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OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION

(Founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

An Association of Former Pupils of Stockton Sixth Form College and the Grangefield Grammar Schools, formerly known as Stockton Secondary School, and originally as Stockton Higher Grade School: and also to the Former Pupils of the Grangefield School and of the former Sheraton-Grange and the Grange Schools.

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(in response to several requests, the Correspondence Secretary's first name is Bob)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my astonishment, and doubtless yours, it has come to my lot to write the President's message for the 1992-3 New Stocktonian Year Book. Here is proof positive that the Old Stocktonians includes and welcomes former students and members of staff from Stockton Sixth Form College and from the girls' school as well as from the boys' side. It would give great encouragement to your committee if some more recent leavers would join the Association and, better still, serve on the committee.

The 1992 A.G.M. was confronted by a problem; our Acting President, Brian Brand, was the only member available to take on the work of Treasurer. In this dilemma it seemed politic that I should become President. Seriously, I count it an honour to be the first woman President and the first from any of the constituent parts of the Association other than the Grangefield Grammar School for Boys and its precursors. I trust that I may be able to be of some service to the Association during my term of office, though I can not hope to vie with the long and distinguished records of my predecessors.

The year has followed its usual course, with a thinly attended A.G.M. (committee + 1) and an enjoyable Annual Dinner, though again less well attended than was expected. Why not make a New Year Resolution to attend both the A.G.M. and Annual Dinner in 1993, and another, to send in items for the next Year Book, including reminiscences of the early years of the Sixth Form College, now in its twentieth year.

It has been said that a nation has the government it deserves. In the case of the Old Stocktonians' Association we gain far more than we deserve through the devoted work of the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries and other members of the committee who ensure that, despite the ups and downs of the economy the Association pays its way and has a Year Book of which it should be justly proud.

My best wishes to you all for 1993.

LOUISA WARING

COLLEGE NEWS

The significance of the 1992 General Election will be a matter of debate for historians, but for the College the result resolved some 12 months of uncertainty; our future existence will be as a statutory Corporation, independent from the LEA with effect from 1 April, 1993.

The Further and Higher Education Act 1992 establishes our new legal status as an independent body and provides for a Corporation (Board of Governors) which is responsible for determining the educational character of the College, and for overseeing all its affairs, including the effective and efficient use of resources, safeguarding our assets and approving the annual budget - as well as the strategic development of the College in future years.

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of a number of members of the existing Governing Body, who have been appointed to the new Corporation and they have been joined by representatives from the local business community in Stockton and by parent and staff Governors. I look forward to meet the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead.

The act confers new powers to admit adults and part-time students, in addition to our traditional work with 16-19 full-time students - who will in the future be funded by central Government grants administered through the Further Education Funding Council (FEFC). We also have the opportunity to develop access courses and some elements of degree level work in conjunction with the University sector.

The new Corporation has resolved that Stockton Sixth Form College will continue to be an open-access college committed to providing a comprehensive range of academic and vocational courses, which encourage high standards of achievement and the fulfilment of individual potential. We shall continue to provide primarily, but not exclusively, for students of the 16-19 age group and we shall explore opportunities for introducing new courses in ways which are receptive to the wider needs of the community in Stockton. As such, we are entering into discussion with local Universities, including the new University College in Stockton, and with the Adult Education Service, in order to establish working partnerships for the development of courses for a wider student body. In this context we are offering from September 1992, courses in Conversational French, Business French and in Computing and Information Technology for any interested member of the community, through a partnership with the Adult Education Service and we are hoping to establish further courses next year.

Whilst welcoming these new developments, the College is determined to give priority to extending full-time provision for 16-19 year olds and to encourage a growing number of young people in Stockton to enrol at the College and achieve high standards of academic attainment. In this endeavour we shall continue to work closely with our Partner LEA Schools in Stockton and beyond.

The time-scale for planning and preparing for the many new responsibilities, which follow from corporate status is short and has presented the College with a very considerable challenge. We are installing a comprehensive financial system to manage and control all our income and expenditure, have appointed bankers and established procedures for cashflow management. External auditors have been

appointed and a payroll system is being effected so that staff are paid promptly and accurately. The College will now employ all the staff directly, with no rôle for the LEA and will be responsible for conforming with all necessary statutory requirements on personnel matters, and for establishing machinery for the conduct of good industrial relations.

The College will become the landlord and will own its own premises. We shall have a responsibility for keeping land and buildings in a safe, clean, secure and usable condition - in conformity with health and safety and environmental protection legislation. By 1 April we must have engaged lawyers and have taken out a range of insurance policies which provide comprehensive and adequate cover for buildings and equipment, public and employers' liability - and undertake much more as well.

In order to meet these challenges, we have appointed a Finance Manager and Administration Officer and I am very pleased to welcome Mr. Peter Fleck as a senior member of staff with the new Corporation. Peter was educated on Tyneside and read Mathematics at Oxford. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and has considerable experience of financial management at high levels of responsibility in substantial businesses in the North East of England. His expertise will be invaluable in the months ahead.

All of this activity has been taking place at a time when the College continues to flourish. Despite a decrease in the number of students in the upper years of our Partner Schools, we have continued to attract a large number of new entrants to the College and the number on roll in September was little different from that of the previous year.

In order to meet the continuing popularity of the College, we are constantly reviewing our programmes of study and introducing new courses. This year we have started A-levels in Psychology and English Language, a BTEC National Diploma in Sports Science (which reflects the continuing strengths and reputation of the College as a centre of sporting achievement) and, in partnership with Cleveland College of Art and Design - a BTEC Diploma in Art and Design. Further BTEC courses of a standard equivalent to A-level - in Information Technology and Business Studies - will be introduced next year.

The increase in student numbers at the College has not resulted in any diminution of the academic achievements of our students. I am very pleased to report that the A-level results this summer were the best since the College was established and we were well above the average both for Cleveland County and for the whole country, as reported in the recent Government League Tables. This constitutes a creditworthy achievement for all students and the College continued to send large numbers of students into Employment and Higher Education - including 7 students who gained places at Oxford and Cambridge.

I have to report fewer colleagues leaving than in recent years, but as the range of courses have increased, we have welcomed new members of staff to the College. Indeed, our only retirement was Mr. Mark Adlard of the Economics and Business Studies Department, and I'm sure that you will join with me in expressing appreciation for Mark's contribution to the development of both these subjects at the College, and in wishing him and his family every happiness in the years ahead.

As the College enters the 21st year of its foundation, we mark one further stage in the development of education in Stockton-on-Tees. The status and organisation of institutions changes with the passage of time and with the particular educational philosophy and imperatives of the age, but our objectives remain as they have always been, to provide opportunity and an educational experience of the highest quality for all, in an environment which provides the very best for all of our students.

H.R. Clarke

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

STOCKTON-STRASBOURG EXCHANGE

A party of 14 students from the College enjoyed an excellent and very informative stay in Strasbourg (France) with their teacher in October 1991. Each student lived with the family of his/her partner in or around the capital of Alsace.

Discoveries by the British students included a 6.00 am start to the day, succulent food, immersion in the French language and a wealth of different architecture; The Lycée International des Pontonniers which looked from the outside like a castle was indeed a school!

In addition to a guided tour of the town and a visit to the European Parliament building the students had the opportunity of work-shadowing with transport firms, a meat packing plant, a local TV station, the Council of Europe, a barrister, a horticulturist and two banks.

On return to England a wealth of material has been produced on the geography, history, politics, food and wine of the region. Much of this work was used to provide essays which were submitted as part of their A level coursework option.

In March 1992 the French partners visited Stockton and once again the interaction provided the spark vital to learning a modern language - the everyday use under 'pressure' conditions.

A.M. Hufton - Head of Modern Languages

The value of the J.E.P. (the November perspective) - Joanne Whitfield

For most of us the excitement of discovery and new friendships was tempered by the daunting experience of work-shadowing.

Personally the first thing I had to come to terms with was living with and adjusting to a strange family. I found that my basic French vocabulary did not help me to communicate adequately. After the first few days however I began to read the French newspapers, watch the TV, listen intently to family conversations and participate as much as possible. With this approach I gradually progressed from being a homesick wreck to actually enjoying my temporary new way of life. All the families certainly went out of their way to make us feel at home and the hospitality was very warm and friendly.

The contrast between the regions could not have been sharper in terms of size, food, meal times, europeanness, daily rhythm of life and ,of course the language, only the weather and the friendliness of the people offered some commonality.

The work shadowing programme varied in usefulness and organisation, the best being the Française de Brasserie and the Mairie de Schiltigheim. Others, unfortunately too often gave the impression that they did not know what to do with us, and sometimes we were a nuisance since they were obviously very busy [It can be like that in Britain too unfortunately ! - Editor]. Personally I had a tedious job on a production line, a 'career' I have no intention of following in the future, but it was a new experience and an eye-opener.

The group attended lessons in a French lycée where lessons started much earlier and finished much later than at Stockton Sixth form. The teaching methods were also different with classes, on the whole, much larger than in England and the style often was to teach at the students rather than to them, with students taking notes the whole time.

To conclude I think I learned more about the French way of life in two weeks than in six years of school and college and there is certainly no better way of improving your French than actually living in the country.

