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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am happy to introduce yet another magazine — in these days of inflation and soaring costs it is becoming much less of a certainty. Production costs are high and our only hope of survival is to make it as far as possible self-sufficient. In brief we depend a great deal on advertising. Although several people have sweated blood over this problem, we could do with more. If you have any contacts, please help — it is your magazine!

There was a time, not too distant, when we feared that we might be a dying Association. I am happy to report that we are now getting a healthy intake of new members from the College leavers and I, for one, am beginning to feel more confident about the future. We have again received hospitality and support from the College — from Principal, staff, and students. It is a very pleasing experience to have young men and women representatives of the Students' Council attend our Committee meetings and speak out in such a confident and constructive manner.

While the Annual Dinner has not yet attracted sufficient members to tax the capacity and ingenuity of the Queens, the sporting activities (as reported later) have grown apace. I take it for granted that you are still concerned about the fortunes of our Association. I would ask your help. We need your support, your ideas, and we do need help on the committee to run the Stocktonians. What about it?

As usual it is our unhappy task to pay tribute to some of our fellows who have died during the past year. The 'In Memoriam' notes are more elegant than anything that I can write, but I would say simply that these men have all been a source of help and inspiration to many.

Best wishes,
Clive Bell.

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ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER 1976**

LIFE MEMBERS AND GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Balance brought forward	164.78
Interest	7.29
Subscriptions	62.75
Dinner Tickets	173.75
Donation from 6th Form College	27.85
Other Donations	47.15
Advertisements	225.00
Sale of O.S. Ties	8.00
Proceeds from "Pharoahs"	24.39
TOTAL	£740.96

EXPENDITURE

Year Book Printing	273.90
Cost of Annual Dinner	173.25
Administrative Expenses :-	
Hon. Secretary	36.68
Ass. Hon. Secretary	4.75
Hon. Treasurer	2.49
	43.92
Balance at 31.10.76	249.89
TOTAL	£740.96

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance brought forward	256.54
Interest	10.81
TOTAL	£267.35
Balance at 31.10.76	£267.35

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

Balance brought forward	147.49
Interest	6.32
TOTAL	£153.81
Balance at 31.10.76	£153.81

Note:- Interest previously credited to the above accounts is subject to a tax liability which is at present being assessed by H.M. Inspector of Taxes.

Honorary Treasurer:- D.P. Willetts.

I confirm that the above accounts are in accordance with the books, accounts, vouchers and information which have been supplied to me by the treasurer of the Old Stocktonians Association.

17th November 1976
Stockton-on-Tees

Gerald Goldston
Chartered Accountant
Honorary Auditor

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND.

No calls were made on the Fund during the past year, and no donations, or repayments of loans, were received. Thus the credit balance at the bank of £794.84 on January 1st 1975, augmented by £58.74 interest, became a credit balance of £853.58 on December 31st 1975. All monies have now been transferred to the Darlington Building Society.

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

50th Annual Dinner

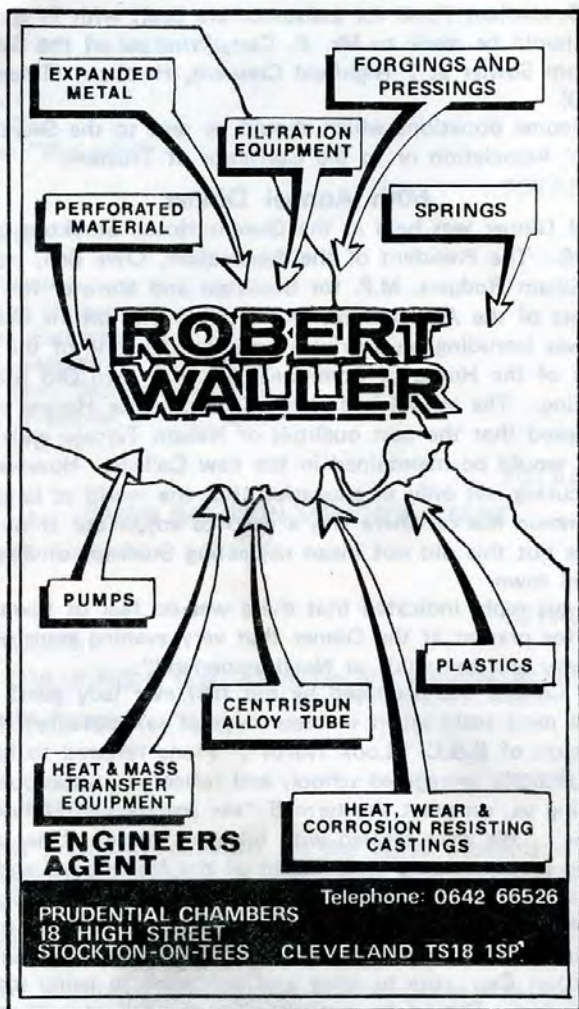
The 50th Annual Dinner was held at the Queens Hotel, Stockton on Saturday 3rd January 1976. The President of the Association, Clive Bell, was in the chair. The Rt. Hon. William Rodgers, M.P. for Stockton and Minister for Defence proposed the toast of the Association. Bill recalled that on his first visit to us he felt that he was intruding on a private occasion, for one of the guests was the then Speaker of the House of Commons, our very own Old Stocktonian, Lord Maybray King. The school had changed much since Horace was a pupil. Mr. Rodgers believed that the best qualities of Nelson Terrace and Grangefield Grammar School would be maintained in the new College. However, vast changes were occurring not only in education, but the world at large. With our entry to the Common Market there was a need to adjust our thinking on international lines but this did not mean neglecting Stockton-on-Tees, which was a very special town.

The President in his reply indicated that there was no fear of town and school being forgotten, for present at the Dinner that very evening were old pupils from "Notts, Derby and the wilds of Northumberland".

The toast of the College was proposed by our first ever lady guest and former pupil (and dare a mere male say it in these days of sex equality) the delectable Miss Fiona Johnston of B.B.C. "Look North". Fiona referred to her days in what was then a strictly segregated school, and reflected mysteriously without further enlightening us, on what she termed "the scandalous relationships across the imaginary line". We were regaled with hilarious stories of her struggle to make good in the predominantly male world of the North-East, and to establish herself as a "person". Your old male scribe (Tom Sowler! — Ed.) declares that although Miss Johnston has without doubt established herself in broadcasting, no one present at the Dinner would ever agree that she even remotely resembled "a person". The Principal, Arthur Carr, rose to reply and confessed to being somewhat confused and at a loss. Should he now abandon the gallantry "Ladies and gentlemen" and address himself to the "persons" present, notwithstanding he was able to state with certainty that the College, with its personnel, was moving from success to success — and he was heard to state in an aside as he sat down "there is some good stuff coming up".

To conclude, perhaps the luckiest guests, who did not have to "sing for their suppers", were Lissie Wright and Philip Martin from the College.

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51st Annual Dinner

The venue is once again the Queens Hotel, Stockton. The guests are not yet arranged, but we will have a lady to propose the toast to the Association and a gentleman to propose the toast to the College.

Come along yourself, bring a companion and friends — Remember the dinner is now a mixed function for members and their friends.

See you there!

Tickets price £4.00 from the Secretary, S.A.E. if possible, or from Committee members.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

Wednesday, 7 April 1976.

The Old Stocktonians Sporting Extravaganza continues to flourish and increase in size both on the field, with there being no fewer than 7 different games this year, and off the field with approximately 150 paying their respects at the evenings social. This years programme saw the sports played at the Grange School as well as the college with the social held at Pharoahs, Norton Road.

The overall increase in the number of participants was in no small way due to the introduction of the fairer sex. For the first time ever, intercourse was not only allowed through the wire netting of the tennis courts but throughout the whole days proceedings! On a more serious note, Ann Gall, Pam Cox and Jackie Ray did exceptionally well to organise the ladies hockey and basketball at very short notice. If you wish to play next year contact either the above mentioned or the Hon. Sports Secretary.

THIS YEARS EVENTS

RUGBY: Won 48 — 10

Webster, Murray, Fawcett, Douglas, Makin, Sutherland, Knott, Beadle, Marley, Winter, Moore, Grange, Edmunson, Miller and Willets.

SOCCER : Won 5 — 3

Henderson, Bailey, Thomas, Daly, Kreczak, Wild, Umpleby, Dodd, Iveson, McGowan, and Underwood.

