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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Stocktonians,

Once again, we are pleased to have produced our magazine and special thanks are again due to Martin Gillespie and Brian Brand for their valiant efforts in obtaining advertisements; without which the publication would cease in its present form.

Whilst we welcome donations to off-set costs, we are really more interested in news about yourself, for this is the real life blood of the Year Book, which to many members is the Association, as it is their only means of contact. I urge you, therefore, please do not be shy, write us a letter - if not about yourself, then about former students you may have met recently, or indeed may meet frequently.

I would ask you to make a note in your diary of the Dinner date and if 'out of town' members and their friends can join us, we would be most happy to see them.

Finally, though it may seem early to some, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PAUL GRAHAM

COLLEGE NEWS

Stockton Teachers' Centre closed in July and the College was given the use of the premises from 1st September. That is the only significant change I am able to report in the year.

We have almost the same number of students this year as we had last year and yet, despite the extra accommodation, the College seems more crowded than last year. Perhaps this is because more people than ever before have started on A-level courses and many of the classes are as large as we can make them.

Exam results continue to be pleasing. Whilst we will never be completely satisfied with them, it is gratifying to be able to report that for the third year running, and the fourth time since we opened, we had more than 500 A-level passes. This year, there were more A, B and C grade passes than ever before and, since these are the target grades that universities are now setting in almost every subject, that has to be a 'good thing'.

But there were some who didn't reach their targets. That is 'not a good thing' and that is why we can never be completely satisfied.

ARTHUR CARR

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BOYS HOCKEY

The 1983-84 season was the best ever for the College team, who won the Durham and Cleveland Under 19 League without losing a game. They also won the Durham and Cleveland indoor and outdoor tournaments for under 19's. The team went down 3-1 in the final of the Durham and Cleveland U-19 knockout, but were runners-up in the play-offs for the North East Under 19 Schools championship.

Statistics:

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
23	19	1	3	106	21

Scorers:

Robson - 31, Jones - 25, Walter - 16, Robertson - 12, Nevison - 7, Murray - 6, Bunn - 3, Gill - 2, Hayton - 2, Wade - 1, Williamson - 1.

Team captain Tony Robertson played for the county at Under 19 level, with both Craig Gill and Simon Jones playing at Under 21 level.

RAY BREARLEY



GIRLS HOCKEY

Despite the exceptionally wet weather which plagued us last season, the team's spirits remained high. Sharing the County Under 18 Hockey tournament with Sir William Turners meant that the name of Stockton Sixth Form appeared on the shield for the fifth year in succession.

The team again won the County group in the U-18 National Schools competition, going on to victory in the North Eastern Regional Final for the fourth time. Our luck ran out in the Northern final at Altrincham, though, when two very dubious goals from the eventual National champions put us out of the competition.

Despite not having the same large representation on the County Squad as in previous years, we did have four county players: Gail Scott, Alison Wright, Jane Herron and Mandy Mulholland. With seven players representing us at District level, nine of the team played regularly for Stockton.

College Squad: Helen Fletcher, Kim Moore, Emma Smith, Joanne Povey, Mandy Mulholland, Alison Wright, Gail Scott, Jane Herron, Michaela Smethurst, Jayne Cook, Deborah Kell, Jennifer Anderson, Mandy Wilson, Angela Hyde.

JACKIE EDMONDSON



SOCCKER

The 1983/84 season started on a sad note as the cup-winning management team of Ron Clinton and Shanks Hewitson, finally split after an often stormy but nevertheless successful partnership. Shanks took charge of the first eleven, whilst Ron retired into the calmer waters of the second division. According to reports they remain "good friends".

Ron's old head steered his team to a good showing in the 2nd division. It was a season of two halves, the first one promising much but producing little. Ron was sick as a parrot. Then came the infusion of iron into the midfield in the form of Kevin "bite your legs" Easton, which, when coupled with the speed of Binks and Blyth up front, led to a series of victories. Binks did worry many of the lads with his eagerness to massage any groin strain in sight. Perhaps this explains his impressive number of goals - the opposition's defence afraid to go near him. Whatever the reason, though, Ron was no longer sick as a parrot.

As well as Binks, there were several other stars in the team. Brown's eyesight was so good that he could claim corners for Stockton from his own six-yard line. Singh, who chewed up wingers and spat them out, was never passed. Porritt (the subject of a bribe scandal, perhaps?) missed every chance in sight. Campbell, meanwhile, was able to hoof clearances into house windows all-over the countryside.

Yet it was the matches against the staff which provided the highlights of the season. Ron, his loyalties torn in two, played for the staff. As he himself later said, "when you're in the middle no one trusts you." Forced to kick Gurgit Singh during the game, Ron still has a terrible mental scar. Needless to say Gurgit soon got over his physical one. Ron was ostracised by his own team-mates, not receiving a single pass during the entire game! Mr Simpson actually chose to put the ball into his own net rather than give it to poor old Ron. Stars of the staff side, though, were Magic Mills and Wally Wightman, the two big centre-halves. Although defeated, Ron believes that if the students hadn't scored twice in the first game, the staff would have won 1-0.

Ron's forecast for the coming season: Victory in the league but defeat against the staff.

Squad: Hitchcock/Kears, Singh, Bullock, Ripley, Campbell, Easton, D. Andrew, J. Andrew, Brown, Binks, Blyth, Porritt, Howard, Hiscocks (Capt.), Wharton, O'Neill.

MARTIN CLINTON



COLLEGE DEBATING SOCIETY

The society is opening the 1984-85 season with a team of students competing for the John Spark Trophy. Organised by the United Nations Association, the subjects to be debated will include Nuclear Weapons and Feminism.

Also planned are a number of internal debates, to be held approximately every fortnight in the Lecture Theatre. Replacing Mrs Chetitah as organiser of these debates is Mr Devey.

Over the past year a wide variety of topics was debated, including sexual equality, nuclear arms, the withdrawal of British troops from Ulster, and whether television as an entertainment medium should be abolished. Opinions were strong, and there were - to say the least - some rather heated moments! On a lighter note, the past year also saw a couple of Balloon Debates, with staff participation.

Coming back to the new season, the first internal debate will, just for a change, be on the issue of nuclear weapons.

PETE BIMSON

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ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT, 1983-84

The year got off to an excellent start entertainments wise, with the "getting-to-know-you" disco on Tuesday September 13th; it seemed extremely successful with quite a few "getting to know each other". During the Autumn term a series of pop quizzes were held. These involved a highly organised team preparing quotations and tapes in order for everything to run smoothly, which it did. Although Entertainments Committee members were occasionally (and unwillingly) roped in to help with selling SC cards, the next main event was the Christmas party. The hall was colourfully decorated with streamers, balloons and trees, in tasteful Yuletide fashion. A great deal of organisation was put into this event, and the windows of room 36 frequently became suspiciously misty in the preceding break times, as the brains of the committee were furiously racked for novel ideas. The fancy dress party with a Christmas theme went down particularly well - from Roman gladiators to French maids, students at last had an excuse to shed the customary T-shirt, jeans, trainers uniform without feeling too conspicuous. We had the added privilege of being allowed to stay up until eleven o'clock instead of ten thirty.

