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THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES

Fellow Stocktonians,

May I first take the opportunity, as the new President, to extend greetings to you all. I am very pleased to report that since our appeal for 'new blood' on the Committee, we have elected several new members and the position of Secretary has been taken over by Martin Gillespie. Many new ideas and much needed vigour have been brought to the Committee.

There is still however a great need for your support, both with news of yourself and former students and attendance at Association functions such as the Sports Extravaganza (events and evening festivities) and the Annual Dinner.

We have now entered our second decade of association with the College and are looking forward to our 75th Anniversary in 1988 - perhaps you may care to suggest a special event or events to celebrate that auspicious occasion.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

PAUL GRAHAM

Stockton Sixth Form College has now been in existence for ten years and it is interesting at this stage to look back and reflect on what has changed and what has not.

Many of the changes can be traced to the march of time and to changes in the financial climate and job situation. The march of time has brought changes in the staffroom, (though half of the original staff are still here), and in the buildings. Those who had to work in the science labs. in the early days will not be surprised to hear that the labs. are now separated from one another and from the Technology area by walls, but would feel at home in the rest of the building where even the paint on the walls has not changed.

The increasing value of paper qualifications in the employment market has led to a slow but steady growth in student numbers and the present 600 students means that the buildings are crowded. Young people have increasingly been prepared to take advantage of the "open access" nature of the College to "have another go" to top up their paper qualifications in order to improve their prospects in the job market and there has also been a significant increase in the numbers coming to take A-levels. In our first year 175 students sat A-level exams but in each of the last two years the numbers of candidates at A-level has been just

under 250 and they have achieved more than 100 passes in each year more than their predecessors in 1974. Over the past ten years we have made 6,241 A-level subject entries and three quarters of them have been successful. In the last four years the College has sent 32 students off to Oxford and Cambridge compared with the 3 in our first year.

In short, walls and students are more numerous than they used to be but the institution is still recognisable and much the same as when it started.

ARTHUR CARR

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to
GILLIAN MATHIE

on her 1st Class Honours degree in Physics from Cardiff University.

RECENT DEGREE SUCCESSES

Claire Arran	Law	Birmingham University
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Danny Parker	Mathematics	Cambridge University
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STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The past year has, in most respects, been extremely successful for the Student Council and its supporting committees.

The only disappointment that springs immediately to mind is a far greater frustration than anyone could have envisaged. Due to one or more egotistical individuals who broke into college, stole money from the pool table, drinks machine, and football table and who, in the process of doing so, caused considerable damage, we have decided to discontinue hiring the football table. This is mainly because of a new deal requested by the company we hire it from which we found unsuitable.

The drinks machine has recently been repaired by the School Dinners Service and our thanks go to them. Luckily, the pool table is back in working order.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS

We have partially solved the seating problem in the Student Lounge by purchasing four new seating units, as the result of a deal with the L.E.A., to whom we owe our thanks. I have been busy repairing the existing furniture and wish to thank all the students who volunteered their help. It would be greatly appreciated if present students would treat the lounge with greater care than has been done in the past.

This year we have continued giving sports grants from which a number of individual students have benefitted. Among other recipients were the Boys' Hockey Team and the Girls' Keep Fit classes.

The Entertainments Committee has been very busy this year and apart from the regular discos which were very successful, they organised a Pop Quiz, with teams entering from the teaching ranks as well as students. We were quite surprised to find that not all teachers spend their evenings listening to Radio 3, Winifred Attwell and Val Doonican, when Mrs Hiley, Mr Hewitson, and Mr Honeybourne finished a respectable third in the final!

Sports Drome

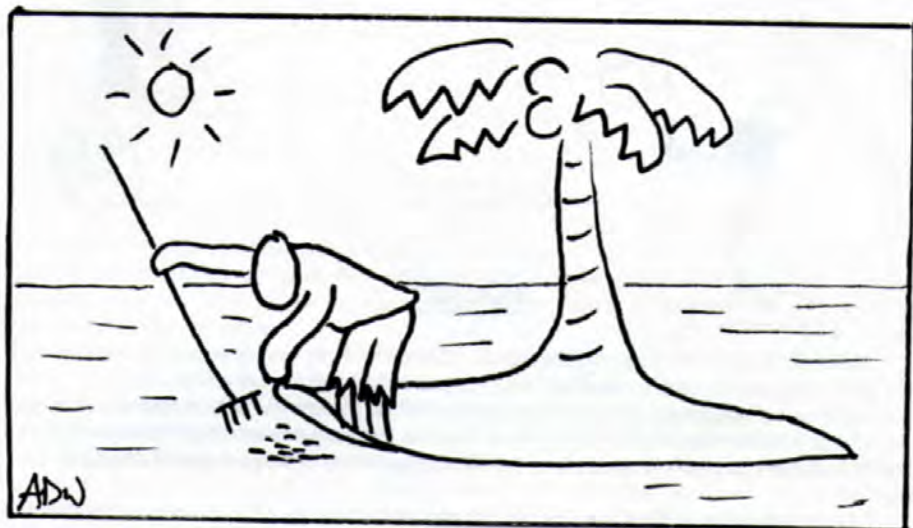
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Mini Pop Quizzes were also held on each Induction Day, when the present first year students had a chance to participate.

There is a Coffee/Video Evening on 18th October, but the proposed Band night has unfortunately been shelved for the time being. Other events in the planning stage include The Greatest Fancy Dress Christmas Party Ever (with loads of surprises) and another series of Pop Quiz in early 1984.

I should like to thank all the members of the Entertainments Committee who have worked so hard under the guidance of Chairman, Jonathan Pinder. Special thanks go to David Robson who excelled in the Compilation and preparation of all the Pop Quizzes.

We have finally elected an efficient and reliable Record Playing Committee, for whom we purchased a new amplifier earlier this year. Our gratitude goes to the Chairman, Iain Carr, and all the others involved for providing this service with unfailing regularity.

On Sponsor Day we raised the considerable sum of £570 for polio vaccinations in the Third World, even though some suggested activities, such as lilo-ing down the Tees and an all-night disco, did not take place.

Allison Saunders resigned as Vice-Chairman when she left College, and her position has since been taken by Sarah Nicholson. May I extend my thanks to Allison, Sarah, Marie Ridgley (Sec.), Anne Taylor (Ass. Sec.) and Ian Chandler (Treas.) for all their hard work and support throughout the year. I should also like to thank all the tutor group representatives for their contributions to Council.

I am sure the student body would echo all the thanks I have extended here, as they were all to people who have worked hard to improve college life for all the students.

I hope that this year will turn out to be the most successful in the Student Council's history!

