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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Fellow Stocktonians,

The year has raced by and once again, we are pleased to be able to publish our magazine for your enjoyment.

I would draw your attention, in particular, to the AGM (volunteers for committee work are still in short supply), the Annual Dinner and the Sports Extravaganza. From those who would be present at such, if the distance was not prohibitive, we ask for news of yourself or Former Students, you may meet on your travels.

Nineteen eighty-six will mark the ninetieth year since the opening of the Higher Grade School in Nelson Terrace and it would seem appropriate for us to include news from members, who have memories from such early days.

Finally, whether early or late, I should like to wish all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PAUL GRAHAM

COLLEGE NEWS

At a time when the education system is being blamed for everything that is wrong in the country (with the possible exception of the weather!) and the teachers' unions are having an 'eye-ball to eye-ball' confrontation with Central Government over conditions of service and salaries, it is very easy to become despondent. Writing this short note for the magazine has a beneficial effect for me because it makes me look back for the good things that have happened in the last year and helps to restore my equilibrium.

On the scholastic side, we have, for the fifth consecutive year, obtained 500 ± 10 A - level passes compared with the 405 passes obtained in 1974 by the ex-grammar schools sixth forms, who transferred here mid-way through their courses. More young people are staying in full-time education than was the case with the grammar schools, for a variety of reasons and courses, and more are going on to Higher Education; about 120 per year. From this year's crop of degree results, we know of four ex-students who obtained first class honours degrees, which are recorded elsewhere in the magazine.

On the games fields, we continue to do well. The girls' hockey team was champion of the North-east for the fifth consecutive year and Stephen Hackney played for the England under 19 Rugby team in every match played last season. He is our fifth international games player in twelve years and they cover three different sports.

Some of our former students have also gone on to achieve distinction. Mark Ferguson, who left in 1984, was selected for the England Colts Rugby Squad (this despite suffering from a crippling illness); Jane Herron, who also left in 1984, became a double Blue at Oxford in her first year; and Roy Broadbent, who again left in 1984, has been chosen to help in the building of a medical centre in Papua New Guinea as part of the Operation Raleigh exercise.

Mention of foreign parts, reminds me that the Charities Committee sent off a second cheque for £600 to finance the construction of a second well in the Upper Volta.

Our drama production last year, was 'Cabaret' and it was an enormous success. We converted the College hall into a sleazy Berlin nightclub of the 1930's era (without a great deal of effort, come to think of it); sold every seat for each of the six performances and thoroughly entertained everyone who saw it.

On a different note, I have to record the retirements of Arthur Harrison and Ray Kitching, who served us well in the College for twelve years and before that in the grammar schools. We also lost Martin Clinton and Vincent Slattery, one in December, the other in July, both were economists and went to Brockhurst Tertiary College for promotion. They reported back that they were to be joined by Gill Norris, who left our History Department a few years ago, when her husbands job took her south, and who is to teach part-time at Brockenhurst.

The old order changes, but there is every indication that the 'new' Stocktonians are of the same calibre as the 'old' Stocktonians. Brockenhurst would certainly seem to envy us.

ARTHUR CARR

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Neil Douglas	Law	Trent Polytechnic
Kenneth Dyksman	Town & Country Planning	Oxford Polytechnic
Michael Eglington	Chemistry	Leicester University
Sue Farrer	Social Sciences	Teesside Polytechnic
Gary Ferguson	French	Durham University
David Foster	Pharmacy	Sunderland Polytechnic
Janey Frost	Psychology	Worcester College of Education
Liz Greenwell	Mathmatics/Physical Education	University College of North Wales
Stephen Gutteridge	General Science	Liverpool University
Judith Hall	Pharmacology	Kings College, London
Simon Hornsby	Chemistry	
Alan Houghton	Economics/Computing	Stirling University
Janice Hurst	Psychology	Warwick University
Stephen Ingledew	Managerial & Administrative Studies	Aston University
Jenny Iredale	English/Drama	Bangor University
Clair Jones	German	Durham University
Martin Kears	Geology/Geography	Manchester University
Gary McGregor	Biochemistry	Oxford University
Alison MacKenzie	Religious Studies	Newcastle University
Julie McQuillan	Chemistry	Leicester University
Gavin Machell	Chemistry	Durham University
Claire Mallinson	Economics/Politics	Hull University
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Nicholas Mottram	Agricultural & Forest Science	Oxford University
Graham Pearson	Geology	Manchester University
David Peebles	Theology	Bristol University
Geoff Porritt	Natural Sciences	Cambridge University
Janice Prowse	Economics	Queen Mary College, London
Derek Rhodes	Accountancy/Economics	Manchester University

Michelle Roddam	Fine Art	Edinburgh University
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STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Student Council has had another reasonably successful year, although we were disappointed that we were unable to implement many of our plans. This was largely because we were unable to meet as regularly as we would have liked due to the teachers' industrial action. We hope that this will not hinder the activities of next year's council, and that they will be able to carry through many of our ideas.

The Entertainments Committee was the most active part of council. They organised numerous events throughout the year, the most successful of which was the ever-popular Christmas Fancy Dress Party. Many exciting and original costumes were worn (as well as the inevitable half dozen Santas). Several hundred spirited students danced the night away to the sound of both live and recorded music until the bewitching hour of 11 p.m. A successful pop quiz, disco and video evening were also held. The council's thanks go to joint chairmen John Greenaway and Jonathan Ryder.

On behalf of the students, the Council bought presents for members of the kitchen staff to mark their departure from the College, and also donated money to the art department for the purchase of frames to display students' work around the college.

Sponsor Day was held in the Spring Term, raising money for both College funds and for the digging of a well to provide a much needed water supply for a village in Upper Volta.

The Council also considered suggestions that there should be more political activity in the college. Volunteers have been asked to plan a possible course of action. The usual requests and complaints were made about the drinks machine, record playing committee, lack of pool table, possibility of a food machine etc., and there were also some more unusual requests such as that for softer toilet paper and an end to the more passionate 'public displays of affection' in the Student Lounge.

The Chairman, Paul Raines and I would like to thank the Vice-Chairman, Pamela Richardson and Vice-Secretary, Kay Pearce who took over the running of the Council for part of the year, and also the Treasurer, Rachel Trump, tutor group representatives and all others who have helped during the year.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish every success to next year's Council.

SHEILA CARBARN (Secretary)

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

The Charities Committee is run yearly by a voluntary group of students, in conjunction with two teachers, Mr. Watton and Mr. Devey. Currently, we are sponsoring two children from Third World Countries, by paying their annual secondary school fees of £75. If it wasn't for our money, they would not be able to afford to continue their schooling after the primary stage, as their families are not bringing home much more than £5 per year.

The money is raised through various activities throughout the year. Last year an inter-tutor group rounders match was organised, in which £15 was raised. £60 was raised when some students went carol singing and each year a coffee evening raises quite a considerable amount.

In response to the plea from "Live Aid for Africa" we organised a three legged obstacle race which as well as raising £55, was a lot of fun. There is now a "Schools for Live Aid" where two ships are being set aside to be filled with various dried foods from all the schools in Great Britain and then sent to Ethiopia. A collection from the college will be made and sent off to help.

