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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once more we have a year book although printing costs, inevitably, continue to rise. We feel we must review our address book for next year and I have been asked by the Hon. Sec. Paul Graham, to urge you to complete and return the reply slip to ensure a magazine next year.

During the last year we do not seem to have encountered or passed any milestones. The dinner, although not well attended, was very enjoyable and the Sports Extravaganza continues to flourish.

We did make at least one important decision during the year, that is to give worthwhile prizes and allow the respective funds to slowly decay. The interest on our accounts is low and we felt we must use some of the capital to maintain the standard of prize awarded.

The Association was approached during the year to sponsor a Former Students Basketball Team in a local league. This we were pleased to do and the team will be called "The Stocktonians".

For those who are in the area on Saturday 6th January – come along to the Dinner, as usual it is in the Queens Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30

May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Brian Brand.

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going a great deal of re-organisation. The system was very secondary to the quality of staff within it. Discipline was important. If the present system evoked the same loyalty as did the old then the future of education was assured. The President in his reply echoed the sentiments just expressed but wondered whether two years at a sixth form college could develop similar loyalties to an Old Pupils Association as had seven years at a Grammar School. The entire future of the Dinner, and indeed the Association was very much in the balance.

Mr. Peter Hunt, barrister at law, proposed "The College" in what must have been one of the most rollicking roisterous speeches ever made at an annual dinner. Peter really loved 'the old school'. From what he had learned there of human nature he now found invaluable in dealing with 'the criminal classes' of the Bar. This old reporter is still ruminating on all the implications of that particular remark.

The Principal in his reply reminded us that at the Sixth Form College some came to teach and some to learn, but what is learned is not necessarily what is taught. (Was Mr Carr glancing ever so slightly sideways at Peter?)

Miss Helen Stevenson (Secretary) and Mr Mike Sages (Chairman) of the Student Council were our guests of the evening.

All in all it was a night to remember.

53rd ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the Queens Hotel Stockton. The guests are Philip Niman, Solicitor and Old Stocktonian Councillor Mr L.M. Thompson, Chairman of Cleveland County Education Committee.

Remember the dinner is a mixed function come along yourself, bring a companion and friends.

Tickets price £4.75 from the Secretary SAE, if possible, or from Committee members.

Date of Dinner: Saturday 6th January 1978 (7.00 for 7.30)

Menu: Choice of Soup, Grapefruit, Fruit Juice, Fish Course, Roast Norfolk Turkey and Trimmings, Choice of Fruit Salad, Christmas Pudding, Trifle, Coffee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1977

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Stockton Sixth Form College on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm. Mr. B.P. Brand the former Student President took the chair.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the Annual membership at present was 85, 42 of whom were in arrears, 22 had paid subscriptions in advance. There were only 10 new members who had joined from the college.

Life membership stood at 626 (in terms of year books sent out) and 170 extra members whose addresses were unknown. The cost of the year book was to be £410 and postage to date (Dec. 1977) was £29 and there were several new advertisers this year.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the position of the Association regarding tax had not been resolved up to March 1977. He added that the Association would be liable for tax until registered as a charity, if that was possible.

Officers were elected as follows:

Old Boy President: Mr B.P. Brand, Vice-Presidents: All re-elected, Secretary: Mr P. Graham, Treasurer: Mr C.J. Beeston, Ass. Sec. Mr M. Morton.

Mr D.P. Willetts was elected to the Committee to fill the position vacated by Mr J.H. Sharp. Mr Brand proposed that Mr S Beaumont be approached with a view to joining the committee.

Mr Goldston's offer to continue to act as Hon. Auditor was gratefully accepted.

Under AOB Mr Sowler put the record straight "once and for all" regarding the Saga of Sam, he felt that perhaps he was the best person to comment on the proceedings as he had been the school captain in question in 1921.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

Wednesday 22 March 1978

The Old Stocktonians successfully turned out teams in seven sports again this year and the days efforts were rewarded with a successful evening at Pharoahs.

In the absence of a permanent replacement for Graham Rayner the Hon. Sec. took on the task of collecting teams together and here would like to express his thanks to all those people who rallied round and came up with names (and bodies) often at the last minute. In spite of the fact that there was great difficulty in getting some teams together it was found that many people were disappointed at being left out — the answer is — let me know!

The results were:

BASKETBALL: Ladies Won 52-50

Team: S. Bance, C. Ross, R. Jeavons, J. Tiffen, A. Gall, M. Bassen, L. Heads, J. Waller, M. Hindmarsh.

An exciting game which was in doubt until the final whistle with both teams playing to a high standard

Gents: Won 64-38

Team: G. Rayner, M. Kayton, N. Routledge, A. Wilkins, Nick Beadle, P. Greaves N. Heads.

With a reduced team the Stocktonians played a canny game comprising of an open, fast, first half, which enabled them to slow the game down in the second and run out convincing winners — thankful they had not been asked to withstand a prolonged full court press.

HOCKEY Ladies Lost 1-2

Team: A. Gall, M. Hindmarsh, J. Douglas, J. Kennedy, S. Bance, C. Ross, C. Scott, S. Hayton, S. Hall, L. Ramsden, R. Jeavons.

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scored in fine style by Sally Hayton (LW). In the second half the defence were caught out by the attacks of the Sixth form college and had to concede two goals. However the team spirit of the old girls rose and they were unlucky not to score from the many penalty corners awarded. Many battles took place in midfield but the final score remained 2-1.

Report by Chris Ross.

Note: Chris Ross would like me to send out a plea for a goal keeper or kicking back for next year to reverse this defeat. Any offers ??

Mens, Won 7-0

Team: G. Griffiths, S. Dick, C. Baker, B. Jackson, J. Ions, T. Phinn, S. Rajput, M. O'Neill, C. Cooke, M. Hodgson, M. Robson, D. Burnip

No report as such but the Hon. Sec. did see some snippets of the game during which, the college seemed to be on the receiving end of a somewhat 'quicksilver' Stocktonians attack.

