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# THE NEW STOCKTONIAN

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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'

Communications should be addressed to :

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 1995 another milestone will be reached in the history of the Grangefield schools. It was 80 years ago, in 1915, that the Stockton Secondary School, then in Nelson Terrace, was divided into two separate schools, for girls and boys and 'The Stocktonian' of that year proclaimed it was to be the official magazine of the two schools. Not until 1973 was coeducation restored, albeit in a very different form from that of the earlier time. The achievements of the two separate schools are still evidenced by the work of former pupils both in Stockton and further afield, "sandwiched" between the achievements of the combined schools and college on either side of 1915-1973.

On June 15th 1994 the beautiful crafted notice board, given as the Old Stocktonians' Association Memorial to our former President, Tom Sowler, was presented to Stockton Sixth Form College by Mrs Sowler. More details on this occasion will be found later in the book.

About 200 years ago Edmund Burke wrote, in his 'Reflections on the French Revolution', that "People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors". Perhaps this is another way of expressing Sir Walter Raleigh's dictum that "The councils to which Time is not called, Time will not ratify". In addition to the presentation of the notice board a fitting memorial to our former President might be to look back more often to our history as we plan for the future and so bind the generations together, bridging the so-called 'generation-gap'. If the Old Stocktonians' Association is to have any long-term future it is vital that younger members should come forward to support it and take a hand in its organisation. Perhaps 'The Old Stocktonians' Association' should also have its 'Revolution'.

With good wishes for 1995

**LOUISA WARING**

**Front Picture** : Although the copy is rather poor the view is of the High Street, Stockton in 1994, taken from the Town House (Hall) looking towards the Parish Church. In the 'new order' traffic only runs on the east (Blacketts) side of the street the remainder is pedestrianised.

## COLLEGE NEWS

As some of you may know the Principal of the College, Howard Clarke, suffered a heart attack during the Autumn Term from which, I am pleased to say, he is making an excellent recovery. The Autumn term is also the time when Howard usually writes his comprehensive article on developments at the College for our magazine but as you can appreciate this has not been possible this year. Howard sends his apologies for not being able to provide this article but will provide an extended version for inclusion in next year's Year Book.

I'm sure that you would all wish to join with me in sending our best wishes to Howard for a speedy and full recovery.

## COLLEGE ACTIVITIES 1994

### Art :

In March an exhibition of paintings, drawings prints and textiles from the 1993 A-level Art exam was held at Blakeston and The Norton School. The GNVQ students visited the Gulbenkian Museum in Durham and various galleries in London.

In July a 3-day Art Summer School took place at Barnard Castle and visits were made to Cleveland College of Art & Design end of year exhibition and Teesside Design Department Degree show.

In September visits were made to the national Museum of Film, Photography & Television, Bradford and to an exhibition of recent works by David Hockney.

### Biology :

In July the department took part in the North East Industries/Schools Project week at the University of Durham.

In September a field trip to Hartlepool headland was arranged.

### Charities :

On 9 March, 1994 the College held a Charities afternoon, with the proceeds going to the Joanne Gillespie Memorial Fund.

In April GNVQ Business studies students presented a cheque to the PDSA, Middlesbrough from funds raised through their Young Enterprise venture.

In September GNVQ Leisure & Tourism helped with a Fashion Show in aid of Oxfam.

### Careers :

In the Summer Term visits were arranged to the Universities of Northumbria, York, Leicester, Leeds (Metropolitan), Oxford and Cambridge.

In the Autumn Term careers talks, work experience events and the Community Action programme involving 34 students working in local primary schools and 42 in local firms/hospitals/old people's homes were arranged.

### Classics :

Visit to Classics Department's Open Day, Newcastle University.

### Computing & IT :

A-level & BTEC National Diploma students visited ICI to undertake Case Studies and to McKinley Hyde Garages, Dickens DIY, Stockton District and Cleveland County Councils to view computer systems.

In May Year 9 students visited the College to take part in a 'Girls into IT' day.

In June a computing event was held jointly with Neighbourhood Engineers and the Physics department for Year 10 pupils.

In the same month BTEC IT Applications students began two weeks work experience.

### Economics & Business Studies :

In January BTEC National Diploma students undertook work experience placements from which three students received offers of part-time employment. Students also attended a lecture by J K Galbraith and visited the Octagon Centre, Sheffield.

In March staff and students attended an A-level Economics conference at Sheffield University and an A-level Business studies conference at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester.

In September visits to the CAD/CAM Centre, Middlesbrough and Sedgfield Magistrates' Court were arranged.

A visit to ENRON computer control room at Hartlepool Power Station was arranged in November.

### English :

Theatre visits were arranged to see 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' (3 separate performances - including

Stratford) and a trip to see 'Measure for Measure'. In March students attended a lecture on 'Wuthering Heights' at Newcastle University and a trip to see 'Macbeth' at Stratford was also arranged.

#### **Geography :**

GCSE Field work was undertaken in Yarm and A-level residential fieldwork in the Lake District. Three second year Geographers were amongst the three possible prizewinners in the 'Teesside Tomorrow' competition.

#### **Geology :**

Field trips were arranged through the year to Ingleton, Teesdale, Shap Fell, Appleby, Lake District, Vale of Eden, and the Durham/Northumberland coast.

#### **Mathematics :**

During the Autumn Term students attended a lecture on Relativity at Durham University, the Helen Sharman lecture on 'Space Flight' and Nottingham University's Astronomy Course.

#### **Modern Languages :**

Exchange visits took place between the College and Asnières (Paris), Strasbourg (including work shadowing) and Barcelona.

On their visit to Strasbourg students 'shadowing' placements included : an interpreter at the Council of Europe; staff in a Lycée International, in Heineken, Citroen; 2 barristers; 1 judge; and staff in Nedra (an advertising firm). Two days of visits included an open-air museum, the Albert Schweitzer Museum, a guided visit of the Council of Europe and European Parliament, a boat trip on the Ile, a visit to a cathedral and a bus trip to Kehe, Germany - across the Rhine.

The students also found time to organise intensive language days in Spanish and German for Year 10 pupils and be involved with a weekly electronic mail link with a school in Germany.

#### **Physics :**

A busy year for the department included : students assisting with a 'problem solving day' in Primary Science at Oxbridge Lane School in January; a Neighbourhood Engineers Awareness Course; Industrial visits to Toxide, ICI Wilton Centre and Cassel Works, Phillips Petroleum, British Steel and Black & Decker; two teams of students undertaking Industrial Research in Schools Projects over a 12-month period; Year 9 & 10 pupils from four partner schools took part in problem solving in Computing and Engineering; two students took part in NE Industry Project Week at Durham University; work experience students gave presentations to Davy McKee staff.

#### **Psychology :**

46 students attended a series of lectures in Manchester relevant to their A-level studies.

#### **Social Studies :**

In March 58 Sociology/Politics students visited London. The trip included visits to Parliament (to meet local MPs), to Party Central Offices, Bow Street Magistrates Court, The Old Bailey and Harrow & Westminster School.

Students in College took part in a live broadcast (from the College) discussing problems faced by young people and a one day workshop arranged by ToCh and NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) was attended by Sociology students.

#### **Sports Studies & Games :**

##### **Soccer**

1993/94 - The 'A' Team played 13, won 5, drew 1, lost 7 and reached the County Cup semi-final. Lee Wayne was a member of the Cleveland County U19 Squad. The 'B' Team played 8 won 4 and lost 4. The 'C' Team played 8 won 5, drew 2 and lost 1. The 'D' Team were not in a league but they won the Division 'C' knockout cup (for 'C' teams and below), beating Darlington Queen Elizabeth SFC 'C' Team in the final.

1994/95 - The 'A' Team has made an excellent start to the league winning all three matches to date (5-0, 2-0, 6-1) Three players (Neil Bromfield, Matt Adams and Matthew Mitchell) have been selected for the County Squad. The 'B', 'C' and 'D' teams are all unbeaten so far.

##### **Hockey**

1993/94 - The boys team finished 2nd in the BASICS finals held in March in Nottingham, the girls team finished 4th in their equivalent competition. David Cooper was selected for the U-18 North East of England Team. Gemma Adams and Clare Wilster were selected to play for the North of England U-18; in addition Gemma was selected for the England Schools U-18.

1994/95 - The boys have started the season well and show promise. The girls, in stark contrast to last year's team, have found it difficult to raise a team this year !

## Rugby

**1993/94** - The team had a good season with wins over Royal Grammar School (20-13), St Aidan's School (Sunderland) (29-3), and Hartlepool SFC (50-0) and a hard earned draw with Barnard Castle School. A number of players represented Durham and Cleveland Counties and Mark Adams had a full England Colleges trial.

**1994/95** - With a young squad the team has found it hard going this season but has remained enthusiastic and keen to improve.

