



# The New Stocktonian



**1997 - 1998**



# Relocating within the UK – at Belasis Hall



**B**elasis Hall Technology Park is now in its 6th year and much of its success has been achieved through its flexible approach to changing market needs. As the UK economy faltered over the last 3 years, many Science Parks have seen enquiry levels drop and new investment slow to a trickle.

Belasis Hall has been able to sustain its growth thanks to its ongoing commitment to create a successful environment for high tech companies involved in new technologies, despite the economic climate.

Bucking the general trend, the Park has continued its development programme with partner English Partnerships now building their fifth phase of high quality pavilions.

Other companies have chosen to set up home here by building their own premises on fully serviced greenfield sites within the 167 acre landscaped environment. The on-site facilities, such as the restaurant, travel agent and business services available from the Belasis Business Centre, will be expanded to include a new hotel and conference centre with leisure

facilities. Added to these, are the unique facilities, services and resources available from neighbouring ICI. Residents of the Park can 'plug-in' to the vast technical and analytical resources of one of Europe's largest and diverse chemical companies, such as the library and research facilities, open learning, occupational health and conference centres.

Companies here can also enjoy many social and leisure amenities, too, such as hosting clients in superb surroundings at ICI's Norton Hall and Wilton Castle, with its beautiful golf course.

All of this adds up to Belasis Hall Technology Park offering **Quality PLUS** all the way. We've new premises from 300 to 20,000 sq ft in an environment that's hard to beat. For availability and further information, talk to Carol Lee on 01642 370576.



**BELASIS HALL**  
TECHNOLOGY PARK



# THE NEW STOCKTONIAN

1997 - 1998

## 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 :

R. Ward Esq., 66 Butterfield Drive, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, TS16 0EZ

Telephone : Eaglescliffe (01642) 651342

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In each of the past few years we have celebrated at least one anniversary in the life of either 'The School' or 'The Association'. This trend continues in 1998 when the Sixth Form College celebrates the 25th anniversary of its opening in 1973.

A programme of events is being arranged so please watch the press or contact The College direct for more information. I am sure you will join with me in wishing every success to the College for these events and also to their future. I would particularly draw your attention to the 1998 annual dinner (details of which are elsewhere in the magazine) which The College are making a special effort to support as part of their celebrations. Many of the staff who have served The College have been contacted for their support so what about some of the former students out there also coming along. This is an ideal opportunity to renew old friendships - so spread the news.

Shortly following the opening of the Sixth Form College and to reflect the changing times this magazine changed its name from 'The Stocktonian Year Book' to 'The New Stocktonian'. I am sure that since 1973 the changes have continued apace in the life and work of The College but looking back through the Presidents' Messages in 'The New Stocktonian' since 1973 there appear to have been constant themes which are just as relevant today. These are in no particular order of importance;

- concern at the ability to continue publishing 'The New Stocktonian', advertising is declining and we are always looking for new advertisers - can you help?
- the need for volunteers for the committee
- support for the annual dinner
- news from and of former students

The last point is particularly relevant as remember 'The Association is your Association, 'The New Stocktonian' is your magazine and what better way of keeping in touch with former school friends far and wide than through 'The Association' and its magazine. So come on all you budding writers send us some stories of your time at school (remembering that they are for publication in a respectable magazine) or news of your life since leaving, not forgetting news of any former colleagues with whom you are still in touch.

Finally on behalf of you all I record appreciation to all the officers and committee members without whose dedication we couldn't continue, and to the Sixth Form College for their support in providing facilities for our meetings.

**BOB WARD**

## COLLEGE NEWS

Although 1997 saw a new Government with a commitment to give education the highest priority and also to widen significantly participation in further education, this as yet has had little impact upon the college. Indeed, so far there has been a continuation of the previous Government's policies, with the college having to work hard to consolidate its success and increase enrolments against a background of continuing reductions in public funding.

The last year has seen further intense competition between colleges for full-time 16-19 students and therefore we were delighted at the bumper enrolment of new students in September. The college enrolled 454 new students, and in addition over 60 students who had done sufficiently well in their one-year GCSE and GNVQ programmes re-enrolled on Advanced Level courses. Together these constituted the largest ever first year cohort with over 520 new students. The reputation and achievements of the college and the opportunities which it offers to young people is gaining wider recognition throughout the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees and it is especially pleasing to welcome a growing number of students from Billingham, Thornaby, Yarm and Eaglescliffe.

It was always going to be difficult to improve on the vintage GCE Advanced Level results achieved in 1996, but full-time 16-19 students on the traditional 3 A-Level programmes, succeeded in replicating the 90% pass rate. Overall, the college achieved the second best A-Level results in its history with 100% pass rates in 11 subjects. Students following vocational courses also continued to do extremely well and over 200 second year students gained the Advanced Level results which they needed to gain places at university. There is now a notable trend for students to favour local and regional universities and we can expect this to continue and indeed be re-inforced in future years by the Government's decision to charge tuition fees for Higher Education.

The college has been determined to build on its strengths and on the commendations of the FEFC Inspectors in their 1996 Report. The range of Computing courses continues to expand in order to meet demand. Information Technology is increasingly a tool for learning across the whole curriculum and a key skill needed by all whether in employment, education and training. In order to ensure that our students are well equipped for the future the college is undertaking a £140,000 programme of investment in Information Technology. This will upgrade and increase the speed of operation of the network linking the six Computing and IT laboratories and also introduce more Multi-Media and CD-ROM facilities. All the IT laboratories will have access to the Internet and the college is working in partnership with other sixth form colleges in the North of England and the University of Sunderland in order to ensure further improvements in its IT communication capabilities.

The FEFC Inspectors emphasised that teaching at the college is of a good quality and that staff are qualified and enthusiastically adapting to change. Continuous improvement demands considerable investment in staff time and effort, both to evaluate and improve teaching and the guidance and support for students. It also involves regular training so that the staff can upgrade their skills and introduce new initiatives in the curriculum, assessment and quality. The granting of the Investor in People Award to the college in February 1997 is a further tribute to the commitment, hard work and dedication of the teaching and the support staff at all levels.

Changes in the Teachers' Pension Regulations last summer caused a large increase in applications for early retirement and the exodus of many well experienced staff from schools and colleges throughout the country. Although this has had less impact upon the college than elsewhere, John Wightman, Head of Geology, Mike Vasey of the Physics Department and Bob Meggs of the Business Studies Department, decided to avail themselves of the opportunity to take early retirement. John and Mike however have not severed their connections with the college and both are back teaching their subject with their usual infectious enthusiasm,



although now on a part-time basis. Bob Meggs has also generously stepped in to cover a long term illness in the Business Studies Department. Ann Oxley, who gave up her full-time post in 1995, finally retired from the college last summer. Other full-time members of staff who left the college were: Keith Allan, Head of Geography, who has taken up the appointment of Head of Sixth Form at Richmond School, North Yorks, John Brentnall - Religious Studies Department and Mike Lythgoe - Geography Department.

I am sure that you will wish to join with me in wishing colleagues who have retired or moved into other positions every happiness in the years ahead.

In writing my eleventh "College News" (it should have been the twelfth but for my illness in 1994) my thoughts have reflected on the achievements and developments of the college over the years and also in the changes in my work as Principal. I shall share these thoughts with you next year on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the college. The anniversary will be marked at the dinner of the Old Stocktonians Association in the spring and also by an exhibition of artwork by ex-students at the college during the 1998/99 academic year. Further events hopefully will be arranged and details of these will be placed on the college Web site at <http://www.stocktonsf.ac.uk/>.

My very best wishes to you all for a prosperous, successful and happy 1998.

Howard R. Clarke

### COLLEGE ACTIVITIES 1996/7

#### Art

- November '96 : Exhibition of Water Colours and Etchings by Chris Bulmer (an ex-student). Mr Bulmer ran three printmaking workshops for A1/A2 Art & Design students in the Spring Term
- March '97 : Students and staff visited Manchester Art Gallery 'You make the picture' exhibition - works by David Hockney, the 'Liverpool Tate' to view the Paula Rego exhibition and the modern collection, and 'Salt Mill 1853 Gallery' to view the Hockney collection and some new works.

#### Astronomy

- December '96 : Staff and GCSE students attended an Astronomy field trip to Castle Eden Observatory, near Thorpe Thewles.

#### Biology

- March '97 : Excursion by 8 first year Biology A-Level students to Hartlepool Headland to collect mussels for A-Level practical work.
- May '97 : 3 staff and 41 first year A-Level Biology students attended a revision conference at Salford University.

#### Careers

- Ongoing (Autumn '96) : 73 students undertook Community Action on Wednesday pm placements - the majority in schools.  
: 6 students had work experience placements.
- January '97 : 2nd year Sports Studies students on 3 weeks work experience.  
: GNVQ Health and Social Care students on work experience
- March '97 : GNVQ A1 Business Studies students carried out work experience  
: A member of the TSB came in to college for three mornings and worked with GNVQ Advanced A1 students on application letters and CVs and provided mock interviews as preparation for work placements.

- May '97 : Staff and students visited the following universities: Newcastle & Northumbria; York, University College of Ripon & York St John and Leeds Metropolitan; Teesside and University College Stockton; Cambridge (various colleges including St. John's); Oxford (various including Hertford).
- June '97 : Teesside Higher Education Conference.
- September '97 : 35 students attended a Social Science conference at the University of Teesside
- Sept/Oct '97 : 5 students attended work experience placements at: hospital, school, solicitors.
- Sept. - Dec. '97 : 65 students are undertaking Wednesday pm Community Action placements in schools and businesses.

