
The New Stocktonian



1987-1988

RULES

(Revised December 1987)

1. The name of the Association shall be the " OLD STOCKTONIANS ". The Old Stocktonians aims at continuing friendships and preserving that spirit of comradeship, which ought to exist among those who have been educated at the same school. These aims are to be achieved by means of social, recreative and educational pursuits.

2. The Association shall be open to the Former Pupils of the Stockton Sixth Form College and Grangefield Grammer School, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary School, and originally known as the Higher Grade School. Past and Present members of the staff are also eligible.

3. The Officers of the Association shall be :-

- a) Three Presidents, who shall be the present Principal, the Founder of the Association and a present member of the Association.
- b) Upto six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President.
- c) A Treasurer.
- d) A Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

These together with twelve elected members shall constitute the Committee of Management.

With the exception of the Principal and the founder of the Association, all Officers and other Members of the Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting, which shall be held in December, or as soon thereafter as possible, and the committee so elected shall be empowered to co-opt additional members.

The Annual General Meeting shall also appoint an Hon. Auditor.

4. In committee, seven shall form a quorum.

5. Members will be encouraged to form sections for specific activities, but must first obtain the approval of the Committee of Management.

6. The Annual Subscription shall be payable on January 1st, the amount to be fixed annually by the Committee of Management and announced in the Year Book.

A lump sum may be paid, in advance, to cover two, or five, or ten such annual subscriptions.

Any Member, who left school fifty years ago, or more, shall be permitted to retain Membership of the Association for life, without further obligation.

7. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee of Management, or shall be called on demand in writing by twelve members of the Association.

Notice of such an Extraordinary General Meeting, and of the Business to be dealt with, shall be given to all members, or by general advertisement.

8. The Rules of the Association can be altered only at the A.G.M. or an E.G.M. and then only by a two thirds majority of those present at the meeting. All motions for any such alteration, shall be submitted in writing at least 28 days before the date of the A.G.M. or E.G.M..

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An Association of Former Pupils of Stockton Sixth Form College and the Grangefield Grammar Schools, formerly known as Stockton Secondary School, and originally as Stockton Higher Grade School.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings

If it seems a short time since the last time you received a magazine we make no apologies, save for the fact that the last issue was relatively late.

We have our usual activities arranged for next year by courtesy of the hard work of many Committee members and 'outside' helpers (particularly in the Sports Extravaganza).

You may notice that this issue has a greater dearth of advertising than usual. Despite the hard work put in by Fred Jackson, helped by Bob Ward, it seems that advertisers are under more and more pressure from a growing number of publications and cannot, obviously, meet all such requests every year. We would be grateful therefore if any former students could help us secure new advertisers. Please write to the Secretary with details if you can help. We shall be pleased to give details of our competitive rates.

The next magazine will be the issue representing our 75th Anniversary and we hope to publish a bumper issue (finance permitting), including a list of current members with last known addresses. As it is a special event we would like as many contributions as possible so please make a special effort to write to us to bring us up to date with news of yourself or others who are too shy to write or have lost contact, the deadline for copy is mid-October 1988.

I would also like to appeal for your help in the production of a unique document relating to the History of the Association and the centres of learning involved with us. Tom Sowler would like to hear from anyone with facts that may be relative or with details where such could be found. He hopes to produce (support permitting) a viable history from such details and past year books (see the details in 'FORMER PUPILS HERE AND THERE'). We expect a strong response and support for purchase before proceeding to publish such a document.

As ever we look forward to hearing from you by letter or in person, especially at our organised events (Dinner, Extravaganza etc..)

I wish you all a healthy, happy and successful future year.

Paul Graham

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

The Charities Committee

The Committee has once again been very active throughout the year. In October 1986 a Treasure Hunt raised £19 for the sponsored children and a charity card Coffee Evening was held. A Carol Sing in December raised £87 for the Save the Children Fund and a £25 Christmas present was sent to each of the College's sponsored children. The College began a drive to raise money to sink a well in Burkino-Fasso (Upper Volta) through lunch-time quizzes during the Spring term, and a Band Night was held on 12th March 1987 which featured three College bands. £180 was raised. A further £435 was raised in May by a 'Sponsored Water Carry'. A total of £25.35 was given towards Mozambique Relief from the proceeds of a sponsored obstacle race.

Community Service

Ms. V. Hart has taken over responsibility for this activity. The programme for the year included: Placement of 21 students in Infant and Junior Schools on Wednesday afternoons.

Three students helping in a Toc H group for the mentally ill.

Two students involved in "Helpmates" - a support group assisting with language work in ethnic communities.

Two students helping with "Patch" - a group for parents and young children on the Hardwick Estate.

Five students are attending the Norton Educational Workshop helping 15-16 year olds who have reading and writing difficulties.

Two students are visiting patients at North Tees Hospital.

One student is helping at the Wrensfeld Adult Training Centre and the College is establishing a friendship group with students at Wrensfeld School.

A "Friendship" group has been established with the Queens Special School for the mentally handicapped to foster both mutual understanding and integration and also to improve the social skills of the Queens' students. The group meets on a fortnightly basis - activities include table tennis, football, swimming and visits within the locality. The group has been awarded £100 by the Nat West Project Respond.

Sporting Activities

Badminton : The Boys' team did not have a happy season, losing 8 and winning only two matches in the League.

The Girls' team had a fair season. In the County Tournament two couples were entered both winning three out of their five matches and narrowly missing out on qualifying for the semi-finals. After a promising start in the League, results in the Spring Term were not so good, including narrow defeats at the hands of Marton and Sir William Turners. Wins were however recorded over both South Park and Acklam.

They completed the League with five wins and five draws.

The College Badminton Tournament attracted over 50 entrants with matches played during club sessions and lunchtimes. Winners were:

L. Beaumont - Boys Singles, S. Hird - Girls Singles, H. Siu & G. Slack - Boys Doubles, H. Todd & L. Merrigan - Girls Doubles, P. Limon & S. Hird - Mixed Doubles.

Golf : Four students played at the Durham Schools Golf Championship at Beamish Park on May 7th 1987.

Hockey : The response from the Girls to represent the College at Hockey this year has been excellent and two teams have been run. The 1st XI made a splendid start to the season winning five of their first six matches and scoring 17 goals to 3. Both teams were entered in the County Tournament, the 1st XI ending up as undefeated winners scoring 12 goals to 1. The 2nd XI playing against other colleges' 1st XI's gave a very good account of themselves, winning 1,

drawing 1 and losing 3 (all by the only goal!). The 1st team reached the County Cup Final but were defeated by Hartlepool S.F.C. Bad weather at Christmas decimated the fixture list but the team was able to avenge their defeat in the Cup by beating Hartlepool 4-2 as well as scoring a 3-0 win over St. Mary's and a 3-2 win over Teesside Polytechnic. Two students, Lorna Hambly and Elizabeth Smith were selected by Norton L.H.C. to play against the Great Britain side, who were in the area during the early part of the Spring Term. On the weekend of the 4th and 5th April the team visited Chesterfield to play against St. Mary's High School and Clowne School. On a bitterly cold and wet Saturday the College team defeated St. Mary's 3-1 and proceeded on the Sunday to win 7-0 against Clowne School. (The scorers were L. Hambly 3, E. Smith 3, M. Court 2, L. Collingwood and J. Colam). League results for 1st XI were : Won 13, Lost 2, Drew 0, 49 goals for, 12 against.

The Boys Hockey team was not as strong as in previous years and finished mid-way in the U19 league winning 3, drawing 3 and losing 7. There were, however, some good moments and with a little more luck some good successes would have come their way. In round 2 of the National Knockout Competition in October, the College only lost 3-4, after penalty strokes, to Scarborough S.F.C. Patrick Quigley and Andrew Gill were selected for County U19 trials.

Keep Fit / Dance : The Scottish Dance Company held a workshop in November attended by 30 students. Seven students attended a Teachers' Workshop at Boynton School, also in November.

Netball : Just as in Hockey an excellent response was forthcoming from girls willing to represent the College at netball and a squad of 11 was formed. Fixtures were difficult to arrange however and the team suffered early, but narrow, defeats of 7-5 at the hands of Marton and 12-10 by Sir William Turners. The team's efforts and enthusiasm was not reflected in the final results for the season : Won 2, Lost 7, goals for 80, against 124. Beverley Trainer, Elizabeth Smith and Joanne Foster were selected for Cleveland U18's. Beverley Trainer, Elizabeth Smith and Lorna Hambly were Durham U21 Trialists and Beverley was selected as reserve for the Senior Durham County squad.

Orienteering : Mixed success was achieved this year in competitions which included those at: Black Banks, Hamsterley, Co. Durham and Sleafy Forest (near Hexham).

Soccer : After a disappointing start to the season (winning only one of their first four League matches) the College 1st XI improved steadily and ended up winning 4 drawing 1 and losing 4 in the full programme (goals for 26, against 20). Cup successes were better however and in their first venture into the English Schools F.A. Trophy the College won the Cleveland Area Championship, defeating Hartlepool, South Park and Marton Colleges en-route. Representing the County in the first round of the National Competition they were unfortunate to be defeated by Heathfield High School of Gateshead (the Durham Champions). Even in defeat the team conducted themselves well and were a credit to the College. In the Cleveland Colleges League Cup the team lost narrowly in the quarter finals to St. Mary's. The season's leading scorers were : P. Davison 12, O. Dixon 12, S. Laverick 6, and S. Carson 5. The 2nd XI under the astute guidance of Mr. Mills set off at a gallop, scoring 18 goals in their first three matches which included their only loss of the season. With such a start, their confidence was well set and they took the League title winning 6, drawing 2 and losing only one match : goals for 35, against 9.