## Athletics

**1993/94** - Allison Curbishley was included in the Scotland Squad for (Hurdles) training for the Commonwealth Games. Andrew Kilding qualified for the FE BASICS Cross-Country Finals in Nottingham

## Outdoor Pursuits :

Activities included involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Hedge-laying at castle Eden Walkway, and a week at Coniston with the Green Howards' army Youth Team.

## DEGREE RESULTS 1994

Mark Ault	BSc	Mathematics	Newcastle University
Sharon Begg	BA	Geography	St Martin's College
David Bruce	BSc	Biology	Leeds University
Sarah Buckley	BA	Consumer Services Management	Leeds Metropolitan University
Lee Butler	BSc	Economics	York University
Lisa Carroll	BIT	Information Technology	Salford University
Daniel Casey	BA	English	Durham University
Sarah Collingwood	BA	French	Leicester University
Alyson Concannon	BMedSc	Speech Science	Sheffield University
Richard Connor	BA	Architecture	Liverpool University
Jason Denham	BA	Fashion	Manchester University
Michelle Dryden	BA	Sociology	York University
Lisa Gale	BA	Economics	Leicester University
Cheryl Galloway	BSc	Computer Science/Ergonomics	Aston University
Christine Gill	BA	Mathematics	Cambridge University
Dominic Hall	BSc	Environmental Science	Sussex University
Mark Hathaway	BSc	Politics	Hull University
Suzanne Houghton	LLB	Law	Leicester University
Clare Johnson	MA	Theology	Glasgow University
Richard Jones	BSc	Electrical/Electronic Engineering	Leeds Metropolitan University
Derek Kewley	BA	History	Sheffield University
David Lupton	BSocSc	Economics/Politics	Birmingham University
Nicola Matson	BA	Archaeology	York University
Ruth McFarlane	BSc	Environmental Planning	University of Central England
Clare Mills	BA	Natural Science	Cambridge University
Georgia Milton	BA	Psychology	Sheffield University
Bernard Nyunt	BSc	Computer Science	Bradford University
Catherine Purchase	BA	Natural Science	Cambridge University
Sangeeta Shah	MB.ChB	Medicine	Leicester University
Neil Skerry	BA	History	Nottingham University
Mark Stevenson	BA	Human Sciences	Oxford University
Claire Suttill	BA	History	St Martin's College
Daryl Theobalds	BA	History	Leeds University
Suzanne Tinkler	BSc	Chemistry	Warwick University
Martin Trenholme	BSc	Computer Science	Manchester University
Fiona Wade	BSc	Textile/Knitwear Technology	De Montfort University
Rebecca Watton	BA	Religious Studies/Sociology	University of Surrey
Jonathan Whyborne	BSc	Zoology	Leeds University
Mark Williams	BSc	Archaeological Sciences	Bradford University
Miles Wilson	BSc	Physics/Theoretical Physics	Birmingham University

Once again we are indebted to John Ingham for the compilation of results.

## 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 £10, 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 £10, for excellence in History at Grangefield School.

1992/93	History Prize	<b>Christopher Clarke</b>
	English Prize	<b>Jacqueline Gillson</b>

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 £15 and one year's membership of the Association each. Prizes this year went to two students for their contributions to College sporting life in football and hockey.

**Kevin Thorpe** for his contributions to College football  
**David Cooper** for his contributions to College hockey.

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# OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

(founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

## LIST OF OFFICIALS for 1994

### 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 : Miss J. Farnaby  
Year Book Editor : Mr. P. Graham  
Advertising Manager : Mr. B. Bate  
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 K Turner  
Mr. R. Wynzar

### HON. AUDITOR :-

Mr. P. Fleck F.C.A.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES 1993 - 94

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 1994

This is to be held on Thursday, 2nd March 1995 at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees. It 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 1993 A G M held on 9th February 1994
3. Matters arising.
4. Membership Records Secretary's Report
5. Year Book Editor's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 1993/4
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
13. Any other relevant business

\* Your retiring Committee's nomination for Office Bearers are :-  
Those elected for 1994

Note for ANYONE reading this. There are still vacancies on the Committee.

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 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.

**R. Prichard**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1993

This was held on Wednesday, 9th February 1994 in the Staffroom of Stockton Sixth Form College with Miss L. Waring, the Association President, in the Chair. Others present were : Miss J. Farnaby, Mrs. P.A. Oxley, Messrs. B.P. Brand, P. Graham, J. Ingham, R. Prichard, K Turner, B. Bate and R. Ward; with apologies from Revd. J.M. Thomas, Messrs. H.R. Clarke and R Wynzar.

The Minutes of the previous AGM were not available. It was agreed that they be signed at the next Committee Meeting.

## **Matters Arising**

Tom Sowler Memorial Fund - It was decided that this would be considered during the Treasurer's Report.

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that, at present, there were 203 Life Members and 104 members paying by yearly instalments, of which 52 had paid in advance. 29 members still owed subscriptions. Mr R. Ward said that he had received notice of the deaths of five Members as follows : J.S. Gill; G. Broadbent; A.E. Bishop; W.L. Wilson; & W.N. Little. The number of members living abroad stood at 15, down from a high of over 50.

## **The Association Year Book**

Miss Waring complimented everyone concerned in its production. Mr Graham said that 380 were printed. The bill for printing etc... was approximately £110 with postage costs of £61.94 for 288 books. He also thanked Mr B.P. Brand for securing full page adverts on the back and centre pages. Income from the advertisements covered the cost of printing.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mr B.P. Brand thanked Mr P. Fleck for his help in setting out his report. The accounts were in a healthy state with a £500 donation from Mrs Williams in memory of her late husband. The Tom Sowler Fund now stood at £433.33. The Evan Baldwin Fund stood at £61 plus interest, the King/Armstrong Fund stood at £156 plus interest and the Life Members and General Fund was in a healthy state. Mr B.P. Brand passed around the Darlington Building Society Account Book for inspection. As regards the Benevolent Fund Mr B.P. Brand said that £110 had been repaid and that no loans or grants had been made during the current year.

## **Election of Officers**

Miss L. Waring was elected President. The current Vice-Presidents were proposed, seconded and re-elected. Office Bearers were also all re-elected and Miss J. Farnaby was elected as Assistant Dinner Secretary, Mr K. Turner and Mr B. Bate were also elected onto the Committee. Mr P. Fleck had agreed to continue As Honorary Auditor.

## **Any Other Business**

A letter from Mr David Bowe M.E.P. was read out.

Mrs Williams had sent in the Dux Medal belonging to her late husband which was awarded by The Stockton Secondary School. Mr B.P. Brand suggested having it mounted and sent to Grangefield School.

Mr B.P. Brand circulated leaflets from Grangefield School referring to the Remembrance Day Service and School Prize giving.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.27 pm

**Roz Prichard, Minutes Secretary**

## **68th ANNUAL DINNER**

The 68th dinner was held at the St. George Hotel, Teesside Airport on Saturday 19th March, 1994.

Our guests were David Bowe, European Member of Parliament for Cleveland and Yorkshire North, together with his wife Helena.

David gave us an insight into the workings of the European Parliament with some of

the benefits and pitfalls as he saw them. The balance was towards the socialists but, as he pointed out, the Parliament has members from the whole spectrum of public opinion from staunch Communism (dare we say revolutionary !) to fervent Nationalism. The middle ground in the Parliament covers the extremes within our own Parliament.

Contrary to what most people imagine, the M.E.P.'s only spend about one week a month in Strasbourg compared with three weeks in Brussels where the bulk of the work, mainly in committees, is conducted. David's average month, therefore is spent between his constituency, Strasbourg and Brussels with a lot of travelling thrown in. David's main interests concern Consumer Affairs, Health and Green issues. He is (was?) a full member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection. Debate can become quite heated and at times amusing when literal translations don't quite mean what is intended. He gave an example when a French colleague Jean-Pierre Cot, from Normandy - a region which prides itself on its common sense approach to life, was speaking on a serious matter. The simultaneous translation for his remark that some of his region's down-to-earth intelligence was needed as "What this problem needs is Norman wisdom". The tension was broken by the uproar and spluttering of the British delegation who had memories of the comic actor Norman Wisdom. David suggested that younger members of our Association should imagine the parallel scenario of Baldrick, from Black Adder, being called up to save Europe !

Some of us have experienced breakdown in language communications and David gave an example. One of his colleagues made what he thought was a simple order, in a Brussels restaurant. The order arrived with a beautifully cooked rabbit which he said he had not ordered. The mystery was solved when he found that he had ordered "la pain" [lapin !] instead of "du pain".

David concluded by proposing the toast to the Association. Afterwards David and Helena circulated to talk informally with our members and their guests, which included our old [he's 90 !] friend George Little.