RUGBY Won 42-20

Team: W. Webster, D. Agar, P. Arthur, W. Douglas, M. Reed, T. Makin, C. Thomas, P. Armstrong, D. Underwood, J. Moore, A. Rushforth, N. Beadle, R. Jameson, D. Chisman, D. Robinson, T. Wilson, Res: A. Wilkins

After a good start with early scores the Old Boys lost a little of their rhythm and the college threw the ball around well and countered with some good running and sound defence. Half time score 16-4 to Old Boys.

Both teams opened out a little more in the second half and the Old Boys ran out convincing winners. Full praise must however, go to the college team who tackled well and attacked at every opportunity.

SOCCER Lost 1-3

Team: D. Harris, M. Pearson, T. Cocklin, P. Main, J. Brookes, R. Bailey, G. Bennington, N. Errington, M. Cockburn, K. Tulip, D. Bailey D. Lees

With the half time score 1-1 honours were fairly even but a very good college team made easier work of the second half and had little difficulty in adding a further two goals to their tally.

MIXED VOLLEYBALL Won 3-2

Team: J. Waller, J. Tiffen. L. Heads, M. Hayton, N. Routledge, M. Heads,

The college roared off to a great start and won the first two games easily. The Stocktonians however made a good recovery and the final game ended in their favour 15-13

Many thanks to all who participated and also to Pete Hudson and Ruth Grange for their work on the college side and to the unsung young ladies who served tea after the matches

Next years Extravaganza will take place on Wednesday 4th April 1979 at Stockton Sixth Form College (from about 1.30pm)

If you wish to be considered for any of the above teams or you know of someone who would like to play please give or send your (or their) name, sport and position to the Hon. Sec. P. Graham at the address below.

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STOCKTONIANS BASKETBALL

This season has seen the formation of the Stocktonians Basketball team. This is a reformed team from the former days of Grangefield Grammar School Old Boys team. This has been made possible by some hard work by several members of the team including Secretary Nige(II) Routledge, Treasurer (and Mascot) Marty Hayton, Andy Wilkins and Peter Milner (coach) Other members of the team include Garth and Horace Kirby, Simon Beaumont and several other Old Boys of the 6th Form college. Thanks must also be given to the Stocktonians Association who have generously donated funds towards the costs of strips, registration fees etc.

Results so far have been fairly promising for a new team with 2 wins and 2 defeats from our 4 opening games of the season. Spectators are always welcome at the college for home matches.

NEW MEMBERS

Years at college: 76-78 [unless otherwise stated]

GILLIAN BATES (Kent University B.A. European studies) STEVEN BEETON (Leeds University BSc. Microbiology) ANGELA BENNINGTON (A.C.C. Dairy Laboratory Technician) MICHAEL CALLENDER (U.M.I.S.T. BSc Electronics) PAUL DAVIS (Lanchester Polytechnic BSc Applied Physics) KAY BUTTERS (Ripon & York St John BEd Specialising in PE) JANE FOSTER (Leeds University BSc Biochemistry) DAVID HAZELTON (Newcastle University MB BSc Medicine) KAREN HUDSON (Newcastle University B.A. German) DAVID HUTCHINSON (Liverpool University Veterinary Science) PAUL JAKOBSON (Imperial College London BSc Physics) PAMELA KINGHORN (Sheffield Polytechnic BEd Education) HORACE KIRBY (Stockton/Billingham Technical College G.C.E. A levels) PETER MALLABY GRAHAM MATTHEWS (Newcastle University B.D.S. Dentistry) DAVID PEARSON (Faithful & Gould Draughtsman) JANE POWELL (Trent Polytechnic B.A. Law) RICHARD GREENER (University College London LLB Law) OLWYN STONES (Newcastle University Classical Studies) GEOFF TINGLE (Emmanuel College Cambridge B.A. Natural Sciences) AIDAN WHITFIELD (St John's College Cambridge B.A. Natural Sciences) MARTIN WICKS (Kings College, Cambridge B.A. Natural Sciences) CHRISTINE MAY (Leeds University MB Bs Medicine) SIMON ROBINSON (75-77) (Leeds University MB ChB Medicine) RICHARD JAKOBSON (73-75) (4th Year of MB BS Medicine Newcastle University) PAUL DACK (75-77) (Manchester University B.A. Econ & Social Studies) MARK HODGSON (75-77) (Manchester University Medicine)

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

Professor KEITH BODDY (49-56) has recently been appointed Head of the Northern Regional Medical Physics Department at Newcastle. At Grangefield Keith was captain of cricket, played rugby for Durham County schools team. He also plays badminton, squash table tennis and golf and is very interested in music. Keith took his BSc at Liverpool University but has since added to this an MSc., PhD and DSc. His previous job was as a senior lecturer and Head of Health Physics at the nuclear medical unit at the Scottish Universities Research and Reactor centre East Kilbride.

Capt. CAMPBELL BOSANQUET (Sankey) (58-65) was among a four man British Airways helicopter crew who received a heroism award in Atlanta Georgia recently for rescuing eight men from a sinking trawler in the North Sea last December. Campbell was part of the volunteer crew which flew from their base in the Shetland Islands to give help after the Elinor Viking had been driven on to the rocks.

JOHN GREEN (40-46) provides news of his old Stocktonian friends and colleagues. First NORMAN CARR (39-44) whom he met when they were both staying at the same ICI guest house in Runcorn in Oct 1953 on John's return from National Service (RAF) and Norman's promotion to Merseyside. Norman stayed with I.C.I. on Merseyside and is now their Mond Division's Capital Section Head in the Division Accountancy Department located at Northwich. Norman had a heart attack last year and we are pleased to report that he has now returned to full time working. He has two daughters, Gillian, a secretary with I.C.I. Judith at college and one son (John's godson) Richard on an A level course. Norman and his wife Evelyn return annually on a visit to Teesside. Then JOHN SMITH (46-51) whom he met when they were both on the I.E.E. Teesside Graduate and Student section committee in 1956. There was news of John not so many years ago briefly, he is now Operations Engineer of the area covering most of Somerset for the South West Electricity Board and lives near Taunton. He has recently revived his interest in scouting and runs the local village troupe. This year he has attended the Scouts Troop Annual Camp and a Scout Leaders Training course enjoying both in fine weather. His other interest is golf (handicap 12). Norman by the way used to play golf too and they both played rugby for the school. John also has two daughters Dawn studying for A levels, Wendy studying for O levels and one son Mark aged 9. John and his wife Pat (Law) from "next door", visit Teesside twice a year. John Green also provides news of himself. He left ICI in May 1969 to join Head Wrightson in Thornaby, first as a senior site electrical engineer, then as an instrument designer/engineer and has now been their procurement (!) officer (new fangled work for buyer!) (John's words not ours) for some six years during the last four years of which he has been ably assisted by ERIC DOBSON (38-43) as Electrical/Instrument buyer. Eric unfortunately lost his wife during this period and his younger son Martin had prolonged hospital treatment to save the sight in one eye. By the time this is printed Eric will have moved onto Kearns-Barker, Instrument Consultant Engineers in Stockton as their Administration Manager. We wish him success in his new position and we are also pleased to learn that he has happily remarried so now having a family of four. Eric is a keen gardener and a stout supporter of the Billingham Central Methodist Church.