N.E. England and N.E. France a Geographical & Historical comparison

Following our stay in Strasbourg and the return visit of our French friends we were able to make many comparisons between the North East and the Bas-Rhin district of north-eastern France. The first thing that struck us was the different geographical aspects of the Bas-Rhin, the flat expanse of land sharply contrasted against the steep Vosges mountains, making our Cleveland hills look small in comparison. Historically the North East is steeped in industrial heritage but northern Alsace lacks heavy industry [so does the North East now ! - Editor]

In Schiltigheim, a neighbouring town, the self claimed "city of breweries", there are four main companies, Heineken, Adelhoffen, Pêcheur and Schutzenberger. Kronembourg is also found in another suburb of Strasbourg. The countryside is awash with vineyards from which are produced the world famous and delicately flavoured white wine sold in green fluted bottles. Food specialities of the region include sauerkraut, the strong but creamy Munster cheese and the Kugelhopf cake served for Sunday breakfast. Our French friends liked, in particular, our apple pies, crumpets, Yorkshire Puddings and fish and chips !

In conclusion both in size and history the two areas do not really have much in common. Stockton with 100,000 inhabitants is dwarfed by Strasbourg's 400,000. Strasbourg has been 'ruled' by Germany and France on a regularly 'alternate' basis since being annexed to France in the XVIIth century, most recently in 1940 when German troops occupied it (until 1944). Consequently, there is still a long lingering German influence and a unique language, the Alscien dialect. Perhaps one thing the two regions do have in common is the fact that they have both had a strong religious influence in their histories, each were owned, in the past, by Prince Bishops.

Joanna Williams, Lyndsey Hodgson

S.S.F.C. Paris Trip - February 1992

At a little after 12 midnight, we collected our bags and bundled out of 'The Waterfront' (slightly inebriated) and headed for the High Street to meet Ms Leary and Mr Newton and board the National Express coach to London.

Six hours later we arrived at Victoria Coach Station and had breakfast during which Helen found she had left her purse, with all her money for the trip, on the coach (it was fortunately recovered a couple of hours later). At about 9.30 am we met up with our coach for Paris, and already on board our accompanying group - Farnborough Sixth Form College. Relations were not exactly perfect between the two groups as our southern counterparts appeared to prefer to keep to themselves (and didn't react too kindly to being constantly referred to by Mark Taggart as 'Southern Shandy Drinkers!')

The ferry crossing was brief - just long enough for Wai Piu Wong to feel "intensely bilious" ! We arrived at our small hotel in the early evening and were soon dragged out for one of Mr Newton's speciality evening strolls. We walked from the Arc de Triomphe down the Champs Élysées, calling at a MacDonalds for dinner (very continental don't you think !) and on to the Place de la Concorde. The group were now suitably fatigued so we took the metro back to the hotel and retired to our rooms.

Monday commenced with a whistle-stop tour of the main sights of the city. This was followed by visits to Notre Dame and the Georges Pompidou Centre. The group then split with some of us taking a boat trip along the Seine and the more insane (excuse the pun) of us going up the Eiffel Tower. Full marks to Carol Hartley who overcame her vertigo to travel to the top of the tower (I still have the bruises on my arm where she was gripping in fear as we were going up in the lift !)

After meeting together again we headed back towards the area of the hotel. We managed to lose the attentions of the staff for a couple of hours and went to a fantastic Chinese restaurant we had discovered the day before. The ordering of the meal was an entertainment in itself with the order being made through contributions from the students in four different languages (French, Cantonese, Mandarin and English). Ms Leary and Mr Newton joined us later, then the group (excluding Gemma, Amy, Helen, Suzanne and Ms Leary who couldn't hack the pace !) took the Metro to visit the Sacre Coeur. We retired to our rooms (at least I think it was our own rooms !) at approximately 1 am.

Most of Tuesday was taken up with the European Conference being held at the Palais de Congress. The conference was organised by the European Movement of the United Kingdom and was attended by approximately 1,500 students. Speakers included members of the European Movement, M.E.P.s, a European Business Advisor, Cambridge University's Careers Advisor and most notable the conference commenced with an opening speech from the former President of France, Valerie Giscard D'Estang. The talks ranged from 'Careers in Europe', 'British Business Expansion in Europe' to the controversial subject of 'European Monetary Union (EMU)'. The speeches varied from fascinating to sleep inducing but overall the conference was quite interesting and offered some very optimistic views on the future of Europe.

Dinner was taken in the Latin Quarter of the city - an area renowned for its educational establishments and concentration of academics (God knows what we were doing there !!). The cuisine was excellent but the highlight of the evening must have been Mr Newton's attempt at Greek dancing through the streets of the Latin Quarter, observed by the French locals as 'just another mad Englishman !'

We returned back to the hotel via the Rue de Pigalle upon insistence on the part of the more perverted body of the group - certainly an eye-opening experience ! The last couple of hours were spent socialising with the students of Farnborough Sixth Form College by sampling the various brewing techniques of France in a bar across from our hotel. The night ended with us quietly going to our beds at about 1 am (despite any vicious rumours about people attempting to hold a party in their rooms !)

Wednesday morning was spent on another 'Newton Speciality Stroll' through the streets of Montmartre. We departed the city at 11.30 full of the sights and sounds of 'Gaie Paris' following an excellent few days in France. Now all we had to face was the tedious journey back to sunny Stockton !

Scott Wayne - March 1992

GÖPPINGEN - STOCKTON EXCHANGE

February / April 1992

This year the College undertook, for the first time, a students' exchange with the Mörike Gymnasium in Göppingen, Germany. In total seven students took part from both Lower and Upper Sixth; their German teacher Mr R MacDonald accompanied the group.

Göppingen is situated in the centre of the State of Baden-Württemberg. The name of the town goes back to the fifth century Alemannic leader Geppo, who established a settlement there in the valley of the Fils, a river which feeds the Neckar. Göppingen is within easy reach of two main towns, Stuttgart to the west and Ulm to the south-east. Rather like Stockton, Göppingen too is just north of a hilly area known as the Swabian Alb, much sought after by skiers in winter.

The party flew to Stuttgart, Echterdingen and arrived quite late on Monday night. The following day, the group was taken by train to Stuttgart, where a visit to the Neue Staatsgalerie was de rigueur, followed by that of the Stock Exchange where the German banking system was explained. The following day was dedicated to a tour of Göppingen. It is a typically spruce Swabian town, clean and well laid out, in grid fashion as a result of a series of extensive fires during the 15th and 18th centuries. Two surviving old buildings were especially worthy of attention, the Storchhaus, now a museum and the half-timbered tithebarn or Kornhaus, which has been magnificently fitted out as a library. Our excursions during the first week took in a visit to Ulm, the ancient "Fischer" area by the Danube and of course the Minster. In highly polished German a guide told of the history of the Minster and the foundation of the town.

During the second week, the emphasis was on work-shadowing, which included a law practice, schools, an hotel and the local newspaper. Everyone spent some time at the partner school, the Mörike Gymnasium. Named after the poet and novelist Eduard Mörike, the "Mögi", as pupils there refer to it is the top tier of a tripartite system. However, as a local prelection political debate revealed, there is far from being a

consensus amongst the parties about the present schools' structure. A visit to a class in a Hauptschule (the lowest rung on the secondary ladder) was most illuminating. In one class of sixteen only two were German, the rest came from the Volga, Pomerania, Yugoslavia and the "new" German States. In short, the German situation in a microcosm.

The stay in Germany was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone thanks to the kindness and warm welcome of families and staff.

R. MacDonald

DEGREE RESULTS 1992

Jonathan Allinson	BSc	Geology	Durham University
Deborah Archer	BA	Economics/Education	Warwick University
Kirsty Armstrong	BA	History	St Martin's College Leicester
Tracey Brand	BA	English/Education	Warwick University
Stuart Brewer	BA	American Studies/History	Univ Coll of Ripon & York St Johns
Simon Burnell	BEng	Aeronautical Engineering	Salford University
Tony Cains	BA	Engineering	Cambridge University
Catherine Clennett	BA	Sociology	Liverpool University
David Cook	BSc	Computer Science/Maths	Leicester University
Julie Corner	BSc	Biology	York University
Joanne Dee	BSc	Chemistry	Loughborough University
Simon Dixon	BSc	Economics	Warwick University
Christopher Drew	BA	Geography	Kings College, London
Tariq Farooqi	BA	History	Leeds University
Angela Flint	BA	Religious Studies/Computing	
Owen Gwilliam	BSc	Geography	Salford University
Michael Green away	MB BS	Medicine	Newcastle University
Christopher Hardwick	MB ChB	Medicine	Leicester University
Edward Heatley	BA	Economics/Computer Science	Preston Polytechnic
Trudi Howden	BA(Econ)	Economic & Social studies	Manchester University
Kulwinder Kaur	BA	Religious Studies	Newcastle University
Andrew Kirby	BSc	Computing	Lancaster University
Georgina Langhorn	BDS	Dentistry	Kings College, London
Jonathan Ling	BA	Psychology	Sheffield University
Victoria McNeill	HND	Business Studies	University of Humber
Tammy McQuillan	BSc	Physics	Durham University
Lisa Merrigan	BA	History/Politics	Huddersfield Polytechnic
Sharon Moore	BA	English & European Literature	Warwick University
Andrea Norman	BA	Combined Arts	Leicester University
Karen Phillips	BA	Education	St Mary's College, Durham
Jason Speck	BSc	Social Administration	Loughborough University
Philippa Story	BEng	Chemical Engineering	Loughborough University
Angela Swinbank	BA	Economics	Birmingham Polytechnic
Kathryn Thomas	BA	Economics/Education	Warwick University
Michael Thornton	PhD	Computer Science	Hull University
Fiona Williamson	BA	Economics/Economic History	Liverpool University
Penny Wilson	MB ChB	Medicine	Leicester University

Many thanks to Mr Ingham who, painstakingly, collects, orders and writes out the results neatly and legibly every year.

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 £9, 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 £9, for excellence in History at Grangefield School.