Our "Principal" President, Howard Clarke was expected but couldn't manage to shake off the police ! An hour before he was due to set off he was called to the College by the police as an intruder had been reported on the roof. The caretaker could not be contacted and Howard was asked to go to the College. As part of the College was being repaired and had scaffolding erected, Howard assumed that the report was correct. After opening most of the College and finding no disturbance he suggested that perhaps the report was wrong. The police refuted this as it had been reported by one of their own officers. Eventually they checked the report and found that the officer had misread the college board at the entrance - the intruder had been at the Stockton & Billingham College on the next site !! Louisa Waring gallantly held the "fort" while various messages were relayed by the Hotel to Brian Brand and then to our President. A good job Howard's first message was to start without him !

Those attending, in no particular order other than signing our guest list were :-  
David and Helena Bowe; Louisa Waring; Bob Ward; Fred Jackson; Ted Cooper; Colin Mustard; Geoffrey Ward; Brian Bate; Brian Docherty; Peter Mackie; Linda Baines; John Moore; Peter Sharp; Paul Magee; Dermot & Evelyne D'Arcy; Jim Durrant; Gordon Rattenbury; George Little; Martin & Jane Simmons; Agnes Sowler; Joan Farnaby; Winifred Houston; Nancy Finch; Roz & Carole Prichard; Paul & Janice Graham; Derek & Linda Graham; Jenny Robinson; Andrew Taggart; Peter & Ros Wishlade; David & Liz Rayner; Brian & Pat Brand

**PAT BRAND**

## THE 69th ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner will be held at the St. George Hotel, Teesside Airport on SATURDAY 1st APRIL 1995 [ 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm].

Dress is lounge suit or dinner suit for the gentlemen 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 £22.00 per person per night, inclusive of English breakfast.

Guests wishing to stay should book directly with the hotel, stating that they are at the Old Stocktonians' Dinner, and ask for the reduced rate. [Mrs. J. Cooper on 01325-332631]

The chief guest will be

### **Alan Old**

Vice Principal of Cleveland Tertiary College,  
Former England Rugby International,  
Director of Coaching for Newcastle Gosforth

The venue is the same as last year and once again two weeks before Easter, not just one as in previous years. The ticket price is £12.50 and they can be obtained from The Dinner Secretary, Brian Brand at 24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, TS18 5PJ. [Tel: 01642 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

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### MENU

*Cream of Asparagus soup*



*Roast Sirloin of Beef with Chasseur Sauce  
& traditional Yorkshire Pudding*

*Chef's selection of Fresh Vegetables & Potatoes*



*Profiteroles with Hot Chocolate Sauce*

or

*Sherry Trifle*



*Freshly Ground Coffee & Chocolate Mints*

*(Tea by request)*

For those guests with special dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian meals, please contact Brian Brand direct at the above address.

Wine can be ordered at the bar in our reserved room, when you arrive, or at your table.

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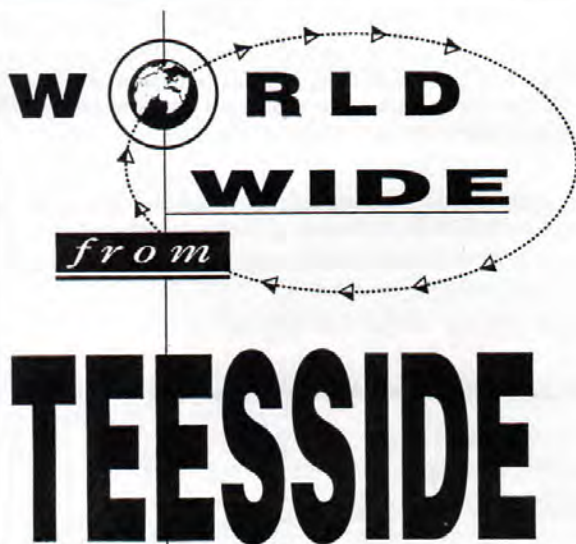
SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 30 March 1994

The teams were well supported for all matches - Rugby, Football, Mens' Hockey and Ladies' Hockey.

### In 1995 the event will be held : Wednesday 5 April.

Thanks are due to our overall coordinator **TOM RIPLEY** and all the College staff who give generously of their time to make this such a special day for all former students. Tom is also a former student who is now teaching P.E. at the College and so there should be no problems with organisation. Special thanks also to the GNVQ Leisure & Tourism students who provided the after match tea.

Tom can be reached at the College 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.



At ICI on Teesside we compete with the world in a relentlessly tough chemical marketplace.

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## 1896 - 1996

Some of you may be aware that 1996 marks the centenary year of the opening of the original School in Nelson Terrace which was the forerunner of Grangefield School and the Sixth Form College. The Stocktonians cannot let such an auspicious occasion pass unnoticed and plans are underway to mark this anniversary. At the present time nothing definite has been arranged but we all know that time passes quickly and, since this is the last issue of the Yearbook before the start of 1996, some mention of the occasion is thought to be appropriate.

We are looking for ideas as to how we can celebrate the year and invite each and every reader to come forward with suggestions. The actual date of the formal opening of the School in Nelson Terrace was Saturday 18th January 1896, though why a Saturday I have no idea. Anyway the 18th January 1996 is on a Thursday and so we are looking for something for this day but also for other dates throughout the year. By the time some of you read this it may be well into the summer of 1995 but nevertheless please do let us have your ideas.

One idea is to put together in a book (or books?) a collection of anecdotes and reminiscences of ex-pupils and staff, so rack your brains and put pens to paper. Madeleine Jones who wrote "Deep Roots" for the re-opening of Grangefield School in 1989 has very kindly offered to collect any contributions and so you are urged to send them in. Even if you have only bad memories of school perhaps a record of these may be of interest and remind others of how good their schooldays really were. Anything that anyone has should be sent to Madeleine Jones, c/o Grangefield School, Oxbridge Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS18 4LE. Photographs and other memorabilia would also be of interest.

It has been suggested that a small group of people be set up to coordinate things and I seem to have been volunteered to be part of this. Anybody else out there who wants to be involved or has any ideas please contact me or the Headteacher, Richard Nicholson at Grangefield School. I can be reached at 12, The Avenue, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS19 7EY. Tel./Fax. 01642 586995. There is an answerphone in case I am not there so don't be shy about leaving messages.

Keith Turner

### ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE 1994

The Annual Remembrance Day Service took place on Friday 11 November at Grangefield School. The Association was represented by Gordon Rattenbury, who laid a wreath on our behalf, Ken Whitfield and Brian Brand. Gordon and Ken served during the 39-45 war and knew most of those former pupils who did not return.

As in previous years the Year 9 pupils were responsible for the service under the guidance this year of one of our former students, Gary Hanrahan, who is Head of Maths and in charge of Year 9 at the school.

Once again the service was conducted with dignity by the pupils and in a manner which belied their years. It is always a comfort to see the young pupils treat the remembrance with such poise and understanding.

Our thanks are extended to Richard Nicholson, the Headteacher, and his staff for the upkeep of the two memorials.

BRIAN BRAND

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## THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1993 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2,375.29.

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Interest of £75.74 net was received [£100.99 gross and tax of £25.25 deducted]. This gave a credit balance of £2,581.03 at the Building Society on 31st December 1993.

Once more we thank John Ingham for auditing the accounts.

Donations to the Fund are always welcome and can 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, The Convener to the Trustees, 24, Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, Cleveland. TS18 5PJ {Tel :- 01642-583025}

**BRIAN BRAND**

### TREASURER'S REPORT - 1993/94

The Funds remain healthy and have been audited for the year ending 30th June 1994. The Life Members and General Fund has increased by about £200, the Evan Baldwin Fund has increased by around £20 and the King / Armstrong Fund has decreased by around £10.

The Evan Baldwin Fund will last another three years at the current level of prizes. Only two prizes, instead of three, were awarded in 93-94 as there was no nominee for "services to the College"

The King/ Armstrong Fund will last another 10 years at the current value of prizes. Both extrapolations assume that there will be no donations, which is unlikely.

The Dinner was self supporting last year as was the Year Book. Postage of £61.94 was the only call on the Life members and General Fund. Advertising to the tune of £118 financed the production of the Year Book, at £115.

We made a modest income of £11.18 from ties, stick-pins and History of the Association. Building Society interest of £68.15, subscriptions of £102.50 and Donations of £190.48 formed the major part of our income.

A donation of £50 was made to the Joanne Gillespie Fund and £500 received from the widow of R.E.B. Williams was used, at her request, to found a new section of the College Library.

The Tom Sowler Memorial Fund was closed and the £532.67 collected was used to provide a sports' notice board at the College. More details of the last three items appear elsewhere in the Year Book.