HOCKEY: Lost 5 — 3

Dinsdale, Ions, Dick, Cooke, Durrant, Downes, Pragnell, Miller, Duncan, Brearley, Baker and Grainger.

BASKETBALL: Won 73 — 53

Routledge, Hood, Wilkins, Knott, Daly, Douglas, Scott, Reed, Rayner.

VOLLEYBALL: Won 3 — 0

Thorburn, Kirkwood, Scott, Reed, Scott and Routledge.

LADIES HOCKEY: Lost 5 — 0.

LADIES BASKETBALL: Won 22 — 17

Unfortunately the ladies teams were not available at time of going to press.

NEXT YEAR.

There will be a full programme including all of this years events. NB. the Volleyball should have been MIXED, could we please have some of the fairer sex playing in this event.

1. **LADIES:**

If you wish to play please contact, in writing, myself and I will co-ordinate things for the yet to be appointed organiser. If you would like to organise one or more events, all offers will be gratefully received.

2. **GENTLEMEN:**

The response for written requests to play in the fixtures is getting better each year, my sincere advice is to apply early — if you do, you are definitely playing.

3. **MIXED SOCIAL:**

Tickets will be 75p each, again at Pharoahs, management permitting. Advance sales are most welcome by cash, or cheque/PO, made payable to the Old Stocktonians Association, and crossed. There will, of course be a food voucher included in that price, finance permitting.

TWO YEARS HENCE

I feel that having expanded the events to seven, introduced a social and included the ladies, that 1977 should be my last year as sports secretary for the Association. After seven happy years in the post it is in both my and the Associations best interest that I step down before I lose the necessary enthusiasm required for the job. It will also be four years since I left the then Grangefield Grammar School. My personal recollections of members from that source are getting vaguer and, of course, there is a whole new breed of Old Stocktonians from the college, who are, unfortunately, in many cases just names to me and I feel they are the life blood of the Association and deserve better recognition than being faceless in the sports secretary's eye.

Volunteers for sports secretary (to start after 1977 fixtures) please contact either Hon. Secretary or Hon. Sports Secretary and I am sure they will get all the help and guidance they need.

For 1977 Sporting Extravaganza to be held on **Wednesday 30th March 1977.**

Contact: Graham Rayner

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CRICKET 1977, TENNIS 1977.

We hope to arrange a date during the Summer term and fit in a mixed tennis tournament to be played at the same time as the cricket match. (The mind boggles!)

CRICKET: Contact Peter Davies at 61 Bentinck Road, Fairfield, Stockton. Tel: 583656.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT (MIXED)

The idea is to involve more players than a match, and involve both sexes (and others!)

Contact: John Green 33 Gunnergate Lane Marton,
Middlesbrough. Tel: 35997

OLD BOYS CRICKET (JULY 1976)

With two college players wanting to leave early for County Duties, the Old Boys decided to field on a very hot day. The College began very soundly, in fact too soundly, and went on to make 80 odd for one. During this time, Big John Moore (for whom we had managed to get size 12 boots), fielded very well and covered all the leg side area himself. ("I thought this was a bloody lazy man's game!" was I think the quote). Chris Thomas opened and made a fine 50 before chancing his arm to Pete Davies (the foolish man), and was bowled. The College then collapsed, with runs coming slowly, and were eventually bowled out for around 140, with Pete Davies taking 7 - 49 - ably supported by Alf Outhwaite, Billy Webster, and Alastair Thorburn.

After a fine tea, the Old Boys were left under 2 hours in which to make, the runs - and opening time. Pete Webster and Russ Crawford (who scored 40) gave us the sound start we wanted. This was built on by Billy Webster and Terry Waite ("never had a bat in me hand for 15 years"), who began to score freely, Billy retired at 50 and Terry was out for a fine swashbuckling 35. When Big John (Moore) and Little John (Heselwood) ended the game in fine style with a textbook cowswipe straight to the sight-screen for 4 giving the Old Boys a deserved 7 wickets victory (and a hell of a thirst which was quenched at the Penny Black).

Thanks to the College for a fine game and tea, and to Vic Wattan for his finger-work.

TEAM: Pete Davies, Pete Webster, Billy Webster, Terry Waite, John Moore, John Heselwood, Ray Waite, Russ Crawford, Alastair Thorburn, Alf Outhwaite + Sub.

NEW MEMBERS

Where possible their future plans are given.

ORLANDO J. FRICKER not only paid a full life sub. he had enough left to travel to Bangor to study Wood Science! JANET BREWER (radiography at St. Barts. hospital), MARTIN CARTER (Imperial, London to read Physics), STANLEY CARTER, CAROLE CHISEM (Civil Service), JOHN A. CLARK (Sheffield University to read Chemistry), MARTIN COCKBURN (Sheffield Polytechnic). KAY DAVISON, IAN DODDS, (Kings, London for Civil Engineering), JOHN ESTRUCH (Imperial, London for Physics), MICHAEL GARDNER, (Sheffield University for Economics and Accounting), IAN GORRELL (Van Mildert, Durham for Chemistry), PAMELA L. HART (Sheffield), PETER HOWELLS (Oxford Polytechnic, for Physical Science and Biology), STUART JARRETT, (Work for a year prior to College of Education?), JUDITH A. JONES (Liverpool University), COLIN MORGAN (Nottingham University for Industrial Economics), J.G. PARTON (Leeds University for Physics and Electronic Engineering), MARTIN F. PEAGAM (Manchester University for Economics and Social Studies), IAN RAILTON (St. Hild and St. Bede, Durham), DAVID J. SOUTHWARD (Quarry Management with Tarmac), PAUL S. THOMAS (Teesside Polytechnic for Business Studies), DAVID TRUBY (Queen Mary,

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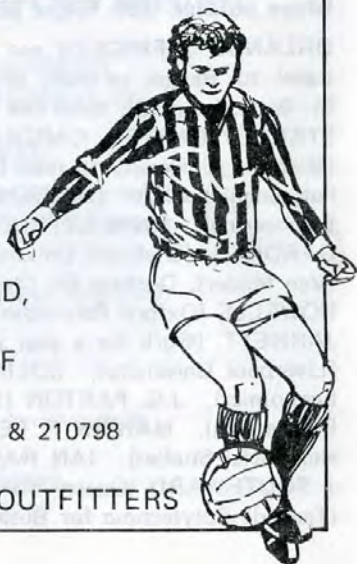


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London for Computer Science). D. BURNIP (73-75), A. EMMERSON (73-75), B.G. MANSFIELD (73-75)

Late Entries:— CAROL SCOTT, (Birmingham Polytechnic for Business Studies)
DAVE LEE (Lanchester Polytechnic for Electrical and Electronic Engineering).

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations and best wishes to SIR MAURICE SUTHERLAND (26-33) on his knighthood. At present Leader of Cleveland County Council, Maurice has been a leading figure in local (and not so local!) politics for many years. As the Mayor of Teesside in 72-73 he was a guest at the 47th Annual Dinner, when the subject of his speech was re-organisation of education!

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

As usual, trying to keep to a rough alphabetical order we have received the usual subscription from JOHN ADDEY (44-49) but no news!

J.W. BEADLE (26-30) retired from the Police force after 32 years and now works in a solicitor's office. He, like many others, enjoys reading news of the 'moderns' and added to our funds to keep the magazine afloat.

JOHN BARKER (65-72) has just finished an M.Sc at Queens College, Oxford. John left school to go to Cambridge and decided after a week or so the course wasn't what he wanted. He quickly transferred to Newcastle, taking his B.Sc in Agricultural studies and then going on to Queens to research.

SIMON BEAUMONT (74-75) is one of the last to join the lists of Life members. He left the College to train in management and is at present, the assistant manager of a shop.

CHRISTOPHER BEESTON (61-68) and his wife joined us at the dinner. He enclosed a magazine contribution or was it a bribe for me to forget his Geology field trip exploits at Filey?

BRYAN BERRY (25-31) writes from Hoylake, Cheshire where he now lives in retirement. He quite rightly points out that we all feel that OUR years in the school or college were the vintage years! He remembers MR. MUNDAY'S first days in Nelson Terrace and his bridge four of STANLEY PROUD, DAVID LIVINGSTONE, DUSTY MILLER and himself, cadging teas in turn from long suffering mums. Lewis's let him retire after 43 years service (15 of them as a member of the Board) and he moved into "more appropriately sized living quarters" in March. Bryan called on ALAN who is retired in Harrogate "with his charming mathematical wife", and they are to meet (have met!) twice more during 1976. He mystified the Ed. with a reference to having warm and nostalgic feelings of the famous 'Sam' incident at the end of term in 1931. — Please explain!