The 3rd XI won all three of their friendly matches. Philip Dawson and David Matthews were selected for the County U19 squad with David representing the County on a number of occasions.

Rugby : It would seem that the effects of the teachers' dispute over the last year or so have hit the College rugby squad quite hard this year. Most of the lower sixth boys have played no rugby for three years and the task of rekindling the enthusiasm for the game was a difficult one. Despite these problems the College started on its strong fixture list with great spirit and not a little skill. Of the first 11 matches only four were won and the team suffered a spate of injuries. Improvements were made however with more fitness training and team practices and the final match tally was won 9, drew 1, lost 14. A narrow defeat was suffered at the hands of Stockton Colts in the Jeff Carter Memorial Trophy (4-0) but a sweet victory by 35 points to 4 was enjoyed over the Old Boys. Trevor Howard, Michael Stevens and Jim Redmayne played for the Cleveland County U18 Team.

Tennis : The girls' tennis squad of Michelle Court, Joanne Luddington, Lorna Hambly, Claire Lindsay, Jackie Marshall-Deane, Joanne Foster, and Lisa Merrigan were worthy winners of the U19 County League. The same squad reached the semi-finals of the Owen Williams Trophy, a competition organised by the Durham Schools' L.T.A. The boys' squad finished third in the County U19 League, which, considering the standard of play was a creditable performance. The squad was John Henderson, Tony Fletcher, Ian Perkins, Philip Smith, Ian Ogden, Paul Watson and Neil Robertson.

Art

Second year A-level students attended link course Life Drawing classes at Cleveland College of Art & Design for one evening per week during the Autumn and Spring terms.

Two Photo-silk screen prints, "Silleck" by Vicky Christison and Tim Kitching, and "Elta Plastics" by Amy Littlehailles and Stephen Palmer were amongst 25 pieces of work from all age groups which were selected for a small exhibition to tour various sites throughout Cleveland. The work was then donated to the Cleveland Picture Loans scheme.

The College was well represented during an exhibition of student work at Billingham Art Gallery during the period January 10th - February 14th, 1987. Also included in the exhibition were works by the invited artists in residence, one of whom was a former student of the College, Michael Shaw (1975-77).

During the Spring Term a small exhibition of paintings by students was on display at the Edmund Harvey Centre (Cleveland County Psychological Services), Stockton.

A visit to the Royal Academy of Arts was arranged on 11th March to view the "British Art in the Twentieth Century" exhibition.

First year students visited the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art.

Twenty fourth-year students from Blakeston School and 26 fourth-year students from Ian Ramsey School attended One Day Pilot Workshops at the College. This most successful venture will be extended in 1988.

First Year A-level students attended the Sixth Form Residential Arts Summer School at the Duke-house Activities Centre, Hexham from 6th to 10th July.

Biology

Fresh Water Ecology Fieldwork investigations for the Cleveland Nature Conservation Trust at Saltburn Gill and Challoner Pit, Guisborough were completed during September and October 1986, by second year A-level students.

Further A-level Biology Fieldwork was undertaken at Hartlepool and Castle Eden on 17th & 18th September 1986.

Visits included :- APRIL : a Biological Sciences Open Day at Newcastle University; Washington Wild Fowl Park (in connection with "Animal Behaviour Option" in the A-level syllabus); Broken Scar Water Purification Plant, Darlington. North Tees Hospital Path Labs. MAY : Billingham Sewage Works, Cowpen Bewley; lecture on "Conservation" at Sunderland Polytechnic.

Two students and one member of staff were involved with the Schools/Industry Project week (5th - 10th July) at Durham University.

Careers

Outside visits were arranged to :- Ripon & York St. John - BEd, BA/BSc degree programmes; University of Durham - Natural Sciences Degree course; University of Bradford - Modern Language Degrees; University of Newcastle - Medical School; British Steel (for prospective engineering graduates), North Tees Path Labs (for prospective graduates in the Biological Sciences), Cambridge University (for prospective lawyers); Hull, London (Imperial College), York, Oxford and Cambridge Universities; Newcastle Poly and Sunderland Poly (Pharmacy Dept).

All A-level students attended the Higher Education Conference at Teesside Poly in June/July 1987. Visiting speakers to the College covered topics which included : Accountancy, Banking, The Police, Nursing, Armed Forces, Retail Management, Para-Medical Careers (Lab work, Physiotherapy), and working in industry (the range and scope of career opportunities for Sixth Form Students). In addition undergraduate speakers gave talks on : Liverpool University, Degrees in Geography and Geology, and Studying at Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Chemistry

Two students and Mr Ellis were involved with the Schools/Industry Project week (5th - 10th July 1987) at Durham and Newcastle Universities. They worked on magnesium oxy-sulphate cements for Steetley Quarry Products Ltd.

Computing

During the Autumn term of 1986, 19 second year A-level students spent two periods each week at the Stockton & Billingham Technical College for introductory practical sessions on Computer Aided Design and Robotics.

In February five A-level students helped with a 4th year Business Game simulation at Norton School. A trip was arranged for all A-level students to The Faraday Lecture : "Information Technology" (City Hall, Newcastle) in March.

All first year A-level students visited North Tees Hospital to investigate Computer Applications.

English

Visits during the Autumn term included : A-level 6th Form day at Durham University; "King Lear" at Billingham Forum; "The Tempest" at Darlington Arts Centre; an R.S.C. performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" at Ripon; a performance of "School for Scandal" and "Changeling"; a performance of "The Caretaker" and a Pinter Workshop.

In the Spring and Summer terms visits were arranged to : R.S.C. productions at Newcastle of Romeo & Juliet, Macbeth and The Rover ; a conference for A-level students on "Anthony and Cleopatra" at Leeds University. performances of the "Canterbury Tales" and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" at the Billingham Forum. Open day - Departmental Linguistics at Newcastle University. A weekly Drama Workshop operating as "twilight sessions" was attended by some 20 students.

Geography/Geology

Geography Fieldwork involving 36 second year A-level students and 3 staff was completed at the 'Loch Ranza' Centre, Arran during September and October 1986.

Fieldwork by the Geology Department included :- Staithes; Ingleton; Horton-in-Ribblesdale; Shap Fell; Carrock Fell; the London Basin; Teesdale; Vale of Eden; Lake District; and the Northumberland Coast.

History

The department attended the Historical Association's Annual Sixth Form Conference at Durham University in September 1986.

Ten A-level students and one member of staff attended an A-level lecture course in London for three days in late January.

Mathematics

In January two students attended an A-level Maths Course at Nottingham University and the department attended the Annual Sixth Form Lecture at Teesside Poly on "Fibonacci Numbers".

Modern Languages

An exchange visit between 10 students from the College and students from the Lycee August Renoir in Asnieres (Paris) was arranged this year. The College visited France in April and a similar party of French students visited the College during the Easter vacation and the first two days of the Summer Term. The College hopes to arrange a similar exercise in future years. Visits and courses for College students included:- French and German study days at Teesside Poly; A-level German students for an Oral Fluency Course at Teesside Poly. "Le Misanthrope" at Darlington Civic Theatre; an intensive course for A-level French students at Teesside Polytechnic.

In addition to these the College participated in the North East Regional Festival of Languages at Newcastle on July 4th and arranged an intensive course in French for students from its feeder schools in early June.

Two first year A-level students from the department were sponsored by the College to enable them to participate in the County visit to Oberhausen during the Summer vacation.

Music

All A-level students attended the 'A-level Music Course' at Leeds for three days in September 1986 and a most enjoyable Concert, which included performances of "Come Ye Sons of Art" (Purcell) and "Noah and his Floating Zoo" (Horowitz) took place at the College in April.

Physics

One member of staff and five students participated in the Teesside branch of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Industry Year Project. This involved a training course with Teesside Automation Services - a firm of design and consultant engineers. A report was compiled for the I.E.E. on the work undertaken.

A visit to Whesoe Systems and Control, Darlington was arranged in April for four students and one staff.

During the Schools/Industry Project week (5th - 10th July) at Durham University two students accompanied by a member of the Physics staff from the Sheraton Grange School (housed in the old Grangefield buildings - Ed.) worked on a project for British Steel on "Impact Loading on Weigh Bridges".

Religious Studies

Second year A-level students taking the 'Christianity Option' had visits to St. Peter's (Yarm Road), All Saints (Hartburn Village), Baptist Tabernacle (Wellington Street), The Salvation Army (Palmerston Street), Hebron Hall (Brethren) Newtown organised for them. They also attended St. Peters C. of E. and Norton Methodist Church to observe different liturgies.

A-level students attended : the Sixth Form Conference at Newcastle University Religious Studies Dept

in November 1986, and a study day at Durham University in March.