Over the past years, the Committee has given a lot of help to people around the world. Hopefully, this will continue for a long time to come just to show that there are people who do care.

CATHERINE McPHEE
Secretary



Things seem to be going well for the principal characters in 'Cabaret', but dark Nazi storm clouds are gathering.....

"CABARET"

1985 saw the return of the College's amateur music and drama group with their production of Joe Masteroff, John Kander and Fred Ebb's musical "Cabaret", performed over six nights from 11th-16th March. The story, dealing with the lives of several people in Berlin as the Nazis grow in strength, centred around the notorious "Kit Kat Klub". It was based on the play "I am a Camera" by John van Druten, which was taken from the original stories by Christopher Isherwood. Hardly a light comedy, obviously, but nonetheless a musical with amusing as well as dramatic moments.

Director Stuart Buckton arranged over 100 auditions in November 1984 and began rehearsals as soon as the cast returned from Christmas festivities in January. Work progressed steadily on cold evenings and Sundays until February. After half-term, things speeded up with the arrival of Mrs. Billany and the props department, followed by Mr. Allison and his stage crew. The stage and sets by Mr. Mills and Mr. Shaw were nearing completion. In the meantime, Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Marsden were making frantic (and ultimately fruitful) searches for as much authentic-looking '30's clothing as they could find.

Mr. Mills, as well as working behind the scenes, lent his vocal talents to the cast with a "cameo" as the leader of the group of singing waiters, but unfortunately missed two nights due to illness. As the piano and trombone respectively in the "Kit Kat Klub Band" (which comprised 6 men and a girl, all in dresses), Messrs Buckton and Devey did their best to get laughs, regardless of the damage to their reputations, and presumably consoled themselves with the knowledge that at least they didn't have to wear high heels.

"Cabaret" was tricky to stage, not least because it required, among other things, a pineapple, a gorilla and a dozen telephones! The task of providing a giant mobile mirror to suspend above the stage caused Messrs. Mills and Shaw considerable headaches (fortunately not literally) - but this was eventually achieved without any of the cast being crushed. (Those people who attended the Spring Fling Dance, one week after the show, would have noticed the same mirror surrounded by Mr. Shaw's colourful decorations).

The six nights' capacity audiences arrived at the show to find the College Hall transformed into the 'Kit Kat Klub' with around forty numbered tables, special beer mats and a wine list in English and German. Students as waiters and waitresses (under the 'command' of Mrs. Cornish and Mr. Watton) took orders for refreshments during the musical numbers and interval. Profits went to the Save the Children Fund.

After a night out at a show which was sad, funny and at times rather disturbing, the audiences often seemed a little stunned, but if their applause was anything to go by, "Cabaret" was yet another success for the College.

RICHARD BURNIP

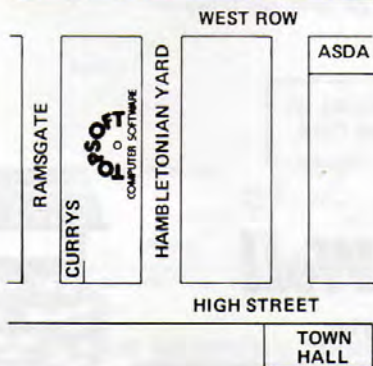


The Master of Ceremonies joins the Chorus Line in the 'Kit Kat Klub'

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STRANGER

In my mind you'll never know existence;
Like bodies broken in a deep tomb,
Belief lay silent in your absence;
Reality became unanchored
And you drift away from view.

I see you in the bottom of the well
Where a piano plays the piper's tune.
Facades decay and icons tremble
When a palette lacks an artist's canvas;
While in my heart, where life beats faster
There is no room for your cruel, infectious laughter.

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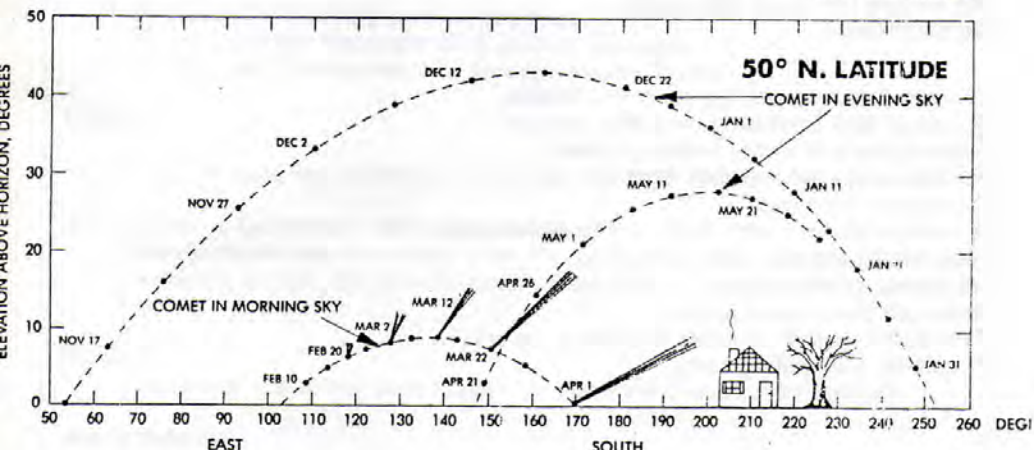
Ask your grandad if he remembers seeing Halley's Comet in 1910. If he can, he'll soon be one of the rare people who can say they've seen it twice in their lifetime. It travels round the Sun once every 76 years in a very flattened elliptical orbit, so it will soon grace our skies again.

A handful of new comets are discovered every year (by intrepid amateurs and expensive satellites) and if you ever find a new one it will be given your name to carry in space forever. Strangely, though, Edmund Halley, who was Astronomer Royal until he died in 1742, did not discover his comet but he was the first to recognise its periodic nature and predict its return. Sadly, he did not live to see his forecast come true but he wrote: "Let posterity record that this was first discovered by an Englishman".

The comet will not be spectacular this time round, but when you see it remember that it is the most famous of all time. The diagram shows where it will be at its brightest (actually during February and April). Azimuth is the angle measured around the horizon from North through East, South and West back to North again. During November 1985 the Comet will just become visible to the unaided eye if you have dark skies and know where to look, but binoculars will show it more clearly.

Actually, if your grandad does tell you he remembers a comet in 1910 so bright that it was visible in daylight with a spectacular tail then it wasn't Halley's! Another comet turned up that year which outshone our famous comet and was called the Great Comet. But what are they? The European Space Agency's probe Giotto will explore the comet and finally provide an answer, but the "dirty snow ball" theory is probably correct. A comet's nucleus, typically 10 km to 30 km in diameter, might consist of small rocks, stones, dust and gas trapped in a frozen prison of ice. As it approaches the sun, it warms up and releases some of this gas and dust to produce its familiar tail. Will Halley's Comet have a spectacular tail? We don't really know, yet. Wait and see!
Good observing!

JOHN McCUE



Halley's Comet observing conditions in 1985-86 for observers in the British Isles.

WHISPERS OF PILGRIMAGE

Voices heard in a cathedral at
the approach of evening.