#### **Chemistry**

- July/July '97 : Students took part in the Durham University Industrial Project Week.

#### **Computing & IT**

- October '96 : 4 GNVQ IT students and a member of staff visited the Highways Dept., Middlesbrough Borough Council to study the Traffic Control System.
- November '96 : 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
- June '97 : First year A-Level Computing students took part in the sponsored industrial computing project : NESIP, Durham University.
- July '97 : First year A-Level Computing students visited ICI and British Steel to see their computer control system.

#### **Economics & Business Studies**

- November '96 : 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.
- March '97 : A1/A2 students attended an Economics exam conference at Leeds.  
: Approximately 45 A1/GNVQ Business Studies students attended a conference on 'Understanding Industry Conference'  
: Students attended A-Level Economics conference at Teesside University  
: 8 GNVQ students visited Teesside Retail Park as part of their Administrative Systems module.
- October '97 : A1/A2 students attended a Business Studies exam conference at Manchester.  
: Staff and GNVQ students visited Kingsway Adventure Centre for an activity day. The purpose of this visit was for team building.  
: A1 Business Studies students were entered for the national competition 'Argos Business Challenge'.

#### **English**

- October '96 : Staff and students attended a matinee at the New Theatre, Hull to see 'Hamlet' performed by Oxford Players.  
: Staff and students attended the RSC's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Newcastle.
- March '97 : Media Studies students and staff travelled to London and visited: advertising companies, TV studios, British Board of Film Classification and the Museum of Moving Image
- October '97 : Staff and students attended the RSC's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Newcastle.
- November '97 : Staff and 25 1st and 2nd year A-Level English and English Literature students spent the afternoon in the workshop of Darlington Civic Theatre and saw the evening performance 'Measure for Measure'

#### **Geography, Leisure & Tourism**

- October '96 : 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.
- January '97 : A-Level students visited the Barrage and Teesside Retail Park to assist with their coursework



- March '97 : First year GNVQ Advanced Leisure and Tourism students and staff on residential field trip. They attended a conference and workshops at Granada Studios and also visited Manchester United F.C and Manchester International Airport.
- April/May '97 : Students and staff of the Geography Department were invited to a Geography conference on entry and admissions at Hertford College, Oxford.
- October '97 : Annual A1 Geography fieldcourse to the Lake District to look at rivers, soils and glaciated landscapes as part of their coursework requirements and preparation for this summer's module exam.
- October '97 : GNVQ Intermediate and Advanced students visited the Cellnet Stadium to speak to the Marketing Manager.
- October '97 : 2nd year GNVQ Leisure & Tourism students attended the Open Day at New College Durham to look at progression.
- November '97 : 2nd year GNVQ Leisure & Tourism students attended a 'Bingo Night' at Ingleby Barwick Nursing Home.
- November '97 : Students undertook GCSE Departmental fieldwork in Yarm High Street.

#### **Geology**

- October '96 : Staff and A1 students attended a fieldwork course at Ingleton, West Yorks.
- October '96 : Staff and GCSE adult students attended a fieldwork course at Ingleton, West Yorks.
- March '97 : Fieldwork day for AS Level adult students and staff at Teesdale.
- October '97 : A-Level adult students undertook Geology fieldwork at Ribblesdale.
- October '97 : A1 students undertook Geology fieldwork at Ingleton
- October '97 : A2 students undertook Geology fieldwork at Ingleton and Teesdale.

#### **History**

- October '96 : Staff and students attended a History Association lecture at Teesside University.
- May '97 : Taster day visit to Northumbria University by interested first year A-Level History students.

#### **Mathematics**

- April '97 : City & Guilds Numeracy students visited Safeway to reinforce work done in class on metric and imperial systems of measurement of mass, length, volume and quantity costing.

#### **Modern Languages**

- October '96 : 8 second year A-Level students and staff visited the Lycée 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 visited Stockton in March 1997.)
- Feb./March '97 : Exchange with Asnières-sur-Seine, Paris: 9 French students from the Lycée Auguste Renoir will visit Stockton.
- March '97 : Exchange with Strasbourg: 10 French students from the Lycée International des Pontonniers in Strasbourg undertook work-shadowing in the Stockton area and visited the Jorvik Museum and Minster at York, Town Hall Reception, Preston Park Museum, Durham and the Metro Centre.
- October '97 : 9 students and two members of staff visited Asnières, Paris.
- October '97 : Students and a member of staff from the Modern Languages Department travelled to France to undertake the annual Stockton/ Strasbourg work-shadowing exchange with the Lycée International des Pontonniers. Students attended shadowing placements at Marks & Spencers, Costumes for the Opera de Rhein, Belgium Consulate, Town Hall-Schiltigheim, Barrister, Alsace Media (media firm connected with the Bishop's press).

#### **Physics**

- January : Young Engineers students visited Phillips Petroleum. They also attended talks at ICI by their training staff and an engineer.

#### **Social Studies**

- Autumn '96 : Visit by GNVQ students to Middlesbrough Equal Opportunities Policy Unit.
- March '97 : Trip to London by students studying Sociology, Politics, Law and Media Studies. Some of the students visited Harrow School, the House of Commons, had a meeting with Tim Devlin, and attended PM Question Time.
- September '97 : Sociology/Psychology students attended a Social Science conference at the University of Teesside.

## Sports Studies

- October '96 : 30 BTEC students and 3 members of the Sports Department attended an Outdoor Education week at Askrigg.
- Spring Term : The TROC Sports Module began, with 19 students.  
1997 : CSLA (Community Sports Leadership Award) - 18 students received badges and certificates for completion of their voluntary service.
- : As a result of the second visit of Gelong Grammar School (Australia) Grant Worrall, a student at the college, was offered a one year placement as assistant sports coach at the school from September 1997 to August 1998.
  - : The following students had offers to study in America with possible sponsorship deals:  
Ben Robinson (Basketball)  
Rob Bryson (Basketball)  
Ralph Richards (Football)
- Summer Term : BTEC students held a 24 hour event as part of the Hanson Leadership Award.  
October 1997 : 31 BTEC students and 3 staff attended an Outdoor Education week at Askrigg.

## College Games

### Soccer

- 1996/7 : The 'A' football team won the county cup but just missed out on the league, finishing 2nd or 3rd. The 'C' football team won their 3rd division league and narrowly missed winning their cup; losing to St. Mary's in the final.

- 1997/8 : The results so far this season are:

#### *The 'A' Team*

The 'A' Team has lost once this season (3-2) to Teesside Tertiary.

They have won the following matches:

Stockton vs Hartlepool FE 4-2.

Stockton vs Redcar 6-1.

Stockton vs Queen Elizabeth 4-0.

Stockton vs Middlesbrough 5-2.

Stockton vs Hartlepool SFC 2-1.

The 'A' Team are entered for the British Colleges competition. Round one will take place on 10 December against Grimsby College.

#### *The 'B' Team*

The 'B' Team are currently mid-table.

They have got through to the first round of the County Cup. The next cup fixture will be taking place in January.

The results of matches played so far are:

Stockton vs Hartlepool SFC (won 8-1).

Stockton vs Teesside (lost 3-2).

Stockton vs Bede (lost 3-1).

Stockton vs Queen Elizabeth SFC (won 4-2)

Stockton vs Middlesbrough (won 8-0).

#### *The 'C' Team*

The results of matches played so far are:

Stockton vs Queen Elizabeth SFC (lost 4-2).

Stockton vs St Mary's SFC (lost 3-1).

Stockton vs Middlesbrough (won 9-0).

Stockton vs Teesside (won 7-1).

Stockton vs Bede was cancelled.

### Hockey

- 1996/7 : **Girls** : 6 students were selected to compete for the county. A good start to the season was made with the girls winning 4 games and losing 1. There were many new fixtures this year including Huddersfield New College.
- : British colleges: The PE Department organised the NE regional finals which took place on Wednesday 13 November at Sunderland, with 10 teams from the region competing. The team was unlucky in the final league game due to a 'doubtful decision', which meant they did not go through to the final.



- : British Colleges Knockout: The team came up against last year's runners up in the first round held at SSFC on Wednesday 20 November. Unfortunately the North Lincolnshire College had an excellent team and beat SSFC 3-0.
- : Fixtures: The team won all the local fixtures during Wednesday afternoon activities. The final match of the season was against the 'Old Students'.
- 1997/8 (so far)** : The college side took part in (and organised) the British Colleges Tournament at Silksworth, Sunderland, on 12 November in an attempt to qualify as NE representative at National Finals.
- : The team lost in the first round of the Midland Bank Competition to Teesside Tertiary.
- : Played 1st round of British Colleges knock-out tournament against Blackpool and the Fylde College later in November.
- : 4 girls will attend the British Colleges National Trials on 11 November in Birmingham.
  
- 1996/7** : **Boys:** The team narrowly missed qualifying for the BCS national finals, losing out to Sheffield on goal difference. However, they did reach the last eight of the Midland Bank cup - losing to High Pavement at Nottingham. The NE finals were organised by SSFC.
- : The team entered the Hockey Association U-18 Youth Cup - defeating Richmond 2-1 but losing to Yarm 3-1.
- 1997/8 (so far)** : Matches are very difficult to arrange as so few local colleges play competitive hockey. Numbers are limited and therefore fixtures are at a minimum. A game against Richmond saw a 2-1 victory to Stockton. The college side took part in (and organised) the BSC NE finals at Silksworth which were on 3rd December.
  