In April a party, comprising of 40 students and two staff from the Department, visited London and included in their trips : the viewing of manuscripts and artefacts on Islam at the British Museum, a visit to Regent's Park Mosque and Islam's Cultural Centre.

Social Sciences

The Annual Economics Conference : "Alternative Macro-Economic Policies" held at Marton Sixth Form College was attended by 25 students and one member of staff from the Economics Dept in March.

Sixteen second year Sociology students attended the Sixth Form Conference at Durham University Dept of Sociology in October 1986.

In February a group of A-level students attended a seminar on "Womens' Status and Roles in other cultures" at the University of Leeds Adult Centre, Harrow Road.

For three days in March, 15 students attended an A-level Study Conference in London.

Technical Studies

In April 1987 students assisted with C.D.T. work in Hardwick Primary School. Industrial visits were arranged to J.B. Smith Ltd., Stockton and J. Body Ltd., Boroughbridge (Timber Preservation) and Silleck Ltd., Eaglescliffe (Plastic moulding).

RECENT DEGREE SUCCESSES

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| David Alexander | B.Sc. | Operational Research | Lancaster University |
| Jennifer Anderson | LI.B. | Law | Hull University |
| Kevin Bailey | B.A. | Fine Art | Sunderland Polytechnic |
| Paul Bonson | B.Sc. | Applied Chemistry | Newcastle Polytechnic |
| Susan Briscoe | B.A. | Art/Theatre | Aberystwyth University |
| Victoria Carnell | B.Sc. | Physiology | Kings College, London |
| Karen Cornish | B.Ed. | Education | Westhill College |
| Julia Cutty | B.A. | History | Newcastle University |
| Stephen Dunn | B.A. | Biochemistry | Oxford University |
| Nigel Fletcher | B.Sc. | Mining Engineering | Newcastle University |
| Leanda French | A.R.C.A. | 3D Design | Royal College |
| Dawn Harrison | B.A. | Textiles/Fashion | Kingston Polytechnic |
| Julie Hitchcock | B.A. | History | Manchester University |
| Karen Husband | B.A. | Economics | Newcastle Polytechnic |
| Diane Jackson | B.A. | Sports Science/History | Loughborough University |
| Arran Jennings | B.A. | Design | Loughborough University |
| Steven Lobb | B.Sc. | Economics | Salford University |
| Clare Devine | M.A. | Education | Durham University |
| Judith McKenna | LI.B. | Law | Hull University |
| Alison McKenzie | B.A. | English | Birmingham University |
| Clare Major | LI.B. | Law | Leicester Polytechnic |
| Judith Moran | B.A. | Sociology | Leeds University |
| Katherine Rennie | B.Sc. | Physiology | Leeds University |
| Sarah Salway | B.A. | Human Science | Oxford University |
| Karen Simpson | B.D.S. | Dentistry | Newcastle University |
| Petrina Smith | BM, BCH | Medicine | Oxford University |
| Jeffrey Stephenson | B.Sc. | Computer Science | Hatfield Polytechnic |
| Marion Stockton | B.A. | Sociology | Sheffield University |
| Caroline Stott | B.Sc. | Medical Sciences | Nottingham University |
| Simon Studholme | B.Sc. | Quantity Surveying | Birmingham Polytechnic |
| Gregory Taylor | B.Sc. | Physics | Manchester University |
| James Walker | B.Sc. | Chemistry | Essex University |
| Karen Watchman | B.A. | Social Administration | Stirling University |
| Sharon Watson | B.A. | English/American Studies | East Anglia University |
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HELPING DISABLED PEOPLE ON HOLIDAY

Part of my recent summer holiday I spent at Skylarks in Nottingham. Skylarks is one of three purpose built centres run by the Winged Fellowship Trust which was set up to provide holidays for disabled people. Other centres are situated in Essex and Surrey, and a fourth centre is under construction in Southport.

Skylarks was opened in October 1978 near to the River Trent. It is within a few yards of a nature reserve and very close to the National Water Sports Centre where guests often watch the various events. The centre of Nottingham is only a mile or so away.

Skylarks has thirty one beds for disabled people who are always referred to as guests and the same number of voluntary helpers can also be accommodated. It has its own swimming pool which is freely available to guests and to helpers in their off-duty time.

Each helper is responsible for assisting one guest in getting out of bed and dressing every morning but is expected to give help to whoever needs it during the rest of the day. Baths are provided with lifting gear which makes that particular task much easier or at least it does so after the helpers have been given the necessary operating instructions. Some guests require help to go to the toilet and with feeding and there are always wheelchairs to be pushed. Helpers are asked to do some work in the kitchen and also a little cleaning around the centre.

Guests and helpers are able to go to church each Sunday if they wish to do so, although the journey by wheelchair is a little rough! During the fortnight I spent at the centre there were opportunities to go shopping in both Derby and Nottingham. Newark market was well worth a visit and the fish and chip tea that followed was particularly enjoyable as was a cruise on the River Trent.

I was sorry to miss the visit to Southwell Minster but on that occasion my help was needed at the centre. Outings that I was able to join included a picnic at an American Theme Park, guided tour of Lincoln Cathedral and a thrilling trip to Alton Towers where we were given free admission. The highlight of the day at Alton Towers was a visit to the circus. This was thoroughly appreciated by guests and helpers alike. Equally interesting was the excursion to Belvoir Castle, a magnificent Norman building in Leicestershire.

Evenings were occupied by discos, films, bingo, treasure hunts and on one occasion a theatre visit to see "Oliver". A fancy dress party was held on the final evening.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Skylarks although the first day was extremely hectic with all the arrivals and departures. The food was wonderful and tea and coffee were always available. Extra helpings were there for the asking and the permanent staff were very friendly and helpful.

There is no doubt that the work is hard but the gratitude shown by the guests makes it very rewarding and well worthwhile.

Further information about the Winged Fellowship Trust can be obtained from Angel House, Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. Guests are normally expected to pay towards the cost of their holiday but financial help is available for those who need it. Helpers are always needed from March to the end of October and obviously helping at one of the centres is a really worthwhile way of spending a few weeks.

Lorraine Clark

THE BURR TRADITION

Ian and Brian Burr have been regular contributors to The New Stocktonian for several years. Although they have both left College, the name of Burr has not yet disappeared from these pages. Mrs. Burr obviously determined to maintain the tradition started by her sons has provided the following two items.

"If music be the food of love . . ."

It all began with the Sixth Form trip, for which many thanks to all staff involved, when the first of my two sons made his first visit to Stratford-on-Avon one Christmas. Since then he became an honorary member of the mini bus club despite his turbulent travelling stomach! Now both sons have returned to that hallowed place of pilgrimage for the umpteenth time and a month following the eldest has celebrated his 21st birthday there, escorting me around the places of interest and attending plays at both the Memorial and the Swan Theatres, not forgetting 'the other place'.

My experience of Shakespeare's plays consisted of 'O' and 'A' level Literature including that unmentionable play, 'Anthony and Cleopatra'. These 30 years later my red Warwick edition with its notes has proved useful to yet another examination candidate of a different generation.

My sole stage experience began and ended with 'Henry V' at the Old Vic where as a schoolgirl in the 'gods' I saw Roger Livesey, Alec Clunes and Dorothy Tutin. An old rexine bound blue and gilt copy of the complete works has now been well thumbed and my sons have completed 20 performances by now and followed the R.S.C. from Stratford to the Barbican to Newcastle and back.

Now even I can say I've survived a performance of Titus Andronicus. What! You say you've never heard of it?!

THE UNIVERSITY INTERVIEW

"I shall be going dressed all in black" said my potential candidate son one morning on receiving a request to go for interview "but could you purchase some red socks?" I complied with the request hoping the red socks would make him feel at ease.

"Aren't you going to do something about your hair?" we chorused, being brought up in the generation of short back and sides.

"I'm not out to create a false impression" quite wisely reiterated our son. Reflecting, I suppose he does look like a 'student'!

On the day of the interview the bus crews in York went on strike so a taxi had to be paid for, leaving him only £1 with which he bought the very last British Rail sandwich on the Inter-City back to Darlington.

"Did you get a receipt for your taxi expenses?" I asked.

"No, but I retained my sandwich sticker". This by now was visible on a now empty work file as "Prawn Cocktail Mayonnaise"!

The contents of the file once consumed by the Professor of English had not been weighed by me and so it was that one morning the post person rang the bell and demanded excess postage!

Still it seems the red socks proved lucky and soon will be winging their way onto a washing line somewhere on the University Campus.

Mrs. Evelyn Burr

ANGLO-FRENCH EXCHANGE

The Exchange visit between Stockton Sixth Form College and the Lycee Auguste Renoir at Asnieres (Paris).

Easter 1987 saw the first exchange of young people between our twin towns. On Tuesday, 7th April, in the early hours of the morning, seven students from Stockton Sixth Form College, in the care of Vice Principal Mrs. S. Cornish set off for Asnieres.

The group had a good journey to Paris, enjoying what was for most of them their first experience of crossing the Channel by hovercraft. They were met by their host students at the Lycee in Asnieres as the English party's arrival coincided with the end of a four-hour mock examination.

