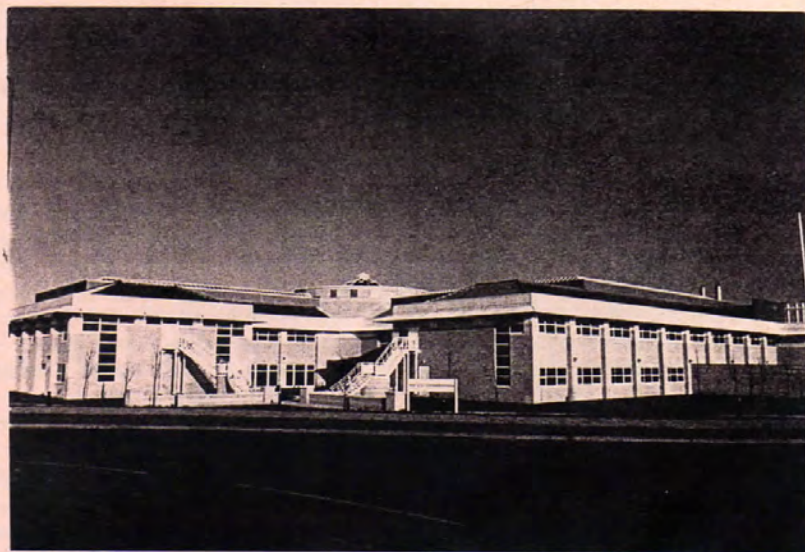

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OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION

(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.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION £1.50

(Advance subscriptions for two, five or ten years would be welcomed!)

Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to:

'Old Stocktonians' Association'

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Years of maturity ? Years of discretion ? The Sixth Form College, and the Old Stocktonians' Association in its present form, reach the august age of 21 in 1994, though the Old Stocktonians' Association can claim a much longer history, having originally been founded in 1913, as was the Old Girls' Association. Tom Sowler recorded in the History of the Old Stocktonians' Association an attendance of 250 at the first Annual Dinner and Dance and 120 at the Old Girls' Association's first evening get together. Would that we might have similar numbers ! Hopes of an influx of new members in 1992/3 have not been fulfilled. There is still time ! It would be good to have more news of recent leavers for the next 'Year Book' and to see many more at the Annual Dinner. If you have new ideas for other activities of the Association why not offer to join the Committee ?

The A.G.M. and Committee meetings are held in the Sixth Form College, where we now see a roofed in office space in place of the Instant Garden which grew overnight for the College's Opening Day and, as quickly reverted to nature ! In those hectic days we had hat-racks in profusion but few chairs, labs but few walls, and trekked over the fields to the S & B Tech for cold pies and apples. I wonder how many readers have these or more exciting memories of 1973 ?

The 1993 Annual Dinner was for me, and I think I speak for others present, a most enjoyable occasion, with an entertaining account by Craig (James) Gaddas of his life as an actor. Do you know our Euro M.P. Mr David Bowe? or what adventures he may have in commuting between Cleveland and Strasbourg? Come and find out at the 1994 Dinner, details of which can be found later in the Year Book.

My thanks are again due to the hard working officers and Committee of the Association and to all involved in the production of the Year Book, which provides a vital link for helping members keep in touch with each other, especially when, geographically, many are far apart.

Every good wish to you all.

LOUISA WARING

COLLEGE NEWS

1993 has been a very significant year, marking the 20th anniversary of the College's foundation and its launch as an independent Corporation within the new Further Education sector. In the 1992/1993 issue of "The New Stocktonian", I explained the planning and preparation that was being undertaken for incorporation. I am now very pleased to report that the College has made a successful transition to its new status and that we have a sound financial basis on which to build for the future.

In line with Government plans, we were encouraged to grow with a target of 8% increase for September 1993. Despite a considerable reduction in the number of students in Year 11 (the old 5th year) in our partner schools, we managed to achieve this target and this has brought a welcome accompanying increase of funds into the College.

We now have 770 full-time students aged 16-19 on roll. The majority are continuing to study GCE Advanced Level, in a steadily expanding range of subjects and most of these students are planning to enter into the increasingly competitive world of Higher Education. A significant number have also been attracted to our new vocational courses in Art and Design, Business Studies, Information Technology, Leisure and Tourism and Sports Science and are finding these to be a much better foundation for their future progression into employment, further training and Higher Education.

Although the College's mission concentrates on the provision of high quality education for school leavers, we are also committed to developing new opportunities which meet the needs of the adult community in Stockton. I am pleased to report that some 50 adults enrolled at the College in September mainly to take a variety of courses at introductory and foundation level in Information Technology. We shall be continuing to work closely with the Adult Education Service in order to increase this provision in future years.

This year we did not expect the vintage examination results of 1992, but nevertheless, the performance of students at GCE Advanced Level was most creditable and well up to the national average for sixth form colleges. These examination achievements enabled some 200 students to secure places in Higher Education in a difficult year for admissions - with 4 students gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge.

The College has always been open-access, providing a second chance and a fresh start for school leavers. Students on one year courses achieved a record examination success with 58% of their year group gaining sufficient additional qualifications to re-enrol at the College for a further two years of Advanced Level work.

The academic achievements of the College have been recognised at regional and national level in a number of ways during the year. The Biology Department received first prize in the Northumbrian Water Authority's Quality Northern Environmental Project Competition for a project on the treatment of human effluent, and this was subsequently entered for the Times Educational Supplement Environmental Competition and was awarded the first prize and a Gold Crest Award in the 16-19 section. The Computing Department also achieved the distinction of having the project of one of its students selected for the Gold Crest Award exhibition at Imperial College, London. The final accolade of the year was the award by the Further Education Unit, of the Department for

Education, of a substantial grant in support of introducing vocational courses in sixth form colleges. The College is one of the only 10 colleges selected nationally to receive this award.

Stockton students, are not only content with academic success and our students have continued their fine tradition of sporting achievement. The Rugby 15 have as yet an unbeaten record, despite some very strong competition from independent schools in the North of England Soccer continues to be very popular, with the College fielding 4 teams who are competing vigorously in the local league. Boys and Girls Hockey also continues to flourish - with the girls team once again achieving some success in national competitions. Outside of sports and games, the College has entered into a very productive working relationship with the Dovecot Arts Centre in Stockton enabling students to pursue their interests in Music and Drama as a regular feature of the Wednesday afternoon activities programme.

A sense of service continues to motivate many of our students and almost 100 take part in various types of community service working with people of all ages in the locality, whilst the College's Environmental Conservation group continues to do their valuable work at the Castle Eden Walkway and more locally in Stockton. The Christian Union and Amnesty International group are well supported and meet regularly throughout the academic year.

As the College grows and the curriculum develops, we are pleased to welcome new members of staff and regretfully say good-bye to others.

In July, Mrs. Susan Clark of the Computing and I.T. Department left us in order to assume responsibility for her own department at Prior Pursglove College and Ms Isobel White was promoted to Head of Religious Studies at Durham Sixth Form Centre. Miss Lynda Holgate of the English Department and Mr David Kilpatrick of the History Department also left the College to take up other appointments. I am sure you will join with me in expressing appreciation for these colleagues' contribution to the development of the College and also in wishing them well in the years ahead.

As a nation we often seem to be preoccupied, some would say excessively so, with anniversaries. It is certainly right and proper that we should commemorate our achievements and the College therefore looks forward to celebrating its 25 anniversary in 1998. The Governors will be giving attention to appropriate ways in which to celebrate this anniversary and will be very interested to receive ideas from the "Old Stocktonians". If you have any suggestions then please send them to me at the College.