- Golf 1996/7** : Students took part in the NE regional event of British colleges.
  
- Badminton**
- 1997/8** : British colleges: The college team attended a NE sub-regional round on 20 November. The boys badminton team finished runners-up in the N.E. finals with the girls team finishing 3rd.
  
- Basketball**
- 1997/8** : The basketball team won the N.E. sub-regional round and finished runners-up in finals to Sheffield, who go on to the national final.
  
- Tennis 1996/7** : Students took part in the NE regional event of British colleges.
  
- Rugby 1996/7** : Considering the decline in numbers of students who play rugby and the fact that fewer schools offer it, the College is pleased to report that it (once again) managed to run a rugby side this season.
- : The team made it to the second round of the 'Daily Mail' Cup, beating St. Leonard's School 44-0. However, they were then comprehensively beaten by King's School, Tynemouth.
- : In the BASICS 7s tournament the College finished second in its group but unfortunately only the top team went on to the semi-final stage.
- : A number of friendly matches were played in the Autumn Term, all of which were hard fought and close affairs. However, the team were not quite so successful in the Spring Term fixtures, but it is heartening to report that they continued to enjoy this Wednesday afternoon activity.
  
- 1997/8** : Due to the collapse of the league system the rugby team returned to friendly fixtures for this academic year.
- : The college has a strong rugby squad and this has been reflected in the results so far, winning against Scarborough College (23-10) for the first time in 3 years.
- : In the Lynn Mock Memorial Cup they are strongly placed after beating Whickham School 43-12.
- : The team reached the semi-final at the North of England Colleges 7s tournament where they were unfortunate to lose to the eventual winners.

### 5-a-side

**Soccer 1996/7** : The College 5-a-side team played in the national college championships, won the sub-region finals at Eston on 8 January and finished 3rd in the N.E. region finals at Sunderland on 15 January.  
: Intra-college five-a-side football involving sixteen teams took place in April/May (over 100 students).

**Cricket 1996/7** : Matches were arranged for the Summer Term.

### Netball

**1996/7** : The netball team got through to the North Regional Affiliated Tournament.  
: Students entered the annual Jill Bainbridge Netball Tournament at Teesside University on 23 April. They played well against more experienced players but unfortunately did not go through to the semi-final.  
**1997/8** : The netball team represented Cleveland in the U-19 North Regional Open tournament at Maiden Castle on 29 November.

**Table Tennis** : 2 students took part in the British Colleges tournament in November 1997.

**Cross Country** : The College hoped to send a team to the BCS event in Doncaster on 10 December 1997.

### Vocational Programmes

December '96 : 2nd Year Advanced Health and Social Care students helped at the Grange (Eston) Day Centre for the Elderly's Christmas Party together with 2 members of teaching staff.

Summer Term 1997 : A number of Intermediate/Foundation GNVQ Health & Social Care students made visits to local schools and nursing homes to question staff about their roles, in order to complete a Unit assignment.  
: Advanced Level Health and Social Care students made contact (via letters, phone calls, visits etc.) with service providers to discuss purchasing, providing and contracting of health care services' in order to cover the third element of their Unit on Health Care Structures.

Autumn Term : Advanced Health and Social Care students helped at the Grange Old Peoples Day Centre's Christmas Party.

### Individual Student Awards & Achievements.

#### Student Awards Autumn Term 1996

Aleem Ashraf was 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 was awarded to Arthur Nyunt.

#### Student Awards : Autumn Term 1997

Kevin Dixon has been awarded the Calor Gas Prize for achieving the best results in Chemistry and Physics in the 1997 GCE A-Level examinations.

The University of Teesside Prize for Mathematics has been awarded to Paul Remmer.

The following students have achieved the CREST Gold Award for project work with industry:

Mark Swinbank  
Richard Walker  
John Howcroft  
Andrew Johnson



## 1997 DEGREE AWARDS

Name		Course	University
Victoria	Austin	Law	Durham
Lee	Baldwin	Geology	Sunderland
Iain	Bone	Sports Science	Teesside
Autumn	Boston	Law	Liverpool
Joanne	Boyle	Law	Oxford
John	Brazier	Sports Science	North London
Paul	Bridgewater	English	Leicester
Delma	Brkic	Medical Microbiology	Newcastle
Claire	Broadbent	Law	Leicester
Paul	Carter	Geography	Birmingham
Wendy	Chan	Economics/Social St.	Manchester
Christopher	Cheshire	English	Leicester
Allison	Curbishley	Sport and Exercise Science	Birmingham
Roger	Edwards	Vet. Medicine	Glasgow
Mark	Emmett	Theoretical Physics	York
Joanne	Fawcett	Chemistry	Leicester
Daniel	Fowler	Chemistry	Durham
Philip	Good	Philosophy	St. Andrews
Andrew	Harris	Anatomy & Physiology	Dundee
Andrew	Hodgson	Chemical Engineering	Cambridge
Sean	Honan	Archaeology	Liverpool
Christopher	Homer	BSc?	Glasgow
Gary	Huitson	Computer Science	Durham
Frances	Kendall	Textiles	Leeds
Jonathan	Kerr	Computing Science & Maths	Newcastle
Bjorn	Kragnes	Dental Surgery	Newcastle
Hannah	Lawson	Architecture	Liverpool?
Peter	MacKinnon	Geology	Liverpool John Moores
Claire	Murray	English	Leicester
Susan	Nellist	Zoology	Aberdeen
Roger	Pinder	Computer Science	Durham
Anne-Marie	Rees	Sports Science	Liverpool John Moores
Lissie	Restall	Medical Microbiology	Newcastle
Emma	Rigg	Human Communications	Sheffield
Jonathan	Roberts	Maths	Nottingham
James	Sudlow	Combined Arts	Leicester
Kay	Tumbull	Combined Arts	Leicester
Lee	Wayne	Geography/Geology	Liverpool
Gaynor	Wightman	Biological Sciences	Bristol

### FRONT COVER

For those unfamiliar with the relatively new Stockton High Street this year's view is from the river side of that famous thoroughfare. On the left is the Shambles (no longer selling meat) whilst in the near distance is the Town Hall and in the far distance the Parish Church. The frontage on the left is the Castle Gate Centre an enclosed shopping area containing the usual

## *Where were thee in '73 ?*



As you cannot fail to have noticed Stockton Sixth Form College celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 1998.

Although the College was not open to 'residents' until September 1973 we 'kick off' our celebrations early (and literally in one case) with the Annual Dinner and Sporting events in April 1998.

If you started the College in 1973 the Old Stocktonians and the College would like to hear from you and, if possible, see you at events throughout the year.

If you can't call in person **get weaving on the web** (at <http://www.stocktonsf.ac.uk/>).

Don't be shy. Reunions, letters, cards and reminiscences of early years when 'life was hard' are all welcome.



**From early friendships - to tearful departures - pastures new**

**Members on our lists from that era include :**

**John Brookes; Doug Harris; Mike Heads; John Ions; Alistair Kirkwood;  
Brian Ridge; John Whitham; Paul Whaley; Andy Wilkins; Dave Willetts;**

**Oh by the way, other 'incidental' events of '73 included :**

A cease-fire in Vietnam was signed ;

the 'Yom Kippur War' took place ;

President Allende of Chile was killed and Pinochet took over ;

Juan Perón returned from exile to become Argentina's President.

Pablo Picasso and Pablo Casals died.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance was successfully developed as a diagnostic technique at Aberdeen University.

Britain formally became a member of the EEC.

IRA bombs exploded outside the Old Bailey and Scotland Yard.

Princess Anne married Mark Phillips.



## 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.

1997	History Prize	<b>Mehwish Riaz</b>
	English Prize	<b>Rachel Turner</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 three students for their contributions to College sporting life in hockey, netball and football.

**Joanne Dawson** for her contribution to College Hockey - particularly as captain.

**Karen Ireland** for her Services to the College, including the Student Council.

**Grant Worrall** for his services to all round sport in the College.



## JACK HATFIELD & SONS

THE NORTH'S LEADING  
SPORTS OUTFITTERS

39/41 BOROUGH ROAD  
MIDDLESBROUGH  
TS1 4AF

Telephone : 01642 - 246129 & 210798

## **OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION**

(founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

### **LIST OF OFFICIALS for 1997**

#### **PRESIDENTS :-**

Mr. R. Ward (Association President)  
Mr. E. Baldwin (deceased) (Founder President)  
Mr. H. R. Clarke (Principal)

#### **VICE-PRESIDENTS:-**

Mr. B. P. Brand  
Mr. P. Graham  
Mr J. G. Rattenbury

Miss L. Waring\*  
Mr. R. Wynzar

(\* denotes Senior Vice-President)

#### **OFFICE BEARERS :-**

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mr B.P. Brand  
*Journal Correspondent (Publicity Agent)* : Mr B. Braney  
*Members' Correspondence Secretary* : Mr R. Ward  
*Membership Records' Secretary* : Mr. P. Graham  
*Minutes Secretary* : Mr. R. Prichard  
*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 M. F. Peagam

Revd. Mrs J. M.Thomas  
Mr K Turner

#### **HON. AUDITOR :-**

Mr. P. Fleck F.C.A.