Time in Paris was divided between organised visits and days with the French families. The former included the Town Hall in Paris, the Picasso museum, the Museum D'Orsay (which has been converted from a former railway station), the Basilica of St. Denis and Versailles. Whilst with the families, visits were also made to the famous landmarks of Paris, with the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysees and Notre Dame as the most popular.

Life in Paris was a mixture of the unexpected and the surprising. The group had anticipated the crowds and the speed of the traffic, but not, perhaps the high security in force in the form of policemen with machine guns and regular searches of one's bag, even when entering a supermarket.

One very pleasant occasion was a reception at the Town Hall in Asnieres, where each visitor was presented with a souvenir and the deputy mayor made a speech of welcome. Photographs were taken for the local newspaper and champagne and trays of delicious savouries were served. As, during a somewhat hectic day, most of the group somehow had skipped lunch, the French were no doubt surprised at the speed with which the refreshments disappeared!

The Asnieres Council also invited Mr. and Mrs. Cornish to a meal on a boat one evening. Cruising down the Seine, eating a candle-lit dinner and looking at the floodlit buildings is an unforgettable experience.

The journey home was not quite as smooth as the one to Paris, as the party had the misfortune to cross London just as hundreds of thousands of Londoners felt, during the very early heatwave, the call of the country. They eventually trundled into Middlesbrough on a somewhat ancient and distinctly non-rapide bus at 1.30 in the morning and were safely delivered to their parents.

On Easter Monday, 20th April, 1987, ten French students from the Lycee Auguste Renoir in Asnieres escorted by their English teacher, Monsieur Jean Vizern, arrived in Stockton. They were met by the Principal of the College, Mr. H.R. Clarke, the Vice Principal, Mrs. S. Cornish, Mrs. A.M. Hufton, Head of Modern Languages, the exchange organiser, and the host families.

The following day, after a morning of rest, the party was invited to a reception at Stockton Town Hall, where the Worshipful Mayor, Councillor K. Craggs bid them an official welcome. Mr. Tom Sowler, local historian, introduced the visitors to the history of Stockton. This was followed by a visit to Green Dragon Yard, the Georgian Theatre and Stockton Parish Church. The students spent the rest of the afternoon getting acquainted with the local shops and cafes.

During their week's stay in Stockton, the French students were taken to Preston Park Museum, Captain Cook's Museum, Great Ayton, and the two nearby towns of Whitby and York. The splendid weather, quite unusual for the season, permitted even a climb of Roseberry Topping. The students spent the following weekend with their respective host families and on Monday and Tuesday they attended lessons at the Sixth Form College. On Wednesday, 28th April, they returned to Paris, enriched with a new and warm experience of reciprocated friendship. It has been for all concerned, including the organisers, a very successful and enjoyable venture.

SATELLITE GROUP

Stockton Sixth Form College has now moved forward into the Space Age! We have established an interested group of students who are developing the study of data received by us from orbiting Earth satellites.

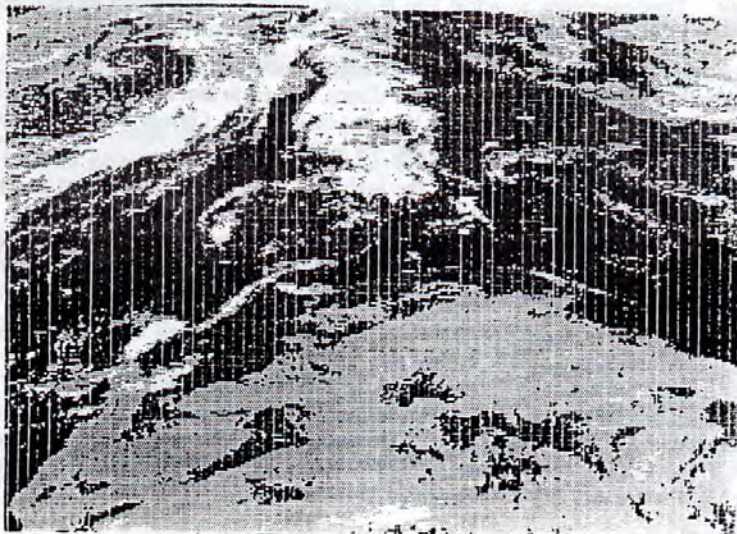
Our main work at the moment is producing pictures, beamed down from space, of our planet and its weather systems. By the time you read this we should also be working on signals received from the UOSAT (University of Surrey) satellites. (These have been designed, built, launched and run especially with education in mind, and they send down the results of physics experiments performed up there in orbit).

Weather photographs from space began in April, 1960, when the Americans launched the first NOAA (National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration) satellite. The tumbling cost of high-tech has now brought the price range of receivers and computers in line with the budget of schools and colleges.

Classified by orbit, there are two main types of satellite : polar-orbiting and geosynchronous. The first kind pass over both poles of the Earth, completing one orbit in about an hour and a half. They come within our range for about 15 minutes on each orbit. The second type are much further out, in fact over 22,000 miles from the surface of the Earth. This means that they will orbit the Earth in a time equal to the spin period of the earth itself, hence they appear to stay in the same place in the sky. Very handy for pointing an aerial at. These satellites will supply a picture of the whole globe unlike the polar satellites which are much closer and cannot see all of our planet at once.

At the moment we are recording pictures on floppy disc with the help of a BBC microcomputer and printing them using a screen dump routine. Further experiments on picture recording are planned. Students of computing are thus actively involved, as are geography students in the analysis of the pictures and physicists are seeing gravitation, Doppler effect, radio waves and electronics in live action. The accompanying picture is the very first one we printed and was received in visible light from Meteosat 2 on the afternoon of the 14th July 1987. Note the cyclonic pattern in the North Atlantic. We were under a large cloud blanket at the time, not an unusual occurrence!

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1986 Not awarded

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1986 Not awarded

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Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of the Founder of the Association, Evan Baldwin (1882 - 1965), O.B.E. Hon. M.Ed. (Dunelm); Geography Master 1906 - 32. The Prizes are awarded annually at Stockton Sixth Form College, in the sum of £8 and one year's membership of the Association each.

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Hon. Auditor : Mr. J. Ingham

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1987

This is to be held on Monday 8th February 1988 at 7.30 p.m. in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of 1986 A G M held on 26th March 1987.
3. Matters arising.
4. Membership Records Secretary's Report.
5. New Stocktonian Editor's Report.
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.
7. Benevolent Fund Report.
8. Election of Officers. *
9. Election of other members to Committee. **
10. Alteration to Rule 3(d) etc. ***
11. Date of next Committee Meeting in March.
12. Any other business.

* Committee's nominations are :-
Association President for our 75th anniversary year :- Mr. T.F. Sowler.
one new Vice President :- Mr. P. Graham.
otherwise re-election of those in office.

** Nominations earnestly sought from YOU to fill eight current vacancies - it is not arduous, only 8 hrs of chat a year.

*** Committee's proposal for addition to Rule as underlined (no deletions) :-

" 3. The Officers of the Association shall be :-

(a) (b) (c)

(d) A Secretary and Assistant Secretary; or

A number of Section Secretaries for each of the sub-divisions of the Secretary's office as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. These together with up to twelve elected members to make a total strength of between eighteen and twenty four, shall constitute the Committee of Management.

With the exception of

Please members, make every effort to attend, if you are able, to support your Committee's efforts, or to decry same, as one of these years your Committee may give in.

J.A. GREEN

61ST ANNUAL DINNER

The 61st Annual Dinner of the Old Stocktonians' Association was held in the more usual surroundings of the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe but now lavishly extended. The attendance of 47 was lower than our recent high of the 60th Dinner, but nevertheless a convivial and appreciative audience for our guest, Canon Neville Jones, Domestic Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Durham.

Our President, Paul Graham introduced Canon Jones with the confession that he had been one of Neville's choir boys, in his days at St. Mary's Norton. In reply Canon Jones pointed to other former members of his choirs and congregations of the past, and said how delighted he was to be with us. As a former Chairman of Governors at the "Blue Coats" Stockton Grammar School he was well versed in the education world and gave us his thoughts on recent trends. This was lightened by his story of a visit to his daughter who is a member of her university ladies' rugby team. Neville recalled that he had never met a nicer hooker!

Neville ended by proposing the toast to the Association. Paul Graham replied, thanking Neville and then proposed a toast to the College, represented by four members of the Student Council, Ruth Stage, Lisa Reynolds, Neal Davies and Peter Hope. Being unable to decide who should have the two tickets we present to the Students, they decided to buy two and come as a foursome! (Yes, Neal is the son of Peter (Podge) Davies and Dad did behave himself - as always - he told me to add!).

The new Principal of the Sixth Form College, Howard Clarke, was abroad - a long standing holiday arrangement, and in his absence asked our President to relate some of the year's outstanding events and achievements.

As usual the College students had spread their energies over a wide field of educational, sporting and cultural activities.

The evening ended as usual with the adjournment debates in or near the bar. Once more a pleasant series of reunions of old friends and, may I say, especially pleasing for me with so many of the guests having been pupils in my early days in teaching.

BRIAN BRAND

Grammar School

62ND ANNUAL DINNER

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

Date : Saturday, 19th March 1988 (7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.)

Price : Tickets are £10.00

from Dinner Secretary, Brian Brand, 24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton,
Cleveland TS18 5PJ (S.A.E. please) or from Committee Members.