The pulsing of a bell
Calls the evening onwards,
I seek the chapel gate, in thought,
Threaded now with bicycles and smiles of welcome.
These are the signs of life,
The Bringers of night;
And down the falling stones
Sits the priest who fears Autumnal whispers.

A peal of thunderbells;
Here sing the sirens,
Nest builders on the buttress,
The grey archways pierced with shrieks
Of the Nightowl
On the chipped flagstones
Walk the way of penitence,
And go seek Him on the mountain
If that is your quest.

The drumming of rain fingers,
Incessant, watching,
Scratches at the window;
Lamps of evening draw amber mirrors
Of men, carriages: close traffic on the smoke bridge.
Labour among the forgetful
Lost in a well of silence, on the blind staircase;
No escape for those with memory;
Remembrance.

Crouched on a moss bench in the hollow,
A damp, dark corridor, silent after shouts
Scavengers leer in the creaking trees,
Sudden sound of Autumn leaves
Snapping underfoot;
A solitary shadow cast long on the green wall.
The voices and the dark remind you
Of echoes of the hooded,
Amongst the stones, alone;
And by the withered gate, in whispering rain
The Birds are spilling song.

IAN BURR

SHADES OF NEW ORLEANS

Listen to a mockingbird
Softly singing in the crisp, clear air.
Observe from a window retreat,
The sun awakening to sweet C major.
Overhear a restless tenant
Coaxing a song of spent emotions
From a golden saxophone,
Fragile as the Autumn leaves.
Prepare for ivory baptisms
In rhythm and blues,
While longhair and Huey deliver Fat Man
On a silver tray.

Look down on dusty streets:
Familiar drunks follow Bacchus to their homes.
Read your Tennessee Williams,
And feel the eyes of Truman C.
As coffin dictates his final verse.
Dream of Bessie Smith,
Killed by cruel contempt,
Her heart-felt haunting cries
Like a prayer from a minaret.
Then die,
And with jazz and black umbrellas
Be carried to a grave above the ground.

BRIAN BURR

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THE DEBATING SOCIETY

During the 1984-85 session, the meetings of the Debating Society were poorly attended, but this was a contrast to the Debates themselves. The presence of regular speakers at these debates led to lively argument and interest grew. On the whole the speeches have been exciting, with special contributions from Richard Burnip, Alistair Pettigrew and Simon Carr at most debates.

Early in the year, the team, led by Simon Carr, suffered a defeat by Teesside High School on the motion that "Computers could do more harm than bring good". Speaking for the motion, the College team argued some well considered points, but was unable to defeat the well planned Teesside High School assault. Maybe this year, the team will progress further.

At the time of writing, one debate has already been held this term with an eleven votes to nine majority in favour of the re-introduction of capital punishment.

SIMON CARR

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The Debating Society always welcomes new members and hopes to be more active this year. So come along, join in and make suggestions for debates on issues which interest you.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1985

This will be held in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College on Monday 6th January 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 1984 A.G.M.
3. Matters Arising
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Benevolent Fund Report
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The Year Book has arrived, once again - but a little later than usual. There have been problems in collating, editing and writing the material this year. The Hon. Secretary has been very busy over the last few months and has not had the time, which he would have liked to spend on the magazine. Towards the end of 1986, Martin does not expect to be in the North-east, so more volunteers are required for the production of the Year Book. In particular, it would be useful if there were, once again, a holder of the post of Hon. Assistant Secretary. Don't be shy! Your presence would be very much welcomed at the Annual General Meeting.

Sheraton School has now been merged with Grange School on the Grangefield Grammar Schools site and Mr. Richard Nicholson is the new Headmaster. We wish him success in his new appointment.

1985 has been 'Anniversary Year' in Stockton with the 250th 'birthday' of the Town House; the 675th year since the Bishop of Durham granted the Market Charter; and the 750th year since the foundation of a Chapel of Ease on the site of the Parish Church. This is reflected in the choice of photograph for the cover.

The Stockton Secondary School has been demolished and we hope to feature a photograph of the building in the next issue and memories of the building, if you would care to send them to the Hon. Secretary.

CREDITS

Many thanks to all the College Students, who have contributed and John Ingham for collecting the articles and compiling Recent Degree Successes.

Thanks also to Brian Brand, Gordon Rattenbury and Tom Sowler for their assistance and written contributions.

Last, but not least, grateful thanks to Jack Marriott for supplying the cover photograph.

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OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION 59th ANNUAL DINNER

The 59th Annual Dinner of the Old Stocktonians Association was held on 30th March 1985 and once again we enjoyed the hospitality of the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe, which seems to grow more comfortable and glossy each year that passes.

And the years indeed pass with bewildering speed: for this was the third year that Paul Graham as President introduced our principal Guest and Speaker. This year, it was that well known T.V. personality, Paul Frost, so well known to so many of his viewers (ex-staff and ex-students) in those more youthful, if not more innocent days, before he grew his beard.

After the meal, the President proposed the Loyal Toast, and then invited our Speaker to propose the Toast of the Old Stocktonians' Association; which he did at a pace and in a profusion far beyond what he dares hazard on Tyne Tees. He started quite calmly, with his progress from Grangefield to the Gazette, and thence (after a brief sojourn under the kindly care of Mike Neville) to "Tyne-Tees". The time sequence became less apparent as he mingled stories of Councillor Foster Glass with anecdotes of Peter Gardiner, a hero better known to some of his audience than to others. He paused to assure us that the standards of Grangefield Grammar School were higher than those of Her Majesty's Services, since the latter accepted him for a Short Service Commission, whereas the former had refused to make him a Prefect. Then, on to the Gazette again, where his first job was a Weather Report - with a misprint. (Who cares? Misprints are now a commonplace in the National Press, having spread from the "quality dailies" even to the nastier tabloids). There followed a catalogue of scurrilous tales of Arthur Scargill, and a confession of his sins at Grangefield - though he omitted the worst of these, and, of course, its painful retribution.

In his reply, the President thanked him for a hilarious speech, and paid an ambiguous compliment to Sir Keith Joseph, and a more sincere, much deserved one to the excellent support he himself had received from former President Brian Brand, and from his most capable Secretary and Treasurer, Martin Gillespie and Christopher Beeston.

The College Principal, Arthur Carr, responding to the President's brief Toast, to the College, had an outstanding list of triumphs to report. They included a huge list of "A" Level passes, an Open Scholarship to Oxford, and an Under 19 England Rugby "Cap". A team of boys was invited to play tennis at Wimbledon, and only external circumstances prevented a team of girls going to Queens Club. The Charities Committee had raised huge sums for Upper Volta. High praise was showered on the College performance of "Cabaret", and university successes including a few "Firsts", reflected great credit on former students.

We finished, as usual, with an informal social session and renewal of old acquaintance. It was all very enjoyable.

R.E. BRADSHAW

GUESTS: Paul Frost (63-70; Presenter of Tyne Tees TV 'Northern Life'), Mrs. J. Frost (66-71), Miss S. Carbarns (83-85; Secretary of Student Council), P.L. Raines (83-85; Chairman of Student Council).