1991/92	History Prize	Lorraine Butler
	English Prize	Angela Wilkinson

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 £13 and one year's membership of the Association each.

In the past there have been two prizes for Sportsman, Sportswoman and Overall Contributions to the College. In 1991/92 the College felt that there was no single student that could be awarded the prize in the last category. Accordingly the prizes have been awarded to three sportspersons.

Sarah King took over as captain of the hockey team during her first year in the College and also gained county status.

Michael Lane captained the second soccer and cricket teams and made an excellent job of managing the soccer team; organising fixtures and players!

Mark Adams gained a place in the North of England Development Squad for Rugby and was reserve for the National Development Squad

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

(founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

LIST OF OFFICIALS for 1992

PRESIDENTS :-

Miss L. Waring (Association President)
Mr. E. Baldwin (deceased) (Founder President)
Mr. H. R. Clarke (Principal)

VICE-PRESIDENTS:-

Mr. R. E. Bradshaw
Mr. B. P. Brand
Mr. P. Graham

Mr J. Ingham
Mr J. G. Rattenbury*

(* denotes Senior Vice-President)

OFFICE BEARERS :-

Hon. Treasurer : Mr B.P. Brand
Members' Correspondence Secretary : Mr R. Ward
Membership Records' Secretary : Mr. P. Graham
Minutes Secretary : Mr. J. A. Green
Dinner Secretary : Mr. B. P. Brand
Assistant Dinner Secretary : Mr. A. Davies
Year Book Editor : Mr. P. Graham
Advertising Manager : Mr. F. Jackson
Sports Extravaganza Coordinator : Mr. T. Ripley

COMMITTEE (with above)

Mr. M. Gillespie
Mr J. Moore
Mrs P. A. Oxley

Mr. R. Prichard
Revd. Mrs J. M. Thomas
Mr. R. Wynzar

HON. AUDITOR :-
(vacant)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES 1990 - 91

None

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND :-

Convener : Mr. B.P. Brand

Trustees : Mr. A Carr, Mr H. R. Clarke, Revd. Mrs J.M. Thomas

Hon. Auditor : Mr. J. Ingham

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1992

This is to be held on Tuesday, 9th February 1993 at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees. And is to be followed by a glass of wine (or fruit juice) and snacks at no charge.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 1991 A G M held on 12th February 1992
3. Matters arising;
 - (a) Report from sub-committee on previous three years' accounts
 - (b) Memorial Fund in Memory of Mr T.F. Sowler
 - (c) Letter to retiring Hon. Treasurer
 - (d) Hon. Auditor for 1992
 - (e) Any other Matters
4. Membership Records Secretary's Report
5. Year Book Editor's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 1991/92
7. Benevolent Fund Report
8. Motions for alteration to Rule 6. *
9. Election of Presidents. **
10. Election of Office Bearers ***
11. Election of other Members to Committee ****
12. Appointment of Hon. Auditor
13. List of whereabouts of Assets and Historical Record Files
14. Date and time of next Committee Meeting (April ?)
15. Any other relevant business

* Motions submitted from a member, Mr J.A. Green:-

Change to Rule 6 which currently reads :

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.

- i) Rule 6 to read (alterations underlined) :-
"The Annual Subscription or ten such annual subscriptions. Any member, who has paid fifty annual subscriptions, <Y> shall become a life member of the Association, without further obligation."
- ii) Additional at point <Y> above of :- "or eight lump sum payments of five such annual subscriptions, or three lump sum payments of ten such annual subscriptions."

- ** Your retiring Committee's nominations for Presidents (including V.P.s) are :-
Those as elected for 1992
- *** Your retiring Committee's nomination for Office Bearers are :-
Minutes Secretary :- Mr R. Prichard
Sport Extravaganza Coordinator :- no one as yet nominated
Otherwise those in office during 1992, subject to Mr F. Jackson's willingness to continue as Advertising Manager
- **** Your retiring Committee's nominations for other Members to Committee are:-
Mr M.R. Gillespie Mrs P.A. Oxley Revd. Mrs J.M. Thomas Mr R. Wynzar

Note for YOU reading this. There are still between 3 (minimum i.e. understrength) and 9 (maximum) vacancies on the Committee. In spite of my plan last year for additional nominations from YOU for any other member (with their signed agreement), the number of vacancies has actually increased since Mr J. Moore resigned during the year and Mr C.J. Beeston resigned at the last A.G.M.

As most Committee members have other commitments from time to time, or problems due to distance, that prevents them from attending it is foreseeable that, if this situation of increasing vacancies continues, attendances at committee meetings will not form a quorum and then what happens ? Does the Association then lapse ? If YOU are willing but have not been nominated, please let John Green know in writing and he will nominate you himself.

Again this year there is an inducement for you to attend the meeting for a chat afterwards in a convivial atmosphere. The numbers attending the 1991 A.G.M. was double the total of those at the 1990 A.G.M., so please see if a further doubling is possible for the 1992 A.G.M. - it is up to YOU.

For Item 13 on the Agenda, those of you who hold record files or Assets belonging to the Association, please make a list to bring to the A.G.M. or to send to Mr R. Ward if unable to attend.

As required by the Rules of the Association, your retiring Committee has fixed the Annual Subscription for 1993 at the existing amount of £1.50, or for the first year on leaving the Sixth Form College / Grangefield School of 75p

John A. Green

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1991

This was held on 12th February 1992 with Mr. B.P. Brand, our Acting Association President, in the Chair and commenced with a minute's silence in memory of Mr. T.F. Sowler, our late Association President who, Mr. Brand noted, had done so much for this Association.

There was twice as many members present as the previous year and one must wonder if it was the thought of a welcome glass of wine after the meeting that was the reason or just the weather and coincidence. Others present were: Miss L. Waring, Revd. J. M. Thomas, Messrs. A. Davies, J.B. Farnaby, P. Graham, J.A. Green, J. Ingham, F. Jackson, R. Prichard, G. Rattenbury, R. Ward and R. Wynzar; with apologies from Messrs. H.R. Clarke, C.J. Beeston and M.R. Gillespie.

From the various Reports submitted, the Membership Records Secretary noted that there had been an increase, to 224, in Life Members, as addresses of some 'lost' members had been advised during the year, and there were 108 Annual members. The Benevolent Fund convener mentioned that the Revd. J. M. Thomas was now a trustee and noted that two loans had been made since the year end; otherwise his report was as printed in the Year Book. The Year Book editor noted that 450 copies of the Year Book had been produced at a cost of £120 plus postage of £61.86 with adverts expected to recover £75. Once again a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. P. Graham for producing a fine Year Book at such a low cost.

A written Report had been received from the Hon. Treasurer along with the Fund's Pass Books and the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the last three years (copies of the latter had been circulated with the Year Books). The Hon. Treasurer noted that with donations over the last 2 years totalling £886 the Association was in sound financial health but that the Evan Baldwin Fund would be exhausted by 1994 (it had always been the Committee's intention to award three worthwhile prizes each year rather than preserve the Fund indefinitely. He noted that the Accounts and Balance sheets had not been audited due to difficulty experienced in arranging a meeting with the Hon. Auditor but he was still hopeful of having them audited in due course. As the meeting had several queries which could only be answered by the Hon. Treasurer himself, the meeting set up a Sub-Committee to investigate these queries further with the Hon. Treasurer before adopting these Accounts. Finally, Mr. C.J. Beeston stated his wish to step down from the Committee due to his exhausting personal circumstances. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Beeston for his work in most difficult circumstances which involved a 70 mile round trip to attend meetings.

In the Election of Officers there were two important positions to be filled namely, Association President and Hon. Treasurer. There had been no nominations received for either post. As Mr. Brand had indicated a willingness to take over the post of Treasurer he was duly elected to this position and Miss Waring agreed to be elected as our Association President. The nominations for the other office bearers by the 'retiring' Committee members were accepted with the exception of Sports Extravaganza Coordinator. Having undertaken the role for many years Mr. Graham felt that he could not continue with the work and this office now lies vacant. Other major changes were that Mr. J. Ingham is now a Vice President and Mr. R. Prichard and Mr. J. Moore are new Committee Members. The meeting lasted 1 hr. 28 min. and was followed by a chat over wine and snacks so kindly arranged by Mr. Brand. A full copy of the minutes can be obtained, on request with an S.A.E., from the Minutes Secretary.

John A. Green
Minutes Secretary

66th ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held at the Tall Trees Hotel, Low Worsall near Yarm on Saturday 11th April, 1992 with Gordon Rattenbury presiding.

After a moving tribute to Tom Sowler, Gordon, in his entertaining and characteristically dry-humour style, gave his reminiscences of those responsible for Physical Education over the 40+ years he was on the staff. He also reminded us that when the school was first opened in 1896 the person responsible for Drill ["Physical Training"] was an ex-soldier, J.S. Allen, who was on the reserve list. He was 'called up' for the Boer War and killed in action at the Battle of Paardeberg. A portrait used to hang in the "Gym" at the old Sec. but this disappeared during the move to Grangefield.

Gordon introduced our guest, Peter Hudson, in glowing terms as the one who took the school to some outstanding achievements in all spheres of sporting activity.

Pete(r) ["Rock"] Hudson spoke of the memories of his time at the school, ranging from his appointment by Mr. Bradshaw, thoughts about staff [notably Ted ("Blackjack") White] through to various escapades of pupils. It was an amusing and sincere account of his career at Grangefield and demonstrated his support of the establishment. He obviously has very strong affectionate feelings for the time he spent at Grangefield Grammar School, valuing the spirit and friendships of both pupils and staff. With his mischievous sense of humour he admitted to enjoying being able to teach the sons of former pupils in his "retirement".

