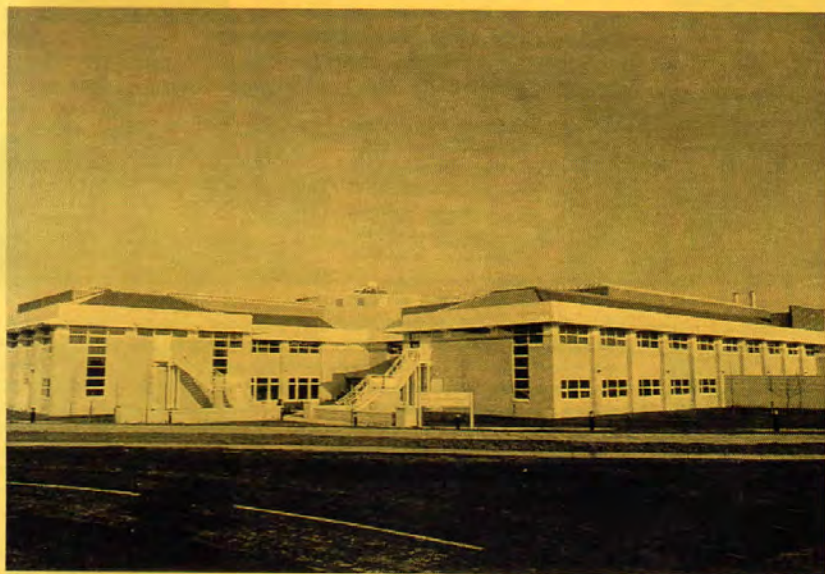




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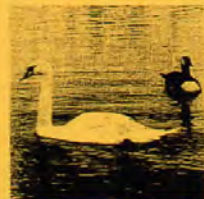
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 1996 - 97 issue of the New Stocktonian.

Another year has passed and the Centenary of the formal opening of the Higher Grade School is now itself history, and in 1997 the Association will be in its 85th year since its foundation.

Let us now look to the future.

I hope you will forgive me but if we are to have a future as an Association my message this year must be to make you aware of my concerns at the lack of 'new blood' (notice 'new', not necessarily 'young') coming forward to serve on the committee.

Our regular appeals over the years for volunteers have not borne much fruit and, because of this, one meeting in 1996 was not quorate and therefore normal business could not be conducted. This is worrying and with current membership numbers this could become a more frequent occurrence, thereby threatening the very existence of The Association.

An analysis of the membership list shows that there are approximately 150 members with a 'TS' post code. I know that many of you lead busy lives but as there are only four meetings per year surely there is someone out there who, as members of the Association for which they must have some pride, could serve on its committee. If you are interested and would like more information please contact me, any office bearer or member of the committee, or better still come along to the AGM in February (details of which are elsewhere in the year book) when you will be made most welcome.

Please don't leave it to someone else - your Association needs YOU !!

A gloomy message ? - perhaps, but let's hope that during 1997 your response will show that the light at the end of the tunnel is light and not that train coming the other way.

I take this opportunity to record the appreciation of the officers and committee to John Ingham who, on his retirement from the College in 1996, resigned from the committee after many years of service ("too many to remember", I think John said at his final meeting !) We wish him well for the future.

I also record my thanks to the officers of the committee for their continued work for the Association and to the Sixth Form College for their continued support in providing a room for our meetings.

With my very best wishes to you all.

BOB WARD

COLLEGE NEWS

1995/96 has been a year of success and significant achievement, but it also has been a testing time for the College. Public accountability is an important item on the agenda of all educational establishments. This is especially so for sixth form and further education colleges, as since we have left the LEA we are subject to a wide range of audit and inspections.

In respect of financial matters, the College has its own internal auditors and its accounts are subject to external audit in the same way as limited companies. In addition, the Further Education Funding Council had its own auditors who examine the reports of our internal and external auditors and satisfy themselves that the College has robust control systems in place to manage the grants which are allocated for the provision of our further education courses.

The Further Education Funding Council also has a legal duty to make sure that further education in England is properly assessed, and its Inspectorate inspects and reports on each college of further education every four years.

The College was inspected over fifty-five days between October 1995 and February 1996 and, amongst other things, the inspectors visited over one hundred classes, examined student's work and all aspects of the operations and management of the College. They also held meetings with local employers, careers officers, representatives from Teesside Training and Enterprise Council, staff from local schools, as well as with staff, students and parents.

This was naturally a very anxious time for the College, as the inspection leads to a published report - something which is of considerable importance in today's highly competitive environment - given that there are a large number of schools and colleges competing for students across Teesside.

We were delighted that the College received an excellent report and one which placed us in the top 50 of the some 300 colleges which had been inspected by September 1996.

The inspectors commented that the College provides general and vocational education of a high standard and that staff are enthusiastic, committed to the development of their subjects and to the principles of continuous improvement. They commented favourably on the modern learning environment of the good quality which has been created at the College, and the high standard of support which the tutorial system and the careers department provides for our students. The inspectors concluded that there was a high quality of teaching in all programme areas and that most students achieved their learning goals. The College received particular praise for its commitment to the development of Information Technology, the provision of computers and the excellent quality of work in this area of the curriculum.

The Report of the FEFC inspectors was crowned in August by the best ever summer examination results achieved by the College. At GCE Advanced Level 250 full-time students gained an average pass rate of 90% and 100% pass rate was achieved in 12 subjects. Students on vocational courses continued to perform well at Advanced level with achievements of over 90% and its superb excellent 100% at Intermediate level. These excellent results enabled almost all students who wished to progress into higher education to secure university places. A record number of students on one year courses succeeded in gaining sufficient qualifications to proceed onto GCE Advanced or GNVQ Advanced level courses, with most electing to continue with their studies at the College.

Our adult courses continue to prosper with enrolments once again exceeding the figure for the previous academic year by a considerable margin. The College now has a very successful partnership agreement with the Stockton-on-Tees Adult Education Service, whereby over 200 students are enrolled at the College, but are taught at a number of locations throughout the Borough, on a variety of courses including Modern Languages, Art and the very popular 'New Start for Women'. This partnership emphasises the College's commitment to life-long learning and the importance which we attach to expanding opportunities for further education throughout the community.

Stockton students continue to play hard and enjoy their leisure and recreation, confirming yet again that the College is not only about educational achievement and examination success. Something of the flavour and range of student activities are included elsewhere in this Year Book. Students are to be congratulated on the very successful music event "SKOOL'S OUT" which was based around the songs of the Beatles and, also for their continuing involvement with the Dovecot Art Centre, which results in the production of a very popular annual band night which attracts students from throughout Teesside.

The College continues to have an outstanding reputation in sports and team games and our Hockey, Netball, Badminton and Rugby teams have had very successful seasons. Our Soccer teams have also performed well and pride of place must go to our 1st XI Football team who, for the second year running, achieved a league and cup double.