As we celebrate our achievements we must also plan and build for the future and "Old Stocktonians" can reflect on a robust and flourishing college which will continue to search for new ways of increasing educational opportunity, whilst preserving the many things which are well tried and of value. My very best wishes to all for 1994.

H.R. Clarke

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

STOCKTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE IN EUROPE (Academic Year 1992-1993)

As has become customary over the past years, our College was represented in France, Germany and Spain, in the form of educational exchanges, all organised by the Modern Languages Department.

From 14 to 26 October 1992, 11 Upper Sixth students took part in the College's annual exchange with the Lycée International des Pontonniers, in Strasbourg - France. During this time, the students shared the daily life of their French partners, both at home and in school. They also had the opportunity to visit the famous 13th century, one spired cathedral and its unique astronomical clock, the modern buildings of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, the old town quarters, with timbered housing called La Petite France and, in the south of the province, the Ecomusée d'Alsace, the new open-air museum, unique on French soil. A few hours in Germany, across the Rhine, brought home the "crossroads" position of the capital of Europe. To add an extra dimension to this human, linguistic and cultural discovery of France, most students were able to engage in a work-shadowing experience at the Council of Europe, at a local newspaper, a town hall, a hypermarket, a student radio station and a primary school, with a barrister and a simultaneous translator. In that way, they were given a first insight into the world of work on the Continent.

Still in France, the College's links with Asnières-sur-Seine, a northwestern suburb of Paris, was renewed this year, with the Lycée Auguste Renoir, where 9 Lower Sixth students took part in an exchange from 28 February to 6 March 1993. As well as going to school and seeing the usual sights, students discovered the Georges Pompidou Centre, the Louvres, the Musée d'Orsay and Paris seen from a "bateau-mouche" from the Seine. The students and their accompanying teachers were all welcomed by the Mayor of Asnières, with a champagne reception at the Town Hall.

From 6 to 18 February 1993, 8 students travelled to Germany, as part of an exchange with the Mörke Gymnasium in Göppingen (Baden-Württemberg). The sampling of family and studious life was spiced up with visits to the two local centres, Stuttgart and Ulm and a contact with the working world through work-shadowing at a town hall, a newspaper, a primary, a secondary and a professional school and a solicitors' firm.

14 students from our College and others in Cleveland visited Spain from 12 to 15 April 1993, on an exchange with the Escola la Vall del Tenes, in Sta. Eulalia de Ronçana, Barcelona. There, together with the spring sunshine, students found interesting local features such as the Picasso museum and the Olympic sights in Barcelona, the Salvador Dali museum and the Costa Brava, a skiing resort in the Pyrenees reached via a "cremaillera" (Mountain railway) and an ancient local monastery in a grandiose setting.

The exchanges were all extremely enjoyable and rewarding for all who took part. Improvement in communication and linguistic skills as well as general culture and knowledge was high on the agenda. Our European partners were duly hosted back in Stockton where they visited the College, Preston Park museum, the North York Moors, Whitby, York and the Jorvik Centre and Edinburgh. Some work-shadowing also took place in local firms.

Studying Modern Languages at Stockton Sixth Form College also means Going Places!

A.M. Hufton - Head of Modern Languages

DEGREE RESULTS 1993

Denise Ainsley	BA	Geography	St Martin's College, Lancaster
Libby Allan	BA	English/American Studies	Keele University
Rachel Baker	LLB	Law	Leicester University
Deborah Batterham	BSc	Environmental Biology	Liverpool University
Matthew Brack	BSc	Chemistry	Manchester University
David Claybrook	BSc	Genetics	Sheffield University
Sarah Cooper	BA	Religious Studies	Lancaster University
Katherine Craggs	BA	Geography	Leicester University
Stuart Craig	BSc	Computing/Business Studies	Huddersfield University
Peter Crouch	BSc	Economics/Mathematics	Lancaster University
Adrian Doig	MB, ChB	Medicine	Leicester University
Amanda Drury	BSc	Managerial & Admin. Studies	Aston University
Chris Eggett	BSc	Physiology	Sheffield University
Sarah Farooqi	BSc	Sociology	Kingston University
Tony Hankin	BA	Interior Design	Teesside University
Ingrid Hazra	BA	Modern Languages	Bradford University
Iain Heald	BSc	Economics/Mathematics	Lancaster University
Elizabeth Hird	BA	European Studies	Bradford University
Andrew Lamb	BSc	Managerial & Admin. Studies	Aston University
Michael Laverick	BA	English	Warwick University
Sarah Little	BEd	English	St Martin's College, Lancaster
Matthew Milton	BSc	Aeronautical Engineering	Manchester University
Rachel Penhallurick	BSc	Geology	Kingston University
Harpinder Singh	BA	Accountancy & Finance	Kingston University
Peter Stage	BA	Economic & Social Studies	Manchester University
Karen Sykes	BA	Modern Languages	Bradford University
David Turner	BSc	Chemistry	Imperial College, London
Richard Vasey	BSc	Applied Mathematics	St Andrews University
John Walker	BSc	Anatomy & Human Biology	Liverpool University
Craig Wheaton	BSc	Geography	Liverpool University
Ian Williams	MB ChB	Medicine	Leicester University
Louise Wilson	BSc	Geography	Lancaster University
Jane Wood	BA	American Studies	East Anglia University
Stephen Wren	BEng	Engineering	Nottingham University
Alex Wynn	BSc	Geography & Geology	Liverpool University

Many thanks to John Ingham for the compilation of results.

Student's computer program is praised

An innovative computer program designed by Michael Luddington was singled out as an example of 'excellence' by a top civil servant at a London science exhibition. Michael's 'equal opportunities' program was one of the top 50 projects selected from a wide range of science and technology projects produced by 800 students throughout the country, and involves matching company personnel to available jobs, thereby avoiding subconscious bias.

Since developing the program Michael has won a place at Worcester College, Oxford University to read Mathematics and Computation.

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.

1992/93	History Prize	Martyn Notman
	English Prize	Stewart Kirton

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.

Prizes this year went to two students for their contributions to College sporting life in cricket and badminton.

Darren Chaplin has been an enthusiastic member of the cricket team for two seasons, captaining the side for the 1993 season. He is a very useful opening bowler as well as being an accomplished batsman. His sporting, but competitive, approach has had a beneficial effect on other team members which has led to an unbeaten run for two seasons. Darren has handled the team both on and off the field in an authoritative and thoughtful way and his help in the general organisation of matches has been very much appreciated.

Ian Livesey's contribution to badminton has been similar to that of Darren to cricket. Ian has also provided valuable assistance in the running of a College team and has demonstrated excellent leadership qualities.

Both students are continuing at College this year and so we look forward to further success by their respective teams.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

(founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

LIST OF OFFICIALS for 1993

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. R. Prichard
Dinner Secretary : Mr. B. P. Brand
Assistant Dinner Secretary : Vacant
Year Book Editor : Mr. P. Graham
Advertising Manager : Mr. B.P. Brand
Sports Extravaganza Coordinator : Mr. T. Ripley

COMMITTEE (with above)

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

Revd. Mrs J. M.Thomas
Mr. R. Wyznar

HON. AUDITOR :-

Mr. P. Fleck F.C.A.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES 1992 - 93

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 1993

This is to be held on Wednesday, 9th February 1994 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 1992 A G M held on 9th February 1993
3. Matters arising;
 - (a) Location of Assets & Records
 - (b) Any other Matters
4. Membership Records Secretary's Report
5. Year Book Editor's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 1992/3
7. Benevolent Fund Report
8. Election of Presidents. *
9. Election of Office Bearers **
10. Election of other Members to Committee ***
11. Appointment of Hon. Auditor
12. Date and time of next Committee Meeting (April ?)
15. Any other relevant business

* Your retiring Committee's nominations for Presidents (including V.P.s) are :-
Those as elected for 1993

** Your retiring Committee's nomination for Office Bearers are :-
Those elected for 1993

*** Your retiring Committee's nominations for other Members to Committee are:-
Mr M.R. Gillespie Mr J.A. Green Mrs P.A. Oxley Revd. Mrs J.M. Thomas
Mr R. Wynzar

Note for ANYONE reading this. There are still between 3 (minimum i.e. understrength) and 9 (maximum) vacancies on the Committee. In spite of our plan last year for additional nominations from YOU for any other member (with their signed agreement), the number of vacancies has actually increased since 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 Roz Prichard 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..

