink dress turned. She smiled, not at me, but beyond me. I turned to see, but there was no one there. I turned back. It was gone, all gone! The room, the house were still and bare once more, as I walked down the lonely stairs and out of the great front door.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' PRIZES

This year it was decided for the first time to award two prizes. In addition to the usual cricket prize an additional award has been made to the outstanding sportswoman. This prize has gone to Ann Gall who has the honour of being the first student from the college to gain international honours having been selected for the England under-19 basketball team.

The cricket prize has been awarded to Ian Richards. As well as having an outstanding season with the college team, Ian has played regularly for Stockton in the N.Y.S.D. League and was selected for the Durham County under-19 team. He had a trial with Middlesex and also played several games for

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Northants 2nd XI after which he was offered a contract for next season. We will follow his progress with interest.

Next year it is intended to award a third prize, this one for the student making any particularly significant contribution to college life.

CHRISTIAN UNION

(by Elizabeth Culling)

The Christian Union was formed when the college was opened and it meets every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime in college. We also hold prayer meetings three times a week because we believe in the importance and effectiveness of prayer.

We believe that Jesus Christ is alive today and relevant to the lives of every human being.

The Christian Union is interdenominational and the speakers who have been to the meetings have come from various churches, some local, some as far afield as the United States. Both laymen and pastors have spoken and there have been some very helpful talks.

The meetings are open for everyone and anyone who would like to come and share in the Christian Union will be very welcome.

A POEM ABOUT THE PEOPLE

(by Steven Nelson)

A standard dream of the unattainable
A standard wish that can't come true
A standard hope for life eternal
A standard ambition you'll never do.

A standard of living you wish you could do better
A standard of dying you hope to maintain
A standard of living your life to the letter
A standard weather which always has rain

A standard wish to further your nation
A standard hope you'll never go to war
A standard dislike of coloured integration
A standard desire to always have more

A standard belief in a God up there
A standard leaning to left or right
A standard hope that Jesus is everywhere
A standard fear of the night.

ON THE INSIDE

(by Pamela Waddle)

My mind says talk, but my voice does not speak,
My mind says walk, but my muscles are weak,
My mind says see, but my eyes just strain,
I live in my head, alive in my brain.

The first thoughts seem clear, the next remote,
One minute I think, the next I'm afloat,
My life's like a river, it shines in the sun,

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But below it is murky, the damage is done.

My life is a house with both windows and door,
But the windows are barred from ceiling to floor,
I reach out through the bars, but my hands they are slapped,
I turn to the door, its closing, I'm trapped.

My life is a jigsaw, a puzzle, a game,
I play with the others, but their games aren't the same,
They keep taking my pieces, they won't let me play,
I find one that fits, then they take it away.

The way my mind plays is no game, but is real,
I try to explain, but none understands the way that I feel,
I am fighting a battle, that my brain, that my thoughts try to hide,
Can you feel, can you see what's here on the inside?

CROSSLINK – A friend indeed

(by Sharon Brown)

In an age when the generation gap seems to be increasingly evident and we are constantly shocked by the apathy people show to one another, it is surely reassuring to know of a voluntary organisation like Crosslink which meets community needs all over Cleveland, visiting the old and disabled and carrying out the mundane chores that qualified social workers have little time to attend to.

As a college we send out volunteers who spend their Wednesday afternoons and often their free time visiting and helping old people. Unfortunately this year we said good-bye to Linda Ciechowska who spend a great deal of time preparing the groundwork for social work in the college. Often the work may seem tedious and unproductive but all doubts are dispelled by the gratified smile of the pensioner. Yet I appeal to the individual to recognise his own responsibilities towards those less fortunate than himself. Surely good will should be spontaneous and not dependant on organized agencies.

An old-age pensioner would appreciate a trip to church but is unable to get there; an old lady would prefer to do her own shopping but the shopping is too heavy to carry and she cannot walk very far. It requires little effort to take an extra person in the car when you go shopping or to church.

Community service should be carried out by the whole community and not only by isolated organisations.

RUGBY 1974-75

(by Alistair M. Thorburn)

It is very gratifying to be able to report on a very successful second season for the College rugby team who lost only four games out of twenty two.

Regulars for the first XV were Fawcett (Captain), Miller, Knott, Phillips, Andrews, Parton, Gilchrist, Race, Bulmer, Thorburn, Grange, Lee, Beadle, George, Marley, Richards and Estruch.

Only once was the College team well beaten and that against old rivals Brinkburn. Having led 10-0 at half-time made the defeat even harder to bear!

