
The New Stocktonian



1990 - 1991

RULES OF THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

(Revised February 1989)

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 college/school. These aims are to be achieved by means of social, recreative and educational pursuits.
2. The Association shall be open to the Former Students of the Stockton Sixth Form College and Grangefield Grammar Schools, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary Schools, and originally known as the Higher Grade School; and also to the Former Pupils of the Grangefield School and of the former Sheraton-Grange School and the Grange 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) Up to six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President.
 - c) A Treasurer.
 - 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 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Twice in the lifetime of the Old Stocktonians' Association the even tenor of our ways has been interrupted by World Wars. I am writing this greeting just a few days before attending, as President, our joint Armistice Service in the Grangefield School. Wreaths will be laid on our two memorials, one by a representative of the School assembled, and the other by a member of this Association.

Once more, regretfully, the ugly threat of war looms large, this time in the Gulf area. Many Old Stocktonians have suffered grievously in the past two wars - surely our young members will not be caught up in a third dispute.

By the time you read this message you will probably know the outcome. I trust it will be peace not war.

Once again my thanks for services rendered are gratefully tendered to the Officers and Committee of this Association. Can I appeal to you also to assist us in any way you can? If because of business commitments, distance or some other reason you cannot help, remember that a donation, however small, to the General Fund will keep us in being and ensure your copy of the New Stocktonian in the future.

TOM SOWLER

[Due to a minor illness Tom was unable to attend the Service and Ken Whitfield kindly stepped in: to fill the breach - Editor]

COLLEGE NEWS

As Principal of the Sixth Form College, I have had the pleasure of meeting a large number of Old Stocktonians, many of whom are now resident in other parts of the country. All enquire with interest about the present pattern of education in Stockton and reflect with affection on their school days and invariably, I am asked whether a particular well remembered teacher is still on the staff of the College. In these conversations, one personality dominates above all others - Peter Hudson, who as Head of P.E. at Grangefield Grammar School for Boys, and then at the Sixth Form College, has made his mark on so many Old Stocktonians. Peter has been the "rock" upon which the excellent reputation of the College for sports and team games has been built. Peter retired at the end of the Summer Term and I am sure you will all wish to join with me in expressing our gratitude for his service and many fine achievements on behalf of the College. We all wish Peter, his wife and family every health and happiness for the future. Peter's successor as Head of P.E. is Mrs Julie Ward, and who has already made a significant contribution to sporting achievement at the College through coaching the girls' hockey team to a number of successes, including this year, reaching the finals of the Barclay's Bank National Schools' Hockey Championship.

At the end of the Christmas Term we have been sorry to say goodbye to a Vice-Principal, Sheila Cornish, who is also retiring and moving to the South of England. So many students, past and present, still remember with gratitude Sheila's sound advice, personal encouragement and whole-hearted commitment to the College. As her successor we welcome Susan Knox - who is an Historian, and is currently a Vice-Principal at Bede Sixth Form College.

1990 has been a busy and eventful year for the College. The advent of local management of schools has brought additional financial responsibilities and also further opportunities for the development of the College, especially as funding will be increasingly credited to the College Budget on the basis of student numbers. It is, therefore, especially gratifying to be able to report once again the popularity and success of the College, and that despite a fall in school population in the town, the College commenced the Autumn Term with the largest number of students on roll since its foundation.

The recent academic year has once again produced excellent examination results. At A-level 270 students gained 672 passes - exceeding all previous achievements. Students taking GCSE and CPVE courses also did well, and once again, some 40 of these students have decided to return to the College in order to embark on a further two year course of A-level study. You will wish to join with me in congratulating all the students who left College last summer and in wishing them every success in their future careers, whether at University and Polytechnic, or in employment, further education and training.

Something of the variety of the activities and achievements is recorded elsewhere in this magazine and I would wish to draw your special attention to two ventures into Europe during the Christmas Term. The Geography Department undertook part of its field work this September in Holland the Modern Languages Department have organised an ambitious exchange programme, whereby our students spent two weeks in Strasbourg familiarising themselves with the world of work by spending some time with local firms and generally increasing their awareness opportunities in Europe, with a return visit by a group of French students who will have corresponding placements with firms in Cleveland in the Spring of 1991.

As the College looks forward to the challenge of the new decade, staff and students join with me in wishing good health and prosperity to all Old Stocktonians.

H. R. Clarke

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

The activities refer to the period September 1989 to July 1990

Charities

Mr Allison, Ms Hart, Mr Limon, Mr Moorhouse and Mr Wise entered the 1989 ICI sponsored Cleveland Challenge in aid of Fund Raising for children with Muscular Dystrophy. One half of the proceeds raised on the College's Sponsor day were donated to the John Butterwick Hospice.

Community Service

Ms Leary organised a programme of Community Action as part of the College's programme of Wednesday afternoon activities: 48 students helped in local Primary Schools, North Tees Hospital, old people's homes, a charity shop, day centres, and the Adult Literacy Project.

Conservation Group

As usual the group has been involved in many projects, some of them new some ongoing. Mr Allison's group continued to work on the Castle Eden Walkway, planting trees and thinning spruce in order to create bird feeding areas. A Site Conservation Group involving Grangefield, Our Lady & St Bede's and Stockton-Billingham Technical College was established and met each half term to plan conservation activities in the Grange Conservation Area. A group of students worked at Teesside Park in order to rescue trees which were about to be bulldozed. These were planted in the College grounds.

Art

A-level students visited London during November to see the Royal Academy Exhibition "Gauguin and Pont-Avon School" and "The Art of Photography 1939-89". A trip, combined with the GCSE Media Studies students, was also undertaken to the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford. The usual residential Summer School for A-level Students was attended at Fylinghall School, Whitby.

Biology

Upper sixth students took part in field work activities at Whitby (Ecology of the Rock Shore), North Gare Breakwater & Hartlepool Headland and sixteen students attended an A-level study course in London during January. The results of the Biotechnology Project undertaken by the department were presented at ICI Billingham in May, two students attended the Schools & Industry Project at Durham University in July and the department collaborated with the Geology Dept. on joint fieldwork in July.

Careers

Work experience/Shadowing placements included : Crown Prosecution Service; Middlesbrough General Hospital - Pharmacy labs; North Tees Hospital - Nursing; The Evening Gazette; Lloyds bank; Lookers Garage and an Architect's Office. Three students attended the Law Conferences at Oxford & Cambridge Universities and general visits to both these Universities were arranged in June & July. In April a seminar on Industrial Sponsorship Scholarships in Higher Education was held at the College and lower sixth students attended the Higher Education Conference at Teesside Polytechnic in July. During May visits were arranged, for 1st year A-level students, to the Universities of Leeds and York, Leeds Polytechnic and the College of Ripon & York St. John.

Chemistry

In April 1st year A-level students attended the ICI Science Symposium and in July two students attended the Schools & Industry Project Week at Durham University.

Classical Studies

In January 16 second year students attended a 3-day A-level study course in London.

Computing

1990 was a busy year for the department.

During the Autumn Term A-level students visited the Robotics Department at Stockton-Billingham Technical College, ICI to find out about Stratos Electronic Office Systems and a lecture on "Electric Currency" at Newcastle University. Visits in the Spring Term included : Longlands College, for a CAD/CAM Demonstration; Greenaways Newsagent to view an IT system; North Tees Hospital to view a computerised system; the Swallow Hotel to see their Computerised Reservation System. In addition A-level students attended a lecture on the "Use of New Technology in Forensic Science" and a workshop entitled "Girls into IT", dealing with Desk Top Publishing, was held at the College for 3rd year girls from the five Partner Schools. In May second year students paid a visit to ICI Wilton and experienced a problem solving/computer application session. Three students took part in Workshadowing at ICI in June. In July three students participated in a project with JMB at the Durham Schools & Industry Project Week and two students visited the Crown Prosecution Service to view software systems.

CPVE

Leisure & Recreation students visited : Teesmouth Field Centre, Electricity Information Centre, Dolphin Centre, Swallow Hotel, Stockton Library, Scaling Dam, Castle Eden Walkway, Catterick Ski Centre & Longlands College as part of their course.

Business and Distribution students visited : The Dolphin Centre; Darlington, Yarm, Billingham, Stockton and Middlesbrough shopping centres; Batleys Cash & Carry; Dickens Superstore; Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer and Tyne Tees TV Studios.

A "Presentation Breakfast" at the Post House Hotel was attended by three students and one member of staff.

Economics

Throughout the year the department was involved in the "Young Enterprise Scheme" culminating in a presentation to local industry at the Billingham Arms Hotel.

In January ten A-level Business Studies students visited Tabuchi Electronics (Thornaby) and a reciprocal visit to the College was made by Mr Merryweather from Tabuchi to talk to students on "the Japanese approach to business organisation and management. In April A-level Business Studies students attended an 'Update' Conference at Manchester Polytechnic.

English

Throughout the year there were visits to : the Forum theatre to see a dramatised version of 'Jane Eyre' and Stratford to see "Much Ado About Nothing". A Sixth Form Study day at Durham University was attended by 2nd year A-level students during October.

Geography

In October 38 second year students and two staff completed fieldwork at the Loch Ranza Centre, Isle of Arran. Work included geomorphology, land use, landscape evaluation, river study, glaciation and coastal study. First year students undertook a weeks fieldwork in April at Hawkshead in the Lake District.

Geology

A wide variety of fieldwork was undertaken this year including:

Loch Ranza Centre, Isle of Arran; Ingleton; Staithe; Teesdale, Appleby and Tynemouth for GCSE students; Horton in Ribblesdale and Shap Fell; Lake District, Vale of Eden and Tynemouth. In addition the department found time to fit in a trip to London to visit the Geological Museum.

History

In January second year students attended a conference on aspects of European History at Durham University. Later in the month the 1st years attended a conference on European History at the Commonwealth Institute, London.

The department took all 1st year A-level students to Teesside Polytechnic library to learn about accessing resources for coursework.

Modern Languages

In October Mrs Manek and 5 As Spanish students visited Ouveido, Spain on an exchange. During the Spring Term A-level German students visited Newcastle to see Dürrenmatt's, "Die Ehe der Herren Mississippi" and the Annual student exchange with Lycée Auguste Renoir, Asnières, Paris took place. Six students from the College represented the UK at the EC 16-19 Conference at Verdun, France in May.

Music

In the Autumn Term the department had students working on compositions for the

National Schools 'Make Music' and the BBC's "Song for Christmas" competitions. In March A-level students visited Middlesbrough Little Theatre to hear piano and string recitals.

Physics

A lecture entitled "The Discovery of Qasars", under the auspices of the Cleveland Astronomical Society was given at the College during the Autumn Term and the department was again involved with the North East Schools Industry Project week at Durham University. Two students attended and undertook a project with Whessoe System and Control.

Religious Studies

In January a visit to London was made by 46 students and 4 staff. During the stay they visited the Regent's Park Mosque, Bens Marks Synagogue, Westminster Cathedral, Russian Orthodox Cathedral and Wesley Chapel. A Sixth Form Study Day was attended by 2nd year A-level students on Christianity and Social Issues. In July the department held Open Evenings. One, for anyone in the local community, during which the A-level courses offered were stressed and another specifically for adults.

Sociology & Politics

In March 43 students and 4 staff had a study visit to London. Included in the visit were trips to : Parliament, Bow St. Magistrates & Central Criminal Courts, Harrow and North London Collegiate Schools and various museums. Also in March David Bowe MEP gave a lunchtime talk on "The work of the Euro M.P.", The Mayor of Stockton gave a talk on "Central-Local Government Relations" and 1 staff and 4 students attended BBC TV's "Question Time" at Middlesbrough Town Hall. Talks during the Summer Term included : "Work of Teesside Development Corporation" & "Work of the Westminster M.P." (by Tim Devlin) and there was a visit to a Politics course at Loughborough University and a Conference at Sheffield University. A Discussion Group met on Monday lunch-times and topics included : Demise of Communism, Abortion Law Reform and the Ambulance Dispute.

Technical Studies

A-level students visited the Young Designers' Centre and the Crafts Council Gallery in London during the Autumn Term.

Sporting Activities

Cross Country: Suzanne Houghton represented Cleveland County, after winning the County Championship, and also England Under 23 team in Portugal. Paul Mosely also ran for Cleveland after being placed tenth in the County Championship.