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND :-**

Convenor : 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 1997

This is to be held on Wednesday, 4th March 1998 at 7.30 p.m. in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 1996 A G M held on Wednesday 26th February, 1997
3. Matters arising.
4. Membership Records Secretary's Report
5. Year Book Editor's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report
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 business

Mr J. Ingham and Mrs A. Oxley both retired from the Committee after many years of services and we wish them well and thank them most sincerely for all their efforts and contributions over those years. This means that there are vacancies on the Committee and we do need your support. We meet four or five times a year at the Sixth form College and the meetings rarely last more than 90 minutes. Please make the effort to attend. 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 1996

This was held on Wednesday, 28 February 1996 in the Staffroom of Stockton Sixth Form College with Mr. R. Ward, the Association President, in the Chair. Others present were : Mrs. P.A. Oxley, Miss L. Waring, Messrs. B.P. Brand, H.R. Clarke, P. Graham, M.F. Peagam, R. Prichard and K Turner.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs. J.M. Thomas and Mr. J.G. Rattenbury.
2. **Minutes of the 1995 AGM**, held on 26 February 1995, were accepted as a true record, following a proposal by Mr K. Turner, seconded by Mr R. Prichard; with the correction by Mr Ward that Mr B. Braney's name was not present on the Committee list.
3. **Matters Arising** : None
4. **Membership Records Secretary's Report**

Mr. Graham reported that there are 261 current members. He had dispatched 185 Year Books to Life Members (a reduction of 7 since last year) and 76 to Yearly Members (77 last year), [of whom 41 had paid in advance and 27 owed subscriptions.] Mr. P. Graham reported that there

had not been many new young members recently and asked if there were any initiatives which might overcome this problem.

**5. Year Book Editor's Report**

The printing costs for the Year Book were £271.91 (£18.22 less than 1996, as there were fewer pages), plus £60.52 for postage. Revenue from advertisements should come to £230.00.

Mr. Ward congratulated Mr. Graham for his efforts in the production of the Year Book. Mr P. Graham said that there were a few copies of the Year Book available for the Sixth from College and Grangefield School.

**6. Hon. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. B.P. Brand reported that there was an overall balance of £2660.14. Donations to the Prize Funds from various sources had put them into surplus. Three prizes to the College came to £45. Interest payments accrued by the accounts were less than the previous year owing to a fall in rates. Mr R. Ward thanked Mr B.P. Brand for his efforts. Mr B.P. Brand said that he would pass on the Committee's thanks to Mr P. Fleck.

**7. Benevolent Fund Report**

The trustees had said that there would be great difficulty 'wrapping up' the Fund and that there might still be a need for it. Mr. B.P. Brand said that there had been two requests for assistance made during the year which had been met by the Fund. Mr R. Ward thanked Mr B.P. Brand and the Trustees for administering the Fund.

**8. Election of President**

Mr B.P. Brand proposed Mr R. Ward to the post of President, Miss L. Waring seconded and the meeting agreed.

**9. Election of Officers Bearers**

All the Office Bearers agreed to continue and were voted 'nem con' In addition Miss Waring now became Senior Vice President. Mr B. Braney said that he was willing to stand as publicity agent (Journal Correspondent). Mr K. Turner agreed with Mr B. Braney's suggestion and thought that it would be a good idea for the Association to have someone responsible for writing to the local press and radio. Mr. R. Ward suggested that Mr B. Braney be included in the list of Office Bearers.

**10. Election of other members of the Committee**

Mr R. Prichard proposed Mr M.F. Peagam to the Committee, seconded by Mr B.P. Brand. Mr R. ward proposed that all other members be re-elected. Mr R. Prichard seconded, all agreed.

**11. Appointment of Hon. Auditor**

Mr. P. Fleck agreed to continue as Hon. Auditor for another year. Mr R. Ward expressed his thanks.

**12. Any other business**

Mr H.R. Clarke informed the Committee that 1998 would see the 25th Anniversary of Stockton Sixth Form College. He asked the Committee to consider ways in which that Silver Anniversary could be celebrated. Thus far, an exhibition of art has been arranged at the College. Could it be made the theme for the 1998 Annual Dinner? Could Mr A. Carr, and others associated with the College, be invited to the Dinner? Miss L. Waring said that it would be good for past students of the College to become involved. Mr H.R. Clarke thought that some members of the present staff might attend the Dinner. Mr B. Braney suggested contacting those students and staff who started on the very first day that the College opened and suggested that the Committee bring their ideas to the next meeting. Mr R. Ward agreed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.



## 71st ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held at the Forte Posthouse near Stainton Village on Saturday 12th April 1997.

Our President Bob Ward was unable to be present and the task of hosting the meal was taken over by Louisa Waring, our Senior Vice President.

The numbers were lower than usual as members were either ill or had other commitments. Sad to say several of our "regulars" were absent.

Our invited chief guests were Dermot D'Arcy and Jim Durrant, to honour their long service at both the "Sec" and Grangefield Grammar. Neither wanted to make speeches and we decided to make use of the recently re-surfaced book of Grangefield Howlers.

In the event Dermot D'Arcy and his wife were unable to join us but thankfully Jim Durrant and his wife did make it. [only after a last minute health scare!]

Messrs Brand, Graham and Prichard read selected extracts from 'the (howlers) book' adding some suitable material of their own, as they are all past or present teachers. One example of an LEA gaff was a quote from an advert. "Required for September 73 -Master/Mistress to assist with the teaching of French. Ability to offer a foreign language would be an advantage."

Jim couldn't resist adding a story from his first teaching post in Penrith. He took up his post in January 1947 and it was three or four days before any pupils arrived because of the heavy snowfall at that time. When they did eventually arrive he started taking his form register and thought that they were fooling when every other name was either Armstrong or Walton. He was assured that most of his pupils were indeed called Armstrong or Walton.'

Miss Waring joined in the celebration of howlers, quoting examples of spelling mistakes and the girls' lack of knowledge of times past. She felt that some of the howlers caused one to question the quality of questions!

After Jim had proposed the toast to the Association, Miss Waring called upon Howard Clarke to bring us up to date on the College activities.

Howard recapped the year as once again very successful. Academically there had been a 90% pass rate overall; with twelve departments having a 100% pass rate! There had been success on the sports field but it was becoming increasingly difficult to find opponents. There had been a successful inspection process for both staff and students. The College now had around 300 mature students on a wide variety of courses.

1998 would see the 25th year of the College and a number of ways of celebrating the event had been proposed. There was a plan for an Art Exhibition of the work of current and past students. The aim was for quality rather than quantity. It was hoped to combine with the Association to hold a dinner and invite past and present members of the College staff. Details of the events were expected to be place on the "Internet"!

Miss Waring proposed the toast to the College and the formal proceedings ended with presentations to our guests.

Those present and signing the guest book were -

Louisa Waring, Jim & Jean Durrant, Howard & Diana Clarke, Nancy Finch, Elizabeth Prichard, Agnes Sowler, Roz & Carole Prichard, Paul & Jan Graham, Derek & Linda Graham, Brian & Pat Brand, George & Janet Bainbridge, Colin Mustard, Ted Cooper, David Francis, Keith Turner, Brian Bate, Peter Sowler and Gordon Rattenbury.

**Joint effort ! Brian & Pat Brand**

## THE 72nd ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner will be held at The Golden Eagle Hotel, Thornaby [New Town Centre] on **Saturday 25th April 1998** [ 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.].

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

For those wanting to spend the night (or the weekend) at the Golden Eagle Hotel we have negotiated a charge of £24.00 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 asking for the reduced rate; the telephone number is 01642 766511.

As 1998 is the Silver Jubilee of the opening of the Sixth Form College, we are combining with the College to celebrate the event. We expect to have two guests, Arthur Carr, the first Principal of the College and an Old Stocktonian from the former Grangefield Boys' Grammar School.

The ticket price is £12.00 and tickets can be obtained from Brian Brand 24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, Cleveland T518 5PJ. [Tel: 01642-583025] Please enclose a S.A.E. if applying by post. Cheques should be made payable to "The Old Stocktonians' Association"

Non-members are most welcome if they are former students of the School(s) / College or are with former students.



### MENU

*Cream of Leek soup*



*Roast Lamb*

*Roasted with Minted Pear*

*Served with a selection of fresh,  
seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*



*Hot Cherry Crumble & Custard Sauce*



*Coffee & Mints*

*(Tea by request)*

For those guests with special dietary requirements e.g. Vegetarian meals, please contact Brian Brand direct via the above telephone number. Wine can be ordered when you arrive, or at your table.



# For professional service, with a personal touch...

## The Golden Eagle Hotel

Set in a busy town centre, the Golden Eagle Hotel has 57 en-suite bedrooms, all with clock-radio, colour television, direct-dial telephone and a complimentary tea and coffee tray.

Within the hotel, we have various well appointed function suites, catering for up to 300 delegates. We offer the use of a variety of audio visual equipment and our town centre location makes us ideal for business gatherings. We have private parking facilities for up to 80 cars.

The Golden Eagle Hotel offers a choice of friendly bars and the Beaufort Restaurant offers a range of menus including both A La Carte and Table D'Hote, complemented by an extensive wine list.

Are you looking for a great night out? Somewhere with fine food, great music and a party atmosphere? Look no further - Dynasty's Night Spot is the place! Open Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year, Dynastys offers a 3 course meal from as little as £7.00.