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

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## THE TOM SOWLER MEMORIAL

Over the two years of our appeal your donations and Building Society interest amounted to over £470. A donation from the College made the total £532.67, which was the total cost of the Memorial.

As reported last year, we commissioned an 8 feet by 4 feet notice board from Ken Wilkinson of Kilvington Studios, near Thirsk. The board, featuring a carved oak tree at the top, is for sports' notices and team lists; it is already being well used !

The 'hand over' by Tom's widow, Agnes, took place on Wednesday 15 June and was attended by Tom's family, a group of his friends representing his many interests, representatives of the O.S.A., the Corporation and Staff of the College and of Grangefield School.

Agnes, her son Peter and daughter Marnie kindly provided sherry for those present.

The plate on the lower bar of the Notice Board reads :

**IN MEMORY OF LOCAL HISTORIAN TOM SOWLER 1914 - 91**  
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In a letter to us Peter Sowler thanked the former Pupils and College and summed up what we had achieved. To quote part of his letter :

"When I first learned of the Fund, I had no idea what would be done with the money but I hoped it would be spent on something which would last a long time and would not get lost or be stuck in a dark corner. I was delighted to see that the notice board was made by a true craftsman and will last much longer than any other notice board in the College. It is not stuck in a corner and sports' notice boards tend to be well read by students. It is certainly too large to lose ! I am absolutely certain that Tom would have been delighted with the end result."

When you are in Stockton, pop into the College and have a look at the board, but please introduce yourself to the main office first !



## **THE JOANNE GILLESPIE APPEAL**

Joanne Gillespie was a pupil at Grangefield School who fought bravely against cancer until her untimely death at the age of fifteen.

She wrote two books to encourage other sufferers and to point out that life, however short is worth living. Those who met her came away feeling rather humble. Her two books are "Brave Hearts" and "Well, I'm Still Here".

Grangefield School have dedicated part of its library to Joanne's memory. This section was officially opened on 29 June by Joanne's parents Kathleen and Peter together with Sarah, Joanne's sister. The Association gave a donation of £50 towards the section.

Kath and Peter have started a fund to raise £120,000 to buy a laser for use in a local hospital. The special Fibre Optics Laser can be used to treat deep seated tumours which are difficult to reach. It will, in most cases reduce the surgery required, especially for brain tumours. The fund is now nearly halfway to its target (nearly £60,000) and any member who would like to send a donation can make out the cheque to "The Joanne Gillespie Memorial Fund" and send it to : Mr & Mrs P. Gillespie, 3 Chelmsford Avenue, Fairfield, Stockton, Cleveland TS18 5AG.

## **THE R.E.B. WILLIAMS GIFT**

R.E.B. ("Scorcher") Williams attended the Nelson Terrace building from 1908 to 1915. He was Head Boy [Dux Medalist] in 1914. He died in June 1990 aged 92 and last year his widow, Dorothy, contacted us to ask if we would help by suggesting a suitable memorial to her husband. She also asked us to accept his Dux medal and, if possible, find a suitable "home" for it.

The College suggested a contribution to the library. A new section on Law was proposed to support a new department teaching that subject. As Robert had been called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1936, this seemed wholly appropriate.

Dorothy made a gift of £500 to buy books which will have plates dedicating them to the memory of Robert. A plaque, suitably inscribed, will be fixed to the wall in the library.

The Dux medal, which is 9 carat gold, was accepted by Grangefield School and will be on display there.

Our thanks are extended to Dorothy for her generous gifts.

## FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

It was nice to hear from **D.E. BAILEY (1928 - 33)** again after a gap of many years. We were pleased to receive a donation to funds and confirmation of his address but sadly no other news to add.

Surprised to see his name in the 93/4 Year Book **GORDON BELSHAW (1949 - 56)** contacted us with an address confirmation and a generous donation to subs and Tom Sowler's Fund. Although he can only recall some of the incidents mentioned by Mike Watson in his missive, the struggle through A level Maths is a vivid memory. Having qualified as a chartered accountant in 1962 Gordon spent 21 years trying to help budding accountants achieve the same at Constantine College/Teesside Polytechnic (now Teesside University). Throughout the same period he was also in practice for himself and after leaving the Poly. settled down to "life as a sole practitioner". By the time he receives this magazine Mike should have received a letter from Gordon.

As the distance from Stockton to Gilsland precludes his attendance at Committee Meetings **R.E. BRADSHAW (Head : 1957 - 73)** suggested that his name would be better replaced by another in the list of officials. He added that he was not expecting an early demise, despite his (80+) years he was 'pretty well' for his age. Although he had no news of Old Stocktonians he did refer to the insert about Peter Coupe in last year's magazine. He explained that Peter had been too modest in the success he had enjoyed first as an undergraduate at Imperial College, then during his Research Scholarship at Cambridge and finally in obtaining his Professorship in Wales.

**BRIAN BRAND (1947 - 54)** bumped into another "friend" of many a former pupil - Mr Moon !, known to most of us as "Giggy" Moon. He ran the corner shop outside the gates at the old Sec' in Nelson Terrace and many generations called for crisps [Watsons !] and other "goodies". Brian reckoned that the prefects in those days let them out at break, to dash to the shop, only to catch them again and improve their 'clean up rate' ! It was instant "report" for being off the school site at break. Incidentally Watsons ran a competition/promotion which required you to collect letters [one in every packet] and spell out "watsons". Brian noticed recently that similar promotions have been given much publicity - for missing out a vital letter !! Who remembers which letter was missing from Watsons ? Brian was delighted to renew contact with Dave Rayner and Peter Wishlade at the Dinner. He felt that they were still the same "characters" he remembered from 30 years ago and by the end of the evening could almost believe that he had been transported back in time. It was pleasing to know that their basic good qualities had not been lost. He would still like to contact the other members of that first class of his. No-one seems to have heard of **GARTH HOLLIGAN, HENRY HUDSON, DAVID JONES** or **PETER DUNCAN** for many years [Unless YOU know better ---- Editor]

Apologies to **CATHERINE BUTLER (1990 - 92)** for our entry last year. The Sponsorship from J. Sainsbury is separate from the Opportunity 2000 Award. Catherine was one of the first nine ever to be chosen for the Award, which Sainsbury's have decided to give, in conjunction with the Government.

A new address (Redditch, Worcs.) as promised from **TONY CAINS (1986 - 88)** but no other news of himself or contemporaries.

**NORMAN CARR (1939 - 44)** has responded to our comment in last year's magazine that he was trying to arrange 'a meet' with **MIKE SIZER (1939 - 44)**. Having obtained Mike's address Norman wrote to him about his possible visit to the U.K. but received no reply. Norman was concerned that the mention of his meet with **BILL CHARNLEY (1939 - 44)** had also prompted no response from Mike and was beginning to wonder about 'his well-being'. Does anyone have any news of Mike?

A handsome subs top-up taking him into the 21st Century and a nice donation from **STANLEY CARTER (1974 - 76)** but, sadly, no other news.

No news other than an address confirmation, subs and donation from **DICK CHAPPELL (1931 - 35)**.

An address notification but sadly no other news to that he provided in 1993 from **PETER CHICKEN (1959 - 64)**.

A top up of subs for **SYLVIA CLARK (née BEST)(1956 - 63)** and her daughter **LORRAINE (1986 - 89)** together with a donation to funds. Sylvia's son **COLIN (1988 - 91)** graduated from the University of Hull in 1994 with a degree in Social Policy and Administration. In September 1994 he is going to study Personnel Management at Dearre Business School (part of Doncaster College).

Another nice donation gratefully received from **THOMAS DAWSON (1916 - 19)**, one of our oldest members.

An address confirmation and donation from **FRANK DOBBY (1931 - 37)** but no other news.

It was nice to see **JIM DURRANT (Staff: 1949 - 80)** at the Dinner again this year.

In addition to a nice donation, **JOHN ELLIS (1940 - 46)** sends greetings to all who can remember the war years at Nelson Terrace. John claims he is pursuing a low profile retirement "without any startling interventions which would excite readers of the Year Book".

**IAN FOX (1956 - 63)** has been in touch with an up to date CV. He writes that he has so much foreign involvement, totally unconnected with Grangefield, that he rarely crosses tracks with contemporaries. He has however kept in touch with **JOHN (J.A.) DICK (1956 - 63 ?)** and **TONY (A.J.) WALKER (1956 - 63 ?)** and knows the whereabouts of a few more. He helped John Moore locate quite a few of the old rugby fraternity for Peter Hudson's retirement "party" though Ian himself was abroad again for the event. Ian, who was one of John Scott's first Economics students, bumped into John in Stockton and says he was grateful to be able to thank him for his help. To try and summarise Ian's travels : 92-present Nigeria & Holland; 91-92 Saudi Arabia; 89-91 U.K. ; 85-89 Europe ! ; 84-85 Indonesia; 84 Qatar; 82-84 Venezuela; 81-82 Scotland; 79-81 Iraq; 76-78 Holland; 75-76 U.K. ; 74-75 Portugal; 66-74 U.K. [Head Wrightson & Co.]. Even his first post included projects for Argentina and Chile, so no wonder Old Stocktonians were scarce ! Many thanks Ian for the very generous donation to funds.