Another colleague is LEN HORNER (42-46) who is the Group Manager on an experimental project with which John has also been associated but they still manage to remain friendly. Len is notable for so frequently wearing an Old Stocktonian tie given by Anthony, the youngest of his three sons, but it is always a mystery to Len how his son manages to find the source of tie supply. Len still lives in Billingham and, having also played rugby for the school, now has charge of the under 13's to under 16's in the Stockton Rugby Club;



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John also occasionally sees in Head Wrighton Teesdale Ltd offices ALAN AYRE (41-47) whose name used to appear so regularly in Johns report book when John was a prefect at Nelson Terrace. There must be others with whom John comes into contact with unknowingly and he would like them to contact him with news for next year.

John tells us he still keeps fit by playing tennis in two local clubs, Yarm and Great Ayton, and table tennis at Longlands College; cycling in his summer holidays in Scotland (although now down to 30/40 miles a day); by enjoying Scottish country dancing and by assisting on the North Yorks Moors railway at Goathland. As he has remained single he has been able to spend two weeks each year of late in the U.S.A. with friends and relatives - lucky fellow! John finally adds that four years ago he thoroughly enjoyed attending a course on local History run by our stalwart TOM SOWLER (25-32) (of whom more news later) which took John back to Holy Trinity School days where he was taught by Tom in 1938/39.

Whilst informing us of a change of address S.B. HART (38-40) gives us news of himself. Stuart writes that although he had lived and worked in South Australia for over 20 years he still reads the magazine with interest and graciously offers help to any 'new' or 'old' Stocktonian thinking of coming to South Australia if he possibly can. Stuart is presently the Director of Planning with the South Australian State Government and Chairman of the State Planning Authority. If anyone would like to contact Stuart could he please write to the secretary who will supply his address.

Due to the enforcement of the age limit rule JOE HEWITT (23-29) has retired as Chief Superintendent of Police at Bridlington and now lives in Scarborough. He still has interests in Bridlington however mainly through his wife Marie and he adds that he now knows what Prince Phillip feels about it all. He has finished with Rotary (too much to do at Scarborough) but is Chairman of the Scarborough branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers, a member of the International Police Association, Probus and several other Associations besides doing a lot of walking and work at his tool bench. His final note adds that he hopes brother Jim is behaving himself.

Whilst enclosing enough cash to cover 5 years subs STUART JARRETT (73-76) offers his best wishes to all friends. Stuart has dropped the idea of college of Education for the time being at least, and he is now working as a Trainee Quantity Surveyor (all the best Stuart and keep us informed of your progress)

HAROLD W. JONES (Staff 49-54) sends us all good wishes together with his 'booster' for funds - no other news unfortunately.

BRIAN LEONARD (52-57) together with cash for terylene tie and five years subs tells us of his progress since leaving in 1957. Brian completed an Engineering Apprenticeship at I.C.I. and since then he has been working abroad, mostly in Europe and Scandanavia. At present Brian works for a Swiss firm of Consultants to the Oil Industry and a Construction Site Engineer. He and his family have just returned from a three year stint in Northern Norway and he is at present on extended holiday, awaiting re-allocation hopefully within the U.K. this time. Don't forget to inform us of your new address Brian.



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STOCKTON MARKET

L.W. PENNOCK (15-21) informs us that he is still enjoying retirement at Newby Scarborough after a taxing life in the Inland Revenue Dept! During a visit to Devon in September (1977) to LESLIE HILL (17-20) he received a complaint from him that he had received no Stocktonians for the last few years [not surprising our last address was 1970 - Exmouth Devon!] Les returned from dental practice a few years ago, but still when not working in his garden (covering about two acres !!) he pulls out the occasional tooth on locum work for an Exeter dentist. He says it must be masochism !. Wilfs daughter MARGARET who was at Grangefield from 52-58 took an honours degree in French at London University and on an exchange visit, she met, and subsequently married Jean-Claude Bardot. She is now the mother of two little girls. After taking her 'licence' in English at the Sorbonne Margaret went on to take the qualifying exam for French teachers, C.A.P.E.S. and last year was successful in the highly competitive Agregation exam, the qualification for the top posts in the French Educational system. She now teaches in a Lycee at Melum, south of Paris, while her husband is Head of an Ecole Secondaire. His son MARTIN attended Grangefield for just over a year (59-61) before Wilf was transferred to Scarborough also took an honours degree in French at London university. After various teaching posts Martin took a year off to take an M.A. at Essex in European Literature and Drama and is now teaching French and producing plays at Leighton Buzzard. He was married in August to Mary Roberts at Bristol (our belated congratulations - Editor) Wilf adds finally that there is always something of interest for him in the 'New Stocktonian' but notes with a degree of sadness on the diminishing number of his contemporaries.

DAVID PENSON in enclosing his subscription (debtors please note!) includes his new address and promises more up to date news for future editions.

JOHN SHARP (09-11) announced his retirement from the committee at the last AGM a position which he has filled most ably since 1952. I would like to take this opportunity to express in print the appreciation of all members of the Association for the efforts and service given over a period of more than 25 years We wish you well in your retirement John and trust you will keep in touch.