MERVYN BLADES (61-68) is on his travels again! He was to visit the U.S.A. to study short wall mining engineering after being awarded the Tom Seaman Travelling Scholarship by the Institute of Mining Engineers.

JULIA BRACKNALL (67-74) is now studying music on a B.Ed course at Nevilles Cross College, Durham after completing one year at Newcastle University studying German. Meanwhile

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DOUGLAS HARRIS is thoroughly enjoying his Civil Engineering career with Tarmac construction. Julia says – ring 65830 for a discount on wellies! They both came along to the dinner and I was reminded that Douglas was one of the swimming team in my days on the staff.

G.A.G. BATCHELOR (66-73) gained his B.Sc in Economics at L.S.E.

A.J. BROWN (66-73) is another of that era to gain his degree, this time a B.Sc in Civil Engineering at Leeds. MICHAEL BROWN (59-66) now lives near Leeds. TIM BROWN (55-60) and his wife enjoyed an evening, I hope, with us at the dinner.

JIM CALVERT (65-72) has at last bought a new tie! to quote "as the one I bought when I left school is getting a bit grubby" – Doesn't do any good trailing it across the dining table or is it now suitable for fishing bait? STANLEY CURRY (14-20) recently moved house. As my morale booster for the dinner (10 tickets for the last dinner) I was worried – then I learned he had only moved to Eaglescliffe. Thanks for an enjoyable hour of conversation when I last called.

PHILIP DALTON (66-73) gained a 2/1 at Liverpool and has moved on to St. Catherine's, Oxford to research for his D. Phil.

WALTER DOBSON (34-39) after gaining his B.A. through the Open University in December 1974 now has his City and Guilds, Further Education Teacher's Certificate (August 1975)

PETER EDON (73-75) was selected for the Great Britain table tennis team in the world student championships. Peter is studying medicine at Birmingham University.

KEN FURPHY one of the managerial casualties of last season when he left Sheffield United joined the North American Club Cosmos in New York. Cosmos you may remember have Pele playing for them! Strange that Ken could manage an England U.23 party on tour in 1974, be unemployed just over a year later and is now making a success of his American Club.

ARCHER GREEN (27-31) has retired from his business in Stockton and now has more time to enjoy Osmotherley.

ANN GALL (73-75) sent a very nice thank-you for the award she received as leading sportsman. Ann was, in fact, the first to receive this particular award.

ALEX HARPER (66-73) gained a first class honours degree in Chemistry at Nottingham University.

PAUL HARRISON (68-73) left the area after "O" levels and continued his education at Aireborough Grammar School gaining "A" levels in Maths, Further Maths and Physics and is now studying Maths at Nottingham University. He received quite a surprise when he found Alex Harper in the next room and then discovered another 5 Stocktonians on campus – (the only clue to their identity 2 boys and 3 girls)

Paul's father ERNIE HARRISON who was on the staff at Grangefield is a design engineer at Yorkshire Chemicals where he is in charge of a £1 million extension to the works.

C. HENDERSON (66-73) has gained his B.Sc in Mechanical Engineering at Leeds University.

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GEOFFREY HODSON writes from Chicago to ask for a double check of the records of Life members – having had a bill from the Sec! Letter enclosed Geoffrey! JOYCE HODGSON (66-73) has been awarded a B.Sc with honours in Biology at Southampton University.

CHRISTOPHER HOGGETT (18-22) retired ten years ago as Manager of the Nat. Prov. Bank in Grimsby, then became a Director of a Knitwear factory for nine years. He is now "quite happy with golf three time a week and a much smaller garden". The smaller garden was the reason he moved house! Names that came to his mind were these he played cricket and football with – TOM ELDERS, BILLY BOUCH, ERIC MITCHELL, and GORDON BEARDS along with HARRY BELL and FRANK PIGG. He asked whether BILL BRAND was a relation of mine (one from the 18-22 era not T.V.!) and I have asked my own father! Not as far as we know, Chris.

C.J. HORNER (67-73) left the College to join the R.A.F. and is now training to be an electronic Technician in navigational instruments – near the end of a three year course at Cosford.

D.P. HUNT (62-69) wrote from Leeds where I have no doubt he still supports Darlington! Peter refers to the 4R of 1965-66 when I was form master (now called class-tutor!) to quote "what could only have been one of the worst experiences in teaching".

Peter hasn't had a year book since 1971-2 when his parents moved, though he borrows from PHILIP ARGYLE when he can. (He always did!) Having left Oxford with a degree in Law in '72 he went to North and Central America for a few months, before training as a barrister in London. He practises at the bar in Leeds – when allowed to! Early days at the bar are not easy and he recalls he was not bad at sitting around doing nothing (more lies!) Now things are picking up and work is coming in. "I have been known to appear at Teesside Crown Court, only to find either one PAUL FROST reporting or one DENIS CHISMAN soliciting". – Peter you missed, GEOF. RIDDLE, TONY BOWRON, EDMUND HEMPSEY, PETER WISHLADE, and others who are solicitors! PAUL FROST was married during the year – best wishes from the O.S.A.

JOHN IONS (73-75) writes to tell us, he is studying architecture at Leicester Polytechnic.

FRANK JACKSON (06-11) seldom gets to Stockton these days, but last year when he was in the town, he paused outside the Nelson Terrace building and let his mind dwell on past associations there. He still has several of the woodwork models made there, under the supervision of the late Wm. Upton.

ALBERT JENKINS moved to Mullion, Cornwall when he retired and although we have had no news I must ask if he knows of any good Caravan sites in his area!.

D.S. KIRTON (66-73) gained his B.A. in Theology at Kent University

F.R. LAMPLUGH (60-67) after six months of mental strain, finally put pen to paper. Married, Razz lives just outside Derby and is attempting

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to spread the gospel of mixed ability Maths. teaching! He vows to appear at the dinner one of these days – (Jan. 8th and bring your wife!) Whilst hunting for audio equipment last year, I met R.F. "POP" LAVERICK (STAFF 25-52) now living in Hutton Rudby and still quite fit.

DAVID N. LEE (69-73) moved to Daventry in his fourth year. There he gained 7 "O" levels and 3 "A" before joining Plessey at their Research station near Towcester (pronounced Toaster – Racing Ed.) D.N. has moved into the religious community at Bugbrooke, which he feels some of you may know.

GEORGE D. LITTLE (15-18) lists for 1975 his two trips abroad. The first as delegate from C.E.M.S. to the Mannerwerke (Men of the Lutheran Church) in Germany. The visit was to Goslar in the Hartz mountains and then a long week-end with a German family in Berlin, including a visit to East Berlin and finally Brunswick. The second visit was to Southern Brittany – Elven, near Vannes, to stay with a family whose son stayed with George for the 74 Eisteddfod. To both visits George adds, "Happy time and good fellowship". I noted that George is also a member of a group at Great Ayton bringing religious denominations together – over the lunch table. A picture in the Evening Gazette showed the Bishop of Whitby at one of their functions.

RON LUDBROOK (27-31) sent another cheque for the funds, from Australia. He writes of his disappointment to the meagre response. Surely he writes "not all of the former pupils are now mostly out of work and on the 'dole' or on relief!" Ron and his wife Jean still hope to visit England and Europe – but no definite plans yet.

TONY McFARTHING (53-55) writes "left R.A.F. in 1972 after 6 years of vagrancy, now a G.P. in Whitley Bay". In fact Tony, wife Margaret (daughter of the founder of my famous Shell fish stall!) and their family have moved on again, this time to Canada. My family met up with his family, when I was visiting Margaret's father at his caravan above Ullswater. We enjoyed a noggin or two over the car bonnett whilst chatting! – Owe you two or three Tony! Tony gave news of GORDON THOMPSON (48-55) another who is a G.P. after some years in the Forces. Gordon left the R.A.M.C. after 5 years and is in practice in Cramlington, Northumberland. Both Docs. and their wives were at the dinner.

BRIAN MANSFIELD (68-75) is studying Medicine at Corpus Christi, Oxford. STEPHEN MANNINGS (66-73) now in the Accountants Dept in Stockton Municipal Offices. Stephen along with PETER SMITH worked together for charities while at school. A short note, giving a change of address, was received from L.H. MEDLOCK who has moved to Darlington. ROGER MARSH (66-73) gained his B.Sc in Mechanical Engineering at Leeds University.

