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## COLLEGE NEWS

Ian Banks gained a 1st in Maths in his second year at King's Cambridge and has been awarded a Major Scholarship for his final year.

Petrina Smith, Patrick Shepherd and Jonathan Darries reached the semi-finals of the National Chamber Music Competition for schools.

Julie McQuillan and Jill Channing won Gold Medals in the National Girl's Club life Saving championships.

Simon Jones played for the North East under 19's Hockey team and for Durham under 21's team.

Ursula Smith got through the first round of the Young Musician of the Year Competition.

The first ever end of year review was produced and performed by the students (with some help from the staff).

Cabriona Pettigrew was selected to co-present a Tyne Tees television programme "Sunday Sundae", a weekend series screened in October and November, with possibilities of a further series.

## CAMBRIDGE

### Awards

|            |                          |     |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Tony Groom | Exhibition St Catherines | Law |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|

### Places

|                |               |                                  |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Charles Curd   | Peterhouse    | Natural Sciences                 |
| Andy Devine    | St Catherines | English                          |
| Stephanie King | Jesus         | Veterinary Science<br>(for 1982) |

## OXFORD

### Awards

|                |                     |              |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Peter Cowley   | Exhibition Jesus    | Chemistry    |
| Garry McGregor | Exhibition Pembroke | Biochemistry |

### Places

|                  |          |              |
|------------------|----------|--------------|
| Joanne Bedford   | L.M.H.   | Biochemistry |
| Sarah Blackmore  | St Hughs | English      |
| Jagin Donald     | L.M.H.   | Engineering  |
| Martin Gillespie | St Johns | Chemistry    |
| Petrina Smith    | Magdalen | Medicine     |

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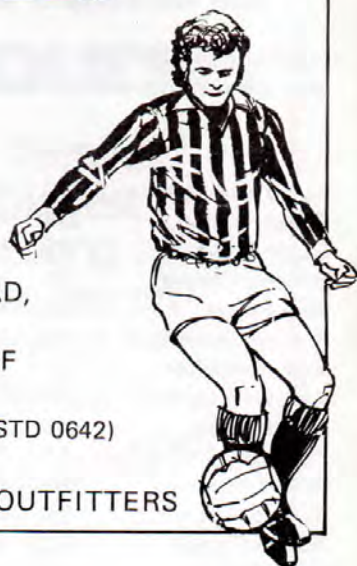


## RECENT DEGREE SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following old students of the College and also to those others who apparently prefer to keep the news of their achievements to themselves.

|                  |     |                        |                                |
|------------------|-----|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Kathy Atkinson   | BA  | Classics               | Bristol University             |
| Steven Beeton    | BSc | Microbiology           | Leeds University               |
| Sanda Brennan    | BSc | Geography/Geology      | Manchester University          |
| Richard Chesser  | BA  | Music                  | Cambridge University           |
| Jane Foster      | BSc | Biochemistry           | Leeds University               |
| Storme Greenwood | BSc | Business Studies       | Bradford University            |
| Jane Henderson   | BEd | Education              | Homerton College, Cambridge    |
| Andrew Howes     | BSc | Civil Engineering      | Leeds University               |
| Susan Justin     | BA  | Religious Studies      | Kings College, London          |
| Pam Kinghorn     | BEd | Physical Education     | Sheffield Polytechnic          |
| Ruth Littlewood  | BA  | Biblical Studies       | Sheffield University           |
| Barry O'Toole    | BA  | Politics               | Durham University              |
| Adrian Pocock    | BSc | Estate Management      | Polytechnic of the South Bank  |
| Colin Porteous   | BSc | Civil Engineering      | Sheffield Polytechnic          |
| Julie Porter     | BSc | Zoology                | Liverpool University           |
| Judith Pullen    | BA  | Psychology             | Nottingham University          |
| Rosemary Reid    | BSc | Geography/Geology      | Bristol University             |
| Gary Sanderson   | BA  | Music                  | University College North Wales |
| Mike Sayers      | LLB | Law                    | Newcastle University           |
| Mike Shaw        | BA  | Fine Art               | University College, London     |
| Mark Smith       | BA  | Law                    | Durham University              |
| Janet Spence     | BSc | Applied Chemistry      | Sheffield Polytechnic          |
| Chris Stafford   | BSc | Mathematics/Statistics | Teesside Polytechnic           |
| Olwyn Stones     | BA  | Classical Studies      | Newcastle University           |
| Jill Tasker      | BA  | Archaeology            | Reading University             |
| Martin Taylor    | BSc | Building Construction  | Heriot Watt University         |
| Paul Telfer      | BA  | English                | Bristol University             |
| Nigel Thackray   | BA  | Literature             | Essex University               |
| Alison Thompson  | BA  | History/Geography      | Leeds University               |
| Geoff Tingle     | BA  | Natural Sciences       | Cambridge University           |
| Mark Wardell     | BSc | Physics                | University College, London     |
| Philip Watson    | BSc | Physics                | Newcastle University           |
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## SPORTS REPORTS

### RUGBY

Whilst last season's first team was not one of the strongest ever to represent the College, many of its games were hard fought, often with only a few points separating the teams at the end.



The team did suffer one or two heavy defeats, notably at the hands of Barnard Castle School however with their programme of matches against more illustrious opponents it should be regarded as a plus that we were able to get the fixture at all.

