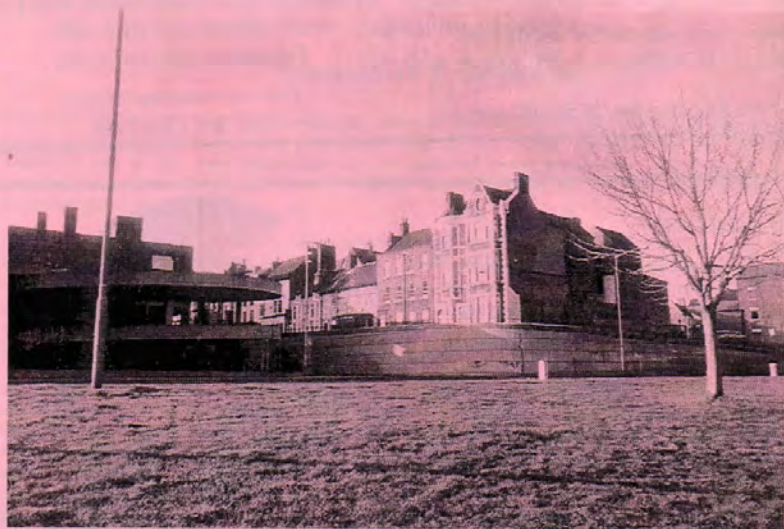




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to once again welcome you to 'The New Stocktonian' although with a decrease in revenue from advertisers it is an increasing drain on the funds. However as the year book is an important part of The Association there are no plans to cease publication, but it would help if any members who would like to advertise in, or are able to obtain an advertisement for, the year book to please get in touch.

Next I make my annual appeal for new blood not just for committee members but also for office bearers. This year is especially worrying as the committee are unable to nominate anyone for either Minutes Secretary or Advertising Manager. Serving The Association is neither time consuming (normally only 4 meetings per year plus the AGM) or onerous. Please we NEED volunteers to ensure the future of The Association. If you would like more information before committing yourself please contact any of the current office bearers.

As I have already mentioned the year book is the main contact for the majority of the members but I would like to bring to your notice the 1999 Annual Dinner, details of which are elsewhere in the year book. For this dinner we are departing from the norm and have not planned a guest speaker or any formal speeches to allow more time for socialising after we have dined. We hope this may appeal to some of you who have been deterred in the past by formality, and apologise to those of you who appreciate a more formal occasion. Please we ask all of you for your support for the 1999 Dinner and if you fancy a reunion why not try to get in touch with your contemporaries and book a table at the dinner, and don't forget partners and friends are warmly welcome.

This change in the format of the dinner is only one of the ways we are trying to engender more interest in The Association and we are considering more social events e.g. a trip on the River Tees, a brewery visit etc., so look for details in the year book or in the post, and if you have any other suggestions please let us know.

Finally I record my appreciation to the office bearers, committee and the Sixth Form College, who provide facilities for our meetings, for their continued service to The Association and for their support during my term of office as President.

With my very best wishes,

BOB WARD

COLLEGE NEWS

Silver Jubilee Year: 1998-1999

The Silver Jubilee Year commenced in grand style with outstanding GCE Advanced-Level results, a very healthy recruitment and the largest ever number of students on roll since the foundation of the college.

We expected very good A-level results and were delighted with an overall pass rate of almost 93%. Students in 13 subjects gained 100% pass rate and 90% or better was achieved in a further 9 subjects. The grades achieved by these students were most commendable and achievements were well in excess of what might have been predicted from their GCSE results on entry to the college. In addition, the achievement of students on vocational programmes and those on one-year GCSE courses were also very pleasing and pass rates equalled, and in most cases exceeded, the national average. Very few students experienced any difficulty in securing a place at university or in finding worthwhile employment. Stocktonians old and new will join with me in congratulating students and staff on these excellent examination results.

The college is committed to providing a wide range of academic and vocational courses which encourage high standards of achievement and the fulfilment of individual potential. Each year, we endeavour to respond to the career ambitions of students and their requests for the introduction of new subjects and courses in to the curriculum.

There continues to be an insatiable demand for Computing and IT from both full and part-time students. This year we added GCE Advanced Level in Information Technology to the A-Level in Computing and GNVQ, and GCSE courses. As IT goes from strength to strength at the college there is also a growing demand by students for access to the computer network for the completion of coursework, projects and assignments. The two-year programme of refurbishment and extension of the college IT network is now complete. Predictably, however, in this field of rapidly developing technology, we are already planning the further investment which will be needed to ensure that our students continue to be equipped to meet the demands of the information society.

Over the years the college has regretted the absence of facilities to deliver high quality courses in the performing arts. In September we were delighted to introduce an A-Level in Theatre Studies. This exciting new development is a product of the collaboration between the college and Stockton's new multi-million pound ARC Arts Centre. Students will have access to the "state of the art" facilities at the ARC and will be working with experienced theatrical practitioners to produce their own original work for the A-Level, alongside studying drama texts at the college. In future years we may be able to look forward to the return of the annual college production, which was very much a feature of the 1970s, and sadly has been lacking in recent years.

For twenty-five years, the college has established and maintained its outstanding reputation in sport and team games. This high profile has continued into the Silver Jubilee year. The 'A' Football team won the coveted County League and County Cup during the 1997-98 season, securing their third double in four years. It is well placed in the League and Cup this season. In Athletics, students competed successfully in the North-East British Athletics Championships, bringing back several medals to Stockton.

A number of students who gained outstanding sporting success: Marc Symington has made his first-class Cricket debut for Durham County and has been picked for the English under-19 team and selected for test matches this Winter against Pakistan and New Zealand. Sarah Cain and Rachel Moody are to be congratulated on their selection for the British Colleges under-19 National Hockey squad and will be heading off to Holland for a tour in the New Year. The college is now one of the few in the area which completes regularly with other colleges in the North of England and beyond in a wide range of sports. We are determined to continue to provide these opportunities and to encourage the high standard of sporting achievement.

Sports and team games do not appeal to all students and something of the flavour of the broader range of student activities is conveyed below. The majority of students, however pursue their leisure interests and enthusiasms outside the college. There is now an increasing tendency for students to combine college with often substantial commitment to part-time employment. This, taken together with visits to universities, learning to drive, holidays abroad, looking after younger brother or sister – not forgetting an often lively social life, constitute a formidable agenda for many students. The great majority do succeed in reconciling these many demands on their time and achieve the examination success needed to quality

them for university and employment. All of this, however, underlines the continuing importance of the tutorial advice and educational careers guidance, which the college provides for all its students.

Inevitably, over twenty-five years there has been a considerable change in staff at the college, with the number of founder members declining each year. In August 1998 Vic Watton, the last remaining founder member of the full-time teaching staff took early retirement. Mr Watton will be remembered with affection by generations of students for his approachable manner, the enthusiasm with which he taught his subjects and, above all, for his ability to inspire confidence and encourage the aspirations in students of a wide range of ability. We wish him well in his retirement. The only continuing serving founder member of the college is now Norman Homer, the Assistant Finance Manager and for many years the college Bursar. During the Silver Jubilee year Norman will be adding the duties of college Examinations Officer (a key and ever more complex area of college work) to his responsibilities.

A number of "recently retired" members of staff have continued to work at the college on a part-time basis and help out during staff illness and maternity leaves. They also enable the college to respond to the unexpected changes in demand by students for particular courses. This year June Byrom, Ann Oxley and Mike Vasey have come to our assistance to cover illness and Bob Meggs has also returned to help up-keep with the additional demand for teaching in Business Studies and Law. John Wightman and Alan Mills continue with their "permanent" part-time posts in Geology and Technology, teaching sizeable classes and with enthusiasm and impressive success.

The college was established in 1973 as part of the introduction of comprehensive education in Stockton alongside the creation of a number of 11-16 schools. We have been keen to organise an event as part of our Silver Jubilee commemoration which would enable us to involve these schools - with whom we have worked very closely over the years and who have provided us with most of our students.

An e-mail from the Director of the Russian Mir space-station project offering to visit the college and the enthusiastic and energetic response from David Dodds and John McCue at the college provided the answer. In November 1998 we organised a visit to the Tees Valley by the two Russian cosmonauts, Alexandre Volkov spent over a year in total on the troubled Mir space-station, and his colleague, space shuttle engineer Alexandre Martynov, is based at the Russian Star City Space Centre in Moscow. They spent a week in November as guests of the college and gave talks to large numbers of pupils in our partner schools about the wonders of space, the latest technological developments and their own unique experience. We hope that this will be the first of a number of projects to increase student interest in science and technology.

The college was officially opened in 1973 by the Secretary of State for Education and it is appropriate that we should extend an invitation to the present Government, asking for a ministerial visit during Silver Jubilee year. Dari Taylor, MP for Stockton South, is working hard on our behalf and hopefully I shall be able to report on a ministerial visit to the college in the next issue of the Year Book.