After christmas, a daring new venture was attempted - coffee and video evenings. These appeared to go well at first, then dwindled as the novelty wore off. Nevertheless, free coffee and biscuits were enjoyed by those who turned up.

The Valentine disco held on Thursday February 10th was enjoyable, with people attending to dance, not "eye up the new talent" as previously. It turned out so well that a couple of pounds profit was obtained. However, a case of difficulty arose in what to do with this, as it was the first time such an outstanding situation had risen.

With the oncoming summer term, the entertainments programme slowly ground to a halt with the end-of-year exams and of course "A"-levels looming up.

At the time of writing, 1st October 1984, the first disco of the year has just taken place. It was decided this should be held on Friday September 21st, as lots of mummies don't like their babies to go out during the week. (And who can blame them indeed? Ten thirty is rather late when it's college the next day.) This went well and a good time appeared to have been had by all.

In conclusion, the Entertainments Committee has flourished over the past year. It has always appeared strange that Committee numbers quadruple three days before an organised function - could this possibly be due to the fact that members gain free admission. No, college students have always been far too honest for that. We believe these people suddenly feel the desire from the bottom of their hearts to genuinely give their consolidated help and advice. (Even though it is shortlived.)

ANNA BARLOW

IN IRISH TONES

The wind by the sea is wild.
I watch with swept hair
as it whips the spray
and the salt-thickened reeds
that behind me sway
as one with the thrust upon thrust of the tide.

ADRIAN CLEASBY

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The department recently acquired 12 BBC micro computers which has helped tremendously in providing practical experience for our large number of computing students (more than 100). We also have two 380Z machines and 2 PET computers (*one belonging to the Chemistry department*), but with the growing demands of the students for computing and the use of computers across the curriculum our resources are still stretched. The 'A'-level students rely on Teesside Polytechnic for most of their project work in the Upper Sixth.

There are many varied 'A' and 'O' level projects including computers in control; maintenance of records eg. hospital, building society; maintenance and checking of fire extinguishers; ordering and delivery of goods eg. newspapers, groceries or for a fishing tackle shop; accounting for many types of club; astronomy; program translators.

The students assist in developing systems programs necessary for the basic operation of the machinery and are keen to spend their spare time developing their programming skills and techniques. This has involved a few students modifying commercial software to suit the needs of pupils at local special schools. One student has combined with staff from the Cleveland Educational Computing Centre to produce complex graphics software developed on the lines of CEEFAX for users to develop their own 'pages' to form perhaps a magazine. Other students have produced programs for departmental administration or developing hardware and software in collaboration with the physics department to control external devices or robots such as the 'BBC buggy'.

The computer is gradually being used in many departments throughout the college. The more active departments so far include Economics - interactive games involving economic strategy; English - keyboard familiarity, logic and language games, assessing the "readability" of text books; Biology - plant physiology, and in determining energy values of food intake; Mathematics - departmental administration, 'A'-level graphical statistics and mathematical remedial work; Home Economics - for planning a healthy diet; Physics - combining computers with the VELA machine to record experimental results and produce statistical graphs etc; General Studies - a basic introductory course on the varied computer applications.

Teachers have been restricted in the past to a 380Z machine but with more facilities now available there will be a gradual increase in the use of this technology.

The BBC computers are linked into a network which means 10 users can share the *disc drive and printer and use a more powerful Level II Econet Software system*. This makes the machines more powerful than stand alone machines with more memory and sophisticated filing. An applications program can be accessed by 10 students at the terminals and then used individually to develop understanding at their own pace. This will be much more useful than just displaying information on 1 or 2 monitors for a whole class. Some departments are very keen to own a BBC machine. The best use is to link more machines into the network which could be situated in different departments but the cost is rather prohibitive (£500 per machine). Extra capital for hardware has been provided by the College Fund in order to take advantage of among others the Department of Industry schemes.

This is a flourishing department but is always struggling to keep up with the rapid developments in technology and software and demands for courses from students.

SHEILA PICKING

ASTRONOMY IN THE COLLEGE

Astronomy is looking up! Or so the slogan on T-shirts proclaims but in the college's case it seems to be true.

In April 1983 real live Moon rock was on display for a week - a week of genuine interest which culminated in a public lecture by Dr. Roy Phillips of Durham University. He was one of NASA's original lunar researchers on the precious material and addressed a packed meeting in the college hall of over 100 people. Dr. Phillips explained that altogether 380kg, about 6 sack fulls, of moon rock was brought back to Earth. It was found to be similar in composition to rock found here but not identical. In fact, a new mineral was discovered by Armstrong, Aldrin (and Collins waiting patiently above in the Command Module) on Apollo in 1969 and was thus named Armalcolite.

Tests have shown that some samples are as old as the Moon itself, about 4.7 thousand million years, much older than any rocks found on Earth.

You've heard of many inflatable objects these days but did you know that you can now crawl into a blow-up planetarium! An American invention (of course), the Starlab was hired for two weeks in September. Hemispherical, about 30 feet in diameter and virtually lightproof it provides a very good display of the night sky to a maximum of 30 people at a time. The colours of the brighter stars and the positions of the Moon can be shown. Mr. McCue visited 14 schools in Cleveland with the Starlab and received an enthusiastic response everywhere, sometimes too enthusiastic! The gradual darkening of the sky for sunset and the majestically slow parade of the stars across the sky seemed a revelation for many.

A partial solar eclipse in May 1984, aroused interest among staff and students, some of whom obtained photographs by the projection method.

Currently, a group is entering a competition to design an experiment to be carried into space by the shuttle. If we win (!) our experiment will go into orbit in early 1986 coinciding with the flight of the first British astronaut.

JOHN McCUE

COLLEGE BANDS

Few can have failed to notice the posters bearing the name "Portrait" in and around Stockton this summer. Even fewer, though, can have paid them more than a second glance.

The gig these posters were publicising, at "Arches" on July 4th, was, as the band freely admit, a real let-down. This they attribute to a combination of nerves, feedback from the P.A. and some numbers to which the audience weren't altogether suited. The "Arches" gig, though, served to provide the band with valuable experience, especially since the audience numbered more than seventy. It was certainly a move forward from the Norton School Christmas concert of 1982, at which the band - then called "The Nameless" - played two numbers : "Babylon's Burning" and "Handling the Big Jets."

A five-piece band from Norton - Alan Shaw on guitar, sax and vocals; Mark Thompson on guitar and vocals; Gary Giles on piano and keyboards; William Graham on bass and Dave Smith on drums - 'Portrait' cite their main influences

to be 'The Beatles', 'Japan' and 'The Stanglers'. A more diverse range of styles would be hard to imagine, but this enhances rather than detracts from the band's performance.

Turning to the studio, 'Portrait' have only managed one session so far, the result of which was the slow-moving "Example No 1", the vocals and keyboards on which are particularly impressive. Hopefully, Gilesy tells me, there will be more session work soon and a debut single sometime in 1985.

On a slightly more humorous note (no offence lads!) we turn to another local band with sudent involvement. "The Chelsea Pensioners" describe themselves as "the most outrageous thing to happen since wearing flares." With the present line-up of Disco Mark Bailey on bass, brother Nidge on lead guitar, Bully on drums and Geoff on vocals, the band think of themselves as "pioneers of Ban the Flare Music". I myself have not had the privilege (!!!) of hearing them play, but considering the amount of time they put into the band, the Pensioners' music must have more to it than their ridiculous statements suggest.