Undoubtedly the high points of the team's season were in December, when a good Hartlepool schools side was comfortably beaten, and in May, when the opposition was Stockton Senior Colts, in the Jeff Carter Memorial Match although defeated by a very strong team, the College stuck to their task, and the result was in doubt literally until the last minute.

Congratulations must go to Peter Ansbro, Mark Christon, Chris Horner, Andrew Simpson, Malcolm Tingle, and Mark Whaley, all of whom played for the Cleveland County U 18 side, whilst Peter Ansbro also played for the County Durham U 18 side.

### VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team played several matches in the 1980-81 season, all of them friendlies. Perhaps the sweetest victory for the team was against the staff who were eventually beaten in a fast and furious match 3 games to 1.



Against Sir William Turner's Sixth Form, the Stockton boys, girls and mixed teams won easily. However, instead of the normal one or two players, Stockton did substitute a whole team all at once!

Of course, there were defeats, those being inflicted by Houghton and Eaglescliffe.

To finance our trips away and refreshments at home we introduced a "swear box" system to which there were several regular contributors.

### BADMINTON CLUB

The College Badminton Club had a successful year supporting two league teams and a tournament.



The boys and girls both had a team entered in their respective leagues and the boys had a fairly consistent year, only losing a few matches. The girls did better but lost two matches to Prior Pursglove which meant they were runners up in the league. The tournament was played over a term with pupils and staff participating. In the early rounds some of the seeds fell which resulted in some unexpected finalists. The doubles competitors were interesting as the partners were drawn at random and this resulted in unknown players reaching the later rounds. The finals themselves were played after college and were entertaining but with a great deal of suspense and excitement, and the results were unexpected with people coming back from behind and winning. The Secretary was Ruth Hutchinson, Treasurer Mark Highton and the Captains were Liz Greenwell and Ashley Wells.

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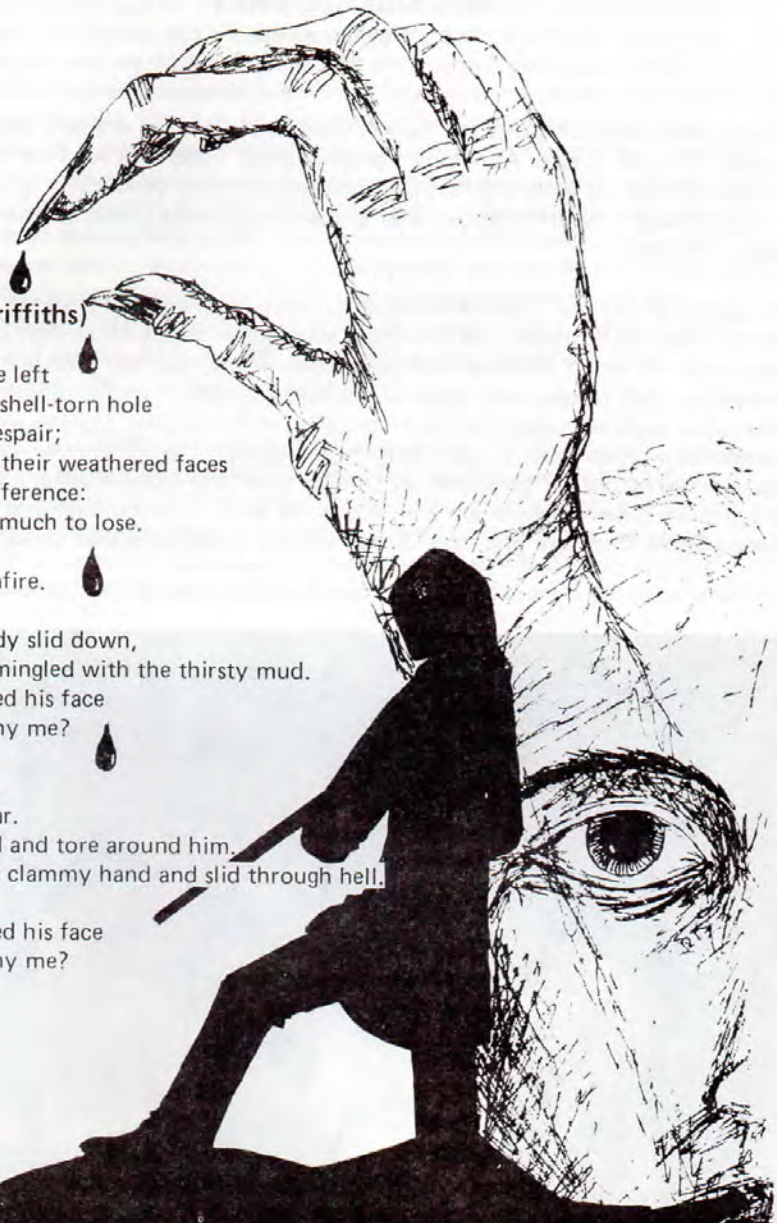
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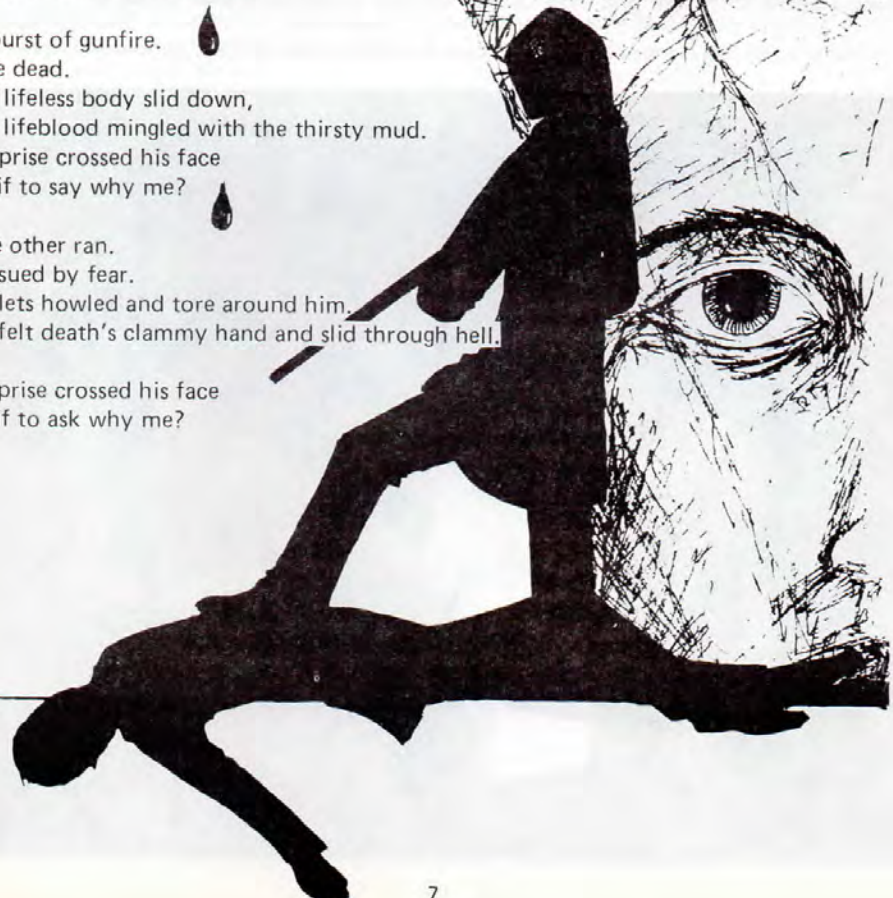
**WHY ME?**  
(by Ruth Griffiths)