The guest has yet to be arranged.

Non-members of the Association are most welcome.

Menu

French Onion Soup

Roast Spring Chicken
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Selection of Vegetables and Potatoes

Black Forest Gateau

Coffee with Cream and Mints

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Brian Brand direct, at the above address or on 0642-583025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986

This was held on 26th March 1987 in Stockton Sixth Form College with Mr. P. Graham, the Association President in the Chair. Others present were:- Mr. H.R. Clarke (Principal of the Sixth Form College), Miss L. Waring, Rev. Mrs. J.M. Thomas, Messrs B.P. Brand, J.A. Green, J. Ingham, F. Jackson, and R. Wynzar. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs C.J. Beeston, C. Bell, M.R. Gillespie, J.G. Rattenbury, T.F. Sowler, and R. Ward.

The Minutes of the 1985 Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

The Hon. Secretary reported that there were 9 new members in 1986; Annual members numbered 116 of whom 78 had paid subscriptions in advance; and Life members with confirmed addresses numbered 240.

He reported that 1030 Year Books would be printed at an expected cost of £510, but that the obtaining of advertisers had been difficult although eventually he had obtained the same number of pages as last year at an expected income of £430.

The Hon. Secretary apologised for the lateness of the Year Book due to various causes including that of distance (living in London) and for the same reasons did not wish to re-stand as Hon. Secretary although willing to support in any other way.

Copies of the Balance Sheet and Accounts were circulated and this showed a balance in the Life Members' and General Fund of £1,301.68 and in the Memorial Prize Funds of £340.79.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the finances were healthy following a substantial profit of £89.21 on the Annual Dinner and a smaller loss of £33.27 on the New Stocktonian to give a surplus for the Life Members' and General Fund of £257.27 against a surplus of £53.81 for the previous year.

He thanked Mr. D.L. Steel for his services as Hon. Auditor.

Mr. B.P. Brand reported that the Benevolent Fund now had four Trustees again with Mr. H.R. Clarke (Principal of the Sixth Form College) having been recently appointed. Other information he gave is reported elsewhere in this Year Book.

Mr. P. Graham was duly re-elected as Association President.

The five existing Vice Presidents together with Mr. J.G. Rattenbury were all duly elected as Vice Presidents.

There was no member present, or known to those present, who was willing to be nominated for the arduous office of Secretary, so it was unanimously carried that the duties of this office should be subdivided. Various members then volunteered to fill the separate sections of the Secretary's duties as the list given elsewhere in this Year Book. These members were then all duly elected.

Mr. C.J. Beeston was duly re-elected as Hon. Treasurer with Mr. D.L. Steel being re-appointed as Hon. Auditor.

Four other members of Committee were duly elected as the sum total of those known as willing to be nominated. (The rules call for twelve other members of Committee - so anyone, especially newer members in the area, reading this - how about it?).

There was a proposal which was carried unanimously, to include the word 'upto' in Rule 3(b) so that this will now read:- "3. The Officers of the Association shall be :- (a) (b) Up to six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President."

It was agreed that a proposal to amend Rule 3(d) will be put before the members at the next AGM to ratify the sub-division of the Secretary's office.

Four minor topics were noted under Any Other Business before the Chairman closed the meeting which had lasted for 1 hr. 13 mins.

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THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1986 there was a credit balance at the Darlington Building Society of £1,695.51. A donation of £10 was made and interest for the year amounted to £102.52. No grants or loans were requested. The credit balance at the D.B.S. on 31st December 1986 therefore amounted to £1,808.03.

Thanks are due to Mr. John Ingham for auditing the accounts. We hope to have his valuable assistance for many years to come. During the current year a donation of £10 has been received from Mrs. Marian Guile of Grantham in memory of her husband John. She felt that he would have wished it, for he so enjoyed each year receiving and reading his year book. In 1987 loans totalling £200 have been made by the Trustees to cover temporary student cash flow problems. These have since been repaid.

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

TOM SOWLER

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday, 8th April, 1987

With Easter 'late' this year there was great hope that many of the University and Polytechnic students would be able to support the events, strengthen the teams and reverse our series of 'not so good' showings in recent years.

As usual the weather saved up something special for us! To say it was 'bad' would be an understatement and the fact that any outside activities were able to be played was a tribute to the efforts of the College P.E. and Ground staffs. The Men's Hockey, due to be staged on the 'all weather' pitch at Tilery, had to be abandoned because the pitch was under water !!!

Jane Herron has had to step down from organising the Ladies' Hockey next year and Anne Keay has had to give up the Netball job due to a move south and an addition to the family. Eleanor Smith has agreed to take over both jobs for 1988. Our thanks go to Jane and to Anne for all the hard work they have put in to make the Extravaganza a success over the last few years.

Once again the Association is indebted to Pete Hudson, Jackie Edwards and Liz Marsden at the Sixth Form College for all their efforts, for without them there would have been no events at all. Thanks also go to Stocktonians who organised and participated in sports.

LADIES HOCKEY : Lost 1 - 2

Team : Jane Herron, + ?

All Jane can remember about the game is that the team came off looking as if they had played a rugby match rather than a hockey match.

JANE HERRON

LADIES' NETBALL : WON 14 - 10

Team : Kath Finlay, Jane Howard, Eleanor Smith, Jane Herron, Anne Keay, Ruth Buckley, Gail Cook, Joanne?

It was hard to get a team together at first. After a lot of help from Jackie Edwards and a few phone calls we soon came up with seven players. The game began really well as the Stocktonians went into a fast lead. We put up five shots, all going in. It was a bit of a shock to both sides. Talk about a fast game - the College team struggled to keep up with the pace. Side-line coaching by Jackie Edwards gave good advice to slow down a bit.

A few knocks and a shove here and there landed Jane Howard flat on her face with a few bruises to show for it at the end of the day.

The final score was a win for the 'oldies' and I think a good time was had by all. I'd just like to thank everyone who played and hope that they enjoyed it enough to play next year.

ANNE KEAY

RUGBY : Lost 35 - 4

Team : Paul Raines, Andrew Bean, Geoff Bean, Anthony Horner, Jonathan Sayers, Mark Lamond, Mark Dexter, Carl Churchill, David Iceton, Adrian Richmond, Chris Skinner, Darren Moody, and three College 'guests' Andrew Pinnegar, Peter Harrison, A.N. Other.

The match was played in treacherous conditions and the College XV (led by Geoff Lee) adapted more quickly and easily to them.

After a tight first ten minutes the College XV started to put the 'Old Boys' under intense pressure with some clever tactical kicking by fly-half Billy Hudspith. This led to their first try. The College maintained the pressure and went in (really? - Ed.) at half time deserving their 24 - 0 lead. In the second half the 'Old Boys' started to put some moves together and mid-way through the second half, after some superb forward play, David Iceton scored their only try. This did not deter the College team who ran in some excellent tries, due to superb handling by both the forwards and backs, to become deserving winners.

PAUL RAINES

SOCCER : Won 3 - 2

Team : D. Bailey, G. Bunn, K. Tulip, M. Bailey, J. Brookes, K. Fawcett, R. Bailey, G. Bennington, S. Phillips, G. Johnston, N. Stewart

The usual conditions prevailed for the 'Old Boys' spectacular battle; very muddy and wet. The 'Old Boys' elected to kick off up hill after winning the toss, a good omen! The 'Boys' began attacking from the kick off, Phillips and Bennington combining to put Johnston away who was unlucky with a good shot which just went wide. The College then made a few sorties into the 'Old Boys' goal area but the defence left them floundering. The breakthrough came when Bunn played a good long ball to Stewart who raced forward, rounded the keeper and smashed a great shot into the net: half-time 1 - 0.

From the beginning of this half the 'Boys' pressed home for the 'kill', good work by M. Bailey put Fawcett away who crossed for Johnston to scrape the woodwork with a fine header. With the 'Boys' next attack, R. Bailey put Phillips away who centred for Stewart to round the keeper and shoot home; 2 - 0. The College forwards were finding the tough tackling 'Boys' defence somewhat of a handful when yet another attack failed. The 'Boys' pressed forward yet again, Johnston winning a corner on the right which was floated in by Bunn to the feet of Fawcett who rifled a clean shot through the crowded goalmouth into the bottom corner of the net; 3 - 0. At this point the 'Old Boys' made a tactical change which nearly proved to be their downfall. Tulip went into goal to let D. Bailey into the attack. With the next College attack the alarm bells were ringing when Tulip failed to gather and Brookes had to clear the danger at the expense of a corner. At this point the College broke through, rounded Tulip and pulled back a goal to make the score 3 - 1. This was make or break time for the 'Old Boys' who wondered if their squandered chances were going to cost them dearly. Worries were confirmed when with the next College attack, the

'Boys' defence was caught flat footed and the hapless Tulip was again beaten with a good ground shot to pull the score back to 3 - 2. Phillips then dropped back into the defence and the 'Boys' battled through to the final whistle. The game was a credit to everyone in terms of their spirit and skill. Thanks to everyone involved. Bad luck the College - better luck next year!!

JOHN BROOKES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIXED VOLLEYBALL No reports available at time of going to press.

MEN'S HOCKEY : Fixture abandoned due to state of pitches.