In July we were very pleased to welcome for the second time boys and girls hockey teams from Geelong Grammar School, Australia, who visited the College as part of their UK tour and completed friendly matches with both our boys and girls teams.

Each year a number of students are selected to play in local, regional and national competitions. This year we were particularly proud of the fine achievement of Alison Curbishly

who ran for the UK in the women's 400 metres relay team in the Olympic Games at Atlanta, Georgia.

Inevitably, the end of the academic year saw some changes amongst the staff.

Full-time members of staff who left the College:

- Amanda Bridges, Teacher of English and Information Technology, has taken up an appointment at Greenland's High School for Girls in Bispham, Lancs.
- June Byrom, Teacher of Biology, has retired.
- Tim Clancey, Teacher of history, has taken up an appointment at Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge.
- Joanne Elborough, Teacher of Biology, has emigrated to New Zealand.
- Alan Mills has retired after fifteen years as Head of Design & Technology, but has returned to take up part-time teaching at the College.
- Don Garnett, Head of Economics & Business Studies, has taken early retirement after twenty-two years of service, during which time he built up and consolidated a small department into one of the largest in the College involving in addition to Economics, the teaching of Business Studies and Law to both full and part-time students.

The following part-time members of staff also left the College:

- Diane Atkins of the Computing and IT Department, Pauline Cleaver - Teacher of German, Mhorag Laing from English and Leisure and Tourism, and Paul Wilson from Physics.
- John Ingham, who gave up his post as Vice-Principal in 1994, finally retired from the College in the summer.

I am sure that you will all wish to join with me in wishing colleagues who have retired every happiness in the years ahead and those who have moved on to other posts every success in their careers.

1998 will see the College's 25th anniversary and we are examining ways in which we can celebrate a quarter of a century of educational achievement. I hope to be able to give you more information about our plans in College News next year.

My very best wishes to you all for a prosperous, successful and happy 1997.

Howard R. Clarke

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES 1995/96

Art

- January : A level Art & Design work was on exhibition at the Norton School
- March : A level Art & Design work was on exhibition at Billingham Gallery. (This is the last exhibition for 'Cleveland' schools.)
- July : Staff and students of the Art Department attended a non-residential Summer School at Barnard Castle.
- November : Exhibition of Water Colours and Etchings by Chris Bulmer (an ex-student). Mr Bulmer will run three printmaking workshops for A1/A2 Art students in the Spring Term.

Astronomy

- January : InterNet demonstration on Astronomy and Physics from Leeds University, Physics Department, with parties of pupils from Ian Ramsey and Grangefield Schools.
- February : InterNet demonstration for pupils from Bishopgarth, Blakeston and Norton Schools was held on Friday 9 February
- December : Staff and GCSE students will attend an Astronomy field trip to Castle Eden Observatory, near Thorpe Thewles.

Biology

- January : A group of 47 first year A level students and 2 staff attended a Biology conference at Salford University given by the NEAB examiners on Bio Processes of Life (A level Biology module)
- March : Dawn Little and Suzanne Gill visited the Botanical Centre, Middlesbrough in respect of their research project, for which they were in the regional finals of the ZENCA Life Science Competition.

Careers

- January : Thornaby Careers Convention : many requests were made for information on College courses.
- January : Work experience was organised for 4 students on a Wednesday p.m. in local companies as part of their GNVQ management module.
- April to July : Visits were organised for staff and students to attend the following Universities : Sunderland, Stockton, Newcastle, Northumbria, York, Ripon & York St. John, Leicester, Oxford (Hertford College) and Cambridge (Caius College)
- Ongoing : So far this term 73 students have been on Community Action on Wednesday p.m. placements - the majority of whom in schools.
- Ongoing : 6 students have had work experience placements.

Chemistry

- July : A group of students and staff visited the Chemistry and Physics Departments at Durham University.

Classical Studies

- May : Second year A level students attended a lecture on 'Problems in Greek Sculpture' by Dr Susan Woodford.

Computing & IT

- March : Employees from Tioxide and ICI provided a problem-solving workshop on scheduling a manufacturing plant with simulation software (provided by Tioxide) for first year A level students. Pam Samuel and David Robson (students from last year) were assessed for a Platinum Crest Award (university standard) for their A level project work. David Robson, who spent a year in industry before proceeding to university, demonstrated to second year students the computer techniques for studying and improving the manufacture process of rolling steel bars at British Steel.
- May : Students from the department assisted with a 'Girls into IT' day for Year 9 pupils from partner schools.
- June : BTEC I.T. students undertook work shadowing and visited Fine Organics at ICI for a team work project producing graphics for a computer-based training program.
- June/July : A number of students participated in the Durham Project Week.

- July : First year A level students, with their staff, visited ICI Wilton to carry out a case study on computer control applications.
- October : 4 GNVQ IT students and a member of staff visited the Highways Dept., Middlesbrough Borough Council to study the Traffic Control System.
- November : BTEC National Diploma students on 4 weeks work experience to: Entech, Tioxide, British Chrome and Chemicals, Stockton Borough Council, Blakeston School and Business Computer Supplies.

Economics & Business Studies

- March : Staff and students attended A-Level Economics and Business Studies examination Conference at Leeds.
- May : Three separate groups of first year A level Business Studies students visited BASF to carry out work experience.
- November : GNVQ A2 Business students on one week's work experience.
: 22 students and one member of teaching staff visited Teesside Combined Law Courts for observation.

English

- October : Staff and students attended a matinee at the New Theatre, Hull to see 'Hamlet' performed by Oxford Players.
- November : Staff and students attended the RSC's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Newcastle.

Geography

- January : Students and staff attended a field course in Yarm, collecting data for their coursework projects.
- March/April : 41 students and 3 staff attended the (annual) Lake District field course to cover practical and coursework skills which are required by the syllabus.
- July : GNVQ Advanced Leisure and Tourism students will visit Whitby to consider/investigate the impact of tourism in the area.
- October : Staff and GCSE students attended a fieldwork course at Yarm - collecting data for their projects.
: Staff and Students attended an Open Day on Progression for GNVQ Advanced students at New College, Durham.

Geology

- March : GCSE students and staff undertook fieldwork at Teesdale, Shap Fell and Appleby.
- April/May : Second year A level students and staff undertook field work at Teesdale, Shap Fell, Ingleton and Tynemouth.
- July : Second year students and staff undertook fieldwork in the Lake District, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and the Vale of Eden.
- October : Staff and A1 students attended a fieldwork course at Ingleton, West Yorks.
: Staff and GCSE adult students attended a fieldwork course at Ingleton, West Yorks.

History

- March : History Conference on 'Hitler's Germany' at Newcastle for A-Level students.
: Students and staff attended a History Association lecture at Bede College.
- October : Staff and students attended a History Association lecture at Teesside University.