The college has experienced both continuity and change over its twenty-five years. We still provide predominantly for 16-19 full-time students, although in much greater numbers, and we now also offer significant opportunities for adults, especially on our successful range of part-time IT courses. The GCE Advanced Level programme is still the most significant area of the college's work and it enables a large number of students to progress to university each year. This has been complemented by a range of high quality Advanced Vocational courses of an equivalent standard for students who prefer a specific career focus in their studies.

It was always intended that the college would be open-access and provide opportunities for young people irrespective of their prior achievement. Our sizeable programme of one-year GCSE and Intermediate Vocational courses provide a second chance opportunity for many students. Almost half of the students on these courses progress to higher level qualifications at the college. These programmes are enabling us to make an important contribution to Government targets for increasing and widening participation in education in the post-compulsory school years.

The frequent changes in Government educational policy, and the exigencies of public finances have had a major impact on all schools and colleges. Some have not survived the passage of time and have disappeared following re-organisations and mergers. Incorporation was our biggest challenge and we are very proud that Stockton Sixth Form College has prospered and has been able to continue to deliver its mission, with increasing numbers of students gaining high standards of achievement. Independence has brought greater freedom of flexibility for the college but it also involves new duties and a responsibility to meet the needs of local people. We have not severed our working links with LEA-maintained schools in

the Borough and continue to work closely with them, and also with other colleges and organisations who are involved in the provision of life-long learning. The agenda of the new Government stresses collaboration between all providers of post-compulsory education and we can expect to see the college involved in more partnerships in the future.

Whatever the challenges of the next twenty-five years Stockton Sixth Form College will continue to be a major provider of high quality post-16 education in the Borough. Old Stocktonians can be assured that we will work hard to extend educational opportunity and aim for high achievement and, thus, contribute to the well being and prosperity of our community.

My very best wishes for a successful, prosperous 1999.

Howard R. Clarke

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES 1997/8

Art

- March '98 : Visit to Salts Mill Gallery', Saltaire by 49 students and 3 staff to see the David Hockney exhibition.
- June '98 : Visit to the Liverpool Tate by 1st year Art & Design students.
- November '98 : Visit to the Tate Gallery, Liverpool by staff and students, to see the Salvador Dali exhibition.
- : Three 1st year Art & Design students painted mural for the cosmonauts visit from the Mir space station.

Biology

- January '98 : 54 first year A-Level Biology students attended a one day revision conference at Leeds Town Hall on BY01 "Process of Life" module in preparation for their module test in March.
- : 29 second year A-Level Biology students attended a one day revision conference at Leeds Town Hall on BY03 "Physiology" module in preparation for their module test in March.
- April '98 : Staff and 34 second year A-Level students attended an A-Level Biology Revision Conference at Salford University

Business Studies & Economics

- January '98 : GNVQ A1 Business Studies students on work experience for two weeks. February A1 Business Studies students visited London with A1 Sociology and Media Studies students.
- March '98 : A1/A2 Business Studies students attended an examination conference in Leeds.
- April '98 : 40 A1 Business Studies and Advanced GNVQ students attended the 'Understanding Industry' Conference at Allerton Park. This was sponsored by ICI and BT. There were speakers from various companies including ICI, BT and British Steel.
- October '98 : 40 GNVQ Business Studies students went on a team-building trip to the Yorkshire Dales.
- November '98 : One-day visit organised by GNVQ Advanced Business Studies students as part of their course.

Careers

- Jan/Feb. '98 : Year two Advanced Level GNVQ students on work placement.
- : 51 students on Community Action: 31 in schools, 6 in nursing/residential homes, and 14 on work placements.
- May '98 : Students attended a GNVQ Health & Social Care seminar on careers at UCS.
- May/June '98 : University visits to Leeds University, Leeds Metropolitan University, University of York, University College Stockton, Teesside University, Trinity & All Saints College and Oxford and Cambridge Universities.
- June '98 : Staff and 100 students visited the HE Conference Tyneside at Newcastle Arena.
- September '98 : Students attended Teesside University Open Day.

- October '98 : Mr John Lambert, Social Services Access Unit and Ms Jacky Metcalfe-Smith, Head of Training, North Tees Hospital Trust, came into college to speak to Advanced GNVQ Health and Social Care students.
- November '98 : Talk for students by Resourcing Officer Cleveland Constabulary.
: 21 Advanced GNVQ Health and Social Care students on work placements in hospital, social work, prison and nursery.

Chemistry

- April '98 : A group of 7 A2 Chemistry' students attended two revision conferences at Manchester University. The conferences were organised by "Updates". All Chemistry' students will be attending 'Durham Week'.

English

- November '97 : A-Level student visit organised to see a production entitled "Frankenstein".
- March '98 : Visit to Darlington Civic Theatre to see "Much Ado about Nothing", set play at A-Level.
: Trip to London by A-Level Media Studies students. During their visit they attended the National Lottery, Parkinson, Museum of the Moving Image and the British Board of Film Classification and Censorship.
- October '98 : Staff and A2 Literature and Theatre Studies students visited RSC at Newcastle to see 'The Tempest'.
- November '98 : Staff and Theatre Studies students visited Darlington Civic Theatre to see 'The Crucible'.
: Staff and students visited Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough to see 'A Doll's House'.

Geography, Leisure & Tourism

- March '98 : Staff and students undertook a field trip to the Lake District.
- April '98 : Staff and A-Level students undertook a residential Geography field trip at Hawkshead, the Lakes.
- May '98 : Staff and Advanced GNVQ Leisure & Tourism students attended a conference to examine the management of major tourist attraction at Granada Studios, Manchester.
- November '98 : GCSE Geography field trip in Yarm.
: 2nd Year Advanced Leisure & Tourism student event - fashion show for charity: McKays, Stockton.

Geology

- March '98 : Fieldwork visits for A2 and adult students to Tynemouth, Ingleton and Shap Fell.
- March/April '98 : A2 and adult students undertook fieldwork at Ingleton, Shap Fell and Tynemouth.
- September '98 : A1 students undertook Geology fieldwork at Ingleton
: A2 students undertook Geology fieldwork at Ingleton and Teesdale.

History, Politics & Law

- January '98 : Visit by Dari Taylor MP to the College to talk to Politics students. She also participated in a question and answer session.
- March '98 : Visit of A-Level Politics students to Brussels.
Places attended : European Parliament - meeting David Bowe MEP; Commission; Council of Ministers; Economic and Social Committee.
- May '98 : Taster day at Northumbria University for those students thinking about entry to read history.

Modern Languages

- February '98 : Theatre visit at Prior Purglove by A1 and A2 students to see the German play in German entitled "Bidermann und die Brandstifter".
- March '98 : Exchange visit from Strasbourg party 7th-16th March.
- March '98 : An exchange visit from Germany took place from 20-27 March. 3 German student partners spent one day at college.
- April '98 : 3 A1 students from the college joined the Prior Purglove German exchange with Troisdorf.
- June '98 : A1 students entered the International Newspaper Day Challenge (articles will be prepared in French, German and Spanish). This will be a joint enterprise between the Modern Languages Department and the Computing Department.
- October '98 : A2 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 Costumes for the Opera, Town Hall, Barrister, International Primary School, Equestrian Centre. A return visit by the French students will take place during February 1999.

Physics

December '97 : A2 Physics students visited Durham University to attend a lecture on Astronomy.

Social Studies

March '98 : Trip to London by A-Level Social Studies students. During their stay they visited the Houses of Parliament, Bow Street Magistrates Court, Old Bailey, Harrow Public School and the Museum of the Moving Image.
: 24 A-Level Sociology students and 2 staff visited Newcastle City Hall for a series of lectures.

Sports Studies

October '98 : 30 BTEC students and staff attended an outdoor education week at the Low Mill Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Askrigg, North Yorks. The College continues to forge good links with the centre for taking our students on work placement, many of whom have gone on to study outdoor education at degree level.

Sports Activities (1997/8 Season)

Football

"A" Team : Narrowly failed to qualify for the national finals in the Grimsby 5-a-side tournament.
: Beat Queen Elizabeth 8-1 in the County Cup.
: Won the 1st division and played in the cup final against St Mary's Sixth Form College later in May.
: The 'Old Boys' day saw the recent college leavers come back and play the present students. The present students won 5-0.

"B" Team : Beat Conyers 5-4 in the County Cup.
: Finished second in the 2nd division but were knocked out of the cup by St Mary's 'A' team.

"C" Team : Beat Hartlepool Sixth Form College in the Eric Bell Trophy.
: Won their 3rd division and played in the Eric Bell Trophy final at Guisborough Town F.C. during the end of April against Prior Pursglove Sixth Form College. Unfortunately they lost 3-2 to a last minute winner.

Boys Hockey : BCS Tournament was cancelled re-arranged for 11 February at Stockton.