Two men were left  
Shivering in a shell-torn hole  
Ravaged by despair;  
Etched across their weathered faces  
Was grim indifference:  
They had not much to lose.

A burst of gunfire.   
One dead.  
His lifeless body slid down,  
His lifeblood mingled with the thirsty mud.  
Surprise crossed his face  
As if to say why me? 

The other ran.  
Pursued by fear.  
Bullets howled and tore around him.  
He felt death's clammy hand and slid through hell.

Surprise crossed his face  
As if to ask why me?



## 1066 AND ALL THAT

(by Gavin Machell)

After a fairly lengthy absence the College's amateur music and drama group was back on stage this year in early April with a production of '1066 And All That' Based on the famous book by Messrs. Sellars and Yeatman, the stage production is a musical, funny and sometimes irreverent look at British history since Caesar and his Roman Conk, went west.

The blame for this year's choice lies squarely at the feet of Stuart Buckton, Sandra Chetisah and Les Robinson, the only three members of staff with enough courage to co-produce and direct the mammoth production. Not to say that these were the only members of staff to take part. Some of the most memorable performances were by those brave souls who played the Can-Can girls., of the naughty nighties and who revealed all on stage (well, at least their knees anyway). Two of our Vice-principals also gave marvellous performances, Mr Duncan as an ugly sister showing a bit of leg here and there, gave a whole new meaning to the term Vice-principal, and Mrs Smith giving a Queen Elizabeth that even Glenda Jackson would have been proud of.



But enough of the staff and to the rehearsals. These started before Christmas just in time to spoil our holiday, but it was not really until early March that anything concrete happened and we started to think that we wouldn't need to emigrate after all and things pulled themselves together, except, in the costume dept where things were coming apart. However Mrs Marsdens efforts at coming up with 20 Crusader outfits, 20 Roman tunics and a dress for Mr Duncan together with sundry other period costumes were much appreciated (except perhaps by those who had to wear them.) In fact almost as soon as the curtain went up the audience were rolling in the home made aisles at Michael Bennet, as Caesar in a tennis skirt, and couldn't contain themselves when a whole cohort turned up wearing cast offs from Wimbledon. Only minor disasters were encountered during rehearsals although Martin Jones courageously stepped into the lead role at only a few weeks notice as John Taylor was forced to opt out due to illness. Mr Robinson was also spared the ordeal of having to sit through the first night due to illness.

Despite having only a makeshift stage the technical sides of the production went very well with sound and vision coordinated better than Nationwide will ever manage. The production as a whole seems to have been a great success, money was raised for charity and a good time had by all concerned, though some teaching reputations will never be the same again. If the audience were faking the laughter, we never noticed, so we'll be back next year with something even more sensational.



## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (by A. Hillier)

October 12 to October 17 this year was Prisoner of Conscience week 1981. The assembly for that week was planned with this in mind in the hope that enough interest would be sparked off to start an Amnesty International Group in the College.

Amnesty International is a non-aligned, non-sectarian, and voluntarily financed organisation. It was founded in Britain in 1961 with the belief that every person has the right to hold and express his/her convictions and has an obligation to extend the same freedom to others. It is now a world-wide human rights movement which is independent of any government, political, ideological or religious grouping.

