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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Those of you who attended the Old Stocktonians' Dinner last January may have guessed that I would be writing the President's Message in this magazine. So it has turned out. To any who may feel that younger people should now be elected to office in our Association, may I express whole-hearted agreement. We are delighted on the Committee to welcome more members of the Sixth Form College, present or recently left. We particularly welcome the election of Nigel Routledge to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Association.

My rather unreliable personal computer tells me that by the summer of 1981 a total of some 2000 (two thousand) students will have darkened - however temporarily - the doors of the Sixth Form College. Those of us who are much older eagerly await the expected takeover!

The financial struggle waged by all societies and clubs these days has been coped with reasonably successfully by our Hon. Treasurer, Chris Beeston, with particular help from our Hon. Secretary, Paul Graham and our immediate Past President, Brian Brand, who does such magnificent work in securing adverts for the magazine. One necessary economy we are making this year is by the reduction of 'waste' circulation of the magazine to addresses which we have reason to believe are 'dead'. In cases where we find we are wrong in this belief we shall be delighted to put things right, but if you look at your last year's New Stocktonian - you will see that you were warned!

We have two very attractive speakers coming to the Annual Dinner on January 10th as you will see in the notice on page 4. The more old friends we see the more we enjoy the evening, so we are hoping for a very good turnout.

Even if you don't come, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Gordon Rattenbury

54th ANNUAL DINNER

A new venue this year, the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe the date being 5th January 1980. The President elect Mr. J. G. Rattenbury was in the chair and a wide cross section of the Association was represented (even if numbers present were not as large as we had hoped for).

The first Guest Speaker was Rt. Hon. Ian Wrigglesworth M.P. for Thornaby who spoke of his connections with the area but confessed to being a product of the 'other establishment' (Stockton Grammar School). Despite his 'previous connections' he was warmly welcomed and greatly supported in his toast to the Association. The President's reply was, as far as I can remember, the shortest ever but kept well to the point.

A well loved and respected Old Stocktonian Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King (former speaker of the House of Commons) proposed the Toast of the College in his usual relaxed, informal and friendly manner. He congratulated the College on producing such a fine body of students and felt that the Association was in good hands with new members of this calibre.

Mr. Carr, Principal of the College, responded to Lord Maybray-King's Toast with yet another catalogue of fine academic sporting and charitable achievements by the students of the college.

In short the evening was a great success, with many reminiscences, much hilarity and a good deal of camaraderie.

55th ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the PARKMORE HOTEL, Eaglescliffe (opposite the golf course).
Guests this year are:

W. G. Ashton M.B.E. Deputy Chief Constable, Cleveland County
Mrs. E. Fairless, President of the Great Britain Region of the International
Toastmistress Clubs.

DATE OF DINNER: 10th January 1981 (7.00 for 7.30 pm)

TICKETS: £6.50 from the Secretary (SAE if possible) or from Committee members.

MENU: Soup or Egg Mayonnaise; Cotelette de Porc Flamande or Roast Norfolk Turkey; Sherry Trifle or Fresh Cream Gateau; Coffee and Mints.

[NOTE: Egg Mayonnaise and Turkey are alternatives and will only be offered if the Secretary is notified before the date of the Dinner]

Please make a special effort to attend and bring a guest.

[NOTE: Non-members are most welcome]

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND

There have been no calls upon the fund this year. Since January 1st, 1980 loan repayments have totalled £100 and donations £25. The addition of interest this year amounts to £68.58 and the balance of funds in the Darlington Building Society stands at £825.46. Appeals to the fund are dealt with in the strictest confidence and should be made to Mr. A. Carr, Principal of the Sixth Form College or to T. F. Sowler, 2 Highfield Crescent, Hartburn, telephone: 580690

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 1980**

BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 1980

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	116.00
Cash at Darlington Building Society	967.68
	1,083.68

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	3.97
Corporation Tax	13.15
	17.12

Net Current Assets	1,066.56
	£1,066.56

LIFE MEMBERS' AND GENERAL FUND

At 1 July 1979	478.51
Surplus for the year	230.46

708.97

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL FUND

At 1 July 1979	227.08
Less Deficit for the year	0.39

226.69

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

At 1 July 1979	140.11
Less Deficit for the year	9.21

130.90

£1,066.56

C. J. BEESTON

Chartered Accountant
HONORARY TREASURER

AUDITOR'S REPORT for the year ended 30 June 1980

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

GERALD GOLDSTON

Chartered Accountant
HONORARY AUDITOR

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 1980**

LIFE MEMBERS' AND GENERAL FUND

Income

Ties	37.80
Annual Dinner	1.26
Subscriptions	137.90
Donations	142.15
Interest	48.17
Sports Extravaganza	32.18
	399.46

Expenditure

Grant: Stocktonians Basketball Club	30.00
Corporation Tax	18.78
The New Stocktonian	109.90
Administrative Expenses	10.32
	169.00

Surplus for the year £230.46

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL FUND

Income

Interest 28.78

Expenditure

Prizes (1978/79)	18.00
Corporation Tax	11.17
	29.17

Deficit for the year £(0.39)

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

Income

Interest 17.65

Expenditure

Prizes (1977/78)	10.00
Prizes (1978/79)	10.00
Corporation Tax	6.86
	26.86

Deficit for the year £(9.21)

OUR SPORTING LIFE

Wednesday 26th March 1980

Eventually, the Stocktonians were able to field seven teams but there were many last minute replacements - including the Hon. Sec. in the Men's Hockey team!

The secretary was again most grateful for the valuable help given by Chris Ross (all Ladies Teams); John Brookes (Soccer); Terry Wilson (Rugby); Nigel Routledge (Men's Basketball and Volleyball).

The teams and results were as follows:-

BASKETBALL: Ladies Lost 46-48

Team: C. Burton, L. Ramsden, Sally Hayton, J. Tiffen, K. Tindall, K. Larkin, Sue Hayton, L. Rush.

Mens Won 63-58

Team: N. Routledge, A. Wilkins, M. Heads, H. Kirby, S. Beaumont, M. Hayton, M. Daly, I. Roberts.

HOCKEY: Ladies lost 1-3

Team: R. Watts, L. Ramsden, E. Tott, A. Gall, J. Douglas, A. Kemp, K. Tindall, L. Roberts, J. Foster, R. Jeavons, A Sixth Form student.

The teamwork of the VIth form produced the first two goals both scored by Elizabeth Greenwell. This score remained until half-time when the Stocktonians nominated Rachel Watts as goalkeeper. The second half saw the Stocktonians score through a penalty stroke - scorer Ros Jeavons. However, the VIth formers ended the game through a goal by Lynn Collins.

Jackie Douglas consoled herself with a cigarette at the end of the game. Our thanks and best wishes go to Mrs. Grange - Report by Chris Ross.

Mens: Won 9-1

Team: F. Chaudrhy, B. Jackson, P. Ions, G. Braham, C. Rigg, C. Cooke, M. O'Neill, M. Ayre, P. Graham, C. Singh, A. N. Other.

RUGBY: Won 18-12

Team: J. Wright, B. Meers, T. Moore, B. Waller, D. Raisbeck, T. Miller, T. Race, D. Krieczak, A. Wilkins, D. Willetts, N. Beadle, J. Grange, J. Moore, J. Tingle, C. Ray.

SOCCER: Won 2-1

Team: D. Harris, C. Garbutt, K. Tulip, D. Bailey, J. Daley, P. Thomas, R. Bailey, M. Cockburn, N. Errington, G. Bennington, J. Brookes, T. Brookes.

MIXED VOLLEYBALL: Lost 1-3

Team: P. Dack, N. Routledge, M. Heads, V. Ramsden, J. Dobson, L. Heads, C. Ros M. Hayton, A. N. Other.

The Stocktonians began well but lost the first set 16-14. Again defeated in the 2nd set they came back to win the 3rd set 15-9. The 4th set became the final one as the Sixth Form, playing 'good' volleyball won 15-13. An enjoyable game which the referee easily controlled - he found it possibly harder to control his laughter: Thanks Jeff - Report by Chris Ross.

STOCKTONIANS BASKETBALL

Now in their third year in the Teesside Basketball League, the Stocktonians Basketball Club have become well established.

Although they have lost Horace Kirby, for most of the time, to the RAF this year the club are pleased to welcome Stephen Winter and Ian Watson into their ranks.

As well as becoming a fairly strong Second Division outfit, the team has now developed an excellent, behind the scenes, back up force and has a thriving social side.

Angela Kirby is now a qualified grade one Nato scoring official, and five of the team are qualified referees.

Team: Simon Beaumont, Martyn Hayton, Paul Jakobson, Hugh Kirby, Horace Kirby, Peter Milner, Ian Roberts, Nigel Routledge, Philip Stephenson, Ian Watson, Andrew Wilkins, Stephen Winter.

Thanks to all who took part and attended the function at the Inn Cognito.

Special thanks to Pete Hudson and Ruth Grange and the girls who gave up their time to serve tea after the matches.

Next year's Extravaganza will take place on WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 1981 at the Sixth Form College and Grange Schools at approximately 1.30 - 2 p.m.

If you wish to be considered for any sport or know of others who do please contact P. Graham (785550), or Chris Ross (Ladies - 580387) or Terry Wilson (Rugby - 581756 (Home), 616031 (Work)), John Brookes (Soccer - 582971), Nigel Routledge (Basketball/Volleyball - 550283).

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Bud Laverick	Fizzy Baker	Jute Armstrong
Creamy Manners	Von(scre)Upton	— so on and so forth
Cuthbert William King	Tichy Rees	Butter pat Crocket

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NEW MEMBERS

CATHERINE ALLINSON (1978-80) (BSc Chemistry Durham), MARK AYRE (1978-80) (BA Biochemistry, Lancaster), MARGARET BILLSBORROW (1978-80) (BA Theology, Birmingham, LYNN COLLINS (1978-80) (Entering the Civil Service), IAN FORREST (1977-79) (Manchester University, Joint Honours in Geography and Geology), JANE HOWARD (1978-80) (HND Business Studies, Newcastle Poly), CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON (1978-80) (BSc Biological Sciences, Leicester), LYNDA JARRETT (1978-80) (BA Religious Studies, King's College London), DAWN NICHOLSON (Leeds Poly, Carnegie School of Education - B.Ed), CAROLINE RACE (1978-80) (BA Human Movement, Leeds Polytechnic), WILLIAM THOMPSON (1973-75) (Now qualified as a doctor, from Newcastle University), ARTHUR WEST (1977-80) (Trainee Manager, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries).