Girls Hockey : The team lost to Preston College in Round 2 of the British Colleges Knockout Cup.

Mixed Hockey : The college took part, for the first time, in the British Colleges event. The 1st round took place on February 4th against Yarm School and Teesside Tertiary.
: The season rounded off with mixed games. SSFC entered a new national competition, winning the regional round and reaching national semi-finals. Unfortunately we were beaten (with a much depleted side!) by Franklin College, Grimsby.

Badminton : Debbie Fenny finished with the bronze medal in the British Colleges finals held in Birmingham over Easter.

Cricket : The team entered the British Colleges 6-a-side at Headingley, Leeds. Whilst we were not successful, the students again enjoyed the experience of playing at the 'home' of cricket.

This term students entered the following events:

British Colleges - Tennis.

British Colleges - Athletics (for the first time).

Hockey' 19s : 7-a-side. Both boys and girls competed. This was won by SSFC last year.

Sports Activities 1998/9 Season (so far)

- Football** : The results are as follows:
- 'A' Team** : Unbeaten so far this season. We have got through the first round of the British Colleges Cup and have won matches against Hartlepool Sixth Form College, Hartlepool FE College, Prior Pursglove College and New College, Pontefract.
- 'B' Team** : Presently mid-table. We have won games against Middlesbrough and Bede College, drawn with Hartlepool Sixth Form College and lost against Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College.
- 'C' Team** : The 'C' Team have played and won two games against Hartlepool and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College.
- Hockey** : A busy term for hockey - with the team entering the Monarch Cup, British Colleges Knock Out Cup, British Colleges regional championships.
- Boys Hockey** : Monarch Cup - Stockton beat York 'A' 3-0 in the first round. Unfortunately the College was unable to meet the date they were due to play round 2 and the opposition (Greenhead College) would not accommodate a change. Therefore, the College had to forfeit the game.
- : British Colleges Knock Out Cup - Stockton have been drawn against Teesside Tertiary with the match due to be played on 2 December.
- : British Colleges Tournament. Once again this was arranged by Stockton and held at Sunderland. Stockton won their section, beating Teesside, Bamsley and Notre Dame. The team beat Sheffield 1-0 in the semi-final and faced Newcastle College in the final. With two minutes to go and the College 1-0 up, Newcastle equalised. Stockton lost on penalties for the place in the national final.
- Girls Hockey** : The College team reached the final of the North east Championship and were unlucky to be defeated in a penalty shoot out.
- : British Colleges Trials - 4 students went to Birmingham to represent the North East British Colleges Trials - Sarah Cain and Rachel Moody were selected for the national squad of 14 players.
- Netball** : The college netball team came third in the north regional British Colleges Competition and got through to the British Colleges National Competition, which will take place on 9 December at Huddersfield.
- : The 'A' and 'B' team continue to play friendly fixtures against local teams.
- Badminton** : The College team qualified for the regional final of the British Colleges' Competition.
- Rugby** : The college Rugby team has so far played two competitive games, losing to Ripon Grammar School and winning against Scarborough Sixth Form College.
- : Once again this season the team has had the problem of games being cancelled at the last minute.
- : Four students got through to the North of England Trial, with Phil Austen being selected for the final trial to be played later this year.
- Vocational**
- January '98 : Two Intermediate Health and Social Care students joined the first year Advanced group in a "Masked Ball" to raise funds for the RNIB.
- : John Taylor from Age Concern came into college this term to talk to second year Health and Social Care students. The topic was discrimination and equal opportunities.
- : Foundation Health and Social Care Students undertook an 8-week first-aid course as part of their programme of study.
- May '98 : Students attended a Health and Social Care seminar at UCS.
- November '98 : Four 1st year Advanced GNVQ students visited Stockton Council Warden Control Centre where an explanation of the service was given.
- : A delegation of German speaking visitors from the European Community visited the College on 15 October. The visitors were given a presentation on the development of

vocational education in England with examples from the College's curriculum portfolio. Translation interpretations were provided by Dr Hillier.

Visit by Russian Cosmonauts to Stockton-on-Tees

Stockton Sixth Form College, in partnership with Prior Pursglove College and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, arranged a visit by a team of Russian cosmonauts who gave talks on space science and technology to students during the week 15 to 22 November 1998. The colleges organised a series of presentations in their localities, each of which included videos, slide displays and space artefacts and there were translations into English.

Contributions for this venture have been received from local companies and, at the present time, this amounts to approximately £9,000. £3,000 was received from the Committee for the Public Understanding in Science, the largest contributor.

We have had some very positive feedback from schools. Some were interested in possibly repeating the exercise.

There is a suggestion for a potential follow-up: that the college does a link with Mir whilst it is in orbit.

Student Awards

Michael Wilkinson has been awarded the Calor Gas Prize for achieving the best results in Chemistry and Physics in the 1998 GCE A-Level examinations. He is now studying Physics at Durham University. For the first time, the University of Teesside Prize for Mathematics has been awarded to, David Swanson, a first year student last year. David Swanson performed at A/B level in all first year module exams and demonstrated an enthusiasm for the subject. David, Alistair Harrison and Robert Harper gained silver awards in the UK Senior Maths Challenge, Martin Walters a bronze award and Alistair Findlay gained a gold award and was one of the top 7% in over 40,000 entries

We are still awaiting notification of the students who have gained the CREST Gold Award for project work with industry.

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Those readers who are not local to Teesside may not know that 'Hatfields' is soon to lose its connections with the family. The present staff who are related to Jack are planning to retire and no other members of the family are able to continue to run the business. We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Old Stocktonians to thank the family, not only for their support for the magazine over the years but for the service they have given all past and present members of the Association and indeed all their patrons on Teesside. To my mind they belong to an era in the sports retail trade that we are unlikely to see again - a genuine interest in their business and in the needs of their customers. No job seemed too small or trivial and advice was often given freely and without expectation. We wish them well in their retirement.

1998 DEGREE AWARDS

Name		Course		University
Justin	Barrass	Mathematics	MMaths	Bangor
Rebecca	Brown	History and History of Art	BA	York
Sally	Cohen	Environmental Engineering	BSc	Leeds
Rebecca	Dale	Law	BSc	Hull
James	Egerton	Chemical Engineering	MEng	University College, London
Christopher	Gill	Physics with Astrophysics	MPhys	Leicester
Kingsley	Hall	Fine Art	BA	Sheffield
Jennifer	Hiley	Food Industry Management	BSc	Lincoln & Humberside
Claire	Jackson	Health Studies	BA	Central Lancs
Julia	Kenny	Pre-Clinical Medicine	BSc	Merton, Oxford
Jonathan	Lowe	Fine Art	BA	Sheffield
David	Lucas	Applied Geology	BSc	Leicester
Jamie	McLone	Social Sciences (Economics)	BSc	Bradford
Andrew	Moorhouse	Marine Biology	BSc	Liverpool
Andrew	Murphy	Sports Science	BSc	Bangor
Martyn	Notman	Archaeology	BSc	Leicester
Rachel	Pitt	Biological Sciences	BSc	Leicester
Andrew	Popple	Geography (Science)	BSc	Aberystwyth
Robert	Sharp	Physics with Astrophysics	MPhys	Leicester
Nicola	Waters	Mathematics	BSc	University College, London
Ruth	Whitfield	European Studies	BA	Central Lancs
Angela	Wilkinson	Modern European Languages	BA	Durham
Stuart	Wood	Geography (Arts)	BA	Leicester
Phillip	Woodhouse	Medicine (Clinical)	MB.ChB	Leicester

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.

There are no prizes this year as there were insufficient funds to continue with the award. It will be proposed, at the AGM, that the Evan Baldwin Memorial Fund be closed and the remaining monies (amounting to £2.71) be transferred to the King/Armstrong Fund.

The Prizes had been awarded annually at Grangefield Grammar School for Boys and Stockton Sixth Form College since 1970. Originally the award was made for cricket but when the Association became linked with the Sixth Form College the prizes became 'for sport' - one male, one female and then three prizes for 'services to the College'.

With the close of this fund ends the last tradition linking the Higher Grade School in Nelson Terrace to the Sixth Form College a timespan of over 90 years.

FRONT COVER

This year's photograph is of Finkle Street viewed from the 'new' Riverside Walk. The 'flying saucer' effect on the left is a ramp to the multi-storey car park, which lies behind the façade of the Castlegate Centre which we showed on the front of last year's magazine. Those who have not been back to Stockton for more than 30 years will remember the ramp that ran down Finkle Street to the old quayside; only a small section of this now remains.

GRANGEFIELD SCHOOL AND THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Grangefield School is to apply to the Department for Education and Employment to become a Specialist Technology School with the support of Stockton Local Education Authority.

This would make us a local centre of excellence for Information Technology and Design Technology with up-grading of equipment and facilities ready for the new millennium.

The school has to raise £100,000, which is then matched by government, and further grants follow.

The government's idea is that business supports schools by sponsorship and by forming partnerships.