ALAN ALEXANDER
(Chairman)



HOCKEY

GIRLS: Last year was successful for the girls' first team, who started the season with 9 out of 11 district hockey players, and 8 of the County first XI.

We were unbeaten as a College side in all our local friendly matches and also won 3-0 at Ripon - the hardest fixture on the list. Playing a team that has been a fixed side for some six years means that the Ripon game is always a good physical contest!

The College qualified for the National U:18 Knockout Competition for the 3rd time, as North-Eastern representatives. We had beaten Northumberland and Durham to earn this distinction, and were unlucky not to come through our section at Lytham after a draw and two defeats.

Finally, the team became Cleveland County U:19 tournament champions for the fifth consecutive year, and also ran out winners of the indoor league for the fifth time.

The reputation fostered by past girls' hockey teams is certainly being well looked after at S.S.F.C.!

JACKIE EDMONDSON

Girls Hockey: Jill Thurlbeck (Capt.), Jennifer Anderson, Helen Fletcher, Jackie Hay, Jane Herron, Tracey Leonard, Julie Moncur, Kim Moore, Michelle Robinson, Gail Scott, Alison Wright.

BOYS: Although we struggled to form a team at the start of the season, last year was a highly successful one for boys' hockey at the College.

In the U:19 League we started off badly with a 2-8 defeat at the hands of Queen Elizabeth S.F.C. However, as the season progressed we became stronger and more confident. We eventually won the league and were awarded the Jim Jack U:19 League Cup as a result.

More success came in the Durham and Cleveland U:19 Knockout Competition when we beat St. Mary's S.F.C. 2-0 in the final. For the first time in the College's history we had won the Durham Knockout Shield.

In March we secured the Midland Bank Trophy, for the second year running, by winning the Cleveland Schools Tournament.

Unfortunately, we went no further than the semi-finals of the Northumberland Schoolboys, but we were missing Captain Simon Harbron.

Congratulations to Simon, by the way, for achieving County First team honours, and also to David Robson who was our top scorer with 16 goals.

1982/3 was certainly a very productive year and we are looking forward to yet more success in the current season.

RAY BREARLY

Boys Hockey: Simon Harbron (Capt.), Tony Robertson (Vice Capt.), Darren Boyd, Eric Bradley, Mark Ferguson, Craig Gill, Jeremy Hanson, Stuart Hayton, Paul Henderson, Simon Jones, Paul Murgatroyd, Andrew Murray, Micheal Parr, Fraser Plahe, Neil Pope, David Popple, Simon Raper, David Robson, Nigel Walker.



FOOTBALL

The 1982/3 season was a highly successful one for first team soccer. We lost just three matches all year but unfortunately these defensive qualities were not always matched by attacking flair. This led to many matches being drawn that should have been won.

Peter D'Ambrosio and goal-keeper Stephen Curry were the real heroes of the side displaying skill and determination throughout. Paul Murgatroyd's year reflected the spirit of the first XI. After breaking a knee-cap early in the season against South Park, he returned to score our winning goal in the County Cup Final.

Winning the cup for the first time yielded a great deal of satisfaction. The final, against Bede S.F.C. went to a thrilling replay at Stockton Rugby Club, with Willie Maddren presenting the Trophy (thanks to Mr Hudson for the arrangements).

The support from students was tremendous and the success rounded off an enjoyable season for the players and the management duo of Mr "Brian Clough" Hewitson and Mr "Peter Taylor" Clinton. The competitive friendliness of the matches we played proved that soccer doesn't have to be as cynical as the game on T.V.!

MARTIN CLINTON

Football: Paul Winter (Capt.), David Alexander, George Brittain, Steve Curry, Peter D'Ambrosio, Colin Gallagher, Ian Jamieson, Andy Morris, Paul Murgatroyd, Ian Nicholson, Mike Thornton, Mike Vickers, Kenny Young.

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RUGBY

Capt: Gary Richmond, Vice Capt: Mark Christon, Sec: John Downes.

The College 1st XV had yet another good season but, primarily due to the lack of a league system, there was little in the way of trophies at the end of the year to show for it.

We beat every 6th Form College in Cleveland except Sir William Turner's, and only just lost in the finals of the Durham County 7-a-side tournament, when we were beaten by Barnard Castle School.

We also lost to Stockton R.F.C. Senior Colts in the Jeff Carter memorial Match, but team captain Gary Richmond and Mark Ferguson were chosen to play for both Durham and Cleveland County 1st XV's.

Congratulations to them and to John Downes and Martin Kay who were also members of the Cleveland Squad.

ANTHONY HORNER

Rugby: Gary Richmond (Capt.), Mark Christon (Vice Capt.), Andrew Bean, Roy Broadbent, Robert Brown, John Downes, Mark Ferguson, Simon Harbron, Anthony Horner, Martin Kay, Robin Kitching, Andrew Laverick, Steven McBean, Jeremy Mitchinson, Paul Moran, John Muncaster, Steven Murphy, Chris Rayner, Anthony Robertson, Chris Skinner, Bruce Walker, Robert Wilkes, Graeme Yeaman.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Surely the high point of last year's debating calendar was the John Spark Trophy. The College beat Acklam and Bede 6th Forms in earlier rounds to reach the finals in December.

There we met Sir William Turner's S.F.C. and narrowly lost on a motion concerning Nuclear Disarmament.

The team for the final was Chris Saul (proposer), Sarah Day (second), Chris Cooke, Catriona Pettigrew, Graham Mitchell and Simon Watts, all admirably assisted by Mrs Chetitah.

I am sure they are all to be congratulated on their splendid efforts.

The College also had success in the local Public Speaking Competition for young women. The team consisted of Michele Waddleton (chairman), Catriona Pettigrew and Dinah Harriss. Despite their inexperience in this type of competition, the girls came a close second to Teesside High Junior Team in a very strong field.

At the end of last term we were especially sorry to bid farewell to Chris Saul (who had been our principal speaker for two years and who had won the 1981 College Debating prize, given annually by Miss M. Styan). The 1982 winner, Catriona Pettigrew has also now left.

This year the first Debate in College concerned a proposal for Britain's unilateral disarmament. The motion was carried by a large majority and it was encouraging to see that the Debate was well attended. Keep coming!

JASON AYRE (President)



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

The College has been affiliated to Amnesty International for two years now, and in that time, support has varied widely. At the moment there are about a dozen students and staff who are active in the group. There are weekly meetings on Monday lunchtimes (usually in room 30 if anyone wants to come!).

Our aim is to support the work of A.I. by writing letters to governments of countries where prisoners of conscience are being held, or where torture and the death penalty are being used.