TOM SOWLER (25-32) [or as the Sunday Times prefers to call him Tom Fowler] has again been instrumental in putting Stockton on the map. Following his history of the town (published in 1972) Tom, some 4 years later, began research into a rumour that Stockton Parish Church was originally designed by Christopher Wren. After many months of fruitless efforts he was at last rewarded by finding documentary proof that Wren did indeed design the original church; thus providing the necessary evidence to show that Stockton Parish Church is unique, in as much as it is the only parish church outside of London designed by Wren. It is hoped that this unique situation will help in the raising of the £125,000 needed to renovate the crumbling building.

MIKE SIZER (39-44) informs us, through a letter to Brian Brand of his change of address - he is still in Victoria, Australia however Mike continues to play rugby over there although since he has now reached his half century he has decided to look after himself and only play for the Harlequins (Australian version) fourth XV who are themselves celebrating their half centenary next

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season. The team is a collection of experienced lads, he writes, who can't or won't train regularly (although Mike admits to a once weekly effort in this activity!) Their main aim appears to be to enjoy themselves whatever the score and whichever side is the winner (I believe that was how we used to play once upon a time – Editor). Mike is still looking forward to having a game for the Old Stocktonians against the college at second row and tells us to keep the place vacant for him for the day when he will turn up and claim it. The fact that he has already played for 39 seasons (he managed to wangle two seasons in one year in 1970 by leaving the UK in April and arriving in Australia in time for their season!) does not seem to have dampened Mike's enthusiasm. Mike asks how the Old Boys Association is going (your behind the times Mike) not forgetting the Old Girls!! He would be interested to know how the Old Girls of his vintage are getting on (they used to be quite rough – his words not ours) Mike well remembers MAGGIE HUGHES hitting BILL CHARNLEY with a hockey stick just for throwing her hat out of the bus at Tilery – 'no sense of proportion' he adds. He trusts that they are more amenable now so do we Mike, so do we.

ALAN TURNER (66–73) apologises for lateness with subscriptions (and enclosed cash to cover this year) but makes up for this by giving us some news of his activities. In chronological order he obtained a second class Hons Degree in Biochemistry (July 77) a Dutch wife (August 77) and a D.Philosophy place, staying at Queen's (Oct 77). Alan, his wife (Marie Rose) are sharing their humble abode with, among others, PHIL DALTON (66–73)

ROBERT WALLER (32–36) in addition to (once again) supporting the magazine with his annual advertisement mentions how much he has enjoyed the contacts this entry has enabled him to make with 'old stagers of bygone years'. In addition he relates a meeting he had recently with the French Commercial Attache in the U.K. and the Managing Director of a manufacturing unit in France who were seeking representation in this country. During his interview the French people were offering him a somewhat greater territory than he really wanted he was therefore not only able to use the only bit of French he remembered, to wit the school motto "Pas a pas on va bien loin" but also secure the representation of a specialist firm of fabricators who concentrate their activities in dealing with exotic metals such as titanium and palladium. Bob feels sure that Dreamy Manners would have been proud of him.

KEVIN BROWN (73–74) having gained his BSc in Maths at Imperial College London in 1977 is now working with Cleveland County Council.

DENNIS SIZER brother of Mike, still a keen tennis fan and the means by which we had a letter from Mike he and his wife are involved with the P.T.A. at Ian Ramsey and hoping to organise a TV at their Summer Fair (Wimbledon Finals day!)

GORDON SAMUEL (34–38) spent a couple of years in Spain with British Titan Products and on his return decided to take a country pub. He is now mine host of the Carpenters Arms at Felixkirk, a couple of miles from Thirsk.

[take the Scarboro' road from Thirsk then first left] Gordon and his charming wife Rita would welcome any former students for a drink or a meal in pleasant surroundings.

COLIN SINCLAIR was home (U.K.) for leave in August and September. He is now back in Ghana for another year – gold mining! He tells us that

JACK GLATTBACH is in New York working for the United Nations after some time based near Darlington as a free lance journalist though on call for trips anywhere to search out the news. Colin's son David is at Bowe School where he is established in the rugby XV and building on his Australian reputation as the "Tackling Machine" – not too bad for an eleven year old.

COLIN SYMONDS tells us he is now with W.S. Atkins and Partners as a heating engineer and is currently working on a British Steel plant at Redcar.

He sees TREVOR POLLARD, and IAN REYNOLDS who work for British Steel and also GEOFFREY KEEN who is working on contract to B.S. on the Computer Side.

The Editor would like to pass on thanks to R.E.B. (Scorcher) WILLIAMS (08-15) for the 'Old Stocktonian' magazines he kindly sent for our records they include a copy of the SSS Magazine 'Excelsior' for December 1907

Vol 1 No. 1 – a rare publication indeed! Although the Association has copies of past issues the arrival of these prompted the Editor into thinking of reviving the tradition that used to be (in the mid-fifties) of delving into past records of 10, 20, 30, 40 etc years ago and giving details of who was doing what – this may prompt members to write with 'gems' they may have hidden away in the depths of their mind for the next issue [i.e. years 69-70, 59-60 etc]



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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of the following Old Stocktonians since the last issue of the Magazine.

MR JOHN W CORNER (1900-05) one of the oldest members of the Association at 89 years of age passed away on April 19th 1978. John always looked forward to receiving the magazine each year although, sadly he found little news of late of his own age group. Very proud of his old school John always kept in contact with the Association. We extend our sympathy to his wife Isabella.

MR V.J.G. (Johnny) MACGREGOR Died on 17th September 1978 at the age of 80. He was a scholar at the old school in Nelson Terrace from 1908 to 1915 and held the distinction of being the first Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery the school produced.

With G.P.J. (Paddy) DEE who died three years ago, T WEATHERELL (Killed in France in 1917) and R.E.B. WILLIAMS (Scorcher) by whom his passing is greatly mourned, he was part of the Soccer XI defence for many years. Soon after the outbreak of war he joined the Cameron Highlanders with whom he was on active service until 1918. After being demobilised, he entered Edinburgh University where in 1925 he gained his MB and Bachelor of Surgery. He then became Medical Officer to the Gold Coast Government through the Baptist Missionary Society and later, after his marriage to Beatrice who survives him, served in the Belgian Congo. After 26 years abroad, he returned to the U.K. and for a time resided at Thirsk, later serving as acting House Surgeon at Newark General Hospital.