Modern Languages

- January : Three second year A level students visited 'Springs', at Teesdale Retail Park, to copy guidance for leisure equipment.
: 12 second year A level students visited Yarm School to see "La leçon" by Ionescu, which was performed by a travelling French company.
- February : Student exchange to Barcelona with a return visit from Spanish students during March.
- March : Exchange visit from Strasbourg students.
- May : Visits organised by staff in the department for Year 10 students from partner schools to attend intensive courses at the College in French, German and Spanish.
- October : 8 second year A-Level students and staff visited the Lycee International in Strasbourg for students to undertake a work-shadowing exchange. All students stayed in the

families of partners of a similar age. The French partners will be visiting Stockton in March 1997.

Physics

- January : David Robson (student from last year) gave a presentation to Physics students about 'a year on an industry scheme'
: Visit to College by ICI personnel staff to run a group work training session for Young Engineers.
: 18 students and staff visited Phillips Petroleum at Seal Sands.
- February : 18 students and staff visited ICI, Wilton.
- March : Second year A level students visited the Medical Physics department at Hartlepool General Hospital as part of Science Week.
: First year A level students visited British Steel, Lackenby Works.
: First year BTEC students visited British Steel for their Thermography Project.

Social Studies

- March : A group of staff and Sociology and Government & Politics students visited London. The trip included a visit to the Houses of Parliament, Harrow and Westminster public schools, the Old Bailey and the Museum of the Moving Image. Politics students also met Tim Devlin and sat in on Prime Minister's Question Time.
: First year A level students attended an A level Psychology Conference.
: Visit by GNVQ students to Middlesbrough Equal Opportunities Policy Unit.

Sports Studies & Games

- Soccer 1995/6 : The First XI won the League and Cup double in the 'Cleveland U-19 Schools' competition this season, winning the cup 4 - 0 against Hartlepool College of Further Education. This is the second season running that the double has been achieved. The Team will be looking for sponsorship for next season.
: The College 5-a-side Team were runners-up in the North East Regional Finals, losing to Sheffield.
- 1996/7 : The 'A' and 'B' football team have been unbeaten so far this season.
- Hockey 1995/6 : The BASICS N.E. Men's Hockey finals were held at Silksworth. Unfortunately, the College side was unsuccessful in qualifying, with Sheffield winning the tournament.
: Male fixtures have been difficult to arrange as only Teesside Tertiary College compete within the 'County'
: The sport department acted as hosts for the Geelong Grammar School, Australia for a four day visit during their Hockey tour in June/July. Both the male and female teams played fixtures against Geelong; this is the second time the school has visited the College.
- 1996/7 : Girls : 6 students have been selected to compete for the county. A good start to the season has been made so far with the girls winning 4 games and losing 1. There are many new fixtures this year including Huddersfield New College.
: British colleges: The PE Department is organising the NE regional finals which take place on Wednesday 13 November with 10 teams from the region competing.
- Golf 1995/96 : Four students were entered for the BASICS Golf Competition at Huddersfield. Unfortunately the match was abandoned due to the bad weather. In May nine students competed in the Durham & Cleveland Schools Gold Competition at Beamish Park
- Badminton 1995/6 : The BASICS badminton doubles competition took place in Weymouth and the five students representing the College performed creditably in an event which provided a very high standard of play. David Brookes and Simon Thomas were the College's highest finishers, receiving bronze medals.
- 1996/7 : British colleges: the college team are attending a NE sub-regional round on 20 November.
- Tennis 1995/6 : Four students were entered for the BASICS Tennis Competition at Huddersfield; unfortunately the game was abandoned due to the bad weather.

- Rugby 1995/6 : There was much disappointment for the team throughout the season with opposition cancelling fixtures at late notice, often due to lack of players. The College team made an early exit from the BASIC 15s cup - losing to South Tyneside College (60 - 0)
- 1996/7 : Considering the decline in numbers of students who play rugby and the fact that fewer schools offer it, I am pleased to report that the college has once again managed to run a rugby side this year. The team made it to the second round of the 'Daily Mail' Cup beating St. Leonard's School 44 - 0. However, we were then comprehensively beaten by King's School, Tynemouth.
- In the BASICs '7s' tournament we finished second in our group but unfortunately only the top team went on to the semi-final stage.
- We have played a number of friendly matches which have all been hard fought, close affairs.
- The students enjoy their Wednesday afternoon rugby and I hope some of them will continue to play the game when they leave the college.

General Sporting Activities

30 students attended a residential outdoor pursuit week at Low Mill Centre - Askrigg in March. During October 30 BTEC students and 3 members of the Sports Department will be attending an Outdoor Education Week at Askrigg.

As part of the Hanson Award, a 24 hour sponsored Sport-a-Thon was organised by staff of the College, which took place in May. 2nd Year Sports Studies BTEC students participated in order to raise money for the British Red Cross and the Leukaemia Research Fund (via the parents of Michael Urving). Almost £900 was raised.

Vocational Courses

December : 2nd Year Advanced Health and Social Care students are helping at the Grange (Eston) Day Centre for the Elderly's Christmas Party together with 2 members of teaching staff.

Individual Student Awards & Achievements.

Dawn Little and Suzanne Gill obtained Gold Crest Awards for the Bio-Diesel/Oil Seed Rape Project (Durham University Schools/Industry Project). The same young ladies won awards for : Communication Skills, Innovation & Scientific Skills in the Regional Finals of the ZENECA Life Science Competition. They were also chosen to attend the National Finals of the Young Science Writers Award but, unfortunately, were unable to attend because of examination and assessment commitments.

Aleem Ashraf has been awarded the Calor Gas Prize for achieving the best Science results in the 1996 GCE A-Level examinations.

The University of Teesside Prize for Mathematics has been awarded to Arthur Nyunt.

PICTURES ON THE FRONT OF THE YEAR BOOKS

The 1995-96 Yearbook had the new Barrage across the River Tees and the new artificial whitewater canoeing centre which has been established nearby. For those members who have been absent from Stockton for a while the presence of the barrage means that the river is no longer tidal from Stockton upwards. This has led to an increase of water sports on the river and there is even a 'water bus' from Stockton to Yarm !

The picture on the front of the current issue is of the 'new' University College (Stockton). The College is part of Durham University and is situated in Teesdale Park, most of which was occupied by the old Head Wrightsons works.