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

Before giving details of former students I would like to say that despite my pleas only some 300 replies (from 700 Year Books sent out) had been received as we went to press. As a consequence of this no Year Books have been sent this year to members from whom replies are still required. I would be grateful therefore if members who do receive books direct any approach by irate members in the direction of the Secretary - politely asking them to enclose their address.

LESLIE BELL (1924-28) and his wife NANCY (nee MACKEW: 25-32) send greeting to their old schoolmates. Leslie is now retired, leaving Head Wrightson, Teesside, as Production Engineer after 47 years with the company. Leslie and Nancy still go to the Old School together at the 'Girls End' to revise their French and have RONNIE PURNELL (?) as a fellow pupil. He adds that 'T. B. Brooke, in the stars, will be pleased to know that Nancy and I still go to Music Appreciation classes'. At the time he wrote to us, December 1979, Les was preparing to take his caravan to Spain for the rest of the Winter, returning in April in time to plant the garden. (We trust the trip was uneventful and a pleasure - Editor). Leslie's family still continues its connection with the school; his daughter ELIZABETH APRIL BELL (67-74) graduated with Hons. BSc at UMIST and is now a qualified Optician, practicing in Croydon: Michael and Stephen Hope, their grandsons, are continuing in the tradition, following their grandparents' footsteps into the School.

BERT (A. E.) BISHOP (1915-19) writes, including a donation, to tell us of the pleasure he still obtains from the Year Book and from knowing that the Association is still alive and well; he is particularly interested to hear news of students of the Secondary School who attended during the years of the First World War. Bert adds that he was amused by comments on a report as recollected by BRIAN BRAND (1947-54) and he recalls the delightful satire and sarcasm of C. W. King - although at the time he felt it as rather "biting". The news of Margery Pugh (nee Baldwin) reminded Bert that he was in Evan Baldwin's class the day of her birth and well remembers the wry and proud smile on Evan's face at that time - he trusts this was not his 'youthful imagination'. In closing Bert says that he was dismayed at the lack of respect shown by students in 1930 to the remains of Sam the Skeleton and suggests that it illustrated the deterioration in school morals and conduct within a short time of his leaving school. (Come now Bert - I can't believe that your generation did not get up to any mischief of a comparable nature - I would be pleased to hear of any 'activities' of that era - Editor)

GILLIAN BATES (76-78) whilst writing to top up her subs reminds us that she is studying European Studies at the University of Kent. From September 1980 Gillian is spending a year in Germany at the University of Erlangen at Nuremberg as part of her course.

J. W. BEADLE (26-30) retired in June 1979 after 37 years as a Police Officer, 14 years of which were spent as a Detective Inspector and 2 years in a solicitor's office. He adds how much he liked the Cross Keys Inn advert naming all the masters who had tried to lead him 'along the flowery paths of knowledge' (We're glad you still enjoy the magazine - many thanks for the donation - Editor)

After a prompt from W. G. HUME (1923-28) we received a letter, complete with new address, from E. J. BLAIR (1925-28). Messrs. Hume and Blair met at the Tettenhall and Codsall Probus Club in the West Midlands and they spent much time reminiscing on past school activities and staff who taught them - culminating, I hear, in a pronunciation of the school motto in a French accent that would have even met with 'Froggy' Eden's approval. E. J. Blair still keeps in touch with HARRY CALLENDER (?) who became Town Clerk of Lichfield and, retired, still resides in that town.

MICHAEL CALLENDER (1976-78) in addition to topping up his subs and purchasing a tie informs us he is studying electronics at UMIST with N. HARRIS (?) and MARTIN WHITFIELD (76-78).

IAN CARBARN (1977-79) includes two years subs with the details that he is about to enter his second year of Medicine at Edinburgh University.

NORMAN CARR (1939-44) informs us that he is still working in the Mond Division of ICI at Northwich, Cheshire - no change, he says. Norman is occasionally in contact with KEN ROWE (1941-?) who does the same job as himself in Agricultural Division. After speaking on the telephone recently to DENNIS GLEN (1939-?) who has been working for many years now in ICI's London Sales Office, Norman hopes to meet him on his next visit to Northwich. BILL BISHOP (20's) retired some years ago from ICI in Northwich and has now moved back to Billingham after living in Guisborough for the last few years - Norman still keeps in touch with him.

LESLIE ANNE CARTER who graduated from Leicester University in July 1979 is now employed as a computer programmer by Whitbreads in London.

CAROLE CHISEM (1970-76) has been working for the Inland Revenue at Middlesbrough since leaving College and has discovered what a small world it is for Stocktonians - she works with CHRISTINE STRIKE (nee JORDAN (1969-75) and NANCY HARBRON (nee CHICKEN) (1961-66)). Carole also informs us that RUTH ALLEN (1971-75) is now working for Barclaycard in Stockton.

REG CORNFORTH (1920-24) regrets that he doesn't see many of his old school mates these days due to arthritis. During the cricket season he meets ARTHUR AUSTIN (?) and ANDREW BROWN (?) and sometime FRED GELDER (?) who, Reg informs us, was a monitor for Evan Baldwin and keeper of his various "whacking sticks" - with which to "warm your equator" - followed by ice cream from Pacitto's to "cool you down". Reg still has many visible memories of the old school; a poker made under the eagle eye of 'Von' Upton, a Swimming Club Certificate signed by Messrs. J. J. Prest, S. Dumble and William Baker, and his final report signed by T. Crockett which, although good, had limited currency during 'the depression' when he left school. Reg informs us that WILLIAM WADE (?) ('Piggy') is head of a family farming complex in and around Longnewton. Sadly Reg's wife died in 1976 and he now lives alone (we send our belated regrets at your loss - Editor)

J. B. CLARK (1945-50) is now working with BSC at Redcar as a Mechanical Design Engineer and is a Church Organist at St. Michael's Norton - which, by coincidence, has HARRY BELL (?) as one of its choir members.

JOHN ELLIS (1940-46) is still battling on in the nuclear industry having evidenced his sphere of influence to run an environmental studies group in addition to Chemical Process Development. Last time John visited Teesside he found it difficult to turn right in Stockton High Street - he nearly arrived in Thornaby first! Passing on his regards to all John says he feels rather envious of all the extramural activities in College nowadays; the only one he remembers during his war years at school was going to the air raid shelter! Thanks for the donation John!

ERNEST FIEKE (1923-28) writes to inform us that he reads the 'Stocktonian' with interest though he is saddened to find many references to names he remembers appear within the Black Outlined pages.

Ernie's attempts to attend the 1978 Dinner were foiled by the bad weather and his own indifferent health and he was hoping that the Association might hold the Dinner at a time when the weather was more predictable. (Anyone else feel this is a good idea? If so please write and we shall do our best - Editor)

Briefly recalling times gone by two rugby matches come to mind for Ernie: The first relating to the original school XV in which Ron Wynzar and he played, the second a School v O Boys game in the early 50's - most of which he missed due to his playing ambulance driver for B. P. Brand.

Ernie is trying to find the whereabouts of C. H. (Charlie) O'Grady - sorry we can't help, the Association lost contact in 1969: Anyone else able to help?

By the way, Ernie took all his copies of the Old Stocktonian (including the 1913 and 1914 issues) to the Stockton Library last year and so these are available if anyone would be interested in reading them.

MIKE GARDNER (1974-76) is now working as a trainee systems analyst for Rolls Royce Aero Engines in Derby after obtaining a BA in Business Studies at Sheffield. Still keen on orienteering Mike regularly competes against other ex-SSFC members, KEITH DAWSON (1974-76), (now doing post-graduate work at Reading University), HARRY DOWDELL (1975-77), (also at Reading University) and DAVE TRUBY (1974-76), (now working in the London area).

STAN GILL (1915-18) writes to notify us of his change of address to Southport. Although sorry to leave so many friends in Cleveland, especially in the music circles, Stan and his wife wished to live closer to their son. Retiring in 1966 as Area Efficiency Engineer of the PO Engineering Department Stan completed over 41 years without even half a day of sick leave. Shortly after starting work in 1925 he worked in the Stockton Telephone Exchange as the corner of Wellington Street and Albert Road and found it strange to return to the building in 1977/78 and find it used as the meeting place for the Stockton Brethren. Whilst sorting out his loft at Middlesbrough Stan came across an old photo of SSS Football Team (1917/18 he thinks) and although unable to remember all christian names (for which he apologises) he believes the surnames are: TOMMY KERR, SANDERSON, ERNEST GOODCHILD, LLEWELLYN, TOMMY NODDINGS, BRECKON, McKECKNIE, WILF NODDINGS, TOT OLVER, JOCK BULMER, PERCY WEDGEWOOD - "Does anyone else remember?" he asks. If so he would be happy to receive a letter or a call (see end of this para). Stan ends by adding his best wishes to LAWRIE PENNOCK (1915-21) on his retirement.

(STAN'S address: 7 Shaftsbury Road, Birkdale, Southport, Merseyside PR8 4PT
Telephone : (0704) 68133)

JAN GILLETT (1957-64) admits it was some time since he wrote but brings us up to date with his activities. He is now a Market Development Manager with the Insulation Division of Fibreglass Ltd., (part of the Pilkington Group); work, he says, which is very interesting in view of the present need for economies on energy. Seeing the obituary of 'Tot' Munday reminded Jan that the Publicity Manager of his company was JOHN PARRY GREEN who remembered being taught by 'Tot' in the late 1920's - a very small world indeed!

CHARLIE GILLETT (1954-61?), Jan adds, will be known to anyone involved in the rock world. At present he runs the 'Oval' record label after several years as a DJ on BBC Radio London, and has been responsible for the discovery of many successful performers ranging from Dire Straights to Ian Dury. At present Jan is living in Formby, Merseyside with his wife and daughters Penny and Sarah (10) and Helen (7).