A speedy reply from **STEWART FOX (1958 - 63)**, via Brian Brand, enabled us to keep in touch after his magazine had been returned. We understand that Stewart is a butcher with premises in Spencer Hall, Stockton High Street.

A most generous donation accompanied an address confirmation and subs 'top-up' from **R. SAXON FRENCH (1940 - 45)**. He is enjoying his retirement in West Newton, Sandringham. Proving that no matter where you are Stocktonians abound, **CYRIL ('CID') DAVIDSON (1941 - 46)** lives in the same village and retired in March 1994.

When his magazine was returned 'Gone Away' in 1993 we thought that we had lost touch with **J.W.L. GALE (1928 - 35)**. However the grapevine/post must still be working for he contacted us in February 1994 with his new address in Upper Beeding, West Sussex. He retired in 1976 from service with the British Council after working in Iran, Malaya, British Guyana, Republic Of the Congo (Zaire), Colombia, South America, Sudan and, finally, Brazil. Having been awarded the C.B.E. in 1975 and retiring in the following year he returned to England to live in Saffron Walden, Lincoln and West Sussex (where he suspects his world travels will end). With hardly any relatives now living in Stockton his visits 'home' are not frequent but he may be 'in town' in 1994. [If not 1994 then perhaps the 1995 Dinner ? - Editor]

An address confirmation and subs top-up from **MARTIN GILLESPIE (1979 - 81)** but no other news.

Notification of a change of address (from Leicester to Leamington Spa) and a nice donation from **JAN GILLET (1957 - 64)**. After graduating from Manchester University in 1968 with a Geology Degree Jan joined Pilkington Fibre Glass Ltd. as a sales rep dealing in insulation material. As a newly qualified geologist a 'job on the rigs' or in some far flung corner of the globe might have been expected but Jan was planning to get married and a local job with Pilkingtons fitted best with those plans. Jan admits that "right from the start I was a rebel", not in an anti-establishment way but in the way firms treated their customers. This meant challenging the "way things had always been done" and inevitably "the boss". This approach must have been tolerated by his managers because not only did he stay with the company but moved into product and marketing development in the insulation division (which boomed with energy conservation ideals of the early 70s) and in 1981 was promoted to customer services manager and also chairman of the Thermal Insulation Manufacturers and Suppliers Association. In 1983, 'out of the blue', Jan was offered the Managing Directorship of Kitsons Insulation Products, a subsidiary of Pilkingtons based in Barking. Three years of hard work turned the company round from a loss maker to one producing a profit of £1.5 m. Despite the success he was still not satisfied that he was able to work in the way he believed was best and so, approaching 40, he spent £2,000 for an outplacng agency to find him another senior position. This led him to becoming Managing Director, in 1986 of Sketchley Textile Services, based in Hinkley, Leicestershire. Amongst his customers were Ford (UK) and it was at a management seminar organised by them that he heard of the work of Dr. W. E. Deming. Deming introduced his statistical business methodology to industrialists in Japan in the 1950s, when his ideas had been shunned by the USA, and they are credited with establishing systems that enabled managers and employees to work in harmony and their goods to sweep world markets. Jan had discovered the man who was to become his guru. Jan was immediately convinced that the 14 principles of management advocated by Deming made all the thoughts he had about total quality 'drop into place'. He set about introducing the principles into his own company and a transformation in customer service, stock control and employee satisfaction took place. Unfortunately in



1990 boardroom changes cut Jan's tenure at Sketchley short and he left to set up his own consultancy in Leicester before joining Process Management International, an arm of a Deming based consultancy, established in Minneapolis in 1984. A founder member of the British Deming Association, Jan is now dedicated to management principles that helped modern Japanese companies introduce 'total quality' and produce world class goods.

An address change (from Warwick to Whitby) and donation from **IAN GRANT (1946 - 51)** but no other details.

**JACK HAIGH (1921 - 25)** has written to clear up the details asked for on his nominations mentioned in last year's magazine. The American Biographical Institute has approximately 100 biographies in print and as such is one of the largest independent publishers of biographies in the world. Jack's personal biography seems to be of special interest to them and his name has been included in Edition 4 of the A.B.I.'s 'Five Thousand Personalities of the World'. Jack has had an illustrious career as a script writer before and during the War years in the Middle East and later in South Africa & BFBS. Thereafter he was on the staff of the Racing Calendar, The Daily Sketch, The Daily Mirror and the Daily Mail in addition to having several books published. His career continues with new possibilities in the pipeline.

**DANIEL HANSON (1988 - 90)** writes to confirm his address and adds a subs top-up and donation but sadly no other news.

A new member **DOUG ('Haggis') HARRIS (1968 - 74)** joined the Association as a result of the '20-year get together' organised by the first Upper Sixth to enter the Sixth Form College in 1973. His letter accompanying his subs reads like a 'True Confessions' episode. Arriving at Grangefield in 1968 and being of Scots origin it was natural for Doug to wear short trousers, which he did for two years. If he wasn't the only boy in the first form in short 'troosers' he certainly was in the second year! "All good character building stuff", he adds. He continues to be a "Jack of all, master of nothing" in both work and sport. Married with two children (aged 5 & 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Doug works in sales in the construction industry and enjoys tennis, badminton and all forms of motorcycling. He hopes to return to motorcycle road racing soon, having missed 1993 out. The reunion at the Parkmore on 5th March he recalls as being most enjoyable and he caught up briefly with Dave Willetts, Howard Russell, Bill Trenholm, Christopher Adams, Dave Owen, Chris Baker, Ian Ross and Brian Reed. Peter Hudson and Vic Watton were amongst the "Sirs" there. Doug apologised to Vic for splattering him with ink accidentally (on purpose) during a divinity test in (about) 1971. He can now sleep at nights !!

It was with great pleasure that we renewed our acquaintance with **W.R. HEATHCOTE (1934 - 40)**. Sadly he did not provide any news of past or present 'activities' to fill in the missing years.

A nice donation and confirmation of address from **Dr. PAUL HELLIWELL (1949 - 54)**. After making the 'big effort' to attend the Dinner last year Paul expects that it will be another 30 years of planning to get to another. No news about his recent 'water exploits' around the world however.

**RICHARD HUMBLE (1985 - 87)(GRANGE 80 - 85)** writes to let us know that he

is still doing his medical roagation (until July 1995) and, at the time of writing, was involved with Respiratory and General medicine at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh. When the round of examinations comes to an end and he will need to look for a new job; the hill walking will continue, we hope.

**GEOFFREY KENYON (1947 - 54)** has recently returned to Cumbria after fulfilling a two year contract in Abu Dhabi and is now seriously considering retirement for the second time of asking !! Although he has not crossed paths with former students Geoffrey adds that **JOHN HUDSON ( ? )** may be interested to know that Maureen (Geoffrey's wife and John's P.Ed. colleague from Nottingham days) is still going strong.

A new member who has just left the College !! **ANDREW KING (1991-94)** is studying Applied Geology at Oxford Brookes University for the present. His future plans are less certain.

A subs top-up from **SARAH KING (1991 - 93)** but no other news about herself or contemporaries.

A letter with subs top-up from **SARA-LOUISE LEE (1987 - 89)** brings us up to date with news. After graduating from Coventry University with a BA (Hons) in Economic Development & Planning she went on to do a Post Graduate Diploma in Planning part-time from Oct. '93 to June '95. Sara-Louise worked from June '93 to April '94 for Coventry Health Authority and started a new job with Coventry City Council in April '94 as an Inward Investment Officer for the Chief Executive's Office. At the time of writing Sara was 'getting' married to an ex-College student **NICK DAVIES ( ? )**, but by the time you read this the 'knot' may be tied.

It is always a pleasure to hear from one of our oldest members **GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18)**. A regular visitor to the Dinner, George attended this year with Dr. Martin Simmons and his wife Jane. We were also pleased to hear that George had a successful cataract operation and lens implant in July 1993. **RAY COUNTER (1931 - 36)** paid George a visit earlier in the year; Ray is organist at the Methodist church in Great Ayton. As ever George included a generous donation to the Association with his note.

Another old 'Old Stocktonian' **JOHN LIVINGSTON (1913 - 19)** sent an address confirmation and a nice donation.

It was nice to hear from **N. MACKEY (1950 - 55)** after many years. Unfortunately he did not add any news of himself or contemporaries.