RESULTS –

Queen Elizabeth S.F.C.	won	57-6	Richmond	won	34-15
Brinkburn	lost	10-34	Old Stocktonians	won	28-0

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Marton S.F.C.	won	33-3	Marton S.F.C.	won	49-4
Morpeth	lost	6-12	Henry Smith's	won	46-4
Sir Wm Turner's	won	29-10	Van Mildert College	won	18-13
A.J. Dawson	won	8-0	Scarborough S.C.C.	won	53-3
Heaton	won	40-0	Gosforth	won	29-4
Scarborough S.F.C.	won	26-0	Heaton	won	47-3
Bede S.F.C.	won	11-0	Brinkburn	won	4-0
Kings, Tynemouth	won	24-7	Richmond	won	27-0
Queen Elizabeth's, Hexham	lost	4-10	Doncaster	lost	4-7

Record — P22 W18 D 0 L4 Pts. For 587 Against 129

The outstanding game of the season was the return match against Brinkburn. It was an excellent match with an apparently narrow victory. However the team gained great satisfaction in avenging their early-season defeat.

The annual match against Doncaster proved to be another close game, the College eventually going down 4-7 in a hard fought tussle.

The season's massive points total owes much to three players. Kev. "I'm quicker than David Duckam" Knott scored 26 tries and a total of 104 points, Nick Beadle 101 points and Rob Andrews 74 points.

Mention must also be made of the outstanding representation the side had at county level. Nine of the first team — Knott, Fawcett, Andrews, Gilchrist, Bulmer, Thorburn, Grange, Lee and Marley — played for Durham.

The sevens team was not as successful as hoped but did manage to finish on a winning note by taking the Harrogate Sevens Plate. They also reached the final of the Durham County Sevens at Billingham.

Both the First and Second Team, who only lost two games, would like to thank Mr. Hudson for his hard work and first class coaching throughout the season.

HOCKEY REPORT 1974-75

(by Margaret Bullock)

After an uncertain start, the girls' hockey team settled down to a successful season. In all, sixteen matches were played with nine victories and three drawn games. The team scored fifty goals, twenty one of which were by Sallie Reed, and gave away twenty eight.

The best win of the season was against Yarm Grammar School with a score of 11-1 which avenged an earlier defeat. New ground was broken with games against Whitby and Scarborough.

Five members of the team, Sallie Reed, Sally Hayton, Margaret Bullock, Ann Gall and Susan Row, were selected for the Cleveland Schools' team. Sallie Reed captained the Durham County under-19 2nd XI and Sally Hayton played for the Durham 1st XI and for the North of England.

The whole team appreciated the help given by Mr. Gwinnell.

TENNIS REPORT 1975

(by David Moody)

The past season saw the College begin to make a name for itself in the tennis world. Both boys' and girls' teams played and won the usual friendly games against local schools and also competed in open tournaments. Of the Durham

County 1st team playing in Inter-County week, three members came from the College. They were Roger Phillips, Andy Gardiner and David Moody.

Roger and David also played in the Clark Cup, a British schools' tournament at Wimbledon. As unknown Northerners ("Stockton? Never heard of it!") they defeated several highly rated Southern schools before losing to Glynn School, London on a deciding doubles in the quarter-finals. Mr. Hudson's tactical expertise was invaluable!

The College was seen to produce good tennis both in the Clark Cup and the many other tournaments which accounted for some 8000 miles travelling by the three players previously mentioned. With some good players of both sexes still available for next season, the prospects of even better achievements are very bright indeed.

COLLEGE CRICKET 1975

(by Ian Richards)

The amount of cricket played in schools seems to decrease every year and in the past season the college team played only six games. However we had a highly successful year winning all six games played.

The batting honours were equally shared between Phil Thomas who scored 51 not out against South Park S.F.C., Andrew Whinham with 48 against the same team and Ian Richards with the season's top score of 64 not out against Hatfield College. Other valuable contributions to the team's success were made by John Miller and David Pitt.

Good bowling performances were achieved by Colin Spence who took 5 wickets against Brinkburn and Shakir Rajput with 3 wickets in the same match. Both bowlers in addition to Phil Thomas, Ian Richards and Andrew Whinham bowled consistently throughout the season.

Finally, the whole team would like to thank Mr. Watton, Mr. Garnett and Mr. Hudson for all their help throughout a most enjoyable season.

CRICKET

As Graham has said already we are always looking for willing horses and having found one in Peter Davies, (another unfortunate pun)

How about getting in touch with him for a game in the Old Boys match this next summer?

The game has died in recent years, not because we lacked an organiser, but because we lacked players!

Write or phone Peter!

address:

Peter Davies, 61, Bentinck Road,
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The two Ronnies sorry Peters, Peter Davies and Peter Hudson will be arranging a date, when College commitments are more fully known.

By the way – we do award a cricket prize to the College – how about testing out the possible winner(s)?

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