Hockey: Boys

Most of last year's team left College resulting in a young and inexperienced side for the season. Initial training sessions showed two or three players with reasonable ability and these, together with

the two remaining upper 6th players, formed the nucleus of the side. The first match of the season was against a strong Bede S.F.C. side and a good result was obtained - only losing 0-1. The team took part in the county round of the Nationwide Anglia National Youth Cup, the National U18 indoor championship and the Cleveland S.F.C. Teachers' Tournament. Two teams took part in the County U19 tournament at Newton Aycliffe in January.

Girls: At the start of the season it was felt that it would be difficult to improve on the excellent achievements of 1988/9, events were to prove otherwise. With 28 girls opting for hockey, and all keen to play matches, competition for places was high. Thirteen girls attended the District Trials, 11 being successful. Seven went on to County Trials of whom five were selected (one later withdrew). Liz Wells, Joanne Harrison, Sara Dodsworth & Nicola Lunn played for the County, Liz going on to U-21 County Trials and (successfully) to North of England U-18 Trials. In the Barclays Bank Competition the College easily won the County competition beating Teesside High, Sir William Turners and St Mary's (3-0 in the final). In the Regional (N.E.) Final they beat Durham School (1-0) and Berwick High School (3-0) to go forward to the North of England Finals in Blackpool in January 1990. In those finals they beat Arnold School (Lancs.) and Dinnington School (S. Yorks) but lost their last game to Wakefield High (1-0). The early wins were enough to put them into the National Finals. This was the first time that an U-18 team from this area had qualified for the Finals (and only the second time that the representing team from the North had been from outside Lancashire). In the Finals, held in London during March, the team finished fourth.

Also during the Autumn Term the team won the U-19 County Trophy and in the Spring Term they added the District Indoor Trophy.

Netball: Seven girls were selected to represent the district team from a squad of ten: Claire Battye, Helen Ripley, Emma Storey, Karen Mitchell, Charlotte Ruddy, Joanne Keeley and Katie Hudson.

Soccer: A poor season for the 1st XI this year. After winning their first match against Acklam (2-0) and drawing (3-3) with Bede in the league they went down (2-6) to Hartlepool in the first round of the English Schools Trophy. The season got little better in terms of results and only one further game was drawn, the rest were defeats. Three players attended for County Trials and, for the second year, Craig Matthews (the 1st XI Captain) was chosen to join the squad for the whole season. Second and Third XI teams were fielded in the leagues this year with variable success.

Rugby: Although the squad was small this year (20 players) six were given favourable reports in the Vaux School of Sport Rugby Coaching Week which took place during the summer holiday. The hard ground at the start of the season caused a plethora of injuries but

good wins were obtained against Hartlepool, Billingham and Durham School before a disastrous (44-10) loss to Ripon Grammar School (during which the captain, Michael Small, suffered a broken arm). Eight of the squad played for Cleveland County, two for Durham, one for Durham Colts and one included in the Durham U-21 squad. Six students represented Cleveland County in the Easter fixture against Notts, Lincs and Derby. By February half term the record stood as played 15, won 11, lost 4. The team ended the season with three more victories against school sides and defeat at the hands of the 'Old Stocktonians' to complete the College's most successful season ever [Played 20, Won 15, Lost 5]
 [A fitting finale for Pete Hudson during his year of retirement - Well Done lads - Editor]

DEGREE RESULTS 1990

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|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gordon Anderson | B.Sc. | Mathematics | Bath University |
| Judith Bennington | B.A. | History | Nottingham University |
| Ian Burr | B.A. | English | York University |
| Sara Campbell | B.Sc. | Psychology | Sheffield University |
| Emma Collingwood | B.A. | Chemistry | Oxford University |
| Shirley Copland | M.C.S.P. | Physiotherapy | Newcastle Polytechnic |
| Neil Cruikshank | B.Eng. | Civil/Structural Engineering | Sheffield University |
| Neal Davies | B.A. | History | Hull University |
| Paul Eastwood | B.Sc. | Chemistry | Manchester University |
| David Evans | B.A. | Politics | Manchester Polytechnic |
| James Fenny | LL.B. | Law | Newcastle University |
| Nicola Frost | B.A. | English | Hull University |
| John Greenaway | M.B.B.S. | Medicine | Newcastle University |
| Gary Griffiths | B.Sc. | Biochemistry | York University |
| Jonathan Hutchinson | B.A. | Religious Studies | King's College, London |
| Philip Jamieson | B.Sc. | Chemistry | Leeds University |
| Jonathan Lawler | B.A. | English | Hull University |
| Alistair Lovatt | B.A. | English | York University |
| Eric Lummas | B.A. | 3 D Design | Gwent College of H.E. |
| Sean Lynch | B.Eng. | Civil Engineering | Leeds University |
| Fiaz Mansha | B.Eng. | Electronic Systems Engineering | Kingston Polytechnic |
| Ian McFarlane | B.Sc. | Biochemistry/Biological Chemistry | Nottingham University |
| Andrew McGregor | B.A. | Chemistry | Oxford University |
| Julian Nicholls | B.Sc. | Chemistry | Manchester University |
| Ian Ogden | B.Sc. | Mathematics | Sheffield University |
| Craig Palmer | B.Sc. | Geography/Geology | Manchester University |
| Adrian Richmond | B.Sc. | Combined Studies | Leicester University |
| Andrew Ruddock | LL.B. | Law | University of East Anglia |
| Stephen Russell | B.A. | Sociology | York University |
| Simon Scott | B.A. | Law | Cambridge University |
| John Shingleton | B.A. | Fine Art | Newcastle University |
| Alex Smith | B.Sc. | Pharmacy | Sunderland Polytechnic |
| Kate Smith | B.Ed. | Education | Manchester Polytechnic |
| Katherine Smith | B.A. | French | Sheffield University |
| Robin Smith | B.Eng. | Electronic Engineering | York University |
| Paul Tubman | B.Eng. | Mechanical Engineering | Imperial College, London |
| Rachel Whitaker | B.A. | English | Warwick University |
| David Williamson | B.Sc. | Chemistry | Sheffield University |
| Louise Wood | B.A. | English | Leeds University |

NORTH-EAST TO NORD-EST

Nine students from Stockton Sixth Form College, together with their French teacher set off on Friday 12th October 1990. After an enjoyable coach trip to London under brilliant sunshine, we reached Strasbourg airport at about 10.00 pm after only a short delay. The French partners were waiting for us with their parents, frantically waving a shield, bearing the inscription "Lycée International"; it would have been very hard to miss them!

The following morning, a Saturday, yet no rest for the French students, the two partner groups met at the Lycée where we were welcomed by the Principal Mme Lafon, with a "petit-déjeuner amical", consisting of coffee and brioche. The groups mixed informally and chatted and the events of the two weeks were discussed. Next, the British students were taken around the school and attended lessons, among others an Economics lesson on the sale of chrysanthemums, which in Alsace, according to an old tradition, are bought for November 1st, in order to decorate tombs in cemeteries. In the afternoon, the group was taken to visit the town of Strasbourg, with its 13th century cathedral, its many half-timbered houses, its river (the Ill), a tributary to the Rhine, which surrounds the town, and also its large modern stores. Sunday was a more relaxed day, spent getting to know the families.

On Monday 15th October, we were the guests of the European Parliament where we took part in the Euroscola programme, which involved a number of other European students, and which greatly appealed to all the youngsters.

There, they had the opportunity not only to meet fellow Europeans from Italy, Spain, Germany and Scotland, but also to discuss with them, in smaller groups, their views about the new Europe. Although the attitude was a very positive one in general, it was the French who appeared to be the most European minded.

From Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th October, and again on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October, the British students went work-shadowing, each their separate ways, with barristers, banks, a Department Store, the Headquarters of a local supermarket chain, Adidas near Saverne and, not least, the Council of Europe. The aim was to find out about the organisation and a management of a firm in French. The experience was a positive one in all cases but one, because the manager of the Department Store had refused to understand what work-shadowing implied and instead sent the two young ladies in his care on the shop floor, where, to make the best out of a bad deal, they practised their linguistic skills on the French customers. Before they left, they were rewarded with a 200F token to be spent in the store, a small compensation for a very regrettable error and disappointment!

In the afternoon of Wednesday 17th October, the group visited the European Court of Human Rights where they listened to a case on tape. In the evening of Friday 19th October, both groups gathered for a traditional Alsatian meal "une tarte flambée" followed by a visit to one of the many local cinemas which played "La Gloire de mon père" by Marcel Pagnol. It was a delightful evening. On Saturday morning, students attended lessons at the Lycée with their partners. The British students were overawed by the amount of work their French counterparts are required to do.

After a day which starts at 8.00 a.m. and mostly finishes at 5.00 p.m., the majority of French students regularly do homework until very late into the night; there is little or no relaxation for them, except occasionally at weekends; no wonder they need their long summer holiday!

A second weekend allowed the British students further discovery of the area and of the culinary delights of the region. On Wednesday 24th October, the mixed group met Mr David Bowe, MEP for Cleveland and North Yorkshire, who, in the buildings of the Parliament, explained his role in Strasbourg. Thursday 25th October was spent word-processing the reports, which the students had written in French, in the computer laboratory at the Lycée. On Friday 26th October an early flight to Heathrow brought us back to Britain.

Overall, the exchange was a very positive one with a fair range of new experiences gained. One of the group members pointed out that it had been the best exchange she had ever taken part in.

A M Hutton

A SAFE PAIR OF HANDS

The sporting activities of Former Students at the Secondary School, Grangefield Grammar School (for Boys) and the Sixth Form College at Stockton-on-Tees have been under the overall guidance of very few Heads of Department. Mr J S Allan was in charge of 'Drill' from 1901-09, Mr S Dumble held the reins for 42 years (1911 - 53), although his successor Mr J E ("Blackjack") White (1951 - 59) did much of the steering in the final years. From January 1959 until July 1990 the reins were firmly held in the safe hands of Mr P E ("Rock") Hudson. That two heads of department should have looked after the 'PE activities' for over 70 years (between them) is indeed remarkable, even in a series of schools noted for the number of long-serving staff. In this article I would like to outline the background, influence and some of the achievements of Peter Hudson who retired from Stockton Sixth Form College in 1990.

Born in February 1930 in Mansfield, Notts., Peter attended High Pavement Grammar School (hence those rugby tours to and from that school!). He achieved his School Certificate in 1945 (a year early) and the Higher School Cert. in 4 main subjects in 1948. In the sporting field he played rugby for the school 1st XV, (whilst still in the 4th year), and became captain of school rugby and boxing, as well as a member of the school cricket XI and athletics team. There are no prizes for guessing that rugby was (and still is) his first love however and Peter played tight head prop for Notts, Lincs & Derbys at schoolboy level and for Nottingham Rugby Club 1st XV (whilst still at school).

After school National Service beckoned and the R.A.F. directed his affairs from Jan 1949 to July 1950. Peter reached the rank of LAC (Leading Aircraftsman) as a Radar Operator with Ground Control Interception and was stationed in Changi, Singapore. The time spent abroad was enhanced by the opportunities for playing rugby (representing the Far East Forces and Combined Services) and learning to sail.

In 1950 Peter was awarded a National Coal Board Scholarship to attend Nottingham University from October to read Mining Engineering; he wasted no time in getting into the University 1st XV! For part of his degree he had to work down a coalmine in the holiday period and during this time he discovered that he suffered from claustrophobia!! END OF UNIVERSITY CAREER.

In September 1951 he secured a job as an unqualified teacher in P.E. at a large secondary school for boys. During the year the Head of P.E. left and Peter was asked by the Headmaster to take over responsibility for the Dept. He was well in at the deep end, but the experience was to prove invaluable. (As later events were to unfold this meant that Peter was a Head of Department for all but a few months of his teaching career!)

Peter applied for a place and was accepted at Loughborough College to start in 1952. He played rugby for Leicester in his first year, because he couldn't make the College first team, but was awarded College colours for his 1st XV appearances in years two and three.

On leaving Loughborough in 1955 Peter successfully applied for the post of Head of PE in a newly formed Grammar School, Forest Fields, in Nottingham City; playing rugby for the Old Paviers (High Pavement G.S old boys) and the county team.

In Jan. 1959 Peter became Head of PE at Grangefield Grammar where he was informed by the previous incumbent that he could not put Grangefield on the map because he (the former head of PE) had already done it!! Events were to prove otherwise!