Since this article was written, 'Portrait' have lost two of their members - Gilesy and Dave - who left after a long series of disagreements. Gilesy was soon snapped up by "Glass Echo", an ambitious band who have, he tells me, similarities with 'Rush', 'Genesis' and even 'Aztec Camera'! Considering that the bass player was once a member of 'The Idols', touring with 'Orange Juice' and 'The Vapors', such ambition could well begin to reap rewards in the near future...

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ILLUSIONS OF SECURITY

The conversation maintained the same high pitched fervour which had prevailed throughout the morning. I sat there oblivious to the constant chatter just staring at the mouths which spouted excitedly matters of neither interest nor relevance. Apart from the arms which stretched out occasionally to flick ash from cigarettes or to pour out another cup of tea, mouths were the only moving features on the five figures who had invaded my kitchen. My own mouth remained motionless but my left knee twitched spasmodically as it is often inclined to do when I become irritated. I jolted and sat upright as I realised that all eyes were suddenly upon me. I had obviously been asked a question. Taking a deep breath and laughing nervously I decided that I had the choice of only two answers "yes" or "no" - I was never called upon to say anything more than that - so deciding it was always best to agree. I nodded my head affirmatively and the lavishly painted lips resumed their surge of incomprehensible babble.

This small talk in which I had at one time indulged with great enthusiasm now seemed so distant. It was a ridiculous facade yet for many of these women it was essential, it reinforced their illusion of security. So long as their mouths continued to regurgitate these trivialities it saved them the effort of using their minds. It was so easy to talk about the new cars, the swimming pool, next year's holiday; it was less easy to actually think about them and harder still to consider the fact that within the next few years they might be gone. Yet I was not condemning these women for closing their minds; after all, until a couple of months ago I had been guilty of the same behaviour.

I could see myself now, getting off the plane with swarms of other immigrants all eager to touch the promised land. Dragging my suitcase and my aspirations, I descended the steps breathing in the warm air and shielding my eyes from the midday sun waiting to go through customs I experienced a feeling of overwhelming satisfaction at last I had made a positive move away from the mist and gloom and a life without prospects. I could still remember the heavy fragrance and lilac bloom of the Jacaranda tree which had welcomed me on leaving the airport. Lilac had been the colour of my room back home in England and the colour gave me an immediate sense of security - a false security which was to become the stronghold of my new life in South Africa.

Since that day I had greatly progressed as had all the immigrants. Jobs were as plentiful as the sunshine and the combination of the two had led to a contented lifestyle. A lifestyle which was perfected by meeting a man who was able to buy me all of the material wealth I had craved for so long, on the simple condition that I should marry him. So I found myself in a luxurious home on the outskirts of Johannesburg with a man who succumbed to my every whim, two bright eyed children and numerous friends in identical situations. All this time I never once allowed myself to think, to face the fact that I was living alongside a time bomb - a situation which was destined to explode. After all why should I have thought about it - there had been no provocation for thought. The system was there and I had accepted it as I had always accepted everything. There was always someone waiting outside the supermarket to carry my bags, always someone to clean my windscreen at the garage - so I had accepted it. We discussed it, of course; we would all sit after dinner sipping coffee and arguing, throwing light on the advantages and disadvantages, the immorality of it all, but again it was only our mouths which had moved, we had not thought or felt anything I had painted the dining room lilac, a constant illusion of my security.

Joseph came twice every week to put the garden in order. He was a good worker, strong and agile, yet he was a strange character. He would arrive at the house grinning, a peculiar, insolent grin which seemed more like a sneer. Although his English was very good he seemed reluctant to speak to me and it was very rarely that I could entice him into conversation and even then it never developed beyond the technicalities of gardening. Yet he fascinated me. I loved to watch him at work; often I would sit on the balcony hidden from his view, just observing him. He would become absorbed in his work both mentally and physically and would after some time break into a heavy sweat which gave a silver sheen to his ebony skin beneath the powerful sun. The most captivating of all his features were his eyes - eyes which always regarded their subject in a strange mocking way, whether it was the stubborn weed he was attempting to pull from the earth or myself as I was giving him his wages before he left.

One afternoon as he was going about his duties a storm broke out. The heavy hailstones so typical of the July climate began to fall and the inside of the house turned grey. Joseph was outside building a new rockery and it suddenly occurred to me that I ought to invite him inside. At first, for some inexplicable reason I felt afraid to ask him then, telling myself to stop behaving so unreasonably, I crossed the kitchen and went to open the door. I was just about to push down the handle when I sensed something behind me. I turned and saw Joseph leaning against the cupboard. His eyes had lost their mocking look and he was glaring at me, full of hatred. It was then that I noticed his hand; his fingers were gripping a knife. He raised the knife and slowly began to approach, not once taking his eyes away from mine. All this time I did not react, I could not, I felt nothing. All I saw was the lilac wall behind his dark figure. His laughter began to echo throughout the house, and he dropped the knife. He spoke to me:

"You see how easy it is, white woman. How easily we can destroy your security. We can fight back. We will fight back. You have been destroying us for too long."

The ashtray was full and the teapot stood empty but the mouths continued to move at the same mechanical speed. I suddenly realised that once again I was being questioned. The lips began to slow down addressing me in a patronising way.

"What on earth is wrong with you Jayne? You've been behaving so strongly lately, Jayne. Very quiet, Jayne. Come along, Jayne, darling, show us your latest picture, you know we've all been absolutely dying to see it. You're such a wonderful artist. So clever. I wouldn't have the patience."

I smiled obligingly and obeyed their orders. I returned to the table with the huge watercolour painting and held it up.

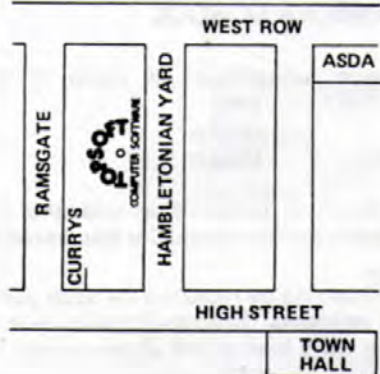
"What a strange picture, dear. Not at all like your other ones. A knife in a Jacaranda tree. How peculiar. Never mind I suppose it'll go lovely in here, match the lilac walls."

"Illusions of security," I said. There was an embarrassed silence and then the mouths began to move again even faster than before.

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lends the air an expansive dampening, spreads
a rheumatic ache. A mist lies
over my dull thoughts, my dull head,
isolating only the memory of a long dead

relation. Your still hand on my cold shoulder,
caressive as a shiver. I remember those
eyes, fading. That breath, unnoticed until, growing older,
it stumbled no more. Who knows
where he breathes now, or where love lives,
or whether the shudder of our apoplectic passion, our
tongues like knives,
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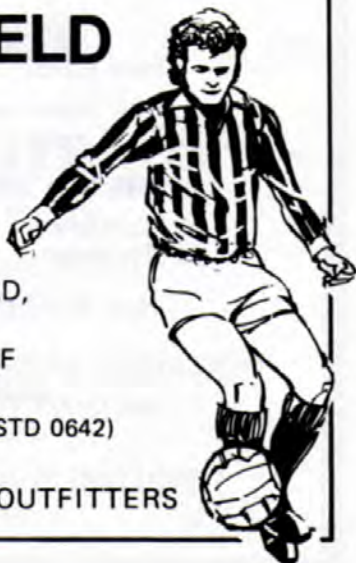
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ISSUE 11

Yes, this is issue eleven of The New Stocktonian. Many thought we might not reach it; but the wheels keep turning.