Amnesty International works for the release of men and women imprisoned anywhere for their beliefs, colour, language, ethnic origin or religion, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These people are termed "prisoners of conscience". Other objectives of Amnesty International include the opposition of the use of torture and the death penalty in all cases, and fair and early trials for all political prisoners. They work on the behalf of persons detained without charge or without trial and those detained after the expiry of their sentence. In doing these things Amnesty International is seeking observance throughout the world of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

How does Amnesty International fulfil these objectives? Firstly there are 2000 adoption groups in 35 countries. Each adoption group campaigns for three prisoners of conscience in countries other than in their own. The three countries are balanced geographically and politically to ensure impartiality. Amnesty International also arranges missions to the countries with which it is concerned and sends representatives to speak to governments. It also sends observers to trials whenever this is worthwhile or possible. Finally Amnesty International provides relief to prisoners of conscience and their families when such assistance is needed. This relief may be in the form of money, clothes, books and other material needs or help with legal, educational and other costs.

At the first meeting in College in prisoners of conscience week about a dozen students and staff decided there was plenty of scope for starting a group. It was decided to hold regular meetings on Monday lunchtimes when we could write letters to governments representatives for the release of prisoners of conscience. The bi-monthly "British Amnesty" newspaper contains the histories of six such prisoners. In a survey of past "prisoners of the Month" it was found that some 50% experienced a marked improvement in their conditions as a result of the letter writing campaign and many were released.

We will be contacting the local Middlesbrough adoption group of Amnesty International to find out how we can help to support their activities. We will be planning fund raising schemes, showing films and arranging speakers to encourage more interest from other people in the college.

If you would like more information about Amnesty International come to one of the meetings if you attend the College or write to:

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## STUDENT COUNCIL (by Philip Dobbie)

At the end of last year the student council invested £365 on a new hi-fi system. The then vice chairman, Martin Gillespie took charge of wiring the student lounge to accommodate the system, and the latest gyrating pop sounds now engulf the lounge for an hour every lunchtime. However the "Record Playing Committee" seems to have been included numerous times in the minutes of council meetings. Sometimes there were complaints about too much noise, or Mr Gillespie's wiring, and sometimes about the sort of music played. Admittedly there has been very little of Glen Miller over recent months, and there haven't been as many Bucks Fizz tracks played as one might like, but as the complaints about the record playing committee are now few and far between, I can only assume that this area of the council is now functioning adequately.

Another sub-committee of the main council, the Entertainments Committee, continued to organize disco's band nights and numerous other student functions. In April, at the AGM Laura Howard & Helen Lythe replaced the previous committee as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. A Ceilidh was organised in July, although the attendance was not as great as could be hoped, and generally disco's seem to have been more popular. This College year one disco has already gone ahead, and this gave Mr Clinton an opportunity to show off his trendy dungarees and Mrs Smith a chance to practise her waltz. It's interesting to see that the publicity posters for these functions now have begun to include words like "funky-disco bop" to attract a more trendy, dungaree wearing, disco goer.

The football table has been a tremendous money grabber again this year, and to keep up with the times the purchase of a Space Invaders machine was raised time and time again at meetings. No sooner had it been decided that this would present problems than a drinks machine was suggested. This was also turned down, mainly because of problems with hygiene and maintenance. We would need another sub-committee" The necessity of plumbing and effect of custom on the tuck shop organised by the kitchen staff were other reasons against it.

The council's most recent ventures have been the introduction of the sale of stationery at cost price, and we are still trying to organize more clubs and societies for lunch times. The major problem with this is trying to find out what sort of societies people want. I could go ahead and organize a "dungaree wearers society" but there isn't much guarantee that many people will turn up. Looking ahead a couple of months, Sponsor Day once again rears it's ugly head. This seems to be an opportunity not only to raise money for the College and the Student Council, but also to get odd jobs done around the College. Pond clearing sticks out as one such obvious event from last year's Sponsors Day. Judging by the discussions I heard at the last College Fund Committee meeting a "sponsored mini bus mend" could well be at the top of the list of events this year.

An awful lot of new students see the student council as an ultimate source of power. It isn't. Our powers are very limited, which is perhaps just as well otherwise goodness knows what we would have done. One of our main duties is to receive complaints from students and discuss these with the College staff. Topics of conversation such as the locking of the girls toilet on the first floor, or the number of lights without bulbs in the units in the study area always seem to be being raised, which gave enough material for a "friendly chat" over the desk in Mr Duncan's room.

Simon Jones has been Chairman until recently, and when he left College I replaced him and Catherine Hart filled my old post as Vice-Chairman. Dorothy Trump managed to keep the books under control as treasurer and Michelle Webb has worked hard at scribbling everything down at the fast moving Student Council meetings. My sincere thanks to these and all other members of the Council over the past year, and I wish the best of luck to my successor.

## 'CAMP AMERICA' (by Elizabeth Greenwell)

Camp America is an agency which sends students over to the U.S.A. to work in summer camps looking after children. The time in the U.S. is about 12 weeks, a week of orientation at the beginning, 8 weeks of camp and 3 weeks travelling round and doing what you like.

The camp I was at was called Trail's End Camp and it was situated in Pennsylvania. There were boys and girls aged 6-16 and they were all Jewish. Usually two counsellors with nine kids in a wooden cabin with the bare necessities and no luxuries whatsoever.