KEITH MURRAY (46-53) and his wife joined us at the dinner. Keith is at present a Senior Teacher at Fairham Comp. School, Nottingham, looking after the Sixth Form and also running the Modern Languages Dept. He asks "Shall I jump across to the Admin.ladder? All I can say is – yes (and hope to keep some friends!)



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KEITH PARNABY (57-64) travelled from Brighton, picking up JOHN ROBSON on the way to the dinner. In a letter, prior to that he gave news of himself. After leaving Leeds in 67, Keith joined a Civil Engineering contractors for 3 years before moving to East Suffolk County Surveyor's Dept. in 1970. He moved on to Berkshire in 72 and to Sussex in 75. He is a Section Engineer leading a team engaged on Road design and construction.

Keith married a Health Visitor (the significance escapes me!) in 1968 and they have two daughters aged 6 and 3 years. Last year when he was living in Reading he met up with John and DAVE TATCHELL for a reunion (Your questions about re-organisation – did I send the back numbers of the mag?)

HARRY PIERCY (45-49) is the Manager of Barclays, 49 High Street. Harry took over when JOHN SALMON retired through ill health (though I understand he is now feeling better.)

Shame that my own bank manager says "If there are any records". Yes, Harry, the records do show you as a life member and year books were sent faithfully every year to Conifer Crescent, an address I now understand was vacated by your family some time ago. Regretably this must happen all the time. We can't blame new occupants for not bothering to return magazines, when to them they are just "circulars"!

DAVE PILBROUGH (49-54) has a new Box number! No news but soon we hope we will see Dave and his wife at the dinner again. I can't forget receiving telegrams from Rhodesia and Germany to confirm his booking!

GRAHAM RAYNER (59-66) apart from building the Easter games into a truly gigantic reunion, found time to start building his family. Congratulations to Maura and Graham on the birth of your daughter, Kate, on October 26th (just in time for the mag!)

JANET RICHMOND (73-74) joined Cleveland Libraries on leaving College and is at present at the Roseworth branch.

JACQUELINE ROWLAND (72-74) is with the Northumbrian Water Authority at Thornaby, helping to keep our water rates down, we trust!

CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS (66-73) now married and with estate agents Manners and Harrison.

NEIL REYNOLDS (66-73) has gained his M.B.Ch.B. in Medicine at Leeds University.

JOHN RODGERS (65-72) in a state of high finance, not only embarked on Life Membership but bought a tie!

CHRISTINE ROSS (73-75) is another who has plunged for Life membership. Christine is at Lady Mabel College, Rotherham studying P.E.

SUSAN ROW (73-75) settled her Life sub! and tells us she is studying Social Services at York and is a regular member of the University 2nd XI Hockey.

CHRISTOPHER ROW (59-66) brother of Susan, went to Imperial, London to study Electrical Engineering. He followed a First class Hons. degree with

an M.Sc and is at present working for the N.E.E.B. at Newcastle. Chris is a keen cyclist and a member of Richmond and Darlington Cycling Club.

R.W. RUTHERFORD (14-17) writes – "Recently returned from wintering in Tenerife (our seventh and last)". He hoped to make a trip north to see old friends – did you make it? After a busy latter few years to retirement he finds, in compensation, that it is quiet now, but wonders how he will enjoy the winter in this country. The donation to funds was welcome and as you say we are in good company with the National Trust in being short!

ERIC SHAW (48-55) is still Head of Croydon Primary School. Eric was booked in for the dinner, but unfortunately his wife was involved in a car accident and naturally he didn't travel up. I understand the accident was not serious, hope everything is O.K. now.

PETER SMITH (66-73) who already has a mention in connection with school charity work, gained a 2/2 in Maths at Royal Holloway and is now with Batchelors at Sheffield on the marketing side. (Does that mean counting the peas into the tins?)

G.F.S. SMITH (25-31) came to the dinner with his wife, from Nottingham. He retired as Senior Inspector of Taxes at the end of 1974 and has continued as a Relief Inspector attached to Nottingham Head Office.

L. STEWART (22-26) has moved house but still lives at Hexham.

PETER STORR (66-73) gained a 2/1 at Royal Holloway in Computer Studies. He is now researching into traffic control at Royal Holloway.

ALEXANDER (SANDY) STILL (62-69) was smiling from the Gazette this week, he married Patricia, a nurse from Durham. Sandy teaches somewhere in this area!

JOHN TAYLOR (66-73) gained a first class Honours degree in Biology at the Polytechnic of Central London and was awarded the Robert Mitchell scholarship as the outstanding student. John married recently and as his wife Linda (nee Davis) has a further year to complete her course at Teesside Polytechnic, John turned down the offer of a studentship to research for his Ph.D. Instead he is interested in becoming a chartered accountant! John says he has fond memories of the school and the staff and is not sure if the reverse is true. The main reward from teaching, John, is the appreciation expressed by one's former pupils and their success in their own careers and indeed life in general. John sends his best wishes to the teaching staff, especially MR. TIESING, MR. INGHAM and MR. BRADSHAW.

ALAN TURNER (66-73) says that paying in advance does not avoid inflation – so he will continue paying annually!

CLIFF THORNTON (61-68) Curator at Dorman Museum smiles at us regularly from the Evening Gazette. If it isn't 100 years of telephones, it is a Bolckow document which heralded the start of the North East iron industry on a grand scale or investigating Cook's early life. The one I like best is Cliff with his bricks! Not what you think – dropping clangers – but as a museum collection. Each brick carries the name of the brickyard and as Cliff points out, maps of the 1890's show dozens of small brick yards which catered for the area's expansion.

K. VOGWILL (66-73) gained his B.Sc in Maths and Physics at the University of East Anglia.

ALAN WALKER (43-48) missed the last mag. by a few days so the news is a year old! Alan was then commuting to Glasgow from Middlesbrough for British Steel – “temporarily” for over a year! BILL MUNDAY will be glad to hear that his “Golden Treasury” was used by his daughter who took Latin last year – and achieved an “A” grade! Alan’s twin brother HARRY is now living at Henley in Arden and ROBERT (37-42) is at Ponteland. (Tell Harry we had a year book returned in 1967 – Gone Away!)

ALAN WALTON (26-32) visited by Bryan Berry, was member of a party of four which visited Iran last year to advise the University of Shiraz on some problems of organisation.

PETER WEBSTER (63-70) took our advice and paid 10 years subs. in advance! He is now teaching Maths at Brinkburn School, Hartlepool. An amusing letter from IAN WILKINSON (65-72) pointed out that magazines kept coming through the post, finding him, no matter how often he moved! As he hadn’t paid his subs. he dreamed of PETER HUDSON (STAFF!) wielding a corner flag, or ‘MUGSY’ MUIRHEAD (64-71) as a debt collector! He enclosed a small cheque as “the old green things have to be counted carefully”. Ian had just spent a year working as a Housefather in a Home for emotionally disturbed children. “The kids were great, but the hours are guaranteed to give you ulcers – about 90 hours a week!” He was sad to go but those hours ! Ian who gained a 2/1 in Psychology at Nottingham University expects to disappear from the country about Christmas time.

CHAS. WILLOUGHBY (47-54) wrote from Wales to say how sorry he was to hear of the death of “TAFFY” RHYS. “As an active conservative in this socialist area I take great pleasure in pointing out that it was a Welsh school-master who probably started my anti-socialist thinking”.

Chas. works with B.P. as a Chemical Engineer and although he visits his family, who still live in this area, he has spent all his working life away from Teesside. His wife and two daughters enjoy Wales and if I know Chas. his daughters will be Welsh Nationalists when they grow up!

PETER WIMBERLEY (55-60) wrote to me for the addresses of two of his contemporaries GEOFFREY NATTRASS and PETER TWIDDY. Let me know if you had a re-union and news of them, please.

Late News: IAN FOX (57-64) returned from Portugal last year and I hear he is now off to Holland to work. DENIS CHISMAN (60-67) looking fit tells me that MICHAEL THURLAND (62-69) is now a fully fledged dentist in Stockton. ALAN VICKERS (60-65) is manager of Tip-Top Discounts, a store in Stockton High Street. J. GLEN JONES (56-61) now with Bechtel International Ltd., has been advising their clients in such distant and different places as San Francisco, Houston, Texas and Algeria, on the storage and ship-loading of liquified natural gas. But he is very glad to return to his home near Reading, where the younger Jones, now three in number, ensure that his wife Jean (nee Currie) does not find life too quiet without him.