Prisoners of conscience are men and women imprisoned because of their political, religious or other conscientiously held beliefs, or because of their colour, language or ethnic origin, and who have neither used nor advocated violence.

The group also helps, when it can, with the work of the local Teesside section of A.I. We have taken part in the "Murder by Governments" campaign this year and have helped press for the release of the Teesside group's adopted prisoners.

One of these is a student in Berlin who was arrested during a demonstration, but who has never been charged or brought to trial.

Another was a student in El Salvador who had been arrested and imprisoned, and had then disappeared. We have recently heard that she has been released. It is satisfying to think that perhaps our work helped bring this about.

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION YOUTH CONFERENCE

As a result of reaching the final of the John Spark Debating Competition, the College was invited to send two representatives to take part in the U.N.A. Youth Annual Conference, held in London on 6th-8th January 1983. Sarah Day and Catriona Pettigrew attended.

The main purpose of the event was to discuss policies, debate current issues, and more importantly, learn from the experiences of others active in the field of turning United Nations ideals into reality.

There were 22 people involved altogether, plus two permanent U.N.A. staff and the director Malcolm Narper.

After dinner on Friday evening we were welcomed by Chairman John Lyons and then we were shown two films; "The Peace Game" and "A Better Road to Peace". Both were government backed, explaining and supporting present defence policy in the most patronising way possible! We discussed the films and eventually crawled off to bed well after midnight.

The next morning we listened to the first speaker, Ken Ritchie of the International Services Dept. He talked about Britain's aid policy to the Third World - an interesting speech for any Economics student.

Next came "The Development Game". This was the brainchild of U.N.A. member Peter Webster, and it had been especially devised for this weekend. It involved 6 teams; 3 developing countries and 3 multi-national companies. Through an imaginary 5 years we bought and sold, bargained and bent the rules of honesty.



Playing "The Development Game" gave insights into the problems of the developing world, as well as revealing some of the more sinister sides of people's characters!

We were supposed to stop at lunchtime but the game was rapidly becoming as large as life. The teams kept exclusively to themselves over the break and what with all the hushed whispers and secret meetings, the situation bore a frightening resemblance to that existant in the real world of international business today.

The next speaker was Ann Scott, who related her personal experience of the horror of life on the West Bank in Palestine. She herself had been tortured and this gave a different complexion to the "game" we had just been playing.

For, the countries which the multi-nationals had been starving would probably, in a real situation, have resorted to repression of their discontented peoples. They too, would have become torturers.

On Sunday morning we were addressed by Chris Whitehouse from Brazil, who brought into focus the problems of that distant country which we, over here, know so little about. The speech also emphasised the wrongly held opinion many of us have, that if it's not on the news, it's not happening.

The real work of the weekend came with the reports by various members on matters such as the Falklands War, the use of plastic bullets, unemployment etc. There were also discussions as to future policies and actions, and I have copies of the various pamphlets and so on given out, if anyone would like to look at them.

Catriona and I did do a lot of work and had hardly a minute to ourselves. However, we met lots of people, made many new friends and had a really tremendous time.

SARAH DAY

THE BRAINTEASER

1. By what name is Eric Blair better known?
2. Which American swimmer won 7 gold medals at which Olympic games?
3. Which was the first Beatles' single to reach No 1?
In what year was it released?
4. In terms of height, which is the world's greatest waterfall?
5. Who was the first Prime Minister of Britain?
6. Who is Archie Leach better known as?
7. What is the highest score ever recorded in the F.A. Cup proper?
8. Elvis Presley had a twin brother. Name him.
9. Which of the world's languages is spoken by the most people?
10. Which Viking discovered Greenland?

A prize of £100 will be awarded for the first correct entry received. But for those of you who just want to do it for fun, the answers are on page 15.

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"GREASE"

Last year, as the time arrived for the annual production, the College was transformed into an American highschool complete with graffiti and cheerleaders. The clock was turned back to the 1950's and "Grease" was the word.

Preparations began back in December with the auditions, and everyone was left over Christmas to watch the film on T.V. and worry about the casting.

Rehearsals started in January and soon after, strange noises could be heard coming from the stage. No! Of course it wasn't Mr Buckton playing the piano! It was the sound of a car being constructed.

Building a life size model of a car may seem like a problem on its own, but a car that has to be transformed mid-scene from a "hunk of junk" into "Greased Lightning" sounds almost impossible. Mr Shaw took it all in his stride, and with his select team of experts virtually resident on the stage, construction began.

"Grease", for the uninitiated, is a classic love story. It tells of sweet, innocent Sandy and smooth boastful Danny, who meet unexpectedly at school after an idyllic summer romance. Sandy's illusions are shattered by the super-cool image Danny puts on in front of his friends at Rydel High. The two go through bouts of fighting and friendship until the customary happy ending, when Sandy changes her image to gain the love of the one that she wants (a cue for a song perhaps?)

Rehearsals continued as the weeks passed, with leather jackets and frilly petticoats beginning to appear. The car seemed to be the centre of attention, attracting two local newspapers, although as soon as the tickets were printed we realised publicity would not be a problem.



Danny & Sandy, Kenickie & Rizzo, going together like "ramalamading dong" (??)



Every night was sold out in a matter of days. In fact demand was so great that extra seats were squeezed in and tickets for these were snapped up just as quickly.

I think I can safely say that "Grease" was a success: the car performed perfectly and any left feet present, vanished at the excitement of performing in front of a live audience.

The list of people to thank for making it all possible seems endless and trying to name them all would take 3 pages at least! So simply, thanks go to all College staff and pupils who helped in any way.

Extra special thanks, though, go to Mr Buckton, without whose perseverance, patience and brilliant direction "Grease" would never have run as smoothly as it did.

SARAH NICHOLSON

OWL

Hidden in a winter midnight,
I hang on the bite of the air
and gut-rav empty instinct
gnaws my insides.
I prey
but have no prayer
longer than
the swish of this sudden dive,
these tearing talons,
this ripped flesh.
My beak bespattered with blood.
My passing is a fleeting glimpse,
a swift shadow,
a flutter in the leaves above you.
I am not wise.
I am silent,
in a world which is
a rush of cold air.

ADRIAN CLEASBY

COLLEGE EDITORIAL

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Thanks to all our contributors. Special thanks to Ian Waller for the article that wouldn't fit. Sorry, Ian.