1996 DEGREE AWARDS

Name		Course	Institution
Libby	Allan	Museum Studies	Leicester
Annabel	Bailey	Biology	York
Jonathan	Bambro	Law	Leicester
Lisa	Barnes	Textile Design	Scottish College of Textile Designs
John	Batty	Geography	Leicester
Lucy	Bellas	Physical Geography/Religious Studies	Middlesex
Emma	Blackburn	Management Statistics	Leeds
Victoria	Bolam	Law	Leicester
Stuart	Burrows	History/Political Studies	Huddersfield
Andrew	Carnell	Veterinary Science	Glasgow
Christian	Cartwright	Sociology	York
Simon	Chan	Medicine	Glasgow
Philip	Darling	Biology	Staffordshire
Prashant	Desai	Medicine	Dundee
Karen	Evans	Textile Design	Scottish College of Textile Designs
Helen	Fawbert	Archaeology	Bradford
David	Ford	Biochemistry	Brasenose, Oxford
Richard	Forster	Chemical Engineering	Loughborough
Jillian	Fowler	Dentistry	Newcastle
Elie	Hodgeon		Lancaster
Michael	Horn	Law	Manchester
Ben	King	Environmental Sciences	Lancaster
Debbie	Lake	Community Studies	Sunderland
Christopher	Langhom	Engineering	Leicester
Russell	Moorhouse	Geology	Leicester
Alex	O'Shea	Engineering	Northumbria
Helen	Porritt	Biochemistry	York
Marie	Porter	Textile Engineering	Huddersfield
Geoff	Ranson	Maths	Durham
Stephen	Rigg	Geography	Anglia
Robert	Routledge	Geography/Geology	Nottingham
Ian	Ruddock	Management/Administration	Aston Business School
Paul	Stoddart	Computing	Loughborough
Deb	Strachan	MSc in Psychology	Exeter
Jacqueline	Sweeney	Law	De Montfort
Peter	Sweet	Sociology	York
Wai	Wong	Applied Maths	Reading

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.

1996	History Prize	Andrew Swainson
	English Prize	Suzanne Feeney

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 three students for their contributions to College sporting life in hockey, netball and football.

Rob Leason for his contributions to College Hockey.

Michelle Lowes for her contribution to College Netball.

Paul Murphy for his contribution to College Football.



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Mr. H. R. Clarke (Principal)

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Mr J. G. Rattenbury*
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(* denotes Senior Vice-President)

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Mr. P. Fleck F.C.A.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND :-

Convener : Mr. B.P. Brand

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Hon. Auditor : Mr. J. Ingham

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1996

This is to be held on Wednesday, 26th February 1997 at 7.30 p.m. in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees. It is to be followed by a complimentary glass of wine (or fruit juice) and 'nibbles'.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 1995 A G M held on 28 February, 1996
3. Matters arising.
4. Membership Records Secretary's Report
5. Year Book Editor's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 1995/6
7. Benevolent Fund Report
8. Election of President
9. Election of Office Bearers *
10. Election of other Members to Committee
11. Appointment of Honorary 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 1996, with Miss L. Waring as Vice President.

Owing to some resignations in 1996 we would be even more delighted than usual to see new members added to the Committee. You would be made most welcome. If YOU are willing to serve on the Committee but have not been nominated, please let Roz Prichard know in writing (to 5, Theakston Grove, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 5PG) and he will nominate you himself.

Roz Prichard

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995

This was held on Wednesday, 28 February 1996 in the Staffroom of Stockton Sixth Form College with Mr. Ward, the Association President, in the Chair. Others present were : Miss J. Famaby, Mrs. P.A. Oxley, Miss L. Waring, Messrs. B.P. Brand, B. Braney, P. Graham, J. Ingham, J.G. Rattenbury, and K Turner.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr. R. Prichard
2. **Minutes of the 1994 AGM**, held on 2 March 1995, were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising**

Benevolent Fund : Mr. Brand reported that the trustees had not met since the last AGM, and so had not considered whether the Fund should continue. The matter would be discussed soon. Legal advice would be needed before a decision could be made. He apologised for the delay and said that he would report to a Committee meeting. It was suggested by Mr. Braney that the Fund is an asset of the Association.

4. Membership Records Secretary's Report

Mr. Graham reported that there are 269 current members. He had dispatched 192 Year Books to Life Members (a reduction of 7 since last year) and 77 to Yearly Members (90 last year), some of whom still owed subscriptions.

5. Year Book Editor's Report

The estimated printing costs for the Year Book were £290.13, plus £17.20 for overseas postage, £47.50 for inland postage and £18.79 for envelopes. This would mean a total estimated cost of £373.62.

Mr. Graham said that he was disappointed that the photograph on the front cover was small, and not identified as the white water course at the Tees Barrage. He also apologised for the poor standard of the Barclays Bank advertisement on the inside of the back cover.

He had included a page this year asking for the new addresses of a number of members, and reported that he had already received information about P.D. Dodds & G. Moule.

Mr. Ward thanked Mr. Graham for his efforts in the production of the 1995 - 96 Year Book.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and balance sheet for 1994 - 95

The copy of the Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June 1995, signed by the Hon. Auditor, was passed around.

Mr. Brand referred to his report on page 20 in the Year Book and corrected a mistake, as the Building Society interest should read £97.24 and not £9.24. In general, funds remain healthy with £3,387.18 in the Building Society at 6 February 1996.

The deficit of £33.63 on the Annual Dinner was largely the cost of inviting two students, presently at the College, to the Dinner.

The Evan Baldwin Fund and the King and Armstrong Fund both decreased as prizes were awarded from both funds.

Mr. Graham explained that magazine costs were higher this year, compared with last year, as some help had been employed in the production this time. Mr. Brand concluded with thanks to the Hon. Auditor, Mr. P. Fleck.

Mr. Ward then thanked Mr. Brand for his report, which was adopted.

7. Benevolent Fund Report

Mr. B.P. Brand referred to page 20 of the Year Book. There had been no requests for loans and no repayments during the year. Two requests had been made for part repayments but no replies had been received. It is the decision of the Trustees to write off any debts.

8. Election of President

Mr. Graham proposed Mr. R. Ward as President. This was seconded by Miss L. Waring, and unanimously agreed. Mr. R. Wynzar was nominated as a Vice-President, and subject to his agreement, he was elected.

9. Election of Officers Bearers

All the Office Bearers agreed to continue, with Miss J. Farnaby as Dinner Secretary now. This was agreed.

10. Election of other members of the Committee

All existing Committee members were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J.A. Green, who has resigned from the Committee, as he has moved out of the area. There were no other nominations.

11. Appointment of Hon. Auditor

Mr. P. Fleck is willing to continue as Hon. Auditor. This was agreed.

12. Date and time of next Committee Meeting

This was set as Wednesday 8 May 1996 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25 p.m.

70th ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held at the Belasis Hall Technology Park Restaurant on Saturday 20th April, 1996.

Our guests were: His Worship the Mayor R. Gibson and the Lady Mayoress; Mr. Gordon Rattenbury and his daughter; and Mr David Sudron accompanied by Miss Megan Griffiths.

After an excellent meal Gordon was called upon by our President to cut the Celebration Cake made especially in honour of the Centenary of the Higher Grade School. This was followed by a short interval, during which many present signed the Dinner Book.

When the wine glasses had been recharged, The President, Bob Ward proposed the Loyal Toast after which he introduced the first of our guest speakers. This was Mr. Gordon Rattenbury, who was to speak on 'Times Past'. During his speech Gordon took us back to the 30s and life at the Higher Grade School in Nelson Terrace which was one of the first in the country with purpose built science laboratories.

Gordon also spoke with great affection of "Tibby" who used to hold music appreciation lessons after school. What they learned there stayed with many boys throughout their entire lives.