STEVEN RACE (65-72) after completing his indentures as a journalist with the Darlington & Stockton Times, Steven has now moved to Torquay, where he works for the Herald Express.



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IN MEMORIAM

H. ALLAN (14-19) in April 7th last at Saltburn. Mrs. Allan writes "He was always proud of his school and was pleased to receive a recent year book. He took his Senior Oxford Certificate in 1919, being placed first in the First Class Honours list - passing with credits in eight subjects. He then joined Braithwaite and Co. Eng. (India) Ltd. and was in India from 1927 to 1948. On his return to this country he worked at their West Bromwich Works until his retirement twelve years ago".

VICTOR CREED (1961-66) on January 5. Vic Creed had hired a plane and along with three friends had been on a day trip to Amsterdam. During the return journey he had radioed that he was running out of fuel and later sent out a Mayday that he was trying to ditch in the Clacton area. A three day air and sea search revealed no trace.

Well known in the entertainment world, Vic was drummer with many groups. He started at the age of ten at concert parties and local clubs, winning the nickname, Teesside's Little Rhythm Boy. At school he was always full of fun and gave the impression that life should not be taken too seriously.

It is hard to realise he joined in the festivities after the sports fixtures with the College just a few months before his untimely death.

WILLIAM ARTHUR EDEN (16-18 and 21-23) on April 8th.

W.A. was son of the former Senior Master at Nelson Terrace (25-31) and will be remembered with affection by those of his contemporaries fortunate to be involved in the class mix-ups between E.W. EDEN and W.A. EDEN. When writing to us some years ago he said "E.W. was usually credited with my bad marks in Maths, whilst I was credited with his bad marks in Geography!"

THOMAS (TOMMY) GRAINGER (1902-08)

Although 83 Tommy was still very mentally alert. His son Alan writing from Hutton Rudby recounts that his father started, at the age of 16 in the drawing office at Ashmores. He eventually became London Office Manager, living in London from 1935 until his retirement in 1960.

During the Great War he was commissioned in the Machine Gun Corps, serving in India and Afghanistan.

After retiring Tommy returned to the familiar surroundings of his boyhood years and among the friends he had had all his days.

FREDERICK LAWS (1923-30) is remembered not only for his academic abilities, which won him an exhibition to Kings, Cambridge but also for his sense of humour. This frequently delighted his fellows, particularly on the sports field where Fred, not endowed with any great athletic talent, was always ready to take part. After a short time as a schoolmaster he joined the News Chronicle as art critic then radio critic. From 1949-55 he was literary editor with the New Chronicle, then joined the Herald in a similar capacity to 1963.

In recent years, in addition to reviewing, he taught art history, specialising in the history of caricature and wrote the scripts for several television programmes on art subjects.

HENRY G. MILLER (25-30)

Dr. Henry Miller M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., distinguished neurologist, died on 25th August 1976. However, it is not as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle that we, his contemporaries, remember him but as Harry or Dusty.

Harry started at the Secondary School in September 1925 and in the year following, like so many of those hoping to gain admittance to "College" transferred to the M (Modern) stream which meant studying Latin to the exclusion of chemistry.

His entire leanings in those early days were towards the Arts rather than the Sciences. He was renowned for his ability to sketch and draw, and very early in his school life he developed a love of classical music, notably Beethoven, at a period when the rest of us had only a vague appreciation of it. His musical hero was Sir Thomas Beecham.

Harry affected contempt for the Sciences and only once unbent sufficiently during a Physics lesson to attempt to explain how it was possible to pour water from a jug. In class, as in his relationships with his fellows, his reactions were quite unpredictable. None of his contemporaries, meeting together, can ever recall him without bursting into a smile at some treasured recollection of that unpredictability.

To the surprise of many of us, and before taking the Higher School Certificate, he left Nelson Terrace to study at the School of Medicine in Newcastle. That this chosen career was the ideal one for the volatile Henry has been proved by the fact that in the end he outshone us all, and became a world figure.

We the Old Stocktonians affectionately salute his memory, and are proud to declare to the world that he was one of us.

L.W. RHYS (Staff 1919-52)

L.W. Rhys - "Taffy" of course - came to Stockton in 1919 and in his own effective style taught English, Mathematics and Chemistry to many generations of boys in Nelson Terrace and for a while at Grangefield. His own upbringing and training, very strict by modern standards, with his uncompromising temper and strong sense of duty made it difficult for him to enjoy working, in the comparatively relaxed atmosphere even of the Forties and Fifties. He kept himself remarkably fit and long after his retirement in 1952, continued to push-bike ten or fifteen miles a day, in fact to within months of his death in early May, 1976.

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

When I last wrote in this magazine the College was in its infancy and its relationship with the Old Stocktonians was a very tenuous one. In the last two years the College has grown in stature and its links with the Stocktonians, now rejuvenated and called 'New', have strengthened.

In my previous report I was delighted to be able to say that our first 'A' level results were very good. The second year's results were appreciably better with an 80% success rate and, although the third year's results were not quite as good as this, they too were appreciably better than the first year.

Each year, so far, we have sent a few students to Oxford or Cambridge. They have won their places there in Open Entrance Examinations. This year Martin Carter goes to Imperial College, London to read Physics, having been the first student from the College to win an Open Entrance Scholarship Award.

Occasionally we hear, either officially or by rumour, of successes achieved by former students. Officially I know that M.W. Whiteley came first out of 150 Chemistry students at Bristol University in his first year's examination. Unofficially I have heard that Shelley Smith came first in her first year's examination in the English Department at Newcastle University and that Janet Summersgill has won a Rotary International Foundation Scholarship that will enable her to spend one year in the U.S.A. continuing her studies in Catering Technology.

Academic excellence is not our only aim and I apologise for any inadvertent omissions in the catalogue of high achievement that follows. As I recall them, the highlights have been:

1. our first dramatic production of Salad Days which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. (I saw it three times and enjoyed it more each time).
2. Harvey Watson's success in winning one of ten first prizes in a national competition organised by Lloyds Bank. This earned him a free holiday in the U.S.A. and £250 for the College.
3. the Charities Committee raised £800 last year.
4. the Mathematical Quiz Team were Cleveland and South Durham champions for the second season running. They lost in the N.E. final to Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, last year.
5. Three teams of nine students appeared on Tyne-Tees television interviewing famous people.
6. two girls played for England Under Nineteen teams; Ann Gall at Basketball and, last season, Sally Hayton at Hockey.
7. three boys played for North of England Under Nineteen teams last season; 'Ian' McGregor at Basketball, Martin Robson at Hockey, and David Lee at Rugby.
8. the College Cricket team have only been beaten once in three seasons and that defeat was by our Old Boys in the last match of last season. Philip

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Thomas and his brother Christopher, together with Ian Richards, played for Durham County Under 21 team and Ian left College at Easter to play for Northamptonshire C.C.C. Second Eleven.

9. last season the Boys' Tennis Team won the Owen Williams Trophy for Durham Schools and were beaten in the Northern Area final of the Glanville Cup by Manchester Grammar School, the year before our team of two reached the last 16 of 96 teams in the Clark Cup at Wimbledon.

This season is barely under way but already six girls have been in Cleveland Hockey squads; three played for the Under Nineteens First Eleven, one for the Second Eleven, and two were reserves.

In this plethora of success I am delighted to be able to say that we can still take defeat graciously and even smile about it at times. Indeed an experience I enjoyed last year was reading in assembly an account by one of the players of a Third Eleven soccer match which we lost 9-0. The account was probably more enjoyable than the game — it was certainly funnier.

STUDENT COUNCIL

(by Simon Robinson)

The present student council has been "in power" since Christmas, and its officers were elected just before Easter. Arthur Phillips — vice chairman, Dick Greener — secretary, Glen Murphy — vice secretary, Helen Jarvis — treasurer, and myself, (Simon Robinson) — chairman.

Writing this report is one of the hidden duties of my office and in it, I intend to give an idea of what has happened since the last report was written.

The council went through a political phase which was notable, largely for its brevity. The council has for some time been represented in the Teesside Area Students Association. This is a branch of the N.U.S. In May however, the National Union of School Students decided to establish a branch in this area. Several Council members attended this first meeting, and reported back to the council. After a fairly excitable debate, the council resolved not to support the NUSS in its efforts. It was feared that the establishment of an NUSS branch within the college could lead to conflict between the two student representative bodies.