Membership is still rather static; so may I once again ask you to encourage any former students of Stockton Secondary School, the Grangefield Grammar Schools or Stockton Sixth Form College to join the Association. Confirmation of a Life Member's address is always welcomed.

May I also remind you, that if you are moving, please send the reply form with your new address, to ensure that you continue to receive the Year Book.

EDUCATION NEWS FROM STOCKTON

It now appears that the Old Sec, in Nelson Terrace, will be demolished as the Local Education Authority no longer make use of the building. Repair would prove too expensive, so demolition and redevelopment of the site is now a likely alternative.

In September 1985, the Grange School (formerly Grangefield Grammar Schools) and Sheraton School (formerly Hardwick Secondary Modern School) will be merged into a single school, which will operate at the Grangefield site. Mr. Richard Nicholson (Headmaster of Sheraton School) has been appointed as Head of the 'new' school.

Meanwhile in Further Education in Cleveland, uncertainty has been created as tertiary colleges are explored. This would mean that Technical Colleges and Sixth Form Colleges would be amalgamated.

These changes have implications for the Association. We will keep you informed.

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OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION 58th ANNUAL DINNER

The Fifty-eighth Annual Dinner of the Old Stocktonians' Association was held on the 14th April 1984, in the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe - as it has been in recent years, for the excellent reason that we feed well there, and are made comfortable and welcome. Mr Paul Graham, our President, took the Chair. Late withdrawals (I am told) took a little cream off the cake, so that there were fewer of us than we could have wished. Nevertheless, there were several Old Students there, who had not been present before - or, at least, not in recent years; and I had great pleasure in renewing acquaintance with many of them.

The Guest of the evening was the Rev. David Whittington, Vicar of Stockton Parish Church, who proposed the Toast of "The Old Stocktonians", and spoke of his own experiences of old students' functions at the Queen's College, Oxford. He had found various types of Old Boys, and he distinguished, among famous Old Boys, those who were curiously modest about their achievements and others, who were very much the reverse. And he instanced the very model of an old, old Old Boy, who "voyaged through strange seas of thought" at Mirfield. (The Speaker named them all, but I think it wise not to put their names in print, especially as one was an old schoolfellow of mine.)

Our President briefly and modestly replied to the Toast, and then Mr Arthur Carr, Principal of the Sixth Form College, undertook his usual difficult task of supplying a new report (his tenth) on that Seat of Learning, our chief supplier of new blood for the Association. Perhaps the most impressive and encouraging news he gave us, was of the scale and imagination of College charitable activities, which included aid for digging wells in India and the Sahara. The impetus for the Sahara venture lay in the fact that the French Assistant at the College was a native of the Upper Volta, one of the poorest nations, not only in Africa but in the world.

We compliment our new Secretary, Martin Gillespie, on an excellent year's work and a well organised Dinner. (Our thanks also go to Brian Brand for his assistance in the organisation of the Dinner - Ed.)

R.E. BRADSHAW

GUESTS: Rev. D.J. Whittington (Vicar of Stockton Parish Church), Miss M. Ridgley (1982-84; Secretary of Student Council), A.J. Alexander (1982-84; Chairman of Student Council).

The Dinner was also attended by P. Graham (58-65; President), Mrs J. Graham, A. Carr (Principal), Mrs M. Carr and in approximate order of seniority R.E. Bradshaw (Headmaster 57-73), T.F. Sowler (25-32), Mrs A.J.B. Sowler (26-31), Miss L. Waring (Staff 73-77), B.P. Brand (47-54), Mrs P. Brand, Capt. D.J. Nash (51-54), Mrs K. Nash, C. Bell (47-54), Mrs J. Bell (48-55), F. Jackson (53-59), J. Nicholson (53-58), D. Graham (59-61), Mrs L. Graham, J. Moore (59-65), P. Davies (60-66), J. Costello (64-71), A. Dodgson (64-71) J. Westwood (64-71), W.N. Webster (64-71), M. Garlick, M. Simpson (64-69), Mrs A. Simpson (65-72), J. Rodgers (65-72), Mrs S. Rodgers, M.R. Gillespie (79-81; Hon. Secretary).

59th ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the PARKMORE HOTEL, Eaglescliffe (opposite the golf course).

The date of the Dinner is:

Saturday, 30th March, 1985, (7.30 pm for 8.00 pm).

TICKETS: £9.50

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or via members of the Committee.

Our Guest is

Paul Frost (Grangefield 1963-70) of Tyne Tees Television.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1983

The Annual General Meeting was held in Stockton Sixth Form College on 9th January 1984. Mr P. Graham, the Association President, took the Chair and the following were present:

Miss L. Waring, Messrs C.J. Beeston (Hon. Treasurer), B.P. Brand, A. Carr (Principal of Sixth Form College), M.R. Gillespie (Hon. Secretary), J. Ingham (Vice Principal of Sixth Form College), F. Jackson, J.G. Rattenbury, R. Ward and R. Wynzar.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J.M. Thomas and Messrs. J.A. Green and T.F. Sowler.

Under 'Matters Arising', it was reported that no more had been heard of the Mr. Williams, who had telephoned Mr. Bradshaw before the 1982 Annual General Meeting.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 13 new members had joined the Association during 1983. Annual members numbered 109, of whom 78 had paid subscriptions in advance. This was pleasing as only 45 members had paid subscriptions in advance at the end of 1982.

Two members had been transferred to Life Membership, during the year, as was permitted under rule six of the Association Rules.

Life membership, in terms of confirmed addresses, was 235. There also remained in the region of 350 unconfirmed addresses and 200 addresses unknown.

1030 Year Books were printed (36 pages plus cover), 625 of which, were for the Sixth Form College. The cost of printing was £481.50 and postage amounted to £36.13 for 180 inland and 15 overseas.

A net increase of three pages of advertisements had been booked and the expected income was £453.50. The projected gross loss was therefore £28, but with the Student Council's contribution of £16, the net loss was of the order of £12, not taking postage into consideration.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the three Evan Baldwin Memorial Prizes had been awarded at the College in December 1983. The prize consisted of a sports voucher of £8 for the sportsman and sportswoman and a record voucher of £8 for 'Services to College'. In addition, one year's membership of the Association had been granted and certificates presented.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the Association finances were still healthy. There had been small deficits on the two prize funds. Mr D.L. Steel had expressed his willingness to stand again as Hon. Auditor.

A vote of thanks was given for Mr Steel's work as Hon. Auditor.

As Mr. Sowler was not present, nothing could be added to the Benevolent Fund Report given in the Year Book.