**PETER MAULE (1959 - 64)** writes to inform us of his new address (he's still in Amersham) and looks forward to the next magazine.

**COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60)** spotted our (not so) deliberate mistake with the Annual Dinner date on the address confirmation pro-forma; happily the correct date was a time when he was free to join us. Colin has just been elected for a third two year term as the Area Chairman (N.E. & N.W. England, Scotland and N.I.) of the Sun Alliance Staff Union and his 6th year on the Executive Council. Many thanks for the donation to funds Colin.

After a lapse of 8 years it was nice to hear from **DAVID NASH (1951 - 54)**. At a time when many of his contemporaries were retiring, or considering it, David recently found himself taking up a new career after his business became a casualty of the recession. Finding a job at the age of 55 was not easy but for the last three years he has been the Finance Officer for the Brooke Hospital for Animals, a Veterinary Charity based in Central London, which also operates in Egypt, Jordan, India & Pakistan. The journey into and out of Central London from his home in Margate occupies some five hours commuting each day, but there are some compensations. As part of his budget setting procedures David visits each of the above named countries each year. Working at Petra in Jordan is the most relaxing visit he makes but India and Pakistan are the most exciting, despite prohibition in the latter country ! David was devastated to hear the news of Clive Bell's death; he was his last real contact from school days and by far his longest lasting close friend. David concludes his letter by praising the efforts of those who produce the "New Stocktonian" as it provides "a wonderful stroll down memory lane".

**GEOFFREY NATTRASS (1954 - 62)** dropped us a note with his new Gloucestershire address. Still a solicitor, Geoffrey was married again in February ['94 or '95 - Editor]. He still sees a lot of **JOHN WAINWRIGHT (1956 - 63)** [London & Tewkesbury]. **PETER TWIDDY (?)** [Botherford, Notts.] [for whom we have no address ! - Editor] and he spent a week in summer '93 with **PHIL DENT (?)** in Boston, Massachusetts. {Note the missing dates. can anyone fill the gaps ? - Editor}

**MARK PALLANT (1969 -77)** brings us up to date with an address confirmation and other news. Lindsey and Mark now have two daughters Sarah, aged 3, and Naomi, aged 1. He doubts, however, that they will "go for the full string-quartet" ! Mike is still Head of Music and Drama at Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley and much enjoying his work; revelling in all aspects from classical to jazz, rock and heavy metal [he does admit at this point that Harry Horsman would not have approved of all his interests]. His younger brother **ADRIAN PALLANT (1972 - 79)** is now married to Anne and has two children, Matthew and Emma. Adrian works as a Graphic Designer and lives near Chester.

After some address confusion we were pleased to hear from **HARRY RAY (1932 - 37)** and grateful for his donation to funds. Harry and his wife Dorothy still live in Hartburn and Harry sees **E.A. BARBER (1931 - 37)**, **ARTHUR BROWN (?)**, now 90+, **RON PURNELL (?)**, now 80+, and **ARTHUR FAIRLESS (?)** regularly "in a local watering hole". He also informs us that **BOB WALLER (1931 - 36)** was President of Thornaby and Yarm Rotary Club in 1993-94.

**DAVID RAYNER (1955 - 63)** was able to take up Brian Brand's invitation to Dinner this year (see p17 1993-94 Yearbook) and included a nice donation to subs in addition his new address.

An address confirmation but no other news from **G.E. REDFEARN (1922 - 26)**.

**ANDY RIGG (1958 - 64)** became the proud owner of an O.S. tie this year in addition to confirming his Brighthouse address. -Sadly there is no other news from Andy, although brother **PETER (1956 - 63)** has corresponded regularly.

Through the address of Gordon Rattenbury we were able to establish contact with an

Old Stocktonian who currently lives in Northallerton. **MIKE ROBINSON (1954 - 59)** left Grangefield and joined I.C.I. as an apprentice electrician. His only claim to fame at Grangefield (he says) was as joint School Swimming Champion, with 'Spike' Wright from 5A, in his final year. Day release to study Electrical Engineering at Stockton & Billingham Tech. was included in his apprenticeship and his main lecturer was the late Tom Sowler. After two years at I.C.I. Mike was transferred to the Technical (Student) Apprenticeship Scheme and he went to Constantine College to study for a Higher National Diploma over a period of four years. On completion of his HND he was destined for the Instrumentation Drawing Office at I.C.I. Mike left at the age of 22 and did various jobs up and down the country until, at 28, he joined Longlands College of F.E. in Middlesbrough as a junior member of the Instrumentation Team. Whilst there he gained his Certificate in Education from Leeds University (in 1976) and studied for a B.A. at the Open University (duly gained in 1981). Out of the blue came an offer he couldn't refuse from Shell International Petroleum Ltd., to go to Brunei, in S.E. Asia, to set up a BTEC Training and Education programme for locals. Mike and his wife were there for more than 5 years whilst his children were educated at St Peter's School York, flying out during the main holidays. They returned to the U.K. in 1987 and Mike now works for Cleveland Education Authority at the Cleveland Open Learning Unit writing, tutoring and selling Open Learning material up to HNC level. In addition Mike works part-time for the Open University as a tutor-counsellor on technology courses. The highlight of the year is when he gets the opportunity to teach at York University for two weeks during the O.U. Summer School. Mike also examines for City & Guilds in Instrumentation subjects. He fondly remembers the 25th anniversary celebration organised by Bob (Ward) and Fred (Jackson) when he took a week's holiday to return to the UK for the event. He received a pint of beer as the person who had travelled furthest to attend. ["16,000 miles for a pint but it was worth it"] On his return to Brunei after that event he was talking to a person during a social gathering when it transpired that he'd been at Grangefield about 4 years behind Mike - a Dr. (Ian?) Taylor who had lived in Hartburn. [Can anyone help? - Editor] proving once again that no matter where you travel on this planet there is every chance you will meet an 'Old Stocktonian'.

**JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933 - 38)** confirms his address but no news to add to his 1993 letter.

It was nice to hear from **ARTHUR SMART (1948 - 56)** with a note of his change of address, from Linthorpe to Ingleby Barwick. Arthur retired from his position as a Senior Advisor with Cleveland Education Authority some two years ago and has taken up golf since then - he was careful not to reveal his handicap when the Editor met him recently at a Carol Concert, for Conyers School, in Yarm Parish Church. We can report however that he was fit and in good spirits.

**DON SMITH (1933 - 40)** a regular contributor to these pages has been in touch with several contemporaries since his last letter. A 'local' O.S. of Don's vintage is **FRANK HARRISON (1935? - ?)** with whom Don was a flying instructor at No. 11 E.F.T.S. (Scone, Perth) at the end of the war. Having lost touch they met for the first time since those days on Arran after an interval of 44 years! Following receipt of last year's magazine a shopping spree to Blairgowrie gave Don the chance to drop in on **BOB HEATHCOTE's (1933 - 38)** sister (Millicent) and catch up on news. Don has also been in touch with **DENNIS RUSSELL (1933 - 37)** and **DES CROOKS(?)**, the latter giving news of **STAN KELLY (1932 - 37)** and **BILLY BOSTON (?)**. Des

added that he had not heard any news of **WILF STANFORD (1931 - 37)** for some time. [Our last correspondence was 1991 - Editor] Don also contacted **BILLY PALMER (1932 - 35)** ex-R.N. and retired from Southern Railway who now lives at the intriguing address of 'The Gate House', One O'clock Crossing. Apparently the Brighton Belle belts past the window. **KEN DODSWORTH (1931 - 36)** (see last year's book) was a pal of Don's cousin **RAY COUNTER (1931 - 36)** and the pair of them once went to Don's family house in Billingham. They were all fishing for minnows in the beck just below the house and the bait was live worms dug from the garden and fastened by a slip-knot in the cotton thread, a most delicate operation as there was the risk of cutting the worm in half. "Dodger" towering over us at about 6 feet tall couldn't handle the slimy bait. Mention of **RAY GEDLING (1929 - 36)** in last year's magazine reminded Don of his nickname - 'Gink'. He was a superior mortal, being a prefect. He was also the chess champion, so Blue House was always assured of maximum points in the House Championship in that sphere. Running in the cross-country team for the house, he showed a mean pair of heels to the field. Another athlete who represented the school in the County Sports at Bishop Auckland was the late **E.J. TINSLEY (1931 - 37)**. Don thinks that at the same sports he has in mind that **ERIC TINGLE (?)** won the high jump at 5'1", his own height, and walked under the bar! Don asks if anyone knows whether **GORDON BELSHAW (1949 - 56)** was any relation **PHIL BELSHAW (?)** who, he thinks, lived in the Sadberge area. He is also keen to discover if anyone knows of the whereabouts of **JOE NUTLEY (?) - Sedgfield** (of whom Don has a photograph taken in Rhodesia), **ROLAND 'Rolo' IRELAND (?)** - Billingham; Green House and School Captain 1938 - 39), **PETER** and **ERIC TWIDDY** (brothers at the School in the 30's) and is curious to know if **RICHARD HUMBLE (1980 - 87)** is related to a **JIM HUMBLE (1931 - 37)**. In addition to this we also heard that Don met up with **EDNA TWINNING (née DICKENSON)** and **IRENE GREEN (née ARKLESS)** contemporaries from the early 1930s at Nelson Terrace. All those who can help can correspond through these pages or directly with Don at "Da Noost", 10 Isla Place, Forfar, Angus, Scotland.