If any former pupil would like to know more about this initiative, please contact me.

If any former pupil works for, or has links with, a business or organisation that may be interested in being a sponsor and partner, please contact me on 01642 672311.

Thank you

Richard Nicholson
Head Teacher

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 £12, 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 £12, for excellence in History at Grangefield School.

1998	History Prize	Jessica Trinder
	English Prize	Paul Wainman

The prizes will be presented by the Association President at the school's Prize Day.

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*

(* 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 : Mr B.P. Brand
Year Book Editor : Mr. P. Graham
Advertising Manager : Mr. B. Bate
Sports Extravaganza Co-ordinator : 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 1998

This is to be held in the staffroom of Stockton Sixth Form College on WEDNESDAY 24th February 1999 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the 1997 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Membership Record 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 the Committee.
11. Appointment of Hon. Auditor.
12. Any Other Business.
13. Date and time of next meeting

Your retiring Committee's nominations for Office Bearers are :-

<i>President :</i>	Mr. R. Prichard
<i>Vice Presidents :</i>	Miss L. Waring, Mr. J.G. Rattenbury, Mr. P. Graham, Mr. B. P. Brand.
	(Mr. J. Ingham was also nominated and voted to the position of Vice President)
<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mr. B. P. Brand agreed to re-stand.
<i>Membership Correspondence Secretary :</i>	Mr. R. Ward
<i>Membership Records Secretary :</i>	Mr. P. Graham
<i>Minutes Secretary :</i>	<i>Open for Nomination</i>
<i>Dinner Secretary (administration only) :</i>	Mr. B. P. Brand
<i>Year Book Editor :</i>	Mr. P. Graham
<i>Advertising :</i>	<i>Open for Nomination</i>
<i>Sports Extravaganza :</i>	Mr. T. Ripley
<i>Members of the Committee for next year :</i>	Mr. M. Gillespie, Mr. M.F. Peagam, Revd Mrs J.M. Thomas, Mr B. Turner, Mrs. M. Bradley, Mr. B. Braney and Miss J. Farnaby.

Mr. B. Bate has retired from the Committee and so we have a vacancy for a new member. We wish Mr. B. Bate well and thank him for his effort and contributions over the years, especially for his help in generating advertising for the Year Books. We do need your support and we are not as certain Mr. W. Carling called a certain Committee. On the contrary we are friendly and welcoming. We meet four or five times a year and the meetings rarely last more than 90 minutes. So please make an effort to come along. You will be made most welcome. If you are willing to stand for the Committee but have not been nominated please let me know in writing to :- 5 Theakston Grove, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees. TS18 5PG, or you can ring me on 01642 585453 and I will nominate you myself.

Roz Prichard

Temporary e-mail contact for the Association is : p.graham@claranet.co.uk

1997 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

This was held on Wednesday 4th March in the Staffroom of Stockton 6th Form College with Mr. R. Ward the Association President in the Chair.

PRESENT : Miss L. Waring, Miss J. Farnaby, Mrs. M. Bradley, Mr. B. Braney, Mr. H. R. Clarke, Mr. P. Graham, Mr. R. Prichard and Mr. R. Ward.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :** Mr. B. P. Brand

2. **MINUTES OF THE 1996 A.G.M. :** Accepted as a true record and signed by Mr. R. Ward

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.

4. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Graham reported that there were currently 263 Members of which 179 were Life Members, 23 Members had paid in advance with 22 Members owing subs for the years '95, '96 and '97. There were 7 new or rejoined Members. Mr. R. Ward thanked Mr. P. Graham for his efforts.

5. **YEAR BOOK EDITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. P. Graham said that the Year Book had been published well on time and being slightly smaller by four pages. The cost of the printing had been £310.20 including VAT. Income from advertising was as follows

Rear cover	£65.00
Two Inside covers	£45.00 each.
One Inside page	£35.00
Quarter page	£12.00

Printing costs set against advertising revenue showed a loss of £108.00. With postage costs of £17.30 (abroad) and £48.00 (inland) there was a total loss of about £189.00. This was slightly more than last year but subs and donations more than made up the loss. Mr. P. Graham suggested that advertising costs may have to be reviewed next year. Mr. B. Braney commented on how interesting the front cover photographs had been over the years. Mr. R. Ward congratulated Mr. P. Graham on producing another good Year Book.

6. **HON. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Although Mr. B. P. Brand was absent he had sent in the accounts, which were all in good order. It was agreed that any questions concerning the accounts were to wait till the subsequent meeting when Mr. B. P. Brand would be present. Mr. R. Ward thanked Mr. B. P. Brand and Mr. P. Fleck for their efforts. At this point the Evan Baldwin Fund was discussed in respect of its relevance to the present 6th Form College? Mr. H. R. Clarke was of the opinion that it would not be noticed if it was discontinued. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Committee Meeting.

7. **BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT:**

Mr. B. P. Brand was absent so was unable to give his report verbally.

8. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. R. Ward suggested that all office bearers and members of the Committee remain the same. All agreed.

Upon his return Mr. B. P. Brand will be called on to ask Mr. P. Fleck if he will continue as Hon. Auditor.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. B. Braney asked the Committee to set up a Memorial Fund for Mr. 'Tibby' Brook as he had left such an impression on him. Miss L. Waring said that members from the Girls School would not remember 'Tibby' and Mr. R. Ward felt that someone more contemporary might be appropriate. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for further discussion.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25 p.m.

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On 1st January 1997 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £1955.06. No loans were made during the year. One grant of £40.00 was made to the parents of a pupil at Grangefield School. No repayments or donations were received during the year. Interest of £40.47 net was received [£50.57 gross and tax deducted of £10.11]. This gave a credit balance of £1955.52 at the Building Society on 31st December 1997.

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 Brian Brand at the address below.

Appeals for assistance may be made, in the strictest confidence, to Howard Clarke, Principal of the Stockton Sixth Form College, or to Richard Nicholson, Headmaster of Grangefield School, or direct to Brian Brand, The Convenor to the Trustees, 24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, T518 5PJ. [Tel: 01642 583025]

BRIAN BRAND
Hon. Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT 1997-98

The funds remain sound and have been audited for the year ending 30th June 1998. The Life Members and General Fund has increased by £187.14

The Evan Baldwin Prize Fund paid out its last prizes as predicted last year and it will be proposed at the A.G.M. that the account be closed and the £2.71 remaining be transferred to the King-Armstrong Fund. The King-Armstrong Fund received one donation during the year and after paying out the prizes, now at £12.00 each, a surplus of £17.31 was added to the account which now stands at £167.76.

As usual the Year Book is our largest financial outlay. The cost was £405.81 with advertising bringing in £202.00, leaving a deficit of £203.81. It is likely that advertising revenue will drop this year and I can only see production costs and postage increasing giving an even larger deficit. Some of last years' advertisers no longer exist in their current forms and without a personal contact with the "new firm" we cannot expect support. I emphasise the word "personal" as, in the past, I have begged members to persuade contacts to give us support. Brian Bate has done some sterling work at Belasis Tech. Park in bringing us adverts, BUT you can't keep pushing the same people for favours! Once more, if you can bring in just one advert please contact me. One off adverts are valuable as they at least subsidise the Year Book.

Once more the Annual Dinner was not well supported. We expected around 80 guests and welcomed just 44, a third of those were there to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the College. We had a very good deal from the Golden Eagle Hotel and I had anticipated a healthy profit. In the circumstances we must regard any profit as healthy! The profit of £13.85 was a relief for the Dinner Sec. after the worries over numbers. Subscriptions and Donations totalled £336.08, slightly up on last year and again able to support the Year Book with some help from advertising. Building Society interest of £73.67 net is sufficient to cover the cost of posting the Year Books.

The income from ties, stickpins etc. brought in £21.68, an increase over last year.

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

BRIAN BRAND
HON. TREASURER

72nd Annual Dinner

The Dinner was held at the Golden Eagle Hotel, Thornaby on Saturday 25th April.

For the dinner this year we had two guests, Graham Rayner who apart from being a former pupil was also a former member of staff, and Arthur Carr, the first Principal of the Sixth Form College. Graham represented the last of the Grammar School and Arthur the first of the new system which was celebrating its 25th year!

Graham was the 12th former pupil to return as a member of staff to what was to be the final chapter in the Grammar School's history. He warned us that he was going to "dribble" through his time at G.G.S. and that names would feature prominently in his trip down memory lane.

Colin Sinclair was refereeing a House rugby match and failed to notice Graham's team had two extra players at one stage!

Meeting up with ex-pupils is always a pleasure, bringing back memories such as Simon Beaumont, who was a good athlete and managed a good performance on a Sunday morning, after Saturday night at the Fiesta

Arthur Reddy was the first sick pupil he had to take home and he met him when his firm was a sponsor at the Newcastle University Boat Race, organised by Graham's department at the Uni.