The period from 1959 to 1973 was a very rewarding part of his life with hard work, happy times and successful teams in all sports as he helped to shape the lives of many young men. Support was forthcoming from many colleagues; including Bob Johnson, Les Thornton, Brian Brand, Colin Sinclair, John Green, John Russell and Doug Agar, to name but a few.

Reorganisation of the Educational System in Teesside meant a move to the Sixth Form College where, under very different circumstances, Peter endeavoured to build some kind of sporting standards. With the help of colleagues a very wide range of activities was offered and successes were achieved. With such a record Peter felt that he could retire at the age of sixty with a sense of achievement and satisfaction.

He was "completely overwhelmed" when confronted by over 100 former pupils colleagues and friends who came together from all over the country, and abroad, to give him a surprise party. "It was a very proud moment in my life when I was presented with a beautiful chiming clock, bearing a suitably engraved plaque, from all of them"

After such a long and distinguished teaching career Peter decided to be 'put out to grass' (in once sense of the phrase!). In September he joined the staff of Yarm School teaching rugby on a part-time basis!! "It's just like the Grammar Schools days", he said, "except that when I take the U15 team away on a Saturday morning I get paid!!"

Peter Hudson will be remembered by many, many students. The vast majority will always be grateful for his guidance, enthusiastic support, both on and off the sports field, and the time he generously gave to their school or College in whatever role he undertook - and there were almost as many events off the sports field as on it! For these, and many other personal reasons, we wish you a long and happy retirement Peter with grateful thanks.

P. Graham
(with grateful help from PE Hudson for the 'missing years')

PETER HUDSON'S RETIREMENT PARTY

"The event is confirmed as the 14th July 1990". So read the letter from John Moore. "It is not intended as a male only affair and therefore wives/girlfriends/boyfriends/pets will be only too welcome". Yes, I reckon that about covered everyone or thing!

John and Doug Agar are to be congratulated on a most successful event, organised for Peter without his knowledge and helped along by Peter's family. (He thought it was just a family meal).

I am sure I was like the 100+ who couldn't miss paying tribute to "Rock". Later I will attempt to give a list of some "who were there" (shades of Max Boyce) but I fear I only have about half and I hope the rest will forgive me!

The vast majority were former students and that alone pays testimony to the high regard for Peter. A few of us were former colleagues - Doug Agar, John Green, Graham Rayner,

Jackie Edmundson, Brian Brand - all of us were grateful for Peter's help and guidance when we were part of the "department". I was pushed to P.E. by the Head (Mr Bradshaw) and was greeted by "He's sent another deadlegs to do some games" (or words to that effect!).

I spent seven happy seasons coaching the 2nd XV and following the 1st XV tactics in case some of my squad were drafted in to Peter's squad.

Tribute was paid to Peter by three of those who had suffered in the cause of P.E. George White was in the sixth when Peter arrived at Grangefield and he recalled the selection meetings for the 1st XV when he thought he might have a smoke while discussions took place! He thought wrong! The stories George recounted were many and varied, but his abiding memory was a tennis trip with Peter when he (George) was treated as an equal.

Geoff Crossley recalled the famous slipper and its use but like George remembered the trips organised by Peter, such the one to Nottingham to play against High Pavement. Terry Wilson has memories of the "brutal" training sessions when to urge the squad to greater effort, Peter would say "It's only pain, Terry!" What can you expect of a front row forward?

I'm sure that the three of them expressed what all of the others felt, certainly those who penetrated the apparently hard shell of Peter.

I was at a meeting with the Director of Education for Durham, Derek Sowell, and he was pointing out how one personality or department could influence the ethos of a school. He recounted his own experience as a teacher when a P.E. department was a strong influence for the good and yes, you've guessed it, he was talking about Peter at High Pavement.

I must record the thanks of the Old Stocktonians for all Peter has done over the years. He sorted out the school team on many a Boxing day when I organised the Old Boys rugby team.

Many former pupils who couldn't make it sent their best wishes for a happy retirement and all those present wished Peter well, in person. Those present included:-

D Chisman, G Hanrahan, C Gibbons, N Beadle, P Davies, D Hazelton, P Jakobson, D Underwood, G Naisbett, B Hudson, D Flaisbeck, M Appleton, J Costello, L Porter, D Willetts, A Booth, M Roberts, A Roberts, B Winter, M Purnell, G Rayner, T Walker, B Waller, R Waite, H Russell, T Wild, R I Darling, W Webster, R Murphy, G Tingle, M Tingle, M Ferguson, N Walker, D Kilching, C Calvert, P Webster, C Clarke, D Hutchinson, J Still, K Murray, E Edmundson, A Ducker, M Christon, A Outhwaite, I Fleetham, C Cuthbert, P Frost, P Armstrong, B Woodmass, A Chapman, S Hackney, J Kiddie.

Good health and happy retirement, Peter.

Brian Brand

C.W. KING MEMORIAL PRIZE

Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of C.W. King, M.A. Jesus College, Oxford and London; Assistant Master 1908 - 46 and Senior English Master for 23 years at the Secondary School. The Prize, now valued at £5, is awarded for excellence in English at Grangefield School.

G.G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PRIZE

Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of G.G. Armstrong, M.A., M. Litt., Armstrong College, University of Durham; Senior History Master 1921 - 48 at the Secondary School. The Prize is awarded annually, in the sum of £5, for excellence in History at Grangefield School.

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| 1989/90 | History Prize | Zelda Green |
| | English Prize | Clare Allison |

The prizes will be presented by the Association President at the school's Prize Day.

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL PRIZES

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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| 1989/90 | Sportswoman | Elizabeth Wells |
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1990

This is to be held on Monday, 4th February 1991 at 7.00 pm in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees.

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Minute Taker
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of 1989 A G M held on 5th February 1990
4. History of the Association
5. Any other matters arising
6. Membership Records Secretary's Report
7. Year Book Editor's Report
8. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet
9. Benevolent Fund Report
10. Election of Officers *
11. Election of other Members to Committee **
12. Appointment of Hon. Auditor
13. Date of next Committee Meeting (April ?)
14. Any other relevant business

- * Your Committee's nominations for Officers are :-
Association President in our 78 th year :- Mr T.F. Sowler
Vice Presidents :- As for 1990 with the one vacancy to be left unfilled
Other Officers :- those in office during 1990

- ** Your Committee's nominations for other Members to Committee are:-
All existing Members of Committee

From the first item on the Agenda you will be aware that your elected Minutes Secretary will be missing, and this is also happening to such an extent at Committee Meetings that he would welcome being replaced. As there are up to five vacancies on the Committee, he would greatly appreciate nominations for our more local Members to be submitted, initially to fill these vacancies.

As required by the Rules of the Association, your retiring Committee has fixed the Annual Subscription for 1991 at the existing rate of £1.50, or for the first year on leaving the Sixth Form College / Grangefield School of 75p.

John Green

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1989

This was held on 5th February 1990 with Mr T.F. Sowler, our eminent Association President in the Chair. Other Members present were Miss L. Waring, Mrs P.A. Oxley, Revd. Mrs J. M. Thomas, Messrs. H.R. Clarke, B.P. Brand, P. Graham, J.G. Rattenbury, C.J. Beeston, R. Ward, F. Jackson, J.A. Green, J. Ingham & A. Davies. No apologies for absence were received.

The usual reports were presented and all endorsed the Chairman's appreciation of the good clear presentation and readable content of the Year Book, with thanks being extended to Paul Graham for his considerable efforts and also to Des Wood for the excellent front cover photograph.

In the Hon. Treasurer's report, Chris Beeston noted the deficit on the year of £266 was mainly due to the Year Book advertising shrinking. Also he had been forced to write off £161 due to the impossibility of obtaining fees owed by advertisers from past years. However the balance sheet showed assets of £1,980.07 and Chris considered that there was no immediate worry and that the loan of £500 from the Benevolent Fund could be repaid. The latter was to cover the cash flow situation following the printing of the booklet before copy could be sold.

It was noted by the chairman that 276 copies of the 'History of the Association' had been sold, so that the costs, almost all due to the printing, had now been recovered.

After the amendments to the Committee's proposed nominations for other Members to the Committee which included the Membership Records Secretary and also the welcome additional nomination of Alan Davies the usual elections took place without dissent. It was proposed by the Committee Members present (i.e. the whole meeting) to co-opt Mr. K. Robinson and Mr. G. Lake, both of the Grangefield School Staff, onto the Committee, subject to their approval.

The Meeting lasted 1 hr 30 min. A full copy of the minutes can be obtained on request with an S.A.E. to the Minutes Secretary.

John A. Green
Minutes Secretary

64th ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held at the Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe on Saturday 7th April, 1990.

Tom Sowler and his wife Agnes welcomed our main guest Tim Devlin M.P. for Stockton South, our two College guests, Sarah Lowrey and Darren Boston and special guests Arthur and Marjorie Carr.

In the past we have been accused of political bias for inviting our local member when he happened to be Labour. As we now have two Members covering what we may regard as the "catchment area" of the Sixth Form College, we have been fortunate to have had each as a guest. (For those living in other parts of Britain, one is Conservative and the other Labour). I remember trying to persuade Margaret Thatcher, who opened the Sixth Form, and the first Lord Stockton to come to our little gathering, but had no success.

Tim gave us a brief resumé of the government's attempts to improve the percentage of sixteen year olds staying on in Further Education. He compared the percentages staying on with those of other countries in the European Community, particularly France and Germany. He noted that the Stockton Sixth Form College was full [it is usually over-subscribed!]

He concluded with the toast to the Old Stocktonians' Association.

In responding Tom thanked Tim and presented him with an O.S.A. tie, making him an Honorary member (of the O.S.A. !)

This year we were delighted to have two parties of former students who had travelled up specially for the Dinner and to meet with friends once again.

One group was organised by Alan Davies, one of the Committee, and comprised Don Smith, Bob Coulson, Des Crooks, Will Lowes and Alan's brother Bernard Davies along with their wives in many cases. The "lads" all dated 33 as the year they started at the S.S.S. (I'm sure the ladies were from a later year !)

Don Smith had had a book "Cricket -Stumps and Sticklebacks" published earlier in the year and had been promoting it in Cleveland prior to the Dinner. Bob Coulson looked younger than ever! He was one of my mentors in my early and very enjoyable seasons with Stockton R.U.F.C. (Why couldn't other fly-halves take passes as he could?)

The other main group was organised by Brian Waller. His table were all 59ers, Colin Clark, Ian Black, Alan Lucas, John Still, Graham Rayner, Stuart Dick, Archie Foulds, Trevor Underwood, Dave Webster, Geoff Crossley, Malcolm Richardson and Dave Young. Modesty forbids me to identify the "ton up kid" but I sincerely hope he was dealt with leniently.

One of the replies received by Brian went something like this "***** left the above address 3 years ago when he absconded with another woman. He now lives in the Banbury area -- Thank God!"

Geoffrey Ward, Colin Mustard and Ted Cooper joined us this year along with the "old faithfuls" Paul Graham, Derek Graham, Chris Beeston, Bob Ward and wives, as well as Nancy Finch and Winifred Houston.

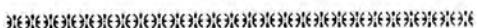
As usual the evening extended well beyond the final speech and many vowed to meet again in '91.

THE 65th ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the Claireville Hotel, Eaglescliffe
(next door to the Eaglescliffe Golf Club)

Date: SATURDAY 23rd MARCH 1991 (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm)
Guest: JANET GALLEY Executive with Marks & Spencers
Tickets: £10.00

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LIFE ON THE 'INSIDE'

Having been run to ground by Fred 'Tracker' Jackson thirty years after my release from Grangefield I was invited to write a few lines about my recent post as Church of England Chaplain to a slightly more restrictive regime - HMP Wandsworth! My eighteen months there left a deep impression upon me, and led me to join others in a concerted drive for better conditions, especially in such unbelievable institutions as Strangeways, Wandsworth and the like.

A high security prison like Wandsworth is a world all of its own, and has to be lived in to be understood. The sense of humour is the greatest that I have ever experienced, and shared by officers and inmates alike. It's like a huge 'game' into which all concerned are dealt. The unwritten rules are various and take a long time to learn, and those who fall foul can incur grave penalties.