The day was hectic, chaotic and generally quite an ordeal. A bugle sounded at 7.15 a.m. and that was the sign to start stripping the beds of the kids who wouldn't get up, telling them what to wear and getting them out of the cabin. We then assembled for the raising of the U.S. flag to which they all pledged their allegiance. Breakfast, either french toast, pancakes or eggs, was usually the quietest meal - everyone was still half asleep. After this the cabins had to be tidied, cleaned and finally inspected; counsellor equipment was also checked but not so rigidly.

The morning was spent in activities varying from sewing to ceramics in arts and crafts to softball, soccer, riflery, archery, tennis, sailing, or generally anything the camp offered.

Lunch, pizza's hamburgers, cheese on toast etc, was a noisy meal. The kids discovered many of the laws of physics, how things fly, the force behind things; unfortunately things generally tended to be articles of food; spilling juice was definitely the favourite experiment.

After lunch, was rest hour when the kids went back to the bunks to supposedly rest, they also received their mail at this time. The afternoon took a similar format to the morning but the last period of the afternoon was general swim, when everyone went down to the lake and jumped in. The lake was definitely one of the best places to be when the temperature reached 95-100°F. The kids showered and then we had dinner, (chicken, outdoor cookouts, beef, Chow Mein or turkey) and this was the worst meal to supervise because the kids were very active in their experiments and they also played basketball (and various other games) with the salt andpepper; The whole camp tended to indulge in urging many songs after the meal.

The kids got an hour to do what they liked, phone home, stay with brothers and sisters but always outside the bunks. This was when counsellors usually tried to grab a shower in peace and quiet.

Evening activity was different every night: it could be a movie ("Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" was the favourite), twilight league (a sports competition,) a beach party social or even a roller skating disco on the basketball courts; for these the boys and girls of equivalent age groups joined together. There could be an all camp activity such as a treasure hunt, the family fortunes game or a talent show. At 9.15p.m. tattoo blew and everyone went back to the bunks, the counsellors wrote daily reports on each kid in their charge and once this was done, the kids

were ready for bed and tops had blown, you were off duty. Every 7 nights I was on duty and in charge of 4 bunks (37 kids) till midnight or 12.45 a.m. At 9.30p.m. the councillors tended to get together with each other and go out of camp as often as possible even if it was to do laundry. This could be fun if you bought a mushroom and pepperoni pizza, a 6 pack of beer and you ate this while your clothes were going round in circles. If not laundry, a number of haunts were "sussed" out fairly quickly and were used often.

Counsellors got 6 days off in 8 weeks and you lived for your days off. One day off, 18 of us in two large American cars went to a river with rapids and travelled over the rapids on large inner tubes. We had dinner at a restaurant and the whole day cost £2.

After 9 weeks of camp the time was your own. 3 weeks to travel around. I spent my time touring the East Coast, taking in many Macdonald's Burger Bars and pizza huts while visiting Washington DC, the smokey mountains of Tennessee, the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia; West Virginia University and the spectacular Niagara Falls, also Syracuse University and finally New York City from where I flew home.

After 12 weeks in the U.S. even Gatwick Airport, engulfed in drizzle and fog at 6.00a.m. seemed homely. It was great to be back in England but once I got home all my thoughts were about my experiences. I thoroughly enjoyed myself even though it was very hard work but the rewards were great and I would recommend it for anyone.

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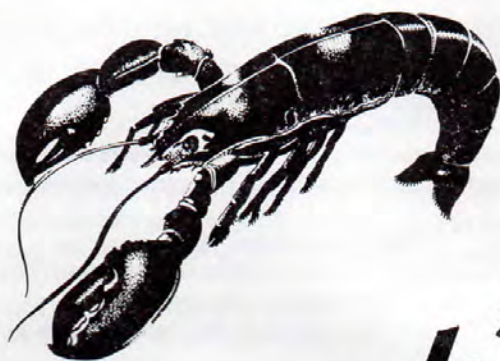
Another Stocktonian, the eighth of the 'New Stocktonian' series, is here submitted for your entertainment, enlightenment and, we hope, approval. This indicates that the Stockton Sixth Form College is in the ninth year of its existence, No longer really 'shining' new!. We hope that readers from among the students of those early days of the mid-seventies will get from these pages some notion of how the 'Old Place' has developed. We are sure they will realise that there have been achievements of real distinction, along with difficulties arising from overcrowding.

I should like to pay my personal tribute to Frank Tiesing, whose sudden and totally unexpected death early in March so shocked all who knew him. Twenty-five years of devoted and enthusiastic service in Stockton, chiefly in Biology and Music brought him a very wide circle of friends, including ex-students, who know how very valuable his contributions were to the life of the town and district.

Readers will notice some innovations in the order of reporting events in these pages. A further innovation in the affairs of the Association is that the Annual Dinner is to be held later in the year, to be precise on Saturday 3rd April 1982. We hope to avoid that chill exit from the warmth and conviviality of the Parkmore Hotel into the deep frost of a January night. Details are given elsewhere (on page 2). But please remember that there won't be another Year Book to remind you of the date, make a note of it in your new diary, and book your place as soon as you like with Paul Graham.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas!