The half back pairing of Colin Calvert and Geoff. Crossley led to rugby honours for the school and this was brought to mind when he found that Colin's son was about to arrive at Newcastle Uni.

The Fairfield pub was a haunt for ex[?] Grangefield pupils. Paul Frost, on one occasion, turned the clock back to give extra drinking time!

Whatever happened to the Cyclones, a group formed by Peter Mackie and co.?

He had bumped into Brian Callender who is now a premier rugby referee in Northumberland.

Graham moved onto Basketball, a sport he excelled at and one he now enjoys from the "Chef d'Equipe" chair. Managing the National team requires Graham to plan in great detail and cope with any player's problems. Imagine his horror when taking a team to Sweden for the European Cup and he found he had forgotten his own passport!

There was an amusing incident when the Federation Final was held in Birmingham. Bob Hope, Coventry's manager, was caught speeding - his passengers were called Douglas Bader and Danny Kaye!

Moving to memories of staff, Graham started with Gordon Rattenbury, who was at the dinner, and who Graham felt was a real father figure and that countless others would feel the same - in some cases three generations in the same family. How many remember 'Tot' Munday's credit and debit book? and the fear some people had for it. Harry Horseman was most surprised when Graham volunteered to go to town on an errand. Little did he realise that Graham wanted to visit Brian Waller's house and snowball it!

Frank Teising was both his teacher and his Head of Department. He found it difficult to find things and offered to label the drawers but Frank refused. He found out later that some contained Frank's stock of Kit-Kats! Graham remembered "Dicky" Boyd who always seemed to have a "free" last thing on a Friday. He would speculate on winning the pools and then compose a telegram for the Head. " B!**** off Bradshaw, obscene letter to follow!" (I can vouch for that one. Bob always had last period Friday as a free and was composing " the telegram" when I was on the staff)

Memories as a pupil were happy ones of sport and other activities, punctuated with - being sent home by John Ingham for not having a tie on; guitar lessons leading to the Cyclones; school plays, having to dress as a girl; being appointed as a prefect, in charge of lates and having a "cubby hole"

Graham ended with memories of his time on the committee of the O.S.A. He was the first real advertising manager and secured enough cash to ensure the continuation of the year book. [We had deliberately run down our funds by producing a "bumper" year book - the last "Old Stocktonian" in case the Association ceased when education was reorganised in 1973] Graham was the first organiser of the "Sports Extravaganza" where we competed with the College in a wide range of sports on the last Wednesday of the Easter term. He also organised an evening out afterwards!! As always the end was punctuated with the toast to the "Association"

Our second guest was introduced by Howard Clarke simply as the founder Principal of the newly formed Stockton Sixth Form College.

Arthur began by commenting that memory goes as we age! He then gave an account of the first days at the College!

In September 1973, roughly 450 - 500 students and 45 staff all started to work together with an unknown number of tradesmen finishing the building! You can imagine the confusion [Arthur said 'chaos!']. Joiners were hammering, plumbers trying to finish the toilets, carpet fitters crawling round the floors and amidst this teaching was being attempted! Initially John Ingham and Peter Cardno had to borrow labs. from the Tech. College. Then, when they moved into their own "open plan" arrangement, further problems ensued as sawdust from the Technology Department got into the chemicals and everyone learnt some chemistry because Peter's voice carried across the "open" space. What a relief when dividing walls were installed!

Despite the chaos, the first year's results were above the National average. This was due to the esprit de corps which accompanied the setting up of the College and also to the good teaching in the feeder schools.

The College was officially opened by one Margaret Thatcher, the then Secretary of State for Education. The Sports hall was built to Olympic standards, but this did not stop the floor from caving in every two weeks! Peter Hudson "borrowed" facilities all over the area to get the sports on its feet. In the first three years the College had several internationals - who could forget that Gary Pallister was in the 3rd eleven! In 1996-97 the first girl played rugby----- with the boys! Arthur remembered the early Sports Extravaganzas. On one occasion Graham Rayner sold him a ticket for "a pie and pea supper" after the

games. Arthur turned up at the venue, ordered a drink and sat back to enjoy his drink. An entry of what he quickly realised was a stripper resulted in the fastest drink of beer and exit, on record! He was sure that the students were giving him knowing looks the next morning!

David Duncan, Paul Guinell and Stuart Buckton were responsible for some spectacular productions. - Cabaret [which proved how easy it was to turn the College into a sleazy night-club!], Oh What a Lovely War, Grease and others.

Cliff Ellworthy helped organise dances for the parents. The "Spring Fling", Garden Party and dance, usually with Eric Short's "Pink Elephants". Two of the latter "left" with the band of the Royal Marines, who were playing at the College one year!

All the staff worked with great enthusiasm and obviously enjoyed it, for instance Miss Waring came for one year and stayed two! Arthur particularly enjoyed the setting because he was the only one with previous experience of Sixth Form Colleges and could therefore dictate! [the latter said with tongue firmly in cheek!]

Arthur ended with the toast to the continued success of the College.

In his reply Howard Clarke spoke of continuity, building problems still feature! Acquiring the Teachers' Centre on the College site has meant that 300 more students can be accommodated. Stockton is still one of the few purpose built Sixth Form Colleges in the country. It HAS changed over the years and caters for around 800 full time students and around 400 part time students, mostly "mature". There are many new courses, vocational courses and sports' courses. In some of the feeder schools P.E. is being taught by ex-students of the College.

Rugby is difficult to nurture at the moment - soccer is king! Girls' hockey is flourishing. Sadly, the tradition of the musicals has not continued. They do require a driving force. However there is hope. The College is working in collaboration with other establishments to set up links in the arts. From September there will be a new course in Theatrical Studies.

Howard finished by confirming that the College results were still very good and now spread over a range beyond the usual "academic" subjects.

Our President Bob Ward thanked our speakers and all our guests both Stocktonians and former staff. For once there was little time left to mingle and chat but there were still some reunions for a few who had not met for many years.

Those present, not in any particular order, were:-

Bob and Kath Ward, Arthur and Marjorie Carr, Graham and Maura Rayner, Howard and Diana Clarke, Lillian Thompson, Peter Rowson, Vera Rowson, Agnes Sowler, Nancy Finch, Nancy Hewitt, Colin and Ann Waller, John and Huguette Bingham, Christopher and June Hurt, Paul and Jan Graham, Derek and Linda Graham, Roy and Gillian Stanley, Keith and Diane Clark, Louisa Waring, Ann Oxley, Judy Hiley, Margaret Bradley, Mike and Pat Vasey, Marjorie Platel, Brian and Pat Brand, Roz and Carole Prichard, Elizabeth Prichard, Tom Shield, Colin Mustard, Ted Cooper, Gordon Rattenbury

Brian Brand

Other Activities suggested for 1999

The Committee has been discussing the possibilities of arranging other activities for members for 1999 and would like to hear your opinion on their deliberations. They would also be pleased to hear of any suggestions you have for gatherings / outings for future years. Provided there is sufficient support we, as your committee are willing to go ahead and organise the event(s).

Two events have been suggested so far :

A Summer Evening Cruise on the Teesside Princess from the Castlegate Quay in Stockton to Yarm and return (approx. 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm) - cost about £11.

*A visit to tour the 'Black Sheep' Brewery at Masham.
With sufficient interest transport could be organised.*

We would be grateful if you could indicate your interest on the reply slip enclosed with the Year Book

73rd ANNUAL DINNER

The Date: **Saturday 17th April 1999 at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.**

The Venue: **The St. George Hotel, Teesside Airport.**

This year, there is a break with tradition. The dinner is being organised simply as a get-together for former students. The host will be our President but there will be NO guest speaker.

The cost will be that of the meal, including room, bar etc. As usual we have negotiated a good deal for overnight accommodation or, indeed weekend accommodation.

We hope groups will take the opportunity to book tables. These can be organised for six to ten people [or larger!]

We ask that guests either tick and return the printed menu choice OR send a note of choices to the Dinner Sec.

Choices MUST reach the Dinner Sec. by Friday 9th April.

The meeting area is Carriages Bar where pre-dinner drinks can be obtained.

Tickets, priced £14.00, are available from the Dinner Secretary, Brian Brand at 24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, TS18 5PJ [Tel: 01642 583025]

Bed & English Breakfast can be booked for £20.00 per person per night. Guests should contact the Hotel direct for B & B quoting the Old Stocktonians' Dinner. The telephone number is 01325 332631.

To reach the St. George Hotel, follow the signs for **Teesside Airport**.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION



Ties, new narrower style £4.00

NEW Stick Pins for your lapel £2.00

Castle and Anchor Motif, 3/8" diameter
Gilt on black enamel background



PLEASE ADD 25p p & p when ordering one or both items.

Available from the Hon. Secretary.