The past year has also seen the dissolution of one committee responsible for the condition of the lounge, and the formation of another. In her report last year, the Chairman, Lissie Wright, spoke of the Student Lounge Organisation Body and wishes them well. Unfortunately S.L.O.B. like many just causes met with crippling student apathy and never really gained the momentum anticipated by the Council. It dissolved last Christmas. Since then the staff have kept an eye on the state of the lounge. This situation was deemed unsatisfactory and a resolution was made by the council to form another committee (yet to be named). It's objective is to work on the principles of S.L.O.B. but with harsher methods.

An Economic policy, has, after much trial and tribulation been hammered out by the council. The financial commitments of the council have in the past been poorly defined. In the following year, grants will be made by the council to the clubs and societies within the college at the beginning of the scholastic year. It is hoped that this system will clarify the councils' financial obligations to these clubs.

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I don't think that this report would be complete without some mention of the sweat-shirts obtained for students by the council. These garments have proved a great success (although no-one has washed one yet), and the council have sold over seventy. The thick cotton sweat-shirts have the college badge-castle and anchor — printed in white on any colour shirt (except white). It is hoped that next year some arrangement will be made with the 'Old Stocktonians' to make the shirts available to ex-students.

THE IMPRESSION

(by Mark W. Smith)

My first impression as I walked nervously through the doors on the first of September, was that this college was too big. This may seem strange when you consider that I came from a school twice the size, but now I came alone. For family reasons I have travelled into Billingham for the past two years, now it was time for change. I came willingly with enthusiasm, into a much larger group of my peers; no more bewildered 1st years or saintly 4th years, a complete new start.

Then why was I disappointed? I must add not academically, for I find the academic courses both interesting and stimulating, but on the social aspect, I suppose I had built it up too much. In my other school I'd reached the top and was used to a certain amount of freedom and choice. Here I find the compulsory P.E. a shock (not having done any for two years) and my bewildered mother could not understand why you need a 'uniform' in the Gym, but not in the college.

This was not really the problem. I had expected to find active social and interesting clubs on every subject from politics to tiddlywinks, and I found a few clubs, mostly sporting.

None of these would have been of major importance had I felt I was a member of a coherent group, which is what I feel this College should be.

The emphasis during the first few days; the formative days of impressions was on the individual and not on the group. Those in friendship groups, stayed there. Outsiders like myself clung together. In fear or desperation? This fragmentation still continues, and the way of overcoming this seems all dependent on the individual and perhaps the individual student cannot supply this. The best way of overcoming this, that I have encountered is in the Drama group. Here the 1st and 2nd years meet, and waltzing and marching have helped to break down inhibitions.

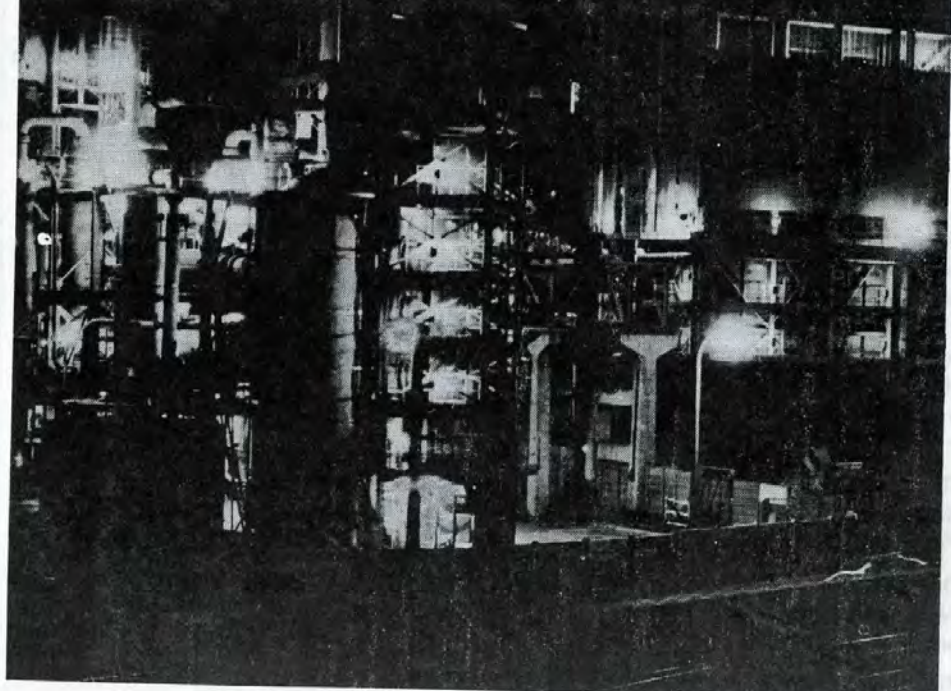
The Choir is another enjoyable enterprise. The funniest thing of all, that despite all this, I am still enjoying myself and it is more relaxed than my former school. Yet I still feel that this is a number of schools under one roof.

One of my previous Head masters devised a system of groups, across the five years, which he called "Kiplings" (apparently Lancashire for segments of an orange).

This college seems to me to be like the segments.

Is it the whole orange?

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A GERMAN AT THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

(by Bettina Buggle)

I have now been at this English school for four weeks. The beginning was very difficult, because it was quite unlike Germany, but all people helped me.

The German school system is very different from the English system. At home, I learn eleven subjects, not just four. Our school begins at quarter to eight in the morning and finishes at half past twelve. So we don't have dinner at school. Our lessons last only forty five minutes. I think the English schools are stricter than those in Germany. We have much more free time. But here the school building is wonderful compared with ours — a lounge, study areas, a large hall where all the pupils can assemble, table tennis tables, a billiard table, a sports hall and so many rooms are only dreams for us. Neither do we have such a large science lab. nor any language lab.

We do not have as many different committees. We only have something like the student council and these people are responsible for all out-of-school activities in our school. They organise meetings, political discussions, parties, hikes, sports competitions and they can also act as intermediaries when students and teacher hold different opinions on certain matters.

I can't say which school system is better, as I think both of them have their advantages and disadvantages, but I am very glad that I can stay for a term in England.

ARRAN HOLIDAY — EASTER 1976

(by Mark Hodgson)

Early on a bright morning the group of students, staff and their families met in the college car park and loaded up the mini-buses. After having to push start one of the mini-buses, we reached Ardrrossan without further mishap, just in time to see the ferry pulling away from the quay. We were left with about two hours to wait for the next ferry and by this time it had started to drizzle.

Eventually we landed in Brodick and drove to the guest house at Lamkash to find that dinner had been kept hot for us. We soon settled down, the boys sleeping in wooden chalets and the girls in the guest house.

The weeks weather was mixed. There was only one really wet day when there was fresh snow on the hilltops, while on two days it was warm enough to go about in shirt sleeves.

On the first day we all attempted "Goat Fell" the highest mountain on the island, but on other days the party split up. Two other hill walks were organised on both of which herds of deer were seen. Less strenuous activities included a boat trip to Holy Island, in Lamlash Bay, which dominated the view from the guest house; a sea fishing expedition and pony trekking. A number of people hired bicycles for the day and this turned out to be just as tiring as walking because, owing to the hilly terrain we spent almost as much time pushing as riding.

The week was a great success and I am sure everyone will remember the spectacular scenery of Arran and would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gwinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, and Mr. and Mrs. Grainge for guiding us skilfully round the mountains and getting us to Arran and back safely.

SALAD DAYS

(by Catherine Johnson)

At the end of the Easter term this year, the college staged its first large-scale stage-production, "Salad Days", a light-hearted musical set in the mid-fifties.

The decision of "what to perform" was taken jointly by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Robson, and rehearsals began last September, with Mrs. Wright as producer. Mrs. Robson was the musical director, and Mrs. Grainge the choreographer.

The cast of twenty-eight comprised several members of staff and the college drama group with Sue Hardy and Colin Moore in the leading roles. Many others were involved in countless tasks behind the scenes, providing everything from music, costumes, and lighting, to tickets, posters and refreshments.

Rehearsals took place with increasing frequency towards the end of term, and at last all was ready for the performances on 6th, 7th and 8th of April.