His elder brother, LLEWELLYN (Mac) who died in 1952, together with NORMAN WINN, PHILIP COHEN and LANCE WINN took a very active part in launching the Old Stocktonians Association in 1913.

MR ERNEST LESLIE USHER died on the 22nd August last year and we extend our sympathy to his wife (an old girl of the school) and his son Ken.

MR WALTER WILKINSON died on April 9th 1978 aged 78 years. After leaving school he showed an aptitude for engineering. He became a draughtsman at Pickering's Lifts and then quickly assumed a responsible position in the firm becoming General Manager and Director. He retired 1959 and enjoyed living at Great Ayton. Walter was an active Rotarian in the Middlesbrough Club and keenly interested in sport especially cricket, in which he himself was no mean performer. His hobbies were many but his great love was for gardening and woodwork. In the latter he was a great perfectionist and showed great skill. It was always a pleasure for him to receive the "Stocktonian" his wife tells us he counted the second issued dated Easter 1913 one of his prized possessions. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife.

Whilst going to press we were sorry to receive news of the death of the wife of HORACE KING whilst they were on holiday in Spain during October of this year. To MR KING and his family we offer our sympathy at this time.

TRUE TO FORM ?

(by Martin Jones)

Just over a month ago I was disappointed to learn that I had failed my O level English Language examination. However, when I came to the college for my final interview I was pleased to confirm that I was able to take a course of 3 A level and 2 O level subjects including English. All seemed set for work to start – or so I thought.

My first day at the college started with a meeting with my Tutor and then the deluge began. Pink forms, blue forms, green forms, yellow forms! I had never seen so many forms and before long I simply didn't know where I was. It would not have surprised me to have been presented with a sky blue pink form or even a rainbow coloured one. Along with other members of the Tutor group I wondered if it was all necessary or whether I was becoming just another small cog in a bureaucratic machine. Indeed was Stockton Sixth Form College an educational establishment at all ?

However, now that I have spent several weeks at the college I realise that all the paperwork really was necessary. There are over 500 students in all, some 300 of whom were new to the college this year. Obviously there are many organisational problems when dealing with such a large number of individuals and the many forms, lists etc. ensure at least reasonable efficiency.

I now feel I have settled into college routine and I am contributing to and enjoying the social life offered. Above all I am at least hopeful of gaining the academic qualifications I need for my future career.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' PRIZES

Two prizes were awarded this year to members of the college. During her time here Vickey Newey worked tremendously hard to improve her own standard and gave a great deal of help and encouragement to her team-mates. Hockey was her best game and she captained the college 1st XI as well as playing for the County. She also represented the County at tennis and played regularly for the college Badminton team.

Horace Kirby was an outstanding basketball player. He captained the college team represented the County and played in the North of England final trial. In one game in the Teesside League he scored a record 68 points. He was 1st XI soccer captain and was a member of the County team which won the inter-county championships at Skegness.

Both Vickey and Horace were very likeable young people who were respected by their fellow students. They have our best wishes for the future.

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SOCCER 1977 — 78 (by R. Hope)

The college first eleven had the most successful campaign of any previous college side last season but were still left disappointed in not collecting a trophy.

The teams bid for the Cleveland County Schools U-19 League was sustained throughout the season until two draws and a defeat in the last three home matches forced us to settle for the title of runners up. The team however, finished the season on a high note with a convincing 3-0 away win at South Park, with Richard Curd scoring what must have been the college's goal of the season, a blistering header from a right side corner.

It is interesting to note that throughout the season the college side only dropped one point away from home, a little more consistency at home along with a few less injuries would have surely secured the League title.

As far as the Cleveland County Cup was concerned then a little more determination would have resulted in a healthier run. Having beaten Prior Pursglove college in a league match only days before, the college side promptly walked into this match and into a 5-2 thrashing.

Undoubtedly the college's finest game and the one where all the players felt proudest afterwards, was the 2-1 beating of Bede College Billingham, at Billingham Synthonia. In front of a number of supporters the college became Cleveland's representative in the English Schools Association Championship, a feat achieved by no other college side. The team then went a step further by being the first Cleveland team to proceed past the first round with a 3-0 beating of the Durham representatives, Seaham Northern Comprehensive, John Williams turning in a fine hat-trick.

The side then went down 2-1 in the second round against Sowerby Bridge Grammar School from West Yorkshire at Marton Sixth Form College, having one effort turned off the line and two off the woodwork. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who came along to the E.S.F.A. matches, all team members were encouraged by the support.

The college second team had a disappointing season in the second division finishing sixth out of nine teams, although this was due to little teamwork at the start of the season and their later form was very impressive. Hopefully this year can be better.

Looking forward to this year, a successful season will have to be a hard fought one, especially for the first team with only three of us remaining from last season, but all players and staff will be striving to achieve the best possible results.

BOYS' HOCKEY 1977 — 1978

The boys' hockey team had another enjoyable and successful season. For the second year in succession the team were runners up in the Durham Area Under 19 Cup. Apart from the cup ties several friendly matches were played against sides of varying age and experience

The playing record for the season was:

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against
9	4	2	3	20	16

Geoff Braham, Faruq Chaudry, Mark Harrison and Jeff Wood were all selected to represent the County Under 19 team. These same players along with several other members of the college team played regularly for local hockey clubs,

CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The years activities began with what is hoped to be an annual inter-tutor group Welly Race (in which four students sponsored by their T.G. were roped together at the waist and wearing wellies dashed through the mud following a marked course) Tutor group 27 were the victors but all participants and spectators alike appeared to enjoy the fun-packed dinner-hour.

Early in November we held a Ceilidh with music by "Drops of Brandy" and realised £25. This was closely followed by a well attended Coffee Evening in aid of Save the Children Fund. Local organisers of this charity came to sell Christmas cards and this, along with the tombola and ticket money raised over £100. On hearing, by way of the media, of the havoc created in India from the monsoon floods a one-day "whip round" was organised within the college which meant £30 would be sent to Disaster Relief.