The Dinner was also attended by P. Graham (58-65; President), Mrs. J. Graham, A. Carr (Principal), Mrs. M. Carr and in approximate order of seniority R.E. Bradshaw (Headmaster 57-73), J.G. Rattenbury (Staff 31-73), Mrs. E. Rattenbury, R. Wynzar (27-30), Mrs. S.M. Wynzar (25-31), T.F. Sowler (25-32), Mrs. A.J.B. Sowler (26-31), Miss L. Waring (Staff 73-77), Mrs. N. Finch M.B.E. (31-36), Mrs. J. Farnaby (33-39), P.E. Hudson (Staff 59-), F. Jackson (53-59), J.A. Richardson (53-58), Mrs. J. Richardson (54-59), R. Ward (54-59), Mrs. K. Ward (55-61), P. Coupe (57-65), A. Atkinson (59-64), C.B. Clark (59-66), C.S. Close (59-64), G. Crossley (59-66), S.B. Dick (59-64), J.B. Hall (59-66), E.H. Harris (59-64), A. Lucas (59-64), W. Mann (59-64), J. Moore (59-65), G.S. Rayner 59-66), J.L. Still (59-64), B. Waller (59-66), D.A. Webster (59-66), G. Wilson (59-64), H.D. Wilson (59-64), D.J. Young (59-66), C.J. Beeston (61-68; Hon. Treasurer), M.R. Gillespie (79-81, Hon. Secretary).

60th ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the Tall Trees Hotel, Worsall Road, Yarm (Thirsk road out of Yarm to the roundabout at Crossroads garage, then right into Richmond Road for about ¾ mile. The hotel is on the left down a drive and is housed under the same roof as Macmillans Night Club).

The date of the Dinner is Saturday 22nd March 1986 (7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.)

Tickets £7.50 from the Hon. Secretary (SAE please) or from a member of the Committee.

Our guest is Charles Gillet (53-60), an Entrepreneur in the Music World.

MENU	
<i>Spring Vegetable Soup</i> or <i>Egg Mayonnaise^s</i>	<i>Apple Pie with Cream</i> or <i>Fresh Fruit Salad*</i>
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<i>Roast Rib of Beef & Yorkshire Pudding</i>	<i>Coffee & Mints</i>
<i>Selection of freshly prepared vegetables</i>	

* Alternative starter and sweet are available. Please inform the Secretary when you purchase your ticket.

Don't forget the Dinner is open to your friends, even if they are not members of the Association.

IN MEMORIAM!!

Stockton Secondary School, Nelson Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.

Died very suddenly at the age of 89 years in January 1985, after 55 years of devoted service under the names of Higher Grade School, Secondary School and Secondary Grammar School. This landmark served in a long semi-retirement of 34 years as an evening class centre and later as an annexe to the Teesside College of Art.

Finally succumbed, though apparently in excellent health, to a violent attack, which finished off the old faithful inside a week. Now cars park and in the future people may shop where hundreds toiled (some unwillingly) for many years.

Deeply mourned by many victims and survivors alike. No flowers by request!!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1984

The Annual General Meeting was held in Stockton Sixth Form College on 7th January 1985. Mr. P. Graham, the Association President took the Chair and the following were present:

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J.M. Thomas, Messrs. C.J. Beeston (Hon. Treasurer), C. Bell and J. Ingham.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 10 new members had joined the Association during 1984. Annual members numbered 113, of whom 66 had paid subscriptions in advance.

Life membership, in terms of confirmed addresses was 243. There also remained in the region of 350 unconfirmed addresses and 200 addresses unknown.

1030 Year Books were printed (36 pages plus cover), 625 of which were for the Sixth Form College. An invoice had not been received from Normid, so the cost of printing was not known, but was expected to be approximately £490. Postage amounted to £38.09 for 191 inland and 15 overseas Books.

A net decrease of one page of advertisements had been booked and the expected income was £445.

In Mr. Beeston's absence, the Hon. Secretary reported for the Hon. Treasurer. Finances were still healthy. The deficit for the year ended 30th June 1984 had been due to the purchase of ties and stick pins in the same financial year. Mr. D.L. Steel had expressed his willingness to stand again as Hon. Auditor.

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

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

Mr. P. Graham was re-elected as President (Proposed M.R. Gillespie, Seconded J.A. Green).

There was some discussion as to the number of Vice-Presidents and who they should be. It was agreed that these discussions could be continued in Committee. All Vice-Presidents were re-elected and Miss Waring was elected Senior Vice-President.

Mr. M.R. Gillespie was re-elected as Hon. Secretary (Proposed P. Graham, Seconded B.P.Brand). Mr. Gillespie announced that this would probably be his last year as Hon. Secretary, as he could not guarantee that he would still be in the Stockton area for 1986.

Mr. C.J. Beeston was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer (Proposed J.G. Rattenbury, Seconded M.R. Gillespie). Mr. D.L. Steel was re-elected as Hon. Auditor.

There was still no one willing to stand as Hon. Assistant Secretary.

All Committee Members were re-elected with the provision that Mr. Wilkins be asked if he wished to remain on the Committee.

Under 'Any Other Business', several matters were raised:

Mr. Carr expressed concern about possible injuries, sustained during the Sports Extravaganza, in the light of a memorandum from the LEA banning teacher-pupil sports, when the sport concerned was considered to be a game of contact. It was agreed that discussions would be held with the parties concerned in the organisation of the rugby match.

The Hon. Secretary raised the matter of the merger of the Sheraton and Grange Schools in relation to the King and Armstrong Memorial Prizes. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed in Committee.

Mr. Green referred to a complaint concerning the name of the Association, due to the inclusion of 'Old' in the title and to the exclusion of those, who had not attended the 'right school'. It was stated by several of those present, that mem-

bership was governed by the Rules and that a senior person from Stockton could describe himself, if he so wished, as an 'old Stocktonian', but not an 'Old Stocktonian'.

The Hon. Secretary reported comments about 'New' in the title of the Year Book. Mr. Brand said that the 'New' had been retained, after eleven years, to signify that the Association had changed its connection to the Sixth Form College and that the Year Book was in a new format.

Mr. Gillespie read a letter from Mr. Les Robinson, Head of the English Department at the College, stating that he was no longer prepared to co-ordinate the material for the College section of the Year Book. It was agreed that discussions would continue in Committee to make alternative arrangement for the collation of College copy.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1985

As the annual accounts show, the finances of the Association remain healthy. The activities of the Committee have not been hampered by lack of funds.

I would like to express our thanks to Lindesay Steel for undertaking the honorary audit once more.

The two prize funds remain perfectly adequate to continue our awarding the Evan Baldwin, C.W. King and G.G. Armstrong Memorial Prizes. The Evan Baldwin Memorial Fund will begin to run out of cash in the next century.

It is pleasing to receive each year, generous donations to the Associations funds. On behalf of the Committee, I express our warmest thanks.

Thanks also go to the members who attend the Annual Dinner, since good attendances mean that the support from general funds is kept low. Do members have any strong views on running the dinner at a deficit?