As usual the evening ended with groups of guests remembering their own time at the school and for some, their particular memories of "games afternoon" and Peter!

Guests included :-

Elizabeth Hudson; Dermot and Eveline D'Arcy; Louise Waring; Bob and Kathleen Ward; Mark Taggart and Clare Harris [Sixth Form College]; Joan Farnaby; Nancy Finch M.B.E.; Freda and Robert Close; Alan and Kath Davies; Roz and Carole Prichard; Colette and Terry Wilson; Corale and Lionel Danby; Christopher Beeston; Allan Rayden; Linda and Derek Graham; Jan and Paul Graham; Pat and Brian Brand; Jean and Clive Bell; Jim Durrant; Peter Sowler; Stuart Dick; Gerald Ward; Peter Maule; David Usher.

BRIAN BRAND

THE 67th ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner will be held at the St. George Hotel, Teesside Airport on SATURDAY 3rd APRIL 1993 (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm).

Dress is lounge suit or dinner suit for the gents and cocktail or evening dress for the ladies.

For those who wish to spend the night [or the weekend] at the St. George Hotel we have negotiated a charge of £20.00 per person per night, inclusive of English breakfast.

Guests wishing to do this should book directly and ask for the reduced rate.

The chief guest will be Craig Gaddas (Actor) ex-Grangefield Grammar

Tickets priced at £12.00 can be obtained from
The Dinner Sec. Brian Brand
at

24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, TS18 5PJ. [Tel: 0642 583025]

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if applying by post.
Cheques should be made payable to "The Old Stocktonians Association"

Non-members are most welcome if they are former students or guests of former students

MENU

Vegetable Soup

or

Florida Cocktail



Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding,

Selection of Vegetables



Homemade Apple Pie with pouring cream

(Cheese & Biscuits if requested)



Coffee & Mints

(Tea by request)

For those guests requiring a vegetarian meal, please contact Brian Brand direct at the above address.

Wine can be ordered at the bar when you arrive and it will be ready for your meal.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 8 April 1992

With no details of results as we went to press we can only assume that the usual events took place and the enjoyment remained as high as ever.

For 1993 we anticipate that the date of the event is Wednesday 31 March and that the coordinators will continue to be as listed below.

Our new overall coordinator is **TOM RIPLEY**. Tom is a former student who is now teaching P.E. at the College and so there should be no problems with organisation.

Tom can be reached on 612611 during the day. We still need all the support you can give if the events are to survive, they remain our last direct contact with the students at the College. Below is our last known list of team coordinators.

Katherine Findley	Ladies Hockey	601526
Ian Allen	Rugby	585379
John Brookes	Soccer	570085
John Ions	Men's Hockey	93-30928

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1991 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society on 1st was £2302.92.

No grants or loans have been made during the year and no repayments or donations have been received.

Interest of £102.94 net was received [137.26 gross and tax of £34.32 deducted]. This gave a credit balance of £2405.86 at the Building Society on 31st December 1991.

During the year the Reverend June Thomas was welcomed as one of the trustees.

Once more our thanks are due to John Ingham for auditing the accounts.

Donations to the Fund are always welcome and may be sent to Bob Ward with subscriptions or other O.S.A. donations, or direct to the Convener at the address below.

Appeals for assistance may be made, in the strictest confidence, to Mr. Howard Clarke, Principal of Stockton Sixth Form College or to Brian Brand, Convener of the Trustees, 24, Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, Cleveland. TS18 5PJ (Tel :- 0642-583025)

BRIAN BRAND

THE TOM SOWLER APPEAL

Last year we opened the appeal for donations to provide a suitable memorial to Tom Sowler who had maintained a lifelong active role with the Schools, College and the Old Stocktonians.

The appeal has realised £150.26 to date and we would like to remind you that there is still time to add your contribution.

We will close the appeal this year and then decide what to do with the money. We have only had one suggestion from a member and that was to plant trees to Tom's memory, possibly at the Sixth Form College.

We have had another chat with Agnes Sowler and she still feels that it would be nice to have something permanent at the College, such as a piece of furniture for all of the students to enjoy. In order to buy a suitable item for the College we need to increase the fund as much as possible.

If you would like to make a donation to the memorial, please send it to the Subscription Secretary, Bob Ward, 66 Butterfield Drive, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. TS16 0EZ marking it clearly "The Tom Sowler Memorial Fund"

BRIAN BRAND
(for the Committee)

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

Total replies this year are about the same as previous years but many consist of only an address confirmation and / or a donation. The whole idea of the magazine is to keep members informed and in touch, please try to add some past or present 'events'.

Despite the lack of news it was nice to receive an address confirmation and a generous donation from **MAURICE ALLEN (1934 - 39)**, [we have 1933 - 38? - Editor]

DAVE ALLISON (1949 - 56) confirms his address and adds a nice donation to funds. Dave suggests that the Association should plant trees as a memorial to Tom Sowler, either at the College or Grangefield School. Both institutions have been active in Conservation and he feels that Tom would have appreciated being remembered by such a gesture. Dave's contact with Tom stretched from when he was 8 (at Holy Trinity School) to meeting him on the Governors at Stockton Sixth Form College.

GORDON ANDERSON (1985 - 87) adds to his subs and details he provided last year. After spending one year in the 'States following his graduation from Bath University Gordon has been working for a management consultancy company in Manchester and, we understand, "thoroughly enjoying himself". He is currently living in Knutsford, Cheshire but is keeping his Billingham address for mail purposes.

In addition to topping up his subs to cover him to the year 2000 **DAVE ATKINSON (1957 - 64)** has brought us up to date on his career along with one or two reminiscences. After qualifying as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor Dave has spent all his career, to date, in the North East of England covering the Chemical Industry, Local Government and Private Practice. He has been a partner at Baker Mallett in Yarm Road, Stockton for the past nine years. Although he was only a "foggy" at the time Dave remembers the incident of the "foot through the Art Room ceiling" mentioned by Edward Croot in last year's magazine. He seems to think that the "authorities" were looking for someone with yellow socks !! Other early memories include the tuck shop run by various prefects including Scott and Scroggy which had some original advertising slogans such as "Get your dogs from Scroggs" and "Dogs from Scott are really hot". Dave always enjoys reading the magazine and adds his congratulations to all responsible for its production.

A confirmation that **Dr. D.M. BARNETT (1951 - 58)** can still be reached via his father's [**STAN BARNETT (1921 - 27)**] Stockton address although he has lived in Canada since the early 60's after leaving London University. He is now Senior Advisor in the Dept. of Northern and Indian affairs and still travels widely, but his long spells in the Arctic are over.

Confirmation of address but no other news from **K.L. BATES (1941 - 47)**

A regular contributor to these pages over the last few years it was good to receive a short letter from **J.W. BEADLE (1926 - 30)** once again together with a nice donation. Although he was a 'science' learner and Tom Sowler was a 'modern' student their paths did cross at the 'Sec and he remembers him well. Another circular connection within the Association was revealed by J.W.'s wife. Her mother (Alice Mary Young) was a maid in the 'Little' residence and there was a son 'George' in the family.

J.W. wishes George good health and hopes that he remembers his association with the Stillington (Carlton) Iron Works.

Following a gap of 13 years it was nice to hear from **L(ES?) BELL (1924 - 28)** this year. His return form was accompanied with a nice donation but no news about his recent past or present.

PERCY BELL (1914 - 18) writes from Ripon to admit being "long in the tooth" and, at 90 next birthday, managing fairly well on his own but he would find it difficult to assist the Association other than by a nice donation.

Despite the fact that he has not filled in his official return form we have heard from **BRIAN BRAND (1947 - 54)(Staff : 1962 - 69)**. Brian retired from teaching this year (early he tells us !) and has since been set upon by the surgeons of Cleveland. The ravages of a miss-spent youth (and not so youthful era ! - Ed.) playing rugby and squash and every other kind of sporting activity he could find had taken their toll upon him and he was forced (grateful in the end ?) to accept a new hip joint to help him get around at the pace he needed to live life to the full [Which unkind person said "He's quicker now than he used to be on the rugby field" ? - Ed.] As usual Brian is taking everything in his stride (no pun intended !) in retirement and he has volunteered (?) to be Treasurer and Dinner Secretary for the Association. I'm sure we all wish him the best in his many years of retirement and hope to hear more of his (we understand) forthcoming adventures next year [As Andy Rigg would have said "Go get 'em Griz !"]

An address confirmation by **GRAHAM BROADBENT (1943 - 49)** but sadly no other news to report.

No news from **A.S. BROWN (1912 - 15)** other than a generous donation and mention that he is a retired surveyor.

With subs, tie, stick pin, rules and tickets for the dinner **GRAHAM BUTTLE (1988 - 90)** certainly showed an interest in the Association. Sadly there was no news about his 'activities' to date.

An address confirmation and subs 'top up' from **SHEILA CARBARNES (1983 - 85)** but no news of her progress as a G.P. in the Scottish Borders [shades of Dr. Finlay's Casebook ? - Editor]

A request for the Association tie but sadly no other news from **JOHN K. CARTER (1935 - 40)**.

It's a long time since we heard directly from **PETER CHICKEN (1959 - 64)** but he has given us his new address and a generous donation together with the following news. On leaving Grangefield Peter trained as a Quantity Surveyor with Bovis of Stockton and Bradford and William Press & Sons Ltd., of Darlington. After qualifying he moved into commercial and general management within the construction world and moved to Humberside / East Yorkshire in 1979, where he is currently Managing Director of a major door and partition company in Hull. "There do not seem to be many Old Stocktonians in the East Yorkshire area" he concludes but says that he would be pleased to hear from any who do live nearby !