**GEOFFREY SMITH (?)** we hear is Professor of Electronic and Electrical Engineering at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. He is also playing squash for Scotland, in the vintage team. His wife **HEATHER (née BELL)** has recently been to Hong Kong as part of the chorus of the Royal Scottish National Opera.

As far as we are aware **SIR MAURICE SUTHERLAND (1926 - 33)** is the only current Old Stocktonian who is a knight. No recent news other than an address confirmation and generous donation to funds.

Together with an address confirmation and a most generous donation to funds **RUSSELL THERSBY (1956 - 64)** brings us up to date with his news. Russell has just completed 25 years with British Aerospace and its predecessor company, the last five years being with the Military Aircraft Division in Lancashire. He recalls that the engineering work has always been interesting and enthralling, when it hasn't been funny! His leisure time is taken up serving as chairman of the Institute of Directors in the North West, "two years down and one to go". The post involves attendance at many formal dinners but is sad to relate that one formal dinner he has not been able to attend for the last 20 years is the Old Stocktonians' Annual Dinner [perhaps this year Russell? - Editor]

It is a while since we have corresponded with **CHRIS(TINE) ROSS (1975 - 78)**. In

her recent address confirmation Chris signs herself **THOMSON** and so we must apologise for our error in using her maiden name for (how many ?) past years' postings. Christine is currently teaching P.E. and Outdoor Activities at Richmond School in North Yorkshire.

It was nice to receive a short note from **LILLIAN THOMPSON (née FORSTER) (1929 - 34)** with a subs update. Lillian still maintains her interest in Education as Chairman of two School Governing bodies and also finds time to be President of the Apollo Male Voice Choir. Her younger sister Dorothy Thorpe, having recently returned to this country after many years overseas in Bahrain and Florida, was the Speaker at this year's Old Girls' Dinner.

With a top up of subs, a generous donation and correction of his years at school **GEORGE THORNTON (1938 - 44)** has more than made up for his last communication (4 years ago). He asks us where all those pupils of his generation are, surely they can't all have shaken off their "mortal coil" ? "Where are the lads who endured the winters at Ragworth Hall ?" he asks and remembers that it must have been at Ragworth in 1941 that he last saw Gordon Rattenbury ! [He's glad to see that Gordon is still around and passes on his best wishes through these pages.] George adds that some older members may remember his brother **STANLEY THORNTON (1927 - 31)** but is sad to relate that he passed away in June 1993 aged 78. Now that he has 'broken the ice' George hopes to be a regular correspondent. [Great news George ! Now if we can only get others of your era to respond similarly !!! - Editor]

It was with great pleasure that we were able to welcome two new Members to the Committee this year. **KEITH TURNER (1960 - 67)** and **BRIAN BATE (?)** have already made an impact in terms of the skills and energy they have been able to bring to the group and we are grateful for their support and time. Brian has been instrumental in the huge increase in the number of advertisers in this year's magazine. We are not sure whether he has threatened, blackmailed or simply charmed the organisations concerned but we are most grateful to both parties for their support. After many years of having no contact with the Stocktonians Keith is now very involved with organising events for the centenary celebrations. He says that perhaps he has closer ties than before with a daughter at Grangefield, and a son and a wife at the Sixth Form College [His wife works there !] Keith studied Chemistry on a 4-year sandwich course at Northern Polytechnic in London, sponsored by B.P., after leaving Grangefield in 1967. In money terms he was much better off than those on a grant and was relieved not to have to ask his parents to contribute financially to his continued education. Keith adds that he has John Ingham to thank for suggesting this form of course as it certainly suited him. He had some interesting times during his training periods at various BP sites in the UK including one period at BP's refinery in Belfast in 1969 when "The Troubles" began. He "managed to gain a 1st" and decided that research was his next step, studying for a DPhil at Sussex. On completion of this and after seven years away from the North he obtained a job with Rohm and Haas on Tyneside. While there he met his wife Anne and they moved to Stockton in 1978, when Keith took up a job at Davy R & D. Later that year his son Graeme was born. In 1981 Rachel was born and, he adds, "the chaos was complete". Keith left Davy in 1991 to take up a job with a U.S. consulting company in Sussex but the sluggish house market and the drag of weekly commuting took its toll and he left the job in August 1992 to start his own chemical consulting company 'Kappa Tau Consulting', based in Stockton. He would be pleased to hear from former friends either in his business capacity or just for a chat. He hopes to make the Dinner this year and would

like to see one or two others from his "era" there if possible.

**PAUL VITLES (1978 - 80)** has written twice to tell us that he is still at the same address since we last mentioned him in the pages of this Yearbook and included a generous donation to funds. By topping up his subs for a substantial amount he is now 'in hand' until 2008 ! Also since we last included an item from Paul he has got married to Jacqui who is a Health Service Manager but began life as a ballet dancer. He has also been a Director of Robertson Bell Associates (RBA) a Leeds based market & social research agency and we understand that things are going "very well" with a wide range of clients from the Audit Commission to Yorkshire Water.

A nice donation and address confirmation from **GEOFFREY WARD (1955 - 62)** who was also able to attend the Dinner once again this year. Geoffrey had his 50th birthday in 1994 with a suitable event attended by **DAVID FRANCIS (?), COLIN MUSTARD** and **EDWARD COOPER (1957 - 62)**.

Geoffrey's brother **GERALD WARD (1959 - 67)** wrote in October 1994 to confirm his address but added that he was soon to be moving from Wales to Norfolk. Gerald has lived near Abergavenny for 17 years and has enjoyed his time there. However his wife **SUSAN (née GILCHRIST)** [sister of **CHRIS GILCHRIST (1968 - 73?)**] took up a teaching post in Norfolk in September 1993, commuting back to Wales at most weekends. Their two boys aged 11 and 8 joined Susan in September 1994 and Gerald is now awaiting his, the pets and house contents turn ! Gerald still keeps in touch with **DAVID USHER (1959 - 66)** who lives in Sussex with wife and four boys (and who was due to have run in the Great North Run this year) and **ROY WOOD (1959 - 66)**, who now lives in Birmingham. In May 1993 he enjoyed meeting **HAROLD REAY, (Art & Music teacher at Grangefield 1962 - 71)**, at a concert given by the Michealmas Singers in Eaglescliffe. Harold, founder and conductor of the Singers, inspired Gerald musically far more than any music teacher he encountered.

An address confirmation from **BARRY WIGGINS (1940 - 46)** but no other details to add to his letter of 1992.

A donation in addition to a subs top up from **DAVE WILLETTS (1967 - 74)** means that he and **LESLEY (1967 - 72)** are 'paid up' until 2008. Dave moved up to Head of the Technology Faculty at Alderman Newton's School in Leicester in 1992 having previously been Head of Business Studies. His wife Lesley gave birth to their first son, Michael James, (weighing in at 9 lb) on 3rd February 1994. With two daughters in the family Michael has helped redress the male-female ratio in the household. At the time of writing (Feb 1994) Dave & Lesley were going through the process of applying to emigrate to Canada - we might have a change of address before this magazine is on its way. On March 5th 1994 Dave attended a reunion of the first cohort of Upper Sixth students from the Sixth Form College at the Parkmore Hotel in Eaglescliffe. The principal organisers were **BRIAN REED, LESLEY JACOBS** and **LINDA HEADS**. As 'Captain of the School' and inaugural President of the Students' Council at the College Dave was asked to say a few words on the evening.