Menu For the Annual Dinner

STARTERS

Egg and Tuna Salad
Melon and Orange Cocktail, laced with white wine
Deep Fried breaded Mushrooms served with a curry dip
Duck and Orange Pate, with Melba toast
Chefs Soup of the Day with Fresh Bread Roll and Butter

MAIN COURSES

Grilled Salmon Steak dressed with Parsley Butter
Bread-crumbed Escalope of Pork Fillet glazed with Cheese Sauce
Breast of Chicken cooked in Butter with Onions, Mushrooms, Cream and Sherry
Roast Sirloin of Beef with Hunters Sauce and Yorkshire Pudding
Cold Meat Platter served with Seasonal Salad
VEGETABLE STROGANOFF

All the above with Chef's Vegetables and Potatoes

SWEETS

Fresh Fruit Salad
Jam Roly Poly served with Vanilla Custard
Chocolate Orange Mousse decorated with flocked Cream and Orange
Sherry Trifle
Assorted Ice Creams
Cheese with Savoury Biscuits

The meal will be completed with COFFEE AND MINTS

Please send your menu choices (preferably on the enclosed form) to the Dinner Sec. at :

24 Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, TS 18 5PJ
to reach him by Friday 9th April.

GRANGEFIELD SCHOOL'S FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The service was held in St. Peter's Church, Yarm Road, on Monday 14th December. Reverend Canon Alex Whitehead gave the opening prayers and there followed the nine lessons, read mainly by pupils but with one by a teacher, Jude Mellor, one by the chair of Governors, Ian Basford and the final lesson by the Headteacher, Richard Nicholson. The carols, between the readings, were a mixture of choir only and choir plus congregation.

The solo by Elizabeth Lincoln, "O Holy Night" was well received. Elizabeth was playing the organ for the major part of the service.

Once again the choir's rendering of the Hallelujah Chorus brought applause.

The Church was packed and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and what really marked the beginning of Christmas proper !

B.P. Brand

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

At 9.30 am on Tuesday 10th November 1998, some fifteen or so Old Boys, Old Girls, ex-Staff and Friends joined with the Year 9 assembly to pay homage to the Dead of the two World Wars.

For this short service the School respectfully faces the back of the hall to concentrate on the two war memorial plaques.

Gordon Rattenbury [ex-staff], representing the Association, placed a wreath at the Great War memorial, and this was followed by one minute's silence of respect.

There followed readings by pupils concerning Remembrance Day, Field of Battle, and the Aftermath. These were interspersed by three hymns - "I vow to thee my Country", "He who would valiant be" and "When a knight won his spurs".

The final reading by Mr Nicholson, the Head teacher, "For the Fallen", led to the laying of a second wreath, this time by a pupil, at the foot of the Second World War memorial.

After another minute's silence, the visitors quietly filed out of the hall, the school resumed normal duties, and eighty years had passed away.

P.B. Brand

NOTE. Remembrance Sunday commemorates the dead of both world wars. It occurs on the second Sunday in November, that closest to November 11th, Armistice Day, the date in 1918 when the Armistice was signed to end World War I - "The war to end all wars"!

The 48-55 Reunion

In February 1998 a photograph appeared in the 'Remember When' Section of the Evening Gazette; it showed the 1948 intake for the Girls' Secondary School. Jean Bell (née Brooker) was organising a reunion in September 1998 for all those who entered the school that year. Did you see the photograph? Do you wish you had? If so, would you have responded? Unfortunately we could not publicise the event because we didn't know in time for the last magazine. If you are planning such an event please let us know well in advance.

The under 13 Team of 1948

It began when I was asked by David Hazelton [70-77] if I had any photographs of the staff in his time at Grangefield and did the Stocktonians have a copy of the panoramic of the pupils when he was at school.

I took down my album of old school photographs and hunted through them. There was none for David but my memory was stirred by a team photo. There we were, the under 15 team of 1950. There were seventeen on the photo and I reckoned I could name them all.

Graeme Dewison [centre], Alan Wilkinson [wing forward], Eddie Hardwick [prop] Tom Shield [No. 8], Geoff Kenyon [2nd row], Brian Crocker [2nd row], Paul Dee [prop], Brian Challoner [prop], Jack Candlin [wing], Brian Brand [scrum half], Don Moses [fly half] (and our captain!), Eddie Pinder [centre], Derek Yeats [wing forward], John Walton [hooker], Denis Foulger [wing], John Franks [full back] and Mick Wilkinson [wing forward or centre].

Did 'Bull' Wright, our coach, take the photo? I thought of missing faces, Walter Howells, a real terrier at wing forward. Had he packed in after the U14 season? Where was Jim Coltman, a centre who could haul down a rampaging steer and was faster than he appeared? Tom Bellis played hooker. Did he play before John Walton, or after? Did they share the booking spot? Jack Gilliland, where was he? I knew he played scrum half in the 1st team of 53-54 [because I was dropped!], but did he play in the junior XV's?

We were all introduced to rugby football when we arrived at the Sec. in 1947, but we only began playing as a team against other schools as the U13s in 1948 and that was 50 years 'ago! I had not been selected for the first match, Denis Foulger was at scrum half and he proved to be very fast so Ron Wright changed him to wing for the second match and I was picked as scrum half! It was the beginning of a long affair! I played in every match from that day for five seasons! In my sixth season I was injured early on and had to miss a game for the first time! Jack Gilliland took my place and kept it! I played in the 2nd XV and moved positions. Dave [Bully] Allison played at scrum half [he was too small to play full back] and I became a centre with Danny Tarren as my wing. Danny was a couple of years younger but had a brother who played senior rugby at Stockton and gained a county cap on the wing [Geoff Tarren 44-51].

Having played and coached for another twenty odd years and never playing with or against my old team mates, I wondered how they were. Did they realise the '50 years' on? I had met up with three of the team at times over the years and that was my starting point for tracing the rest of the team. I suspected that even if traced some would not want to remember or be reminded of the old days. I was wrong, and almost all have been traced and friendships have been renewed. Most of us are retired and that gives time for 'nostalgia'!

Tom Shield actually rang me! He had seen a note in the Gazette about a reunion for those who started at the Sec. in 1948 and rang the number given. It was Jean Bell [nee Brooker] who was wanting to contact girls! She didn't want Tom but gave him my number as a contact with the O.S.A. Since then I have given Tom half the blame for any mistakes! Seriously it was great to meet up with 'big' Tom and chew over old and new times. A copy of the team photo was published in the Evening Gazette and brought several responses. Eddie Hardwick's ex neighbour rang and gave me an address and telephone number in Amble and we duly met up. Brian Challiner's brother rang to give an address, about 100 m from where Brian used to live when he was at school! I now know that his name is James Brian and hence we now have 'Jim' not Brian! Jim spent many years in the Royal Navy and having travelled the world returned to Stockton. Mrs Eva Coulson, sister in law of the late Bobby Coulson, rang with an address for Brian Crocker. She had kept in touch with Brian's mother over the years, even after Mrs Crocker moved out of the area. Brian left the Sec. to go into the RAF and after retiring settled near Leicester. I found Don Moses in the phone book [first attempt] and after I asked if he was ex Sec. he said 'that's my old scrum half'. Don married Dorothy who he had courted when he was at school and they have two offspring, a daughter in Canada and a son living locally. Don and Dorothy were off to Canada when I made contact and as I had just been given an address in Canada for John Walton [his cousin rang me] I jokingly suggested he visit John. Amazingly John lives about three quarters of an hour away from Don's daughter and although they didn't meet that visit they did speak on the phone and at Christmas on a second visit to Canada, Don and Dorothy called on John and his wife Margaret in Grimsby, Ontario. John and Margaret have three sons two of whom live nearby, and enjoy a garden looking to Toronto over Lake Ontario. The third son lives in Virginia, USA and that is where I traced Paul Dee, through his brother Peter [44 - 51] and Peter Bell [44 - 51]. Paul is still active as Professor of Radiology at the University of West Virginia. Paul was busy with the third edition of a teaching text book he wrote with colleagues, but said he would be in York sometime in the new year. [more later]. Jim Coltman, I had met

in Stockton a few years ago and looked him up in the phone book. Denis Foulger I see regularly around town. Graeme Dewison, Geoff. Kenyon and John Franks I contacted via the O.S.A.

Jim Coltman retired from teaching in F.E. and Denis Foulger from the ship building industry on the Wear after moving from the Furness yard when it closed. Geoff Kenyon retired from the RAF as Wing Commander and now lives near Coniston [under the 'Old Man'], whilst Graeme Dewison lives in Leeds, having retired from teaching and teacher training.

Tom Bellis I see occasionally and having retired from teaching he now works at the Nuffield Hospital (with John Frank's brother Dennis). Jack Gilliland and I have met up over the years. He has now retired from the Education department of Durham University and lives in Norton. I was visiting John Ingham (Staff 55 - 97) to have the Benevolent Fund audited and mentioned my quest for the former U13s. To my surprise he said that Walter Howells lived 'over the back fence'!