IAN J. GRAY (1958-65) in addition to supplying a donation informs us of his 'movements' since leaving Manchester University in 1968. He spent 5 years with ICI in their Research Department and then emigrated to South Africa where he spent 6 years working initially for a computer bureau and then for a mining company (the construction of whose plant was managed by Davy Ashmore International - and Ian had the interesting experience of being thousands of miles from England, 120 miles from the nearest large town, and surrounded by Stockton people!) Ian returned to England in June 1979 and is at present living in Wiltshire working as a computer systems designer for Hambro Life Assurance Ltd. in Swindon. In 1977 Ian married a South African and has a 2 year old daughter called Chantelle. Ian's father LAWRENCE GRAY (1925-31) retired in 1975 after 41 years in the Accountancy Department of ICI.

P. F. GREGORY (1968-75) is now in his fifth (and final?) year of Dentistry at Leeds University and is enjoying every bit of it. After graduation he hopes to work in practice for a few years and then do an MSc, before undertaking clinical teaching, perhaps. Paul provides news of former students as follows: Having been asked by a friend in the second year of Dentistry if he could find another dental student's porcelain jacket crown he discovered that the student involved was MIKE HEADS (1973-74), with whom he now carries on the never ending Grangefield versus Stockton Grammar joke. Travelling up from London he met MAUREEN MacDOUGAL (1973-75) on the Underground but only had time for a short chat. She was due to start work the next day at the Immigration Department at Luton airport. Paul adds that he occasionally meets PAUL HARNBY (1973-75), PAUL WELLS (1973-75) and DUNCAN LAWRENCE (1973-75) in Leeds - usually bumping into them in pubs or wine bars. He concludes by saying that anyone contemplating Dentistry should not hesitate ("it is much better than medicine" - his words).

JOHN HARRISON (1956-63) writes to tell us that after leaving Sheffield with an Economics degree he qualified as a chartered accountant and is now an International Management Consultant in the Cambridge area, where he lives with his wife and three children. In recent years John has worked in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the U.S.A. Many thanks for the donation John!

E. JOHN HEDLEY (1951-58) writes after our note in last year's magazine to tell us that he works with Perkin-Elmer Data Systems as an International Sales Support Analyst which means he almost sees more aircraft and airports than computers which (he informs us) are very good high capacity minicomputers. Because of this travelling John's musical activities are somewhat curtailed but he enjoys singing 1st tenor with the Windsor and Eton Choral Society and with friends at Xmas time for charities. Your donation more than 'tops up' your life membership John, thank you.

JIM HEWARD (1946-51) tells us he is still working for Head Wrightson as an Industrial Engineer and is currently controller of a computerised production control system. Donation was most welcome Jim!

JIM HEWITT (1926-31) unfortunately had to tender his resignation as a Committee member this year and we would like to thank him for his efforts on behalf of the Association both as an ordinary member and as a past President. Since retiring from ICI after some 42 years service, principally involved in the marketing and sales control of their products, Jim has done the odd spot of work with a local shipping and warehousing firm. Recreational activities have taken the form of gardening and the odd friendly game of bowls. Jim had a few months holiday in Australia but did not encounter any Stocktonians. Whilst there he visited Newcastle N.S.W. to watch an International Bowls contest in which a few of his England Bowls Association colleagues were taking part and drove through Gateshead, Wallsend, Hartlepool and skirted Stockton! Jim returns, via these columns, regards to his brother Joe after the latter's recent expressions of concern.

LESLIE HILL (1917-22) is now fully retired but with two acres of garden still finds life very busy and enjoyable. His twin brother STANLEY (1917-21?) is still living in Hamilton, Ontario and is still busy working in the Bookstore at McMaster University there. Stanley's eldest son has a PhD and lectures at the same University. Les still keeps in touch with WILF PENNOCK (1916-21) and VIC HARRIS (1915-22?) both of whom are keeping fit and enjoying life.

KAREN HUDSON (1976-78) is now in her second year at Newcastle University and still enjoying her course (Hons. German with French subsidiary). She will be taking finals in her subsidiary in 1980 and spend 1980-81 in Germany. Many thanks for 10 years subs Karen.

GEOFFREY KENYON (1947-52) is a Wing Commander in the RAF and currently designing a course for Senior/Middle Engineer Maintenance Managers, to be run at RAF College in Cranwell. Although he is working in Cranwell Geoffrey's permanent home is now near Coniston in the Lake District and he believes his interest in that area can be traced back to Annual School trips. We understand from Geoffrey that BILL PURCHASE (?) is still going strong as a Squadron Leader and is still flying. Geoffrey sends regards to all, particularly BRIAN BRAND (1947-54) and CLIVE BELL (1947-54).

JOHN KIRKUP (1937-43) writes to say how sad he was to hear the news of the death of 'Tot' Munday and well remembers his unique and original orchestral direction of 'Amo, Amas, Amat'. Since John left Nelson Terrace in 1943 his career has been as follows: Having obtained his MB.BS at Durham University in 1949, he was House Surgeon and House Physician at the RVI in Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1950-52 thence at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital. He then became a Demonstrator and Lecturer in Pathology and Bacteriology (1952-55) at Durham University, a surgeon with the P & O Shipping Company (1955-56) (shortly after which he was married), a G.P. in S.E. Durham (1956-60). Medical Director (Research) PFIZER CORPORATION based in Hong Kong (1960-66) since when he has been a G.P. in Wallsend. He has three daughters, the eldest of whom has qualified as R.G.N. (Edinburgh R.I.) and is now doing obstetrics training and the two younger ones are at London University. Whilst in Hong Kong, John had a most interesting and entertaining meeting with the late H. G. MILLER (?) who was one of his tutors during student days. John hopes J. G. RATTENBURY will remember him, because of his efforts together with MR. MANNERS and DR. KINNES he still speaks French rather well.

DAVID KIRTLEY (1927-34) retired from the Inland Revenue in 1977 and is passing the time very agreeably playing bowls, walking, bird watching, social service, lotus eating and bricolage.

GEORGE LITTLE (1915-18) a past President and Treasurer (for some 7 years) of the Association writes to let us know of his travels and activities of the year (1979). Visits to Greece, Yugoslavia and Menorca was supplemented with a 4 week trip around England which included an interesting Musical Festival at Church Edington, Wiltshire. At present he is Treasurer and Business Manager of the Cleveland Churchman Magazine (Deanery of Stokesley) helps at Christ Church, Great Ayton and Easby and Newton Under Roseberry Church once a month. Amongst all these activities George still manages to help with Meals on Wheels delivery about every 6 weeks. George's son DAVID LITTLE (1949-55) is a solicitor and Deputy Chief Legal Director of Skelmersdale Development Corporation. His wife Jean sings in the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and David was a founder member of the Formby Choral Society. Both David's children (Annabel, 14 and Robin, 10) are in School Orchestras. CYNTHIA LITTLE (1954-60) qualified at ICI Secretarial School, worked in ICI Overseas Sales and then at Tavistock Psychiatric Clinic, London. Cynthia is now married and does secretarial work for her husband who is a director of the Manderst Group in London which are Agricultural Advisers to under-developed countries.

RON LUDBROOK (1927-31) now sports a new tie to replace the two old fashioned ones one of which was lost (or half lost?) in Sydney some years ago. Resident in Australia for some 30 years most of this time working for Ashmores - Power Gas (now called Davy McKee Pacific Pty Ltd), Ron now operates his own company helping Australian and Overseas companies who need information about particular industries and (in the case of the Overseas firms) do not want or cannot justify the setting up of their own office there. Ron's associations with the Old Stocktonians' go back many years to the time of Evan Baldwin who, after teaching him geography at the Secondary School, organised Stockton Technical School at night and helped considerably with his post-school education. A firm friendship developed and they corresponded for many years and Ron always visited him when in England and regarded him as "a very fine and devoted gentleman".

NEIL MACDONALD (1946-50) gives us news of his latest address and informs us that he has spent most of his working life with a specialist security company called Lodge Service currently as operations manager in the North West. He well remembers acting as a 'beast of burden' in the move to Grangefield in his final term - helping "dear old Tibby Brooke" with removal of his book stock. Neil has seen one or two old boys over the years but not many of the "Sedgefield Bus Boys", as they were often referred to by Dr. Kinnes. (Anyone own up to being a member?). He still gets up to the North East now and again, having married an ex-Nelson Terra Grangefield girl ROSEMARY CARTWRIGHT. Their eldest son is in his second year Oxford Poly, their second son has just started his first year at Durham University reading Psychology and the third son is still languishing at home, looking forward to his 'O' levels next year!

PETE MALLABY (1976-78) is still studying data processing at Leeds University which seems to be "overflowing with SSFC students". Subs now due, by the way!

E. H. MANN (Staff 1938-46) did attempt to join us at the Dinner this year but unfortunately ill health prevented him fulfilling an intention he has had for some years now. Edward (?) married a girl who attended Nelson Terrace in 1922-29.

W. K. MARTIN (1917-21) recently received through the courtesy of W. DODDS a copy of a photograph of the SSS Staff taken in about 1923. They both agreed that from J. J. Prest downwards, they looked a "formidable lot" in their stiff collars and black boots - even so they did not feel they were repressed and cowed.

FRED MASON (1917-23) writes to pass on his regards to all Stocktonians, especially those of his own era. He seemed to like the advert on page 35 and suggested that Arty Allen and Chem Taylor be added - also, he adds "what happened to the seldom mentioned Miss Black?"

H. R. MURFITT (1920-24) has retired as a Traffic Inspector for Cleveland Transit - best wishes for a happy and successful rest!