For Item 3(a) on the Agenda, those people 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

R. Prichard

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1992

This was held on Tuesday, 9th February 1993 with Miss L. Waring, the Association President, in the Chair. Others present were : Mrs. P.A. Oxley, Messrs. B.P. Brand, P. Graham, J.A. Green, J. Ingham, R. Prichard, J. G. Rattenbury and R. Ward; with apologies from Messrs. H.R. Clarke, F. Jackson, M.R. Gillespie and Revd. J.M. Thomas.

Mr B.P. Brand presented a written report on the Accounts of the Association for the previous three years which concluded that the three fund totals be newly based upon the total cash in the Building Society Accounts as at 30th June 1991. Mr Brand had reassessed the movement of prize monies over that period and adjusted those funds accordingly. With these changes the meeting accepted and adopted the accounts as presented for the three years 1988/89, 1989/90 & 1990/91. The Association wished to place on record their grateful thanks for the work done by Mr C.J. Beeston as Treasurer for the previous 17 years.

Mr Ward reported that the Memorial Fund to Tom Sowler stood at £185.26 and Mr Brand proposed, and it was accepted, that the decision as to what to purchase be left for the Committee to consider.

Mr Graham reported that there were 218 Life Members and 102 Annual Members of whom 55 had paid in advance, 35 were in arrears (to a total of £74) and 5 addresses were needed

The Year Book editor noted that 400 copies of the Year Book had been produced at a cost of £160 plus postage of £66.21 (£53.82 inland & £12.39 for 17 abroad) Unfortunately there were no adverts this year to help defray the costs. It was particularly sad to see a break in the continuity with ICI and the Darlington Building Society who had been such stalwart supporters for so many years. Once again a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. P. Graham for producing an excellent Year Book and a list of members addresses.

Mr B.P. Brand submitted his report and balance sheet for 30 June 1992. All the money was now deposited in a single new account which earned a higher rate of interest. The Meeting expressed a vote of thanks to Mr Brand for the time and care taken with the accounts and the clear presentation.

Mr Brand noted that the Benevolent Fund Report was as printed in the Year Book but added that two loans had been made since the year end.

As printed in the 1992-93 Year Book Mr Green proposed that rule 6 be altered to read : "Any member who has paid fifty annual subscriptions shall become a life member of the Association, without further obligation." This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The second alteration to the rules acknowledged the simplification to administration afforded by members who paid multiple subscriptions and the proposal made as the alternative to fifty annual subscriptions was "or eight lump sum payments of five such annual subscriptions, or three lump sum payments of ten such annual subscriptions" was seconded by Mr Ingham on the basis that the Membership Records' Secretary should be allowed to vary the combination of payments to meet the general spirit of the rule. The amendment was carried by a majority vote

In the Election of Officers Mr Ward noted that Mr Jackson was not willing to continue as Advertising Manager and also as a Committee Member Mr Brand offered to undertake the advertising task but only as a low key exercise. Mr R. Prichard was nominated and accepted the post of Minutes Secretary in place of Mr J.A. Green who wished to step down from the post. Mr T. Ripley was nominated as Sports Extravaganza Coordinator. The Chairman thanked the retiring Minutes Secretary for his work over the past seven

years. Mr J.A. Green accepted his nomination by Mr Ward to the Committee. All other retiring Committee members were re-elected. The Meeting was pleased to accept the offer from the College's Finance Officer, Mr Peter Fleck, as the Association's Honorary Auditor.

A list of the whereabouts of Assets and Historical Record Files of the Association was circulated and completed by those present at the Meeting. Mr Green noted that Committee Meeting Minutes prior to 1971 and AGM Minutes prior to 1981 were all unaccounted for. Mr Ward agreed to check whether he held some of the required minutes. Mr Green agreed to check whether the late Mr T.F. Sowler had deposited a 'complete set' of Year Books with the Cleveland Archives. [A list, as revised, following the AGM is shown below and is to be updated at next year's AGM]

Mr Brand noted the recent replacement valuation of the President's badge and former Presidents' bars was £850 to £900.

John A. Green
Minutes Secretary

Location of Assets & Historical Record Files

<u>File/Asset</u>	<u>Location/Custodian</u>
President's Board	Library of Stockton Sixth Form College
War Memorials	Grangefield School
Desk	Library of Stockton Sixth Form College
Various Photo Albums	in above desk
AGM Minutes 1981-92	Mr J.A. Green
Committee Minutes 1981-85	Mr R. Prichard
Committee Minutes 1986-92	Mr R. Prichard
President's Chain	Miss L. Waring
Ties & stick pins stock	Mr R. Ward
Year Books - incomplete set	Mr P. Graham
Year Books 1912 - 1985	Stockton Public Library (Reference Dept.)
"History of Association" stock	Mr R. Ward
Presidents' blank bars	Mr P. Graham
Dinner Book (Guests)	Mr B.P. Brand
Treasurer's Invoices 1976-92	Mr B.P. Brand
Committee Minutes 1971-81	Mr B.P. Brand
Committee Minutes prior to 1971	? ?
AGM Minutes prior to 1981	? ?

67th ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held at the St. George Hotel, Teesside Airport on Saturday 3rd April, 1993 with Louise Waring presiding.

The guest speaker, James [Craig] Gaddas, was introduced by his former Grangefield School English teacher Mrs. M. Cranmer, who spoke warmly of how she had become aware of his burgeoning dramatic talent. She had obviously taken great pleasure in watching his subsequent success in the acting profession.

James, who has set aside the name Craig for professional reasons, whilst retaining it at home, spoke of his career at Grangefield and the steps he had taken to become an actor.

He had memories of the school's detention system, various teachers and of having had a burning ambition to excel at sport, which he was unable to fulfil. His desires in that direction had been somewhat blunted by having been requested by Doug Agar to replant the cricket pitch seed by seed to atone for some misdemeanour. A recent award for winning a go-kart race seems to have redressed the balance!

James was appreciative of the fact that Grangefield had given him the opportunity to discover his forte playing the lead in "Charlie's Aunt". His acting talents continued to mature at school and resulted in the decision to leave school at 16 to enrol on a drama course at Stockton & Billingham Technical College where he rose to the, literally, dizzy heights of playing the tin man in the "Wizard of Oz" - literally since the fumes from the paint he used for his home-made costume caused him to keel over [à la Shirley Eaton in "Goldfinger" !]

Then followed training at the prestigious Bristol Old Vic' Company, where he was the 'token northerner' Here he was eventually bribed into doing something about his accent by the promise of an interesting part. Despite his success in acquiring "received pronunciation" however, there are still some directors who prevail upon him to play parts with a "Geordie" accent - unable, themselves, to differentiate between that and the Teesside one!

He regaled us with several anecdotes from his apprenticeship days at the R.S.C. - [yes they do carry spears !], including the horrors of drying up in the spotlight, whether you are the principal star or have a one-liner to deliver.