There was general agreement for a reunion and those who were able, met in the Parkwood at Hartburn on 6th November 1998.

Brian Brand, Tom Shield, Eddie and Eileen Hardwick, John Franks, Graeme Dewison, Jack Candlin, Geoff Kenyon, Jim and Norma Coltman, Jack and Marion Gilliland, Alan Davis, Chas. Willoughby, John Hutchison and Peter Williams were there and two of our former teachers Gordon Rattenbury and Jim Durrant came along. We were all invited to visit Grangefield School and have cakes and tea/coffee after looking around. Richard Nicholson, the Head teacher was unable to be there as he had a meeting but his deputy, Keith Robinson, made us welcome, even providing a rugby ball! John Stenhouse, the School Manager, acted as our chauffeur in the school minibus. The meeting went well and feedback suggests that a couple of hours was too short to cover over forty years. Speaking personally, I was delighted to meet up with so many old friends and former schoolmates. I found all of them the same characters and natures that I remembered from school. Jim [Brian] Challinor could not make it on the lunch time but did meet up with Jack Candlin, Chas. Willoughby and me in the evening. We met at 7 pm and became aware of clearing up at midnight!

There is a general feeling that we should have a full year reunion before or at the millennium. I have agreed to act as 'go between' and if any of the 47 - 52/54 group are interested, get in touch. That means you, Paul Helliwell, Dave Nash and Malcolm Duncan who I know are life members!

To conclude, Paul Dee was over in January and several of us were able to meet up in the Stockton Arms which had just been refurbished and is about 100 m from where Paul used to live. Jim Coltman, Jack Candlin, Denis Foulger, Eddie Pinder, Tom Shield, Brian Brand and Jim Durrant were able to roll back the years.

B.P. Brand

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 :

S. Brown (?), 14, Cowdray Close, Worthing, Sussex. BN12 4LQ; 1993
G.M. Bennington (1974-76) 37, Barrhead Close, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees. TS19 7SB; 1991
Mrs M.A. Bright (née Mackensie) (1979-82) 7, Adelaide Grove, Hartburn, , TS18 5BU; 1991
Miss K.L. Clark (1986-89) 27, Rutland Drive, Nurses' Home, Harrogate, HG1 2HR; 1990
I.R.I. Carbarns (1972 - 79), 'In France, near Durlinsdorf'
P.M.K. Embling (?), 23 The Green, Hurworth, Darlington ; 1985
G. Fenny (1927 - 34), 28 St. Oswald's Rd., Redlands, Bristol ; 1993
J. S. Goodchild (1945-49) 13, Longridge, Bromley Cross, Bolton, Lancs. BL7 9NP; 1995
T.W. Harrison (1941-46) 21 Beverley Road, Redcar, Cleveland. TS10 3RH; 1992
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
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.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 1 April 1998

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

In 1999 we anticipate the event being held on Wednesday 31 March 1999

Thanks are due to our overall co-ordinator **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.

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, at least, return the slip with an address confirmation and just one or two lines of news !!

PERCY BELL (1914-15) telephoned us in February '98 to say how much he still enjoyed the New Stocktonian and pass on his thanks for our perseverance with the publication. As a starter in the 'old school' in 1914 Percy reckoned he must be one of (if not 'the') oldest 'old boys' left on our books. Our records show that **R.S. RUDDOCK (1912-17)** is the oldest member but we have not had an address confirmation now for some years. Our thanks to Percy for his donation to funds.

Many thanks to **Rev. GRAHAM BENZIES (1954-61)** for his donation and address confirmation. Graham frequently visits "The Grange" nursing home on Yarm Road and occasionally meets **GEORGE BRANN (1916-20)**, who is a resident.

It was nice to hear from **FRANK BOWEN (1925-32)** who has been a regular contributor to these pages over the last 10 years. Once again we are grateful for the generous donation to funds. Frank was very sad to read of the death of Ron Wynzar and remembers the summer camps they attended in Osmotherley in the early 30s. He was delighted however to hear that **LEN POPE (1927-31)** is 'still going strong'. Frank, Len, **ARCHER GREEN (1928-32)** [died 1994] and **ERNIE BRYAN (?)** formed a jazz band in 1930-31. Ernie played violin, Len played the banjo, Archer the drums and Frank the piano. They called themselves 'The Syncops' and played at chapel socials and similar 'high society' occasions. They took 'Melody Maker' magazine and talked learnedly of gigs, split tenths, vamping and similar musical mysteries. Frank would be pleased to discover if Ernie was still around. [Can anyone help? Editor]

TONY CAINS (1986-88) is now MA (Hons) Cantab, C.Eng. I Mech. E. and is currently employed as Manager of the Combustion Measurement Technology section for Rover Group on the Warwick University campus.

Nice to see **TED COOPER (1957-62)** at the Dinner once again this year. No further news for the moment.

Many thanks to **LIONEL DANBY (1955-60)** for his letter and donation to funds. Lionel was pleased to note that his step daughter **SANDRA MEIER (née SCRAFTON 1976-83)** had recently joined the Association. On a 'count up' of former Grangefield / Sixth Form College students who are part of his family (or extended family) Lionel reached 7 (including himself). There is his brother **MALCOLM**, daughters **ZISKA JANE** and **PETRA MARIE**, step daughters **SANDRA** and **KAREN SCRAFTON** and stepson **PAUL SCRAFTON**. Lionel will try to use some influence to get those who have yet to join the

Association to put pen to paper. After 10 years in South Africa, Lionel now seems to be settled in the UK. Having spent 1991-94 in the training business he joined the Stockton City Challenge Team in April 1994 and is still enjoying the 'buzz' of that challenge. With a wide range of interests Lionel is closely linked to local activities in his home village of Carlton and finds life 'stimulating'. He sends hearty greetings to all those with whom he spent 5 years back in 1955-60 and entreates them to drop the Association a line and let us all know what they are 'up to' now.

It's amazing what a small change in post code can do ! What probably started as a short note from **DOUG DEAN (1951-56)** ended up with a substantial missive. [Oh were it not so from all our other members ! - Editor] In the three years since he last wrote Doug has taken early retirement from Northern Electric where he was an electrical design engineer. He was employed by them for 39 years and 2 weeks (and claims he wasn't counting !); 18 years of which were on Teesside and the remainder in York, where he now lives. During the first two years of his retirement he was catching up on all sorts of things and there was never any spare time. As all retired people will tell you, he adds, 'you are busier than when you were working full time' ! At 58 Doug decided that he was too young to retire 'properly' and took a part-time job delivering hire cars to customers for Eurodollar (now National Car Rental) in the local Scarborough/Harrogate/Wetherby/York area. That lasted a few months before it became increasingly 'mundane' and he moved on. Doug now delivers "fleet cars" throughout the UK, on a part-time basis for one of the local garages (main dealership), usually travelling back by train. He has found that much more interesting, varied and very enjoyable - and they pay *him* to do it. It was nice to see, he adds, news of two of his old class mates in recent issues of the magazine - namely **JOHN HEDLEY (1951-58)** and **GEORGE BAINBRIDGE (1951-58)**. However this apart he finds it sad that, out of an intake of some 100 students in 1951, so very few bother to take a couple of minutes to write those few lines that make the Association what it is.

It was nice to re-welcome **PETER DEE (1948-50)** back to 'the fold'. No formal news to accompany his subs and donation to funds but we look forward to an update in the new year.

Peter's brother **PAUL DEE (1947-54)** wrote in March 1998 to express his astonishment that the Association still existed and re-enrol as a member. After graduating in medicine in 1959 Paul 'toyed' with Internal Medicine for three years before deciding to specialise in Diagnostic Radiology which he believes 'proved to be a wise choice'. After his residency in Newcastle Paul moved on to Norway, Sweden and then the USA. He admits to still having 'a fascination with Norway' and he makes regular return trips for holidays and to work. [Last year he spent two months working in a district hospital on the Norwegian South Coast] In 1974 he 'landed up' at the University of Virginia as Director of Diagnostic Radiology. In 1982 he became Professor of radiology, the position he now holds. The University is one of the most prestigious in the US and also one of the best situated, in terms of town and country ambience. Paul lives in an 'old' house in Charlottesville's Historic District. The four children have now all grown up and moved out. Only one of them followed in her father's footsteps and trained in medicine; she even decided on a career in Radiology and starts her residency at the University of Colorado, Denver in Summer 1998. Paul still keeps up his connections with "the North". After his mother died he bought a small townhouse in York, which they visit regularly. He expects to use it when he retires. Although most of colleagues from med' school are now retired Paul feels that, because of his long experience, he is just 'peaking' as a diagnostician. Added to this, he is down to work on the 3rd edition of a chest radiology textbook which he co-authors with three colleagues from London. [He adds that, at \$180 per copy in the US it isn't the right material for the coffee table] Paul ends by saying how pleased he was to see references to Gordon Rattenbury and Jim Durrant (his former teachers) in the recent yearbook and sends them his kindest regards.