FRED PALLETT (1936-41) writes from Johannesburg, South Africa with his new address. His 30 years service with Ashmores - Johannesburg and Stockton ended a couple of years ago and joined Pretoria Portland Cement as accountant responsible for all aspects of capital expansion and construction. Initially based in Pretoria, and now in Johannesburg his work takes him to Mafeking ("why was it relieved" he sometimes wonders) a lesser known place in the Northern Cape. Mr. Rattenbury will remember, he adds, that matriculation studies towards the end of 36-41 era were shunted from Nelson Terrace to Ragworth Hall, Norton and there was only time for two or three days of study a week. Fred spent his 'off days' cycling on the Yorkshire Moors which he claims was one reason why he failed Latin in his school certificate. His French was a little better, perhaps as a result of a school tour to Caudebec en Caux and Versailles in the Summer of 1939 when the "threat of war had receded?!" Fred's family of five children consists of two daughters - one a teacher at a local high school, the other still at school, and three boys - one an electrical engineer, another a budding horticulturist whilst the third is an unwilling soldier patrolling the S.W. Africa/Angolan border. In conclusion Fred passes on best wishes to all Old Stocktonians and would like to be remembered in particular to DENNIS HARDIE (1934-39).

MALCOLM PARKER (1960-67) writes with his new address and requests details of whether life membership still has credibility. The answer is that life membership still means what it says - while funds permit we shall continue to send magazines to recently confirmed addresses - donations would still be gratefully received, however to allow us to continue this practice for some time to come.

HARRY PIERCY (1945-49) has now left his post as Branch Manager at Barclays Bank, Stockton High Street where he has been for four years and is now Assistant Local Director of the Bank and a member of an executive team looking after branches in West Yorkshire.

DAVID PILBROUGH (1948-54) is, after 26 years still in Zimbabwe Rhodesia and has just celebrated his 20th Wedding Anniversary, his wife Heidi being a Rhodesian. They, together with son Warren aged 4½ live on a 135 acre "small holding" just north of Salisbury with 8 cattle, 200 chickens and 10 geese! Their house which they built themselves some 5 years ago is on a hilltop and has views up to 50 km. Income is boosted by crops of 10 acres of soya beans or maize each year and a continuous rotation of 2 acres of vegetables sold through their own roadside kiosk.

IAN PRAGNELL (1964-66) has made a small move of late - to the Solomon Islands (from Weymouth). Together with his wife and two children they arrived in Honiara in January 1978 via Los Angeles (Disneyland is great! he inform us) and Fiji. Ian has a two year (or longer) contract as a Senior Executive (Control) Engineer with the Ministry of Works and Public Utilities which will involve him in all aspects of Civil Engineering. He informs us that before he arrived there was a water shortage but it rained continuously since he took up his post! We hope the 4X's will not take too much out of you Ian and you let us know how things are progressing - Editor

KEN READMAN (1956-61) has returned to ICI we hear - but at Huddersfield this time - after completing an MSc in Plant Engineering in the Process Industries at Loughborough University.

GRAHAM RAYNER (1959-66) has, to my mind, done more than most people to bring the Association closer to the Sixth Form College, with his introduction of a Sporting Extravaganza; thus enabling us to show that the ties were not just with ex-Grangefield students. Unfortunately Graham has had to resign his position as Committee member this year but I would like to thank him, on behalf of all members of the Association, for the enthusiasm and effort shown during his term of office as Assistant Secretary.

TOM REAY (1926-30) writes to give us a history of his fortunes since leaving school. Having been described by Mr. Eden as 'grit in the machinery of the school' he left school to serve apprenticeship as a joiner at the Stockton Co-op and later worked with his father at Picton Junction Brickworks. Subsequently he joined Sir Lindsay Parkinson on construction of airfields and during the war was shaping propellor blades at F. H. Hills & Sons. After the war he built, and ran, the first propriety night club on Teesside, the Kirklevington Country Club. Twenty years later he sold out and purchased the Cross Keys Inn at Yarm, of which his wife is the licensee and he, in semi-retirement, does not have any more privileges (so he claims!) than the rest of her customers.

Tom's son, now aged 20, is deeply absorbed in Electronics having attended St. Peter's School, York. As far as his own school days are concerned Tom's pals were BILLY WALKER (of the Teesside Bookmakers), 'FAT' EDWARDS and RALPH REAY (no relation) to name just a few. Apart from Bill Walker, he has lost touch with all the others. (Anyone help here? - Editor). Many thanks for the donation and advert Tom.

JOHN RODGERS (1965-72) gives no news but we are grateful for the donation.

In response to a request from "Yank" ELDERS (1909-11) the following screed has been supplied by NORMAN ROGERS (1911-14). Shortly after his retirement from the Post Office he left Stockton to live in York. Norman took part in the York Mystery Plays and was honoured by being presented to H.M. The Queen Mother, after her attendance at a performance. He was a member of the York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir which won many festivals in Yorkshire. Living near York University he and his wife have taken active parts in Heslington Church where the rector is REV. F. G. HUNTER (1948-53) who is also Assistant Chaplain at the University and has recently been appointed Rural Dean of Escrick: Norman meets with him frequently when they both enjoy reminscences of yester years.

Colin, who is Norman's elder son was Lt. Col. in the R.A.O.C. in Singapore when it ceased to be under British rule and was awarded the O.B.E. Foster, the younger son, was in Stockholm last year in connection with the Institute of British Management. Both boys attended the "other school"!

SUSAN ROW (1968-75) obtained a second class honours degree in Economics & Economics and Social History at York. She is now training to be a Chartered Accountant with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. at their Darlington Office (Donation is welcome, Susan).

ALBERT RUDDOCK (1933-36) writes from Johannesburg with a change of address and adds that he retired in March 1976 as Assistant Professor of Physical and Structural Geology, Rhodes University, South Africa. He still recalls with affection the great teachers he had when at SSS - men like King, Brookes, Baldwin, Munday, Baker and others whose faces and mannerisms are as alive for him today as then. "Who will forget", he writes "the Head who examined us in Oral French, spoken at high speed, in a whisper and with a Scottish accent by Dr. Kinnes!". Albert corresponds occasionally with TED SHIELDS (1927-34) (of whom more later) who was a contemporary at Nelson Terrace, and for some years, Registrar at Rhodes University.

No news from F. SCOTT (1933-38) but a confirmation of address and a donation.

G. S. SELF (1931-36) includes a donation with notification of his current address.

R. W. RUTHERFORD (1914-17) informs us of his gratitude to those who prepare the Year Book and suggests that, whilst scholars still exist from the earliest years of the school it may be a good idea to produce a history of the Old School and associations connected with it. The size of the production, is, he adds, immaterial but suggests that such a task might be undertaken by a recently retired Old Stocktonian resident in the Cleveland area or as a 'project' by a Sixth Former. He says that he would be willing to help sponsor, financially, such a project. The Editor throws this suggestion open to the members of the Association and would welcome replies, for and against the proposal but time is of the essence.

In addition to giving a donation A. E. (TED) SHIELDS (1927-34) gives the following news. He has now been in Southern Australia for 7½ years as Registrar of Adelaide University, a pursuit from which he is due to retire in 1981. At present Ted is trying to decide whether to remain in sunny Australia or return to bleak and expensive England after his retirement. In March of 1980 a minor Old Stocktonians' reunion was held in Adelaide, Ted's brother H. A. (HARRY) SHIELDS (1938-44) and his wife paid him a visit and they got together with S. B. (STUART) HART (1938-40) and his wife for a nostalgic lunch. As we may imagine the names of many old boys (and girls) from the 1930's era came up! Ted would be happy to see any Old Stocktonians who may find themselves in his part of the world.

G. F. S. SMITH (1925-31) retired from the Inland Revenue (Taxes) in May 1979 after 47 years service. We are grateful for the donation to funds.

TOM SOWLER (1925-32) informs us that "Old Stocktonians are appearing everywhere" (as if we did not know!) Tom's daughter MARILYN (1959-66) whose friend when at school in Hartburn was Jane Whitham (herein lies a connection). After qualifying and teaching Maths in the London area Marilyn married and moved to Leeds. There, Tom, on one of his frequent visits met PAUL HARRISON (1968-73) in the Fox at Horsforth. Paul, whose parents live in Leeds, is qualifying in Accountancy in Nottingham and keeps in touch with Tom. In Paul's last letter to Tom he writes that whilst waiting in a pub in Nottingham he thought he recognised two lads who were part of a group entering the pub. Eventually Paul's friends arrived and a little later some "friends of friends" came in. It came as quite a surprise to him that these latter arrivals were ROGER JAMESON (1968-73) and JOHN WITHAM (1968-73) and that one of the earlier 'recognised' entrants to the pub was ALISTAIR EASTERN (1968-73). He adds that Nottingham is turning into a gathering place for there are several of "us" here.

(Note: Tom adds - JOHN and JANE WHITHAM are brother and sister).

WILFRED STANFORD (1933-37) had his further education helped by 3 years in the brewery industry ("In Vino Veritas" he adds), by 6 years in the RAF and 11 years in the Yorkshire Woollen textile industry. Since 1957, when Wilfred together with wife and two young daughters left for the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, he has been employed by the Inland Revenue Department - which is now moving into computer technology.

FRANK STONEHOUSE (1951-58) is, he informs us, currently head of International Marketing at ICI Ltd.

JIM TEASDALE (1942-47) having gained his BSc, MSc and PhD degrees in Naval Architecture from Newcastle University became a Lieutenant in the RN until 1956. Since then he has been a Naval Architect with the Atomic Energy Authority (until 1958), a Naval Architect to Furness Shipbuilding Co. (until 1965) and is currently Senior Lecturer in the Department of Naval Architecture at Newcastle University. Jim was a founder director of A and P Appledore Ltd., Shipyard Design Consultants and is currently the Chairman of the Board. The company is carrying out shipyard developments in Britain, Germany, Malta, Mexico, South Korea, China, Hong Kong and India.

The RT. REVD. E. J. TINSLEY (1931-37) has been Bishop of Bristol since 1976 but has not dared to tell genuine Bristolians that he had not been to their "great city" before his appointment. John was sad to hear of the death of 'Billy' (as he knew him) Munday whom he considered a "great schoolmaster" and helped enormously when John was first considering ordination. Recently John has been a member of the Home Office Committee which published the Williams Report on Pornography and Film Censorship. Many thanks for your donation John.

ERIC TINSLEY (1958-65) sends just a short note to let us know he and his wife were blessed with a daughter, Cathryn Margaret, in July 1979. Very belated congratulations!