An address confirmation but no other news from **E. CLARK (1927 - 34)**.

J.B. CLARK (1945 - 50) sends a nice donation with his address confirmation and a wealth of information on his family ! After 41 years in the Steel Industry as a Chartered Engineer on Teesside he retired recently. One of his daughters **JANET CLARK (1978 - 82)** is currently Head of religious studies at Enfield Chase School after gaining an Honours Degree in Social & Religious Studies. His other daughter **HELEN (1980)** is a Senior Library Assistant at Billingham Library. Son **DAVID (1986 - 89)** is, at the time of writing, in his final year at Newcastle University reading Computer Science. Sister **STELLA CLARK (1951 - 58)** is Head of History at Newcastle Central High School for Girls and would like to contact anyone who was in her year at Grangefield. Finally to round off the connection with the Association throughout the years J.B.'s uncle is **REG CORNFORTH (1920 - 24)**.

A confirmation of address and details of where we can contact Ridley Scott but no other news from **BOB COULSON (1933 - 38)**.

STEVE COWEN (1963 - 65) writes with a generous donation to tell us that he is still in employment designing Storage Systems which, he claims, is a bit of a feat in the current economic situation. In his spare time Steve coaches young people in the art of fencing ("the sword variety" he adds, just in case some of you get the wrong idea !)

A generous donation and address confirmation from **DES CROOKS (1933 - 37)** who expressed his great regret at not meeting Wilf Stanford on his visit to England (from New Zealand) last year; their last meeting had been a rather hectic one in Cairo in 1943 !! At the time of writing Des had just returned home after three months out of the country following the death of his wife in October 1991 [belated condolences Des - Editor] He concludes by speculating on the possibility of his visiting New Zealand ("one of these days")

A short article in the Gazette was noticed by Miss Waring about a former student who has recently moved from Deacon of South Cave Nr Hull to Cranmer Hall in Durham to teach Church History. The student is **Revd. Dr. ELIZABETH CULLING (1974 - 76)** who took her degree in History at Durham University and then did teacher training. Unfortunately we have no other details or address, anyone help ?

Since his letter in 1990 **LIONEL DANBY (1955 - 60)** has become a regular contributor to these pages. In addition to providing his new address he adds that he has 'persuaded' a company called "Shape Training" to risk having him as one of their area-coordinators. As a consequence he has spent the last year appreciating what the staff at Grangefield had to go through trying to teach the fifth year in 1959. His 'students' range from 16 to 60 and total about 75 in number. Lionel thought his book of excuses and glib phrases were second to none but he was wrong - "Try 'Youth & Adult Trainee Training' in East Cleveland," he concludes "they are the best !"

SARAH JANE DAY (1982 - 84) will have qualified as a solicitor with Hannand Suddards by the time we read this - having completed two years of articles. Her sister **JENNIFER (1983 - 85)** began training for the deaconate at theological college in September and brother **GEOFFREY (1987 - 89)** will be in his second year at Royal Holloway & Bedford New College reading Geology.

It was nice to hear from **IVOR DENNEY (1940 - 46)** again. We were sorry to hear that Ivor's wife had died in May 1990 (a year after their Ruby Wedding). With his family scattered around the country Ivor is finding that living alone is far from attractive. He was glad to hear of John Ellis and Barry Wiggins in the 91/2 yearbook and especially of John's recollection about their wartime applied maths tutor being "Not too hot on the subject". He adds that the remark gave him a 'long looked-for' excuse for his less than creditable performance "Mind you, ", he says, "I doubt if my pure maths results were much better"

A confirmation of address from **FRANK DOBBY (1931 - 37)** but no other information for these pages.

After returning from Ireland **PETER DODDS (1954 - 61)** joined 'Dorlands' - Saatchi's number 2 advertising agency - where he worked for two years. About three years ago he set up the first Television Barter Company in the U.K. organising funding via a Business Expansion Scheme (BES) involving investors such as the future Lord Montague of Beaulieu. His main client has been ITN, for whom he recently arranged a deal with a Russian TV station to show (ITN's) World News. Peter has also opened an office in Sweden and currently commutes there on a weekly basis. So far he has 'landed' two of the largest Swedish retailers as clients. He concludes that "With three daughters at boarding school it will be 'shoulder to the wheel' for quite a while yet !" Many thanks for the address confirmation and generous donation Peter.

Responding to our appeal for his address in last years magazine we received (in Nov. '92) a postcard from **M.C. DUNCAN (1948 - 52)**. Malcolm still lives in Nova Scotia, Canada and has recently retired from the Federal Civil Service and, he claims, now "works on my spinney in the country". Malcolm is the brother-in-law of Ken Whitfield and we guess that is how he heard the news of our search for his address.

In addition to confirming his address **JIM DURRANT (1949 - 80)** informed us that **H.O. ("Ozzie") STOUT (1961? - 1991)** had recently retired from Grangefield School.

One of our 'older' 'Old Boys' **T.B. FARNABY (1918 - 23)** writes to confirm his address and adds a nice donation, for which we offer our thanks.

It was nice to see **NANCY FINCH MBE (1931 - 36)** at the Dinner this year.

After qualifying at Medical School in Newcastle in 1965 **COLIN FLETCHER (1953 - 60)** spent the next 1 1/2 years as a slave at Middlesbrough General Hospital. Thereafter he was in General Practice just outside Scarborough until 1990 when, due to ill-health, he was forced to take early retirement. Happily married (since 1966) to Margaret, Colin has two children who obtained their degrees in 1992. His brother **PETER (1951 - 58)** is also a G.P. in Stockton but not a member of the O.S. [Still time to join !! we don't hold a grudge for past mistakes ! - Editor] Colin was interested to read about Mary Liverside in the 1991/2 edition, he was taught by her at the C of E Infant School in Billingham - he understands she is still as alert as ever. Colin would be pleased to hear of news of his contemporaries - Malcolm Ozelton, Ian Aufflick, David Smith (a star chess player) [He's still pretty good - see below - Editor] , Ken Shaw, Frank Hunter, George M Dunn etc... He would also be pleased to see any who call in if they are in the Scarborough area.

After being a "silent member for 60 years" **R. GARDNER (1926 - 31)** has sent us a 'goodly missive' this year. He begins by expressing his great regret at the passing of Tom Sowler and the enjoyment he received from reading Tom's book about the Association. He was particularly interested in the picture of the presentation medals given to Stockton schoolchildren - he still has his 1919 Peace Medal but his 1925 Stockton & Darlington Railway Centenary Medal is at the National Railway Museum in York. The presentation came about by chance when he noticed, on a visit to the Museum, that they only had a 'Darlington medal'. Now his medal and a 'Yarm medal' form part of the 'reserve display' at the Museum. Having had the medal presented to him by Leonard Ropner, the Mayor, in 1925 he was to meet the same man again some years later when, as an Inland Revenue official, he had to swear an oath of secrecy before a Commissioner of Income Tax - one, Leonard Ropner ! A photograph in another of Tom's books, "The Town House, Stockton-on-Tees" also evoked memories. The picture was of the Proclamation of Accession in 1910. In the background are the shops of Althams and the Maypole Dairy and he has a graphic picture of an old man on the edge of the pavement in front of those shops selling boot and shoe laces from a hand-cart. The cry was "Good strong laces, 2 pairs for three-pence, leather laces two-pence a pair". "Times change !" he concludes. [So they do. Althams and the Maypole have gone but the 'carved' brickwork of a ship which was above one of those shops still remains - Editor]

Nothing to add to last year's news from **DAVE GATHERGOOD (1957 - 64)** but we thank him for his donation to funds and his address confirmation. He was also espied, along with Brian Brand, in Stockton Parish Church in July. This event was a live session of "Any Questions", which formed part of the BBC's 'Radio Comes to Town' Show. [They were no more successful at getting their questions 'answered', than I was ! - Editor]

A change of address (c/o brother Martin) for **ANDREA GILLESPIE (1982 - 84)** who is currently working in Brisbane (Australia) [is there another ? - Editor] Last time we saw **MARTIN GILLESPIE (1979 - 81)** he was considering a move from the computing side of banking into branch management (and possibly moving back north ?) - any more news on this front ? He has, in true pioneering spirit, tested out the financial institutions of the locality by paying his 1992 subs by standing order !! We think they managed to sort it out.

During the year **JOHN GREEN (1940 - 46)** was privileged to attend, in Stockton, the 40th Wedding Anniversary of **NORMAN CARR (1939 - 44)**. Both Norman and his wife, Evelyn, are well and enjoying his retirement. John says how time flies as it seems only a year and a day since he and Norman turned up together on the very same day to stay at the I.C.I. hostel in Runcorn in '53 to start work for the firm on the West Coast. John has been playing tennis at Yarm for quite a few years now, frequently on Saturday afternoons and occasionally on Wednesday evenings against **GORDON TODD (1940 - 45)** but it was only a chance remark in August 1992 that, to their great surprise, he found that they had been in the same class from 2M to 5N when the old Secondary School was mainly located in Norton. Pleased to read news of both Barry Wiggins and John Ellis, John would welcome news of Ken Boothman if anyone has any knowledge of him. (They were all together in 6Sc for two years). John's main interest in the winter is Scottish Country Dancing and he has taken part in many dancing holidays in both Scotland and Europe. He 'dabbled' in presenting a concert in the Theatre at Richmond in 92 and hopes to repeat the experience in 1993. John

thinks that Dave Gathergood has it wrong in the 91/2 Yearbook referring to George Carter as an "Old Stocktonian" as John's thoughts are that George went to the 'other school' (i.e. Stockton Grammar) after Holy Trinity (where they were together) John says it was Len Horner who always wore the tie, supplied annually through John, when they were at Head Wrightson (Davy McKee).