Gordon recalled that at one time both football and rugby used to be played at the school but a decision was made that it was to be 'rugby only'. Gordon, who used to play rugby, took his turn at refereeing matches and said that the only facility offered to the players was a solitary cold water tap - a far cry from today's modern facilities.

Gordon brought his speech to a close by asking the 'bulge year' of 1957/58 to stand up (and there were quite a few of them, including myself) the rest were asked to toast us - we then reciprocated.

Following on from Gordon - David Sudron - a second year student at Stockton Sixth Form College began his speech.

He started off by reminiscing about his time at Grangefield in the late 1980s and early 1990s and then went on to say how he saw the present and future in general. Unfortunately, he was unable to finish his speech because of rude and disrespectful barracking from some people present at the dinner, causing embarrassment and annoyance to many people who were there.

The Mayor then toasted the Association and then Mr. Clarke spoke briefly about College activities. The formal proceedings were ended with a toast to the College by the Association's President, Bob Ward.

The evening ended in the usual manner with guests mingling and talking over old times - and new !

Those attending were :-

R. Gibson (Mayor) & C.J. O'Donnell (Mayoress); J. G. Rattenbury; Margaret Gorden (née Rattenbury); David Sudron (SSFC); Megan Griffiths (SSFC); Bob & Kathleen Ward; Howard & Diana Clarke;

Alison Mosca (59 - 64); Barbara Roddam (60 - 67); Paul McGee (58 - 65); Jill Tilling (née Wompra) (60 - 67); Archie Foulds (59 - 67); J.N.G. Heywood (58 - 65); Paul & Janice Graham (58 - 65/64); Derek (59 - 61) & Linda Graham; ; Roz & Carole Prichard (58 - 65); Elizabeth B. Prichard (33 - 38); Sarah Kell (SSFC); Graham Evans (60 - 65);

Anthony Pottage (59 - 66); Philip Knowles (58 - 65); Anne McGee (née Walker) (60 - 67); Kevin Prosser (58 - 65); Peter Sharp (58 - 65); Alyson Laverick (59 - 66); Tom Cowley (58 - 65); Mike Lewis (58 - 65); John England (58 - 65); Mike Wassall (58 - 65); Carolyn Robertson (née Gott) (60 - 67); John Rattenbury (58 - 65); John (Brian ?) Docherty (58 - 65); Norman Hardwick (58 - 65); Fred Jackson (53 - 59); Brian Bate (52 - 56); Colin Mustard (55 - 60); Barrie Braney (46 - 53); Alan Thompson (41 - 47); Geoffrey Ward (55 - 62); Ted Cooper (57 - 62); Peter Sowler (53 - 60); Agnes Sowler (26 - 31); Winifred Houston; Louisa Waring (67 - 77 : Headmistress); Harry Ray (32 - 37); Nancy Finch M.B.E. (31 - 36); Linda Bayns (née Oxberry) (59 - 66); Sandra English (née Hughes) (62 - 69); Stephen Gray (60 - 65); Peter Mackie (58 - 65); Tim Heap (58 - 65); Fiona Holgate (née Johnston); plus several others whose names were not recorded.

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[Diane Sharpe on 01642 591213]

The chief guest will be : *Jim Durrant*

The venue is on the A1044, just off the A19/A174, two weeks after Easter (as last year). The ticket price is £15.00 and they can be obtained from Brian Brand, 24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees. TS15 5PJ [Tel: 01642 583025]. Please enclose a S.A.E. if applying by post. Cheques should be made payable to "The Old Stocktonians' Association".

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THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1995 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2,648.48.

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

Interest of £76.51 net was received [£102.01 gross and tax of £25.50 deducted]. This gave a credit balance of £2,724.99 at the Building Society on 31st December 1995.

Because there had been no movement in the Fund for two years the Trustees met to discuss the use of the fund in the current climate. We studied the documents we have, which date from the founding of the Fund and decided that although there is no statutory requirement for deciding how the Fund is administered, there is a clear understanding that the basis of all loans or grants has to be "need" and that other avenues for financial assistance shall have been tried first. It is not in the power of the Trustees to operate outside of these parameters.

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-on-Tees, . TS18 5PJ (Tel :- 01642-583025)

BRIAN BRAND

[Footnote (Nov. '96) I can give an early indication of my next report. The Fund is being used and, in the current economic climate, continued use is anticipated - B.P. Brand]

TREASURER'S REPORT - 1995 - 96

Although subscriptions and donations remained roughly the same as last year, the Life Members and general Fund shows a deficit this year of £142.58.

The two prize funds each show a small surplus due to donations during the year.

There are two reasons for the deficit in the L.M. & G.F.

Firstly we had almost 100% increase in costs for the Year Book. Due to re-organisation of post-16 educational establishments, Paul Graham was unable to keep the costs down as he had done in previous years. The current cost of about £330 is quite reasonable but in the past Paul has done most of the work himself and last year he had to use the College system. We also lost a couple of adverts, hence a deficit of £176.63 of which £83.49 was postage and envelopes.

Secondly the Dinner was rather special, celebrating the centenary of the opening of the original 'Higher Grade School' in 1896.

The Committee sanctioned expenses from the funds to cover special extra guests, the Mayor and Mayoress of Stockton, and a toast to go with the specially commissioned cake in the school colours of light blue and green. Commemorative coasters were given to each dinner guest. [Note : You can purchase one (or some !) of these coasters if you wish. There is an advert for our 'wares' in the book !]

Whilst we do not anticipate a future major deficit for the dinner it is expected that the cost of the Year Book will continue to rise.

We have discussed, in committee, many times over the years how to keep publishing a Year Book. As we feel that it is the main function of the Old Stocktonians' Association to maintain contact with and between former students the committee can only do its best to balance production costs and postage against advertising. If you can provide us with an advert contact us via any committee member.

To sum up. The funds are still reasonably healthy, with £2,700 in the L.M. & G.F. in spite of this year's deficit.

Finally, may I thank Peter Fleck, our Honorary Auditor, for his continued support of the Association.

Brian P. Brand
Hon. Treasurer

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

As a result of several returned magazines and requests from current members on the whereabouts of friends I have decided to devote some space in this year's magazine to ask the obvious question.

If you are able to help with news or addresses please write to Bob Ward and we shall pass on the information directly or through the pages of next year's magazine.