DAVE TRUBY (1969-76) graduated from Queen Mary College, London in June 1977 with a 2/1 degree in Computer Science and started work in September of that year for Burroughs Machines as a Trainee Development Analyst (writing applications programmes). At the time of writing Dave was based in Feltham and looking for some permanent accommodation - we trust all is now O.K.

M. (JOHN) T. WAINWRIGHT (1955-63) has successfully, if painfully, made the transition from employee to business proprietor in the London area. He remains a bachelor, but still has his own teeth and hair and, he says, that he "lives in hope". His flat in Central London has a spare bed, he adds, which is available for those who suffered with him in "Stalag Luft Grangefield in the dark days". His outlook for the 80's is on the "dismal side of gloomy". We trust things will brighten up!

JOHN WHITHAM (1968-73) has rejoined the Association (for the next five years anyway John!). He is now based in Nottingham where he works as a Loss Adjuster after spending some years as an Insurance Claims Inspector in Middlesbrough and Peterborough. Since arriving in the City he has got the feeling that he has come to the retreat for former Grangefield students as around every corner he bumps into someone he knew at school. John would be keen to know if any other people are living in the area so that he might arrange to meet them and in his own words "bore each other with reminiscences of our old school days". (John's address at work is : Thomas Howell, Selfe (Midlands) Ltd., Castle Gate, Nottingham Telephone Nottingham 583171).

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GEOFFREY WARD (1955-62) tops up his 'life' membership and at the same time gives us news of himself and other Old Stocktonians. He has worked at the same place since leaving school and is presently employed by Redpath Engineering Ltd in Purchase Invoice Control. His many interests include railways, choral singing and travel. Geoffrey is in frequent touch with DAVID FRANCIS (1959-63) a Senior Librarian at Portsmouth Polytechnic, married with two children; EDWARD COOPER (1958-62) now living in Luton with his wife and two children, and an Engineer with BP; and COLIN MUSTARD (1955-60) who is living in Hull and working for Sun Life Insurance Co. - also married with two children. Geoffrey's brother GERALD WARD (1959-67) trained as a Quantity Surveyor in Middlesbrough after leaving school and, in 1974 married Susan Gilchrist, the sister of DONALD GILCHRIST (1968-73) (who now lives in Beaconsfield, Bucks, and works as a salesman in dental equipment). In the same year Gerald took up a post as a Quantity Surveyor in Liverpool. In 1977 he was, unfortunately, made redundant an event coinciding with his wife's graduation in Divinity and her placement in a senior post at King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny. Meanwhile Gerald enrolled for a degree course in Quantity Surveying at Pontypridd Polytechnic and achieved his BSc in July 1980, he is now busy establishing his own Quantity Surveyor's practice

MARTIN WARNER (1957-64) whilst informing us of his new address and giving a donation gives us the following news. He is married with three children (aged 8, 5 and 3), his wife hailing from the 'deep south' (Isle of Wight), Martin now works for Chessell Ltd who manufacture industrial instruments as the Computer Systems Manager and Project Manager on a new microprocessor based project: he was working for Rank Xerox until 1978.

BARRY WIGGINS (1940-46) has completed his retirement as a Wing Commander from the RAF and is moving into yet another area of the Motor Industry and Automotive Engineering. He has taken up an appointment as Technical Sales Director of Trackpower Transmissions Limited of Coventry. This is a small marketing and project management company within British Leyland Commercial Vehicles that specializes in transmission systems for tracked and heavy duty vehicles. Barry and his wife have taken up residence in a small pleasant village in Leicestershire and he should be in the 1981 Leicester area telephone directory if anyone wishes to contact him. Although missing Great Ayton his new job still enables him (by compulsion) to indulge in his pleasure of travelling about the world in comfort, to see new places and enjoy new experiences.

ANDY WILKINS (1967-74), now Pilot Officer Wilkins, was commissioned in the RAF on November 1st, 1979 to train as a pilot having spent two years as an ordinary rank prior to commission. Andy was stationed in West Germany for the early part of the year but in the latter part, will continue his pilot training. Andy gives us news of JILL DOBSON (1970-77) who is at present working as a technical assistant at a local laboratory and JOHN KIDDLE (?) who is now teaching in Grimsby.

AUSTIN WILKINSON (1977-79) is studying Law at Liverpool Polytechnic and is now in his second year (apologies for not mentioning this last year).

JOHN WILKINSON (1903-07) who must be our oldest member kindly enclosed a donation when confirming his address. John was a President of the Association from 1937-49 and attended the foundation meeting.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS (1922-27) confirmed his address and sent a nice donation towards funds - many thanks Arthur!

PETER WIMBERLEY (1955-62) now in Denmark as reported in last years Magazine confirms his address and includes a generous donation - we hope the Danish is progressing well.

KEITH WIVELL (1975-77) confirms his new address. Thank you for the subs Keith you are paid up until 1983!

RUSSELL WOOTTON (1960-67) is now a senior partner in a medical practice in Strathclyde where (if I understood the letterhead correctly) he works with his wife. At present they have two children, a boy and a girl, but by the time this magazine reaches the far flung corners of the globe this may be increased to three (previous congratulations?) Many thanks for the donation Russell, hope to see you at the Dinner.

GORDON STOTT (1930-36) sends a donation with his confirmed address (both of which we are grateful for) He retired in 1977 and is still enjoying it - recommends it in fact!

GEORGE BRANN (1916-20) sends a donation together with details of his activities. Having come to Stockton in 1912 as (he claims) a missionary from England (Middlesbrough!) to civilize the natives (cheek !!) but has not yet done so ! (Have the natives now accepted you George? - Editor). During the Second World War he volunteered for the R.N. and was posted to Skegness where he was able to put the Petty Officer right on the fact that marching in threes was the new order of the day and not fours! (George reckons he shortened the war by 10 seconds with this 'introduction' - troops took up less road space). Later George served on the Murmansk run and was involved at the sinking of the 'Scharnhorst' transportation of gold and platinum from USSR to Iceland for the Yanks and in support vessel in (one of ?) the attempts to bomb the Tirpitz - altogether a hectic series of events. At 76 George rarely takes part in activities as described above any more but he can be found on Thursday nights in the Cross Keys at Yarm from 8.15 to 9.15 !

IN MEMORIAM

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

WILLIAM GILBERT died of the 24th June 1979.

WILLIAM STEWART MILLAR (1917-20) died on 14th October 1980. After leaving school Mr. Millar joined the (then) Yorkshire Penny Bank at Thornaby. Through the following years he progressed through the ranks and eventually became manager of Hunter's Bar Branch (Sheffield), a post from which he retired in 1964. William is survived by his brother John M. Millar who is married to Margaret (nee Russell) who was at SSS; his passing is a sad loss to GEORGE BRANN (1916-20) who was a lifelong friend.

JEFF CARTER (1977-79) was, sadly, killed in a road accident on 22 December 1979 aged 19: He had just completed one term as a law undergraduate at Leicester University. Two days previously Jeff had received an award from the Association as Sportsman of the Year. We are all greatly saddened by the loss of a young man who had so much to offer to society and pass on our deepest, if belated, sympathy to Jeff's family.

JOHN SHARP (1909-11) died shortly before production of the last magazine. John had been a member of the Association for more than 60 years and had served on the Committee for some 25 years before his retirement in 1978. With his sad demise there ends one of the longest links between the Association in its present form and the original formation. We extend our sympathy to his relatives.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

(Mr A Carr)

It is some time since I last wrote in the New Stocktonian although I have been giving progress reports at the annual dinner each January. Perhaps it is time to summarise the development of the College so far.

The number of students in the College has continued to rise slowly but steadily each year and we now have 580 on roll. For the first time ever we have more girls than boys but this is by no means obvious when walking around the College since almost everyone is trousered!

Examination results continue to be very pleasing to say the least. Indeed, I had occasion to collect the A-level results together recently and found that since the College opened in September 1973, we have made 4098 subject entries and obtained 3189 passes, a success rate of 78%. Equally pleasing was the discovery that 14% of the entries had resulted in Grade A passes.

At the end of our first year we sent off 60 people to universities and 9 others to degree courses at polytechnics or colleges of higher education. This year we sent off 92 students to universities, 9 of them to Oxford or Cambridge, and another 34 to degree courses at polytechnics or colleges of higher education.

It is gratifying to report that, in recognition of this record of success, the Salters' Company have made a grant of £1000 available to the College to help with the purchase of expensive chemistry apparatus. In these times of financial constraints I am particularly grateful to the Salters' Company for their generosity. (I was surprised to discover, while corresponding about the grant, that a former student of the College, Sharon Dixon, is now working for the Salters' Company in their London office).

I am also grateful to a large number of other people, mainly connected with local industry and businesses, who have contributed material or parts for the projects that the art department are working on. The most exciting of these is the building of a working facsimile of the Franklin printing press that is preserved in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. There is still a good deal of work to be done on this but it is already an impressive structure.

There are several new faces in the staffroom this year. Some have been appointed because of our increase in numbers but others to replace departed colleagues. Mrs Ruth Grainge and Mrs Helene Kerr left to have babies and we congratulate both of them. Mrs Kerr in particular must have been relieved when it was all over because within days of her finishing here she and her husband were transporting their home to Holland and must have been slightly concerned at the possibility of having the baby born in the middle of the North Sea. Mr Stephenson has also left us though he went in the opposite direction to Mrs Kerr to take up an appointment in a college of higher education in Belfast.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS!

(David Pilgrim)

When I was nominated for the office of Chairman of the Student Council my immediate thoughts were of power and glory. These quickly changed to fright when I was told the result of the ballot. Now, as I reflect on my year in office I realise that it has been a mixture of these feelings and much more; an experience I am glad to have undertaken.

The main duty, and the most difficult, is the one of informing the student body at Assemblies. I still have a tendency to get rid of the information as quickly as possible, while either swaying on the spot or creeping towards the edge of the stage to end with those infamous last words about which I do not need to remind you.

It was only at my first Assembly in September when I felt at all powerful. I still remember everybody falling to silence as I stood up, but that has been the only time. The question of what power the Student Council holds has been questioned by some students. The Council or myself are not meant to have great powers to make radical changes in the College, we are here to represent the majority of the Students, to put forward their views to the Vice Principals, advise the Vice Principals on decisions they have to make and to arrange the entertainment for the students in the College.