Having acted in several films, plays, television adverts and series such as "Coronation Street", James was currently on our small screen in "Medics" and in "The Bill". Inevitably he has experienced the problems that can accompany being an actor. For example he has been accused by a fellow shopper of making life difficult for Mike Baldwin [Coronation Street]. There have also been the periods of "resting" to combat. Such time has been put to good use, writing scripts and producing material for a double act, "The Sean Connery Connection" which he formed with a friend. Most importantly he visited Australia and was married there to his actress wife, Susie Lindeman.

During his speech we were treated to swift glimpses of people he has met throughout his life in the form of subtle changes of accent or mannerisms, making them instantly recognisable.

He concluded with two important reflections upon his time at Grangefield School. He was grateful that he had been taught to work very hard at what he was best at, in order to achieve and that respect for others, and their opinions, had been instilled into him.

We were sorry that Susie could not be with him, because of an acting commitment, but we were pleased to greet his sister, Kim and brother-in-law Steve.

Those attending, in no particular order other than signing our guest list were :-



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OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 31 March 1993

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 1994 we anticipate that the date of the event will be Wednesday 30 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

JACK HATFIELD & SONS

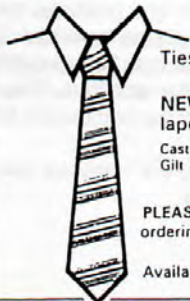
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THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1992 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2,405.86.

Two loans, totalling £150 have been made during the year and no repayments or donations have been received.

Interest of £119.43 net was received [£159.25 gross and tax of £39.82 deducted]. This gave a credit balance of £2375.29 at the Building Society on 31st December 1992.

Once again we thank 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 to the Trustees, 24, Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, Cleveland. TS18 5PJ {Tel :- 0642-583025}

BRIAN BRAND

TREASURER'S REPORT - 1993/94

The Funds remain healthy with each one showing a surplus during the current financial year. This was due to your generous donations and in particular to one large donation which we were asked to share between our funds "at the committee's discretion". This enabled us to augment the Evan Baldwin Memorial Fund, in particular, and it will provide prizes for a further two years. The committee have always taken the view that the Old Stocktonians' awards should be increased as necessary to maintain their values, and that in time the funds will run out. Obviously if members wish to donate to particular prize funds, we are happy to see those prizes continue. We receive letters of thanks each year from the recipients, both at the Sixth Form College [the Evan Baldwin Prizes] and at Grangefield School [the C.W. King and G.G. Armstrong prizes].

The Tom Sowler Memorial Fund has now topped £400 and the Committee are currently in discussion with the College to choose a suitable gift.

Last year there was no revenue from advertising to offset the cost of producing The New Stocktonian. We are pleased to have regained some advertising for this year book. Our thanks must go to Paul Graham who produces the book so efficiently and at a fraction of the cost of the commercial quotes we have had.

The annual dinner made a small loss but we feel we should keep the ticket price as low as possible whilst maintaining the standard. The cost of the ticket for a 'break-even' is based on 40 paying guests and our numbers in the last two years have been in the low thirties.

Finally may I thank Peter Fleck, our Honorary Auditor, for his advice and patience during the preparation of the accounts.

**Brian P. Brand
Hon. Auditor**

TOM SOWLER MEMORIAL FUND

The fund stands at £433.43 and after careful consideration and consultation with the College the Committee have decided upon a rather special notice board for the use of the students.

We tendered several woodworkers and have picked Kilvington Studios, near Thirsk. The craftsman who will make the board is a former Stockton schoolteacher, Kenneth Wilkinson. He has been invited to submit a detailed quote and we expect work to start in the new year.

Ken taught at Mill Lane School many years ago when the Head teacher was none other than Luke ("Chalky") White, who many will remember from both Nelson Terrace and Grangefield as the "woodwork/metalwork/T.D." master. Ken left teaching to set up his own business in Thirsk and devote his time to making furniture by the old "hand" methods. His love of his craft and his association with Stockton make him an ideal person to create Tom's memorial.

Where are you now ??? [or "Route '63 revisited"]

Brian Brand is now retired from teaching and would like to re-create a little get-together that happened at the end of his first year of teaching.

During that year he had a group of six for 'A' level Physics and, as you can imagine, they were a handful for a newly qualified Physicist. They were all 18 year-olds and "kings" of the school, he was raw and keen to pass on his "vast" knowledge. No doubt he piled on the work and also spent many hours preparing and marking, whilst keeping up with playing and coaching rugby as well as a small item of "courting" a girl who lived at Newcastle !

One David Rayner cunningly persuaded him to buy dinner for the group if they managed to get two grade As in their external exam. [He had tried for one grade A without 'Griz' flinching.]

Yes, you are right two of the six achieved grade As ! !

Brian bought the meal in the "Chinese" in Dovecot Street, and the group bought the drinks ! Thank goodness the bargain was for the meal and not the drinks !!

Brian has managed to contact Dave Rayner and Peter Wishlade but to date has failed to find Garth Holligan, Henry Hudson, David (?) [D.A.] Jones or Peter Duncan.

The current invite is for this group and their wives/companions to join Brian and his wife [the girl from Newcastle !] as their guests at the Old Stocktonians' Dinner on Saturday 19 March.

If anyone can help trace the people Brian has not been able to find from this group, who left in 1963, please contact Brian Brand. [details of his telephone number and address are with the Dinner information elsewhere in the book]

B.P. ('Griz') Brand

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'.

During a visit to the London Boat Show in 1992 **LES BARTLETT (1929 - 33)** was delighted to see, high up on the Earls' Court in large blue letters, "Teesside". On investigation he found the Teesside Development Stand featuring the yacht "Pride of Teesside", which was to compete in the Round the World race, together with a large model of present day Hartlepool. He was fascinated, to say the least, as he was at the tender age of 10 when he was taken by his mother and step father from Gloucester, where he was born, to Hartlepool where his step-father was to take up the position of chief engineer on trials of ships built by the Central Marine Engine Works. Les could not believe his eyes when he saw the old pier, from which he used to fish, surrounded by all the facilities of a modern sailing centre backed by residential developments of a very high standard. As a result of spending half an hour chatting to those manning the stand Les returned to Southampton with a folder packed with literature on present day Stockton. The information gave him many hours of pleasure trying to trace his school activities of 1929-33 plus all the changes which have taken place since he moved from Wolviston to Southampton in 1960. As he wrote the letter Les was following the progress of the "Pride of Teesside" on their perilous circumnavigation of the world. He congratulates the Teesside Development Corporation for putting Teesside on the map so positively. Les's wife Margaret (an ex-pupil of Queen Vic) reprimanded him for not giving news of his two daughters, both ex-Grangefield Grammar, when he wrote to us a few years ago. **DIANE (1956 - 60)**, now Mrs. G. Morgan-Harris, has five children, one of whom left Winchester last year and is now reading Architecture at Portsmouth University. **CHRISTINE (1958 - 60)** is now Mrs. A Sutherland, having married for the third time. Her daughter by her first marriage, Samantha, having obtained a degree in Zoology at St. Hugh's, Oxford, is now representing a French company, CIS (UK) Ltd., which is based in Paris and supplying hospitals in the South of England. Christine's son Ben is in his last year at Jesus College, Oxford, reading Law.

A confirmation of his Rosedale address from **PETER BELL (1958 - 65)** but sadly no other news.

'BERT BISHOP (1915 - 19) includes a donation with his new address.