In attempting to broaden the appeal of the Association to all members, especially those who attended the Sixth Form College, the Committee is very conscious that a new event or method of communication may result in financial loss. As mentioned in my first paragraph, our finances are healthy and this is because no substantial losses have been incurred. Please ensure that the activities of YOUR Association reflect what you want from it.

C.J. BEESTON, F.C.A. Honorary Treasurer

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On 1st January 1984, there was a credit balance, at the Darlington Building Society, of £1485.83. Loans totalling £70 were made and £30 was repaid during the same financial year. A grant of £20 was necessary for "educational purposes". A donation of £5 was received during the year and interest amounted to £104.34.

The Credit balance at the Darlington Building Society on 31st December 1984, therefore amounted to £1535.17.

During the current financial year (1985), the remainder of the loans outstanding from the 1984 statement, has now been received and a loan has been made to another student.

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

Donations to the Fund are always welcome.

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

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 27th March 1985

This year, I am pleased to report that the Extravaganza was well attended and that the weather was in our favour. The evening Disco at 'Harveys' was not as well attended as had been hoped. This was probably due to a College Party which fell on the same evening.

Nigel Routledge expressed his wish to retire from his post and the vacant position is filled by Ian Roberts. We thank Nigel for his work in organising the basketball and volleyball matches over several years and we welcome Ian to the team of co-ordinators.

WOMENS HOCKEY: Won 1-2

Team: Claire Mallinson, Anne Dietz, Liz Greenwell, Mandy Wilson, Allison Wright, Jane Herron and sixth formers.

With the slight help of some V1th formers the Old Stocktonians managed to supply a team. The weather for once was good to us, but the pitch left a lot to be desired.

After approximately 10 minutes, due to a temporary lack of defence the Old Girls decided to give the College a chance and with all due credit they scored the first goal; Helen Wright putting the ball slyly into the net. However, not to be outdone, despite setbacks like the goalie, Claire Mallinson, having to play out, began again with renewed enthusiasm.

Towards the end, the game suffered from exhaustion (and not only on the Old Stocktonians side). In the last five minutes the Old Girls scored the winning goal; Mandy Wilson bringing the final score to 2-1.

ALISON WRIGHT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Won 15-47

Team: Mandy Wilson, Helen Carmichael, Caroline Burton, Gill Winspear, Liz Greenwell, Claire Mallinson, Anne Dietz.

We got off to a flying start, the Old Stocktonians had two players. It's not really fair, two against ten but we managed to snatch up five other 'oldies' - four of whom had never played before.

The game got off to a friendly start. We were all fit and raring to go. But at half time the College was lagging behind.

In the second half, we began to increase the lead, much to Jackie Edmondson's disappointment. She tried everything. Trying new tactics all the way through. The only really good thing we saw that was new, were a few rugby tackles.

When the final whistle went, we were pleased that we came out on top - once again. We would like to thank all the College girls who played, because without them we wouldn't have had a match.

ANNE DIETZ

MEN'S HOCKEY: Won 1-3

Team: Crinson, Jones, Robson, Ions, Brearly, Gill, Prosser, Bedford, Cooke, Willis, Carmichael.

Once again the Old Stocktonians, the resounding success of their triumph of 1984 still ringing in their ears, took to the field. As a change to the previous year, the venue was switched from the indoor surface at the Y.M.C.A. to the astroturf pitch at the Grange School. The old boys dragged themselves away from their pints in the 'Thirsty Senator' and prepared to continue with their run of successes against the College.

One or two faces were missing from the usual line up. Most notable was Phil 'Pass the Ball' Ions, who had recently been exported to South Korea; the rest of the team would actually get to see what the ball looked like now!

From the very start the 'old boys' took the play to the heart of the College defence, and only the stalwart College midfield prevented an early College collapse. An even younger Mr. Raymond Brearley, alas without knee bandages this year, (the operation had worked wonders), raced up and down the right wing, causing mayhem to the College defence. (However, the ball was on the left wing at the time). Mr. Clifford Cooke, star centre forward raced in and out of the college circle and quickly netted two goals. Even Simon 'Rambo' Jones, appearing by kind permission of his bank manager, raced into the attack and actually scored!

So three goals up the old Boys took a breather and relaxed a little. However, the College, never giving up, despite the enormous amount of pressure, launched a series of counter attacks, and during one of the many melées within the circle the ball disappeared down one of the many potholes on the pitch, only to appear in the back of the net.

JOHN IONS

MENS BASKETBALL: Won 37-83

Team: Darren Robson, Ian Redmond, Paul Jakobson, Ian Nicholson, Ian Roberts, Phil Stephenson, Martyn Hayton, Nigel Routledge.

The Stocktonians once again, as last year, welcomed two debutants to their ranks in Redmond and Robson, and they were soon in the thick of the action as the Stocktonians went for the "young look" in the first quarter of the match. Trailing 8-9, a change of tactics saw the "older" Stocktonians score 19 points without reply, to put the team firmly in the driving seat and giving them a half-time advantage of 46-18.

The second period saw coach Routledge substituting his players at regular intervals and together with the frequent change of tactics, the Stocktonians did little more than "coast" (or was it the legs giving out?) to a final score of 83-37.

NIGEL ROUTLEDGE

RUGBY: Won 7-30

Team: John Downes, Steve Gutteridge, Graeme Newton, David Yeaman, Tim Wright, Chris Horner, Andy Laverick, Andy Bean, Mark Criston, Rob Kitching, Ken Finlayson, Steve Pett, John Pinches, Simon Smethurst, Anthony Horner.

Cogniscence having been taken of both the recent Rugby Football Union ruling which forbids the physical molestation of schoolboy players by the more venerable participants over the age of 21, and the relatively late termination of several students from Polys and Colleges, the selection for this event became an intriguing challenge. Eventually 15 honest men and true assembled to do battle in time-honoured fashion. Several had not "graced the sword" for sometime and this became apparent as the college, aided by the inevitable howling gale, (and some say dubious "home" decisions by referee Tony Simpson!) swept into a 7-4 half-time lead.

Fortified by their half time refreshments, the Old Boys ran in a further six tries without reply in the second half, in a manner most impressive for a scratch side.

TERRY WILSON

SOCCER: Won 1-4

Team: S. Currie, G. Bennington, M. Cockburn, R. Bailey, J. Brookes, P. D'Ambrosio, D. Alexander, G. Johnson, D. Bailey, K. Fawcett, H. Paxton, Sub: T. Cocklin.

On a cold windy day the Old Boys won the toss and voted to play against the wind and Mr. Vic Watton. After fierce Stocktonians pressure from the beginning the College defence cracked after ten minutes of good work, by Cockburn gave Alexander the chance to put over a good far post cross which was met by Johnson who looped a great header over the Keeper, 1-0. This early strike fired up the College to counter attack and only a brave save by keeper Currie diving in at the College forwards feet prevented the score being levelled.

Good work from Bennington working from the right back position gave him a chance to cross but instead he chose to shoot and lost the College keeper from the edge of the box, but up cropped Vic Watton to blow offside and disallow yet another gem! Things started to happen towards the end of the half with a quick flurry of goals, a scramble on the edge of the Stocktonians' box gave the College a half chance which was well taken with a shot into the bottom corner of the net. Not to be outdone straight from the kick off a fine cross from Bennington found Johnson who again scored with a fine looping header, 2-1. Just on half time after more boys pressure, a corner was given a good cross from D'Ambrosio found R. Bailey whose header powered into the net, half time 3-1.