The Student Council meetings have been most interesting. Great decisions have been made. "Angus Carmichael was given permission to buy a lock", as was reported extensively in the minutes after one such meeting. The word "sweatshirt" has never disappeared from the Agenda. Like our predecessors we have had our problems with the supply company. At the time of writing (October '80) we still have only half our order, and I wish my successor every success in obtaining the other half. Meetings have occasionally got out of hand and I remember telling Council to "stop being silly" in an effort to bring about some order to the proceedings. One major action which was passed and completed was that of the purchase of new stereo equipment which I hope was money well spent and will last a good deal longer than the old equipment did.

Being Chairman I have realised the need to be efficient and orderly. My term in office has been made easier by the support and help of Martin Gillespie (Vice-Chairman), Charles Curd (Treasurer) and Eileen Mawson (Secretary) and, of course, all other Councillors and the Vice Principals. I would like to thank them all for this assistance.

R.A.D.A. PRIZE FOR EX-COLLEGE ACTOR

Congratulations to Guy Manning on being awarded the coveted Ronson prize for the most promising actor of the year at the end of his course at R.A.D.A. During his time at College he was a prominent member of the Drama Group exuding a confidence unusual in one so young. He was to have played the even more coveted role as lead in 'The Disorderly Women', but his elevation to R.A.D.A. came shortly before the production was due to go on. However the family continued to be represented here when Nigel, his brother, reached unforeseen heights of verbal pyrotechnics as the real 'Real Inspector Hound'.

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FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee, composed of both staff and students, has the responsibility of raising money for equipment not supplied by the Education Authority.

The events organised by the Committee give us the opportunity to see a close working relationship between staff and students on a more social level. Three dances are arranged each year: two Discos, one in the Autumn Term and one in the Spring Term, and a grand Supper Dance at the end of the Spring Term. At this last there is a live Band and an exciting atmosphere created by the Art department, under Mr Shaw's guidance. At all dances we have had the co-operation of the Schools Catering Department and Mrs Smart, the college Cook Supervisor, who have produced an amazing variety of meals not normally seen on school or college premises. All three occasions have proved most successful both socially and financially, not least because of the elegance and friendliness of our students who work as waiters, serving maids and washers-up. Between £1600 - £2000 per annum is raised through these dances.

During the Spring Term, on the same day as the major Dance, we usually hold a Fair, the Spring Fling. Again we find students and staff working very closely with the addition of many parents. After a most enjoyable afternoon we find we have raised about £1000.

Sponsor Day is mainly for student participation and is organised in the main, by the Student Council with assistance from members of staff. Activities vary from studied silence to knitting blankets and volleyball. The proceeds here amount to £1300 or so, nearly half of which was, last year, passed directly to the students for replacement of student lounge furniture.

Our business, however is not merely to raise money, but to advise the Principal upon the most fruitful ways of spending it. There is no difficulty in finding needs.

During the last two years we have purchased a second mini bus which allows us to take larger groups on field trips, theatre outings, sporting activities etc. Normally we must keep about £1000 in reserve for their running costs and maintenance.

We have recently exchanged the old television set for a new colour machine and have bought a new V.H.S. video cassette recorder. Many departments are now benefiting from this technology.

Two new computers have arrived in college, a PET and an Oxford Research 380 Z which together have cost us £1600, the Education Authority finding the rest. These have improved the range of computing science and with the advent of two more specialists, General Studies courses and a course for members of staff have been established.

Even more recently the college has been offered, by the Salters' Company, £2000 worth of chemistry equipment if college could raise £500, the Education Authority having donated £500. The committee had no trouble in deciding the right course here, and it expects confirmation of a further PET computer, a Balance and several colorimeters, all of which will enable our scientists to achieve even greater heights.

We have disposed of some £6000 in what we believe to be the best possible ways for the whole student body.

In future years we envisage different needs to emerge but with continued co-operation and support of the whole college we hope to be able to supply assistance where it is most required.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

(Penny Abercrombie)

After being elected as Chairman of the entertainments committee, I immediately set out to organise the first term's programme. The outcome of the first meeting of the new committee was a decision to hold a Disco as soon as possible as a 'welcoming party' for first year students.

Organising this event proved to be much more hectic than we ever dreamed and the help offered by Mrs Smith, Dr Day and Jane Arran (vice-chairman) was invaluable. I would like at this point to give my personal thanks to each of them for their help and support at various functions. The Disco was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and the total profit from the evening came to the magnificent sum of £112.42.

The next function was the October Ceilidh. Incredibly this too was a great success although the profit from this did not quite match that from the Disco. It was however a hilarious and very enjoyable evening and I am sure that all who attended would give wholehearted support to this statement.

At the time of writing, the committee is planning to hold another Disco on 4th November and also a Christmas party on 16th December. We hope that these too will be highly successful.

In the new year we hope to hold a Disco/Live Band night, a Valentine Dance and another Ceilidh. Who knows what else we may have in store for 1981!

Finally I would like to thank Margaret Somerville, Jill Thomas, Kevin Bailey, Jeremy Dutton, Ian Franks and Geoffrey King for their invaluable help and also all the other students who have helped so willingly both before and after each event.

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CHANNEL 3 - THE OPEN DOOR

(Gavin Machell and Philip Dobbie)

From the vantage point of Stockton Sixth Form College a good view of the town is possible. Looking towards Roseberry Topping a good many recognizable buildings can be made out on the skyline. If you turn to face the North another familiar building comes into view. Its tall chimney tells you it is North Tees General Hospital. Fortunately for most of us, we don't see the inside of the building very often. However, if one were to carefully study a dark staircase climbing up to a heavy wooden door one might be very puzzled. Hidden deep within the depths of the hospital's psychiatric unit, there is a room totally unvisited by doctors, nurses, catering staff or porters. It is not a store room or an operating theatre but very often on a dark winter's evening strange muffled noises can be heard behind the door.

Every day at least one small group of people ascends the stairs, fumbles with a bunch of keys and disappears behind the closed door, sometimes for hours at a time. It is on such occasions that the wierd noises can be heard.

Well if, as by now it should be, your curiosity is suitably aroused then I shall reveal all. The room is not a mad scientist's laboratory or the centre of a plot to overthrow the town council. No, it is something more sinister. It is none other than the hospital radio station.

If you are ever unfortunate enough to have to go to hospital, one of the major problems you are surely faced with is that of trying to find something to occupy you whilst you are on the road to recovery. Reading books all day is fine, but what if you are not a bookworm? Visiting hours are only for one or two hours a day, so what do you do? "Listen to the radio" I hear you say! On the little headsets that lie on the wall next to each and every one of the 3000 beds, the patient can pick up several national and local radio stations. But you can pick those up at home just as easily. Listening to Radio 2 all day has its disadvantages i.e. Terry Wogan, Jimmy Young and David Hamilton to name but a few! Hospital radio offers alternative entertainment for whoever wants to listen to it, be it a patient or a member of staff.

Although the station is well over five years old it was only recently officially opened. During the period between the first broadcast and the official opening the station has changed a great deal. When the original team of volunteers started the station was broadcasting from "the oven", a tiny room on the ground floor of the building. The room had no ventilation and consequently the presenters suffered from problems with the severe heat, and either bathed the records in sweat or dozed off in the middle of programmes.

They operated two record decks with a switch which clicked from deck one, to the microphone and then to deck two. It was obvious that a better location for the studio was needed and more elaborate equipment had to be bought. Fund raising activities were arranged, including the usual jumble sales and tombolas, as well as one or two additional ideas, like wheelchair pushes through the streets of Stockton.

With a new location for the studio on the first floor of the hospital, and some money in the bank, things really began to look up. The money bought new record decks, a cassette player and a mixing console. Now all the sound sources could be blended together and this ensured the smooth running of the programmes. Recently further fund raising activities have meant more equipment can be bought and worn out record decks replaced. A jingle player allows pre-recorded jingles to be inserted

into the programmes at the touch of a button. Two record players provide the music and a cassette deck and open reel tape recorder replay any supplementary material.

However, things are not as rosy as they might seem. The jingle player is held together with Meccano, the second record deck hums intensely and is reluctant to play anything other than seven inch singles, the cassette player chews up tape rather than plays it and the open reel machine flings yards and yards of recording tape at the presenter in an attempt to strangle him. As a result of this several presenters bring in their own equipment to help with their programmes.

The station has two house rules, generally accepted by most of the presenters: To appeal to as wide an audience as possible, and not to broadcast any "punk" music or very little "heavy metal". The content of each programme is left almost entirely to each presenter. Consequently each programme varies greatly. Some people play chart music, some play golden oldies from the 60's, and some play golden oldy oldies from the 30's. The station does not just broadcast music. All presenters entertain the patients and staff of the hospital with jokes and chat. Some include comedy clips to brighten up their programmes and break the monotony.

Radio North Tees General is a member of the N.A.H.B.O. (National Association of Hospital Broadcasting Organisations). N.A.H.B.O. membership takes care of copyright and means the station can broadcast almost any record that it wants to. It also publishes a magazine which is an invaluable link with similar organisations around the country. There is a library of recorded programmes produced by some of the hospital radio stations and all these recordings are available to any N.A.H.B.O. member.

At present Radio North Tees General broadcasts seven days a week including most of the day on Saturdays and Sundays. However, on weekdays broadcasting hours are restricted mainly to evenings. This is simply because most of the radio team have other commitments during the day. Even at weekends when most people have plenty of spare time there are still gaps when the station does not broadcast. The reason for this is the lack of willing volunteers to help with the station. Consequently budding new disc jockeys are always welcomed. About once a month a meeting is held and a committee, formed from helpers at the station, listens to demo-tapes submitted in by new possibilities, and decides who should be enlisted. After someone has been accepted they are trained to use the equipment for a few weeks and then are left loose with their own programme.

Of course one of the major functions of any hospital radio organization is to include dedications in programmes. Despite continual invitations to dial "518 on the inter-phones" very few people actually ring up for a record to be played for them. So some presenters are starting to invade the hospital wards, armed with a tape recorder hoping to record some interviews with patients. Other schemes for gathering dedications from patients and relatives are envisaged for the future.