Failure to pay off a tobacco 'baron' three ounces of 'burn', due in exchange for a small amount of marijuana, earned an unwary man a cut from his forehead down to his chin. Of course he swore that he fell over on the stairs! A suspected 'grass' has to be removed from circulation for his own protection, as one suspected of sexual offences. It's a horrendous jungle for a weak man to be plunged into, yet goodness comes to the surface due to the close-knit, ordered nature of the place. The only way for an inmate to deal-out of the Game is in the natural course of release or posting. Another way was employed by a particular inmate of my acquaintance, in that he cut his throat with a razor-blade and bled to death in the early hours of the morning.

I remember the wealthy night-club owner who gratefully invited me to frequent his hostess-cluttered premises whenever I wanted - you can imagine that one in the Sunday People! I remember the oft-repeated pleasure of telling a man that he had become a father, and that wife and child were fine. I remember the heavy times, of telling a man that his father/mother/brother or whoever, had died, I remember the huge kindness of so many prison officers, and the efforts they go to in order to help a man survive in a near-impossible regime.

I remember a huge fellow in for GBH, tattooed from head to foot, reading Tolkien, Shakespeare and the like. During his brief spells outside, he represented Britain abroad on the football terraces! I had to tell him that his girlfriend had been injured in a car crash, with three large officers positioned outside the door for safety. He burst into tears and cried like a baby, and we're friends to this day.

In this one building 1500 inmates are housed together for crimes ranging from the utterly unspeakable to plain stupidity. Officers, inmates and all the rest of us live in a world peculiar to ourselves. It revolves around the smallest trifles which become huge in such a place. Deep friendships are formed in the midst of the stink of slop-buckets, occasional rats, and the most unbelievable acts of vengeance. We share each other's family joys and woes, and there is a respect for another man's rights, the absence of which has brought most of them into prison in the first place.

I am now self-employed, and whilst continuing as a clergyman, am becoming more involved in psychotherapy in areas of stress, substance abuse and the like. This note comes with warm regards to erstwhile friends and foes alike, and congratulations to Fred & Co, for the results they have achieved in tracking so many of us down.

PHILIP WOOD (1954 - 59)

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 4th April, 1990

This year the matches were held before the Easter holiday and it was hoped that this would allow an influx of students from Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges to strengthen and ease the selection problems of the Old Stocktonians. Generally speaking this was the case but we were still desperately short of players for the ladies teams. It would seem that either there is less interest or there are fewer players than in past years. I cannot believe that there are fewer players to such a large degree and can only conclude that in certain sports there is no interest in playing in the events. It is clearly not fair to raise the expectations of College teams that a match can be played when past experience suggests that this is unlikely. It is with great regret, therefore, that we may need to drastically prune the programme of events for the future.

As usual we are indebted to all the staff at the Sixth Form College who organise the events on the day and especially to Pete Hudson.

This year was the last time that Pete was officiating on behalf of the College as he retired from his post as Head of P.E. at the Sixth Form in July 1990. I'm sure that I speak for all students, past and present, when I say that the sporting events of this Association owe a great deal to his efforts and enthusiasm over the last 30+ years. Without this support they would have died out long ago.

SOCCKER : Won 4 - 1

Team : J. Cooke, K. Tulip, M. Bailey, S. Close, J. Brookes, R. Bailey, A Pass, G. Bennington, G. Johnstone, J Franks, A. Brown.

A hard pitch and sunshine greeted this annual meeting. The 'boys lost the toss and had to settle for kicking up the bank. From the start the 'boys went in hard and Bennington sent an overhead shot flashing past the post and Brown hit a half volley straight at the goalkeeper, a sign of things to come maybe ! But football's a funny old game [where have I heard that phrase before ? - Editor] and from a punt out of the college defence a badly timed jump from Brookes [how does he keep his place year after year ? - Editor] let the college forward in to race through and drill the ball under goalkeeper Cooke: 1 - 0 to the college. This seemed to spur the 'boys on and from the kick off Pass played a ball to R. Bailey who fed Johnstone who finished of a scintillating run from near the left touchline by side-stepping two defenders and sending the keeper the wrong way : 1 - 1. The college were now playing second fiddle to a more confident 'boys side. Franks, who demonstrated his talent with tireless running and superb ball control twice went close before Johnstone broke through on the right for veteran R. Bailey to crash the ball into the roof of the net : 2 - 1 to the Old Boys. Just before half time Johnstone went through on one of his mesmerising runs past two defenders only to be pole axed by the college keeper. From the resulting penalty the college keeper stood tall but was not called on to make a save as Bennington skied his shot high over the bar and held his head in anguish. Half time : 2 - 1. The second half saw the 'boys surging forward yet again with Brown

and Tulip taunting the college defence with jinking runs and silky skills but could not convert them into goals. However neat footwork by Franks on the right put in a cleverly weighted cross to Bennington whose half volley was lashed into the net to make amends for his first half penalty miss : 3 - 1 to the 'boys. This was turning into one of the most clinical performances that the 'boys had ever produced. Franks found the penetrating pass for Johnstone storming through on the right. When his initial rising shot struck the woodwork his strikers instinct helped him net the rebound : 4 - 1 to the 'boys. A dramatic and a very satisfying performance. Many thanks to all concerned and here's hoping for many more. See you next year !

JOHN BROOKES

Netball : Cancelled

Ladies Hockey : Lost 1 - 5

Team : K. Mallon, J Geldart, T. Dolan, L. Smith, K. Findley, J. Cook (?), & two Sixth Form players.

Well what can I say apart from "What a disaster !" The Old Girls got very little support this year and we could only manage to turn out nine players, two of which were Stockton Sixth Form students. Despite these set backs the old girls had better control of the first half, if we had had more forwards we could have finished off nicely. The second half was more one-sided for the College with a very nimble forward, who seemed to stop at nothing, [sign her up for next year !! - Editor] scoring most of the goals past a ... Well we won't mention the goalkeeper. Any way although we had very little success this year the atmosphere was good and I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Let's hope that next year we'll have a better turn out. Thank you to all those who did play. Better luck next year.

KATHERINE FINDLEY (1984 -86)

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| RUGBY O.S. Won |) | |
| MEN'S HOCKEY O.S. Won |) | No Reports available as we went to press. |
| MEN'S BASKETBALL |) | |

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA 1991

The 1991 Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday 20th or 27th March 1991 (to be decided). If you are a sportsman or sportswoman of any standard we would be pleased to see you as a player; otherwise do come along as a spectator to Stockton Sixth Form College from 1.30 pm.

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| Team Coordinators : | Paul Graham (temp) | Ladies Hockey | 785550 |
| | Ian Allen | Rugby | 585379 |
| | John Brookes | Soccer | 570085 |
| | Ian Nicholson | Mens' Basketball | 557346 |
| | John Ions | Men's Hockey | 93-30928 |

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1989 there was a credit balance at the Darlington Building Society of £1920.22. A loan of £500 was made during the year. Donations totalling £15 were received from Mr Reg Cornforth and Mrs Blythe. There were no repayments of loans. Interest for the year amounted to £97.84. The credit balance at the Darlington Building Society on 31st December 1989 therefore amounted to £1523.06.

During the current financial year (1989 -90) The Old Stocktonians' General Fund has repaid the £500 made available to it to overcome the temporary cash flow problem caused by the printing of the booklet "The Old Stocktonians' Association".

A previous contributor to this Fund, Herbert Leslie Hill (1917 - 22) died on 22nd November 1989, aged 84. He had expressed a wish to his family that a donation of £150 be made to the Old Stocktonians' Benevolent Fund. This is gratefully acknowledged by the trustees. This amount will appear in the audited statement for 1990.

Our thanks are due once again to Mr John Ingham for auditing the accounts.

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

NEW MEMBERS

GRAHAM R. BUTTLE (1988 - 90) expects to be in Liverpool at Mountpleasant College studying Law or at Ulster University studying for a degree in Estates Management by the time you read this issue of the Yearbook.

SARA-LOUISE LEE (1987 - 89) is presently heading for Coventry Poly to take a BA Hons. After taking her degree and obtaining a job she would like to go into politics. Initially as a councillor but eventually as a MEP.

CHRISTINA H. MORTON (1988 - 90) left Cleveland for St. Mary's (Durham University) in October, but we are uncertain of her subject area or future careers plans.

**READ THIS !! READ THIS !! READ THIS !!
READ THIS !! READ THIS !! READ THIS !!**

Please return the insert to the magazine verifying your address (if you did not do so last year). We need to know whether we are wasting postage and time. This is likely to be the last warning !!!!

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

CATHERINE ALLINSON (1978 - 80) has confirmed her address but has no news to add to her last 'review'.

GORDON ANDERSON (1985 - 87) write to top up his subs and inform us that he is coming to the end of his course at Bath University. He was due to graduate in June 1990 with a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics and is looking forward to a long holiday before starting work in October. Gordon has earned nine months study in an American college. He secured one of 50 Rotary Club scholarships and will have started his course in Georgia College to study journalism and media communications in September 1990.

L. J. T. BAINBRIDGE (1929 - 37) writes to confirm his address but sadly there is no other news.

E.A. BARBER (1931 - 38) writes to confirm his address and includes a nice donation to our funds but unfortunately does not include any other news.

LES BARTLETT (1929 - 33) informs us that he retired ("at last I", he says) after 50 years in pharmacy. He would love to hear from any students who were at the S.S.S. in Nelson Terrace during the 1929 - 33 period. (Les includes a donation, his new address as 1, River Green Hamble, Southampton. SO3 5JA) [Looking at the address list I included two years ago there is L.J.T. Bainbridge, D.E. Bailey, R. Gedling, J.B. Grainger, A.Green, R. Icton, D. Ludbrook, G.Stott, & H. Williamson, who all started the 'Sec' during the period 1928 - 30 if this is of any help. They, in turn, may be in contact with Old Stocktonians who do not belong to the Association - Editor]

GRAHAM BENZIES (1954 - 61) writes to tell us that he is now a Senior Teacher at Ian Ramsey School in Stockton and a licensed Lay Reader at St. Peter's, Stockton. Graham includes a donation to funds which helps keep us solvent a little longer !

[For those members who are not up to date with the current school system in Stockton Ian Ramsey is an 11-16 School which occupies the former buildings (extended) of the Stockton Grammar School. Not, I hasten to add the premises that were in the centre of Stockton, in Norton Rd., but their 'new' buildings in Fairfield which were constructed (I believe) in the early 60's - Editor]

FRANK BOWEN (1925 - 32) includes a nice donation with his confirmation of address but no other news.

We were pleased to have a confirmation of address and donation from **R.E. BRADSHAW** who was Headmaster of the Boys' School from 1957 to his retirement in 1973. We trust that he is still in good health and enjoying his retirement in Gilsland, Cumbria.

TRACEY BRAND (1985 - 88) spent her 1990 vacation in Thailand and Australia. She was able to meet up with Jack Glattbach (1953 - 60) and his wife Hilde who wined and dined Tracey in Bangkok. She then moved onto Melbourne where she enjoyed hospitality with Mike Sizer (1939 - 44) and his family. Mike's daughters even loaned Tracey a car for the weekend! Mike wrote to the OSA just before Tracey's visit and his

news is elsewhere in the book. Tracey managed a visit to Ayers Rock and Alice Springs as well as a little casual work to ease the finances. A return visit to Thailand resulted in a week on the island of Koh Samui, a paradise island (a 70's hippy haven). The funny thing about the visit to Jack Glattbach was the discovery that he and Hilde enjoy their summer break at Newton in Northumberland, just three miles from Brian and Pat Brands' caravan (at Beadnall) and in 7 years they had not bumped into one another! It should be interesting at Christmas if they meet up - Tracey promised Jack a bottle of champagne (courtesy of Dad of course!)

That stalwart of the soccer field **JOHN BROOKES (1969 - 75)** adds to his subs but sadly there is no other news of his 'doings' or that of his contemporaries (many of whom he sees regularly!). More from John in 'Our Sporting Life'.

Still enjoying his busy retirement after ten years **LYNN BROWN (1931 - 38)** writes to confirm his address and includes a nice donation. Lynn was a headmaster for twenty four years in Stockton Schools before his retirement and still maintains contact with the Educational System in his capacity as a School Governor. His retirement keeps him busy he adds and he is privileged to serve Holy Trinity Church as a Reader. Lynn, like many others (he adds), was grateful for the time he spent at the Sec'. Also, like many others, he owes the development of his liking for, and taste in, music to "Messrs. Brooke and King who introduced us to the delights of a variety of music by a great many composers." Lynn wishes the Association and all its members continued success.