Returned Books with last known address and date we last had correspondence :

F.W. Bowen (1925 - 32), 90 Church Rd., North Ferriby, Hull; 1995
A.S. Brown (?), 113, Harlsey Rd., Stockton-on-Tees; 1992
Miss S.J. Day (1982-84), 1 Hollyshaw Walk, Leeds ; 1991
Miss C. Dore (1969-76), 42 Moathouse Drive, Stafford ; 1990
H.G. Farrington (1925 - 30), 13 Whitton Rd., Stockton-on-Tees; 1980
G. Fenny (1927-34), 28 St. Oswald's Rd., Redlands, Bristol ; 1993
F. Hudson (1923 - 27), 2 Buttermere Avenue, Middlesbrough; 1993
P.A. Jakobson (1971 - 78), 5 St. Edmund's Green, Sedgefield, Stockton-on-Tees; 1991
Dr C. Johnson (1970-77), 5 Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. ; 1990
P.N.S. King (1981-84), 292 Welford Road, Leicester ;1989
D.S. Kirtley (1927 - 33), 9 Fairlawn, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey; 1993
K. Readman (1956 - 61). C/o 41 Spennithorne Rd., Stockton-on-Tees; 1979
D.H. Stewart (1957-63), 30 Eversley Crescent, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1EJ ; 1979
D.P. Trotter (1954-62), 11 The Pippins, Wolviston, Billingham ; 1988

Our apologies to relatives and friends concerned if the above requests refer to members who have passed away.

Requests for news of whereabouts :

James Gaddas would like to know news of JOHN BENNETT (age 35) who lived in Norton or Stockton and possibly went into the Merchant Navy.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 5 April 1996

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

In 1997 we anticipate the event being held on Wednesday 27 March

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.

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

COME ON LET'S HEAR FROM YOU !

Returns are a bit thin this year. I'm sure that it is not for the lack of news more likely the lack of belief that others will be interested. We forever hear the cry "No one from my year ever seems to be in the magazine". That will remain so unless people are willing to, at least, return the slip with an address confirmation and just one or two lines of news !!

J.W. BEADLE (1926 - 30) writes, enclosing a generous donation to funds, to congratulate Bob Ward on his appointment as President and adds his thanks to Miss Waring for her work in that office. Although he did not know Miss Waring he was impressed by her efforts on behalf of the Association and notes, with pleasure that she will still be serving on the Committee.

No news this time from **PERCY BELL (1914 - 1918)** but he did include a nice donation to funds, and we have got his dates right now !

The Reverend **GRAHAM BENZIES (1954 - 61)** may be a new title to a familiar name for some of our readers. Having spent 29 years as a teacher (at Richard Hind School and at Ian Ramsey) Graham, in October 1993, became a student at Cranmer Hall Theological College, Durham. He was ordained into Holy Orders in June 1995 and is currently serving as an assistant curate at St. Peter's Church, Stockton. By the time you read this Graham should have been ordained into the priesthood (June 1996) at Durham Cathedral. During his time at Cranmer Hall his Church History lecturer was the Revd. Dr. **ELIZABETH CULLING (1969 - 76)** [who appeared in the pages of this magazine last year]

CATHERINE BUTLER (1990 - 92) topped up her subs and, by now, will have graduated from the University of Northumbria with a BA in Business Studies. Having passed the final assessments with J. Sainsbury, Catherine joined the company as a departmental manager in September 1996. Catherine's start as a manager rather than a trainee was due to the work experience she gained and the assessments passed with the company during her 'industrial' placements.

TONY CAINS (1986 - 88) [Miss Waring] very kindly wrote to tell us of **GUY MOULE's (1986 - 88)** new address in Kent. He added that he hasn't done anything 'interesting' since he last contacted us. Mind you a slip of the typewriter / word processor provided us with some amusement - Tony was our oldest member with dates of 1886 - 88 [before the school was begun !]

A short note and a generous donation from **A.J. CARTER (1953 - 60)** who has lived in Canada for close to 30 years but has received his magazine, c/o a Hartburn address for much of that time.

A confirmation of address from **KATHLEEN CLARK (née BEST) (1956 - 63)** with a subs top up (thank you) and donation. Kath is still on supply teaching but in her spare time has become an author. She recently had a book published 'Another Son of Yorkshire' [Atkinson Print Ltd. - ISBN 1 8722 39 12 9] which is about Yorkshire Tales/ Biography/Social History/Child Abuse. The book costs £5.50 and all proceeds, after costs, will go to "Save the Children"

No news from **TED COOPER (1957 - 62)** to add to the extensive details he sent us for the last year book but we were pleased to see him at the Dinner.

We were pleased to hear from **KEN DODSWORTH (1931 - 36)** after some time, doubly so since he included a nice donation to funds. Ken was saddened to hear that R.E. Bradshaw and Guy Warwick had passed away but noted, with some interest, that we still received news from **DON SMITH (1933 - 40)**. He adds that Don may be interested to know that, despite living to a fair old age and still being somewhat larger than life he still cannot bring himself to pick up worms [see 1993 - 94 Year Book under 'Don Smith - Editor']

JOHN ELLIS (1940 - 46) dropped us a short note (together with a nice donation to funds - thank you) and says that he is still enjoying retirement despite the medics who feed him more pills than cordon bleu meals ! John is pleased to see that his old comrade **BARRY WIGGINS (1940 - 46)** is still going strong and adds that he (John) crosses the Pennines now as frequently as Barry travels north of York. John still enjoys the hill country and tries to go to the Bernese Oberland once a year, although all his ascents are now by cable car or mountain railway as he can only manage the downhill bits ! He passes on all his kindest regards to anyone who remembers the war years at Nelson Terrace.

A top up of subs and donation from **NANCY FINCH M.B.E. (1931 - 36)** but sadly no other news.

A change of address (from Bucks. to Berks.) by **ORLANDO FRICKER (1969 - 76)** but sadly no details to fill in since we last heard from him ('at length') in 1985.

DEREK GRAHAM (1959 - 61) has now joined the ranks of the 'retired'. I use inverted commas because Derek did almost as much supply or unpaid help in the (teaching) profession in 1995 - 96 as he did when he was full-time. He had been Deputy Head at Frederick Natrass Junior School until July 1995, but was tempted by a 'good deal' and decided to take up the offer. I know that, having mentioned Frederick Natrass School, several dozen voices out there will be saying "Is that place still going ?". Well the answer is "Yes, and they are still in the original buildings" although much of the old Blue Hall (now called 'Norton Hall') Estate has been swept away in a huge refurbishment programme.

IAN GRAY (1958 - 65) writes to correct our records with his new address, which is not too far from that given in last year's book but far enough to be a problem. [However the fact that the book was returned with 'unknown' marked on it speaks volumes for the world postal service - Editor] Ian brings us up to date with his activities over the last few years. After some years [he claims 87 but we dispute that - Editor] in the computer industry, working for a variety of companies in England and South Africa, including ICI and Allied Dunbar (in Swindon) he decided to make a "minor" change and swap it for a career as a personal financial consultant. Ian married a South African lady some years ago and has a girl in her last year at school and a boy that has just started secondary school. Latterly he has been heavily involved in the administration of schools chess and is currently Chairman of Transvaal and secretary of the national schools body. Ian adds that such offices have nothing to do with his own prowess at the game, but he did play once (and he emphasises the word once !) for Grangefield. He would be pleased to hear from any of his erstwhile school colleagues and promises to respond to any correspondence. [Address : 30 Albuca Avenue, Weltevreden Park, 1709, South Africa - Editor]

We received a top up of subs from **PAUL** [we assume **GREGORY (1968 - 75)** since the note did not say]. He added that he had no news of other members and visited the area only on fleeting trips these days but life seems to continue 'at pace' and his grey hairs increase whilst the total is decreasing. Paul's wife seems to be more of a taxi driver than a dentist ferrying their two boys (James 10 and Michael 7) on their numerous social gatherings. He says that NHS dentistry still seems to be going, more by good luck than by good management, regardless of what inept politicians try to do to it. Paul has just finished a very hectic postgraduate diploma and he can now boast as many letters after his name as there are in it !