Over the years Radio North Tees General has grown from a low budget station born in "the oven" to a station capable of offering competition with professional radio. But there are plans to improve the station even further. Peter Milner, one of the station's founder members, hopes to link the station with outside venues by landline, in an attempt to bring the outside world into the hospital. However, with landlines costing over £1000 a year to rent, this optimistic hope is about as remote as the possibility of Middlesbrough winning the World Cup. In the more immediate future Peter Milner hopes to buy some new Meccano to hold the jingle player together and to train the record deck to hum in tune with the music. A new record deck and jingle player are promised by the P.M. (Peter Milner that is) in the near future.

There are well over 250 other hospital radio stations in Britain alone, and the idea is gradually spreading to the continent. All the stations offer a similar service to Radio North Tees General. Very few hospital radio stations are fortunate enough to have a purpose built station in the design of hospital. But when South Cleveland General Hospital is opened early next year the hospital's radio station will have that luxury.

From the point of view of presenters not one of them is ever sure whether or not anyone is ever actually listening. Telephone calls from devoted listeners are very rare. Next time someone you know is staying in North Tees Hospital persuade them to ring us up and ask for a dedication. Hospital radio is for everyone's benefit, and like every other radio broadcasting organisation depends upon support from its listeners.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

(Jane Arran)

If any future students pick 'A' level Geography as one of their courses they will find they are subjected to excursions known as Field Trips. This not only entails tramping through fields and studying geographical features but sitting in a hot, humid coach (similar climate to that of South American rainforests) and writing over 50 words per minute concerned with the surrounding countryside. This note-taking can rarely be deciphered once the student starts to write up the notes at home because it is difficult to write fast, listen to Mr Nuttall, look out of the window and try not to feel ill while the coach is twisting its way round our green and pleasant land. If this does give you a poor impression of the field trips do read on

Mr Nuttall and his wife organised 4 field trips for the Lower Sixth in the past academic year. The first of the 1980 trips was on Wednesday 21st May when we were taken to the Vale of Pickering and as far South as the Vale of York. We studied the glaciated features of North Yorkshire. The second outing was on Wednesday 2nd July following the East coast of Cleveland and Yorkshire from Saltburn to Flamborough Head. Although the weather was terrible we did manage to get out of the coach to draw some sketches and to venture to the end of Filey Brigg and Flamborough Head, only to get soaked by the incoming tide at Filey!

The third trip to Malham on Monday 7th July was better. Not only did the sun shine but we had the pleasant company of Dr Day and Mr Facer. On this trip we did a circular walk from the car park to Malham Tarn and back. At Gordale Scar there is a beautiful waterfall (200 m high) which everyone has to climb. This is the point where people make out their wills on seeing the height of the waterfall but once the tricky climb is over it is well worth the effort. It is a steep climb but it can be done!

The last trip must be the longest and the most strenuous. The Lake District trip took place on Thursday 10th July in brilliant sunshine. We travelled indirectly to Borrowdale where we climbed a fell above Rosthwaite to draw the glaciated features. Then we had to climb to Stickle Tarn (400 m). This takes about half an hour and is very exhausting but the view from the top and the paddle in the tarn are worth the effort.

For giving us a lot of hard work and fun I would, on behalf of all the Upper Sixth students involved, like to thank Mr & Mrs Nuttall for 4 very enjoyable days - they were definitely better than lessons!



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RECENT DEGREE SUCCESSES

Our usual congratulations go to the following students and also to all those who are too modest to tell us of their achievements. We are always interested to hear any news of old students not, of course, only successes in academic examinations.

Tim Alderson	BA	Accounting/Financial Management	Sheffield University
Peter Allinson	BA	Government/Sociology	Essex University
Michael Bigley	BA	Accounting/Financial Management	Sheffield University
Marian Butler	BSc	Microbiology	Leeds University
Philippa Carter	BSc	Geography	Newcastle University
Michael Charlton	BA	Accounting/Financial Management	Sheffield University
Peter Crowther	BA	Geography/History	University College of Swansea
Paul Dack	BA	Economics	Manchester University
Harry Dowdell	BSc	Geochemistry	Reading University
Ian Easton	BSc	Chemistry	Liverpool University
Andy Gardner	BSc	Physical Geography/Geology	Liverpool University
John Humphries	BA	Microbiology	York University
Hazel Johnston	BA	Mod. Languages/European Studies	University of East Anglia
Elizabeth Kain	BA	English/American Studies	University of East Anglia
Carol Liphthorpe	BA	Interior Design	Leicester Polytechnic
Iain Mackenzie	BSc	Microbiology	Leeds University
Jonathan Marsh	BSc	Geography/Geology	Manchester University
Robert Middleton	BSc	Economics	London School of Economics
Stephen Miller	MB.BS	Medicine	Newcastle University
Jane Nelson	BA	Combined Studies	Leicester Polytechnic
Beverley Oxley	BEd	Education	Bath University
Mark Pallant	BA	Music	Leeds University
Wendy Powl	BSc	Physics	Leeds University
Graham Pretty	BA	Accounting/Financial Management	Sheffield University
Valerie Rigg	BA	Psychology	Liverpool University
Paul Rowbotham	BA	General Arts	Notre Dame College, Liverpool
Ian Sawyer	BSc	Geography	Loughborough University
Ian Shaw	BDS	Dentistry	Newcastle University
Kevin Smith	BSc	Industrial Chemistry	Brunel University
Tim Stephenson	BA	Accounting/Financial Management	Sheffield University
William Thompson	MB.BS	Medicine	Newcastle University
Neil Wanless	BSc	Physical Geography/Geology	Liverpool University
Elizabeth Watson	BSc	Psychology/Zoology	Hull University
Susan Westwood	BSc	Maths/Maths Teaching	Warwick University
Susan Wright	BA	Economics/Social Studies	University of East Anglia

We have just heard that Alan Dargie who entered Imperial College, London in October 1979 to pursue degree studies in Chemical Engineering has achieved the distinction of being awarded a scholarship on the basis of his performance in his first year examinations. Our congratulations to Alan and we look forward to hearing of an excellent degree result.

OLD STOCKTONIANS PRIZES

This year the two sporting prizes have been awarded to Dawn Nicholson and Iain Wilson and the prize for services to the college to Alison Tingle. Our congratulations to all three students.

CAVES

(Susan Firth - now at Clare College, Cambridge)

"But what - and I'm really speaking of psychological factors, here - do you feel was the significance of Plato's choosing a cave?"

Rain - great overtures of water against terraced, slate-roofs, victorian brick-work. Electric brightness, gas-fire warmth reflected in black panes; creating an island of light and heat and security somewhere out there in the vast, rain-lashed ocean of the night.....illusion.

Across the room, a young man traced firm, determined patterns with his fingers on the glass. The girl in the jump-suit shivered.

"Perpetual blackness;" said the newcomer, "blindness; fear; " more lightly, almost apologetically, "I've been there!"

He smiled and watched them mirror him; automatically considerate, encouraging confidences. The girl in the jump-suit was the most daring, the most earnest:- "In some way", she said, "I think we all have."

The newcomer lowered his eyes again; began to curl up the corner of his paper and then, aware that he was still the focus of attention, glanced up; blushed; grinned; shrugged.....

The class-leader was almost embarrassed. He coughed, shuffled his papers. A flutter of yellow typescript eluded his grasp. The girl in the jump-suit stooped to recover it. It provided a welcome diversion.

He raised his hand and brought it down onto the desk to pronounce judgement on the discussion.

"Good", he said. "If - and, of course, in a class of this nature, I had no doubt that we would - we are able to make the first analogy; perhaps we could move on..."

A languidly raised eyebrow; conscious expressive irony.

"Is it really worth starting on all this? You have noticed, I presume that there's hardly anyone here!"

"It's always like this! People just won't make any effort!" The girl in the jump-suit was immediately awash with indignation. The young man's fingers clenched against the glass. He scowled; tightly, controlled; acid. When he spoke his teeth remained clenched, his face contracted.

"Some people work; all day; half the night! Tell me -"

Already they were firmly locked in their conventional roles; the traditional combat of week upon week. Their belief in it flooded the room.

" - Have you ever, even once, seen a production-line; just seen one? Can you imagine it? - No, of course you can't; but, as it's such a bloody awful night, perhaps you could tell me the taxi-fare!"

"I walked.....!" She was at once reduced; stammering. Two crimson spots had formed on her cheek-bones and there were tears behind the meticulously blackened lashes. Miserable rivulets of rainwater dripped from her hair, blotting the paper in front of her. She had walked. She was the most persistent of martyrs.

"Er, if we could press on, nonetheless..." - the class-leader.... The newcomer pencilled strange, contorted faces into a cave in the margin of his typescript.

"The real irony of Plato's simile is this....." The leader pushed back his chair. The desk rocked, scuttling beavies of drawing-pins, paper-clips onto the tiles.

".....which I think you might appreciate more if I just....."

Frantic gropings for a piece of chalk, one was duly proffered. He scratched hurriedly onto the easel-board.

"Now, you can see that here are Plato's - or Socrates', depending on your view of the authenticity of the dialogue - characters, chained to a bench in the cave, and, however wretched, completely unaware of any other possible existence - Of course some of them may have quite liked it! " It was his standard formula for a cheap laugh, something to lighten the atmosphere; but tonight, none came. He glanced to the man on his right. Her lips curled slightly but her eyes were icy.

"....Behind them, a fire burns; throwing their images onto the cave-wall. 'These', they cry 'are Gods', or, 'these are the natural manifestations of our psychological condition' or 'the unconscious products of the collective subconscious'...." He was confident now, perfectly in control.... "Oh the pretension, the stupidity of it all!" A grand-heroic gesture! The chalk, projected across the room, dashed violently against the opposite wall. There was a spontaneous start. The newcomer attempted to sketch something formless and black behind the faces.

A door opened..... Cool draughts and the smell of damp clothes; closeted, familiar; a tray of steaming coffee-cups.

"Of course", said the woman on the right, "We already knows what happens next!" She was not particularly addressing the newcomer. Her gaze was fixed somewhere on the ceiling; but he felt obliged to lay down his pencil and listen.