Book your Wedding Reception at the Golden Eagle Hotel and relax in the knowledge that our friendly and experienced staff will help you organise your celebrations to perfection. Included in our wedding package are floral arrangements, cakestand and knife, changing rooms, free overnight accommodation for Bride and Groom and special accommodation rates for their guests.

Everything you will need to make your Reception the occasion of a lifetime is available at the Golden Eagle Hotel.

## The Golden Eagle Hotel

Trenchard Avenue  
Thornaby, Cleveland  
TS17 ODA

Telephone: (01642) 766511

Facsimile: (01642) 750336

## The Billingham Arms Hotel

Situated in Billingham town centre, The Billingham Arms Hotel offers the warm and friendly atmosphere for which the North is renowned. From arrival to departure you can rely on our friendly and efficient staff to ensure that your stay is comfortable and enjoyable.

The Billingham Arms Hotel has 4 function suites, which can accommodate numbers up to 450. Each suite is flexible enough, not only for conferences and exhibitions, but also for seminars and syndicate rooms. Residential packages are also available, making the hotel ideal for training courses.

The same facilities and standards of service are available for a range of other functions, Company Dinner Dances and Sportsmen's Dinners to name but two. An extensive choice of menus is available for your individual requirements

Berties Restaurant with its charming Edwardian decor makes an inviting and relaxing place to dine, whilst Langtry's offers a more informal setting, ideal for family dining. Both restaurants offer a wide range of menus, with 'specials' changing daily, and a fine selection of wine.

If you are planning your wedding The Billingham Arms Hotel is the perfect venue. From the warmest of welcomes to the pop of the last champagne cork, excellent food and drink, flowers and luxurious function rooms will combine to make your Reception the most special day of your life.

Call us, we would be delighted to help.

## The Billingham Arms Hotel

The Causeway, Billingham  
Cleveland TS23 2HD  
Telephone:

(01642) 360880 Conference & Banqueting

(01642) 553661, Reservations & Restaurant

Facsimile: (01642) 552104

## THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1996 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2724.99.

One loan of £500.00 and two grants totalling £325.00 were made during the year. No repayments or donations have been received.

Interest of £55.07 net was received [£68.84 gross and tax of £13.77 deducted]. This gave a credit balance of £1955.06 at the Building Society on 31st December 1996.

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 OSA donations, or direct to the Convenor 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 Convenor to the Trustees, 24, Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, . TS18 5PJ (Tel :- 01642-583025)

**BRIAN BRAND**

### TREASURER'S REPORT - 1996-97

The funds remain sound and have been audited for the year ending 30th June 1997

The Life Members and General Fund has increased by £227.21, the Evan Baldwin Fund has decreased by £42.84 and the King / Armstrong Fund has decreased by £15.98.

The Evan Baldwin Fund will last another year at the present level of prizes. Three prizes were awarded in 96-97 and if three are awarded next year the fund will be exhausted.

Late note Three prizes have been awarded for 97-98 and unless donations specific to the fund are received or the committee allocate money from the General Fund, the Evan Baldwin prizes can no longer be given.

The King & Armstrong Fund will last another seven years at the current value of prizes, though the committee is considering increasing the value of each to £12.00 [from £10.00]

The Year Book continues to be our main financial outlay. The cost of production was £271.91 and postage was £66.52. Advertising realised £230.00 leaving a deficit of £111.43

My pleas for adverts. have been unanswered since I became treasurer. Brian Bate does his best and I continue to beg our existing advertisers to stay with us but we have only managed a couple of adverts from others on a 'one off' basis, and we are really grateful for those. Please ask a friend or colleague if you think an advert is possible.

The Annual Dinner was not well supported last year but the lack of support after the 'centenary' was anticipated and the dinner 'broke even' [a profit of 43 pence!]

Subscriptions and Donations totalling £314.84 were slightly down on previous years but can still support the Year Book with help from advertising.

Building Society interest of £65.12 [net] just about pays the postage for the Year Book!

We made a modest income of £8.83 from ties, stickpins and History of the Association.

Finally, may I thank Peter Fleck, our Honorary Auditor, for his continued help and advice.

**Brian P. Brand  
Hon. Treasurer**



## FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

The Grangefield School service took place in St. Peter's Church on the 15th December. It was a 'packed house' and the standard of the choral and musical items was extremely high, as was each reading. The choir was supplemented by a few staff and friends [to reach the lower parts!]. The Hallelujah Chorus was the choir's final contribution and was received with spontaneous applause including the vicar, the Rev. A. Whitehead, clapping the fine singing.

Brian Brand

## ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE 1997

The annual Remembrance Day Service took place on Monday 11th November at Grangefield School. The Association was represented by Ken Whitfield, who laid a wreath on our behalf, Gordon Rattenbury and Brian Brand. As in previous years the Year 9 pupils were responsible for the service.

Once again the service was conducted with dignity. 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.

Brian Brand

## *Association Centenary Coasters*

95p each

6 for £4.35

(inclusive of postage)

**Please use the insert sheet to order.**

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION



Ties, new narrower style £4.00

NEW Stick Pins for your label £2.00

Castle and Anchor Motif, 5/8" diameter  
Gilt on black enamel background

PLEASE ADD 26pp & p when ordering one or both items.

Available from the Hon. Secretary.

  
↓

## 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 :

A.S. Brown ( ? ), 113, Harlsey Rd., Stockton-on-Tees; 1992  
I.R.I. Carbarns (1972 - 79), 175 Sylvan Avenue, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire ; 1995  
R. Elsworth (1920 - 25), 1 Hale Court, Willow Tree Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire ; 1990  
P.M.K. Embling (?), 23 The Green, Hurworth, Darlington ; 1985  
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  
Revd. J.P. Jennings (1978 - 80), 2 Hamilton Rd., Prestwich, Manchester ; 1992  
H.D. Race (1932 - 37), 19 The Avenue, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees ; 1985  
K. Readman (1956 - 61), c/o 41 Spennithorne Rd., Stockton-on-Tees; 1979  
R. Scott (1950 - 54), Ridley Scott Associates, 1040 N. Los Palmas Buildings, Hollywood, 90038 ; 1992  
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 37) who lived in Norton or Stockton and possibly went into the Merchant Navy.

## OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 27 March 1997

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

## In 1998 we anticipate the event being held on Wednesday 1 April 1998

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 01642 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 !

I'm sure that it is not for the lack of news that information is scarce, 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 do, at least, return the slip with an address confirmation and just one or two lines of news !!

**GORDON ANDERSON (1985 - 87)** writes us a short note with a subs top up. He continues to work for Andersen Consulting where he was recently promoted to Manager. Although he still lives in Cheshire most of Gordon's time is spent working on projects in London. He travels extensively, visiting many old university friends in Europe and America and occasionally manages a trip back to Cleveland. Gordon concludes that although he has lost touch with most of his peers from the SF College it is always nice to read through what people are doing and how the College is developing.

A brief note from a newcomer to the Association, **STEVEN ATKINSON (1995 - 97)**. Steven is taking a year out before going to university and we wish him well in both ventures.

The Ayres are back, in force !! **ALLAN AYRE (1941 - 46)** renewed contact with us after some years and introduced three new members: **ALBERT HENRY ("HARRY") RHODES (1941 - 46)** [of whom more later], **EILEEN OLIVE AYRE (née BAGE) (1943 - 48)** [Allan's wife], **JOHN CHRISTOPHER AYRE (1980 - 1982)**. In addition Allan re-newed membership for his son **MARK STUART AYRE (1978 - 80)**. John graduated from Leicester University with a BA (in 1985?) and currently lives in Waddington, Mark graduated from Lancaster University with a BSc (in 1983?) and currently lives in Harrogate, Albert emigrated to 'Oz' in 1965, where he currently lives in Victoria, and made his first return to England in August 1997.

**GEORGE BAINBRIDGE (1951 - 58)** was able to join us at the Dinner this year, sadly no further details to add.

**PAT BARKER (née DRAKE) (1955 - 62)** was honoured by the University of Durham in July of 1997 when she received the degree of Doctor of Letters. Pat is best remembered for winning the Booker Prize in 1995 with her novel 'The Ghost Road' but has gone from strength to strength in the literary world since then.