Mr P. Graham was re-elected as President with acclamation and thanks (Proposed M.R. Gillespie, Seconded J.G. Rattenbury). The Hon. Secretary was re-elected (Proposed A. Carr, Seconded R. Wynzar) and thanked for his work both as Secretary and Advertising Manager. Mr Gillespie said that he wished to thank Mr Brand for his assistance, both with advertising and the Annual Dinner.

Mr Beeston was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer (Proposed A. Carr, Seconded F. Jackson) and thanked for his work during the year.

Other Officers and Committee were re-elected as detailed in this Year Book.

Under 'Any Other Business', a reminder was made concerning the Annual Dinner at the Parkmore Hotel.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1984

This will be held in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College on Monday 7th January 1985 at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 1983 A.G.M.
3. Matters Arising
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Benevolent Fund Report
7. Election of Officers
8. Election of Committee
9. Any Other Business

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On 1st January 1983, there was a credit balance, at the Darlington Building Society, of £1414.50. No long term loans were made during the year, but short term loans amounted to £46.95, of which only £13.45 has so far been returned. A donation of £10 was received during the year and interest amounted to £94.83.

The credit balance at the Darlington Building Society on 31st December 1983, therefore amounted to £1485.83.

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

During the current financial year (1984), grants have been made towards the expenses of students taking part in an organised College group visit. Short term loans have been made and all monies have been returned.

A donation to the Fund has been received. These are always welcome.

Appeals for assistance may be made, in confidence, to Mr Arthur Carr, Principal of the 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 11th April, 1984

This year, I am pleased to report that the Extravaganza was better attended than the one held in 1983. The weather was in our favour and due to a late Easter, there were more Higher Education Students in attendance. The evening Disco at 'Buddys' was also well attended and enjoyed by over 100 people.

Men's Hockey is once again established in our repertoire with two 6-a-side teams which were fielded at an indoor venue in the YMCA.

The Hon. Secretary was very grateful for help from the usual volunteers, viz. Claire Mallinson (Ladies' Teams), John Brookes (Soccer), John Ions (Hockey), Nigel Routledge (Basketball and Volleyball) and Terry Wilson (Rugby).

Thanks are also due to Pete Hudson, Ray Brearley, Jackie Edmondson, Ruth Billany and Liz Marsden at the Sixth Form College, for their support, without which, the Extravaganza could not continue in its present form.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Won 0-1

Team: C. Mallinson, S. Farrer, M. Robinson, R. Bliss, D. Gatenby, J. Moncur, J. Thurlbeck, S. Alderson, C. Race, E. Greenwell, A. Dietz, J. Hay.

After last year's defeat, it was decided that new tactics were needed - so we played with twelve (instead of 11), until the umpires noticed in the second half; at which point, Debbie Gatenby volunteered to leave the pitch.

The game was closely contested and played in good spirit. The only goal of the game came in the first half, when Anne Dietz played a lovely pass to Caroline (I haven't played for a year - honest!) Race, who 'raced' through to beat the goalkeeper, in great style.

The second half saw the ball mostly in the Stocktonians' half; though Jackie Hay came close, on a couple of occasions to increasing the 'Oldies' lead.

The College came closer to an equaliser, the longer the game went on and our defence came under a lot of pressure, with Sue Farrer and Julie Moncur, in particular, doing some sterling work.

All in all, we hung on to win - though a draw may have been a deserved result for the Sixth Formers.

Many thanks to the umpires and Jackie Edmondson for their hard work; and also to the College team for an enjoyable game.

We hope to continue our success, next year.

CLAIRE MALLINSON

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Won 12-58

Team: A. Dietz, S. Farrer, A. Johnston, P. Kirby, D. Nicholson, G. Gill, G. Winspear.

A very good result for the Old Girls in a very enjoyable match. The Stocktonians took an early lead and worked well together as a team, which assembles only once a year, producing a half-time score of 8-36.

The Sixth Formers came back in the second half and played some very good basketball, forcing the Old Girls to do some work to keep their lead. It was especially good, however, to see the College produce a young and very keen team, for which we will not have to be complacent, next year.

On the whole, an impressive score for Stocktonians on an enjoyable day.

Many thanks to the organisers, staff and officials, who made the event possible.

SUE FARRER

MEN'S HOCKEY: Sixth Form 'A' v Stocktonians 'A' 4-9
Sixth Form 'A' v Stocktonians 'B' 6-1
Sixth Form 'B' v Stocktonians 'A' 2-6
Sixth Form 'B' v Stocktonians 'B' 2-1

Team: P. Rudd, T. Green, C. Cooke, J. Ions, P. Ions, C. Clark, R. Brearley, D. Pilgrim, A. Carmichael, J. Willis.

As a break with tradition and possibly due to the rheumatic condition of the 'revived' Old Stocktonians' Team, this year's confrontation with the College was organised as an indoor 6-a-side fixture with both parties fielding two sides.

Stocktonians 'B', despite fielding an athletic, young looking, Mr Raymond Brearley, complete with knee bandages, succumbed to a swift College attack, 'diplomatically' losing 1-2 and 1-6.

Stocktonians 'A', full of vigour in both games, launched a devastating attack on the College sides, reducing both teams to a state of panic. Even the gallantry (?) of the suicidal Sixth Form 'A' goalkeeper could not combat the overpowering Stocktonians' attack and the Old Boys emerged 6-2 and 9-4 victors. This was despite a certain player, who shall remain anonymous (Phil Ions), taking on the Sixth Formers single-handed.

Thanks to the College teams for an enjoyable afternoon and Ray Brearley for the organisation. We will be back next year, so watch out College!

JOHN IONS

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Won 52-71

Team: S. Winter, M. Hayton, W. Hudson, P. Stephenson, I. Roberts, I. Nicholson, G. Stephenson, N. Routledge.

The Old Stocktonians, once again, fielded a team of vaguely familiar faces. We welcomed for the first time, two new 'caps', Ian Nicholson and Graham Stephenson; as well as welcoming back Stephen Winter and Bill Hudson. These four supplemented the very 'old guard' of Hayton, Stephenson, Roberts and a very unfit looking Routledge.

Immediately, from the tip-off, the Old Stocktonians took charge, with Winter, Roberts and G. Stephenson all finding the net frequently, to take a 21-10 lead after ten minutes. However, as half-time crept nearer, the older Stocktonians found the pace rather heavy going and were happy to be 37-27 in front.

The second half saw the revived Old Boys, once again, taking the game to the College; but after ten minutes, Winter 'fouled out' and with the score 51-41 in the Stocktonians favour, could they survive the final onslaught?

The answer proved to be yes. Ten points from Routledge, ably supported by the youthful legs of Roberts and Nicholson, saw them home to a final score of 71-52.

Thanks to Pete Hudson for his organisation and to Hugh Kirby and Dawn Nicholson for refereeing.

NIGEL ROUTLEDGE

RUGBY: Won 7-74

Team: M. Highton, K. Murray, D. Kitching, W. Douglas, M. Tingle, B. Webster, P. Armstrong, R. Kitching, T. Wilson, A. Ready, B. Hudson, N. Beadle, T. Wild, J. Moore, C. Ray, Subs: B. Waller, P. McPhillips, A. Kirkwood.

Despite referee Phil Ivison's seeming reluctance to commence the encounter because the pea was missing from his whistle, the Old Boys soon had points on the board, even though they were playing into the teeth of a gale. The College Team made gallant attempts to 'stick their finger in the dyke', but found it difficult to gain any form of possession against the bigger and, on this occasion, apparently fitter Old Boys' Pack.