THE BRAINTEASER ANSWERS

1. Eric Blair was the real name of George Orwell, author of "1984"
2. Mark Spitz at Munich, 1972. He set new world records in each of the 7 events he won.
3. "Please Please Me", 1963
4. Angel Falls in Venezuela at 3,212 ft
5. Sir Robert Walpole became the first P.M. in 1721 during the reign of George I.
6. Archie Leach is the real name of Cary Grant, Hollywood movie idol, who is 80 this year.
7. Preston North End 26, Hyde 0 in 1887
8. Elvis Presley's twin died in infancy. He was christened Aaron.
9. Mandarin, in China, is spoken by some 490 million people. English comes second with about 290 million speakers world-wide
10. Believe it or not, it was Eric the Red in 984 Good on you, Eric!



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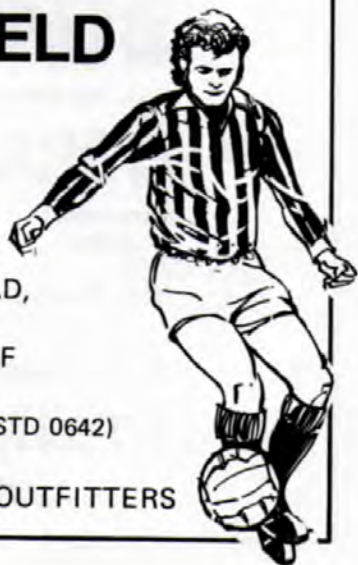
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The New Stocktonian has now reached its tenth issue and this year has 50% more Old Stocktonians' Editorial pages than last year.

This must be a milestone, after some years of pessimism - the Year Book has not degenerated to a news sheet, yet - but the next issue can only be published, if you send in news of yourself and other former students.

Membership has been rather static over the last couple of years. This is where expansion is needed. Please encourage any old School friends to join and if you know a Life Member, who is not receiving the Year Book because his address is not confirmed, ask him to send his address to the Hon. Secretary.

Your committee has asked me to remind you, that if you are moving, please send the reply form with your new address, to ensure that you will still receive a copy of the Year Book.

Two Committee Members have resigned this year due to moves, viz. Chris Ross and Allan Ayre. Our sincere thanks go with them. Thanks also to Claire Mallinson for taking over from Chris, the organisation of the Ladies' Teams for the Extravaganza.

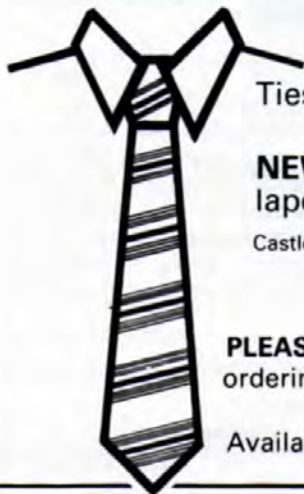
Sportsmen/women, please see page 27, for details of the new Sports Newsletter. If you are interested in forming a Sports Section, e.g. golf, squash, table tennis,, then please get in touch via the Newsletter.

HOW ABOUT WRITING A SLOGAN to go on an O.S.A. car sticker? - preferably brief and witty. All suitable contributions received before 19th March, 1984 will be considered and a result, if any, will be announced at the Dinner.

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OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION

57th ANNUAL DINNER

This was held on Saturday, 26th March, 1983, at the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe, whose host, Mr. Brian Reed (himself an Old Boy of Grangefield) welcomed us to its comfortable and polished surroundings. I heard some praise of the 'Chef's Home-made Soup', but I was enjoying the alternative, 'Grapefruit Jamaica' - with demerara sugar and rum. As this was followed by 'Gammon Steak with Madeira Sauce' and then 'Sherry Trifle', you may think we had an alcoholic evening, but everybody finished strictly sober, though in high spirits.

Our new President, Mr Paul Graham, who deserved the honour after an arduous stint as Secretary, proposed the Loyal Toast, and then invited our Guest of the Evening, Mrs. Ruth Dennis, to propose the Toast of the Old Stocktonians' Association. Herself a former student of Grangefield Girls' Grammar School and the Sixth Form College, she had some entertaining stories to tell of her misdemeanours at both establishments, especially at the former; where she used to sleep during History lessons, and was quite the naughtiest girl in the School; if you believe her, which I don't for a moment. (Anyway, she has married a strong husband to keep her in order. I know he is strong, because his handshake paralysed my fingers for several minutes.) She was always fond of horses, and captured one (with her school tie, to the fury of Miss Stevens) which had strayed on to the 'back drive'. So, after her University career, she became a Veterinary Surgeon, and had the incomparable experience of practising with the 'James Herriot' firm. Later, as a Vet., she was called out to deal with a mad dog at Ferryhill; which fortunately turned out to be the smallest of all breeds, whose name's spelling I can never remember. The quite delightful speech concluded with sincere tributes to both her School and her College.

The President then briefly proposed a Toast to the College and Mr. Arthur Carr, the Principal, responded. Since the College was just completing its 10th year, it was appropriate that he should speak not only of recent successes, but of those that had grown over the years - for instance, that 69 students had proceeded to University courses in 1974, but 130 in 1982. There was the customary recording of sporting feats, including the surprising fact that boys' hockey, so long only a 'fun' sport without any victories, was suddenly imitating the consistent success of the Girls' team - County champions as they are.

A very enjoyable occasion. Shall we see You there, next year?

R.E. BRADSHAW

58th ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the PARKMORE HOTEL, Eaglescliffe (opposite the golf course).
The date of the Dinner is: **Saturday, 14th April, 1984**, (7.30 pm for 8.00 pm).

TICKETS: £7.50

from the Secretary (SAE please) or via members of the Committee.

Our guest this year is
The Reverend David Whittington Vicar of Stockton

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<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1982

The Annual General Meeting was held in Stockton Sixth Form College on 10th January, 1983. Mr. J.G. Rattenbury, the Association President took the Chair and the following were present:

Mrs J. M. Thomas, Messrs P. Graham (Hon. Secretary), C.J. Beeston (Hon. Treasurer), R.E. Bradshaw, A. Carr, H.G. Farrington, M.R. Gillespie, J.A. Green, J. Ingham, F. Jackson, T.F. Sowler, R. Ward and R. Wynzar.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss L. Waring and Mr A. Wilkins

The Hon. Secretary reported that 8 new members had joined the Association in 1982. Annual Members numbered 111, of whom 45 had paid subscriptions in advance.

Life Membership was 208. In addition, there remained 372 unconfirmed addresses of Life Members and approximately 195 addresses were unknown.

Nine hundred Year Books were printed (28 pages plus cover), 580 of which, were for the Sixth Form College. The cost of printing was £369 and postage amounted to £25.24 for 166 inland and 18 overseas.