"The visionary - there has to be one visionary to demonstrate imbecility of the others - manages to claw his way out of their wretched little hole and emerges into the bright and sparkling sunshine." She smiled bitterly, "The end! The classic exposition of the principle that with virtue, truth, and a little foresight, we can all live 'happily ever after'. The dawn of the 'Republic' ... Except of course that he was never believed!"

The girl in the jump-suit nodded earnestly. She had studied the story in detail, herself, of course, and anyway was always inspired to reverence but the presence of that mysterious quality self-assurance in others.

"Could he really escape," said the newcomer, "could you? Don't you see him, in some way tied to the others? Bound by the need for them to believe him - acceptance."

The question was phrased softly, perhaps outside her hearing. There was no reply. The girl in the jump-suit was simply puzzled, began compulsively to collect coffee-cups. The young man was already in the midst of a speech:-

"...How could they believe him they know nothing but imprisonment and suppression? Freedom would come through his teaching them that! But how would they understand.....? Without his vocabulary, experience; they are forever victims of their own situation.....! Of course he can always force them to....."

The newcomer began to draw bricks in the entrance of his cave. Slowly, laboriously, row upon row; he blotted out the faces. The printed sheet fluttered under a chair in the draught from the door. The newcomer closed it behind him.

Outside the rain had stopped; it stood in pools of the shiny tarmac of the roads, washed musically along the gutters. In the clear, fresh stillness he felt like a man emerging from deep underground.

He stood smiling faintly to himself; the darkness around him aflame with a symphony of stars.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

1980

Forty students and staff from the College attended Teesside Polytechnic on 26th March for a one-day sixth form conference arranged by the Teesside Branch of the Historical Association. The theme was "Representative Assemblies" and the main speaker Professor John Cannon of the University of Newcastle. Professor Cannon opened the conference with an absorbing survey of the development of representative institutes from the sixteenth century to the present day. This was followed by discussion groups which were so arranged as to provide something relevant to all 'A' level work. The day ended with a disastrous lecture by a political scientist who attempted in a superficial way to sum up the contemporary situation. Most of the audience found this disappointing and unsatisfactory but were able to witness a two minute criticism by Professor Cannon which devastatingly revealed the inadequacies of the lecture.

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society's programme for 1979-80 was given an untroubled and fascinating start by Miss M Blake who gave a slide lecture on her recent tour of Outer Mongolia. This was followed by a series of films which revealed how foolish it is for historians to tamper with twentieth-century technology. The first was on the French Revolution and set out the chief causes and events of 1789, though, at times the argument and the severed heads were obscured by the dithering and lurching of the celluloid. We persevered undeterred with another which gave a clear account of the military manoeuvres of the English Civil War. It was a pity that the first twenty yards of the first reel were later discovered in a neat roll at the bottom of the box. Confident that disaster could not strike a third time, we watched with only the slightest trepidation a delightfully produced survey of the Renaissance which covered painting, sculpture, architecture and music. It came as no surprise when we found that the last two minutes of the epic had become detached from the first twenty three.

The projectionist is now full of sympathy for the Old Pretender who once remarked, "It is no new thing for me to be unfortunate". Being British, however, he will not surrender and has booked for 1980-81 films on Napoleon, Leonardo da Vinci and the Industrial Revolution. Perhaps Clio will smile upon us this year!

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

This year the committee has held a number of fund raising activities in aid of various charities and also to meet the increased costs of sponsoring two children from Pakistan and Kenya through secondary education. Activities have included carol singing, taking street collections for the spastic and for the blind and serving coffee at open evenings, parents' meetings etc held in the College. The 'Spot the Brain' competition was highly successful as was the inter-tutor group rounders competition. By charging a small entrance fee for these events a considerable sum of money was raised in addition to the enjoyment of participants and spectators alike.

A new venture this year was a clothes 'party'. From the proceeds a group of some twenty children was taken to the Beamish Open Air Museum for the day. To keep costs to a minimum the College mini-buses were used as the means of transport. Each child was provided with sweets for the journey, a packed lunch and money for a tram ride which is such a feature of any visit to Beamish. Although the weather was poor, the trip as a whole was as successful as in previous years. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and later showed their appreciation by each sending a letter of thanks.

It is hoped that this coming year will be as rewarding in all ways as the previous one.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

It is clear from Mr. Carr's report that we are justifiably proud of the academic successes of our students. However it should be apparent from the following list (which is by no means exhaustive) and from items elsewhere in the magazine that there are many activities taking place outside the classroom. Some of these are of course directly related to academic studies, others are clearly social events while some show that the College has a role to play in the community as a whole.

SEPTEMBER 1979

Physics students attended a seminar on Medical Physics at Durham University.

OCTOBER

International Drawing Biennale at Middlesbrough Art Gallery.

Three day camping holiday in London including a visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon.

Geology Field Excursion to Ingleton, W. Yorkshire.

Geology Field Excursion to Teesdale.

Religious Studies expedition to the British Museum and the Museum of Mankind.

NOVEMBER

Classics Day Conference at Newcastle University.

FEBRUARY 1980

Visit to the opera "Peter Grimes" at Newcastle Theatre Royal.

MARCH

German Day at Prissick School Base, Middlesbrough.

Religious Studies Open Day at Newcastle University.

Physics students' visits to the Nuclear Power Station at Hartlepool.

Law Society Conference for students at Cambridge.

APRIL

Intensive course in spoken German at Teesside Poly.

MAY

French lectures given by Prof. Thody of Leeds at Marton V1th Form College.

Art students' visit to Sunderland Art Centre.

JUNE

Home Economics visit to Preston Park.

Home Economics visit to Harewood House and Newby Hall.

Home Economics visit to Bowes Museum.

Art students' visit to the Foundation Studies Exhibition at Middlesbrough.

JULY

Geology Field Excursion to Durham and Northumberland Coast.

Geology Field Excursion to Carrock Fell and Shap Fell.

Geology Field Excursion to Hilton Beck Area and Skiddaw Area.

Charities Committee took 30 underprivileged children to Beamish Museum.

Industrial Project week for Chemists at Durham University

3 day Intensive French Course at Teesside Polytechnic.

Art students' visit to Beamish Museum.

Visit to Jesus College, Oxford.

Visit to King's College, Cambridge.

Physics Open Day at Leeds University.

Week's residential course for Engineering students at King's College, Cambridge.

SEPTEMBER

Biology Field Course at Stainsacre.

Theatre visits by the English Department during the year include:-

"The Government Inspector" at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle

"King Lear" at The People's Theatre

"Henry V" at Leeds Playhouse

Stratford visit in December

5 trips to R.S.C. productions at Theatre Royal and Gulbenkian Theatre, Newcastle

"Henry IV" (Part 1) by R.S.C. at Middlesbrough Town Hall

"Canterbury Tales" at Theatre Royal

"The White Devil" at the Contact Theatre, Manchester.

The Mathematics Department organise weekly visits in Computing to Teesside Polytechnic.

Careers visits include:-

Visits to experience work in Physiotherapy at North Tees Hospital each half term.

Each summer students visit British Steel to see the Computing and Engineering Dept.

Visits to Banks and Chartered Accountants.

Visits to Environmental Health Department at British Steel.

Visits to Middlesbrough Council Planning Department.

Visits to Air Traffic Control, Teesside Airport.

Visits to Life Assurance headquarters in Edinburgh.

Visit to Evening Gazette Office.

Visit to New College, Durham and Ripon and York St. John College.



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MacGREGOR TROPHY: SUPERSTARS' COMPETITION

Shortly after leaving the College in 1977 Ian MacGregor was killed in a road crash. At the time it was decided that a suitable tribute would be setting up of a sports competition which combined demonstrations of physical skills in a light-hearted contest. December 1979 saw the first of these annual events.

Twenty girls entered the afternoon competition which, in addition to relatively straightforward events such as testing the accuracy of a badminton service by requiring the shuttle to land in a restricted target area (actually a washing up bowl), also included some more arcane activities, notably attempting to succeed in shooting a basketball through a ring whilst engaged in bouncing on the trampoline. One of the highlights of the competition was the obstacle race during the course of which the writer, who was partly responsible for its design, was subjected to a number of aspersions as to his legitimacy by competitors emerging from one of the more uncomfortable sections. A particular feature of the afternoon was the way in which the competitors encouraged one another in their activities. The final result was astonishingly close: Lynn Collins, Dawn Nicholson and Paula Kirby finished with 125, 124 and 123 respectively.

The male competition that evening was almost as close. Throwing and catching a tennis ball with alternate hands proved remarkably difficult for some competitors whilst in some of the more physically demanding events such as the dips on the parallel bars sympathetic groans were to be heard from the audience. Trampolining basketball was again an event which generated hilarity and the competitive spirit was, as in the afternoon, tempered by recognition and encouragement of others' efforts. Stephen Winter scored 143, closely pursued by Chris Hutchinson and Phil Richardson on 139 and 138.

Mr and Mrs MacGregor attended to present the silver trophy, and the entry fees and spectator contributions raised over £20 which was sent to Kidney Research, the charity nominated by the MacGregor family.

I should like to thank Mr Hudson and Mrs Grainge for the time they devoted to devising activities which were both demanding and amusing, and for ensuring that, as ever, things ran smoothly.

LA CASA DE BERNARDA ALBA

When Mr O'Brien told the A2 Spanish class that some students of Trevelyan College at Durham were putting on a production of 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' by Lorca, we were very interested as it happened to be one of our set books.

On May 15th, 1980 an eager group of five set off in one of the college mini buses to go to Durham.

After a pleasant but extremely hot journey we arrived at Trevelyan College with ample time to spare which enabled us to obtain seats on the front row.

The performance of 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' was of a very high standard considering it was acted in Spanish. It is difficult enough to learn lines in your native language, let alone a foreign one!

We were even able to buy glasses of 'sangria' in the interval which added to the authenticity of the afternoon.

All the members of the Spanish class felt that the afternoon had been extremely worthwhile and it had illuminated certain parts of the play which up until then had completely baffled us!

I am pleased to say that an educational and enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone.

(Carole Lawson)

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