People like myself, who took no part in the production, but had heard so much about it: had caught glimpses of half-finished pieces of scenery, and speculated in vain as to what they were, and had seen staff and students waltzing gaily about the hall during rehearsals, were not quite sure what to expect on the opening night!

However, despite a small hitch, (a piano was locked, and the key temporarily mislaid!) "Salad Days" was thoroughly enjoyed by all three capacity audiences.

Also much enjoyed was the party, given on the last night, for all those who contributed in any way.

On the whole, the production was a tremendous success, and a fine tribute to the hard work put in by staff and students alike. We look forward to the drama group's next production.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

(by Storme Greenwood)

The present Entertainments Committee was formed with the new council in January and has 10 to 20 members. Kerry Agnew was elected as chair-woman.

On 12th February we held a St. Valentine's Day disco which was very successful – all the tickets were sold and several 'outsiders' attended.

A wide variety of refreshments raised £5, and the total profit was £53.

On 9th March a group of enthusiastic "Status Quo" fans went to a concert in Newcastle. They hired a 'Small's' coach and left it in the condition in which they found it.

On 12th May we held a Make-up demonstration in the college and the representative of Helena Rubenstein (Miss Jean Lampart) gave us a very interesting evening. On this occasion home-made cakes and coffee provided an interesting change in the line of refreshments.

Due to the reduction in numbers in college over the exams, and afterwards, no further events were held this year.

YOUTH HOSTELLING

(by Andrew Idle)

In the winter term, an outing to the Whitby hostel took place. The party of about twelve walked along the North East Coast from Staithe into Runswick Bay, and to Sandsend along the former coast railway. The remainder of the walk was along the beach. Though the walk was quite pleasant, the weather was misty and drizzly, so that little of the attractive coastal scenery could be appreciated. The following day was either spent in Whitby or Sleights.

With much more favourable weather the following Easter, some took a United bus to the Barnard Castle hostel, and two members cycled. The main day was spent walking; some followed the east bank of the Tees to Cotherstone, thence to Hury Reservoir, and back (about 15 miles), whilst others decided to explore the river and its environs. Some people visited Whorlton on their way home the following day. All the events were enjoyable and never lacking in interest, and were kindly organised by Mr. Hindson.

THE CHARITIES COMMITTEE

(by Barbara Shaw)

We began our fund raising efforts with what is now an annual Christmas card selling coffee evening, 'Save the Children Fund' sold £128 worth of goods and we made a profit of £55. Shortly after the coffee evening we held a ceilidh. £21 of the profits were sent to the N.S.P.C.C. The remainder together with the coffee evening profit, was used to treat under-privileged children from Stockton to a pantomime and a Christmas party, also to give substantial food parcels to all the old people visited by students on Wednesday afternoons.

Also in keeping with the Christmas tradition we went carol singing in Hartlepool, Norton and Fairfield and raised £43 for the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. Thanks are in order to Mrs. Smart for donating two beautiful cakes which were raffled separately and raised £22. We also held a collection for Autistic children in the college and raised £11.

After Christmas £10 was sent to The Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, this was the reward of providing much needed refreshments at the Parents Evenings.

On hearing of the Guatemala disaster, we organised a second hand book sale and were able to send off a cheque for £10.

It was then decided to support a local charity, a sponsored six-a-side inter-tutor group football competition raised £70 for the Church and Army Mens' Hostel in Middlesbrough. This proved to be a very successful social event, it is now hoped to make this an annual event.

During the year £207.28 was raised for various charities and £429 collected, including a record collection of £355 for the R.N.I.B.

The committee would also like to correct the details concerning the money raised from the Summer Fair last school year. A third £97, was sent to 'Help the Aged' only to be returned to us by the local secretary who had resigned because she felt the money being donated was not being used to the best advantage. The committee therefore sent the money to Crosslink.

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GIRLS' HOCKEY REPORT

(by Sally Hayton)

The College Hockey team has had a very good season. This year out of 24 matches they won 18, drew 5 and lost only 1. For the first time the team played indoor five-a-side hockey, winning all but one match and tournaments in Northallerton and Stockton. The highest scorers were Verne Ramsden and Sally Hayton.

Sue Hall captained and Linda Busfield played for Cleveland County 2nd XI, Ros Jeavons (vice-captain) and Sally Hayton (captain) played for the 1st XI, Sally going on to play for the North Juniors and England under-18's.

The team would like to thank very much Mrs. Grainge for all the help and support she gave them throughout the season.

BADMINTON

(by Barbara Shaw)

The badminton teams had a fairly successful season this year:

played	won	lost	drawn	games for	games against
17	12	4	1	100	67

Five of its members were chosen to play for Stockton U.19 Schools team. They were Sally Hayton, Barbara Shaw, Roger Phillips, Graham Bartram and Philip Davison. At the end of the season Graham and Philip reached the semi-finals and Barbara the final in the Cleveland U19 School Championships.

In the college tournament Sally Hayton won the girls title, Roger Phillips the boys, and Graham Bartram and Carole Atkinson, the mixed.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

(by Ian McGregor)

After a congested season, the college basketball team were in third place in the Teesside League, Division II. This was a remarkable achievement considering that the team had many junior members.

In the Cambrai Cup, a handicap cup, the College had a most convincing win over a Division I team, Billingham, without the handicap of 25 points. Final score — 98 pts — 44 pts.

Dave Reid, Peter Fernie and Ian McGregor were county players with Ian McGregor going to further honours, playing for N.E. England, North of England and finally in an All-England tournament.

The team would like to thank several members of staff, in particular Mr. Hudson, the team coach, and Mr. Carr, Dr. Day and Mr. Hudson who were our drivers.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

(by Liz Watson)

Although the girls' team were not placed very highly in the League Division II, they had several convincing league and friendly wins, playing teams from Middlesbrough, Thornaby and Durham, as well as the Stockton teams.

The team are very grateful to Jean Tiffin, a former teacher at the college, who coached and played for them, ex-students who have played and Mrs. Grainge and Mr. Hudson.

ORIENTEERING

(by Neil Forrest)

Orienteering '76 style consisted of Mr. Vasey's enthusiastic courses for the unwary new lower sixth, and were relatively easy going for the old hands.

New members to the Wednesday afternoon period soon discovered what orienteering really was and what places controls could be put in. But a new map drawn by Mr. Vasey with the help of Neil Forrest, Nicky Taylor and several other orienteers meant that now no student had an excuse for getting lost, except for human error.

The enthusiastic orienteers pleaded on hands and knees (well not quite), to Messrs. Vasey and Allison to take them to events on a Sunday all over the area. Several of these courses took place in the North Yorkshire Moors, Scarborough, Guisborough, and further afield Hamsterly, Keilder, The Stang and the Lake District.

Easter saw the J.K. being held in the Lake District. The area of the Lakes was Eskdale to be precise, where the school team set off with a mini-bus full of tents and equipment to conquer the moors of the area and return victoriously. But the worthy college team competing against International competition and the world champions decided to let them take first prize which makes a change!, but still we made a valiant stand.

Summer events were dominated by the college 'Road Runners', Mike Gardner, Dave Truby, Keith Dawson, but with the disappearance of this merry band in September meant that Harry Dowdell, Neil Forrest and Nick Taylor had to fulfil the expected high standards of the team, with newer lower sixth members replenishing the gap left.

The end of the dry summer and all the forest fires meant that the White Rose weekend at Wykeham Forest near Scarborough was cancelled, leaving all of us disheartened.

COLLEGE CRICKET 1976

(by Chris Thomas)

The College team enjoyed another very successful summer on the cricket pitch, winning five of their six matches, losing only to the Old Boys.

The season will go down in memory as a record breaking one for the college. Martin Robson's 75 not out against Hatfield College is the highest individual score made by any member of the college. Martin Robson and Chris Thomas hit a record opening partnership of 120 in 18 overs, against Darlington Sixth Form College, out of a final score of 178 for 2 in 24 overs (incidentally another record!). The games against Brinkburn brought two great moments. First Paul Dack took the first hat-trick for the college, then Chris Thomas finished the game off hitting 26 off five consecutive balls.

The batting honours were shared between Martin Robson and Chris Thomas with solid support coming from Dave Pitt and Martin Cockburn.

The bowling honours were taken by Paul Dack, who took five wickets or more twice in the season, Colin Stuart, Glyn Cooke and Shakir Rajput.

To close, the team would like to thank Messrs. Watton and Hudson for their umpiring and organisation throughout a marvellous season.

As far as the boys were concerned the 1976 tennis season was fairly successful; in that the expected was achieved.