FRANK BOWEN (1925 - 32) a regular contributor to these pages, and our funds, was very sad to hear of the death of Tom Sowler. He and Tom were in the same class at school and shared digs during their University days, and Frank remembers him as "a good chap". Frank is currently enjoying his twentieth year of retirement and finds it "much better than working for a living". He is much involved in Rotary affairs but has found time to take up a new hobby - short story writing - several of his tales have been read out on local radio ("when they are obviously short of material" he adds modestly!) Frank expresses great surprise at Harry Piercy's regard for 'Tutti' Munday's teaching style as 'aggressive'. [Apparently he was 'Tutti', not 'Tot', Munday in Frank's time - Ed.] Frank recalls him as a quiet teacher with a nice line in gentle sarcasm which flicked the skin but didn't hurt. [I seem to remember he had something else which 'flicked the skin'

and did hurt ! - Ed.] Finally Frank corrects us by adding that 'Jute' was G.G. Armstrong not 'Taffy' Rhys, as I had in the last Magazine [Sorry Frank - Ed.]

Confirmation of his address and a nice donation from **S. BROWN (1919 - 24)** but sadly no other news despite the fact that we had not heard from him since 1979.

CATHERINE BUTLER (1990 - 92), who was an Evan Baldwin Prizewinner in 1991 is currently studying for a Business Studies degree at The University of Northumbria at Newcastle. She has been awarded a sponsorship from J. Sainsbury and had, as one of only nine females chosen, to travel to London to be presented with the award. The 'Opportunity 2000 Award' is to promote 'women in business'.

TONY CAINS (1986 - 88) renewed his subscription (taking him up to the year 2000) and we were pleased to welcome him to the Dinner this year. He promises a new permanent address on next year's slip when we hope he will bring us up to date with news of himself (and other friends') activities.

A generous donation accompanied **NORMAN CARR's (1939 - 44)** address confirmation. We still await news as to whether Norman has met up with **MIKE SIZER (1939 - 44)** as he hoped in our 91-92 Magazine.

Of particular interest to **JOE CARTER (1943 - 48)** in our last Magazine were references to the Walker twins, Malcolm Coates and John Wood, all former classmates. Like Harry Piercy he still has imprinted in his memory, after nearly 50 years, many of the late, lamented 'Tot' Munday's Golden Treasury of Latin Phrases.

D.P. CHURCH (1948 - 55) took early retirement in 1992 after 32 years teaching in South Yorkshire (He was the only one, from a staff of over 80, who had done National Service). He comes up to Teesside quite frequently, usually timing his visits to coincide with Redcar Races and staying with his sister and brother-in-law (Marian and Maurice Allen) both of whom are 'Old Stocktonians'. [Many thanks for the generous donation - Ed.]

A top up of subs and confirmation of addresses from Mrs. **SYLVIA CLARK (née BEST) (1956 - 63)** and her daughter **LORRAINE CLARK (1986 - 89)** but no news to add to the details they sent in 1990.

An address confirmation and generous donation from **REG CORNFORTH (1920 - 24)** who has also contributed handsomely to the text of our Magazines in recent years.

PETER COUPE (1957 - 65) confirms his address in deepest Wales but no news to add to his recent communications.

A donation and correction to our version of his Post Code from **THOMAS DAWSON (1915 - 19)** [Sorry about that ! - Ed.]

By the time we read this Magazine **GRAEME DEWISON (1947 - 54)** will have been retired nearly a year (He took early retirement in March 1993). We trust that you are still managing to cope with the "stress" of wondering how you found time to go to work ! Graeme passes on his best wishes to Gordon Rattenbury through the pages of this Magazine.

Having paid his subs for several years in advance **STUART DICK (1959 - 64)** moved last year and forgot to let us know ! As it turned out we had other ways of tracking him down and he has 'returned to the fold'. [No pun intended Stuart - Ed. (Stuart is in the printing business)] Unfortunately we are not so well connected for all members of the Association, and so please let us know if there is a move on the horizon or if there is a member who has lost touch.

Speaking of "returning to the fold" we were pleased to hear from **KEN DODSWORTH (1931 - 36)** after an absence of over 30 years ! Ken was a former Vice President and Committee Member and had the doubtful [his words !!! - Ed.] distinction of being responsible for the introduction of advertisements into the Magazine. Ken was alerted to our continued existence by Margaret Self, the widow of Stanley Self. From our list of Life Members Ken noticed Stan North, G.N. Little, F.W. Dobby & Maurice Sutherland with whom he had contact from 1947 to 1961. He was very sorry to learn through the Magazine, sent by Margaret, of the death of Tom Sowler (who was Green House Captain in Ken's day), Ernest Fieke and Frank Baker. Ken has provided us with the Great Ayton address of **RAY COUNTER (1931- 36)** In addition to a donation he sends best wishes to all in the Association and especially to Gordon Rattenbury.

No other details from **T.N. EDEN (1950 - 55)** other than his Saltburn address.

We were pleased to renew our connections with **JOHN ENGLAND (1960 - 65)** after he moved from his Thorpe Thewles address in 1986. John makes amends for the severance by bringing us up to date with his activities since then. After moving back to Teesside to work as a town planner with Cleveland County Council in 1974 he stayed with them until 1987 when he moved into the private sector. Initially he was Head of Planning in the Northern regional office of the national consultancy, W.S. Atkins, based in Middlesbrough. During the last few years he has built up the urban and transport planning team and is now also responsible for staff in the Leeds office. John enjoys the challenge of working as a planning consultant and is pleased to be established in a job in Teesside as he has always been an advocate for the local area. His wife Sue is also ex-Grangefield Grammar and they have two daughters. John occasionally meets other Old Stocktonians and still sees **PAUL MAGEE (1958 - 65)** who is also a local town planner.

After an absence of some 14 years from these pages it was nice to hear from **G.FENNY (1927 - 34)**. Sadly his return contained no news of himself or other Stocktonians but we are grateful for his donation to funds.

A top up of subs and request for a tie from **IAN FOX (1956 - 63)** but unfortunately no other news.

We were pleased to see a prompt return with a new Marlow address from **ORLANDO FRICKER (1969 - 76)** who was one of our first members from the Sixth Form College and the last of our Life Members (before that form of membership ceased). Many thanks for your donation to funds.

With donations to several funds, including Benevolent, King & Armstrong, we were pleased to receive confirmation of **RAYMOND GEDLING's (1929 - 36)** address, together with the promise of letter to Gordon Rattenbury.

It was nice to hear from **CHARLIE GILLETT (1953 - 61)** after a number of years. Charlie is still in touch with **ARTHUR CHAPMAN (1953 - 60)**, **MIKE TURNER (? - ?)** and **MIKE PURNELL (1953 - 61)** who live in Vancouver, Hartburn and Germany respectively. [Our last addresses for Arthur and Mike Purnell, both Life Members, were Rotherham Ave., Stockton & Harlsey Grove, Hartburn. Any chance of their latest addresses? - Ed.] Charlie still continues to co-direct Oval Records, whose main artists are Deep, Billy Rain, Trinity and Natasha Atlas. The only former Grangefield Grammar student he has come across in the music industry is Bruce Thomas, who played bass with Elvis Costello for many years.

Having brought us up to date with news just a couple of years ago **IAN GORRELL (1969 - 76)** confined his correspondence to confirmation of his address.

A very regular contributor to these pages **ARCHER GREEN (1928 - 32)** confirms his address and adds a donation and some details on **THOMAS LLOYD (1928 - 32)** who we last had listed as 'South Africa'. Thomas qualified as a pharmacist after leaving school and joined the R.A.M.C. in 1940. Having served for a few months he transferred to the Parachute Regiment, rising to the rank of captain. After the War he went to South Africa, first as a pharmacist then in various capacities throughout Africa. Finally retiring from Malta Thomas and his wife Elizabeth settled in Ramsay, Isle of Man. [Any address please Archer? - Ed.]