Despite the rain and freezing cold conditions, hardened groups of carol singers turned out three nights in December to raise £50 for the Arthritic Research Committee. Parents and staff were provided with coffee and a host of guides for the two Parents evenings in January and February of this year.

In March a substantial profit was made on another students Ceilidh

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly on July 13th when we took a group of under-privileged Stockton children on a day trip to Beamish Open Air Museum. The weather was perfect and judging by the childrens "thank you" letters well worth every penny.

Throughout the year various charities have benefitted from the help of students collecting in the High Street or going from door to door during flag weeks. The Blind week collections alone were increased £100 due to the college's efforts

The Charities Committees forthcoming events hope to include: another Welly Race, a coffee evening and a parents Ceilidh

ROHM AND HAAS SCHOOLS' SCIENCE PROJECT 1978

(by John Cavanagh)

On Friday 30th June, 1978, four pupils from Stockton Sixth Form College competed in the finals of the Rohm and Haas Schools' Science project at Durham University.

Karen Dalkin, Christine Stone, Craig Mitchell and myself submitted a report about the effects of the gross pollution, both organic and inorganic on the Kilton Beck at Skinningrove.

The organic pollution was caused by sewage overflowing from outlets along the lower reaches of the beck. The inorganic pollution was caused by the seepage of water from the disused Liverton mines. This mine water caused a deep orange colour to the beck due to the presence of ferric salts.

The aim of the project was to try and pinpoint the exact cause of the absence of benthic invertebrates from the lower reaches.



Karen carried out lengthy experiments to determine whether invertebrates move away from substrates which are covered by either sewage or ochre (iron (III) hydroxide).

Christine investigated the possibility that the pollutants themselves were actually toxic to the invertebrates, and if so in what concentrations.

Craig constructed a miniature stream using a pump kindly lent to the college by Tomlinson Hall & Co. He tried to determine whether the stream drift of invertebrates was greater from polluted substrates.

I investigated the possibility that a lack of dissolved oxygen was the cause of the absence of invertebrates from the lower reaches. This seems likely as both organic and inorganic pollution remove oxygen from water and I found that several species of invertebrates were unable to tolerate low dissolved oxygen concentrations.

The end product of our research was quite a substantial dossier on the effects of pollution on lentic invertebrates, using the Kilton Beck as a prime example of a polluted stream. It gained third place in the competition and also a cheque to the Biology Department to buy a water pump for use in a permanent miniature stream, and also an oxygen meter which allows on-the-spot determination of dissolved oxygen concentration to be made.

Thanks must go to all who helped in the production of the project, most of all to Dr B H S Moorhouse, for all his help and advice.

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BADMINTON 1977/78

Badminton turned out to be one of the most popular sports this year, with what seemed like half the college swarming to the Sports Hall every Monday evening and Tuesday lunch-time, for the Badminton Club. Not even the exorbitant membership fee of 20p could stop them.

The team had a successful season winning most of their matches. The results were:
Played – 12, Won – 9, Lost – 3

Several of the team members entered the Stockton and District U.19 tournament at Eaglescliffe. They were very successful and won all the events. The winners were.

Ladies Doubles: Jackie Jameson	Mens Doubles: Philip Davison
Julie Vaulks	Clive Whaley

The college arranged its own tournament which started just after the Christmas holidays and was still going strong by Easter with over 80 students taking part. Never before had such a dazzling array of badminton skills been gathered together for one tournament. (The major television companies are fighting for coverage of next year's competition!)

The winners were:

Ladies Singles: Julie Vaulks	Mens Singles: Philip Davison
Ladies Doubles' Julie Vaulks	Mens Doubles: Chris Rigg
Vicky Newey	Clive Whaley
Mixed Doubles: Philip Davison	
Caroline Burton	

Many thanks go to Mrs Grainge for her help but most of all for her time.

YOUTH HOSTELLING

There has not been the same apparent interest as in the previous years when sometimes three or four cyclists made their own way in addition to the main party travelling by bus.

However, in the Christmas term, Helmsley was the centre. In crisp weather on the Saturday, an interesting walk included Rievaulx Abbey with constant contact with pheasant. On Sunday, we were made very welcome at Ampleforth College. Those, who wished, went to morning service. Afterwards, we split into small groups for escorted tours including lunch at various boarding houses. We all appreciated the concern and hospitality

After an initial postponement due to heavy snow in February, we went to York at Easter. The variety of interest, historically in architecture and the railway museum, made this short stay in a town hostel quite memorable.

In the summer term the week from Runswick Bay to Whitby, staying in the mill at Boggle Hole provided problems of various kinds – but the weather proved better than forecast. On the Monday, one party explored the coast – another the pretty and secluded Little Beck valley, meeting together for fish and chips at Whitby before returning home

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HISTORY SOCIETY

A History Society was formed in the Autumn term of 1977. Four meetings were held during the year on a variety of topics. College staff were responsible for two of the lectures: Mr P Facer spoke on "Mayerling" and Dr G Day on "Eighteenth Century Yorkshire Elections". In the Spring Term Miss M Styan made a welcome return to the college to speak on "Life in My Grandparents' Day". Later in the term Mr T Sowler a governor of the college, gave an illustrated lecture on the "History of Stockton". Just before Christmas 1977 Dr Day conducted an outing to Shandy Hall at Cotswold, Byland Abbey and Mount Grace Priory. The Society was well supported throughout the year and is engaged on a similar programme for 1978-1979

LEGAL CONGRESS AT OAKHAM SCHOOL (by Claire Arran)

"Rutland County Library" the large fluorescent sign proudly proclaimed above the door to a library hardly bigger than the college's. This small building was then inundated with almost a hundred eager would be law students. They were on a residential course being held in the town's large boarding school. The course was officially entitled "The 2nd Annual 6th Form Legal Congress" as sponsored by the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry. The school was Oakham Boarding School for boys and girls, Oakham, Rutland.

I was lucky enough to have a place on this course, which was held in the first week of January. Each day was devoted to different aspects of the law; Courts, Tribunals, Common Law, Parliamentary Procedures, Criminal Law etc.