J.G. Rattenbury



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## 55TH ANNUAL DINNER

On the 10th January 1981 we held the 55th Dinner, as in the previous year at the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe. The President, Mr J.G. Rattenbury, was in the Chair and, after welcoming our Guests, called upon the Deputy Chief Constable of Cleveland, W G. Ashton M.B.E. to propose the first Toast, "To the Association". He had previously read his copy of the "New Stocktonian" to good purpose, but was puzzled by the mystery of the "Rayon Ties". His own anecdotes of his Police career solved their puzzles as they unrolled - like that of the young policeman who padlocked the door of the Catholic Shelter that always remained open 24 hours a day; and whose name was Ashton. More seriously, he spoke of the difficulties of the Police job in Cleveland, where the concentration of chemical works made it the most dangerous place in Britain for industrial accidents. That frightening prospect was followed by the engagingly light-hearted admission that even the Police make mistakes: about a camera in Hartlepool, a town traditionally famous for mistakes.

The President suitably replied to the Toast, with diverting references to his various records at the Old School. Both speeches, I should add, despite any impression I have given to the contrary, were neatly related to the subject of the Toast.

The second Toast was, traditionally, to "The College" and was proposed most suitably, by the President of the Great Britain Region of the International Toastmistress Clubs, Mrs Eunice Fairless. Both Guest Speakers having been introduced as Lancastrians, Mrs Fairless corrected her own title to "yellowbellied Lancastrian" which, being interpreted, made her half a daughter of Lincolnshire she told us (in verse) what a Toastmistress was, claimed for herself, "Occasional brilliant flashes of silence", and thanked her hosts for "Good food, good wine, and good company", She deplored the "Lack of communication and understanding in the human race", spoke modestly of her early education, but proved by her speech that certain aspects of this, at least, had been remedied in subsequent years.

Mr A.W. Carr Principal of the College, replied - as is inevitable, where the facts justify it, with a catalogue of academic and other successes, beginning with three "Awards" at Oxford and Cambridge, and ending with the more unusual award of the Sword of Honour to Simon King on "Passing Out" from Sandhurst.

We went home from an enjoyable dinner rather earlier than usual, not because there was any failure in the good fellowship, but because by now the snow was falling more heavily. Our thanks to the hospitality of Brian Reed (himself an Old Student) and the Parkmore Hotel Staff.

## 56TH ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the PARKMORE HOTEL, Eaglescliffe (opposite the golf course). As we have had many requests in the past for the Dinner to be held during a time of the year when the weather is more predictable the date of the Dinner is 3rd APRIL 1982 (7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.)

TICKETS: £7.00 from the Secretary (SAE) or other Committee Members

Guests this year are:

Keith H Hoyle Managing Director, Davy McKee

Mrs M Thersby, Durham County Ladies Hockey Selector

MENU: Oxtail with Madeira\*, Honeyroast Ham with Cider Sauce, Sherry Fruit Trifle\*\*, coffee and mints.

Alternatives are available to starter and sweet as follows, but the Secretary **must be informed of such a choice at least one week before the date of the meal:-**

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Since that date loans have been made to students to enable them to attend courses and interviews. Furthermore, yet another student has been successful and qualified in his career.

Donations to the Fund will be welcomed. Appeals for assistance may be made, in confidence, to the Principal of the Sixth Form College, Mr Arther Carr to Tom Sowler at 2 Highfield Crescent, Stockton-on-Tees (0642-580690).

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981

To be held in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College on Monday 14th December at 7.30 p.m.

### AGENDA

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Apologies for absence  | 6. Benevolent Fund Report              |
| 2. Minutes of last A.G.M. | 7. Change of Rules*                    |
| 3. Matters arising        | 8. Future of the Association - if any? |
| 4. Hon Secretary's Report | 9. Any other Business                  |
| 5. Hon Treasurer's Report |  |

\* Proposed by Mr T. Sowler: That rule 3 be altered as follows:-

- (i) the words "each year" be omitted, and
- (ii) the words "as soon thereafter as possible" be substituted

The relevant section would then read:-

".....at each Annual General Meeting which shall be held in December or as soon thereafter as possible,....."

Note: Copies of the rules are available on request from the Secretary  
**I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO ITEM 8 ON THE AGENDA!**

## OUR SPORTING LIFE

Wednesday 8th April 1981

Once again, with some difficulty, the Stocktonians were able to field seven teams. There is a real need for people to volunteer early for the event - it makes things so much easier.

The Secretary was most grateful for the valuable work done 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 won

Team: K. Tindale, A. Gale, S. Hayton, D. Nicholson, A. Deeks, L. Roberts, L. Collins.

Mens Won 88-37

Team: N. Routledge, A. Wilkins, S. Beaumont, M. Hayton, M. Daly, I. Robert, P. Jakobson, P. Stevenson, S. Winter, W. Hudson.

**HOCKEY:** Ladies lost 0-2

Team: L. Collins, D. Nicholson, P. Kinghorn, S. Sunley, R. Jeavons, C. Ross, K. Tindall, L. Roberts, A. Gale, C. Race, A. Deeks.

Sadly once again, the Sixth Form proved too powerful for the Stocktonians both their goals being scored by Liz Greenwell. The first goal entered the back of the net while the goalkeeper struggled on the sideline to adjust her pads/kickers, the second was a well struck shot – no excuses: we'll beat them next year – report by Chris Ross.

Mens Won 4-2

Team: G. Braham, J. Ions, P. Ions, M. Ayre, S. Dick, C. Cooke, G. Duncan, A. Gittings, P. Graham, A.N. Other.