JACK HAIGH (1921 - 25) writes from London to confirm his address and includes photocopies of letters from the American Biographical Institute with news of his nomination as 'Man of the Year 1992' and of the '1992/3 Most Admired Men and Women of the Year'. The rest of the letter is not very forthcoming on the honours with these titles or the reasons for their existence - can anyone help?

One of our 1991 Evan Baldwin Prizewinners, **DANIEL HANSON (1988 - 91?)**, writes to confirm his address and top up his subs but includes no other details.

MIKE & LINDA HEADS (1968 - 74?) have recently opened a new dental healthcare centre in Fairfield. The establishment is more like a country house hotel than a surgery. Mike is President of the Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association, a body that promotes research into dental schools throughout the world. He and his wife, Linda, looked at a lot of practices in the States and in the UK, took the best ideas from each and combined them into one at Fairfield. Linda and Mike were part of the first intake to Stockton Sixth Form College in 1973. After training in Leeds, Mike joined a practice in Middlesbrough as an associate and then after a year set up his own practice in Upsall Grove, Fairfield. Linda, who has a degree in history, left work to help out on the nursing and reception side of things and has never looked back since. She is now mainly involved in the administration looking after a staff of 18, including four dentists. Expansion of the business on the Upsall Grove site was not possible and so they eventually had to move to a 'green field site' in Wellburn Rd., next to the health centre.

A confirmation of address from **F. HUDSON (1923 - 27)** but no other news.

An address confirmation from **KAREN HUDSON (1971 - 77)** but no other news for the magazine.

Keeping up his tradition of the last few years **RICHARD HUMBLE (1985 - 87)**(**GRANGE 80 -85**) has written to top up his subs and give us the following news. Having completed his (medical) House Jobs in July he has now progressed onto a two year training scheme in General Medicine based in Edinburgh's two main hospitals. At the time of writing he was doing an 8 months in haematology which was to be followed by 8 months each of general medicine and respiratory medicine. For the time being he is intending to stay in hospital medicine, although he still has a couple of years to make up his mind. Despite being more senior the hours are long, but enjoyable; especially as his weekend rota has been lessened giving him even more time to roam the mountains.

We received a letter from Mrs. C.Jones together with ten years subs on behalf of **CLAIR JONES (1975 - 81)** who is currently working abroad. After attending the Grange School and the Sixth Form College Clair went to Durham University. Training as an accountant with Price Waterhouse in London followed and after a few years with the firm she moved on to work with the "Save the Children" Fund; during her work with The Fund she travelled to various countries. She again changed her position to work as an accountant for "Action Aid" and is currently working, for them, in Burundi, East Africa for a two year period. In order not to miss her magazine she has topped up her subs with a ten year payment.

We were very upset to hear that **HAROLD W. JONES (Staff: 1949 - 51)** was unwell and had to move into a nursing home. In spite of his short contact with the School Harold has been a regular contributor to both the magazine and funds over the last 15 years. We wish him well.

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

GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18) always seems to take the time to write to us and often includes a generous donation and this year is no exception. George was 90 in May (1993), when his daughter catered for 70 guests at the retirement complex where he now lives. The age gap of guests ranged from (almost) 102 (Mary Liverseed) to (almost) 2 (Oliver Simmons). As generous as ever George requested no presents for himself but that any gifts should be in the form of a monetary donation to Botton Village Church Building Fund. Botton is at the top of Danby Dale and the church foundations have already been laid. George's £450 will help add to its growth.

BOB LITTLEFAIR (1953 - 58) gives us notification of his new address (which is still in Billingham) but no other news.

A brief note from Jean Livingston on behalf of **JOHN LIVINGSTON (1913 - 19)** confirmed his address and included a donation to funds. Her note added that John is now a "forgetful old gentleman" who thoroughly enjoys the magazine. We trust that this copy of the magazine finds him in good health and he notes that there are still one or two 'contemporaries' appearing on the pages.

We were pleased to see that **FERGUS McLELLAN (1944 - 49)** had received one of the top scouting honours, the Silver Acorn, for distinguished service to the movement. He was also invited to a St George's Day service in Windsor Castle, attended by Her Majesty the Queen. Fergus is a teacher at King's Manor School in Middlesbrough and has been a leader with the 1st Hartburn Sea Scouts since 1958. To give some

indication of the rarity of the honour, the Silver Acorn has only been awarded to five other leaders from Stockton & Thornaby District Scouts in the last 19 years.

It was nice to see one of our youngest members **GUY MOULE (1986 - 88)** at the Dinner this year. Sadly we were not able to catch him to bring us up to date with news of himself or contemporaries he still keeps in contact with.

COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60) continues to keep up the good work as far as correspondence is concerned. Since he last wrote he has been promoted to Sales Development Manager with Sun Alliance. He claims that this is "an even posher title for the job I was doing before" but he is now in Newcastle rather than in Hull. Colin's youngest son is now at Trent University doing a B.Eng. in Electronics.

An address confirmation from **S. NORTH (1931 - 36)** but, sadly, no other news.

Generous donations to the C.W. King and General Funds accompanied a long letter and new address notification from **FRED PALLETT (1936 - 41)**. Fred has made a long planned move to the hills about 70 km west of Johannesburg which has been deferred since his retirement in 1985 by the necessity to build the country cottage first. He called the construction "D.I.Y. with a vengeance" but quoted "pas à pas on va bien loin" as an ever faithful supporter. Fred had 31 years with Ashmores (Africa) and then 13 interesting years with Pretoria Portland Cement Co. as Admin. Officer (Projects) during an intensive development phase. His donation to the C.W. King Memorial Fund is in belated recognition and fond remembrance of Mr King's nurturing of Musical Appreciation Studies in the difficult days of 1940/41 when school days were limited to 2/3 days per week following the evacuation to Ragworth (Norton). Fred adds that the 'logic' of the evacuation still escaped him - Nelson Terrace stood empty while pupils were moved closer to I.C.I., which surely must have been a likely target! His last visit to Stockton was in 1988, en route to Norway, and he thinks it was a mistake to revisit Nelson Terrace to find only a gravel car parking area where the School had once stood. He thought he knew his way around Teesside but soon found that a lot of goal posts had been moved since his last trip. During the visit he met up with **MICHAEL JEWITT (1936 - 41)**, then a doctor with a busy practice in Newthorpe, Notts.; they still exchange postcards from outlandish places. Fred and his wife, Mary, have five grown up children who are married and living in southern Africa, but as far apart as Namibia and Natal and so holiday venues are not a problem. Five lively grandchildren complete the family group at the present time. Finally Fred sends greeting to "Ratts" whose efforts to teach him French first bore fruit, he recalls, on the school visit to Caudebec en Caux in July/August 1939 - the politicians had just promised "Peace in our time"

After 42 years service with Barclays Bank **HARRY PIERCY (1945 - 49)** has retired as Corporate Director for the Northern Region. Our best wishes go to him for a long and healthy retirement.

In addition to a top up of subs and a nice donation **ROBERT ("Roz") PRICHARD (1958 - 65)** is giving time from his efforts to get to grips with the National Curriculum by acting as the new Minutes Secretary of the Association.

RAYMOND REED (1950 - 57) confirms his address and adds a years subs. ! This confused our Membership Secretary as we have him listed as a Life Member !!

In addition to a confirmation of his address **SIMON ROBINSON (1975 - 77)** takes his subs up to the year 2000 and adds a nice donation too. Since he last wrote to us he and his wife Jane have a new addition, Tim, to the family. Jane is also working in General Practice in Goole. Simon still keeps in touch with **KEITH WIVELL (1975 - 77)** (plus Rosaline and Madeline), **DICK GREENER (1975 - 77)** (plus Tee), **IAN "Knubb"** and **BARBARA EASTON** and **CHRIS HUCKLE**. If anyone has news of **MIKE SHAW**, the same years, Simon would be grateful to hear from them.