The flood of points continued with the Old Boys scoring fifteen tries with a dazzling display of handling and support. The College never gave up the struggle however, and scored their traditional try.

Features of the match were obviously Keith Murray's slick handling and Warren Douglas' crash tackling. On a serious note, there was a fine performance from Old Boy's stalwart, John Moore playing in what he vows will be his final appearance for the team (We hope that this will not be the case - Ed.).

TERRY WILSON

SOCCER: Lost 3-2

Team: K. Tulip, N. Errington, M. Cockburn, P. Maine, J. Brookes, S. Phillips, K. Fawcett, N. Stewart, D. Bailey, N. Thomas, G. Bennington, Sub: R. Bailey.

On a dull and windy day, the Old Boys kicked off playing against the wind and soon realised what they were up against, when the fast running College forwards penetrated their rear guard twice in the first few minutes. The College went ahead in the fourth minute with a well taken goal from a midfield combination ending with their forward chipping over the advancing 'keeper, Tulip.

The Stocktonians began to fight back with good front running from Stewart; but after 20 minutes, Cockburn conceded a corner and from the ensuing kick, Tulip fumbled the ball, presenting the College with a gift goal, 2-0.

The Old Boys squandered a number of chances and as usual were punished for them. During an all out onslaught on the opposition goal, a through ball split our defence wide open and with three players off-side and a little heap from FIFA stand-in referee, Vic Watton, the College increased their lead, 3-0.

This refereeing decision spurred the Old Boys on and they struck back in a Phillips/Fawcett combination to put Thomas away, who finished in devastating style; half-time 3-1.

The second half opened a new aspect to the Old Timers and we were hitting the College with everything, as in the case of Brookes! Stocktonians forced a corner on the left and Bennington floated over a great kick for Thomas, who scored with a diving header, 3-2. This was a signal for greater pressure on the College goal. Maine came close to scoring with a good volley, but luck was not on our side.

The Sixth Formers should have gone further ahead when the Old Boys were pushed forward, the College intercepted a pass to leave three of their forwards with only Tulip to defeat; but he kept his head and pounced at the right moment. It was action all the way to the final whistle, when the College were yet again victors (for the third year in succession - Ed.).

The match was a hard contested game, which was a credit to everyone, who played, and it will stick in our minds as one of the best for some years. Thanks everyone - same again, next year!

JOHN BROOKES

MIXED VOLLEYBALL: Lost 2-0

Team: P. Kirby, C. Mallinson, J. McQuillan, C. Lilley, N. Routledge, I. Roberts, I. Nicholson, S. Winter.

First Game: The College First Team put up a good display of volleyball with some excellent play by the two girls who organised attacking play despite the inclusion of a so called 'setter'. Stocktonians put up a brave defence with two complete novices. Score 10-15.

Second Game: A close game against the College Second Team with some good spikes from both sides. Height and weight proved no advantage to the Old Stocktonians in the tie-break situation. Scores: 14-14; 3-0.

Better luck, next year, Old Stocktonians!

RUTH BILLANY

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA 1985

The 1985 Sports Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday 27th March, 1985. If you are a sportsman/woman of any standard, your presence is requested; otherwise come along as a spectator at the Sixth Form College from 1.30pm.

Contact: Claire Mallinson (Ladies' Teams 582390); Terry Wilson (Rugby 581756); John Brookes (Soccer 601082); Nigel Routledge (Men's Basketball/Mixed Volleyball 581527); John Ions (Men's Hockey 615266).

SOCIAL: The 1985 'Reunion' Disco will be held Upstairs at 'Harveys', Bridge Road, Stockton-on-Tees on Wednesday 27th March, 1985.

Advance tickets available from the Hon. Secretary (sae please), from early March. Price: 75p each.

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

SPORTS LINK, the sports newsletter, will be published in early March with further details of the Extravaganza.

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OLD BOYS' CRICKET

Played at Stockton Cricket Club on Wednesday 18th July 1984.

The College batted first and after a very slow start, it looked as though they were in for a big score; but just as the early batsmen began to push the score along, four wickets in four overs from Neil Douglas kept them pegged back. Neil's wickets included two brilliant catches by Nigel Bradbury and Mark Highton. Highton, who hadn't bowled for three years also turned in superb figures of 4-2-0-10. The college finally reached 101 in their 24 overs.

In the next 24 overs, the Old Boys were always behind the clock, as they lost wickets regularly; so much so that with only three overs remaining, they still required 32 to win. Then Gary Pallister joined that man, Highton at the crease for what turned out to be a marvellous match saving last wicket stand. Highton (14 N.O.) and Pallister (15 N.O. including a massive six straight down the ground and into the back garden of an adjoining house) saw the Old Boys also reach 101 (for 9) in their 24 overs.

NIGEL ROUTLEDGE

BATTING

SSFC			
1	Parr	cght b Douglas	22
2	Andrews	cght b Sowerby	16
3	Binks	cght b Douglas	3
4	Etherington	Run Out	3
5	Jones	cght b Douglas	5
6	Stockton	cght b Pallister	0
7	Raines	Not Out	17
8	Cook	cght b Douglas	0
9	Wharton	Not Out	19
10	Porritt		
11	Robson		
	Extras		16
Total			101

OLD BOYS			
1	N. Bradbury	b Binks	6
2	M. Christon	cght b Porritt	19
3	G. Aston	b Binks	1
4	A. Peacock	b Parr	1
5	K. Tulip	b Wharton	20
6	N. Routledge	Run Out	3
7	A.B. Sowerby	cght b Porritt	13
8	M. Highton	Not Out	14
9	N. Douglas	b Wharton	0
10	M.A. Sowerby	b Binks	0
11	G. Pallister	Not Out	15
	Extras		10
Total			101

BOWLING

OLD BOYS	Overs	Wkts	Runs
Pallister	6	1	16
M.A. Sowerby	5	0	20
Highton	4	0	10
A.B. Sowerby	4	1	15
Douglas	5	4	24

SSFC	Overs	Wkts	Runs
Binks	6	3	24
Wharton	6	2	25
Parr	6	1	23
Porritt	6	2	19

NEW MEMBERS

PETER COWLEY (1979-81) is now in his fourth year at Oxford, reading for a degree in chemistry. He has a busy year ahead of him as he is Captain of Jesus College Boat Club.

SARAH DAY (1982-84) is now in her first year at New College, Oxford, where she is reading for a degree in French and German.

GRAEME DEWISON (1947-54) has rejoined the Association; read his news further on.

ANDREA GILLESPIE (1982-84) is starting nurse training at York District Hospital in December.

JANE GREEN (1980-83) has taken up teacher training.

HELEN IONS (1982-84) is at Newcastle University studying history.

PHILLIP KING (1981-84) is a medical student at Leicester University.

SARAH NICHOLSON (1982-84) is training to be a radiographer at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.

JENNY RANSON (1982-84) is at Hull University studying for a mathematics degree.

She then hopes to teach in secondary education.

DAVID ROBSON (1982-84) has started at the Yorkshire Bank, in Stockton, as a Management Development Entrant. David continues to play hockey at Stockton Hockey Club.