It was nice to hear from **LES BARTLETT (1929 - 33)** once again, who has been a fairly regular contributor to these pages over the last 20 years. Les offered us the chance to use some of his text from a recent 'life profile' written for the Southampton Branch of the 'Air Crew Association'. Les begins by telling us that, but for some rather swift manoeuvres on the part of his family he might have been a Russian ! Apparently his mother was in Siberia at the time Les was due (in 1917) but managed to make it back to Gloucester just in time ! As with many a small boy his first interest in aeroplanes occurred when he built a toy glider and began cutting pictures from daily papers and magazines. At Grammar School he heard about the University Air Squadron at Thornaby and a bicycle ride combined with a fortuitous gap in the hedge brought him face to face with Hawker Harts and Hinds. Leaving school to become a pharmacist his finals were interrupted by the outbreak of war in 1939 and he had to wait until January 1940 to take and pass the exam in Edinburgh. In 1941 he decided to try and realise his boyhood dream of flying and applied for the RAF. In April '41 he was told to report to RAF Padgate but was immediately sent home on leave - the station wasn't ready yet ! Via Air Crew Reception at Lords Cricket Ground, Les joined No. 6 Initial Training Wing in Torquay and thence to transit camp in Blackpool. With barely time to unpack he was on his way to South Africa from the Clyde on the SS Ormond. Three days of seasickness, 40 gallon oil drums



rolling around the mess deck and dodgy food (curry with maggots !) meant the next six weeks were a most unhappy time in Les's life. Elementary Flying training at Randfontein, navigation at East London, bombing at Port Elizabeth and four weeks leave in Cape Town were sheer bliss. All this was capped by a 14 day (!) return to the UK on a US troopship where the food was fit for a king. In the UK Les flew Wellingtons from RAF Cottesmore and then converted to Lancasters at Wigsley (Lincs). In October '43 operations began in earnest and, from Skellingthorpe (Lincs), they completed a tour of 30 night operations in May 1944, becoming only the fifth crew to survive this unhealthy occupation (46 other crews went 'missing') From '44 to '46 Les was instructing new crews at Wigsley and eventually was posted to RAF Thornaby (!) as Assistant Adjutant (Entertainments and Welfare). In July 1945 Les was decorated by King George VI at Buckingham Palace with the DFM in recognition of his service in the face of adversity. On his demobilisation Les decided to move from pharmacy and became a Medical Representative for Evans Medical Supplies (Liverpool) and spent the next years travelling the highways and byways of North & East Yorkshire. In 1953 Les decided to 'settle down' nearer to home and established a new pharmacy in Billingham. After seven happy years he decided to move on to Southampton, where his parents had moved to (and settled) during the war. He set up two pharmacies, one in Bursledon and one in Woolston. At 80 Les and his wife still live in Hamble and he still keeps in touch with modern flyers through the commercial traffic control on Air Band radio.

We were pleased to hear from Les's daughter **DIANE BARTLETT (now MORGAN-HARRIS) (1955 - 60)** who moved to Barton Peverill School, near Southampton, from Grangefield Girls when Les's family moved in 1960. Diane took a course at Portsmouth Poly (as it was then) and, in 1965, married George Morgan-Harris, a company director. With five children, including twins, it could be said that Diane had enough to occupy her over the next few years, however she has been very actively involved in local community work including : Chairperson of Local Communicare, working in a local hospice, Deanery and Branch Chairperson for the Mothers' Union and a Diocesan speaker for Winchester. For the last two years she has been Chairperson of the Solent Decorative and Fine Arts Society and is keenly interested in water-colour & oil painting, singing (in the local choir), sailing and 'working out' in the local gym. Diane and George's children have progressed to a variety of occupations : Emma (28) is retail manager of a diving company and an instructor for Operation Raleigh; G.T. (26) is Lock Master at Port Solent; Guy (23) graduated in Architecture and is working in London before studying in Paris for a diploma; Hugo (21) is a qualified boatbuilder and now is a drummer with 'Poppyheads' and Lucy (21) is studying on a Legal Practitioners' course after graduating in Law from Bristol. Diane would be delighted to hear from other Old Stocktonians from her 'era' and so we include her address (Strawberry Hill, Long Lane, Bursledon, Hampshire, SO31 8DA)

No news this time from **PETER BELL (1958 - 65)** other than an address confirmation.

You may remember we featured a paragraph on The Reverend **GRAHAM BENZIES (1954 - 61)** in last year's magazine. Graham has written again with a nice donation and the following news. He is still serving as an Assistant Curate at St. Peter's Church, Stockton but also spends time at North Tees Hospital, the Butterwick Hospice and at Ian Ramsey School where he is a Year Chaplain and a Governor. Graham also keeps in contact with 'the old school' by acting as host minister to the Grangefield School Annual carol Service at St. Peter's. As a member of Durham County Cricket Club, Graham was hoping for a better season in 1997 (All things are relative Graham - Editor). We assume he is now hoping for the same in 1998 ! Graham regularly meets up with **E.D. HEMPSEY (1954 - 61)**, with whom he studied identical subjects in the Sixth Form. (Try and persuade E.D. to write to us Graham - Editor)

A regular contributor to these pages, **FRANK BOWEN (1925 - 32)** once again included a generous donation to funds and (at 84 ?) is still active and enjoying life. Frank continues to write, and submit for publication, short stories and, he tells us, is continuing to collect the associated rejection slips !



With a top up of subs **SHEILA CARBARNES (1983 - 85)** adds that she is currently (1997) working as a general practitioner in the Scottish Highlands. Sheila's brother **NEIL (1970 - 77)** is a hospital consultant in infectious diseases in Abergavenny, Wales and her other brother **IAN (1972 - 79)** is living with his wife and two young daughters in Durlinsdorf, France where he works as a research physician for a pharmaceutical company (over the border) in Basel, Switzerland.

It was nice to hear from **SUSAN DICKSON (née HARDY) (1970 - 77)** after a number of years. Susan is still a 'full-time mum', living on the outskirts of Aberdeen, looking after two children, Georgia (8) and Andrew (4), and husband Rab who works as a town planner. Susan's mum used to be the school secretary at Grangefield Grammar School for Girls and, as the magazine is delivered to her address, is always interested to see if there are any names she recognises. Does anyone out there have any 'stories' to relate ?

A brief note with a generous donation to funds from **PETER DODDS (1954 - 61)** who now runs an Internet Advertising agency in Dublin. Peter's three daughters are all at Trinity College, Dublin studying Business, Computer Studies and History respectively. Peter, meanwhile has found time to do a lot of long distance walking, having completed the Pennine Way, Coast to Coast and West Highland Way in recent years. Still active on the tennis front Peter was successful in winning the 1997 Irish Championship Men's' Doubles (for over 50s).

Once again it was nice to see **TED COOPER (1957 - 62)** at the Annual Dinner. We are pleased to note that Ted makes a considerable effort to travel from Buckinghamshire to attend the function. In this special year how about some others making such an effort !

A top up of subs and donation from **NANCY FINCH M.B.E. (1931 - 36)** but sadly no other news. We were pleased to see Nancy at the Dinner once again in 1997.

Although there was no further news to add to that provided in 1994 **R SAXON FRENCH L.V.O., R.V.M. (1940 - 45)** once again sent a generous donation to subs with his address confirmation.

**R. GARDNER (1926 - 31)** writes from Sheffield to confirm his address and includes a generous donation to funds. He was able to tell us, sadly, of the death (in October 1993) of **DAVE KIRTLEY (1927 - 33)**, which was mentioned in the Inland Revenue Magazine. In the recent BBC TV series on "Aristocracy" he was intrigued to see a feature on the Lord and Lady Londonderry of the 20's & 30's. The feature rekindled memories of Speech Day in December 1931 (according to past year books - Editor) when the Marquis of Londonderry gave out the prizes and Mr Gardner was amongst the recipients. Mr Gardner was also interested to hear of Joan Fordy who was in the same rambling club as him in the early 40s. He remembers a particularly long "hike" when the group missed the last bus from Guisborough and had to walk home ! During his retirement of 22 years Mr Gardner has not been idle; he estimates that he has attended some 1,250 lectures/classes at the local Polytechnic and WEA in addition to accumulating some 3,500 slides through his other great interest of photography.

A generous donation and a new address notification (of Guisborough) from **DAVE GATHERGOOD (1957 - 64)** but no news to add to that he sent us in 1992.

**PAUL GRAHAM (1958 - 65)** has recently joined the ranks of the 'retired' in the teaching profession. Prompted by recent government changes to retirement rules and a 'package' from the college he decided to take an opportunity that would no longer exist after August 1997. Having begun as a 'basic teacher' at Middlesbrough High School in 1969 Paul obtained regular promotions which prompted him to stay in the same school (and eventually, College) for 28 years. In 1976 he was promoted to Head of Maths from second in the department when the High School was transformed to Marton Sixth Form College (under LEA policy). After some eight years he was then promoted to Vice Principal II (in 1984) and, on the retirement of the Senior Vice Principal, to Vice Principal I in 1989. In 1993 when FE and sixth form colleges

were funded from a central council rather than the LEA Paul took over as Finance Manager (although he did have a qualified accountant to keep the books right !) in addition to his Vice Principal roles of timetabler, curriculum director and 'room provider'. In 1995 the College merged with Longlands College to become Teesside Tertiary College and he became Director of Academic Services which included looking after the rooming requirements of a college which had four buildings and some 10,000 full- and part-time students. Since retirement he has returned to the classroom on a part-time basis, teaching maths, computing and quantitative methods for business students and studying for basic accountancy qualifications. So far his 'good intentions', as far as the garden, house and holidays are concerned, have somewhat fallen by the wayside. However, he confesses that it's nice to make your own decisions about what you will and will not do in terms of work load and, at the moment, is thoroughly enjoying the new dimensions available to him.

A new address from **IAN GRANT (1946 - 51)**, who now resides in Robin Hoods Bay, but sadly no other information.

No news, other than an address confirmation and subs top up (which takes them well into the 21st century) from **LINDA (1967 - 73)** and **MIKE (1973 - 74) HEADS**.