A net decrease of 2½ pages of advertisements had been booked and the expected income was £319. The projected gross loss was therefore £50, but with the Student Council's contribution of £33, the net loss was much reduced, not taking postage into consideration.

Mr. Sowler expressed his congratulations to the Sixth Form College for the excellent cover to the magazine and this was echoed by all present.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the finances were very healthy; there having been a net surplus for the year to 30th June, 1982 of just over £110. Prospects for the next year were good financially as the £100 anonymous donation was not included in the last accounts. There had been no out-goings from the C.W. King and G.G. Armstrong Memorial Fund during the year, but £10 was expected to be sent to the Grange School, in the near future.

Geoff Hopper had been unable to accept the post of Hon. Auditor. Mr. Beeston had accordingly contacted a colleague, Mr. D. L. Steel, who had agreed to act on our behalf and was willing to stand for another year.

Mr. Sowler reported that the Benevolent Fund amounted to £1301.04 on 31st December, 1981 and not £1383.04 as stated in the Year Book, (a printing error).

Discussion followed on the purpose of the Benevolent Fund. The Fund was used some years ago to give prizes to pupils at Grangefield (against the wishes of some members). Mr. Sowler stated that management of the Fund was vested in the Trustees, and they saw it as performing a 'charitable function'. Mr. Carr said he saw a possible future use in view of the conjecture about 'student loans', as opposed to 'student grants'.

Officers and Committee were elected as per list, earlier in the Year Book.

Under Any Other Business, Mr. Bradshaw reported that a Mr. Williams had contacted him, to discover if the Association was to cease functioning and that he had told him that he 'knew of no such cessation' and had given him, the Hon. Secretary's telephone number.



A Vote of Thanks was given for Mr. Rattenbury's tenure as President.

Mr. Green asked about the efforts made to obtain advertising and it was stated that the Year Book could not be produced in its current form without advertisements.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1983**

To be held in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College on Monday 9th January, 1984, at 7.30 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 1982 A.G.M.
3. Matters Arising
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Benevolent Fund Report
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Any Other Business

## **THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND**

On 1st January, 1982, there was a credit balance, at the Darlington Building Society, of £1301.04. No long term loans were made during the year and no repayments of outstanding loans were received. There were no donations. Interest amounted to £113.46.

The credit balance at the Darlington Building Society on 31st December, 1982, amounted to £1414.50.

Our thanks are due to Mr. David Duncan for auditing the accounts.

During the present financial year, some short term loans have been made and a donation of £10 has been received from a former pupil.

Donations to the Fund are always welcome. Appeals for assistance may be made in confidence to Mr. Arthur Carr, Principal of Stockton Sixth Form College, or to Tom Sowler, 2 Highfield Crescent, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS18 5HH. (Tel: (0642) 580690).

## OUR SPORTING LIFE

### SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 23rd March, 1983

Not without some difficulty, once again, the Stocktonians (with help from some sixth formers) were able to field several teams. The weather was wet, to say the least and only the 'brave few' were there to spectate. The Disco in the evening was enjoyed by all, although the '21 Club' was not as full as it could have been, due largely to the fact that many people were still away at college/university.

The Hon. Secretary was very grateful for help from the usual volunteers, viz. Chris Ross and Jackie Edmondson (Ladies' Teams), John Brookes (Soccer), Nigel Routledge (Men's Basketball) and Terry Wilson (Rugby).

#### **Women's Hockey:** Lost 4-1

Team: S. Farrer, A. Dietz, D. Gatenby, R. Hutchinson, C. Mallinson, A. McNeill, C. Jones

Due to the adverse weather, the venue was switched to the College sports hall. The Team suffered an early set-back when Deb. Gatenby had to leave the game with a shoulder injury. The remaining six had to play continuously, whilst the College could swap their players - definitely a test of the Stocktonians' fitness.

The first half passed fairly disastrously, ending with the Old Girls, 4-1 down. Some organised corners were partly to blame, although the best goal of the game was undoubtedly a brilliant solo effort from Sue Farrer - saying a lot for our Centre Forward, playing in an unfamiliar position!

Tactics improved in the second half, but despite constant pressure, the ball never quite made the goal again.

Thanks to the umpires and to the College team for an enjoyable game. (We'll beat you, next year.) : Alison McNeill.

#### **Women's Basketball :** Won 22-24

Team: S. Farrer, A. Dietz.

After a helping hand from Jackie Edmondson, two good teams were sorted out using College students to make up the numbers.

The game got off to a flying start and the half time score was 4-11, to the Stocktonians. The College team didn't give up and in the second half, they seemed to pick up a second strength from somewhere, which we 'oldies' were unable to find. After a closely fought battle the Stocktonians won 22-24. Many thanks to the College girls for completing the team. We'd like to see more 'oldies', next year : Anne Dietz.

#### **Mixed Volleyball :** Won 0-2

Team: A. Dietz, J. Edmondson, C. Mallinson, N. Routledge, I. Roberts, M. Layton, S. Beaumont.

Despite the hasty assembling, the old students' team used its greater height to advantage and this was especially evident at the net. Both teams were able to move the volleyball around the court, but in the end, it was net play that won the match. A well fought game, which both teams enjoyed and there were moments, when the result could have been in the College students' favour : Jackie Edmondson.



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**Men's Hockey : Lost 4-3**

Team: A. Carmichael

This was only just an Old Boys' match as only Angus turned up. Let's see some more male Hockey players, next year please.

**Men's Basketball : Won 55-61**

Team: M. Heads, M. Hayton, P. Stephenson, I. Roberts, A. Wilkins, S. Beaumont, N. Routledge.

Once again those old faces took to the court for their annual hard fought physical battle against a very skillful, young and hard running College team. In the first half, it looked as though the two 'hit men', Watson and Nicholson from the College, would tear the Old Boys' squad apart, but experience kept the side together and at the end of the first ten minutes, the Old Boys led 12-20. As half time approached, the College applied the pressure, but good shooting from Stephenson and Routledge kept them at bay. H.T. score 24-30.

In the second half, the College came out very strongly again, but the Wilkins/Hayton/Heads/Beaumont formation kept the big players busy with passes when close to the basket and the Old Boys held on to the lead.

In the final quarter, the Old Boys tired very visibly and with Nicholson again leading the College charge, the game was there for the taking, but two baskets from Routledge in the dying minutes of the game sealed it for the Old Boys, once again : Nigel Routledge.

**Rugby : Won 0-32**

Team: K. Keay, A. Ducker, D. Kitching, M. Tingle, D. Yeaman, M. Highton, C. Horner, J. Rayner, T. Wilson, D. Walker, J. Moore, A. Simpson, I. Gardener, P. Ansboro, A. Wilkins, Sub: A. Ready.