**RUGBY:** won 46-4

Team: B. Waller, K. Keay, D. Kitching, R. Phillips, D. Raisbeck, D. Krieczak, J. Horner; T. Wilson, D. Chisman, G. Ferguson, N. Beadle, J. Sauders, T. Wild, J. Moore, C. Reay.

**SOCCER:** lost 2-4

Team: D. Harris, T. Cocklin, C. Garbutt, K. Tulip, D. Bailey, S. Phillips, M. Daley, P. Thomas, M. Cockburn, N. Errington, J. Brookes, S. Mannion.

**MIXED VOLLEYBALL:** won 3-1

My thanks to all who took part and attended the function at Bailey's Nightclub afterwards. Special thanks are due to Pete Hudson and Jackie Douglas and the girls who gave up their time to serve tea after the matches.

Next year's Extravaganza will take place on **WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH 1982** at the Sixth Form College and Grange Schools – start 1.15 - 2.00 p.m. – spectators most welcome.

If you wish to be considered for any sport or know of other who do please contact:

P Graham (785550) (Mens Hockey) Chris Ross (Ladies – 580387);

Terry Wilson (Rugby - 581756) (Home) 616031 (work);

John Brookes (Soccer - 582971)

Nigel Routledge (Mens Basketball/Mixed Volleyball -550283)



## STOCKTONIANS BASKETBALL

The 1980/81 Season opened for the Stocktonians with them winning the 2nd Division Knockout Cup.

In the group competition they defeated Springfield and Warsett Pyke Sports, before demolishing Grangetown Boys Club in final thanks to some fine team work.

In the league, the Stocktonians after a healthy start to the season, saw their dreams of the 2nd Division Championship fade, eventually finishing a creditable 4th place.

While the league hopes slipped away, the team started off on their quest to win the Cambrai Knockout Handicap Cup.

In the first round they defeated the National Womens Champions, Cleveland Eagles 116-115. Then it was 1st Division team Tigers who defeated 89-84.

In the Semi-Final , Warsett Pyke Sports were again the opponents, but after one period of extra-time they too were beaten 64-62.

In the final the lads gave their all, but against a very strong Peterlee team eventually lost 87-70. A good season by any standards.

Report by Nigel Routledge.



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## NEW MEMBERS

Years at College: 79-81 (unless otherwise stated)

KENNETH ABBOTT (Sheffield University, BSc Physics); TIMOTHY ALDERSON (75-77) (see later); SUSAN ALDERSON (78-81) (I.M. Marsh College of P.E. B.Ed.); JOHN AYRE; GARY CRAWLEY; SUSAN FARRER; MARTIN GILLESPIE (St John's College, Oxford: Chemistry); ANTHONY GITTINGS; GAIL HIGHTON (Sheffield City Polytechnic, B.A. Sports Studies); GEOFFREY KING (Degree course in Business Studies); JOANNA MOSES; MELONIE ORPEN. LEHMBAR SINGH; KAREN TAYLOR; MARK WHALEY; CLAIR JONES

## FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

TIMOTHY ALDERSON (1975-77) graduated from Sheffield University in 1980 with an Honours degree in Accounting and Financial Management. He has just completed his first year of a training contract with Thornton Baker, Chartered Accountants in Sheffield and will be sitting his professional part one exams in November.

CATHERINE ALLINSON (1978-80) wrote recently to inform us of a change of address (across the Pennines) although she will still be able to make the occasional sojourns to Stockton from Durham University to see old friends – shes "not that easy to get rid of"

D.W. BAKER (1921-24) wrote a brief note to inform us of his change of address – no other news.

E. A. (TONY) BARBER (1931-37) confirmed his address recently and was kind enough to include a generous donation.

JOHN BARKER (1965-72) informs us that he has recently completed his PhD in Agricultural Marketing at Newcastle University and is now lecturing there pending a return to the family farm at Little Stainton. John has written a book entitled 'Agricultural Marketing' which is published by Oxford University Press. Last October he attended CHRIS LAYCOCKS's (1965-72) wedding at Knaresborough and tells us that Chris is working for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at Preston as a Dairy Husbandry Advisor. John also sees

JOHN KNOTT (1965-72) from time to time and informs us that he recently left A.R.C. to set up his own business – what variety is unknown at present!

It was nice to see LES (1924-28) and NANCY BELL (1925-32) at the Dinner last year – hope they will be able to join us again this year.

No news other than a change of address from PETER BELL (1958-64).

In addition to topping up his subs IAN CARBARS (1977-79) tells us he is now in his 2nd year of Medicine at Edinburgh University..

Along with his new address RICHARD CHESSER (1975-77) informed us that he was in his 3rd year at St Catherine's College, Cambridge reading Music - now completed successfully we trust.

CAROLE CHISEM (1970-76) is now working for the Inland Revenue in North London –thanks for the new address Carole.

A confirmation of address from REG CORNFORTH (1920-24) was accompanied by a nice donation for which we are most grateful.

CHRIS DAVIS (1969-74) writes to say he graduated from the Polytechnic of the South Bank in London in July 1980 with a degree in French and German and was at the time of writing to us seeking his first permanent employment which was proving quite difficult (even in London and the South East). Whilst waiting for an offer Chris was working in Harrods of Knightsbridge and was finding it 'quite an experience'

PETER DODDS (1954-60) who has kindly placed an advert with us this year is keen to hear from former friends – address as per advert or write C/o the Secretary and I shall pass it on.