Towards the end of the game a defence splitting pass from Alexander saw a fine shot from Fawcett rebound off the college keeper to be fired home by Johnson who completed his hat trick, 4-1, and left Stocktonians time to just play out the game.

JOHN BROOKES

MIXED VOLLEYBALL: Lost 2-1

Team: Helen Carmichael, Anne Dietz, Claire Mallinson, Martyn Hayton, Ian Roberts, Ian Nicholson, Darren Robson, Paul Jakobson, Nigel Routledge.

The Old Stocktonians assisted by Lindsay Davidson were able to win the first game, 15-13. (Lindsay played for the Stocktonians, due to the initial lack of female players). However, the Stocktonians, with a full team of aged members, succumbed to the greater skill of the young College side. The College won the second game 15-8.

In the final game, in a desperate effort to reach the ball, Wendy Beeton fave her all, skidded across the floor, managed to trip up Anthony Smith, who in turn brought down Nicholas Simmons. With all this activity on the ground, the College still managed to win the game 15-3.

RUTH BILLANY

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA 1986

The 1986 Sports Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday 9th April, 1986. If you are a sportsman/woman of any standard, your presence is requested; otherwise come along as a spectator at the Sixth Form College from 1.30 p.m.

Contact: Claire Mallinson (Ladies' Teams 582390); Terry Wilson (Rugby 581756); John Brookes (Soccer 601082); Ian Roberts (Mens Basketball/Mixed Volleyball 557171); John Ions (Mens Hockey 615266).

SOCIAL: The 1986 Reunion Disco will be held, if there is sufficient interest, on Wednesday 9th April 1986.

Advance tickets available from the Hon. Secretary (s.a.e. please), from mid-March. Price 70p each.

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

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NEW MEMBERS

DAVID ANDREW (1983-85) is reading chemistry at Durham University and then hopes for a commission in the Army.

SHEILA CARBARN (1983-85) is reading medicine at Edinburgh University.

JOAN FARNABY (1933-39) is also a member of Grangefield Old Girls Association.

NANCY FINCH (1931-36) attended the Dinner with Joan Farnaby. She is active in the Grangefield Old Girls Association.

PAUL FROST (1963-70) presents 'Northern Life' on Tyne Tees Television and was our guest at the last Annual Dinner.

HAZEL HALL (1979-81) is in her final year of a French degree at Birmingham University.

ARTHUR HOY (1955-62) would welcome correspondence from friends of his era at School. There are few members of this period with confirmed addresses, so Arthur would be grateful if you would make a special effort to locate Old Boys from his year. Please contact the Hon. Secretary with details.

JANE KELLY (1982-84) is studying drama at Stockton and Billingham Technical College.

ALISON MACKENZIE (1979-82), after graduating in religious studies from Newcastle University, is a Retail Management Trainee for the Edinburgh Woollen Mill.

ROGER MASON (1954-61) trained as a teacher and taught in the London Borough of Barking for eighteen years. In 1983, he graduated from the Open University. Unfortunately, Roger had a breakdown last year and his marriage broke up. For the last year he has been living in a therapeutic community run by West Ham Central Mission. Roger writes that his life is picking up again and that he would be pleased to get in touch with others who have had a rough time.

CAROLINE PEARCE (1983-85) is reading medicine at Edinburgh University.

PAUL RAINES (1983-85), after his year as Chairman of the Student Council, hopes to make a career in leisure management.

KEVIN SMITH (1974-76) is now living in Hull and working for BP Chemicals. In 1981, he married **DAWN BURN** (1974-76). Dawn is working for the local authority.

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

SUE ALDERSON (1978-81), graduated from the I.M. Marsh College of Physical Education in July 1985 with a 2.1 B.Ed. Honours Degree in P.E. She is now teaching at a school in Chesterfield.

TIM ALDERSON (1975-77), Sue's brother, has qualified as a Chartered Accountant and is working for Thornton Baker at their Sheffield Office.

WALTER AUTON (1949-54) has been promoted to the rank of Major and is stationed in Surrey.

GEOFF BRAHAM (1977-79), sent ten years subs and reported that he was studying for Chartered Accountancy PELL exams and was expecting to transfer to London after qualification.

IAN CAMPBELL (1978-80) was married recently to Rachel Smith at Linthorpe United Reformed Church. We wish them many years of happiness.

NORMAN CARR (1939-44) is now enjoying early retirement from his career as an Accountant with ICI and wanders how he "found time to go to work!"

MARTIN COCKBURN (1974-76), recently paid five years subs, but didn't report any news.

TED COOPER (1957-62) furnished the Hon. Secretary with his new address and also sent cassettes for a copy of the 1962 Grangefield production of 'The Mikado'. The tapes were "a pleasant reminder of the days when desperation meant that the required number of Japanese gentlemen could only be satisfied by press-

ganging my dubious talents". Ted asks if there are any copies of the 1961 production of 'Pirates of Penzance' - to the Hon. Secretary's knowledge no recordings were made; Sorry Ted.

Ted brings us up to date with his career - since leaving Loughborough University in 1966, he has been employed by Power Gas Corporation, International Combustion and currently by B.P. as a Utilities Design Engineer at Head Office in London. In 1969 he was awarded the MSc. by Newcastle University.

He also mentions that he maintains contact with David Francis, Geoffrey Ward and Colin Mustard; but would like to hear news of Peter Twiddy and Mick Dunston. Dave, Geoffrey and Ted still have occasional sorties to railway centres which are reminiscent of Grangefield Railway Society trips to B.R. loco sheds in the days of steam. Ted reports that he has kept the nostalgic correspondence and permits issued by B.R., covering many sheds long since closed; and that Q6's clanking down the 'Cuckoo Line' has left an "indelible memory etched on his brain".

ANDREA DACK (1980-82) has gained a Diploma in Physiotherapy.

SARAH DAY (1982-84) writes that she is enjoying her course in French and German at New College, Oxford. Sarah sends her good wishes to all at the Sixth Form College, especially those who are competing for Oxbridge places.

DAVID FRANCIS (19??-64) left Grangefield for Exeter University. He is now Librarian at Portsmouth Polytechnic.

Portsmouth was the native town of the late Mr. W.H. Munday, who attended Portsmouth Grammar School. David was looking through a history of this school when the name of W.H. Munday caught his eye. To quote the passage referring to the Headmaster's speech at the Speech Day of 1915, which seems to have more than the obvious personal interest: '.....in 1910 (the school) received a grant from the Council,.....One of the conditions of the grant was that the school accept free scholars from the elementary schools. In the class-conscious society of the time, this caused alarm among the fee-paying parents and Nicol (the Head) at the Speech Day of 1915 had to explain that the free boys, "instead of lowering the tone of the school, distinctly raised it. They were the pick of the elementary schools and all of them had done well." He mentioned W.H. Munday, a free scholar, who had just won a Classics Scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford.'