T.W. HARRISON (1941 - 46) writes from Redcar with his address confirmation and a nice donation but no further news. We may be able to guess that he has now retired.

A note from **STUART HART (1938 - 40)** confirmed his address and his sadness at the death of Ted Shields. Ted and he used to go bush walking in the Adelaide Hills and enjoyed many happy memories of Stockton.

JOSEPH HEWITT (1924? - 27) [our records show 1923 - Editor] has written to confirm his address and includes a nice donation but sadly no other news of himself or contemporaries he may still be in touch with.

Together with a confirmation of his address **F. HUDSON (1923 - 27)** informs us that he still has his School Cert. A. dated 1927. It is however a bit faded - "like its owner"

We were saddened to hear from the mother of **KAREN HUDSON (1971 - 77)** that Karen was unable to communicate with us due to writing difficulties. Karen was diagnosed as an M.S. sufferer in 1985 and her current problem is due to the uncompromising effects of that illness. Our hopes and prayers are that this will be a temporary set back and that she will soon put pen to paper for us.

Following his letter of 1991 **RICHARD HUMBLE (1985 - 87) (Grange 80-85)** is continuing to keep us up to date [Excellent !! Why can't lots of other members do this ?? - Editor]. After a hectic year Richard graduated in Medicine (MB ChB) from Edinburgh University in July 1992 and is about to enter the real working world and end his student days - a thought he finds quite frightening ! From November 1991 to March 1992 Richard spent his elective in India and Tonga, as mentioned in last year's magazine. For the first two months he worked in a small mission hospital in the Indian State of Bihar. The hospital was basic and the local community very poor but it was good experience and the locals were all very friendly. On leaving India he travelled via Bangkok and Sydney to Tonga where he spent two months at a small hospital in the northern group of islands. Richard found the pace of life in the islands was much slower than in India. His work at the hospital was usually completed by lunchtime giving him the opportunity of exploring the islands and soaking up the sun ! When he landed back at Heathrow the sun was shining and he thought that he had escaped the British winter. However within a week of his arrival in Edinburgh the temperature plummeted and six inches of snow fell ! Richard will, from August 1992, spend six months doing a surgical house job in Stirling followed by six months medicine at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. He's looking forward to the pay but not the hours !! Richard informed us that his brother **ANDREW HUMBLE (1987 - 89)** has just graduated from Newcastle Polytechnic with a BA (Hons) in Accountancy and **TREVOR CATTERMOLE (1984 - 86)** has also just graduated in Medicine from Edinburgh University. Trevor's course took a year longer than normal because he did a BSc along the way.

WILF HUME (1924 - 29) confirms his address along with a donation to funds.

Address confirmation from **GEOFF HUTTON (1953 - 60)** but no other news.

Generous donations from **JOHN IONS (1968 - 75)** together with confirmation of his Thorpe Thewles address. John has organised the Mens Hockey for the Association for several years now and we are very appreciative of his efforts.

Revd. JONATHAN JENNINGS (1977 - 79) informs us of his move from Darlington to Manchester and tops up his subs to the year 2000. Jonathan's new job is as the Press & Communications Officer for the Church of England Diocese of Manchester, though he can still be heard, we are assured, on radio and t.v. sports programmes doing football commentaries and reports.

WING CDR GEOFFREY KENYON (1947 - 52) left the RAF in 1988 and after spending a couple of years in the Gulf "I now appear to be retired (reluctantly)". He is currently enjoying the scenery in the Lakes whilst musing what to do next. Geoffrey very much enjoyed Don Smith's book on the area but his father (aged 89), who worked for ICI for nearly 50 years and knew just about everybody mentioned in the chapters covering Billingham, enjoyed it even more ! Although he had no news of fellow students to relate Geoffrey said he would be pleased to see any friends from 1947-52 if they were in the Coniston area. [Many thanks for your generous donation Geoffrey - Editor]

An address confirmation and donation from **DAVID KIRTLEY (1927- 34)** but no news to add to last year's letter.

It was nice to hear once again from **GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18)**. George is a regular contributor to both the magazine and Association funds. He was able to supply us with news of Michael Watson (see below) George queried our question mark after Mary Liversed's name last year. We put a question mark, in brackets, after a person's name if we are uncertain or do not know the dates they attended the School(s) / College. George attended Mary's 100th birthday in 1992 along with, at least, 66 other guests. Mary is still doing well and even manages to cook her own midday meal.

An address confirmation from one of our oldest 'Old Boys' **W.N. LITTLE (1914 - 18)** but no other news.

Another "old" 'Old Boy' **JOHN LIVINGSTON (1913 - 19)** confirms his address and adds a donation.

Sadly no details other than an address confirmation from **FERGUS McLELLAN (1943 - 49)**

ANDREA MARTIN (née DACK) (1980 - 82) is still a Senior I physiotherapist at North Tees General Hospital, having worked there for seven years. We pass on congratulations to Andrea and her husband on the birth of their first baby in June 1992.

It was nice to see **PETER MAULE (1959 - 64)** at the Dinner this year. Peter brought us up to date with his career last year but adds that he has been in contact with **COLIN WILLIAMS (1950 - 57)** who holds a senior position in the Press Relations Department at NatWest Bank and lives in Prestwood Bucks.

With his latest donation **JOHN MOORE (1959 - 65)** has secured his magazine to the year 2021 which will be more than 50 years since he left school [therefore he will be a Life Member and needn't worry about any more subs ! - Editor] Since John last wrote in the mid 80s when he was a partner in Dodds, Brown & Walker, Chartered Surveyors he has seen a great deal of change. The practice of D,B & W was bought by 'the Halifax' in 1988 and John entered the world of corporate agency. Since that time there have been major problems in the profession as a whole but the Halifax has fared better than many due to "significant major surgery on a national basis". In November 1991 John received a surprise (he says) promotion to the exalted title of 'Professional Services Executive' in the Darlington Office and is now responsible for the North Region which extends from the Borders to North Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. He is certainly finding the new position a challenge but adds that "challenges are what the Old Stocktonians relish".

Responding to our comments in last year's magazine [so someone does read them then !! - Editor] **COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60)** offers the following news. Colin is a Senior Sales Development Executive with Sun Alliance International (a posh title for a commercial insurance salesman - he says). A widower Colin has two sons, one at Aberdeen University reading History & Politics, the other at Hull College of F E studying Economics. He still has a sister in Stockton but sadly his mother died in January 1992. Colin would love to hear from anyone who still remembers him from school; he still keeps in touch with Ted Cooper, Dave Francis and Geoff Ward.

Still earning a crust as a solicitor in Gloucester it was nice of **GEOFFREY NATRASS (1955 - 62)** to forego his 'daily bread' for a few months to send a donation and buy a stamp for the envelope. Geoff is still in touch with John Wainwright, Brian Shaw, Peter Twiddy, Alan Coates, Phil Dover & Howard Spence. [Hows about getting them to put pen to paper Geoff ?? - Editor]

JANE NEAL (née ARRAN) (1979 - 81) married Gareth Neal (ex-pupil) and they have a little boy who was born in October 1990 [not so little now though I'll bet ! - Editor] Her sister **CLAIRE ARRAN (1977 - 79)** also has a baby, Grace, who was born in July 1991. Jane is back working part time for Baines, Goldston & Jackson. her boss is **GEOFF HOPPER (?)** and she works with **ALAN WILKINSON (?)** both ex-Grangefield Grammar School. She keeps in touch with Paula Kirby, Alison Fawdon & Wendy Pearson (who married last year and lives in Cheltenham)

A new address from **HAYDN NEAL (1955 - 62)** but sadly no other news.

Dr. MALCOLM OZELTON (1953 - 60) confirmed his Los Angeles address and included a generous donation. [We accept any currency Malcolm and dollars will do nicely thank you - Editor] Malcolm has lived in LA for ten years now and works in the Aerospace industry. He was sorry to hear of the death of Tom Sowler, his son Peter was a good friend both at Grangefield and during their University years and Malcolm got to know Tom through this friendship. Malcolm rarely sees anybody's address included in the year book's material and makes a plea for publishing such. He would certainly have no objection to anyone passing through LA contacting him. [There is no policy against publishing addresses, in fact we published an insert several years ago. However I agree it's time for an update and so we include a 'latest version' in this issue of the magazine. - Editor]

A new member of the Association **C. MARK PALLANT (1969 - 77)** gives us details of his career and memories of days gone by at Grangefield and S.F.C. Having ignored the advice of the late Harry Horsman to pursue music as a career Mark had intended to study languages at the S.F.C. However a long illness during his lower sixth year steered Mark back onto the music track and he found himself embarked upon a Music Degree course at Leeds University (77 - 80). Following graduation he trained as a teacher at Durham, became a peripatetic 'brass teacher' in South Tyneside and held two teaching posts as Head of Music in Leeds before taking up his present post as Head of Music & Drama at Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley. Despite its name, Mark adds, the school is an 11-18 comprehensive in the 'gateway to the Dales'. Mark was married in 1989 to Lyndsey, from Sheffield, and in October they had their first child, Sarah Elizabeth, who is "very tiring but wonderful with it!" He adds that she already shows musical taste - she screams when her father sings! Mark remembers with great fondness his musically formative days at Grangefield and the College; productions of "Salad Days" and "Oh! What a Lovely War" at the College; the change to comprehensive education at Grangefield. His current teaching involvement with orchestras, bands and choirs often bring back fond memories of similar occasions with Harry Horsman. Incidentally, Mark concludes, the current Head of Maths at Prince Henry's, who is ten years older, remembers being taught by Harry Horsman in Bradford before Harry came to Stockton.