The next correspondent wrote from Australia to The Headmaster, Grangefield Grammar School with a hope to re-establish a connection with the Association. **MIKE WILLIAMS (?1943 - 48)** now lives in Victoria Australia and recently fulfilled a wish he had on leaving Nelson Terrace in 1948, when "Tibby" Brooks said that he had the ability to take a degree if he wanted to. Mike graduated in April 1994 with a BA (Hons)

from Monash University in Melbourne with a double major in History and Geography (History being his honours subject) - he is now well on his way to completing his MA. He hopes that the students at the College will be encouraged that even after 46 years there is still hope ! Although he can remember few names from from his class photograph of 46 years ago he can recall the **WALKER** twins **HARRY** and **ALAN** (1943 - 48) who became trainees with him at Dorman Long and also **BOB TARRANT** (?). After completing his time as a trainee engineer at Dorman Long he went to sea as a marine engineer, picking up his first ship as second engineer in 1956, and his first ship as Chief in 1960. Initially he was in tramp ships, trading everywhere, but in 1957 he joined a liner company, the New Zealand Shipping Company, and traded between Australia, North America, New Zealand and the UK. Fate caught up with him in 1963 and he married a Melbourne girl who was able to spend the best part of two years travelling with him at sea before they settled in Sydney in 1966, their first daughter having been born in England in 1965. Their stay in Sydney was not long since Mike's employment with the Defence Department (Navy) took him to Melbourne in 1970, by which time they had 'acquired' another daughter and a son. The stay was short however as he was posted for two years (1973-74) as the Australian Naval Liaison Officer (Engineering) with MOD(N) Bath. On their return to Melbourne he continued to work for Defence until 1987, when his health let him down. It was then that Mike took up the humanities studies he had wanted to do 40 years earlier. Today he is retired but doing research for a thesis on early Australian settlement in Victoria. His wife works as a lecturer in Chemistry at university level, their elder daughter has a PhD in Chemistry from Cambridge, the next daughter is married but working towards her degree and his son has an Honours Physics degree and works in medical physics. Next year (1995) Mike and his wife plan to take a trip around Australia. Whilst he has been in Melbourne Mike has met two Stocktonians. **MIKE SIZER** (1939 - 44) and he lived in the same suburb and they would occasionally meet during shopping (but not for several years now) and **HARRY HOPKINS** (?) worked with him at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard for a time but he has also "disappeared from sight". Mike would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers him or who would like to know anything about the "place I've called home for three decades" [ Mikes Williams' address is : 16 View Mount Road, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150, Australia] [ By the way Mike we've checked the records and find that you are a Life Member with whom we lost touch in 1977. The Year Book was returned from your (old) Osborne Rd. address as "Gone Away" - Editor]

It is always a pleasure to hear from **PETER WIMBERLEY** (1955 - 62) who has loyally supported the Association for many years. In February 1993 Peter and his wife planned their winter half term in London to attend a silver wedding celebration. Also invited were **PETER TWIDDY** and **GEOFF NATRASS**, Peter hadn't seen Geoff and Peter since the wedding 25 years earlier. They had kept in touch for the first six years after leaving Grangefield as all three studied at Kings College, London. At the silver wedding they found themselves reminiscing about Grangefield days. For example the two Peters had each made a small fortune selling biscuits each morning break from the prefects room until Mr Bradshaw questioned the legality of what they were doing ! [Was this the type of activity for the joint vice-captains of the school to be engaged in ? - Editor] Peter has been a consultant at his local hospital in Herring, Denmark for four years now, running the central laboratory. In his spare time he is studying theology and is in the 3rd year of a course run by the Danish Catholic Church and has taken 4-four hour written exams and two home essays, all of which are marked critically. In closing Peter sends best wishes to Messrs. Bradshaw, Ingham, Rattenbury, Durrant and D'Arcy.



## OBITUARIES

We were saddened to hear of the death, on 11 March 1994, of **WALTER AUTON (1949 - 54)**. Walter was one of the pupils who divided his time at school between Nelson Terrace and Grangefield and was therefore able to contrast the old and the new versions of education at the "old school". He joined the Army in 1956 and served for 37 years before retiring with the rank of Major in July 1993. Sadly this retirement was cut short and we offer our sincere condolences to his wife Jean, their son and two daughters.

A letter in early 1994 informed us of the death, on 13 December 1993, of one of our oldest members **ALBERT E BISHOP (1915 - 19)**. Although he was not a regular contributor to the magazine 'Bert always had a great affection for the Association and read our publication with interest. We were informed of 'Bert's death by his niece Olive Bowlby and through her we send sympathy to all the family.

Early in 1994 we were informed of the death, on 22 December 1993, of **GRAHAM BROADBENT (1943 - 49)**. We send our sympathy to his wife Jean and her family.

The Association was informed of the death in 1993 of **J.S. GILL (1915 - 18)**. He joined the 'Sec in the 3rd form and having been inspired in the 5th form, by a lesson of engineering drawing given by a visitor from a local firm, Stanley unsuccessfully tried to get a job as a draughtsman at Blairs, Head Wrightson & Ropners. His first job was as an apprentice electrical fitter at the Malleable Steelworks, but a year or two after his apprenticeship had finished he joined the Post Office Engineering Dept. at Middlesbrough in 1924. Stan retired in 1966 after 41 years service, without ever having missed a day through illness. Married in 1925 to a talented pianist Stan had two sons both of whom inherited their mother's musical talents. Following his retirement Stan became something of a globetrotter, regularly visiting the 'States and the Mediterranean. Sadly Stan's wife passed away in 1985 as did his eldest son Stanley.

One of our oldest members **W.N. LITTLE (1914 - 18)** died on 28 September 1993.

We were recently informed that a longstanding local friend of the Association **HARRY PIERCY (1945 - 49)** died in September 1993. The sadness of his loss was increased by the fact that Harry had not long retired as Corporate Director of Barclays Bank for the Northern Region. 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, Manager at Barnard Castle and then 49 High Street, Stockton before going to Leeds as a Local Director in 1979. From 1988 he was Corporate Director of the Northern Region controlling the branches in the area from North Yorkshire to the Scottish border. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Ruth and their family.

Although he only attended the Sec' for a short period **R. W. (Bob) RUTHERFORD (1914 - 17)** had a great affection for the Association and was one of our regular contributors both in financial and literary terms. It was therefore with great sadness that we learned that he had died on 12 September 1994 at the age of 91. His son David wrote that there was "No mourning at this end: only celebration for a splendid long life full of interest".

It was with particular sadness that we learned in January 1994 of the death, on 29 August 1993, of **WILLIAM LAWRENCE WILSON (1923 - 27)**. "WL" as he was known by his colleagues had a great affection for his old school and this Association and was a regular contributor to the pages of this magazine, particularly over the last five years. Having left school without progressing to the "sixth form" he trained in engineering design at ICI, Billingham, and through night classes eventually obtained his degree and became a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Although he was only 26 at the outbreak of WWII he played a significant role during that war in the design of TNT and Royal Ordnance Factories. His first project just before the outbreak of the war was a TNT factory at Irvine at a time when no other was operating. TNT is a powerful and highly-volatile explosive and WL described his association with it as "a voyage of discovery into responsibility". In addition to his work on Ordnance factories he was deeply involved in the design of the Fighting Vehicle Proving Establishment at Chertsey in Surrey. WL emerged from the war as a superintending engineer at the old Ministry of Works which, at 33, rated in terms of civil service seniority as something of a record. His strength lay not just in his technical ability but also in his capacity to inspire others. After the war WL found himself transferred to the newly-created atomic energy projects in which Britain was then at the cutting edge of development. With five colleagues he was sent to Chalk River in Canada where his host and mentor was Sir John Cockcroft. He described the next 10 years as "exciting, lengthy days demanding swift decisions with long and short views, with no time for learned dissertation, wise or pedantic discussions or steering committees and working parties". Back in Britain his first project was to create the atomic research establishment at Harwell, followed by those at Aldermaston, Sellafield and Capenhurst. The project he enjoyed most was that at Aldermaston where he was faced with designing and building a radioactive materials production line within 18 months, a feat which he achieved in March 1952. In 1954 he was promoted to assistant chief engineer and set to work on the rocket test establishment at Spadeadam for the test launchings of Blue Streak (Britain's intermediate range ballistic missile). Having completed the build in three years Britain's lead was lost by the inability of successive governments to see the advantage of the rocket for military and future commercial activities and it was left to France to lead Europe while our technological expertise and leadership was frittered away. In 1962 WL was promoted to be chief engineer at the Ministry of Public Works and Buildings and went on to become deputy secretary there in 1967, later moving, on the merger of the ministry, to the Department. This post was the highest rank within the civil service that any engineer had attained until that time. During his later years at the DoE he took a keen interest in training young engineers, always looking for those who had strong staying power. He built up the Residential Training School at RAF Cardington from an intake of 250 a year to 1,500 a year. Just before he retired in 1972 he was involved in the reorganisation of various Ministries into the Property Services Agency. He wrote that he found himself becoming "an expert on reorganisation" - an expertise, many of his colleagues sensed, that he would rather not have achieved. Some public recognition of his work was reflected in his appointment as OBE in 1954 and CB in 1967. He enjoyed a long, busy and active retirement in which he continued to concern himself with setting standards of excellence for engineers throughout the country. In their sad loss we extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, Constance, and their two sons.



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