Despite weather conditions more conducive to water polo than rugby, the Old Boys' fine blend of senility, native cunning and apparent genius triumphed over the College's youthful vigour and enthusiasm. The heavy pitch ensured that the Old Boys' lack of mobility up front was not a decisive factor, as their strategy of 'keeping the ball tight' proved successful against a lighter College pack, which struggled to win clean possession for their speedy backs. The Old Boys handled well considering the wet conditions and their support play was a sight to behold for the loyal supporters, who braved the elements. Referee Stanley Johnstone ensured that the game was played in the correct spirit and the players of both sides, enjoyed the encounter (and the Social afterwards, at the 21 Club) : Terry Wilson.

**Soccer : Lost 3-2**

Team : D. Harris, K. Tulip, M. Cockburn, G. Bennington, J. Brookes, P. Dack, C. Graham, R. Patterson, D. Bailey, K. Fawcett, H. Paxton.

On this absolutely foul day, the two teams lined up on the pitch. The College kicked off, playing against the tide and within minutes, clean strips were non-existent. The Old Boys were first on the score sheet, thanks to an own goal from the College keeper. This lead was short lived as the College equalised minutes later after a midfield mix up. Half time score : 1-1.

Early in the second half, the Stocktonians gained a corner, which was headed in by Graham. As the game progressed, play improved, especially from Cockburn in the attacking left back position. Brookes gave away a direct free kick on the edge of the box with an 'Italian style' tackle, the ball was not cleared after the wall blocked the initial shot and the College levelled the score at two each.

Despite the Old Boys having the edge and keeping up constant pressure, they



failed to find the net and were punished for it in the last five minutes by a well taken goal, worked from the right and ending with a good looping header, over the ever consistent Harris, in goal. Score : 3-2

The Old Boys with their 'never say die' attitude, pounded the College goal; Bennington being unlucky with a good shot. To cap it all, a last minute breakaway by the College was ended in the penalty area with another tackle from Brookes; but before the ensuing kick could be taken, Tulip was dismissed for constant verbal abuse of the referee. With the resulting delay, the effect of the tackle had reached the College forward and he hammered the ball well wide, which signalled the end of a well fought game. Well played lads! Roll on next year : John Brookes.

## SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA 1984

The 1984 Sports Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday, 11th April 1984. If you are a sportsman/woman of any standard, your presence is requested and even, if like me, you're not, then come along as a spectator at the Sixth Form College from 1.30 p.m.

Contact: Claire Mallinson (Ladies' teams 582390); Terry Wilson (Rugby 581756); John Brookes (Soccer 582971); Nigel Routledge (Men's Basketball/Mixed Volleyball 581527);

A team leader is required for Men's Hockey. Any Volunteers? - please contact the Hon. Secretary.

**SOCIAL** : A disco will be held on the Wednesday evening, 11th April 1984 at Buddys Night Club, in Brunswick Street. Advance tickets available from the Hon. Secretary (sae please), from early March - STILL ONLY 50p each.

Please make a special effort to attend, whether or not, you participate at the afternoons events.

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**A SPORTS NEWSLETTER** will be published in March and possibly July, on a trial basis. To receive the newsletter, please fill in the reply form, ticking the newsletter box. Please note that, you must either be a Life Member, or have paid the subscription for 1984 - no newsletters will be sent automatically.

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GAVIN KAY

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*1st time* Vi - vat, *Piano* Scho - la nos - tra! *2nd time - No ritard.* Scho - la nos - tra!

Reproduced above, is the School Song, dating back to the 1920s. Dr. Crockett came to the Secondary School as Headmaster in 1923. A Scot by birth, he felt the need for a School Song and wrote the words. These were set to music by Gavin Kay, the then music master of the school.

'Scholae Stocktonensis Carmen' was sung on the occasion of Speech Day at Grangefield, until relatively recently and also by the School Rugby Team, when celebrating a victory.

Interesting memories of the Song to the Hon. Secretary, please.

## NEW MEMBERS

**JANE ARRAN** (1979-81), when she wrote was a trainee accounting technician at Baines, Goldston & Jackson. Jane is engaged to Gareth Neal (1973-75?).

**JOHN BROOKES** (1973-75) joined with five years subs. John is Captain of the Old Boys' soccer team for the Extravaganza.

**CHERITH CANNON** (1979-81) is working in the National Westminster Bank in Stockton High Street.

**ANDREA DACK** (1980-82) is in the second year of a three year course in physiotherapy at the South Teesside School of Physiotherapy, based at Teesside Polytechnic.

**RUTH DENNIS** (née Wall) (1973-75) is working as a vet and lives in Bedfordshire.

**AMANDA LESSELLS** (1979-81) is in the third year of a Geography degree course at Leicester University and has moved home to the Sheffield area.

**CHRIS LILLEY** (1979-81) a keen volleyball player, is now in the third year of a degree course in electronics and computing systems at Salford University.

**TONI MASSEY** (1981-83) has just started reading for a Law Degree at Leicester University.

**KAREN MILBURN** (1981-83) is training to be a nurse in Sheffield.

**JOE RAYNER** (?) played rugby in this year's Sports Extravaganza.

**HORACE WARD** (1911-16) has been admitted to Life Membership under Rule Six. Horace has very many memories of the Sec. and of his contemporaries, including Harry Tompkinson and Horace King (now Lord Maybray King). He sends his regards to all members and particularly, those who remember him.

## FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

More news has reached the Editor this year than last. This is encouraging but he would like even more for next year!

**CATHERINE ALLINSON** (1978-80) after three years at Collingwood College, has graduated from Durham University with Second Class Honours in Chemistry. She has now moved south to Atherstone, Warwickshire to start a new job.

**BRIAN AUTON** (1974-76) after completing his BEd has joined Cleveland Constabulary.

**ALLAN AYRE** (1941-47) is working on the Heysham II Nuclear Power Station Project, living in Morecambe during the week and travelling home to Stockton for weekends.

**PAT BARKER** (née Drake) (1954-61) has been voted one of the Twenty Best of Young British Novelists by the Book Marketing Council for her first published novel, 'Union Street'. The setting of the story is as an industrial town in the North-East of England, ten years ago.

On leaving Grangefield in 1961, Pat went to the L.S.E., where she read politics, history and economics. She then trained as a teacher and taught history at Kirby College, Middlesbrough. Pat's husband is Professor of Zoology at Durham University and they have a son and a daughter.