COLIN GARDENER ( ?) whilst confirming his address informs us that he is still employed by AER LINGUS as a Senior Captain flying across the Atlantic to New York Boston, Chicago and 'other destinations' – lucky devil!

ARCHER GREEN (1928-32) confirmed his address and says that he has now completely retired.

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SUSAN JUSTIN (1976-78) was in her final year at King's College London doing a BA Religious Studies at the time of writing (as was Mike Yellow (76-78) she informs us). We trust that her intended summer rock climbing went uneventfully and that she has now embarked safely upon her Chartered Accountancy course in London.

Two letters this year from RON LUDBROOK (1927-31) the first containing a generous donation to help finance a history of the Old School as suggested by R. W. RUTHERFORD (1914-17) in last year's mag. (TOM SOWLER (1925-32) is looking into the matter at present and will base his decision about producing such a history upon the amount of documentary support he can obtain – editor). In his other letter Ron tells of a happy reunion with:

A.E. (TED) SHIELDS (1927-34) whom he had not seen for 50 years. They met at Tullamarine Airport near Melbourne where Ted and his wife Barbara were night stopping on a trip from Adelaide to New Zealand where they were attending a Registrars Conference in Auckland as well as taking a holiday. Ron and Ted lunched together and reminisced like mad about old friends from the past. They both served in India for many years where Ted was with the I.C.S. and helped to run the country for the British Raj – Ron worked for Power – Gas building fertilizer plants; in due course they both ended up in Australia. Ted is due to retire next year (1982) and as reported in last year's mag is still unsure about staying in Australia or returning to the U.K. (You haven't persuaded him to stay then Ron?) Both agreed about the strong influence on their lives made by Evan Baldwin those many years ago when he urged them on to greater and greater things and hammered into them his own particular and in some ways peculiar brand of education, mainly geography, much of which they have never quite forgotten.

FRED MASON (1917-23) sends a generous donation together with a couple of questions. The first of which I can answer personally – sorry Fred I'm afraid I'm not related (as far as I know) to JIMMY GRAHAM (1917-23) (Editor). The second needs the help of GEORGE BRANN (1916-20). Fred wants to know George if you still manage to use your bike to go to the local in Yarm!

DAVID PENSON ( ? ) topped up his subs and also gave advance warning of his change of address – if only 400 other people had bothered to do the same!

AUSTIN WILKINSON (1977-79) should, subject to success in June's exams, now be successfully embarked upon his final year of a Law Degree at Liverpool Polytechnic. In addition to 5 years of subs Austin tells us PAUL HARRISON's (1968-73) sister Linda was married recently with Paul acting as groomsman (Paul is Austin's cousin by the way!).

DAVE WILLETTS (1972-74) should, by now, be safely on the third year of his course at Loughborough University. Last year he became a coach to one of the University Rugby fifteens though he was somewhat uncertain about the honour of such a position!. Dave and his wife Lesley (1967-72) (a new member) have now settled well in the area but do not feel their ties are broken with Stockton. In his news Dave tells us that BILL HUDSON ( ? ) (son of PETE HUDSON) is at Loughborough doing a P.E. degree and that he met Simon Miller (brother of TIM MILLER ( ? )) when he took his rugby team to play Saracens in North London Simon was playing on the wing for them as well as being an architect (Dave believes!)

## 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.

EDWARD JOHN BATTY (1917-1920) died in hospital on October 13th 1980 at Portland, Oregon he was 76. Edward left England for the U.S. in 1925 and began work with Albert Pick and Co. a firm selling restaurant fixtures. Later he worked as an accountant for the U.S. Customs Agency, a post he held until his retirement. Very much interested in teaching and young people he spent much of his time in retirement teaching older people how to read and write and worked with children in the lower grades at his local school.

Edward thought very highly of Stockton Secondary School and the associations he had with the area. In particular he kept in touch with George Little and they corresponded regularly. We pass on our sympathy to Edward's family at their sad loss, particularly his brother CYRIL (1920-24)

LAWRENCE GRAY (1925-31) died very suddenly in October 1981. Always a keen member of the Association Lawrence maintained his ties with the Old S.S.S. that he attended, and Grangefield, where his two children Carol and Ian were pupils during the 50's and 60's. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and children at this sad time.

It was a great shock to us all to hear of the death of FRANK TIESING (staff: 1954-73 Grangefield, 1973-81 Sixth Form College) in March 1981. Having joined the Staff in September 1954 as Head of Biology he soon became involved in other activities, particularly those concerned with music. A great stalwart in G and S productions Frank eventually took over production in the 1963 rendition of Iolanthe only to fall ill a month before the first night and return with no voice! The following year he undertook the musical direction of Yeoman of the Guard (as well as playing the demanding role of Wilfred).

In 1965 he joined forces with Mr Horsman and a formidable partnership formed; they took a school party to Belgium in Easter of that year. There followed a long association of connections with choirs, trips and music competitions. Franks enthusiasm for, and love of music extended well beyond the bounds of school and College and he was an active member of the Cleveland Philharmonic Choir and North Yorkshire Chorus until the time of his sad demise.

A quiet and mysterious character to younger members of the school, and often suitably nicknamed, he did show however that he had a real sense of dry humour and was well able to 'look after himself' in any staff room encounter.

With his passing ends a long association from the early days of Grangefield, where many students had spent time at S.S.S. to the new College. The world will be a poorer place.



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