KAY THOMPSON (1981-84)

PAUL VITTLES (1978-80) gained an Upper Second Honours Degree in Economics and Economic History from Bristol in 1983. He has since joined Market and Opinion Research International (MORI) as an Opinion and Attitude Research Executive. Paul writes that he would be interested in finding out how some of his contemporaries are faring.

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

News is still rather 'thin on the ground'. Members want to read news of their contemporaries, but don't appear willing to send it in. The years 1979-81 have good representation this time (I wonder why - Ed.). If you want your year to be well represented in these pages, then send the news of your contemporaries to the Hon. Secretary.

CHRISTOPHER ALLEN (1961-67) was married recently. We wish him and his wife Joan, happiness for many years.

MARK AYRE (1978-80), having graduated in Biochemistry from Lancaster, is now working at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton as a haematologist. He spends weekends at home playing hockey for Stockton.

FRANK BOWEN (1925-32) confirmed his address and sent very generous donations to the general fund and the C.W. King and G.G. Armstrong Memorial Fund. He also gave the following news: Returned to teaching after war service with the RAF; 1949-63 Headships in Midlands, West Riding and Hull; 1963-73 Warden, The

Village College, Linton, Cambs. He is now living in retirement in Patrington, near Hull and would like news of J.W. Atkinson (1925-32).

JOHN BROOKES (1969-75) writes that he has been a regular visitor to North Tees General Hospital, 'which keeps him fit for the Old Boys' Football' (!) and that 'it was a great relief to the N.H.S. (!!) when on 5th November 1983, he married his own private doctor, Julia (nee Adkin)'.

IAN CARBARN (1977-79) is still working (too hard writes Ian!) as a medical student in Edinburgh. He finishes the course next year.

ANGUS CARMICHAEL (1979-81) after graduating from the London School of Pharmacy, is working in the Cleveland Centre branch of Boots for his pre-registration year and next year will become a M.P.S. Angus is still a keen hockey player and has recently taken up wind-surfing.

J.S. COWEN (1963-65) sent a generous donation and notification of his new address. He has moved north from Bedfordshire to the West Midlands and is now working for Link '51' Ltd. in the materials handling and storage field. His responsibilities include research and development, technical and estimating functions, which is a very full work load.

GRAEME DEWISON (1947-54) writes that it was a great pleasure to receive a copy of the last Year Book. In searching for news of his own contemporaries, Graeme found that it was the achievements of their sons and daughters, which are now being reported - 'a sobering revelation, but nonetheless a happy one'.

Graeme is working in higher education in Bradford. His wife, Marion (nee Clark) herself an Old Girl of Grangefield, is teaching in Leeds; his daughter and two sons have all left school and are continuing their education in various institutions. Graeme asks for his good wishes to be conveyed to Gordon Rattenbury and all other staff and students, who remember him.

NEIL DOUGLAS (1979-81) has reached his final year at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, where he is reading for a law degree. As part of his course, Neil worked for Old Boy Solicitor, PETER WISHLADE (1955-63), of Wislade & Silvester. Neil was also one of the main stays of the bowling at the Old Boys' Cricket.

CRAIG GILL (1981-83) has been steering himself to success in the world of motoring. He recently came third in the North-east Final of the BP Young Driver of the Year Competition. We wish Craig the best of luck for future competitions.

RAYMOND GILL (1977-79) is now living in London and is employed by Racal-Decca as an electronics engineer.

MARTIN GILLESPIE (1979-81) is in his second year, reading computing science, at Newcastle University. After having successfully run the shop at his Hall of Residence, last year, he was elected as Treasurer of Henderson Hall Junior Common Room for 1984-85. Martin is joined at Henderson by four other former students of Stockton Sixth Form College, viz. MELANIE CRAGGS (1978-80) and IAIN WILSON (1977-80), who are both on P.G.C.E. courses, SUSAN CLARKE (1982-84) and NIGEL FLETCHER (1981-84), who are both first year undergraduates.

ANTHONY GITTINS (1977-79), we hear from Mark Ayre, is now living at Chigwell, Essex and is training to be an accountant.

DONALD GLENWRIGHT (1945-51) sent notification of his current address, but no other news.

TONY GROOM (1979-81) graduated in law from St. Catharine's College, Cambridge

this year and is now at Guildford Law College.

HAZEL HALL (1979-81), in her third year at Birmingham University, is spending most of the year in Nantes, France as part of her course.

SIMON HARBRON (1981-83) has graduated as a Pilot Officer from the RAF College, Cranwell, Lincolnshire. He has now returned to the College to join the Flying Section Squadron for flying assessment. Simon is still a keen hockey player and has played for both the RAF under-23 team and RAF Cranwell.

STUART HART (1938-40) sent a very generous donation and news. He retired in September, 1983 from his positions as Director of Planning for the State of South Australia and Chairman of the State Planning Authority, which he had held for 26 years. Stuart was awarded the insignia of Companion of the Imperial Service Order in the Queen's New Year's Honours List, 1983 for public service in town planning. Stuart writes that retirement is the start of a new career, which seems to be busier than ever before; there is a very active Retired Persons' Association in Adelaide, where Stuart meets TED SHIELDS (1927-34) from time to time.

JULIA HAZELTON (?), an Old Girl of Grangefield gave a piano recital at the Salisbury Festival.

GRANVILLE HEWITT (1916-23) sent generous donations to both the Evan Baldwin and the C.W. King and G.G. Armstrong Memorial Prize Funds.

F. HUDSON is now a Foundation member of the (new) College of Ophthalmic Opticians, after 51 years in the profession. He also sent a very generous donation.

PETER HUTCHINSON (1979-81), having graduated from Manchester University, is training to be a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse, based at their Middlesbrough office. Peter will do some of his training at Newcastle.

JOHN IONS (1968-75) has rejoined the Association and sent a generous donation. John is organising the men's hockey for next year's Extravaganza.

JONATHAN JENNINGS (1977-79) is now at Westcott House, a Theological College in Cambridge, where he is preparing for eventual ordination as an Anglican priest.

CLAIR JONES (1979-81) sent subs. for five years. Clair is now in her final year at Collingwood College, Durham, where she is reading for a B.A. Hons Degree in German.

HAROLD JONES (Staff 1949-52) has moved from Bradford to Chester.

MARTIN JONES (1978-81) was seen working behind the bar in "The Stockton Arms" during the summer. Martin is now in his final year at Huddersfield Polytechnic, where he is reading for a degree in French.

Notification of a change of address was received from JOHN KITCHIN (1959-66). He has moved from Greenford to Pinner, Middlesex; but no other news.

AMANDA LESSELLS (1979-81) graduated from Leicester University, this year, in Geography. She is now training to be an Estate Agent in East Anglia.

DENIS LUDBROOK (1929-33) sent a very generous donation, but no news.

RON LUDBROOK (1927-31) is our most regular correspondent. Along with a generous donation, he made mention of the School Song, which he 'never liked or understood'!

PETER MAULE (1959-64) sent notice of his address and a generous donation. He is now living in Amersham, Bucks. Hope it won't be so long before we hear from you again, Peter!

CRAIG MITCHELL (1977-79) is still studying dentistry at Sheffield University and qualifies next year.