It had to come .... we have our first e-mail communication via Bill Murphy at Grangefield School and **MARTIN PEAGAM (1969 - 76)**. In November 1996 Bill received a message from **SHEILA HUGGETT (now BRUNSON)(1942 - 47)** who has lived in the USA for the last 35 years. Sheila is anxious to find out about anyone who was in the same class as her and if there is still an Old Girls' Association. If anyone wishes to contact Sheila they can e-mail her on [sheilajuly@aol.com](mailto:sheilajuly@aol.com) (unfortunately she did not include a 'regular address')

**RICHARD HUMBLE (1980 - 87)** writes to tell us that after undertaking Clinical Research in Respiratory Medicine in Edinburgh he took on a twelve month contract in Hamilton, New Zealand as Registrar in Respiratory Medicine Cardiology from December 1996. Regular readers may remember that Richard has (had ?) the ambition to complete 'The Munros'. At the time he about to leave for New Zealand he still had three to complete (after eight years hard work !) - two of which were on Skye where the weather had defeated him (twice !). He did complete the remaining three before going to New Zealand but, unfortunately, eight more have been added to the 'list' since then. [Have we any other completers out there ? - Editor] Richard found life in New Zealand "great" - no overcrowding, better weather and plenty of walking and outdoor activities. He should be back in the UK at the beginning of 1998 looking for another job - preferably in Scotland, as he still has a flat in Edinburgh !

Still enjoying his retirement after 23 years **WILF HUME (1924 - 29)** finds it difficult to believe that it was 68 years ago that he left Nelson Terrace to catch the train to Dinsdale for Middleton One Row for the very last time. At 84 he's not as sprightly as he was but is ably supported by his wife (of 57 years) Ann who, being "that little bit younger", is somewhat fitter.

It was nice to hear from **CHRIS HURT (1949 - 56)** recently who together with a donation to funds and address confirmation told us that he retired in August 1996 from a career in teaching and educational administration (most recently with Northumberland County Council). We wish a long and happy retirement.

We are pleased to welcome **KAREN IRELAND (1995 - 97)** as a new member of the Association. Karen was awarded an Evan Baldwin Prize for her work on behalf of the College in 1996-97 and started a Law degree at Oxford University in September 1997. We wish her every success and hope that she will write and let us know how things are progressing.

Along with a subs top up **ANDREW KING (1991 - 94)** wrote to tell us that he was successful in the Student Union Elections at Oxford Brookes University and is now the Students Union's Academic and University Representation Officer. This entails having to take a year out from



study as the post is full-time but Andrew adds that any SSFC students at Oxford Brookes who need help know where they can find a sympathetic ear.

As always it's a pleasure to hear from our regular contributor **GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18)** who, once again included a nice donation to subs (thank you George). He confesses that news is a 'bit thin' this year. George did put us right on **MARY LIVERSEED's** age however - she was 106 in 1997, not 105 as we stated (Sorry about that Mary - Editor).

Another regular and welcome attender at the O.S. Dinner and contributor to these pages is **COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60)** who once again generously sends a donation to funds. Colin's anticipated move from temporary to permanent appointment as the Assistant Secretary of the Sun Alliance Staff Union was duly ratified in 1997. However life never has a dull moment for, no sooner was he in post when a merger was announced and the new organisation will be called the Union of Royal and Sun Alliance Staff.

On the eve of publication we received (via Gordon Rattenbury) a letter from **DAVE PILBROUGH (1947 - 53?)** in Australia with an update on 'happenings' since his 1996 visit to the UK. 1997 has been a momentous year for Dave and his family packed with change and major decisions. In April Dave's wife Heidi was diagnosed with cancer and chose against conventional chemotherapy treatment. Instead, via the Internet, they obtained a new drug, researched at the Syracuse Cancer Research Institute in the USA. Heidi built up her immune system using homeopathic and Chinese medicines and, as a result, we were pleased to hear that she is already in remission and feels and looks very fit indeed. They both feel very confident that she will remain so. Their next decision was to take early retirement and do the travelling they promised themselves, both within Australia and throughout the world. Dave has already reduced his consultancy work but plans to "shelve" his gold-refining business for future use. Dave's son Warren has just completed his four year honours degree in Bioprocess Engineering and achieved a First Class Honours. He has also been successful in obtaining a 6-month "work experience" position with Merck Inc. in New Jersey in the USA; he departs in February 1998. Dave and Heidi's travel plans involve choosing small villages in countries of interest and staying for about six months, getting to know the immediate area and language in detail. The first six months will be in Germany, where Heidi's knowledge of the language will help. In 1999 they plan to spend time in France where Dave will test the 'schoolboy French' taught to him by Gordon some 50 years previously. During the greater part of the alternate six months they will be travelling around Australia in a four-wheel drive. This progression will continue Dave concludes, "as long as we keep fit". Dave mentions in the letter that his brother **LEWIS PILBROUGH (?)** stayed in Zimbabwe after Rhodesia became independent and worked for most of his life in the Department of Roads as an Administrator. He retired a couple of years ago and now runs his own hire business, catering for weddings and other family events and, we understand, is doing rather well at that too! During a quiet time at Christmas Dave was looking through some photographs of 'the past' and came across one showing the cast of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Ruddigore' from a school production of circa 1953. In enclosing a copy for Gordon in the letter, Dave adds that his copy now "forms one of my treasured memories of schooldays at Grangefield Grammar School" [ Have other former students any memories they would like to share with us of those marvellous productions at GGS - Editor]

**R. PURNELL (?)** dropped us a line to congratulate us on the quality of our publication and included a most generous donation to funds (Many thanks on both counts - Editor) He also included the address in Germany of **MIKE PURNELL (1953 - 61 )** so that the magazine can arrive directly.

Many thanks to **RAY REED (1950 - 57)** for his donation to subs and purchases. Ray still lives in 'deepest' Hampshire but we have no details of 'activities' since 1988 when we were informed he was a consultant orthodontist - is that still the case or has retirement intervened ?



As promised above I include here more information from A.H. ("HARRY") RHODES (1941 - 46) through a long letter from Australia. Harry and his wife (Pat) took a holiday out of Australia for the first time in 32 years when they visited England in August 1997. Met at Teesside Airport by his sister and old school friend JACK THORMAN (1941 - 46) and his wife, Judith, Harry and his wife were (re- ?) introduced to the delights of North Yorkshire, Black Sheep brews and Trenchers Fish & Chips at Whitby. Very soon after his arrival in England Harry met up with his old friend and 'best man' Allan Ayre who, in addition to enrolling him as an 'Old Stocktonian', presented him with a tie, stick pin, and copies of Don Smith's "Cricket-Stumps and Sticklebacks", Tom Sowler's "History of Stockton-on-Tees" and the 1996 - 97 New Stocktonian. Harry noted with sadness the passing of Mike Sizer, whom he had not seen for many years - even though they both lived in the Melbourne area. On a happier note he was pleased to see a reference to ARTHUR ("Babe") WILLIS (1940 - 46) and wonders if he remembered their barrack room days at Brancepeth where they spent the early months of their national service. Coffee Mornings at 'All Saints' Church at Eaglescliffe found Harry enjoying the company of an 'Old 'Sec boy from the late '30s' - LEN POPE (we have dates of 1927 - 31 - Editor). Much reminiscing about memories of Stockton Rugby Club and of Service in the Caribbean took place - to say nothing of the startled effect they must have had on the coffee group with their rendition of "Scholae Stocktonensis Carmen" [which Harry blames on the lethal combination of coffee and digestive biscuits] Harry has corresponded regularly for a number of years with STAN BASSETT (1940 - 46) as fellow seagoing engineers who retain an interest in ships and shipping and planned to pay him a visit in Nettleham whilst in the UK. However he found 'the tables turned' on him when Stan arrived 'on the doorstep' in Eaglescliffe, and several very pleasant evenings were spent in deep and meaningful discussions in various Yarm hostels. Post cards and photographs had not really prepared Harry and Pat for the changes that had taken place in Stockton. They searched in vain for The Black Lion, Vane Arms and Royal Hotel and he was dismayed to find 'the old school' in Nelson Terrace 'removed'. Pat, as an 'Old Girl' of Cleveland School in Eaglescliffe, was equally shaken to find that Woodside Hall was no more. Despite these 'disappointments' Harry says that their seven weeks in the North of England were wonderful and there was some reluctance to leave when the time came to return to 'Oz'. However with three daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren and one great grandson together with sundry in-laws waiting perhaps Australia just had the edge! Harry's letter (in November 1997) had Pat making plans for a return trip to Teesside in perhaps two years time. In the meantime Harry would be delighted to hear from any Old Stocktonians who may remember him or wish to make contact. [to this end we print Harry's address - 5, Virgilia Drive, Hoppers Crossing, Victoria 3029, Australia ]

Somewhat belated, but nevertheless sincere, congratulations to DAVID ROBSON (1982 - 84) and his wife ALISON (née WRIGHT)(1982 - 84) on the birth of their first child in April 1996. He asks the question - Where has all the spare time gone ? (Don't expect any answers from those who have already been through it David - Editor). Still living in Leeds, David is now Manager of the Yorkshire Bank in Knaresborough and Alison is teaching in Leeds. Many thanks for the top up of subs and we hope for future details on family and contemporaries - when you have time of course !

An 'old' new member B.K. RACE (1930 - 36) has joined us this year but, sadly, we have no further details to add to the welcome we give him through these pages. [I have a reference in the 33-34 Year book to a B. Race who was well placed in the swimming events - as was his brother H. Race; and a 'Race' at inside left in the 1st XI Soccer Team - any help ? - Editor]

We welcome another new member SANDRA MEIER (née SCRAFTON)(1976 - 83) who currently lives in Cumbria but gives no other details. Sandra asks about Life Membership of the Association. Unfortunately, because of escalating costs, we had to withdraw such membership as an option some time ago as we felt the single charge would have to be too high to be attractive. The 'Life Member' on the return sheet refers to those who took such options many years ago - many of whom now give donations towards funds rather than pay 'yearly subs'.