DAVID ROBSON (1982 - 84) writes briefly to tell us of his new address in Leeds together with the news that he is now based at the Yorkshire Bank's Head Office, in the same city, in the Organisation and Methods Department.

JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933 - 38) told us of his new move to Bedfordshire last year and corrects our computer printout. Sorry Jack, human error !

R.W. RUTHERFORD (1914 - 17) continues to correspond with us on a regular basis, includes a generous donation with an address confirmation. R.W. had his 90th birthday this year and he and his wife Harriette celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. He mentioned in his letter a particular memory of his old friend **ARTHUR BROWN (1913 - 16 ?)** and his brother **SYDNEY** whom he met recently. Our belated birthday greetings to one of our oldest and most faithful supporters.

True to his word in last year's magazine **DON SMITH (1933 - 40)** brings us up to date with news of former classmates. During his and his wife's 'wanderings' from Valentine's Day to mid-May when they moved into their new house they met **BOB "Pompey" HEATHCOTE (1933 - 40)** and his wife in Llanover, south of Abergavenny. Bob lives in retirement on the estate where he was the estate factor, but was helping a friend with 'quality control' on a product for the North Sea oil industry. Crossing from Sussex to the Forest of Dean they had a warm invitation from **DENNIS 'Rusty' RUSSELL (1933 - 37?)** and his wife Cecilia (ex-Queen Vic.). Their family joke is that the 'posh' school is now just a pub ! Dennis had located Don through the publisher when his sister sent him a copy of Don's book. Dennis was on Beaufighters in the War and has had much experience in the Far and Middle East as a civil engineer. Don adds that there may be grandmothers of present day students who attended the 'Girls end' of Nelson Terrace in the 1930s who may be interested to hear of one of their generation. Edna Twinning (née Dickinson) nicknamed 'Ginger' ("ungallantly by small fry like myself in those days") corresponds from Ashton-under-Ribble near Preston. When down in Teesside attending Alan Davies' funeral Don stayed with **DES CROOKS (dates ?)**. Like many others, Don says, he should never have recognised him; he was no longer wearing his specs ! In a later missive Don reports that he had just received some info via his publisher. **STAN DYE (1940 - 47?)** had received a copy of Don's book from his brother-in-law and written to say how much he enjoyed it adding the following address, if any of his contemporaries wished to contact him : Stan Dye, 1010 Dohles Rocks Road, Griffin, Queensland 4503, Australia. "Judging by the phone code", Don adds, "Griffin must be in the Brisbane area". Don closes with the news that in July 1993 he attended a reunion of some of his earliest pupils of Morgan Academy, Dundee - the 1953 bunch of 40 years ago !

A very brief note from **G. STOTT (1930 - 36)** to confirm his address but no other news.

A brief note in the local paper had an article about Stockton Cricket Club's continued appearance on the first-class cricket scene as a venue for some of Durham County's fixtures. [For ex-pat Stocktonians who did not know, County Durham were admitted to the first-class game in 1992 - Ed.] **RAY WAITE (? - ?)**, the current President of Stockton Cricket Club, was pleased with the praise the Club received for their efforts in staging the three- and one-day matches and the promise of future events.

MICHAEL J. WATSON (1949 - 56), with whom we regained contact last year, thanks to George Little, rewards our efforts with a long letter from South Africa. The reason he had not been receiving the magazine was that we still had P.O. Box 834, Witbank listed as his address. Mike was especially interested to see amongst our list of members **DAVE "Bully" ALLISON (1949 - 56)** and **GORDON BELSHAW (1949 - 56)** both of whom appear in a Trinity School photograph, taken in 1947/48, which he still has. Dave and Mike and a couple of others ground through the "Double Maths & Physics" formula of the sixth form with Messrs. Stockwell and Lee and Gordon Belshaw, having a licence at the time, accompanied Mike in his father's car when he went to take his driving licence test at Middlesbrough. Mike has not seen either of them since they left the school in 1956 and passes on his regards and best wishes through the pages of this magazine. Reading the article on the S.S.F.C. Paris Trip brought back memories of the school trip to Paris which he attended in 1952, with a group of "enthusiastic" French pupils under the supervision of Messieurs Rattenbury and D'Arcy. That trip was not as "liquid" as the one described in the article, not so much as a result of the inherent sobriety of those attending, as most of them were in forms 3, 4 or 5, and way below the age of admission into such hosteleries as "The Waterfront" During the past few years Mike has, on occasion, had to visit Paris for business reasons. He found that it impressed the French businessmen considerably, when, in answer to their inquiry if I had been to Paris before, I replied (tongue in cheek) that I went to school there - a place called Lycée Louis le Grand. Apparently the school is now one of the foremost educational establishments in France. Mike is not sure how it was rated during and after their two week visit in 1952. However, he adds the same businessmen were visibly and considerably less impressed when, as an inevitable result of his statement Mike was obliged to reveal that his ability to converse in French was strictly limited to his memory of school French, most of which had been forgotten over the intervening 25 to 30 years. As part of his Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration Mike and his wife visited Paris and during their stay he took her to see Lycée Louis le Grand as a trip down memory lane. In consequence it has become a standing joke in the family "Go to Paris with dad and he will show you his old school". Initially Mike and his wife went to South Africa for just two years but have been living there for 23 ! After 25 years of being employed by others in the construction industry Mike decided to join the ranks of the self-employed, ("or unemployed, depending how you look at it" - he says), and started a consultancy practice specialising in contract disputes. The practice has kept him busy for the past eight years and, he adds, "will continue to do so throughout and after the political changes in this country" About the latter he adds that he and his wife take the view that it is better to be optimistic than otherwise as there is not a lot which one can do to influence matters outside one's own limited sphere of contact. In closing Mike expresses his appreciation of the efforts of those office bearers and members who have kept the Association alive and wishes them continued success in the future.

At 42, **TERRY WILSON (1962 - 69)**, still can't keep off the rugby field whether it be playing, coaching or refereeing. At a recent Careers Convention in Middlesbrough (Terry is Area Careers Officer for Stockton) we had a long chat and he revealed that

although "the body doesn't heal like it used to" he still enjoys the game and while he can still get a game, and survive to the end of the match, he is keen to take an active part. Under his guidance the 4th Team at Stockton won their division cup in 1992/3 and he chose to step down, on that high note, from full-time involvement; the occasional lure cannot be resisted however.

One Teesside Stocktonian and motorcycle fanatic regularly appears in court. Happily the visits to the courtroom are not associated with his biking activities. **PETER WISHLADE (1955 - 63)** regularly turns up for his role as solicitor to Teesside's Magistrates' court aboard his Honda Fireblade, the latest in a long line of machines he has owned, going back to his teenage days. (When he could probably run faster, over 50m, than many of the bikes ! - Ed.) Progressing from an old Panther single Peter owned a steady stream of British twins, Norton 88s and 99s, Bonneville's and the like. Arriving at court or the office in leathers and a helmet often makes him seem like the 'client' rather than his representative but Peter prefers it to a car, if there is a choice. His, so far unachieved, desire is to have a go at racing a bike on a track where he could use the machine to its full potential without the restraints of speed limits. In the meantime he has to get his enjoyment on the Queen's Highway - within the legal limits of course.