TIM BROWN (1955 - 60) includes a very generous donation with his letter and gives us news of several of his contemporaries [though none of himself!! - Editor]. Tim thinks it somewhat ironic to keep reading, in recent New Stocktonians, of the number of Old Boys who now boast of Sedgfield as their domicile [really? - Editor], especially the contemporaries of the former pupils who were daily bused in to Grangefield by Wilkinsons from all points west of the Horse and Jockey. "In those days", he says, "we rustics were held in contempt by those who now strive to be rural dwellers". Tim still retains links with many contemporaries who seem to have changed little since schooldays. **DAVID and ELIZABETH (nee CALLENDER) BROWN (1953 - 58)** recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary having lived at Sedgfield all their married life. **GEOFF LUPTON (1955 - 60)** whiles away his time on any local golf course when work at Tioxide doesn't interfere. He tells Tim that other Tioxide employees include **STUART TOWNSEND (1955 - 60)** and **MATTY SCOTT (1954 - 59)**. Matty is now a Sedgfield resident although the last time Tim met him was in Limassol, Cyprus in 1968 when a voice across a car park called "Tim Brown. What are you doing here?". In a similar vein in the 1960s Tim met **DICK HOWE (1956 - 61)** and **RAY HARBON (1950s?)** in Germany. **HAYDN NEIL (1955 - 62)** and his wife Norma are seen more frequently than most. Haydn is a leading light on Sedgfield Community Centre Committee, when not number crunching for Cleveland County Council. His wife receives frequent accolades for her performances with the Sedgfield Players.

STEPHEN BUCKLEY (1988 - 90) has been shortlisted for the £100,000 Toshiba Year of Invention awards with a design for a new caravan reversing aid. He invented the electronic guidance and warning system for drivers towing trailers and caravans as a project for his A-level Design & Technology exam. A monitor positioned at the back

of the car and visible through the rear view mirror is connected to the reversing light for power. A light display shows by how much and in which direction the caravan is turning. Any danger of jack-knifing is signalled by a red light and a warning buzzer. Stephen is one of 45 semi-finalists chosen from over 4,000 entries. Final judging takes place in December 1990.

Sadly no news other than an address confirmation from **TONY CAINS (1986 - 88)** but we trust his Cambridge course and sponsorship with Rover is going well.

A nice donation accompanies a letter and details of new address from **STAN CARTER (1974 - 76)**. Stan has been residing in the South East for some ten years now, five of those in Ashford, Middlesex. After leaving the University of East Anglia in 1979 Stan was employed as assistant buyer of commodities by Durham Chemicals at Birtley, just south of Newcastle. Finding the job a little too cut-throat he resigned when an opportunity arose for him to become a Cartographic Draughtsman (which is something he had always wanted to do). Unfortunately he had to move down south to take the job. The one good factor in this equation is that it makes him "more appreciative of the North East on my all too infrequent trips 'home'"

LORRAINE CLARK (1986 - 89) tops up her subs nicely and gives a donation to funds. Lorraine is now training to be a nurse in Harrogate.

SYLVIA CLARK (nee BEST) (1956 - 63) has no news to add to that she gave us last year but confirms her address, tops up subs and gives a donation to funds. Sylvia is Lorraine's (see above) mother.

E.D. COOPER (1957 - 62) confirmed his address in Luton but sadly adds no further information for our pages.

ANDREA DACK (1980 - 82) is now Mrs **MARTIN** having married in September 1989 (very belated congratulations - Editor). Andrea has also been promoted recently (Jan 1990) to a Senior I Physiotherapist for the medical wards at North Tees General Hospital and is enjoying the challenge.

LIONEL DANBY (1955 - 60) (according to our records I) sends us a nice donation and adds a stick pin and tie to his memorabilia. Although he confirms his address as 'Fairfield' his business card indicates that Lionel is Contract Manager for Costain in Lagos (West Africa) and so we are uncertain as to whether he is permanently based there. In any event, we send him best wishes. (despite all the work he made me do when he was a prefect in charge of a dinner table and I was a 'young sprog'. Still he was generous with the 'seconds'!! - Editor)

In addition to confirming his address **ALAN DAVIES (1933 - 37)** sent a nice donation and he and his wife were able to join us at the dinner this year. Alan rejoined the Association recently and we are pleased to be able to transfer his membership to that of a Life Member from this year. Alan has been able to join us in committee on two recent occasions in connection with Don Smith's publication 'Cricket Stumps and Sticklebacks' (which can be purchased through the Association I) He was also able to furnish us with details of some seventeen contemporaries with whom he has had contact this year (two of these were members for whom we had unconfirmed addresses).

We don't have many members older than THOMAS DAWSON (1916 - 19) and so we were particularly pleased to receive a generous donation and confirmation of his Billingham address. With new members joining the Association this year we have links from the foundation of the Association (1913) to the current day |

SARAH DAY (1982 - 84) confirms her address and tops up subs - unfortunately there is no other news.

It is 30 years since DOUG DEAN (1951 - 56) last reported news of himself. He is pleased to declare that he is still alive and that the Yearbook he has received, without failure for all those years (even with two changes of address), has not been wasted or gone unread. He regrettably has to disclose that he has been one (perhaps the only one I) of Grangefield Grammar School's 'failures' in life. He has not won a vast amount of money on the football pools; is not a millionaire; did not marry a rich woman; carries on doing a mundane job every working day of the week (but they do allow him some holiday now and then) [it can't all be bad then I] . Doug left his native Billingham 16 years ago but still visits the area frequently from York because of family ties. He does finish on a high note however by wishing the Association luck and hopes that the Yearbook survives. [Your generous donation will help Doug. Many thanks. - Editor]

In confirming his address I DENNEY (1940 - 46) regrets that there is nothing to add to last year's news.

GRAHAM DEWISON (1947 - 54) confirms his Leeds address but does not add any further news of himself or contemporaries with whom he may still be in touch.

SUE DICKSON (nee HARDY) (1970 - 77) writes to tell us that, despite last year's entry in 'The New Stocktonian' they did not move west. Her husband, Rab, got a new job and they have moved north to a village just to the south of Aberdeen. Sue is still a "full-time mum" for her (toddler) daughter, Georgia.

A confirmation of address slip and subs top up was nice from JIM DURRANT (Staff: 1949 - 80) and he hopes to see us at the next dinner.

RAYMOND ELSWORTH (1920 - 25) gave us a good account for last year's magazine but we were still pleased to hear from him again with address confirmation and a nice donation to funds.

A change of address and a generous top up of subs from K EVANS (née Thompson) (1981 - 84) but sadly no other news for these pages.

RON FENWICK (1923 - 28) Includes a generous donation to funds with confirmation of his address, for which we are grateful. The only name in the Committee, Tom Sowler excepted, that vibrates a memory chord for him is Ron Wynzar. He assumes that if this is not his son (or grandson) he must be Ron Wynzar, the miler. [It is indeed the same Ron Wynzar. I am not sure if Ron has run many miles recently but we shall certainly pass on your good wishes - Editor]

ERNEST FIEKE (1923 - 28), as one of the 15 (pre-1925) students referred to by Ray Elsworth last year, was two years too young to remember the 25th Anniversary (of the school) Concert but he does recall the Diamond Jubilee Dance in the 'Madison' in 1954 which was so poorly attended there may be few others who can recall the event. Ernest relives past times by associating names and events. Ron Fenwick meant 'brushes', Will Hume meant train journeys between Stockton and his home and Ron Wynzar meant 'rugby'. Don Smith is associated with a meeting in Dundee. Sometime in 1957 they met in that city and Don was about to purchase some 'hough' (pronounced 'hock') from his local butcher for the next family meal. Being the son-in-law of a Stockton butcher, and fond of red meat, Ernest was intrigued to discover that the name was the Scottish version of 'shin beef'. Now aged 077, Ernest feels that he can no longer audition for any future 007 film parts. [This last reference confirms our suspicions of who sent the cryptic message by telephone to the President at the last Dinner. It read "I hope you and all assembled have an enjoyable evening" - from 007 in Carlisle. - Editor. Tom Sowler has suggested that this may be the start of a possible (friendly) competition for the most unusual message etc.. to be read out at the Dinner.]

Rev. **JOHN FRANKS (1947 - 52)** has no further news to report (he last wrote in 1988), being still engaged full time in work for the Congregational Church. When John's father died in 1989 his brothers returned to him from his father's house two old photographs. One was of the U-15 Rugby Team of 1950-51. It was composed of Graham Dewison, Alan Wilkinson, Eddie Hardwick, Tom Shield, Geoff Kenyon, Brian Crocker, Paul Dee, Brian Challoner, Jack Candlin, Brian Brand, Don Moses, Eddie Pinder, Eddie Yeats, John Walton, Dennis Foulger, Mick Wilkinson and John himself. [For those who have counted this number includes two reserves - Editor] The other photograph is of a soccer team of about the same year. For one year, John remembers, the school entered a soccer team in the Stockton Schools Association Football Cup and actually reached the final, which was played on The Victoria Ground [which is now houses II - Editor]. The team lost to Richard Hind in the final (4-2, John thinks). As the team in the photo only played together two or three times John can't recognise all the faces [Perhaps someone can remember the missing names - Editor]. He does however recall that he was in goal and remembers Dickie Bambrough, Ian Williams and Conrad Raine. Pencilled on the back are the following names that John regrets not being able to remember: Aitchison, F. Ward, C. Peacock, C. Murray, Richardson, Harris, and S. Watson. John was certain that Eddie Pinder was involved with the team as he went on to make quite a name for himself in local football circles.

An address confirmation and a nice donation was received from **R.GARDNER (1926 - 31)** but no other news.

Together with a subs top up and her new address **ANDREA GILLESPIE (1982 - 84)** informs us that she is now a qualified R.G.N. Having undertaken her training at York District Hospital Andrea has now moved to Leeds and is working as a staff nurse on intensive care.

JACK GLATBACH (1953 - 60) writes to tell us of his new address in Thailand and adds to our funds with a nice donation. He gave us all his up to date news in 1988 -89 and we assume he is still working for UNICEF.

Having survived the sixth act of Jacques' soliloquy JOHN GRAINGER (1929 - 34) looks back and reflects on the many parts he's played in a life of singular variety and unusual dramatic excitement. However, with life's expectancy of years fulfilled (he adds), even in these modern times of medicinal miracles, he supposes that it is only natural that the halcyon days of youth are but memories stirred by items of news appearing in the "New Stocktonian". The past year has been a sorrowful one for Jack with the sad death of his brother Charles. Charles' family of two sons, Alan and David, and one daughter, Barbara, all of whom were Grangefield proteges have gone on to be fine ambassadors for the School. John continues to be a man of many parts, still learning, he hopes, with much compassion and skill to care for his severely disabled wife, who has been confined to a wheelchair for the past ten years. John hopes that today's youngsters who with "... shining morning face, creep like snails, unwillingly to school ..." will realise that nothing is unattainable and that they will strive for every possible goal.

Having 'lost' ARCHER GREEN (1928 - 32) briefly in 1988 we were pleased to renew our association and learn of his new address. Many thanks too for the donation to funds.

HAZEL HALL (1979 - 81) has done us proud once again !! An A4 side of paper crammed with details of herself and others duly arrived again this year. Since giving us information in 1988-89 Hazel has moved from Birmingham, where she was Assistant Librarian at the Polytechnic, to Edinburgh to take up a lecturing post at Queen Margaret College. Her job title is Lecturer in Information Management, but she also teaches Communication skills and information technology in the Department of Communication and Information Studies. Hazel tells us that :

JUDITH HALL (1980 - 82), her sister, has now gained her PhD from King's College, London and is currently doing some research for the University of Gratz in Austria (due back March 1990). This has been one of several trips abroad by Judith, including Australia, to attend conferences and give papers.

PETRINA SMITH (1979 - 81) was married to Dr. Stephen Moralee in September 1989 (Hazel was a bridesmaid). Petrina is now doing her G.P. training in Nottingham.

CLARE SMITH (1978 - 80), Petrina's sister, is also married and an accountant for MacMillans the publisher.

URSULA SMITH (1981 - 83?), Petrina's other sister, is a professional cellist and was engaged to play at the wedding of Viscount Althorp !