This seems to be the year for 'old' new members. We welcome **SARAH JANE SHERATON (1972 - 77)** who was in the last intake of Grangefield Grammar School for Girls before they 'went comprehensive'. Sarah was interested to hear of **IAN CARBARNES (1972 - 79)** and wonders if there are any others out there who are of their 'era'. Sarah has a young daughter who has just started Whitehouse Primary and her dad **KEN (1940 - 46)** is an 'Old Boy' of Nelson Terrace.

A chance unearthing of a Gazette photograph he received sometime ago prompted **DON SMITH (1933 - 40)** to write with a list of names from the past. The photograph shows class 2M of 1932-33 with 'Jute' firmly in charge. Don recognises **RON 'GANDHI' RIEVELEY** from Billingham, **BILL PALMER**, **ROY DEDMAN**, and **SAMMY MANN**. The photograph was submitted to the Gazette by Gretta Anderson (née Hunter) who also sent in a girls' hockey photograph. Don recognised **BOB HEATHCOTE's (1933 - 40)** sister **MOLLY**, **JOAN RUSSELL** and **JANET MANNERS** (daughter of 'Creamy' Manners). He sent a copy of the photograph to Bob and as a result Bob renewed his acquaintance with **DENNIS RUSSELL (?)** who gave him Janet's address near Hull and new contacts were the order of the day! Joan and Janet formed a close-knit threesome with **PEGGY GILBERT (?)** and Molly joined in with them. Don has also been in touch recently with **BOB SHIELDS (?)** in the Salisbury area and **JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933 - 38)** in Bedfordshire. After a recent successful cataract operation, which ensured his future driving career, Don bought a 'new' car - an automatic. The car was sold to him by one of his former pupils from Dundee and Don felt that the manager of the firm employed some 'sharp practice'. Apparently, the firm employs some rather attractive young ladies to help with sales and Don never even checked the tyres on the vehicle before agreeing to buy! As ever Don sends regards to all 'Old Stocktonians', and 'new ones' who are finding him!

**RUSSELL THERSBY (1956 - 64)** brought us up to date four years ago with his exploits at British Aerospace's Military Aircraft Division and included a generous donation at that time. From his latest return, which once again included a most generous donation, we gather he is still at the Preston Division; we trust he has a little more leisure time now after his three year spell as chair of the Institute of Directors in the North West.

**Revd. JUNE THOMAS ( Staff : 1954 - 57, 69 - 73, Grangefield; 73 - 86, SSFC)** confirmed her address and topped up subs but no other news to add.

A generous donation from Life Member **BRIAN WALLER (1959 - 66)** with his address confirmation but sadly no news other than an intriguing 'With Compliments' slip which confirms his connection (as a partner?) with The J. Rothschild Partnership.

Nice to hear (briefly) from **PETER WEBSTER (1963 - 70)** which included a handsome top up of subs and a confirmation of the many ex-Grangefield and Sixth form College students 'in residence' at Stockton Cricket Club (e.g. **RAY WAITE (?)**, **GRAHAM RAYNER (1959 - 66)**, **BILL WEBSTER (1964 - 71)**, **GORDON LAKE (?)**, to name but a few ...). We assume Peter is still Head of Maths at English Martyrs School in Hartlepool; if so he must be able to do away with his passport and visa by now!

As a regular contributor over the years we can't complain if **BARRY WIGGINS (1940 - 46)** just confirms his address on this occasion. Many thanks Barry - we wish most of the other 300+ members would do the same on a regular basis.

**PETER WIMBERLEY (1955 - 62)**, as diligent as ever, brings us up to date with his (fourth?) new address in Denmark. He is still working as a consultant in a hospital laboratory, now in Aalborg and sends particular regards to **JOHN INGHAM ( Staff : 1957 - 1996 )**, **JIM DURRANT (Staff : 1949 - 80)** and **GORDON RATTENBURY (Staff: 1932 - 74)**

## OBITUARIES

It was with particular sadness that we heard of the death of **RON WYNZAR (1927 - 30)** who was a stalwart of the Association for over 67 years; the last 34 years as a Committee Member. Although born in Darlington he arrived at Nelson Terrace late in his secondary schooling and he soon proved himself to be that rare blend of sportsman and academic. Ron excelled at rugby where he was a member of the first rugby XV the school established (in 1927-28) and played for Durham schoolboys in 1929-30. In tennis too he was no slouch, losing in the semi-finals of the school tournament to the eventual winner in 1928 and winning the event in 1929. As a miler he was undefeated in the school senior race and twice won the quarter mile event at the same level. In the Inter-school sports of 1930 he won both the mile and half mile events to gain 10 of Stockton's 12 points. Ron more than matched these feats of athleticism by gaining his Higher School Certificate in French (distinction), English Lit. and Latin, and securing a Durham County Junior Exhibition in 1929 and a place to Oxford in 1930. Graduating with a BA (Hons) in French and Spanish from Oxford University in 1933, Ron took a Diploma in Education in the following year and he began a short teaching career before joining the RAF for a career which was to last some 30 years. Many of Ron's postings in the years after the war were in Europe (his two daughters Pip and Nicky were born in Germany and France respectively) and 1950 found him resident in Provence (near Marseilles) and attached to the French Air Force. The postings abroad were interspersed with residences in Southern England but it was his favourite North East that Ron 'retired' when he left the RAF in the early 60s. Here Ron resumed his teaching career, teaching A level French at Billingham Tech and acting as an examinations officer for A level Orals French for several examining boards (which he continued with well into his 70s). Ron never lost the love of his two early passions; French (and France) and rugby. He was a regular visitor, with his son Leo, to the Internationals (especially those at Twickenham) and every Summer (even when he was over 80) he would motor leisurely down through France to Spain with his wife and spend two weeks soaking up the sun, language and culture. Ron also continued to attend the OS Committee meetings until very recently and was always willing to offer support when he could. We offer our sympathy to all Ron's family on their sad loss, we know that many of our readers will remember him and would wish to join with our sincere condolences.

**REG CORNFORTH (1920 - 24)**, who was a member of this Association for more than 70 years sadly passed away on 31 October 1996. Although arthritis, caused by an accident during wartime service in the RAF severely curtailed Reg's movements out of the house in later life, he still tried to keep active. In a letter in the early 90s Reg mentioned his particular friendship with Archer Green, Arthur Austin, Andrew Brown, John Hart, Fred Gelden ("monitor to Evan Baldwin and keeper of various 'whacking sticks' ") and Willie Wade. He also related that he had very many fond memories of the old SSS and we are sure that there many from the 'old' school who will have such memories of Reg - we mourn his passing as a friend and colleague.

We were recently informed of the death of **HERBERT FARRINGTON (1925 - 30)** some four or five years ago. After leaving school Herbert passed the exam for qualification as Tax Officer in the Civil Service in 32/33 and, as far as we know, stayed in the Service until retirement. He was a good and faithful officer of this Association both as a Committee Member from 1957 to 1975 and as Hon Auditor for the period 1966 to 75. We offer belated condolences to all his relatives and friends.

We were informed in March 1997 of the death of **LES BELL (1922 - 28)**. Les enjoyed a long and active retirement when, in 1980, he completed 47 years with Head Wrightson, Thornaby with a final position of Chief Production Engineer. In his retirement he continued to attend the old Nelson Terrace building with his wife Nancy to 'revise French' and attend Music Appreciation classes. In addition to these activities Les was a devoted caravaner and he and Nancy were regular visitors to English and Foreign climes. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Nancy (nee Mackew [1925-32]) and daughter Elizabeth (1967-74) on their sad loss.

R. Gardner included in his letter above that **DAVE KIRTLEY (1927 - 33)** passed away in October 1993. Dave spent all his working life with the Inland Revenue. In 1934 he passed the Executive Group Exam for the Civil Service and was appointed to Somers House. He was promoted to Senior Executive Officer, Inland revenue, Edinburgh area in 1952 and in 1963 was appointed Senior Chief Executive Officer at the Surtax Office. Promotion to Deputy Controller of Surtax followed in 1967 and in 1972 Dave was made an Assistant Secretary. Dave retired in 1977 and the majority of his time thereafter was amply taken up by bowling, bird watching and walking.



# W



# R L D

# W I D E

*from*

# TEESSIDE

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

The products we make, from petrochemicals to polyesters, films to acrylics, are vital components in a vast range of essential everyday items.

But it's not just by chance that we succeed where others fail. It's through our continuous commitment to:

- ▶ Manufacturing excellence and quality
- ▶ Scientific and technological innovation
- ▶ Improved performance and competitiveness



***ICI on Teesside -  
making a world of difference.***

# All the best from the Old Darlingtonians.

Whatever service you need from a building society, all you need do is call in at your local branch in Stockton or Yarm.

As for our friendly, helpful staff, you'll never be an onyourownian.



**DARLINGTON**

*B u i l d i n g   S o c i e t y*

**Looking after local interests**

Local branches at: 21 High Street, Stockton Tel: (01642) 672612.

81 High Street, Yarm Tel: (01642) 791019.

Principal Office: Sentinel House, Lingfield Way, Darlington, DL1 4PR