Another subs renewal and address confirmation from **DOUG ('Haggis') HARRIS (1968 - 74)** together with a tale to tell and a cry for help. Having "specialised in mediocrity" throughout his time at Grangefield Grammar Doug's time for glory came at the eleventh hour on 4 April 1973 at the school swimming gala. He says the "eleventh hour" because the school was about to "change to a comprehensive style and admit those strange creatures who previously carried whistles when anywhere near us boys". Having won the backstroke and diving and finishing second in the freestyle Doug had overcome the memory of finding his trunks around his ankles in a previous gala and was looking forward to receiving the trophy from Mr Bradshaw. That trophy would represent the first thing that he had received which wasn't designed to sting the seat of his pants ! Minor consternation ensued however as it was discovered that the previous winner of the Senior School Swimming Champion's Trophy had not brought it back for this year's event. Bearing in mind that the Olympic Committee have just seen fit to re-cast Muhammed Ali's Boxing Gold Medal, which was lost many years ago, Doug thinks that it is only right and proper that the 'power' of the Old Stocktonians should be focused on the righting of this ancient and terrible crime which has so terribly scarred him. He would like to know who won the trophy in 1972 or where it is now. A reward is being considered !!

No news, other than an address confirmation and subs top up from **LINDA (1967 - 73)** and **MIKE (1973 - 74) HEADS.**

A change of address (from Bucks. To Bucks.) and a very generous donation to subs from **JOHN HEDLEY (1951 - 58)**, but no other details unfortunately.

SARAH KING (1991 - 93) tops up her subs and confirms her address but no other news. We assume that following her graduation she is now taking the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education she mentioned in last year's magazine.

After 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry **JOHN KITCHING (1959 - 66)** is now looking to move on. He had a number of options when he wrote to us in February 1996, although none were definite. He adds that he is actually enjoying his enforced rest between engagements as it is giving him time to contemplate his future career and pursue his hobby of woodcarving; he is just completing a box of quartered oak. Good luck with the future career John.

ALAN ("Puddles") LAKE (1957 - 60) writes to say that he has retired from Barclays after 36 years and is now Matchday Coordinator and Safety Officer at Bedford Rugby Football Club, which is much more enjoyable. [In answer to your subs question you are up to 2006 - Editor]

As usual it is always a pleasure to hear from our regular contributor **GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18)** who, once again included a nice donation to subs (thank you George). George's thought on the Benevolent Fund is that it is "time to 'wind up' ". He feels that the sum involved could be split between the different Memorial Funds. He always enjoys receiving the New Stocktonian and congratulates all who take part in its production. George, who is 93 this year ('96) says he doesn't often feel that old but admits that he does appreciate the care and attention he gets from many people (young and old).. George is still active in the Church and is responsible for ordering Wine, Wafers and Candles. [We send you our best wishes George - Editor]

MARY LIVERSEED who attended the Higher Grade School will be 105 this year and we are kept in touch by regular contact through **LOUISA WARING.** The BBC paid a visit to Mary in February 1996 to interview her as part of a series about people who remembered when Queen Victoria was on the throne

A regular and welcome attendee at the O.S. Dinner **COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60)** once again sends a donation to funds. Colin is at present on temporary secondment to the Sun Alliance Staff Union, having become a 'victim' of one of the many reorganisations which seem to be in

vogue in the financial sector. He is hoping that the appointment will be made permanent in the near future.

ANDREA NORMAN (1987 - 89) is a new recruit to the Association, having left the College in 1989 to study English & Politics at Leicester University. After successfully completing her degree it was Andrea's intention to begin Law studies, with a view to becoming a solicitor. However, tragic family circumstances prevented her from fulfilling that ambition, and instead she entered the teaching profession. This enabled her to provide the finances to help her family and eventually make a start on her intended career. In 1996 Andrea completed the Common Professional Exam at the College of Law, London and in September (1996) began the Legal Practice Course. Progress beyond that point will depend upon her financial position at the time. We wish her every good fortune in her ambitions and give her top marks for determination. If any member feels they can help Andrea with her future career she can be contacted via Bob Ward.

After a period of some 20 years it was nice to receive a letter from **R. PURNELL (?)**, who gave us some news of his son **MIKE PURNELL (1953 - 61)**. Mike has worked for a German Company in Oberhausen for the past 25 years and still maintains his keenness for long distance running. [He was a keen and good cross-country competitor during his time at Grangefield] At the 12th Rhein-Ruhr International Marathon meeting held in Duisburg Mike secured the Championship title in his 'class' with a time of 2 h 59 min. 15s in a field of over 2,000 and helped his (**ADLERANER**) team to take third place overall. No other news but perhaps this renewal of contact will persuade Mike and/or his father to write and give us more information for next year's copy.

Never one to let a year go by without corresponding **DON SMITH (1933 - 40)** 'drops us a few lines' once again from Angus in Scotland with a wealth of news and a nice donation. Apart from the (usual) contacts with **JOHN GALE (1928 - 35)**, **DENNIS RUSSELL (?)**, **JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933 - 38)** and **BOB HEATHCOTE (?)** in February 1996, out of the blue, he had a phone call from a lady in Cavendish, near Sudbury in Suffolk. She and her husband, **TERRY BROWN (??)** were both pupils at Grangefield and he, ultimately took over as Head of the Maths Department. Don didn't have her maiden name but she is now Mrs. **ANNE BROWN (née ???)**; perhaps someone out there can furnish us with some other details. Anne went to school in Hartburn and, like Don, was taught by Mrs. Rudman, whose son Carl studied German with Don under 'Jackie' Kinnes. Terry lived in Benson Street, Norton, off South Road at the top of Tanner's Bank, over from the Red Lion. Apparently Anne had obtained a copy of Don's book and found that, as she put it, 'I was reading my own life story'. Don was glad she was paying for the phone call !! Originally she had started to write a letter to him but stopped because it was going to end up as a parcel !!