We had the opportunity to study law in the way in which it is at University. We heard University Professors lecture in their specialist fields, also a Queen's Counsel talked about his work in London as a Barrister. They successfully proved to us that Law is not such a boring subject as others make it out to be, with lectures on the law of the Common Market, Rape and Juvenile Crime. There were some lively debates especially with Gerry Veart, the regional organiser of A.P.E.X. (the Grunwick Dispute and the Northern Echo strike were fresh in the news at the time)

Apart from lectures we had to work on our own in the library, on group projects, and also had to prepare a dramatic presentation for the last morning. This was based on an Industrial Tribunal, and was judged on accuracy in the ways in which legal procedures was portrayed.

Apart from the academic side, the social aspect of such a course is just as important. We met with our new friends each night in the Club room bar (licensed to serve over 16's!) On the last night each group was expected to provide some humorous entertainment for after the formal dinner. At the beginning of the course we were dreading this, but on the night we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly, and were very sad when we had to leave on Saturday morning.

The whole course was extremely well organised with excellent facilities for all aspects of the programme, academic or otherwise. The staff of Oakham School and also all the lawyers who came up from London to help run the course were most helpful to us, and I would thoroughly recommend the course to anyone who was considering studying Law at University. I found it a great help, and a most enjoyable holiday into the bargain.

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HISTORY TRIP TO LONDON

(by C Griffiths)

May 26th 1978 began early for the historians of Stockton Sixth Form College. We took the local train to Darlington and there joined the new Intercity 125. It is a very comfortable, smooth running train with a design that puts it into the 21st Century. The fields and villages just seemed to fly by. The only thing which I found hazardous was walking down the aisles with coffee tubs in my hand, specially available at extra cost. The time seemed to go quickly and at 10.30 after several experiments using stacked coffee cups we arrived at Kings Cross.

It was at this sprawling mass of a station, we divided into two main groups, though a separate smaller group went off to the Imperial War Museum. Our group, headed by Mr Facer descended to the underground despite Kevin being bewildered by the ticket machine. The train arrived and we all ran the gauntlet getting into the carriage before the doors closed.

Soon we reached St Paul's Cathedral and there we were allowed to tour in even smaller groups. Kevin and I, and later Mr Facer went down into the crypt where various famous people were buried. We paid our respects to Christopher Wren, and to Nelson whose coronet was left on his tomb, after all those years. We then came to the imposing tomb of Wellington which was made from black Cornish porphyry on a foundation of granite. Also we saw the huge funeral coach of Wellington — he must have been very happy in it. There also rest the bodies of such famous people as the artists Turner and Reynolds, the Sullivan part of Gilbert and Sullivan and even Lawrence of Arabia.

From the crypt we climbed up to the Whispering Gallery and finally up dozens of spiral staircases to the top of the great Dome. The view of the bustling city was tremendous — the dense maze of streets and the tall blocks of flats. To the north lay the Chilterns and to the southland west lay sprawling Suburbia.

After a quick lunch on the steps of St. Pauls we hastened to our next place of interest, the Bank of England. It is a large imposing building with no downstairs windows. The view inside was therefore restricted though occasionally people in top hats did walk in and out.

We then came to the Stock Exchange, a new building, just like any normal block of flats where stocks and shares are sold. We went in and viewed the floor from the viewing gallery. Inside the warm, neat, business-like air became apparent. One jobber was reading the Sun while another industriously folded a paper aeroplane and began throwing it across the floor. It must have been a good day for one jobber for he started to dance with one of his partners. It was a very quiet time on the Stock Exchange.

We then decided to go to the Royal Exchange. Inside it was being used as an art gallery, but round the sides were some particularly patriotic scenes from our Country's past. We returned to the Stock Exchange for a short film, on how it works.

After that we walked along the streets of London, past the Monument, built to commemorate the Great Fire of London and then even more quickly past Billingsgate Fish Market. Some people actually complained about the smell. Finally

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we arrived at the Tower of London. The huge queue leading up to the entrance was full of Americans and Japanese all with their huge camera cases. We looked at Traitors Gate and viewed Tower Bridge and the broad expanse called the Thames.

After that we took the tube to the Houses of Parliament and had tea in Victoria Tower Gardens. It is here we met with the other groups who had been to such far flung places as St. James Park, Buckingham Palace, National Gallery and Westminster Abbey.

Finally the doors opened and we entered the Houses of Parliament, the tour was most interesting, we looked round both the House of Commons and the Lords, and followed the route of the Black Rod for at least part of the way. The Royal Gallery, a sort of processional room is filled with the victories of Nelson and Wellington as well as various important people. The House of Commons was certainly the most interesting for me, mainly because of its cramped appearance, its horrible green seats we were not allowed to sit on and the strange dangling microphones, of course used for radio broadcasts. Our tour ended at the ancient Westminster Hall, the tour having been enlightening and very interesting.

It was by now, early evening, so we took to tube for Kings Cross and after queuing for a while, got on the train for Darlington. This was not the Intercity 125, but was very hot inside the carriage and any liquid refreshment was warm. The contrast between the two trains was therefore, very marked both in time taken and in ventilation. At Darlington we joined the local train and arrived in Stockton about 10-50pm. We had a tiring, through very interesting and enjoyable day.

CAMPING – THE CARIBBEAN WAY

(by Catherine Porritt)

On July 26th a group of seven Girl Guides journeyed to Barbados to represent the United Kingdom at the The Diamond Jubilee International Camp celebrating sixty years of Guiding on the island.

On arrival we went to stay with Barbadian families for two days before travelling on to St. Lucia for a further five days. In St. Lucia we camped with ninety Girl Guides from all over the island and ten American Girl Scouts. July and August is the monsoon season in the West Indies and in St Lucia we experienced exceptionally heavy rain everyday. Due to the rain all of us who were camping, had to sleep in a very small hall – it was very hot, humid and mosquito ridden. While in St Lucia, we visited Soufriere – a fishing village famous for the twin volcanic cones – the Gros and Petis Pitous that rise 1000 feet above sea level; Castries, the capital and the Sulphur Springs near Chorseul.

After five days we flew back from St Lucia to Barbados to go to the Diamond Jubilee camp. We camped on the beach with the Hilton Hotel on one side and the Garrison on the other. While in camp we participated in many activities including swimming, sailing, journeys into Bridgetown – the capital, tours around the island and visited the Governor General and the British High Commissioner. Camp finished a day early due to warnings that Hurricane Cora was heading for the island. However it veered off course and hit Granada instead.