HARRY PIERCY (1945 - 49) was pleased to see a number of his contemporaries appearing in the 1991/2 magazine. Having joined Barclays Bank in 1950 he became a Manager in Darlington in 1967 after moving around the North East for some years. Harry was, subsequently, Manger at Barnard Castle and then 49 High Street, Stockton before going to Leeds as a Local Director in 1979. Since 1988 he has been Corporate Director of the Northern Region, which controls the branches in the area from North Yorkshire to the Scottish border. Harry's reminiscences parallel those of Don Glenwright as regards the terror spread by "Tot" Munday's apparently aggressive style. He adds that it says something for that style of teaching as he too remembers, word for word, the question and answer sessions they faced in his daily lessons. Harry recalls that "Tot" was only one of the mild eccentrics on the staff in those days and cites "Tibby" Brooke, "Creamy" Manners, "Nobby" Morris and, before he was tragically killed, "Jute" Rhys as equally or even more eccentric. He concludes that "We were lucky to come under their benign influence" [Many thanks for the kind donation to funds Harry - Editor]

To his very generous donation **DAVID PILBROUGH (1947 - 53)**[we have 1949 - 54 - Editor] adds the following news. He is still living in Sydney with his wife Heidi and son Warne, now aged 16. David has run two businesses for the last three years both owned by him and his wife. The first is a chemical manufacturing business making products for the electroplating industry on the eastern seaboard of Australia; the second is a consulting company specialising in training and preparing companies for accreditation to the International Standards for Quality assurance, ISO 9000 series - both companies have expanded during the recession !! - he can't imagine why he worked for other people for all those years. He would be most pleased to hear from other people in his part of the world.

It was nice to have an address confirmation from **G.E. REDFEARN (1922 - 25)** after many years but sadly there was no other news to add.

Many thanks to **RAYMOND REED (1950 - 57)** for his donation. A regular correspondent, Ray brought us up to date with events a couple of years ago.

A confirmation of address and of his continued progress with Maurice Sutherland & Riddle from **GEOFF RIDDLE (1945 - 52)**.

PETER RIGG (1956 - 63) writes to inform us of his impending address change before his work takes him to the Peoples' Republic of China. His new home also houses the village Post Office and Stores in Ettington, a small village just off the Fosse Way, which will be run by his wife Attracta, as Peter intends to continue his globe-trotting career for the moment. Having said in his last letter (1990) that he rarely met any old friends he did meet another 'Old Stocktonian' when attending a flow measurement seminar in London during October 1991. One of the papers was presented by **MICHAEL L. SANDERSON (1957 - 64?)** [or 58 - 65?? - Editor] who is now Professor of Fluid Engineering at the Cranfield Institute of Technology. Peter gave Mike our address as he said he had lost touch with the Association [still no contact I'm afraid Peter - Editor]

It was nice to hear from **CHRISTINE ROSS (1974 - 76)** one of our (very) few lady life members. No other news I'm afraid.

JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933 - 38) writes to inform us of his new address near Sandy in Beds. This move will mean that he and his wife are much closer to their daughter and , of course, about one-third of the way towards 'home'.

Despite the handicaps of a broken collar bone and impaired vision **R.W. RUTHERFORD (1914 - 17)** has managed to pen us a letter detailing his association with Power-Gas. Due to circumstances arising from the Great War he left school at the age of 14 to become a laboratory boy at the Corporation, and started an apprenticeship as a works chemist when he was 16. At that time the company employed fewer than 50 people. After 48 years service, including 12 of his early years as the company's representative in Japan, and the last seven as Managing Director, he retired in 1965. In that year the firm employed over 1000 persons in the U.K. alone as well others in offices overseas and had become a major partner in the merged group of The Davy Corporation. R.W. now lives in retirement with his wife (they have been married 61 years) on the south coast. He is saddened by the recent demise of the company (The Davy Corporation) that he had been linked with for so many years and also by the virtual disappearance of the chemical engineering entity (the largest in the world in terms of contract values). His sentiments are no doubt echoed by many Stocktonians around the world who remember the firm with affection. We wish R.W. continued health and thank him warmly for his most generous donation to our funds.

FRANK SAWDON (1922 - 28) confirms his Darlington address and adds that he was interested to see mention of Reg Cornforth and W.G. Hume in the last yearbook, both of whom he remembers. He also thanks all those who work so hard to produce the "New Stocktonian". [Many thanks for your donation Frank - Editor]

Bob Coulson (see above) kindly sent us the business address of **RIDLEY SCOTT (1950 - 54)** as this had been requested in a recent Yearbook. Ridley is currently high on the list of top Hollywood directors, including on his 'portfolio', "Blade Runner" with Harrison Ford and "Alien" with Sigourney Weaver. Ridley was the subject of a recent

episode of "Omnibus" (a BBC Arts Programme) in October when it was revealed that he was the "brains" behind many well known adverts (including Wall's Ice Cream, Captain Birdseye and Hovis). Not so well known is Ridley's younger brother Tony who is also a director ("Top Gun" and the later 'Hovis adverts').

G. STANLEY SELF (1931 - 35) is still in touch with **KEN DODSWORTH (1931 - 35)** [we do not have a confirmed address for Ken - Editor] but has lost contact with the rest of his era. [Perhaps the list of names & addresses enclosed with this issue of the magazine will help Stanley - Editor]

DAVE SMITH (1953 - 60?) is still teaching Maths at Bede Sixth Form College but we gather he also has responsibilities in the exam entries area. He also features regularly in the 'Gazette' and local 'freebie' newspapers under the chess exploits of Middlesbrough Chess Club and as an individual.

DON SMITH (1933 - 40) has made the short move from Dundee to Forfar and promises news of former classmates when he is settled in.

A handsome sum to top up her subs accompanied a letter from **SUE SOUTHERN (née FARRER) (1978 - 81)**. On leaving the College Sue completed a three year BSc Hons Degree at Teesside Poly in Social Administration. After spending two years with Stockton Borough Council involved with Tenant Liaison Work Sue left to complete a two year CQSW Course (Social Work) at the Poly. She is currently working for Cleveland Social Services, Children & Families Team (part-time) as a Social Worker. Sue married Tony in 1984 and they now have a son Peter aged 3.

A confirmation and subs top up from **LILLIAN THOMPSON (née FORSTER)(1929 - 34)** but no news to add to the full account she gave us last year.

A new address in South Humberside for **NEIL TURNER (1952 - 56)** courtesy of Mrs Mann (his aunt ?) with the promise of news from Neil himself at a later date.

We can never say that **PAUL VITTLES (1978 - 80)** does not keep us up to date with his new addresses and his current change is no exception. [Sorry about the 'ribbing' over your regular address changes in the past Paul; would that it was the case that all members were as diligent in giving us their new address - Editor]

JACQUELINE WADSWORTH (née CLOUGH)(1983 - 85) took up articles with a firm of chartered accountants in Leeds. There she met and, following a whirlwind romance, married Richard. She was then carried off to a little known village on the moors outside of Huddersfield. Monday to Friday she is still a 'townie', working in Bradford and trying to pass her finals. At weekends however she slips into village life and is even adopting some of the accent. Unfortunately she will have to accept that all her life she will be regarded as a 'comer in' to the real locals.

'Walker' appears amongst the names of our former students more often than any other name, including Smith ! (9 to 7). **A. WALKER (1943 - 48)** writes to tell us that he retired early from British Steel in 1989 and has stayed in the area (Middlesbrough). His twin brother **HARRY (1943 - 48)** also retired this year and now lives near Banbury [our last, unconfirmed, address was Solihull - Editor]. Their elder brother **ROBERT (Bob)(1937 - 42)** has been retired for some years but continues to do

some consultancy work. He lives in Ponteland, Newcastle. A.W. was interested to read the comments on 'busing in' the students from Sedgefield and Fishburn and adds that there was segregation - the girls had a separate bus to the boys !! [but things got better later ! - Editor] On his final visit to British Steel Head Office in London at retirement he bumped into **MALCOLM COATES (1943 - 47)** (ex-Bishop Middleham) on the tube to Victoria. In the early part of 1992 he bumped into **JOHN WOOD (1943 - 47)** in the new M & S store in Ealing Broadway. Both his contemporaries recognised him after 40 years !!

No news other than address confirmation from **K.G. WALKER (1944 - 50)**.

No details of where he was lost to (our last, unconfirmed, address was Hornchurch, Essex) but it was nice to renew our connections with **COLIN WALLER (?-?)** who has moved back to Hartburn in Stockton.

Courtesy of George Little we now have a new address for **MICHAEL J. WATSON (1949 - 56)** in the Transvaal. Michael's father, Richard was a contemporary of George's at Nelson Terrace. Sadly, Richard died some three years ago but Michael's mother is in a retirement home in Scarborough.

Confirmation of address but no other details from **PHIL WEST (1951 - 54)**.

Rarely do we have challenges in these columns but one has been issued this year. After seeing a response by **JOHN ELLIS (1940 - 46)** to his letter of 1990 **BARRY WIGGINS (1940 - 46)** has issued the following statement - "If John will agree to attend the 1993 Annual Dinner then so will I!" Barry admits that he has rarely attended the function "for some reasonmembership of the Association was not popular with my year". [You don't have to be a member of the Association to attend the dinner and guests are welcome - Editor] Barry is sure however that he and John will have much to talk about. Since he last wrote to us Barry has taken on the Treasurership of one of the Leicester Deaneries of the Anglican Church and with it came membership of the Leicester Synod and active membership of the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance. ("How versatile can an engineer be ?" - he asks) As a member of The Board his first task has been to try and put together a Group Insurance for 18 Churches with a combined value of £25 million. In February Barry and his wife took their long promised trip up the Nile, which wars and political conflict had prevented him taking earlier in his life. They used the opportunity to maintain their links with the Anglican Cathedral in Cairo. Barry still has reasons to make regular visits to Stockton and, when possible, tries to join for lunch with the Old Stocktonian members of Rotary. He is anxious to book the date of the 1993 Dinner into his diary - so come on all those past pupils from the war years look to your own diaries and join us this year.