To those of us who knew him later, the idea that anyone could have ever feared that 'Tot' Munday would 'lower the tone' of any school is distinctly funny.

JOHN FRANKS (1947-52) informed the Hon. Secretary of his new address in Newark, but no other news unfortunately.

ORLANDO FRICKER (1974-76) has moved to Darlington, but no other news.

DAVID GATHERGOOD (1957-64) sent a generous donation, unfortunately no news.

ARCHER GREENE (1927-31) sent a cutting from 'The Darlington and Stockton Times'. It concerns a letter enquiring of the whereabouts of a memorial oil painting of Sgt. Tait, who was a gym master in the days of the Higher Grade School. Sgt. Tait was killed in the Boer War. The painting was produced by Mr. Allen, the art master and used to hang in the gym in a broad gold frame. If anyone has any details, please contact the Hon. Secretary.

SUE HARDY (1975-77) was married on 18th May 1985 to Rab Dickson of Sauchie, Clackmannanshire. She works as an Export Sales Executive with the pharmaceutical company MacFarlan Smith Ltd. and now lives in Edinburgh.

GRANVILLE HEWITT (1916-23) sent a very generous donation to funds.

CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON (1978-80) paid two years subs, but sent no news.

PAUL JAKOBSON (1976-78) after graduating from Imperial College, London in 1981, spent six months in Stockton, which allowed him to play basketball for the

Stocktonians again. This was followed by 2½ years working for Standard Telephone and Cables in Torbay. Paul married Katherine in 1983, whom he met at Imperial. They now live at Blisworth near Northampton, where Paul works for Plessey.

HAROLD JONES (Staff 1949-51) sent his usual booster to funds. He is now living in Chester.

KATHRYN LARKIN (1976-78) married **CHRISTOPHER BRAMLEY** (1976-78) last March at St. Michael's, Norton.

CLAIRE MALLINSON (1979-81) graduated this year from Hull University with a degree in politics and economics. She was chosen as vice-captain of the English Universities Ladies' cricket team. Claire is now working for the Spastics Society.

ALAN MASON (1955-60?) is married, has a young son and is living in Leeds. He works for the area health authority.

GLYNIS MASON (1960-67?) has lived in Beirut for several years. She is married and has one son.

LORD MAYBRAY-KING (1912-17) Old Stocktonian and ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, has been in the area at least twice during the year. The last time was to open the Town House, Stockton-on-Tees, after its recent refurbishment, for its 250th anniversary. His speech was much enjoyed and appreciated.

The next evening, he made his now customary call on Agnes and Tom Sowler and there met old friends Majorie and Arthur Carr and Nancy Finch and Sheila Atkinson, two supporters of Old Stocktonians' Dinners. Col. Nathan Cohen and Revd. David Whittington were present and declared to be temporary, acting and unpaid members of our Association. A good time was had by all.

Come again soon, Dr. Horace King to your old home town.

MELONIE ORPEN (1978-81) joined the Metropolitan Police after leaving the Sixth Form College. She is based at Kensington/Earls Court. Melonie has performed duties in plain clothes, which she writes is 'a totally different aspect of policing'. Working in Earls Court is handy for the Ideal Home Exhibition and Rod Stewart concerts, Melonie suggests. When she wrote in February, she had plans to marry another police officer in August 1985. We hope that Melonie has now 'tied the knot' and we wish her many happy years of married life.

M.W. (MAC) OZELTON (1953-60) graduated from Birmingham University in 1966, with a PhD in Materials Science. He has spent most of the years since then in the USA. Mac worked in the UK between 1970 and 1976, but preferred life in California and now does not intend to leave. He was married in 1965 and now has two teenage sons. Mac also writes, 'In spite of the 25 years since leaving Grangefield, I can remember my years there with great clarity and affection. I often ponder over such names as Jack Glattbach, David (Daz) Davies, Arthur Chapman, Charles Gillett, Mike Purnell and many others. Where are they now?' He paid a visit to the UK last Christmas and caught up with some news from Fred Jackson. Hope it won't be too long before you pay us another visit Mac.

CHRIS RIGG (1972-79) after spending six years as a medical student, graduated from Edinburgh University with BSc (Pathology), MB, ChB.. He is at present enjoying (?) house jobs and is hoping to make a comeback to the tennis courts next year. During his course, Chris spent some time in Malawi. He also provides news of his sister,

VAL RIGG (1970-77) who graduated with a BA in Psychology from Liverpool in 1980. In 1981 she gained a PGCE at Aberdeen and at some time in between married Colin Stuart. Val has since spent two years in Anchorage, Alaska, where she gave birth to a daughter, Rachel and is currently living in London, where there has been a second addition to the family, a son, Benjamin.

NIGEL ROUTLEDGE (1975-77) gained a BSc (with commendation) in Engineering from Sunderland Polytechnic in 1984. Nigel thinks this will shock his former

teachers from both Grangefield and the Sixth Form College.

SUE RUSHMERE (1976-78) was married in April and is still working in Reading.

R.W. RUTHERFORD (1914-17) informed the Hon. Secretary of his change of address and sent a very generous donation. He was pleased to receive a copy of the 'Picture of the Past', depicting the staff at the Sec., from Ron Ludbrook, with whom he regularly corresponds.

A.E (TED) SHIELDS (1927-34) has recently moved to North Adelaide. Earlier in the year, he sent a generous donation and his news. Ted writes that he has been retired for over three years now, but continues to find life busy and enjoyable. Each year, since his retirement, Ted and his wife have returned to England to visit friends and relations, especially their four grandchildren.

Ted's main preoccupation is to act as Honorary Secretary of the South Australia Branch of the Australian Retired Persons' Association, which is a flourishing body with over 4000 members in South Australia. It provides advice and organises activities for all its members. The activity, apart from the secretaryship, with which Ted is most involved in the Bushwalking Group, which organises three walks every month in the wild and open country in the neighbourhood of Adelaide. **STUART HART** (1938-40) is another active member of the Retired Persons' Associations and also takes part in the Bushwalking Group's activities. In his letter, Ted provides news of his two younger brothers.

H.A. (HARRY) SHIELDS (1938-44) works for Wimpey, the builders and has recently been transferred from Teesside to Luton. He has been a J.P. for many years.

R.T. (BOB) SHIELDS (1933-39?) retired from the Scientific Civil Service in late 1981 and has since been working as Secretary to the Diocesan Board of Salisbury Cathedral.

TOM SOWLER (1925-32) has revised and updated his booklet, 'The Town House, Stockton' for the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the original decision to build it. Old Stocktonians in other parts of the country, or even far-flung corners of the globe, may obtain the booklet, price 75p plus postage, from Stockton Museum's Service, 76 Norton Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS18 2DE.

Tom has also been busy as Chairman of the newly formed twinning association in Stockton. There are plans to twin the borough with the French town of Asnieres-sur-Seine.

On a different note, Tom has been made an honorary Rotarian by Stockton's Rotary Club. The last non-Rotarian to be given this honour was the Earl of Stockton, Harold Macmillan.

DAVE TRUBY (1974-76) sent his new address and five year's subs. He is now living near Camberley, Surrey.