JOHN WITHAM (1969 -75) writes with a new address (Durham) but no other news. In thanking us for the pleasure the magazine gives him, through memories aroused, and for the opportunity of "putting the world to rights" **W. LAWRENCE WILSON (1923 - 27)** includes a generous donation to funds. Last year he made the point of emphasising the importance of the three Rs but forgot to mention the 4th - Respect; a factor which seems, to him, to be in very short supply in our great oral, visual and writing communicators. The degree list and other national events made him brood again on the theory relating to added value, but he was cheered in January 1993 to read a letter in the Times which "exposed a like mind" and said that the most depressing news the person had read in quite a while was the recent three pages of the Times devoted to successful candidates for the Institute of Accountants' examinations [The writer of the letter wasn't an accountant was he ? - Ed.]

A new address and a generous donation were both gratefully received from **RUSSELL WOOTON (1960 - 67)**. The last time I saw Russell was when he attended a Dinner at The Parkmore Hotel in full Highland dress. Needless to say, with some 20-30 guests of John Moore's years also at the Dinner, he had to suffer some terrible 'ribbing'. However he took it in good humour and if my memory serves me right may even have gone on to another hostelry with the same group.

The photograph on the front of this year's magazine is of

University College, Stockton
situated on University Boulevard, Thornaby

This is situated on a new development called Teesdale Park which many of our older readers would recognise better as the area over the river from Finkle Street where various shipyards and Head Wrightsons was once situated. Entry to the complex is via a new road at the eastern end of Victoria Bridge (just where the old flour mill stood) or over a new bridge over the river from the Riverside road, just before Commercial Street & Church Road

OBITUARIES

CLIVE BELL (1947 - 54) died in February aged 57 years, after an illness which developed in just six months.

Clive, who started at the Sec. in Nelson Terrace in 1947, was one of those who made the change to Grangefield. He obtained a State Scholarship to Liverpool University in 1954 where he read Geography, graduating with Honours in 1957. After completing his Diploma in Education at London he returned to Grangefield Grammar School for Boys as assistant to Ken Whitfield in the Geography Department - just four years after leaving as a pupil.

In 1962 he joined the staff at Bede Hall, Billingham as Head of the Geography Department and helped to establish that new school. He found a new challenge in 1970, joining Egglecliffe Comprehensive School, one term after its inception, as the Head of the Faculty of Environmental Studies.

When education in Teesside was reorganised in 1973, Clive was appointed Deputy Head at the Dene School, Thornaby where he stayed until his "early" retirement in April 1992. In his 19 years at the Dene School Clive was respected and well liked by his pupils and staff who knew they would always have a sympathetic ear whenever they needed it.

During all of this time Clive found time to help the Association both as a committee member for many years and as its President from 1974 to 1976. He and his wife Jean, who is ex Secondary School, were regulars at the annual dinners.

His main interests were caravanning and walking, which were whole family pursuits, as well as wine making, photography and gardening; this latter interest extending to the Gardening Club at Wolviston.

He and Jean were planning an extended trip to Australia and Hong Kong, but this was not to be.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jean and his sons Chris and Julian.

It was with great sadness that we learned in February 1993 of the death of **JOHN ("Jack") GRAINGER (1929 - 34)**. Apart from six years in the R.A.F. during the War Jack spent 44 years working in the Stockton area, mainly in the Library Service, although he did during the course of that time travel the country extensively. His great hobby was painting and he had several major exhibitions of his work throughout the North East and North West but private patrons ensured that some of his material travelled as far as Australia and Switzerland. In 1978 he published a collection of his poems, "Crumbs on my Canvas" which he called "scraps of verse, with many local connotations" and dedicated the work to his first grandchild. His love of art and his basic training was given by his old art master Kenneth Hart with whom he exchanged yearly greetings. Jack was particularly proud of the fact that when Ken was teaching students in Poole, Dorset, some 30 years after leaving Stockton, he still showed an example of Jack's skill with a pencil in a long forgotten sketch. Jack Grainger will be sadly missed and we extend our belated sympathy to all his relatives.

Emma Meachen wrote to inform us of the death on 20 May 1992, following a very short illness, of her husband **WALTER MEACHEN (1925 - 32)**. Having retired from Boots Chemical Department in Nottingham in 1978 Walter moved to Guisborough in 1980 and he and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1990. Captain of the school in 1932, it was Walter's great honour to present on behalf of the then pupils a silver ink stand to the late Evan Baldwin who had been held in such high esteem for so many years by so many pupils.

It was a great shock to hear of the sudden death of **GEOFF RIDDLE (1945 - 52)** who died on 18 September 1993 on the Isle of Barra where he had retired from practice as a solicitor with Sutherland & Riddle. Well remembered at school for his involvement in the Debating Society and founder of the PIP (Progressive Imperialist Party) Geoff obtained his LLB in 1956 and took up articles with (Sir) Maurice Sutherland. Admitted to the Rolls as Solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1960 he was taken into partnership with Maurice. Keen on amateur dramatics he was at one time an actor with the Stockton Masquers A.D.C. Geoff was also an avid solver of the Times Crossword and in their National Competition was once placed fourth. Despite a heavy work schedule Geoff found time to help the Association as a Committee Member from 1968 to 1976 and President from 1971 to 1974.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **STAN SELF (1931 - 36)** in January 1993. Stan spent all his working life in public health or related work. Following a series of local appointments as Sanitary Inspector in Stockton, Sedgefield and Seaham he took up the position of Public Health Inspector at Ventnor (Isle of White) U.D.C. in 1957. Promotion and a move to become the first Health Education Officer in the Borough of Dagenham, Essex followed and he spent future years lecturing, dealing with smog prevention and food hygiene.

The **Rt. Revd. E.J. TINSLEY (1931 - 37)** former Bishop of Bristol died in July 1992 following a short illness. A lecturer in Theology at Hull University in 1959 John moved onto Leeds University to become Professor of Theology and thence, in 1975, to become The Bishop of Bristol. John did have one confession that he could not share with the good people of Bristol; he had never visited the city before taking up his post as Bishop. He retired to Oxford in 1985.

A former member of staff at Grangefield Grammar School **BASIL WHITE (Staff : 1951 - 1958)** died on 5 October 1993. Educated at Ryhope Grammar School, Basil taught music at three schools and Loughborough College and was Deputy Conductor of Welwyn Garden City Orchestra before coming to Grangefield in 1951. Music was one of the few subjects which had shared staff between the boys' and girls' schools. During his time at the school he was responsible for a major upsurge in musical activities and was involved in the musical productions of Ruddigore, Princess Ida, Merrie England and the Beggars' Opera in addition to numerous choir and church choral works. He left Grangefield in 1958 to take up a post at Thistly Hough Girls School, Stoke-on-Trent. Basil became the Head at Stoke St Peters in Stoke-on-Trent and whilst in that post he took Holy Orders. Following early retirement Basil and his wife moved to their cottage in Yorkshire (which they had owned since their days in Stockton). Taking up the position of Vicar of Furnum St Martins prompted another move and this was followed by a move to Risby, Bury St Edmunds where Basil was occupied in various roles on behalf of the Church (of England). Following his wife's death in Risby, Basil moved to become a general assistant to the clergy at Bishop Stortford and it was there that he died suddenly at the age of 79. Our belated sympathy to his son and daughter on their sad loss.

The Association has just heard about the loss of one of its oldest members **ROBERT E.B. ("Scorcher") WILLIAMS (1908 - 15)** who passed away on 3 June 1990 aged 92. A Dux medalist at the school in 1914 he left to join the Royal Engineers with whom he served during the First World War. Whilst awaiting his release from service Robert studied taxation and later became an Inspector of Taxes. In 1936 he was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple. He remained in the Income Tax Department of the Civil Service until the mid-fifties when he took up an appointment with the Vauxhall Motor Company. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Dorothy.



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