Nice to hear that **DAVE (1967 - 74)** and **LESLEY WILLETTS (1967 - 72)** are still well in deepest Loughborough. [Many thanks for the donations and subs Dave - Editor] Dave managed to get out to Hong Kong in summer 1991 to do a spot of lecturing at Hong Kong Polytechnic. "Nothing high powered - ", he adds, " just basic Economics & Business Studies." The opportunity to go came from an invitation by Wolverhampton Poly to lecture on their 'Overseas B.Ed.' Summer School programme. Dave had lectured on this course in 1990 at Wolverhampton and was "lucky enough" to be selected for the "away fixture" in Hong Kong. In 1992 he will be flying out to Canada to spend five weeks coaching Rugby Football to various clubs in Ontario. The

Ontario R.F.U. have "kindly invited me back" at their expense. (Dave's first visit was in 1987). Dave says that he seems to be getting a lot of invitations to spend his summer holidays overseas lately but has nothing planned so far for 1993 - any offers ??

Apologies, but no regrets, from **W. LAWRENCE WILSON (1923 - 27)** who looks back nostalgically on viewing last year's 'Degree Successes'. "Why", he asks, "did the S.S.S. change so often and so much?". Looking back he finds it difficult to detect many flaws in its teaching methods or subjects which happily gave him the basis for obtaining a degree without ever going to University or College (other than during the evening). He feels that the trouble with education is that there are too many experts about and too much time is given to philosophy on the subject, on which nothing can be proven. "So heigho for the S.S.S. and the 3R's - and conning by rote" Continuing to wallow in nostalgia brings to mind contemporaries W.G. Hume, Ernest Fieke, Ted Shields, W. (Walter?) Meacham, R. Raper and even R.W. Rutherford of earlier days "If he is the man who joined the Ashmore Pease Company" This last thought provided the link with the degree list. In Lawrence's days Stockton was heavily industrialised and such name as Ashmores, Blairs, Head Wrightsons, Worth Mackensies, Malleable Iron Co., Power Gas etc... were even international names, as was the upstart newcomer Synthetic Ammonia & Nitrates (i.e. I.C.I.) alas " 'Tis not now as it was of yore" he quotes. Which brings us to the degree list. "less than half of those listed seem to fancy making things, something we used to be good at" Lawrence recalls his engineering days as fun, satisfying and rewarding [therein lies today's problems ? - especially the last element ! - Editor] and he has always been puzzled that the profession was not grossly overcrowded.

In addition to the news below we have had a change of address for **PETER WIMBERLEY (1955 - 62)**. Peter visited Stockton briefly in February 1991 and was delighted to see John Ingham again, especially as he turned up to the College unannounced. Despite not seeing Peter for some 29 years John remembered his name at once and his brother's (Richard) and more of his classmate's names than Peter himself could recall. "It was great reminiscing on 'the good old days'" and Peter was sorry that he cut into John's already shortened lunch break [I'm absolutely certain that he wouldn't mind Peter - Editor] Peter passes on thanks to all who do so much to keep the magazine going and hopes, one day, to come to an annual dinner. He remembers Peter Hudson (our 1992 guest) well - particularly the dramatic change in P.E. lessons with the introduction of circuit training. "Slacking was definitely not allowed." Peter's new address is his 18th since leaving school 30 years ago. However, as he has now been appointed a hospital consultant in the Danish N.H.S., "it seems likely that the time has come to settle down".

ANNE WOOD (now SIMPSON) (1965 - 72) has come out of the 'retirement' we mentioned in our 88-89 Yearbook and, after teaching part-time at Bede, Stockton & Hartlepool Sixth Form Colleges for a year, is now Head of Maths at Sir William Turner's S.F.C. in Redcar. Her husband **MALCOLM (1964 - 69)** is still engaged in the retail, repair and manufacturing of jewellery and has his business (Corner & Simpson) in Walker Square, Stockton. [I should add a free 'plug' here. His repairs are extremely reasonable (try another jewellers first if you don't believe me) and you won't be "Ratner'd" by the quality of the goods on sale either !! - Editor]

OBITUARIES

We were sad to hear of the death of **FRANK W. BAKER (1923 - 28)** after a long association with the schools and the 'Old Boys'. Frank was the son of W. Baker who was Physics master at the S.S.S. from 1905 until his retirement in 1942. [Frank's brother DONALD (1921- 24) who, we believe, died in 1990 also attended the S.S.S.] After leaving school Frank trained as a Chartered Surveyor, passing his finals in 1932. He served on the O.S. Committee from 1934 until the 2nd W.W. During this time he was, we understand, a tireless worker in arranging the Annual Dance which often had 250 or 300 people in attendance. During the many years that he was involved with the Estate Agents 'Baker & Collinson' he was a great supporter of the Association's magazine with a yearly advert. In later years he was very much involved with the Eaglescliffe Golf Club and was captain for a time in the late 50s. Our sympathy goes out to his family at their sad loss.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of **ALAN DAVIES (1933 - 37)** on 13 October 1992. After leaving school he became a Cranwell apprentice in electronics and stayed in the R.A.F. until he was 28 (1949). He then joined the Durham County Constabulary. Following his retirement he went into the 'stretch cover business'. In recent years he renewed his association with the Old Stocktonians through the promotion of Don Smith's book in 1989 the same year he organised a reunion of the '39 Cranwell intake drawing people from all over the world. Not a man to let the grass grow under his feet he offered his services to the Association and was soon on the Committee and Assistant Dinner Secretary - a great help to Brian Brand when he was 'laid up' with his new hip. Always keen to get value for money he negotiated the dinner price downwards whenever possible! When Alan was around there was never a dull moment and he will be very much missed. We offer our sympathy to Kath, his wife, and his children Bruce and Carolyn.

Dave Atkinson informed us of the death, in 1991, of **B.W. DENNISON (1957 - 64)**. After starting his career in banking he spent most of his career in the Probation Service and the in the Social Services in Durham. He was very well thought of by his colleagues in the Social Services Department and had been a tower of strength to all those around him. We send our belated sympathy to all his family.

One of the great supporters of the Old Stocktonians **ERNEST FIEKE (1923 - 28)** sadly passed away in 1992. Ever the practical joker and known as "hairpin" at school Ernest was born in Middlesbrough and attended the old Hugh Bell School and West Dyke in Redcar before moving across the river to attend Newtown School and the Sec'. On leaving the school he lived at various times in Stockton, Middlesbrough and Thornaby. He joined the Committee of the Old Stocktonians in 1933 until 1935 when he moved to Birmingham to become an Inspector with Lucas Ltd. Returning to Teesside after the War he became a Plant Engineer (with Dorman Long ?) and lived in Norton. He immediately offered his services to the Association and was President for the period 1952-55 despite ill health. Always an 'active' member of the Association he was a regular visitor to Grangefield, so much so that several of the pupils thought that he was the School Inspector! His job took him to Glasgow in 1957 but he remained on the Committee as a co-opted member with responsibility for the Scottish Section! There he took up golf and typically immediately became involved in the administration side of the game - Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Scottish B.T.U. Golfing Society. Later he was Chairman of the Glasgow Branch of the Institute of Plant Engineers. Ernest took a well earned early retirement in 1972/3 and thereafter lived in Penton, Cumbria. Even though his health was far from perfect he never let it 'get the better of him' and he remained ever the joker, describing himself as "D4 at Barclays" and only "suitable for home waters" when he wrote to us last year. To all his family we offer our deepest sympathy and hope to aspire to his courage and cheerfulness in the way we live our own lives.

In mid-November 1992 we learned of the death (in 1991) of **NEWTON HAILE (1926 - 33)**. To attend the old Sec' he had to walk two miles to Ferryhill Station and then get a train to Stockton, although a bus service did start in his later years at the school. In his last year at school he was taught French by a very young Gordon Rattenbury who also taught his son (Alan) at Grangefield. On leaving the Sec' Newton attained a B.A. at Bede College, Durham and then went into teaching, becoming Headmaster of the village school at Bishop Middleham for 25 years until he retired in 1976. We send our belated sympathy to his widow and son Alan.

In early 1992 we were informed of the death of **Dr. JOHN KIRKUP (1937 - 43)**. On leaving the Secondary School he studied medicine at Durham University, qualifying in 1949. After five years in the Royal Victoria Infirmary as House Surgeon, lecturer in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology he decided to see something of the world. John joined the P & O Shipping company and travelled extensively in the Far East, enjoying every minute. In 1955 he married and went into General Practice in Sedgfield. The opportunity to travel occurred again and he was appointed Medical Director of Pfizer International, an American pharmaceutical company. The family moved to Hong Kong in 1959. In 1966 when the political situation became critical in China the firm moved to Manila in the Philippines. The general situation there was not conducive to family life and so the family returned to England. For the last twenty years John has been a most respected and loved G.P. in Wallsend, Tyne & Wear. Cricket was his favourite sport. It is a great pity that he did not live to demonstrate the finer points of the 'googlie' to his only grandson. John is survived by his wife Iris and three daughters Sheena, Heather and Wendy and it is to them that we send our belated but sincerest condolences.

We were informed in early January 1992 of the death of **F. MASON** who had lived in Whitley Bay.