In the summer of 1995 Don joined up with his Albertan family in Ontario for an unforgettable week of canoe-camping on the French River, which was the link between the Ottawa Valley and the Great Lakes. They were using the 'big' canoes (modern versions), as used by the old 'voyageurs', who were the 'truck drivers' 200+ years ago in the trade link between Montreal and the fur trappers of the North West Company (later part of the Hudson Bay Company). [Those who took Geography under 'Daddy Ken' et al will realise that they would be camping on the Canadian (Laurentian) Shield rock, granite with no depth of soil for tent pegs. They had to hold down the guys with slabs of rock, some of which may have been used by the original 'voyageurs'. It takes 6 people to lift a canoe and they had their camping-kit and supplies, all packed in purpose built boxes to fit the canoes, to lift out every time they camped or 'portaged' the canoes. As Don concludes: "Life begins at . . ." [Or perhaps: 'Pas-a-pas on va bien loin' would be as appropriate? - Editor]

RICHARD SMITH (1958 - 66), now in his fiftieth year, is still running his own road haulage business but is rapidly reaching the age where it is catching up with him. As like many of us he

is hoping that the lottery is kind to him so he can retire and then have time to read all the books he's never read and watch all the films he's never seen.

A short note from **ROY STANLEY (1953 - 61)** together with the Dublin address for **PETER DODDS (1954 - 61)** and a handsome top up of subs. Roy still sees a fair amount of Alan Lake, who continues to be a fanatical rugby supporter. Together they manage to take in most of the internationals. (Lucky devils !) Roy is looking forward to the next do that may be arranged by **FRED JACKSON (1953 - 59)**.

We re-discovered an old friend, **ALLAN THOMPSON (1941 - 47)** recently, who decided to join the Association and also gave a generous donation to funds. Allan retired from teaching in 1989, having been Deputy Head at Brunner (Billingham Campus) School since April 1972. Before that he had been Deputy head at Richard Hind for three years and assistant master at Stockton C of E Grammar for more than ten years. The only other Old Stocktonian of his era he sees regularly is **JACK THOMAS (1941 - 46)**. They meet up at Stockton Cricket Club where, Allan believes, there are lots of ex-Grangefield people.

It was nice to hear from **ERIC TINSLEY (1958 - 65)** but, sad to say his news was not all good. The business jet part of British Aerospace, who Eric works for, was bought by Raytheon, an American company, who now intend to close down the UK operation and so his 26 year career in the aircraft industry (mostly in designing flight simulators) will probably finish in June 1996. "What next ?", he asks. [We hope that has been decided to your satisfaction by the time you receive this Year Book, Eric - Editor] Eric is not convinced he will make a good teacher, like his wife **MARGARET (née FORDY)(1959 - 66)**, daughter of the late **E.S. FORDY (1926 - 33)**. His mother-in-law, Joan Fordy, is still a great friend of Louisa Waring (and Brian Nichol) and they have a weekly engagement of walking three or four miles - "not bad for nearly . . ." (at this point Eric decided to spare Louisa's blushes) He sends his regards to **JIM DURRANT (Staff : 1949 - 80)** and **JOHN INGHAM (Staff : 1957 - 1996)** and **PAUL GRAHAM (1958 - 65)** (with whom he did Double Maths and Physics); he adds that they may vaguely remember that he changed from being a non-worker at 'O' level to a three A's person at 'A' level, for that he thanks John, Jim and 'Tashy' Lee. Eric sometimes socialises with **FRED and JEAN WITHAM (Staff of Girls' School : 70's)**. Eric's son is at Bristol University doing a four year Chemistry and French degree, with one year in France, his daughter is at a very good state school in St. Albans. His final thought is whether **KEVIN PROSSER (1958 - 66)** will be setting up as a consultant when British Gas (Killingworth) closes or whether he will transfer to Loughborough - can anyone help ??

PAUL VITTLES (1978 - 80) writes to say that the time he has been at his present address (still York) is definitely the longest he has stayed in one place. He was appointed as managing Director of Robertson Bell Associates earlier in 1996 and they continue to build their reputation as one of the leading agencies in the country for research and consultancy projects. The firm really hit the headlines recently (including a personal appearance by Paul on BBC TV national news) after being appointed to undertake the consultation exercise on what to do with the site of 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester (the notorious address of Fred and Rosemary West)

A regular visitor to the dinner and contributor to the magazine **GEOFFREY WARD (1955 - 62)** confirms his address but no other news this time.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE 1996

The Annual Remembrance Day Service took place on Monday 11 November at Grangefield School.

The Association was represented by Gordon Rattenbury, who laid a wreath on our behalf, Ken Whitfield, Ron Wynzar, Ron's wife, Sylvia (née Maud), Peter Braney and Rev. June Thomas.

As in previous years the Year 9 pupils were responsible for the service.

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

Our thanks are extended once more to Richard Nicholson (the Headteacher) and his staff for the upkeep of the two memorials, and for the splendid services organised each year.

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OBITUARIES

Just a few days before his tragic death on 21 November 1996 **BOB COULSON (1933 - 39)** rang Don Smith to exchange news, they had been classmates in 2M in 1933. Bob was a man of quick action rather than words, with a proud record both in school athletics and rugby (being the youngest member of the school 1st XV in 1936-37) His skills took him into the senior local scene and ultimately into the County side.

When he left school Bob joined Dorman Long as a draughtsman with part-time studies in Civil/Structural Engineering. Joining the RAF in 1942 Bob ended the war as a Flight Lieutenant Navigator with Bomber Command. During that period he married Joan (Jefferies) [in 1944]. On his demob he joined Stockton Borough Engineers Department. Following his spell with that department he spent two years with Tarslag (which became part of Tarmac), working in Helmsley, and then two years with the Admiralty working in Belfast, before joining ICI at Wilton in 1952. During this time he became a chartered Civil & Structural Engineer. In 1965 Bob left Wilton and, with a colleague, Derek Simpson, set up a Civil Engineering Consultancy practice under the name of Simpson, Coulson & Partners and remained a Senior Partner until his retirement in 1985. During that period he was Chairman of the Northern Counties Board of the Institute of Structural Engineers.

Bob was a great competitor in everything he took on and local sport owes him a great deal for the interest he showed and the encouragement he gave. In particular he was a very active member of Stockton Rugby Club and achieved County honours for Durham in 1950-51 and was club captain in 1952-53 and 1954-55. After 'hanging up his boots' he became Chairman in 1959-61 and was actively involved with coaching Junior players. In addition to his rugby skills Bob was a very successful squash player and after retirement took up golf.

Don Smith only met Bob again very recently, during a class reunion (organised by the late Alan Davis), and was immediately struck by the lack of change; he had the same quiet, deliberate way of speaking and the same gentlemanly air.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and especially to Joan, his schoolboy sweetheart, who kept tryst at the grilles over the windows of the Girls' Common Room which looked out onto the Boys' yard at the back of the old school in Nelson Terrace.

Adieu.

Probably our oldest 'Old Boy' **GEORGE WILLIAM SPARK (?)** has died aged 102. George lived in Great Ayton and both he and his brother **JOHN SPARK (?)** attended Nelson Terrace. The brothers were very generous in the help and gifts they gave for the 'Poor Children's Parties' organised by Evan Baldwin in the 20s and 30s. Also the first O.S. Dinners were held in Sparks Cafe in the High Street, Stockton (cost about 3/6 [17.5p]) with the brothers providing bottled beers and soft drinks.

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