**LES BARTLETT** (1929-33) having moved, is now retired, but still lives in Southampton and writes that he has never been happier - doing his own thing. Apart from caravanning, bird watching, skiing and motor bikes, he enjoys nostalgic visits to his war-time RAF bases and attending reunions of his squadron at RAF Waddington, near Lincoln and Bomber Command in Grosvenor House, London, every May. Les would like to know if any Old Boys from SSS were in 50 Squadron. By now, there should be a Cleveland branch of the Air Crew Association and Les would be pleased to give more details. (Drop a line to the Hon. Secretary, if interested).



**F.W. BOWEN** (1925-32) paid a lightning visit to Stockton in late 1982 and met Tom Sowler. He has now retired from teaching and lives in Hull.

**ROBERT (BOB) CAMPBELL** (1961-63) left Grangefield to study Geography, with Geology Subsid., at Leicester University in 1963. Having gained his degree Bob continued in his studies by taking his Dip Ed at Hull University. His first teaching post was at Sir Leo Schultz High School in Hull where he taught Geography for 3 years. During this time he was married to June (nee Lishman) (see below) who took up a post in the H.E. Department in the same school. Bob's next move was to Middlesbrough High School where he became second in Department, teaching Geography and Geology. With reorganisation when the school became Marton Sixth Form College (1976) he continued in his role as second in Department and over recent years has been involved in the teaching of Environmental Studies to students on City & Guilds courses in addition to his departmental duties.

**JUNE CAMPBELL** (nee Lishman) (1961-63) went from the Girls' School to study H.E. at the Yorkshire Training College of Housecraft, Leeds. On returning to Teesside June held a teaching post at Newham Grange for one year before she married Bob (in 1967) and took up a position at Sir Leo Schultz. When they returned to the area June was in charge of H.E. at Eston Grange School until she left to have a family. They now have two children; Alexander (9) and Helen (12). June has recently returned to teaching full-time at Conyers School, Yarm having taught part-time there for some two years.

**STAN CARTER** (1974-76) moved south to Ashford, Middlesex in 1980, to begin a career in cartography. He is employed by the Mapping and Charting Establishment at Feltham.

**MARTIN COCKBURN** (1974-76) when last heard of, was working for HM Customs in Hartlepool.

A generous donation was sent by **PETER COUPE** (1957-65), but no other news.

**GRAEME DEWISON** (1947-54) met the roving Clive Bell in Hawes, Wensleydale, recently. Graeme, who trained as a teacher, is now working in Higher Education, in the field of business French.

**JILL DOBSON** (1970-77) sent 5 years subs and news in abundance including her sister, **ANNETTE DOBSON** (1977-79) who has qualified as a SRN and is working in Nottingham as a staff nurse in the Handicapped Teenager Unit.

**PETER DODDS** (1953-61) is busy as M.D. of Oughterard Thatched Cottages Ltd as a major expansion is under way. The pilot scheme of three units was an unqualified success and so an additional 26 cottages and a centralised leisure complex including a gymnasium, billiard room and jacuzzi pools are being built on a 30 acre site. For details of Peter's Property Time Sharing Development in Eire, see his ad. earlier in the Year Book.

**SUE FARRER** (1978-81) should now be in the second year of a BSc course in Social Studies at Teesside Polytechnic.

Five years subs were sent by **IAN FORREST** (1977-79) but no news unfortunately.

**JOHN FRANKS** (1947-52) is still Administrative Secretary of the Congregational Church Charities and travels round the country, but does not get to Stockton very often and then time is taken up visiting the many members of his family, who still live in the area. John passes his best wishes to Gordon Rattenbury, Clive Bell and Brian Brand.

**J.W.L. GALE** has moved from Saffron Walden to Lincoln and with his change of address sent a donation but no other news.

**DAVID GATHERGOOD** (1957-64) purchased an Association Tie recently. I hope this has now placed David at an advantage in his negotiations with George Carter of Davy McKee, as David says that George regularly 'makes mileage' of the fact that he is not wearing THE TIE. David also sent a very generous donation.



**JOHN GREEN** (1940-46) has spent a year as a full-time student at Teesside Polytechnic and gained a diploma in Computing Science. He is now working in Thornaby.

**J. HAIGH** (1921-25?) sent a donation and the foreword of his new book 'Constellation of Genius' written under the pseudonym of John Astolat and published by Greenfriar Press. It is a limited edition philosophy research project into genius.

**PAUL HARRISON** (1967-73) is now a qualified Chartered Accountant, working for Deloitte Haskins and Sells, in Nottingham. He has worked on several large audits, which have taken him to such exotic places as Immingham Docks, Sheffield, Derbyshire, Norfolk and Newcastle upon Tyne.

Paul mentions another 'GGS Refugee in Nottingham', viz. **GEOFF BRAHAM** (1972-79), who has joined Paul's Office as a trainee accountant. Paul's father, **ERNIE HARRISON** (staff 1971-73) is still working at Howson-Algraphy and became a Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, two years ago.

**LESLIE HILL** (1917-22) has moved from Devon to Surrey. By now he should be back from a visit to his twin brother **S.E. HILL** (1917-21) in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

**HOWARD HILL** (1957-58) lived in Billingham, moved to Harrogate and thence to Australia with his parents. He is now married and working as a leather technician based in Hong Kong. As a very strange coincidence, Clive Bell met him whilst on a ferry in Hong Kong harbour. Clive was on holiday, incidently. Howard would like to hear from any old friends. He particularly remembers Phil Trotter (1957-65) for whom I do not have a current address, and an old boy called McCleod, who went into the forestry business and is possibly in Norway. Howard's address is A1/6, 96 Pok Fulam Road, Hong Kong.

**FRED JACKSON** (1953-59) is now a Committee Member. For the last two years, he has organised a reunion, in the form of a dinner, for those Old Boys who joined Grangefield in 1953. Twenty-six Old Boys attended in 1981, and 33 in 1982. At the time of writing, Fred has another dinner planned for October, 1983 at the Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgfield, with Messrs. Durrant and Rattenbury as guests.

**H. W. JONES** (Staff 1949-51) confirmed his address and sent a donation, but still no news unfortunately.

**PAM KINGHORN** (1976-78) has moved to Bellingham, in Northumberland and is teaching P.E. at the local middle school. She extends a welcome to any friends passing through the area.

**RON LUDBROOK** (1927-31), a regular correspondent with 'The New Stocktonian', wrote to the president in April, last. Ron reports that the devastation caused by the forest fires around Melbourne and Adelaide was terrible, though fortunately they did not reach the metropolitan districts, but over two thousand homes were still razed to the ground and many people were killed.

I am sure that Ron will be pleased that the Year Book has been preserved and has not degenerated into a couple of sides of A4 newsletter.