RICHARD WARD (1978-80?) has obtained a BA Honours degree in graphic design from Middlesex Polytechnic. He has decided to pursue a career as a freelance illustrator and has already been commissioned to design and paint a Bulgarian carnival scene, which will hang in Wortley Hall, Sheffield.

RACHEL WATTS (1977-79) was married recently to Ian Darley. Congratulations Rachel and best wishes for your life with Ian.

MARK WHALEY (1979-81) graduated from Newcastle University this year and was awarded a university sports scholarship. He narrowly missed selection for Britain's Los Angeles windsurfing Olympic squad.

MARTIN WHITFIELD (1976-78) spent seven years at UMIST. He quit his PhD in October 1984 and wrote up his work as a research MSc, which he was awarded last December. During the last academic year, Martin studied for a diploma in Integrated Circuit Systems Design. He mentioned that he was in possession of several job offers. We trust that Martin successfully completed his course and is now earning the pennies.

JOHN WHITHAM (1973-75) sent five year subs and writes that he has nothing of

consequence to report. John is still a Loss Adjuster in Nottingham. He sees Roger Jameson in Nottingham, but would like to hear of Al Easton. Apparently Al lives in Nottinghamshire, but visits the 'Stockton Arms' on his trips to Stockton.

ANDY WILKINS (1967-74) was married in January 1985. We congratulate him and his wife Karen for tying the knot. Andy has returned to the RAF, where he is a Rank Flying Officer, Fighter Control.

DAVE WILLETTS (1967-74) is still teaching P.E. and Economics at the John Cleveland College, Hinckley. As well as being master in charge of rugby at J.C.C. he coaches Loughborough University Freshers Rugby XV, who concluded a distinguished season by beating the England Colts team, a few days before the national side were due to play Italy and then Wales.

LESLEY WILLETTS (1967-72) is now employed by Fisons in Loughborough, which means that Dave and Lesley can obtain vitamin tablets and compost at staff prices. Dave wrote that they only ingest one of these products. He also wrote that there is no family as yet, 'but who knows!'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1986

6th January	Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm in Stockton Sixth Form College (See page 16).
Mid March	Publication of Sports Link. (See page 30).
22nd March	Annual Dinner (See page 19)
9th April	Sports Extravaganza and Disco (See page 24).
Mid September	Copy deadline for 1986-87 Year Book.

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

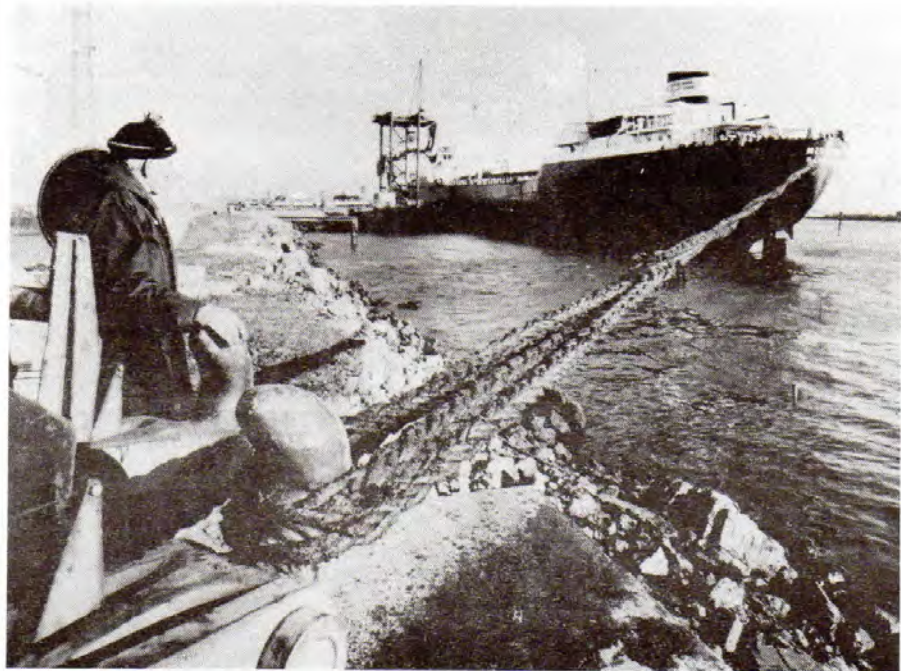
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OBITUARY

HAROLD DODSWORTH, attended Stockton Secondary School from 1916 to 1919, died on 8th October 1985. He was a quiet, kindly man, much respected by his contemporaries and by those succeeding, who turned to him for advice. The first meeting of the Trustees of the Old Stocktonians' Benevolent Fund occurred on 8th February 1926. In 1957/58, at the request of Evan Baldwin, Harold rationalised and summarised the accounts for the previous thirty years. He continued as Hon. Auditor for the following twenty years. The Old Stocktonians Association has lost a sincere friend.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Dodsworth.

JOSEPH WILLIAM ROBERTS, one of our most senior members died about three years ago. He attended the School from 1909 to 1912 and was recorded as a member of the Association in the First Year Book of 1913.

ERIC L. ROBSON died on 10th February 1985 at the age of 77 years. He left Stockton Secondary School about 1924. He qualified as a solicitor and first practised in Stockton. He then became Town Clerk at Hucknall, Nottinghamshire. After some years he returned to private practice at Scarborough and retired to Wetherby.

ALBERT RUDDOCK died on 10th September 1985 at home in Johannesburg S.A. He attended SSS from 1930 to 1933 and after attaining his Higher School Certificate, went to Bede College, Durham. At Bede, he was appointed Organ Scholar and graduated with First Class Honours in Geology in 1936. Subsequently, he became a lecturer in geology at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, S.A. On his retirement in 1976, he held the post of Assistant Professor of Physical & Structural Geology.

Albert spent a happy retirement in Johannesburg with his wife Norma and close to his married daughter, Margaret and three grandsons. He will be sadly missed by them and his brother and sister and their families in Cleveland.

ARTHUR PERCIVAL SIDDLER died on 16th October 1984. He attended Nelson Terrace from 1913 to 1916. For much of his life, Arthur worked for the Prudential Assurance Company in South Shields. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

GEORGE FREDERICK STANLEY SMITH died in November 1984 aged 70 years, following a severe stroke. His years of attendance at the Sec. were 1925 to 1931. Fred, as he was known to his friends spent all his working life in the Inland Revenue. This career led to periods at Darlington, Enfield, Stockton, Grimsby, Sheffield and Nottingham, until his retirement in 1974, when he was District Inspector, Nottingham District 1. Our sympathy is extended to Fred's family.

ANDREW S. STAINSBY, who died in 1984, started his career on the 'Northern Echo' in 1910, joined the editorial staff of the 'Darlington and Stockton Times' as reporter in 1919 after serving in the First World War and in 1937, was appointed Editor. Andrew was a founder member of the N.E. region of the Guild of Newspaper Editors and Chairman of the North Yorkshire and South Durham region of the Newspaper Fund. He was also a Rotarian, Freemason and Trustee of the Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Darlington. Retirement came in 1961 after 50 years in journalism. Our sympathy is extended to Andrew's family.

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