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA 1988

The 1988 Sports Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday, 13th April 1988. This is due to Easter occurring early this year and the late return of students from Universities/Polys. If you are a sportsman/sportswoman of any standard, we would be pleased to see you as a player; otherwise do come along as a spectator at Stockton Sixth Form College from 1.30 p.m.

We hope to organise a 'get together', at a local hostelry, on the evening of the Extravaganza - more details and tickets will be available from coordinators closer to the events. (Price? 50p - £1)

Team Coordinators:

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Eleanor Smith | Ladies Hockey and Netball | 552816 |
| Paul Raines | Rugby | 583640 |
| John Brookes | Soccer | 582971 |
| Ian Roberts | Men's Basketball/ Mixed Volleyball | 613921 Work |
| John Ions | Men's Hockey | 615266 |

The problems of getting together a rugby team are increased by the advisability of playing an UNDER-21 team against the College. This is due to problems over liability for any injuries that may arise during a game which involves older players. It is especially important therefore that former pupils who are currently students (and rugby players) contact Paul Raines to help us field a team in future years.

As usual we are always pleased to meet 'old' Stocktonians on this occasion and it may be an opportunity for past College members to call and see staff at the College earlier in the afternoon.

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NEW MEMBERS

GORDON SPENCE ANDERSON (1985 - 87) is taking Computing & Mathematics course at Bath University.

LOUISE M. CARTWRIGHT (1985 - 87) is going to Heriott Watt University, Edinburgh to study Economics.

PENNY WILSON (1985 - 87) is reading medicine at Leicester University.

A HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION & SCHOOLS

Several members have written to us over the years expressing an interest in a History of the Association or of those schools (or College) to which we went. On looking back through some very old copies of magazines recently, TOM SOWLER thought that there may be enough material available there to make a start on such a task but there would need to be considerable support from members if his proposal was to become a reality. Before he begins a serious attempt Tom requires support as follows:

- (a) Members must be prepared to contribute facts about the Association or Schools/ College preferably with documentary evidence (e.g. photographs, newspaper cuttings, photocopies of records, references in books etc.) or be able to point him to where he can find/verify statements. Anecdotes and reminiscences are no help I'm afraid.
- (b) Members must also be willing to buy a copy of the produced article, which Tom anticipates being something like the present magazine or slightly better if photographs are to be included (which will, of course, increase the price).

If you feel you have factual details that may be of use and interest, please don't hesitate, the chance may not arise again if support is not forthcoming now. Put down your offerings on paper (no phone calls please!) or your photos/newsprint in an envelope and send them to :

TOM SOWLER, 2 HIGHFIELD CRESCENT, HARTBURN, STOCKTON-ON-TEES,
CLEVELAND TS18 5HH

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

JOANNE BEDFORD (1979 - 81) has just returned from South America and has now taken up a Market Research post with Imbucon, London.

CHERITH JOCITA CANNON (1979 - 81) confirmed her address and paid subs but still leaves us in suspense as to her present labours!

Dr. NEIL J.B. CARBARNES (1970 - 77) writes to confirm his mailing address and nicely tops up his subs. After graduating BSc, MB, ChB from Edinburgh University in 1983, Neil practised general medicine in Edinburgh for three years. He has now moved to Cardiff where he is Registrar in Clinical Microbiology at the University Hospital of Wales.

E. CLARK (1927 - 34) writes from Richmond N. Yorks to confirm his address and inform us of the passing of J.G. STIRLING (1928 - 34) (see obituary). Mr. Clark was a former headmaster of

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NICK CROFT (1979 - 81) is now working in Slough, we think as an accountant.

SARAH DAY (1982 - 84) has confirmed her address and added to subs but unfortunately gives us no other news.

E.H. FIEKE (1923 - 28) whilst confirming his address gives us some reminiscences of his time in Cleveland. He was last on Teesside in 1974 for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Tees Lift Bridge, being one of only 10 people, it seems, that could be contacted who had actually worked on the construction of the bridge. Though he was born in Middlesbrough, going to the Hugh Bell and later to West Dyke in Redcar, he felt like a visitor (which he supposes he was!) and missed many of the old land-marks: the Iron & Steel works, the Coke Ovens etc... His early days in County Durham (as it was then) are recalled by attending Newtown School and later the "good old Sec' ". Vivid in his memories are the horsedrawn cabs and the stand in the High Street, the Hirings (with the area lit by flares), the Cenotaph Services, trams and solid tyre buses. Names of local firms are clearly etched in his mind, sadly many of these are now gone: Blairs Engine, Rileys Boilers, Ashmore-Benson-Pease, Ropners, Smiths Dock & Craig Taylors. He also remembers a small I.C.I. Works at Billingham (or was it then Brunner Mond). Most of all he remembers the friends and staff at the Sec' - G.G., Froggy, Cuthy, Tibby, Taffy, Phizzy, Von Upton, Dr. Crockett and the rest. Mr. Fieke was in the first rugby XV ever to play for the Stockton Secondary School and served twice on the Old Stocktonians Committee (in the 30's and 50's). As far as the staff of the Sec' is concerned, Mr. Fieke deliberately leaves until last Evan Baldwin "the great Master who never became a Head Master and to whom many of us owe so much".

IAN GORRELL (1969 - 76) probably outdoes John Moore (see below) in terms of numbers of items sent and asked for but is perhaps shaded on the 'volume' of news. Having just spent six months as an EEC Scientific Assistant in Chemical Crystallography in the Institute of Chemistry at Arhus University, Denmark, Ian is now beginning to think about writing up his long-gestating PhD at Durham.

PAUL GREGORY (1968 - 75) tops up his subs handsomely (thank you Paul!) and sends us his new address. After marrying in 1983 Paul and his wife started on building a new Dental Surgery in Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield. He says it is known as a "squat" in dental terminology because you open the door and wait for the patients to come!! They took a near derelict terrace house and, with lots of hard work, DIY and elbow grease created two surgeries and a waiting room. Some four years on they are doing well and glad they 'took the plunge'. To complete things, so to speak, they had a baby son, James, in November 1986 who has currently reached the age of getting into everything. Paul passes on the news that a former student **CHRIS BULMER (?)** has opened a very nice Art shop in Yarm, in partnership with a friend. Paul would very much like to hear news of **P. DURRANT, A.M. GRANGE, J. GILL, and D. HALL** as he has not heard anything since leaving after A-levels. (Anyone able to oblige? - Ed.)

JACK HAIGH (1923 - 25) has responded handsomely to our request for news of former students by sending the following details of his career since leaving S.S.S. It would be true to say that journalism, of one form or another, has been the main pre-occupation of Jack during his working life (a talent which he may owe to the 'grass-roots' work of C.W. King and T.B. Brooke, who were his English masters at the S.S.S.). He was script writer for 'The Rascals', the official soldiers' concert party for Palestine (1939-41), made contributions to 30 Children's Radio plays broadcast from Jerusalem (1941-44) and a Special Features Programme introduced by Prince Peter of Greece & Denmark 1944. Working for the Forces Broadcasting Service (1945-47) Jack was involved with 116 radio programmes.

He did find time to marry in 1949 (to Josephine McLoughlin in London). From 1956 Jack's journalistic career moved into the written rather than spoken section of journalism when he joined the staff of The Racing Calendar (where he remained until 1968) and thence as Sports sub-editor on The Daily Sketch (1968-71), The Daily Mirror (1971-72) and The Daily Mail (1972-84), where he was the paper's cricket statistician. Jack writes under the name of 'John Astolat'. During this period he produced two publications 'Theory of Genius' (1972), 'Constellation of Genius' (1982) as the proprietor of The Greenfriar Press. Given carte blanche to clear piles of 'rubbish' from his borrowed weekend cottage in Devon, Jack discovered the paintings and personal papers of the great Victorian watercolourist R.P. Phillimore. The discovery included many of the postcards for which Phillimore is famous, together with their original artwork. Phillimore used to sell the cards for a halfpenny but collectors now pay £4 a time. This find prompted Jack to publish a book in 1985 'Phillimore: The Postcard Art of R.P. Phillimore'. He also planned a London exhibition of Phillimore's watercolours. Jack says that perhaps the most unusual feature of his journalistic years was that although he had 174 radio programmes broadcast by the Palestine Broadcasting Service, The South African Broadcasting Corporation, and The Forces Broadcasting Service, he has never had a radio programme broadcast in this country. Jack's many contributions to the world of journalism rightly give him a substantial entry in the 'International Authors and Writers Who's Who' and we are proud to count him amongst our 'former students'.

HAZEL HALL (1979 - 81) writes to tell us of her new address after her marriage to Tim Read from Bristol in June 1987. Hazel is training to be a librarian and is working as a library assistant at Birmingham University Library. In September 1987 she is due to start a librarianship course at library school in Birmingham. **JUDITH HALL (1980 - 82)** who is Hazel's sister is in the middle of her PhD in Pharmacology at Kings College, London where she gained a first class honours degree in 1986.

TIM HARRISON (1979 - 81), having gained a degree in Computing from North Staffs Poly has formed his own company and is currently developing a mortgage scheme for NatWest.