**DAVE NASH** (?-54) used to live in Billingham. After National Service, he trained to be a teacher, but decided that the Army was the life for him. After a stint in Cyprus, he is back in the U.K. as a Captain in the Pay Corps, but is due to retire next year. His father has now moved south, to stay with him in Hampshire.

**MALCOLM PARKER** (1960-67) graduated with a BSc Honours in Special Geography degree from the University of London in 1970 and gained a PGCE in 1971. He is now Head of the Humanities Department of Lansdowne Comprehensive School, near Durham City. With his wife, he runs a small publishing company, 'Discovery Guides Ltd.' from Middleton-in-Teesdale. Malcolm occasionally meets a few old School friends when in Stockton, and sends his best wishes to them.

**SIMON ROBINSON** (1970-77) after leaving the sixth form, went to Leeds University to read medicine and during the course spent ten weeks at a cottage hospital



in Newfoundland. He spent 1982-83 as a houseman at Wharfedale General Hospital, Otley and is now enjoying six months General Practice in Doncaster. This is the first part of Simon's three year training to be a G.P. and he says after the 80-120 hours per week of house jobs, that General Practice is the life for him.

**NORMAN ROGERS** (1911-15) sent a generous donation and purchased a tie. Norman says that he is the last of seven brothers and sisters, who attended the Higher Grade and Secondary School from its inception to the First War.

**A.E. (TED) SHIELDS** (1927-34) retired as Registrar of Adelaide University at the end of 1981 and has decided to stay in Adelaide for the time being. He fills in his time with walking, gardening and reading. A less pleasant feature of living in Australia were the bush fires, which came within a kilometre of Ted's home. Ted writes that he still keeps in touch with David Kirtley (1927-34) and Albert Ruddock (1933-36) and as mentioned recently with Ron Ludbrook (1927-31).

In 1982, Ted and his wife visited the U.K. and stayed with Ted's brother, Harvey Shields (1938-44) at Maltby. He visited the Grange School and met several people and hopes to visit the Sixth Form College, next year.

**MALCOLM SIMPSON** (1964-69) took up a Cadet Engineering Apprenticeship with Benline on leaving Grangefield, studying at South Shields Marine Tech. After five years Malcolm 'retired' from the sea and was employed at Seal Sands by Rohm & Hass until the firm closed. He is now a self-employed jeweller living in the Yarm area.

**ANNE SIMPSON** (nee Wood) (1965-72) left Grangefield for the 'sunnier?' climes of Sheffield University to study Mathematics. After gaining her BSc Anne returned North to take her Dip.Ed. at Durham University and married Malcolm in 1976. Her first teaching post was at Teesside High School where she stayed for two years before moving to Egglecliffe School. Promotion followed and it was

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four years before her next move to Marton Sixth Form College as second in department. In her spare time Anne enjoys playing Bridge and is involved with the Girls' Brigade, dealing with those who wish to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Anne's arrival at Marton College brought to four the number of Stocktonians on the staff (and to three the number in the Maths Department) - the others being **PAUL GRAHAM** (1958-65) and **DAVID SMITH** (1954-61). Having gained his degree from Sheffield University David went to teach for some years in Nigeria, returning to Teesside to take up a post in Eston and thence Marton College where in addition to his duties in the Maths Department he has responsibility for Examination entries throughout the College. Paul first arrived in the College buildings in 1969 when they were called Middlesbrough High School and survived the rigours of reorganisation to become Head of Department in 1976. The College was also briefly visited by **ALISTAIR RUSSELL** (?) who taught German for some two years before the lure of bright lights and stardom as a folk singer enforced his early 'retirement', and **MIKE O'NEILL** (?) also belonged to the staff for about two years in the late seventies before moving on to Acklam Sixth Form College where he continued to teach P.E.

**JEAN SULLIVAN** (?-79) is the Assistant Advertising Manager at Hintons Head Office in Thornaby.

**KIM TAYLOR** (nee Gaddiss) (1970-77) married Stephen Taylor (1967-72), four years ago and has spent her time divided between working in a bank and latterly travelling around the world on a B.P. tanker with Stephen.

**KAY THOMPSON** (1970-77) qualified with a degree in Librarianship from Newcastle University and is now in a managerial position at a Middlesbrough library. Kay is engaged to Ian Ross (1967-74), who has just completed his accountancy training.

**IAN WILKINSON** (1965-72) has moved to Darlington and is working as a clinical psychologist.

**JOHN WILKINSON** (1903-07) became a nonagenarian last year and asks if there are many older 'Old Stocktonians'.

**DAVE WILLETTS** (1967-74) completed his BSc in Physical Education and Sports Science at Loughborough University in July, 1982 and by now should have completed his PGCE in P.E. and Economics.

**LAWRENCE WILSON** (1923-27) wrote of his many memories of the Sec. He is now spending some time giving sixth form careers advice and is involved in Degree accreditation.

**PETER WIMBERLEY** (1955-62) has now been living in Denmark for five years and has recently moved to Valhalvej. Peter writes that this is very appropriate as his passion for Wagner has not diminished with the years passing. He is continuing his work as a doctor, though is concentrating more on clinical and laboratory research, as it gives him the opportunity to travel and give lectures. During the last year, Peter has been particularly busy with trips to London, Oslo, Helsinki and Berlin. Next year he hopes to visit the States and take his family. Peter writes that his family are now 14, 13 and 7 years old and speak Danish better than English!

**STEVE WINTER** (1978-79) has now gone to Liverpool University and is engaged to Lyn Watson (1978-79?), who has also ventured across to Liverpool to carry on her accountancy training at the polytechnic.



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## OBITUARY

**R.W. BURNAND** (1919-23) died on 31st March, 1982. Robert worked for many years as a professional engineer with Head Wrightson & Co in Johannesburg. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Anne (nee Slack), who was also a pupil at the Secondary School.

**J.H. RAGSDALE** (1924-29) died on 14th December, 1982. Our heartfelt sympathies go to John's family.

## FINALLY ....

My thanks go to all, who, in one way or another have contributed to the Year Book. My particular thanks go to Adrian Cleasby for compiling the College material and to Brian Brand and Paul Graham for their support, advice and assistance.

Here's to next year!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1984

- 9th January Annual General meeting, 7.30 pm in Stockton Sixth Form College.  
(See page 23).
- 19th March Closing date for car sticker competition.  
(See page 19).
- 26th March Publication of Sports Newsletter.  
(See page 27).
- 11th April Sports Extravaganza and Disco  
(See page 27).
- 14th April Annual Dinner  
(See page 21).

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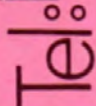
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