KATIE RENNIE (1982 - 84) is finishing her PhD at Bristol University in 1990.

DAVID CLARKE (1978 - 80) and KIRSTY CLARKE (nee MOODY)(1979 - 81) are currently living in Bristol. David now works for Hewlett Packard and Kirsty is a physiotherapist.

EILEEN MAWSON (1979 - 81) is buyer for Barbour. Her brother MICHAEL MAWSON (1984 - 86?) is doing a PhD in Ireland (Dublin?).

JOANNE PICKARD (1979 - 81) is still working for Morgan Stanley in London.

Brian Brand found that two new colleagues at Eastbourne School were former students. ROSEMARY HARBINSON (now SCOTT) (1959 - 66) of Viking stock but with an Irish grandfather (!), trained at Padgate College of Education (now North Cheshire College). Rosemary remembers Miss Milburn and Miss Costa. IAN MORRIS (1971 - 78) was one of those who started at Grangefield Grammar School and finished at the Sixth Form College. He trained in Fine Art at Leicester and Sunderland before teaching in Cleveland, Tyneside and now Darlington. He

remembers Frank Tiesing, Harry Horsman, Doug Agar, Ossie Stout, Mr Bradshaw and his old form tutor Roger Bingham. All of 2R - where are you now ? Ian married Angela (not an Old Girl, he says) and they live in Stockton. When mentioning this to another colleague Stuart Reed it transpires that his wife ANGELA (nee GREY)(?) spent two years at the School after moving to Hurworth from Tyneside.

It was nice to hear from JOHN HEDLEY (1951 - 58) again, the re-uniting made even more pleasant by a most generous donation, for which we are very grateful. John is working with a computer company based in Slough but regularly visits Dublin, Brussels and sometimes more exotic places such as Sydney and Singapore. He has seen DAVE LAWSON (1950 - 57) recently and (not so recently !) DAVID SCOTT (1956 - 58), GEORGE BAINBRIDGE (1951 - 58) and RAY WALLS (?). [We need addresses for the first three names (as they are all Life Members) if you, or anyone else, have them John - Editor] The last three friends were in the Grangefield Sixth Form with John from 1955 - 58 ("yes, we did three years in the sixth !" John adds). All these contacts are in teaching : Dave Lawson is a Headmaster in Bucks, Dave Scott in F.E. in Cheshire, and George Bainbridge and Ray Walls teach at the Polytechnic in Teesside. John adds the following final cryptic note : "Regards to all who remember the fiddler on Speech Day or Mad Margaret !"

It was nice have an address confirmation and another kind donation from one of the Association's most stalwart supporters GRANVILLE HEWITT (1916 - 23). We trust you are in good health sir !

It was nice to hear from KAREN HUDSON (1976 - 78). Last time she wrote she was in good health and high spirits due to her remission from the vagaries of MS. Unfortunately Karen feels she spoke to soon because she had a spell in hospital in December 1989, but is much better now ("that's the way MS goes", she bravely adds) Karen wishes to correct an error in the magazine as regards the source of her degree - it was from Newcastle not Durham, as we had printed. She very much likes that city and returns to visit as often as possible. The Gateshead Garden Festival was an opportunity that was too good to miss and Karen made more than one journey there. Karen spends as much time as possible in the library at Grangefield School and enjoyed their production of Alan Ayckbourn's 'Ernie's Incredible Illuminations'

An address confirmation is the only news from RICHARD HUMBLE (1985 - 87) but we gather from this reply that he is managing to survive his transfer from halls of residence to a flat in Edinburgh. We trust that the ward rounds have not been to onerous this year Richard and hope to hear of your successful adoption by the medical profession in the near future.

WILF A. HUME (1924 - 29) writes from Bishop Auckland to tell us that he is just coming up to 16 years of retirement after a very happy career in Local Government. During Will's time there were such things as Rural District Councils - "... non-political and close to the people, a good life". Many thanks for your address confirmation Will and we wish you many more years of contented retirement.

W.G. HUME (1923 - 27 (we have 28?)) writes to say that he has recently been looking at a photograph of Form 5A Modern, with Billie Baker as Form Master, taken in 1927 and this has been rekindling fond memories of his days at Nelson Terrace. When he was looking through the list of Life Members we published two years ago he

was surprised and rather sorry to recognise only one - R. Fenwick [According to our lists the following started school in 1923 but they may not have been in the same form. - F.W. Baker, G.W. Davis, E.H. Fieke, J. Haigh (?), J. Hewitt, & F. Sawdon - Editor] He would like to know news of his old class mates such as - Laws, Gibson, Louthier, Loughran, Crozier, Cornforth, Liddle, Harker and Stainsby if anyone can help. [We can help with two, possibly I R Cornforth (1920 - 24) was on our address list two years ago but we have had no confirmation since 1980, and we have two Stainsby's - A.S. who, sadly, died in 1984 and W.A. for whom we have no confirmed address. - Editor] In reviving memories Mr Hume recalls that in 1936, nine years after leaving S.S.S., he met C.W. King in Oxford, where he was visiting friends before going on to London for the Proms'. Although at school Mr Hume didn't always enjoy C.W.'s Musical Appreciation classes he did sow the seeds of a love of good music, " .. and I think of his teaching the main parts of Introduction, Recapitulation etc.. when I listen to pieces of Tchaikovsky or Beethoven and other composers."

CHRIS HURT (1949 -56) confirms his address and sends a welcome donation but sadly omits any further news of himself or contemporaries with whom he may still be in touch.

RAYMOND ICETON (1929 - 33) confirms his address and was spotted on TV recently when interviewed by 'Look North' (the local 6.30 - 7.00 BBC News programme). Ray was giving his views on that local tribal ritual 'The Sedgfield Shrove Tuesday Football Match' ! I am sure there are many out there who remember it well - in fact they may still limp, or bear the scars of these 'friendly' encounters of years gone by.

JOHN INGHAM (Staff: 1957 -), in time honoured fashion, confirms his address but modestly supplies no further information, so here goes ! Having taught for 33 years at Grangefield and Stockton Sixth Form College (from 1973) initially as second in the Physics department and then Head of Physics John became Senior Teacher and is currently one of three Vice Principals at the College. Since moving our allegiance to the Sixth Form College John has become our main contact. He attends all Committee meetings (well, he might have missed one in 17 years !!), sorts out the magazine material from the College (an unenviable task!), has the usual excellent memory for names (when called upon) and does a host of other unsung tasks on our behalf. I have not managed to get him to be involved with the Sports Extravaganza or the Annual Dinner yet (but there is still time John !!). Although we have not mentioned it in print before, this Association owes a great debt to John Ingham for his work on its behalf, for without that vital link with the College we would have withered away by now !

(Look at all the entries in this and other years of 'The New Stocktonian' where the students were at the College (1973 -).

Many thanks John. (P.S. Can you look after the Volleyball next year ? - just joking !)

FRED JACKSON (1953 - 59) confirms his address and tops up his subs nicely. We hope that he and Bob Ward will be organising one of their 'do's' in the near future!

PAUL JAKOBSON (1971 - 78) tops up his subs handsomely and duly informs us of his new address. A recent change of job has brought Paul back to the North East, from Northampton, living in Sedgfield and working in North Shields.

Rev. JONATHAN JENNINGS (1977 - 79) curate of St Cuthbert's Church, Darlington with special responsibilities for All Saints in Blackwell has begun regular stints as a news reader on Tfm Radio. In addition to his regular spot on Sunday mornings he covers a variety of daily news items and sports fixtures. Jonathan says that writing scripts has helped him with sermons - making his writing tighter and improving his confidence in addressing congregations. His part-time career blossomed about three-and-a-half years ago when the Bishop of Durham suggested he became involved in radio because it was an area the church needed to explore. He now does a lot of communications work for the Church of England. Before going to theological college he worked abroad as a producer and presenter for the Qatar Broadcasting Service in the Middle East. Then while studying to join the clergy he helped to produce and present religious programmes for BBC Radio Cambridge. He is not keen on the radio being used as a means of preaching to people, he feels this would put the ordinary listener off and would not be in favour of a religious radio station for it would probably not be listened to by the public at large and this would mean less opportunity to communicate with people who never set foot over the church door. He feels that the church needs to take a long look at its image and hopes that this means of approach may show people what the place is really like.

CATHERINE JOHNSON (1970 - 77) tops up her subs and confirms her address in Herts. but adds no news to that which she supplied two years ago. We trust that her environmental work on air pollution continues to be successful, for all our sakes !

Only an address confirmation and a most handsome subs increase (to 2007!) by **CLAIR JONES (1979 - 81)**.

HAROLD JONES (Staff: 1949 - 51) continues to return his confirmation of address each year together with a donation. Harold remembers John Wearmouth (page 33, 1989-90 yearbook) well from his days in Form 3M in 1941(or 51? - Editor). Harold has written to **E.V. CABLE (Staff: 1949 - 56)** (for whom we have no confirmed address) to see if he can give us details of his activities. Our guess as regards Harold's retirement was correct !

It was nice to hear from **JAMES KELLEY (1930 - 35)** after losing contact for more than 10 years. James entered the Merchant Navy as an Apprentice with Robert Ropner of Hartlepool after leaving school in 1935. During six years of war service in which he became 1st Mate he had quite an adventurous time - torpedoed off Spitzbergen on a Russian Convoy, blown up by a magnetic mine in the Thames Estuary, bombed on a Malta Convoy after sitting on 5000 tons of burning coal and finally on a ship which lost its steering gear in a North Atlantic hurricane and being adrift for three weeks before making its own way into Newfoundland. All these events were not on the same ship he hastens to add ! From 1957 until he retired in 1979 James was Senior Careers Officer in Cleveland East. Since 1949 James has been an umpire in the North Yorks & South Durham Cricket League having had several years in the Minor Counties competition. As a parting question James asks if "... there are any other records of three brothers being at the S.S.S. at the same time ?" - well, can anybody help us out ?

In addition to passing on regards to Tom Sowler **DAVID KIRTLEY (1927 - 34)** writes to tell us that he has renewed his close contact with **TED SHIELDS (1927 - 34)** since Ted came back from Australia to settle in Brighton. Dave and Ted usually go

walking together on the Downs, reviving a joint activity which started with their first Youth Hostel trip in 1932. David passes on best wishes to Mr Rattenbury who, he understands, is the only survivor of a band of teachers he remembers with respect and affection.

A nice donation but no other news from JOHN KITCHIN (1959 - 66).

It was a great pleasure once again to hear from GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18). No news to add to last year's details.

A brief note from ARTHUR LONG (1952 - 57) with a subs top up but, sadly, no other news.

DENNIS LUDBROOK (1929 - 34) writes to confirm his address and adds a generous donation but has no other news to tell. [Question : Were Dennis, Ron and G.A. Ludbrook at S.S.S. together, so equalling the record of the Kelley's? - Editor]

SUSAN McNAB (nee ROW) is one of only two lady Life Members of the Association. No news to add to that we received in 1988-9 but a generous donation and address confirmation. Both are welcome !

It was nice to hear from ROGER MASON (1954 - 61) who, we gather, has not had the best of health recently. We hope that these problems are now in the past and that he has now fully recovered. Many thanks for the new address Roger and the top up of subs.

NORMAN MOSS (1921 - 25) sends a generous donation and confirms his Hartburn address. Since it is ten years since we last heard from Norman it is sad that there is no other news.

Change of address notification from GUY MOULE (1986 - 88) but no other news. We trust the course at UMIST is going well.

It was nice to renew our connection with COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60) again at the Annual Dinner, we had lost contact in 1979!

MALCOLM PARKER (1960 - 67) sends a nice donation and gives us details of JIM LIGHTFOOT (1959 - 67) and KEITH (JAKE) JACKSON (1959 -67). Malcolm is married with two children, Sarah (9) and Christopher (7), and is currently Head of Humanities at Spenny moor Comprehensive School. He is still running his specialist tourism publishing and video production business ('Discovery Guides Limited') which has been in operation since the late 70s. Although he still visits Stockton he rarely sees 'old faces', Jim Lightfoot is living at Spennymoor and Malcolm recalls that he was infamous for his 'Radio Hartburn' and for blowing up his garage (whilst he was still inside it !) during his schooldays. He is now operating his own successful computer and D.T.P. business. Keith was last heard of living near Hurworth and seemed to be enjoying life.