RITU MOHAN (1979-82) was seen working in Boots, at Stockton, over the summer. He spent September in the Pharmacy at North Tees General Hospital and is now in his third year of a pharmacy degree at Sunderland Poly.

KIRSTY MOODY (1979-81) has qualified as a physiotherapist and is working in Lewisham.

JANE NEAL (née Arran) (1979-81) was married this year to an Old Boy, **GARETH NEAL (1968-75)**. Jane is still training to be an accounting technician at Baines, Goldston and Jackson. Her sister, **CLAIRE (1977-79)** was also married recently to Nigel Vaughan.

DAVID PILBROUGH (1949-54) moved to Australia three years ago from Rhodesia, due to fears of hostile action from the Marxist Government. Before settling in New South Wales, David, his wife, Heidi and son, Warren (now aged seven) spent some of the capital, which they were not allowed to bring out of Zimbabwe on airline tickets around the world. The trip lasted a year and they visited Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A., Canada, Brazil, South Africa, Fiji and Hawaii.

David emigrated in September, 1981 to Sydney with a container of furniture and a very small amount of capital. He has since found employment as a Quality Assurance Manager with the Flexible Packaging Division of a leading packaging company. Heidi helps run both an analytical laboratory and a sales department. Warren is well on the way to being a champion discus thrower. David's mother has also joined them in Australia, after tiring of Zimbabwe. David hopes that he will be able to visit the U.K. some time in the future on business. Thanks for the news David.

DAVID PILGRIM (1979-81) is working in Aberdeen for Britoil. By the time you read this, he will probably be out on the rigs. Dave spent an enjoyable summer in the States, after having graduated with a 2.1 in Mathematics from Imperial College, London.

HELEN PREST (1982-84) is training to be a nurse in Newcastle.

RAYMOND REED (1950-57) sent a generous donation. He is now living near Basingstoke.

JOHN RODGERS (1965-72) attended the Annual Dinner this year. It was good to see him and his wife, Susan, on one of their trips north from Cheltenham.

NORMAN ROGERS (1911-15) sent a generous donation, but no news.

F. SAWDON (1923-28) sent notification of his change of address, but no other news.

DAVID SCOTT (1956-58) purchased an Association Tie, but sent no news.

MIKE SIZER (1939-44) reported his change of address and gave news of his Rugby activities; since his last communication (1978-79), Mike has been on a veterans tour of the U.S.A. and Canada and the "Pan-Am Tournament" in Hawaii. Mike is hoping to arrive in the U.K. next September for the "Golden Oldies Tournament" and would like to participate in an Old Boys' Rugby Match. This would be in addition to the Extravaganza Match. If you would like to play in this match, then please contact the Hon. Secretary. Further details will be given next year in "SPORTS LINK".

PETRINA SMITH (1979-81) has completed the academic part of her training as a medical student at Magdalen College, Oxford, obtaining a First. (One of the very few students from Stockton Sixth Form College to have gained an Oxbridge First). Petrina is continuing her course with clinical training in Oxford.

SIMON THURLBECK (1979-81) graduated from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, this year with an Upper Second in engineering. he is now working in the South.

NICOLE TIBBELS (?) sang in the 'Proms' last August. Nicole is an Old Girl of Grangefield.

B. PAUL VINCENT (1973-75) is now living in New York. He wrote to say that he would like to contact some of his former fellow students, particularly those who attended Stockton Grammar School with him. If anyone can help Paul, or knows someone who can, please drop a line to the Hon. Secretary.

ARTHUR WEST (1978-80) served Queen and Country during the Falklands Conflict and was presented with a medal in June 1983. He is a full time T.A. with seven months regular service. During the last two years, Arthur has served in Turkey, Norway, Denmark, West Germany and the South Atlantic. He sends his regards to all the staff and students at the College.

KEITH WIVELL (1971-77), after leaving the Sixth Form, read law at Newcastle University, followed by a year at the College of Law, Chester. He finally passed his Law Society Finals and has spent the last two years around Cleveland working as an articulated clerk, with the same firm, but in several of their offices.

When Keith wrote last January, he had just returned from a weekend in London with SIMON ROBINSON (1970-77), whose news was recorded last year, and DICK GREENER (?), who has been told to join the Association!

Keith's future plans included obtaining a job as a solicitor; he was due to qualify in January, 1984 and be admitted in February. We hope you have been successful Keith.

Your News could be here, next year!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1985

7th January	Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm in Stockton Sixth Form College. (See page 23)
4th March	Publication of Sports Link. (See page 27)
27th March	Sports Extravaganza and Disco. (See page 27)
30th March	Annual Dinner. (See page 21)
Early September	Publication of Sports Link.
Mid September	Copy deadline for 1985-86 Year Book.

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OBITUARY

HARRY BELL, who was at Stockton Secondary School from 1915 to 1920 died recently. Until a few years ago, he was a regular attender at the Dinner. Harry is sadly missed by his many friends. We extend our sympathy to his wife and daughter.

JAMES H. DUFFEY, attended the Secondary School from 1923 to 1928, died on 27th September, 1984. He worked in the steel industry in Sheffield, but most recently lived in Bakewell, Derbyshire. Our heartfelt sympathies go to James' family.

T.W. HARDING, was a pupil at the Secondary School from 1943 to 1950, and died recently. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Elizabeth, who attended the Girls' School.

HARRY HORSMAN died at the end of March, 1984 in hospital, in his native Darlington. He came as Music Master to Grangefield Grammar School for Boys in 1964, and then 'stayed on' at the Grange School until his death. So, for twenty years, he played a most important part in the life of these schools. He had a large share in the advance in musical achievement and appreciation, which has been a feature of the country's schools over the last several decades. There is no doubt that both in vocal and instrumental music, the standard achieved and the opportunities available have been first class.

Harry also played a prominent part in the religious life of Darlington and became well-known as a broadcaster and musical commentator on the local radio station, Radio Tees.

He is widely missed and mourned.

REV. W.R.T. (RONALD) MARRIOTT died recently due to a heart attack. He used to sing in the Choir at St. Peter's, Stockton-on-Tees, with his brother, Jack. He was ordained and served latterly at All Saints', Clevedon, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

W.K. (KENNETH) MARTIN died on 23rd February, 1983. He attended Stockton Secondary School from 1917 to 1921. Kenneth was a stalwart of the Old Stocktonians' Committee in the 1920's. He worked very hard and from Matriculation upwards, worked in his spare time and obtained a BSc Honours Degree in Engineering from the University of London, his M.I.Mech.E. and A.M.I.I.A., following in later years. Kenneth progressed and became an Assistant Engineer at Synthetic Ammonia & Nitrates Ltd. In the 1950's, until retirement, he was the Chief Engineer to the Player Branch of the Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd., in Nottingham. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Kenneth's family.

L.W. (WILF) PENNOCK died, due to a heart attack, about two years ago. He attended Stockton Secondary School from 1915 to 1921. After leaving school, Wilf joined the firm of Messrs. Harland, Chartered Accountants. However, he decided that he preferred Income Tax work and so he became a Tax Inspector. He worked in such places as Bradford, Halifax, Darlington, Middlesbrough and Stockton. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Mary, son, Martin and daughter, Margaret.




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