In the national inter-school tournament, the Glanville Cup, the full strength VI of Dave Moody, Roger Phillips, Steve Lambert, Andy Gardiner, Phil Davison and Mark Hodgson passed Dame Allan's and Royal Grammar School of Newcastle, before defeating our neighbours from the Grange in the section final. The North of England final at York was, however, a little disappointing. Despite the unbeaten Moody/Phillips combination displaying some of the form that made them, last year, doubles champions of virtually every tournament they played, the team was defeated by both Manchester G.S. and Hymers of Hull.

Dave and Roger reached the semi-finals of the North of England schools championships held at College and the Grange, losing to Kings, Tynemouth 2-1 on a deciding doubles.

With the aid of Chris Thomas's leg glances and cover drives the College reached the final of the County Cup, where the old hands took over against St. Aiden's of Sunderland. Despite numerous set points to the other side, things never got out of control, and the outcome was a 3-1 win (the last match being conceded when the tie had been decided).

The college was represented for the second year in the Clark Cup at Wimbledon. Mark and Andy were, perhaps, unlucky to draw two 6' 4" opponents from K.C.S. Wimbledon. Despite leading 5-4 in the final set of the opening single, the tie was lost. The quarter final stage was reached by the college in the consolation event, eventually losing to Highgate 6-4 in the final set of the deciding doubles.

Despite some narrow shaves, such as against Kings, Tynemouth, where a win was achieved by one game 65-64, the restyled team was all but one of their friendly matches: the exception being against Whitley Bay - going down 4-5. Several players ably supported the college in the occasional match; notably Ian Sawyer, Jonathan Marsh, Chris Thomas, Simon Robinson, Graham Bartram, Ian Euston, and Neil Etherington;

On the distaff side the College had an enjoyable season, if one without tremendous success. The team lost to the strong Grange side in the Aberdare Cup (the counterpart of the Glanville), and to Bede School, Sunderland in the County Cup. The girls won four of their nine friendly matches with a team consisting of Sally Hayton, Ros Jeavons, Pam Snowdon, and Les Ramsden, Sue Hall and Janet Spence, plus Pamela Brown, Liz Watson, Caroline Burton, Caroline Walton and Jane Collinson.

Ros and Pam played for the U.19 Cleveland County girls team, whilst Mark and Andy played for the boys, who inflicted upon Sunderland Schools and South Yorkshire.

A big thank you to Mrs. Grainge and Mr. Hudson for their untiring efforts, leading to the smooth running of events. Thanks also to Mr. Gwinnell for giving up a couple of Saturday mornings to transport and support the team.

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COLLEGE RUGBY 1975 – 76.

(by Richard Jackson)

After losing all but two of last year's successful team, the 1st XV was further handicapped by numerous injuries culminating into some poor early season results. However, after Christmas a settled side began to take shape and results improved accordingly with notable victories being gained over old rivals, Brinkburn and a strong Middlesbrough Senior Colts side.

Top scorers were Roger Phillips with 106 points and Nick Lewis with 9 tries. David Lee played in all Durham's 19 group games and captained the side in their Easter matches. David was also selected to play for the North of England.

RESULTS:

Brinkburn C.S. (h)	lost 32 – 0	Stockton Colts (a)	lost 14 – 6
Marton S.F.C. (h)	won 26 – 9	Coatham S.F.C. (a)	lost 7 – 6
King Edward VI, Morpeth (a)	lost 12 – 3	Scarborough S.F.C. (h)	won 18 – 4
Dame Allan's School (a)	lost 38 – 9	Gosforth H.S. (a)	lost 27 – 6
Coatham S.F.C. (a)	lost 16 – 0	Wellfield (a)	lost 10 – 3
Wellfield (h)	lost 19 – 7	Richmond School (a)	won 31 – 3
South Park S.F.C. (a)	won 30 – 6	Doncaster G.S. (h)	lost 28 – 3
Heaton School (a)	won 18 – 0	Brinkburn C.S. (h)	won 4 – 3
Scarborough S.F.C. (a)	lost 15 – 9	Middlesbrough Senior Colts (h)	won 22 – 20
Middlesbrough Senior Colts (a)	lost 18 – 3	St. Cuthbert's (h)	won 14 – 0
King's School, Tynemouth (a)	lost 28 – 0	Grange School (h)	won 20 – 4
South Park S.F.C. (h)	won 15 – 6	Old Boys XV (h)	lost 48 – 10

1st XV regulars were: Parton, Clark, Phillips, Lewis, Pitt, Gardiner, Bennington, Agnew, Thomas C., Cook, Estruch, Peagam, J. Daniels, R. Daniels, Lee, Dodds, Jameson, Rushforth, Robinson.

The 2nd XV were hit by an acute shortage of players but on occasion, when at full strength they proved to be an able and competent side.

Record: P.11, W.2, D.1, L.8 for 94, against 307.

Regulars were: Sawyer, Jenkins, Robinson, Cone, Dykesman, Britten, MacGregor, Ledsham, Gardiner, Arthur, McClurg, Barnes, Tilley, Charlton, Thomas P.

Both teams wish to thank Mr. Hudson for his advice and encouragement which maintained its usual high standard throughout a difficult season.

The sevens team was handicapped by lack of pace, but reached the final at Billingham and the semi-finals at Heaton and Middlesbrough.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGGING – A LAY-PERSON'S VIEW

(by Helen Stevenson)

Piercebridge archaeological excavation has been in existence for some years. I had the opportunity, through an acquaintance to visit and work there last summer, though I persuaded a friend, Sara Young, to accompany me.

We arrived one Tuesday morning. The skies, for once during the heat wave, were leaden and bleak. Following a person, who, at 100 yards distant, seemed to be my acquaintance, we came to a gate with the words "Archaeological Excavation Site" printed on a piece of wood. Turning the corner we saw a field with a mechanical excavator in one corner, a van with "Dept. of the Environment" on the side, and some workmen standing around. Sara's face mirrored my own as we realised with

horror that this was IT. Luckily our fears were allayed when we introduced ourselves to the site supervisor, Mr. Peter Scott, to whom we had applied for permission to attend the site. Mr. Scott took us to the next field where we were to work. This second field was the actual main excavation site which was part of a Roman fort and a great deal more impressive. The whole of Piercebridge was in fact originally a Roman settlement. Two neighbouring fields had already been dug, and filled in after carefully photographing the "findings" – the emphasis for bits of pot.

Our assignment was not in the main fort but clearing top-soil in someone's front garden! Not for us the glories of digging up Pompeii and being famous ever after!! There were six of us – two were paid volunteers, two were on the government's job creation scheme and two unpaid amateurs – Sara and I. To be a paid volunteer you have to have previous experience in excavation, for which digging the back garden does not qualify.

We were handed a bucket a mat on which to kneel, a trowel and a tray for our "findings", if any. The trowel was two inches wide and we each had a strip about one yard by four yards. We were instructed to trowel down and backwards and to keep your sides straight and your bottoms clean!! Thus we endeavoured. Trowelling down proved to be a long weary task, to salvage some coins and broken flower pots and uncover some walls – at least "they" told us they were walls, but to us the uninitiated, they looked remarkably like a pile of stones, – to take some photographs and cover it all up again. We really enjoyed the few days we were there, but then the heat-wave returned and the soil became rock-like.

The two paid volunteers who had been going since they were thirteen years old, seemed to accomplish twice as much as we did. Our finds were not spectacular – just some Roman pot, three teeth, one shoulder joint, a beer bottle and a fair amount of Roman cement (dosig). Later we learned that underneath where we were digging was a Roman hypercaust (heating system). Archaeological excavating means a day's enjoyable digging, returning covered only in dust or mud and certainly without financial gain.

THE UNFOUND DEAD

(by Sandie Brennan)

Teardrops on the windowpane
Weeping for mankind
The things we've lost,
the things we've had
The things we cannot find.
We fear death's uncertainties
Yet killing still goes on
From Ireland to the trenches
We cannot ban the bomb

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How many die in battle:
Where glories never end?
But what glory is in dying
When you find you've killed a friend?
Who separates brother from brother?

Who starts these bloody wars?
Who asks his men to die for him
While he remains indoors?
Why do we kill our brothers?
What motive can we find?
For something we believe in?
For freedom, of a kind.

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The last leaf of autumn
Flutters to the ground
The winds sigh; lamenting
The lost cannot be found.

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