ROB ("Roz") PRICHARD (1958 - 65) sends a nice donation and tops up his subs in addition to giving more details of himself and contemporaries. He is married and living in Hartburn and has been teaching at Tilery School since 1969. Rob's main

interests involve English Canal Cruising and membership of C.A.M.R.A. (Campaign for Real Ale). He reckons that he will be seen at Cleveland's 4th beer Festival in 1991 [In the vertical position we hope Rob I - Editor]. **ANDY RIGG (1958 - 65)** is now Head of Department at Hipperholme Grammar School, near Halifax. Andy is married with a 12 year old daughter. **BRIAN CALLENDER (1958 - 65)** is married and living in Whitley Bay, working as an immigration officer in Tynemouth. **DAVE OWEN (1958 - 65)** is also married and is now a civil servant living at Poulton Le Fylde near Blackpool. **MIKE RENWICK (1958 - 65)** is working for I.C.I. at Dumfries as a Plant Manager, his Scottish wife Elaine is a music teacher.

RAY REED (1950 - 57) has written two letters to us this year. The first was to confirm his address and the second was to tell us the sad news of the death of his father Thomas Reed (1921 - 26).

PETER RIGG (1956 -63) includes a most generous donation with his letter this year and brings us up to date with news of himself. He has now settled in the Midlands (Lutterworth) with his wife, Attracta, and his children Kevin and Marie-Laure [sorry if this is not correct but it was difficult to decipher I - Editor]. Peter is employed as a Senior Test Engineer with GEC Alsthom Turbine Generators which entails work away from home at times. In the course of this work he has visited Korea and India, in addition to other places, over the last few years. He still finds time to visit Stockton once or twice a year but rarely meets any old friends I

JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933 - 38) retired in 1985 from the post of Principal Lecturer in Automatic Control in the Electrical Engineering Department of the Polytechnic of the South bank, London. Since retiring Jack has been kept as busy as ever and feels that he cannot spare the time to retire again for fear of being swamped with work. We were pleased to have confirmation of Jack's address and grateful for the donation included.

We last heard from **KEN SHERATON (1940 - 44)** in 1983 and so were pleased to have an address confirmation and donation to funds. No other news unfortunately.

Over the last ten years **TED SHIELDS (1927 - 34)** has been a regular contributor to these pages not only with news of himself but frequently with details of other 'Old' Boys and their whereabouts, this year is no exception. Ted and his wife have just returned from a three months trip to Bangkok (where their eldest son works for the Shell Oil Co. of Thailand) and Australia (where they lived for 15 years until 1988). In Adelaide they were able to see all their old friends in addition to watching top class tennis and one of the Australia - Pakistan cricket tests. Among the friends they caught up with was **STUART HART (1938 - 40)** who is still very busy with Rotary activities and is now also President of the South Australia branch of the Australian Retired Persons Association (of which Ted was secretary for 5 years). Ted also managed to get in some bush walking in the Adelaide Hills (in a temperature of nearly 100F) [Nearly as warm as Britain in early August this year I - Editor. And I'm not joking II] The 1989 -90 New Stocktonian brought back many nostalgic memories of 60 years ago to Ted as so many people he knew so well then were referred to in it. To name a few: Evan Baldwin (who perhaps had the greatest influence on him), 'Cubby' King (to whom he shall always be grateful for introducing him to music), 'Jute' Armstrong, 'Rats' Rattenbury and Tom Sowler (his cricket captain) Ted was particularly interested to be reminded by Ray Gedling of their extended chess match and its sequel; he freely admits that "I was always the slowest player in the school chess team!" The only

school contemporary with whom Ted is in contact is David Kirtley [see above - Editor] His final remark about being able to recall practically all the words of Schola Stocktonensis Carmen conjures up memories of two men in their mid-70s striding over the Downs singing this refrain with great gusto [as was the case after sports (particularly rugby) victories in my youth - Editor]. Many thanks for your kind donation Ted.

From darkest Victoria in Australia we were pleased to receive a letter from MIKE SIZER (1939 - 44). Mike included a nice donation and felt that his "... Life Membership of 30/- paid in 1944 was excellent value." He asked us to tell Brian Brand that he was still playing rugby and expected a place in the Old Boys team if ever he got back to the U.K. when the match was on. The last time that Mike turned out for the Old Boys was in the late '50s. Although there is a competition in Victoria for the over 35s Mike is beginning to feel the knocks with all the youngsters dashing about and after two or three games he has to have a game off and play golf for the weekend for a bit of rest and recuperation. As usual Mike sends regards to all who still remember him.

DON SMITH (1933 -38) our latest author has sent a generous donation together with one or two snippets of information and several questions he would like answered. Don met Jack Routledge and his wife whilst they were visiting in Angus. Jack, BOB COULSON (1933 -39), Alan Davies and ROY DEDMAN (1933 - ?) were all able to attend the launch of Don's book. It took Don six guesses to identify Roy !! Don was interested to read of RAY ("Gink") GEDLING in the recent Yearbook. Ray was champion chess player, a long distance runner and a great asset to BLUE house. Through the work on his autobiography of childhood on Teesside in the '20s and '30s Don has recently revived contacts with FRANK DOBBY (1931 - 37), ARTHUR WINSPEAR (1933 - ?), BOB HEATHCOTE (1933 - ?) and FRANK HARRISON (1936 - ?) Don's two questions are: Is GUY WARWICK (1932 - 37), mentioned in the 89 - 90 Yearbook the son of "Pop" Warwick Head of Billingham Intermediate School in the '30s and '40s ? ; Has anybody any information on BILL PALMER (1932 - ?) ? If you are able to help you can contact Don at 'Brawnookie', Craigton Monikie, Dundee. DD5 3QN.

J.A. SMITH (1946 - 51) includes a generous donation with his address and one or two reminiscences. He first remembers Tom Sowler when Tom, on leave from the R.A.F., visited Holy Trinity School. He had a closer contact with Tom in 1951 & '52 when Tom taught him Electrical Engineering at night school. Mr Smith found ARCHER GREEN's (1928 -32) article 'Brief Encounter', in last year's magazine, very interesting. Taffy Rhys was his first form master and T.B. Brooke his last. He visited 'Tibby' several times at his home at Densham's Corner after he left school. "He was a great fellow and I was not one of his best pupils" He was also pleased to see Gordon Lake's name appearing on the committee, they used to live opposite each other at Fairfield when they were both very young. He still keeps in touch with JOHN GREEN (1940 - 46) and, through him, the work of the Association.

It is 30 years this year since he left school PETER SOWLER (1953 - 60) reminds us and he is hoping that FRED JACKSON (1953 - 59) will be organising "his" dinner this year. Even if Fred does not want the trouble of organising a 'posh do' Peter would be quite happy to nip down to Stockton or Sedgfield (or even Eaglescliffe) for a pint. He asks us to remind Fred that it is his (Fred's) round next time they meet. Peter has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers serving on the

Committee of the Power Section of the I.E.E. in Newcastle. Having qualified at Sheffield University in 1963 he is currently Laboratory Manager at N.E.I. Parsons, manufacturers of steam turbine generators. Other Old Stocktonians at Sheffield during the 1960-63 period included Roy Stanley, Tom Darling, Dick Radge and Neil Pallister. Peter is still in touch with Roy (thanks to Fred Jackson) but where are all the others? (Come on you lot! - let's be hearing from you - Editor)

Whilst writing to confirm his address and adding a generous top up to his subs ROY STANLEY (1953 - 60) had donned his green eyeshade and made the following observations. "I am perturbed to note no mention of who is/has been organising the football pool syndicate; details of the 'book' for school sports day; discussions of the various poker schools (they used to be held in the library!). Have all these important school functions faded away over the years? Hopefully not! Current details please." Roy adds as a parting shot that he is still holding several card-game I.O.U.s (circa 1960)

ROY STEWARTSON (1934 - 41) was most pleased to receive his 1989/90 magazine and surprised to read about so many of his contemporaries. He would be pleased to hear from, or see, any contemporaries visiting his part of Wales (viz: 194, Lake Rd. East, Cardiff. CF2 5NR)

A generous donation and confirmation of address from GORDON STOTT (1930 - 36) but no other news I'm afraid.

It is twelve years since we last heard from RUSSELL THERSBY (1956 - 64) but he makes amends this year by giving us chapter and verse on his activities since 1964. From '64 to '68 he did a Joint Hons in Pure & Applied maths at the University of St. Andrews and briefly, after graduating, became a programmer with STC in London. In '68 - '69 he did an MSc in Numerical Analysis/Fluid Dynamics at the University of Dundee, after which he took up a post as a Systems Engineer with B.A.C., Guided Weapons Division, Burstal. He was married, to Georgiana in 1971 and in the mid 70s became a chartered engineer. In 1985 Russell was elected Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications and, two years later, a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Also in 1987 he became an external lecturer at the Royal Military College, Shrivenham. With promotion to Chief Engineer in 1989 he was transferred to British Aerospace (Military Aircraft) Ltd., Warton, Lancashire and in 1990 was elected a European Engineer in Paris.

Proving that you are never too old to join (or in his case re-join) the Association GEORGE THORNTON (1937 - 42 ?) has recently contacted us. It would seem that George has not moved far from his alma mater since he lives in Nelson Terrace (though we are uncertain if this was a deliberate ploy or a coincidence). On closer inspection of his address however we discovered that the Terrace was in Redcar and not Stockton. No news about his 'activities' past and present but perhaps you can put that right for the next issue George.

It was good to hear from The Right Revd. E.J. TINSLEY (1931 - 37) who expressed his gratitude for the splendid liberal education he received from those pillars of the day who taught at Nelson Terrace : G.G. Armstrong, 'Tibby' Brooke, Cuthbert King, 'Billy' Munday and J.G. Rattenbury. He never lost an opportunity of singing the praises of the

school.

No news from **ERIC TINSLEY (1958 - 65)** other than the confirmation of his address. We've added the post code Eric I

It was nice to see **GEOFFREY WARD (1955 - 62)** at the Dinner this year (with Colin Mustard). Geoff is currently residing in deepest Reading.

CLIVE WHALEY (1972 - 79) has been busy since he last wrote in 1986. Clive is now a Regional Officer in London with the Sports Council and was married in May 1989 to Maia Jossop, who also works for the Sports Council. In addition to this he has recently moved to Bournemouth. Belated congratulations Clive. [Can I ask a question ? - Editor. Is Paul Whaley a brother of Clive and Mark Whaley ? If so, we may have another contender for three brothers of the Association at the same school at the same time. See entries for James Kelley and Dennis Ludbrook above]

It was a great pleasure to have a confirmation of address and a nice donation from **KEN WHITFIELD (1933 - 37)**. Since retiring in 1982 Ken has been a familiar figure in the Music Department of Stockton and Billingham Tech. He first enrolled on the one year Foundation Course in Music after which he took and passed O-Level music. Over the years he has progressed from Grade 1 to Grade 8 in the Theory of Music and from Grade 1 to Grade 6 on the piano. Problems with health and sight forced Ken to cut short his music performances and prevented further progress on the examination front and it was then that he turned to composition. During the last year he has composed two song cycles which he says are a homage to Schubert and Mendelssohn. They are settings of poems by W.H. Davies and Walter de la Mare. [My only recollection of Ken's musical talents was the occasional classroom performance on the accordion I - Editor]

Still living in Nottingham but with a change of address is **JOHN WHITHAM (1969 - 75)** who was amongst the first intake into the Sixth Form College (Yes it'll be nice when they finish it John I). A nice ten year top up of subs but no other news from John, who last time we heard, was a loss adjuster. By the way John did you ever hear anything of **AL EASTON (1973 - 75 ?)** and do you still see **ROGER JAMESON (1973 - 75)** these days?