The next day we left Barbados on our journey home. We had all had a fantastic time in the Caribbean and made many new friends.



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THE DEBATING SOCIETY (by Heather Turbin)

The first debate of term was held on Tuesday September 26th and was extremely well supported. The Lecture Theatre was packed, as was the corridor outside. This offered some amusement, when those, who wished to vote at the conclusion of the debate, attempted to take their place on the floor.

The motion – that "Men are Superior to Women" was proposed by Mr. Watton and seconded by Chairman Richard Curd. The able opposition consisted of two very feminine females. Mrs Kerr and Chairman Carolyn Parkin. The debate was skilfully controlled by Mr Duncan.

Mr Watton began his speech for the defence with quotes from the Bible and the Koran to the effect that women should be "seen and not heard". He then went on to say that these quotes were irrelevant and referred to the Oxford Dictionary definition of superior, he said that a superior person was one who held a position of authority in the arts, government etc. – he then went on to prove that the men had the most qualifications to be superior.

Mrs Kerr said that behind every successful man there was a woman, she referred to the defeat of Napoleon I when deserted by Josephine. She stated also, that women are superior because they have the task of bearing children. Mrs Kerr then gave a list of great women in history, such as Cleopatra, Joan of Arc, Florence Nightingale and Mairead Corrigan etc.

Richard, speaking for the motion, entertained us with lively reference to Adam and Eve, The Guinness Book of Records and cavemen in Hartlepool

Carolyn quoted from a thrilling work of literary genius entitled "Deeds of Daring" pointing out that there were more stories in the book about women than men.

However, when she was questioned from the floor she was forced to admit that the book was in fact written by a woman.

In her summing up Mrs Kerr inferred that women were "quietly superior to men".

Mr Watton did his best to secure votes supporting the motion.

The large number of students present made counting hands difficult in the time left. The motion was defeated by quite a large majority, and it must be recorded that no-one dared to vote against their sex.

The next debate will be held soon, although the motion has not yet been finalised. We also hope to stage another phenomenally popular balloon debate after the exams.

It is good to see the interest of the first year students in the debating society and we hope that more "new faces" will come forward to air their views in the future.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

On the whole the hockey team, captained by Vicky Newey, had a successful year, winning fifteen games, drawing four and losing only one.

Nine girls were selected for the Stockton district team and Vicky Newey and Karen Tindall represented Cleveland County under 19 1st XI whilst Kay Butters, Jane Foster, Alison Kemp and Rachel Watts played for the County 2nd XI.

The College was very successful in the indoor tournament. They beat Acklam S.F.C. in the semi-final and then went on to defeat the Grange by 3 goals to 2, making them the overall winners. During the competition the college scored 76 goals and conceded only 19. As always our sincere thanks are due to Mrs Grainge for her willing help and advice throughout the season.

BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE R.E. LESSON (by Carolyn Parkin)

It has been decided some time ago that a day in London was a vitally necessary part of any A level Religious Studies syllabus, and the prospect seemed so mind-boggling that students hitherto observed to be incapable of movement before 9 am. could be seen actually laughing on Darlington station.

No boring details of the journey down — it took 3½ hours and had all the necessary components — scenery, erratic heating, long corridors and no buffet. We hit London Kings Cross, where the absence of red carpets was singularly noticeable, at 12.30 and proceeded via the underground, millions of stairs, and a deserted sandwich kiosk to the British Museum. This was half of the educational reason for the excursion, and was stunning. So stunning, in fact, that the 2½ hours allocated on our hectic schedule was barely enough to touch the wonders untold.

From a strictly personal viewpoint many of the treasures seemed too amazing to be believable! My limited mental capacity quite happily accommodated the autographs of Dickens and Byron of Fielding, Shakespeare, Thackeray and Browning but the old grey matter just boggled at Codex, Sinaitacus, the Lindisfarne Gospels, Bede's original history, the Gutenberg Bible, the Bedford book of hours the Domesday book and the most amazing of all Magna Carta. It must be impossible to appreciate the British Museum in 2½ hours.

For students of Islam or indeed just the interested traveller the mosque should be standard on any itinerary for London. A new building, graceful and tasteful, and very large it has an aura of reverence about its dome and minaret. We were welcomed and escorted around the building by an Egyptian economist who spoke better English than most of us, and who was very impressed by the fact that we had come all the way from Cleveland to see the Central Mosque. He showed us the huge library, the classrooms where muslim children study after ordinary school, the washing rooms and would have taken us to the kitchens but for temperamental cooks!

Removing our shoes, we went and sat in the main body of the mosque, with its sky-blue dome Turkish mosaics and striped carpet, and as we asked questions and talked to our guide the faithful were coming in, and saying a prayer or two. The whole place was reverent, friendly and welcoming — always open to those who would come. Perhaps the Christian faith can learn a lesson here, for the mosque is the centre of a Muslims life and not as inaccessible as churches often are. As our guide said "It is our home".

After the Spiritual experiences we retraced our steps across London, catching (or missing) several tubes and crawling (or staggering) up sever escalators. Alighting at the stop marked embankment those who wanted to see King's College could those who desperately needed nourishment and seating before rigor mortis set in attacked Trafalgar Square with the vengeance peculiar to starving academical trips. As for the evening, most had booked for some sort of entertainment. A fair number myself included, went to Drury Lane to see "A Chorus Line" which could be described as the perfect end to a perfect day, but isn't going to be, for literary reasons. The show was marvellous, just what we'd expected etc etc and imparted a certain note of jollification and frivolity to the walk back to the tube station. We all reassembled at 11, or half past, at Leicester Square, and thence to Kings Cross and the train home which took 5½ hours and was memorable for the erratic heating. In the compartment I had the misfortune to occupy at any rate, the heating stubbornly refused to heat more than half the carriage at once but we spent most of the time asleep on seats, floors, standing up, standing on those sleeping on floors, wrestling with the blinds or those standing on those sleeping on floors and all the other things which British Rail travellers in the small hours spends his time doing.

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