STUART HART (1938 - 40) writes 'post-haste' (by airmail) from Australia to give us his new address. He says that fellow Rotarians may be interested to know that he served as District Governor of Rotary District 952 in 1986-7. The district encompasses parts of four Australian States, includes 50 clubs, some of which involved round trips of over 600 miles when visiting them. The post involved attending for a training session in the U.S.A.! On his return journey to Australia he visited Stockton for 3 days in February, when it snowed and was bitterly cold but the Cleveland Hills, with the covering of snow, looked as beautiful as ever. He urges us all to preserve the natural, and man made, beauty of the English countryside. Stuart migrated to Australia 30 years ago but he still has many nostalgic memories of 'Heriot Country'. Nevertheless, given the English climate at the time, it was good to get back to sunny South Australia with his garden of orange, lemon, grapefruit and apricot trees. On his visit Stuart spent a pleasant weekend with **PAUL INGMAN (?)** in the London Area.

GRANVILLE D HEWITT (1916 - 22) one of our oldest members confirmed his address and sent a generous donation for which we are most grateful!

ARTHUR BRADBURY HOY (1956 - 63) courageously writes us a long letter. On leaving school in 1963 he went to Leeds University to read Electrical Engineering. After the statutory three years he joined C.A. Parsons. The first two years were spent doing his graduate apprenticeship before joining the 'outside department' as a Commissioning Engineer. Arthur met his wife-to-be in Nottingham while working at Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station. After marrying they went to live in Pembrokeshire and thence to Scotland. Promotion to Senior Instrument Commissioning Engineer followed and Arthur's two children Joanne and James were born in Scotland. Sadly Arthur had to retire at 41 having contracted multiple sclerosis and is now resident in a Cheshire Home. Arthur well remembers the time when Mr. Munday asked him for his definition of vice (the Latin version of course!). After Arthur had given his interpretation he said that this almost raised the roof!! (He failed Latin, he says,

but got the rest) (Arthur would, I understand be very pleased to hear from 'Old Boys' that knew him and they may write c/o 22, Eland Edge, Eland Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle - Editor).

Dr. CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON (1973 - 80) was married in April 1987 to Fiona Jane, who he met at University (congratulations! - Ed.). Chris works as a Management Consultant for Arthur Anderson & Co.

STEVEN INGLEDEW (1979 - 81) is now doing Market Research with Imbucon, London and is about to leave for the Middle East.

CLAIR JONES (1979 - 81) confirmed her address and increased her subs by a handsome amount but sadly gives no news of her current 'activities'.

H.W. JONES (Staff : 1949 - 51) keeps in touch regularly as usual but sadly adds no news to his address confirmation and donation.

J.H. LIVINGSTON (1913? - 1919?) fears, as he approaches his 86th year, that his generation at Nelson Terrace is becoming very thin on the ground. He has tried to maintain contact over the years with his frequent visits to the North but unfortunately the years are beginning to tell and he can no longer travel like he could. Dr. Livingstone is uncertain when he first attended S.S.S. (so are we! - Ed.) but recalls spending a few months at Richard Hind School when it first opened and then going to the S.S.S. **HORACE KING (1912 - 17)**, **WILF NODDINGS (?)** and **JOHN MCGREGOR (?)** were among his contemporaries. He will always be extremely grateful to the late J.J. Prest, the Headmaster of his day, and to the late Evan Baldwin for making his career in medicine possible. When he decided to go in for medicine Latin was a compulsory subject for matriculation but was not included in the school curriculum. However, "those two gentlemen were able to knock sufficient Latin into my head within a year, which enabled me to pass the Higher Oxford Matriculation exam, and so began my medical training". During the same period Miss Agnes Edle (a former teacher in the S.S.S. girls school) coached him the elements of Botany and eased the problems of his first year's medical training. He also remembers that in his days at Nelson Terrace Forms 1 and 2 were mixed and Miss Nelson, the Headmistress, and some of the female staff had dealings with the two forms - this was to become commonplace throughout the school when World War I broke out! Dr. Livingstone concludes that "I shall always cherish my years at S.S.S. and remember the excellent and devoted teaching staff". (Many thanks for your very kind donation - Editor.)

ALISON MACKENSIE (1979 - 82) 'topped up' her subs (many thanks Alison!), purchased a stick pin, confirmed her address and gave us the following news items. She is currently a Retail Manageress for the Edinburgh Woollen Mill at one of the Princess Street branches in Edinburgh. Alison adds that

NICOLA GRAHAM (1979 - 81) and **CLAIRE BUTLER (1979 - 81)** both got married in 1986 and now live in York and Thornaby respectively.

DAVID McKECHNIE (1926 - 31) who now lives in Gateshead has, in recent years, done quite a bit of globe trotting in order to visit his daughters. Occasionally he does find time in his retirement to call on his sister, Mary, in Stockton. On one such occasion recently he attended the local Rotary club as the guest of Tom Sowler and in a short address recalled that the last time he had lunched with Tom was before the war, on foot, on the open road when returning from a fortnight's hike in the Lake District. The date was 1932 and the menu was a mixture of dry cocoa powder and butter, for no other supplies remained and all pocket money had been expended. Fellow sufferers on that occasion were Ron Breckon, Sid Knowles, Les Harker and Stan Waller.

TOM SOWLER (1926 - 31) who gave us the above news also writes to say that at the last A.G.M. of the Grangefield Grammar School Old Girls' Association there appeared to be an Old Boy interloper and wondered whether this was the first time that such an unseemly event had occurred. Enquiry revealed no cause for consternation and alarm for he (Tom of course!) was there in the role of guest speaker. Tom hopes that in return the G.G.S.O.G.A. will honour us with their support on the coming occasion of our 75th Anniversary Dinner in 1988. Tom also notes that Old Stocktonians, often complete with Association ties, have been seen recently officiating on all sorts of occasions. Paul Frost has been known in this manner to add lustre and sparkle to his reading of the Tyne-Tees Television News. Ron Purnell is chairman of the Stockton-on-Tees Probus Club. Rev. Neville Jones has worn his (honorary) Old Stocktonian tie when presiding at the Rotary Club, much to John Moore's delight. The Stockton Brethren also boasts a sizeable Old Boy support. There are sufficient vintage Old Stocktonians, in these and similar organisations, if prevailed upon to come to the "Seventy-fifth" (Note : 62nd Dinner - Ed.) to overawe the aforementioned John Moore's redoubtable contingent. "GET FELL IN YOUSE GUYS!!"

ALISON McNEILL (1979 - 81) is teaching in a Secondary school in Kingston, Surrey.

CLAIRE MALLINSON (1979 - 81) is currently chief fundraiser in the Midlands for the Spastics Society.

E.H. MANN (Staff : 1937 - 46) sent a very generous donation to accompany his confirmation of address and letter. He relates that a friend of his got some "Round Tuits" whilst on holiday and sent him one. That and Grainer's roll call in his delightful article in the last issue of the New Stocktonian have prompted him to write to us. When he joined the staff at the beginning of the Summer term, Messrs Baldwin, Ball, Eden and Major had gone and Rattenbury and Stone had arrived. On his first morning he remembers being warmly greeted in the staffroom by a tallish, lean, bespectacled chap who said "Hello! I'm Munday", to be followed by a shorter, plumper individual who introduced himself with the words "I'm Tuesday!". He later discovered that in fact he was the irrepressible T.B. Brookes. Ed recalls that G.G. Armstrong was his nearest neighbour when he (G.G.) lived opposite "the new school site". J.B. Grainger's warm words about K.L.G. Hart recalled for Ed the many happy holidays he, his wife and daughter spent with him and his family in Poole in the 1950's. Ed says he probably established the dubious all-time record of being the member of staff who spent the lowest percentage of his time actually in the classroom. On the 1st September 1939 he found that he had a pressing engagement with a Mr. Hitler and he didn't return until after the October holiday in 1945! As he left the school at Easter 1946 (as Dr. Kinnes said - he hopes erroneously - in a valedictory address, "to join the ranks of the enemy") - actually he was taking up an administrative post in Wolverhampton he found that, although he was officially a member of staff for 8 years, he was only on the premises for 5½ terms!

He tried to convince himself that his "break" in service was semi-sabbatical, after all he was a "midwife at the birth of another educational institution in 1940; a University!". The University was unique in three respects; unique in the subjects it offered; unique in that women were rigorously excluded; and unique in that it was easier to enter than it was to leave! Ed is referring to Laufen P.O.W. university! He believes that he has somewhere stored in a cupboard, notebooks with manuscript solutions to all the problems in Humphrey's "Statics" and "Dynamics" which, "science" pupils of that era (and later! - Editor) will remember were in use in the Sixth Form - "Any offers? he asks. With such a broken stay at the school (and on the Staff) Ed sometimes wonders if he has any claim to being an "Old Stocktonian". Not so his wife, apparently. Georgie Mann (nee Davison) was a pupil at the school from 1922 to 1929, and school captain for her last two years, remembers more "Old Boys" than he does and gives a lie to the "total separation" which Ed, in his innocence, thought existed between the boys' school and the girls' school in those far off days. (Mr. Morris, he says, was another who 'broke down the barriers' - if any existed). Georgie reads the magazine even more avidly than Ed does and he hopes that we shall continue to produce it for many years to come. What about the "Round tuits" you are all asking? Well, for years Ed has been promising himself that he would write to us and at long last he has got "a round tuit".