It's ten years since we last had a communication from Wing Commander **BARRY WIGGINS (1940 - 46)** but he has made amends this year. He is always keen to receive his copy of the magazine each year and wishes to congratulate us on two points. First, for maintaining a voluntary operation that has got the magazine to him every year for the last 44 years. Despite the fact that he has spent 20% of that time working overseas and has changed address seventeen times. The second point is that our threat to interrupt this flow has pushed him into taking up his pen (well, his much travelled portable electronic typewriter) to give us the following news [I'm afraid it has not had the same effect on all our members - Editor]. Barry included a very generous donation with his letter to help keep the Association alive "... as one who has got away all these years with an Initial Life membership." He had always felt that those from his years (1940 - 46) at the Secondary School had never been great supporters of the Association and so it was very gratifying to hear news of his old mathematics rival, **JOHN ELLIS (1940 - 46)**, and that I. Denny (see above) is still around and well. Barry is threatening to put some pressure on **ARTHUR WILLIS (1940 - 46 ?)**

to pass on some details for publication. Unlike John Ellis, Barry has lost count of the number of times he has (theoretically) retired. On leaving the R.A.F. in 1979 he took up a directorship with a small subsidiary of the then British Leyland Group and that is how he came to live in Leicestershire. The taste for working overseas that he had acquired in the R.A.F. made him restless however and in 1982 he went to Zambia with the Lonrho Group to set up the assembly of Peugeot cars at Livingstone, alongside the Victoria Falls. From that he seems to have drifted into becoming a semi-retired consultant, with over a year in the Holy Land for the Overseas Development Administration and the opportunity for his wife and himself to acquire some outstanding personal and spiritual experiences. As a two person team Barry and his wife Sheila now work almost exclusively on a part-time basis as volunteer consultants for various aid agencies, specialising in helping the developing world solve its logistics problems. They regularly visit clients and friends in Cyprus and they recently spent a memorable two months with The Seychelles Public Transport Corporation. The result of these activities is that Barry and his wife now have a wide circle of international friends across the Middle East and Africa. In 1983 Barry was invited to become an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Road Transport Engineers and in 1989 was one of the first British Mechanical Engineers to obtain registration as a European Engineer. Although they regularly visit Teesside, where Sheila's family still lives, these visits never seem to coincide with Association events. "Perhaps someday!" They have managed to keep up to date with the industrial and geographical changes that have taken place in the area, although he confesses that the educational re-structuring is a bit harder to understand. On his last visit he was very saddened to see what the local authorities had allowed the vandals to do to his family's old business premises in Norton Road. Finally, Barry sends his best wishes to the Association and in particular to Mr Raltenbury.

Nice to hear from DAVE (1967 - 74) and LESLEY (1967 - 72) WILLETTS again. No news to add to the extensive letter we received last year but we were grateful for the donation and subs top up.

Once again we were pleased to receive a letter for publication from LAWRENCE WILSON (1923 - 27) along with a very generous donation to funds. His reason for continuing to put pen to paper, he feels, is the sharp and lingering attack of nostalgia he suffers with the arrival of the 'New Stocktonian'. On further examination he surmises that there is a clear relationship between age and the depth of such attack, with the graph rising a bit asymptotically at 70 years of age or so. Pursuing the distaff side of his family down the ages (Hutchinsons) Lawrence has come across some excellent books on Teesside River Tees Pilots' by Stuart Hellier, 'Images of Teesside' by Ian MacDonald and the 'Story of Cleveland' by Minnie Horton. Lawrence came across them quite by accident and found them - even without the local associations - quite absorbing. And the pictures in MacDonald's book quite beautiful. Nostalgia, he goes on to say, brings on reaction to things modern and in the current bout he cannot understand why the teaching techniques and principles of the S.S.S. in the 1920s had to change. Fundamentals were taught, handicrafts, art and musical appreciation too; scholarships and bursaries were there for the winning with evening classes leading to University degrees for the persistent. Someone might shatter his illusion of those days, but they will have to explain why three masters of that era, Baldwin, King and Armstrong - and no one subsequently - are immortalised by the prizes bearing their names and subscribed to by students past and present. Looking at degree level examination papers over some years of those at the equivalent schools in the 60s and

70s seemed to show a singular ineptitude in the the three R's, logic and presentation. He even detected, he thought more skill in these things from students from far away places like Hong Kong. Lawrence admits that he is now 'singing' a "... fine old fashioned note if ever I saw one." He suspects that 30 or more years ago folk were saying the same things to him but the famous trio and the times and conditions in which they taught may have had some significance. "Mind you", he concludes, "I would have contributed to a T.B. Brooke prize given the chance."

Every three years since 1980 the magazine has been pleased to receive a substantial letter from PETER WIMBERLEY (1955 - 62) and a handsome donation to funds - this year is one of the triennials. Peter has a change of address this year due to his appointment as Consultant and Head of the Department of Clinical Chemistry and Haematology (otherwise called the Central Laboratory) in the County Hospital in Herning. Herning lies in the middle of Jutland which is on the West side of Denmark - five hours by train from Copenhagen, where he lived before. After qualifying in Medicine from King's College, London at the same time as PETER TWIDDY (1955 - 62?) (who qualified in Law) Peter specialised for several years in paediatrics (childrens' diseases). After moving to Denmark in 1978 he devoted his time to medical research and completed a postgraduate training in clinical chemistry. Now he has landed in administration. Herning Hospital has about 400 beds, the laboratory has a staff of about 70 half of whom are laboratory technicians. Peter says that much of his time is spent in trying to find ways of saving money - the Government is demanding that the County Authorities cut back their expenditures [We know the story | - Editor] There is a National Health Service in Denmark, the first private hospital opened last year. For the first time ever The Pope visited Denmark in 1989 and there was the first canonisation, for 400 years, of a Dane, Neils Stensen, who was a brilliant researcher in anatomy and geology in the 17th century. Peter's daughter from his first marriage is now 21 and reading Anthropology at Copenhagen University, his son is 19 and training in the Danish Merchant Navy and his youngest son of 13 is still at school. Johanne, Peter's second wife, although highly qualified as a tutor for laboratory technicians, is content to be at home looking after their three little girls aged, 3, 5 and 7 years. Peter always looks forward to receiving the magazine. His visits to England are rare and it is many years since he was in the North. Despite this Stockton is often in his thoughts. He asks to be remembered to Mr Bradshaw, Mr Rattenbury and Mr Ingham.

DAVID WINN (1946 - 51) encloses a generous donation with his address confirmation and we can confirm in return that his memory as regards his membership status is perfect | David will have been in Birmingham for 25 years this year, since his posting there when he was promoted to Executive Officer in the Civil Service. He feels content with his present location, there being three theatres presenting professional productions and another two presenting mostly excellent amateur productions. The Warwickshire County cricket ground is about 2½ miles from his flat but he prefers to go to Lords when he can. David remains a confirmed bachelor despite the Association's "... secretary fabricating some comment about me having 'prospects' ..." on the last occasion he wrote. [No danger this time David - Editor]. He points out two errors we made in his father's obituary last year. Norman Winn was born in 1894 (we had 1893, which was mistyped as 1983! And his father was in charge of the football team which reached the final of the E.S.F.A. Trophy in 1945 or '46. [Our apologies for this David especially the missed date - Editor]

OBITUARIES

We were informed in July 1990 that D.W. BAKER (1921 - 24) had passed away.

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of SUE BEESTON during the Summer of 1990. Sue was the wife of Chris. Beeston, the Hon. Treasurer of the Association, and was a regular attender at the Annual Dinner as well as giving 'behind the scenes' support to Chris.

A qualified accountant, Sue had 'retired' in recent years to bring up their children. When she discovered that she had cancer Sue, typically, faced the prospect with great bravery and fortitude. Despite some lengthy stays in hospital she never let the problems overwhelm her, despite the need for hip replacements. With such problems to contend with we were pleased to see Sue at the Annual Dinner this year and she amazed us all with her determination and strength of character.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Chris and his family

Herbert Leslie ("Les") Hill (1917 - 22) died at the age of 84 on 22nd November 1989. He was a widower when he died but was survived by four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Les, and his twin brother Stanley, attended Stockton Secondary School from 1917 to 1922. After gaining his matriculation Les decided to pursue a career as a Dental Surgeon. He obtained a place and became a student at the Middlesex and Royal Dental Hospitals in London. After passing his finals in 1927 he was awarded a position as "House Surgeon" which at the time was deemed to be a great honour. Les became friends with a fellow student whose family lived in the London suburb of Wallington. This led to him meeting his future wife, Mabel Askew, who was the sister of his friend. After qualifying and serving as a House Surgeon, Les eventually returned to Stockton and set up practice there. He married Mabel in 1931. After the wedding they lived for some months in Stockton but this was during the time of the Depression and consequent very difficult local economic circumstances. They eventually decided, with regret, to migrate south to the London suburbs; where they could stand a better chance of making a living for themselves. By 1934 they had established a new Dental Practice in the growing outer London suburb of Carshalton Beeches, in what was then Surrey. There Les went on to become a well liked and respected local dentist and an enthusiastic member of the local Round Table. During the Second World War Les was called up and joined the R.A.F. as a dentist. He worked on several of the famous wartime aerodromes, including Biggin Hill and Mildenhall. In later years he used to tell the story of "getting the ceiling in his porridge" at Biggin Hill one day, at breakfast, when a bomb fell in a field across the road. He also told of the terrible empty places at breakfast at Mildenhall, on the mornings after a night-time bombing raid on Nazi Germany. He returned to civilian life in 1946, and slowly re-established his dental practice. He joined the National Health Service when this was established, and regarded it as a major social improvement. Unfortunately he hated the interminable paperwork that was associated with the NHS. Les and Mabel had four children, two girls born in the 1930's a boy and a third girl in the 1940's. Sadly Mabel died in 1959, as the result of a car accident. Les stayed in his Carshalton practice until 1962, but re-married in that year to a former school friend of his late wife. His new wife "Pim" Biddle was a former nurse who had worked in several of the old colonies in Africa. At about the time of his second wedding Les sold the practice and moved to Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. He claimed that it was a part-time job, since his hours were only from 9 till 5.30 and he got Saturday mornings off too!! His new job was as a civilian dentist for the R.A.F. at the Halton apprentice training school. Les and

Pim stayed at Aylesbury for several years but eventually moved again to Devon, in the late 1960's. There he worked part-time for some years at a dental practice in Exeter. He finally retired in the late 1970's. Les and Pim enjoyed an active retirement for many years but eventually decided to return to Surrey to be nearer the children. Pim died in 1982. Les then lived for the last seven years of his life near to one of his daughters making regular trips from this base to visit other members of his family. Les often spoke of his school days and was receiving the Old Stocktonian until his death. He greatly treasured his northern roots and made many return visits to Stockton. Stan Hill his, elder twin, emigrated with his family in 1948 to Hamilton - in Ontario, Canada. He died there in 1988, leaving a widow Evelyn two children and several grandchildren. Les and Stan were contemporaries at school of the late Harold Monkman and Will Pennock, with whom they had maintained contact. Although Les had lived in the south for most of his life he always treasured his northern roots and it was his request that when he died his ashes should be scattered by Captain Cook's Monument in the Cleveland Hills. His family complied with his request and he is now back up north.

One of the Associations old 'Old Boys' CHRISTOPHER HOGGETT (1917 - 22) passed away on the 27th December 1989 at the age of 83. He had a very active career in the National Provincial Bank (as it then was). Starting in Yarm he moved to Scarborough, Sheffield and Leeds before, in 1952, becoming manager of the Branch at King Edward Street, Hull. In 1959 he became manager of the branch at Victoria Street, Grimsby from which he retired in 1966. Active in the affairs of the town Christopher was treasurer of the R.S.P.C.A., treasurer and late chairman of the League of Friends and he eventually became a member of Grimsby Hospital Management Committee until its abolition in 1972. As a result of his education at Stockton Secondary School he was always devoted to sport, and to cricket in particular. In his youth he was a very good player and whilst at school was awarded a bat for scoring 50 runs against Guisborough Grammar in 1922, later he played for Northallerton. Despite his many years absence from Stockton he was always interested in the school and much enjoyed its magazine.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of ARTHUR BRADBURY ('Brad') HOY (1956 - 63). On leaving school in 1963 he went to Leeds University to read Electrical Engineering, joining C.A. Parsons after graduation. Following two years of a graduate apprenticeship he joined the 'outside department' as a commissioning engineer. Arthur met his wife to be in Nottingham whilst 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 he had to retire at 41 having contracted multiple sclerosis and was resident in a Cheshire Home (Malten Hall) until his death earlier this year. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and children.

We were saddened to hear of the death in October 1989 of THOMAS REED (1921 - 26). He spent almost all his working life in I.C.I. with Heavy Organic Chemicals Research Division.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of FRED SCOTT (1933 - 38) at the age of 68. The news was given to us by his niece Carol Dore (née Scott) (1974 - 76).

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