FRED MASON (1917 - 23) sends a nice donation to accompany his address confirmation (many thanks - Ed.) together with his regards to all and asks if the Sports Extravaganza has an over 80's Section.

Sorry Fred we haven't but if you think there may be enough interested we will give it a try!

JOHN MOORE (1959 - 65) with subs, donation, tie and news must be in the running for the 'former student of the year award !!! Since last giving us details of his career John, in November 1983, merged his practice (which was in Bishopton Lane and known as John Moore, Chartered Surveyors) with Dodds & Brown, a very well-known local firm of Surveyors and Estate Agents. Since that date the firm has undergone another merger with Albert Walker & Sons (of Guisborough, Redcar and all points east!) to become Dodds, Brown & Walker - this further expansion has meant new offices in Whitby and Billingham. John is personally responsible for running the Billingham office, and is also in charge of surveys and building society work throughout the whole practice. Following his retirement in 1985 from club and representative rugby with Stockton and Hartlepool Rovers, John has now become Senior Coach (no Brian Clough jokes please!) at Stockton, but still finds time to help coach the little 'uns in Sunday morning Junior sessions, which involve his own son Simon.

John is an active member of Stockton Rotary Club (where he regularly meets Tom Sowler) and is involved on Community Service. Together with **BRIAN WALLER (1959 - 66)** John has helped revitalise the Annual Dinner in terms of numbers attending and of the influx of 'younger?' 'Old Boys' (if there is such a thing!) and their guests.

GEOFFREY NATRASS (1955 - 62) in addition to confirming his address tells us that he continues to practise as a solicitor, dealing mainly with matrimonial cases. Geoffrey keeps in touch with **PETER TWIDDY (?1955 - 62)**, who works for the Inland Revenue drawing in large amounts of Inheritance Tax, and **JOHN WAINWRIGHT (1956 - 63)** who he sees quite regularly at his home near Tewkesbury. (If this is M.J.T. Wainwright then we have a different address!! - Ed.) **PHIL DENT (?)** contacted Geoffrey the other evening whilst on a brief visit from Massachusetts where he is a University lecturer (having failed the 11-plus, Phil is now a PhD!). Finally Geoffrey who was interested to read of the 'exploits' of **PETER WIMBERLEY (1955 - 62)** in Denmark wishes to pass on his best wishes through the columns of the yearbook (that's what it's for! - Ed.).

BRIAN RIDGE (1967 - 74) kindly gives us details of his new address and 'tops up' his subs handsomely, but sadly no further news.

DAVID ROBSON (1982 - 84) confirmed his address and added to his subs but sadly no more news.

R.W. RUTHERFORD (1914 - 17) writes to say how sorry he is that there was no development regarding the compilation of a school history as suggested a few years ago. (Ed. - There may well be some progress! See President's Message and 'Tom Sowler's Advert' at the start of this section). He goes on to mention that he has settled only 'fairly well' in "this windy corner of East Anglia" (Lavenham) but his wife has taken to the area much more readily. Though both in their 80's he and his wife manage to jog along, taking old age in their stride with only the occasional stumble. He was greatly saddened by the death of his old friend Ron Ludbrook (see Obituaries - Ed.) and remembers that they both spent all their working lives with Power-Gas (now the Davy Group) each doing a goodly share in its build up. There were barely 50 employees there in 1917 when he joined the firm!

ROY V. STANLEY (1953 - 61) confirms his address and nicely adds to his subs (thank you Roy!). Roy meets with **ALAN (Puddles) LAKE (1955 - 60)** and **PETER DODDS (1954 - 61)** usually at some eating establishment in London prior to attending a sporting function. They are all looking forward, he says, to Fred Jackson's 'Old Boys of '53 & '54', 30 years since the 5th form, reunion - next year when they hope to see as many as possible from their vintage.

OBITUARIES

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of **JAMES (Jimmy) GRAHAM**. Through our contacts with the family outfitters shop we have kept in close touch over the years and were always very pleased for the support he was able to give to the Association in terms of a regular advert. We offer our sympathy to all the family.

JOHN FRANCIS GUILÉ a long standing friend of the Association and regular contributor to the magazine sadly passed away on 26th July 1986 aged 83 years. John had to travel to school each day from Barnard Castle, his father was at one time chairman of the Middlesbrough and Darlington District of the Methodist Church. On leaving school he served under articles at Barnard Castle to become a solicitor, "sufficiently distinguished to secure a photograph of his marriage group in the 'North Eastern Daily Gazette' " according to our 1928-9 magazine. John became a clerk with Urban District Councils at Hucknall, Huyton and Hayes before becoming Town Clerk of Aberystwyth. He was short listed for the same position at Redcar in 1938-9 but a return to the North East was not to be. In 1943 he became the first full-time Town Clerk for Grantham a post he was to hold until his retirement in 1968. On retiring he was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Grantham as "... a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Grantham". John did attend the 1967 and 1973 Dinners and extended a warm welcome on those occasions to any visitors to 'his neck of the woods'. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Marion, his children Janet and Peter and all relatives.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of **RON LUDBROOK** on the 15th September 1987. On leaving school, Ron served his time at Ashmores where he gave early signs of his future greatness by being twice awarded the 'William Ashmore' Cup, a trophy presented every year to the best apprentice of that year. Later he was engineer-in-charge of repairs to gas holders in Liverpool damaged by the "blitz" and of erection work in Travancore (India). As Resident Engineer he was in charge of the Sindri Fertilizer Factory in India and his tact and sympathy in dealing with local labour won him warm admiration from the then Prime Minister of India, Pandhit Nehru. Soon after this Ron was appointed a Director of the Power-Gas Corporation (Australia) and settled permanently in Melbourne and began to acquire what seemed at the time to be a menagerie! Following his 'retirement' Ron worked as a free lance International Business Consultant. Throughout all this time Ron always remained in contact with the Association and always had fond memories of his Old School, the staff who taught him (especially Evan Baldwin) and his many friends both in England and abroad. The Association has lost a fine stalwart and a good friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Jean, daughter Susan and son Michael.

JOHN TRENHOLM PURVIS died suddenly on 19th September 1987 aged 84. Born in Sedgfield in June 1903, he attended Nelson Terrace from 1916 to 1921. John was among those known as the 'train boys' who came into Stockton by train and were, as a result, sometimes late for school. In 1921, he went up to Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, then a part of Durham University, to read Agriculture and graduated a BSc in 1924. Whilst at College John was an active member of both the University Boat and Athletic Clubs and coxed the winning 'eights' in the Durham Regatta of 1924. After some local employment in farming pursuits, he joined the Colonial Agricultural Service in 1927 thus beginning 25 years of service in Tanganyika. In September 1952 he retired from the public service to a small holding at Aislaby from which he retired (a second time!) in 1970, to live in Carlton. During his stay in Aislaby he was elected to the Stockton District Council and eventually was elected Chairman of that Council's Finance Committee. John leaves twin daughters and five grandchildren and to them we extend our deepest sympathy.

NORMAN ROGERS died on the 20th February 1986. He was very proud of being a Stocktonian but was often subject to good humoured banter by his sons who attended the other establishment in Norton Road. The ceremony at Norman's funeral was conducted by another 'Old Boy', the Rector of Heslington, Geoffrey Hunter. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

OBITUARIES

JOHN GEORGE STIRLING who was at the Secondary School from 1928 to 1934 died in March 1987 at Southampton. John George was an outstanding athlete, a fine swimmer and was capped by Durham County for the under 18 Rugby team. He was School Captain in 1933-34. After leaving school he attended St. John's College York for three years and gained a diploma in P.E. During the war John served in the Royal Navy and after demobilisation taught in the Southampton area for over 35 years. We extend our sympathy to his family.

JOHN WILKINSON passed away on Tuesday, 7th September 1987 aged 95 years. His wife had died some years previously. John was Secretary of the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital until the advent of the National Health Service when he transferred to Middlesbrough as one of its administrators. No man has had a longer connection with this Association - actively in former years, but in latter days more passively. He never lost interest in us. One can still hear that quiet voice, never known to rise in anger, probing and questioning, and finally offering helpful suggestions. He was elected President of this Association in 1937 and, because of the outbreak of the Second World War, remained in that office until 1949 by which time the Association was once again on a sound footing. He then became one of our Vice-Presidents and continued as such until the day he died. We salute his memory.

CREDITS

Many thanks to all the College Students and Staff for their contributions and especially to John Ingham for collecting articles and compiling the article Recent Degree Successes.

Apologies for the error with the cover last year. The printers claimed they did not have the photograph we supplied and said they had been told (which was not so!) to use the previous year's picture - from Jack Marriott. This year we are using a new printer.

We hope this year's cover will put things right. Many thanks to Norman Carr for last year's idea and for this year's cover photograph. And to John Green for the copy for this year's photograph.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 1988

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| 8th February | Annual General Meeting, 7.30 p.m. in Stockton Sixth Form College (See page 16) |
| 19th March | 62nd Annual Dinner (See page 17) |
| 13th April | Sports Extravaganza and Function (See page 22) |
| Mid-October | Copy Deadline for 1988-9 Year Book |

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