A confirmation of address with donation and purchase of OS merchandise from **IVOR DENNEY (1940-46)** but no other information of himself or colleagues he still keeps in touch with.

A 'top up' of subs and confirmation of address from **GRAEME DEWISON (1947-54)** but no other details to add to the pages of the yearbook.

A nice donation from **JOHN ELLIS (1940-46)** 'to keep the flag flying'. Frequent hospital visits and 'pill-popping' restrict John's activities but he can still write a few lines ! The nearest he came to Teesside in 1997 was to see the Ayckboum plays at Scarborough. To reach that destination he had to travel the M62 which resembled the 'Ride of the Valkyries' [and he never cared for Wagner very much anyway]. John still manages some walking but his climbing ambitions are limited by the availability of funicular railways or similar transport.

An address confirmation and subs 'top up' from **JOAN FARNABY** who continues to give us excellent support as a Committee Member.

The following brief report occurred in the Evening Gazette in respect of **PAUL FROST (1962-70)**. Paul had decided to leave BBC Radio Cleveland, where he had worked as a presenter for the last few years, to concentrate upon a new venture with the Evening Gazette. Paul Frost Associates of Belasis Business Centre, Billingham and the Gazette were to offer a corporate video production package "from script to screen". The video could be used as a marketing or sales tool, launch a new product, for staff training or presentations.

R. GARDNER (1926-31) paid a short visit to Stockton in July '98 to look around the replica of the 'Endeavour' at the Castle Gate Quay. He had visited the 'Australian version' in Whitby in 1997 but after queuing for 4 hours found that he could not negotiate the steep ladder. Happily there was no such problems with the local 'model' and he recommends it to all readers. On the visit he took the opportunity to renew his acquaintance with Joan Fordy [widow of E.S. FORDY (1927-33)] who he had not seen for 56 years! In his letter he asked if we could supply some information who gained 'firsts' in the Oxford School Cert. of 1929. He remembered that, as the following year, they were constantly reminded that they were "not a patch on the previous year's lot". [It was (is?) ever thus - Editor]

Although he only lived a few miles away we had lost touch with **DENIS GIBBS (1937-42)** in 1980. We were pleased to re-new our acquaintance in 1998 and bring him up to date with recent yearbooks. Denis retired in 1988 after 32 years lecturing in Mechanical Engineering at Teesside Polytechnic [now the 'University of Teesside' - Editor] but continued on a part-time basis until 1992. He was also an Open University Tutor during the period 1991-96. Denis met **CHRIS WIGGLESWORTH (1948-53)**, a former Head Boy, in Tuscany in 1996. Chris was a missionary for the Church of Scotland in India for 16 years, but at the time of their meeting he was working on the administration of the missionary service at the Church of Scotland headquarters in Edinburgh.

It is always a great pleasure to hear from **MARTIN GILLESPIE (1979-81)** who breathed new life into the Committee in the early 80s before going off to make his fortune (rumour has it!) Martin topped up his subs and promised news for this year's magazine. However he was in the process of moving house from Hertfordshire to Kent at about that time and so we shall forgive him.

ANDREW GRABHAM (1965-72?) became Teesside Angler of the Year in September 1998 by beating a record entry and getting the better of a tough Scaling Dam Reservoir. Andrew caught seven of the 48 trout taken by the 39 competitors despite having fished the water only once before.

With a handsome 'top up' of subs **DEREK GRAHAM (1959-61)** is well covered into the next century. Derek has taken on more of a retirement roll this year than in previous years by seeking short term teaching offers or one day 'covers'. He and his wife Linda still enjoy trips to Germany each year and he is a keen collector of original German Baedeker Guides (pre-WW2) when the price is not too prohibitive!

Following his early retirement last year **PAUL GRAHAM (1958-65)** has taken up a job-share contract in the Maths Department of Bede Sixth Form College in Billingham. There he joins other Old Stocktonians **DAVID SMITH (1952-59)**, who also teaches Maths, and **TONY LEWIS (1950-58?)**, who teaches Chemistry.

A top up of subs from **MIKE** and **LINDA HEADS (73-73 & 67-73)** and we trust that all is well in Barnard Castle.

A notification of a new address in Abergavenny from **BOB HEATHCOTE (1934-40)** but no other news to add.

An address confirmation from **WILF HUME (1924-29)** but no news to add to that supplied last year.

Having returned from New Zealand **RICHARD HUMBLE (1980-87)** settled briefly in Edinburgh before moving to Inverness in August 1998. He thoroughly enjoyed the year in New Zealand and they were tempted not to return!! We assume that the 'they' refers to Richard and his wife, whom he married in July (and Yes!, he adds, she is a nurse!). Before returning to the UK they travelled in New Zealand, Australia and India. Richard has now decided that his future lies in General Practice and not hospital medicine and accordingly he started the G.P. training scheme in August in Inverness and expects that to keep him occupied for the next 4 years [not too busy to complete 'The Munros' we hope - Editor]

We were pleased to receive a letter from **PHILLIP KING (1981-83)**, with details of his 'new' address in Loughborough, asking if we still existed. We had lost touch in the early 90s when books had been returned. We had put requests in the Year Book asking for help in locating him but received no replies. When he receives this issue he will have several other years to catch up on.

SARAH KING (1991-93) had just returned from seven months travelling and working in New Zealand and Australia when she wrote in 1998 and understood why Richard (Humble) had 'fallen for the country'; the scenery and the people were brilliant. On return to the UK Sarah was looking for a full-time PE teaching post from September 1998 but had no idea where that might be ! [We trust that you were successful and now are happily 'in post' Sarah - Editor] Through these pages Sarah would like to try and locate **SUSAN NELLIST (1991-93)**, who graduated from Aberdeen University in Zoology in 1997, and **AMY BLAKE (1991-93)**.

With an address confirmation and a nice donation to subs we were pleased to hear from **DENIS LUDBROOK (1928-33)** once again. Sadly no other news to relate.

COLIN MUSTARD (1955-60) is a regular on these pages and at the Dinner and so we can forgive him the mere reporting that '1997 had been uneventful' apart from holidays in New Zealand and New York [What no mergers ? - Editor] Thanks are due once again for a nice donation to funds.

Sadly, since her full-time retirement from the College we do not see as much of **ANN OXLEY (Staff 1974-97)** as we used to but we hope she is in good health and that she is enjoying her 'leisure' time. Ann wrote recently topping up her subs and confirming her address but no other details.

It's not every day that you get over £3.5 million to spend ! This is the sum **DEE PALMER-JONES (née PALMER) (1960-67)** has at her finger tips as the new Project Director of the East Middlesbrough Education Action Zone (EAZ). The funds will be used over the next three to five years to finance a series of educational initiatives to unlock the potential of local youngsters and plans range from a four-term year and three-session days to homework and breakfast clubs. Dee has given up her post as Head of Brackenhoe School in Middlesbrough to take on the responsibility. Previous to this appointment (in 1992) she had been Deputy at Nunthorpe School and has spent all her teaching career at schools in Teesside. No stranger to committee work Dee had been a member of the Dearing Curriculum Review Team and has contributed to a book on school management. We wish her well in this challenging task.

An address confirmation from **R. PURNELL (1924-29)** and a donation to funds but no other news of himself or contemporaries.

In response to our request in last years magazine for details **BILL RACE (1930-36)** has been kind enough to supply the following 'tasters'. Bill and his brother Harry played scrum-half and stand-off for the school for two years. They used to practise in the Assembly Hall at break-times with Syd Dumble's permission. He also confirms that he played inside left for the school soccer team and won the Junior Swimming Medal on one occasion - Harry regularly won the Diving Award. During WW2 Bill served as ground crew in the RAF and spent the last four years of the war in SEAC, earning the Burma Star. After the war he went into teaching and was Deputy Head at Newham Grange Secondary Mod. and Head of Lower School at Stainsby School in Middlesbrough [made famous by Chris Rea ! - Editor]. Bill finally took early retirement in 1979. His brother Harry also served in the RAF and passed away in 1989.

We owe an apology to **RAY REED (1950-57)** for daring to suggest that he might have retired ! He is still a consultant orthodontist and also Post Graduate Dental Dean, Wessex. He adds that he might consider retiring in about 2004 [Sorry Ray ! - Editor]

A substantial letter and a photograph of the 1945 school rugby team from **HARRY RHODES (1941-46)** helped relieve our November blues. Following his visit to the 'old country' last year Harry and Pat have now settled down into their 'comfortable, retired couple routine back in 'oz' with the occasional flight to NSW to visit family in Coff's Harbour. Harry said that he was surprised to find a selection of Pat Barker's novels on the shelves of the Hoppers Crossing Public Library. Not because he doubted their literary merit just pleased at the foresight of the buyers for the aforesaid library. In July 1998 Harry's sedan was subjected to some dramatic design modifications which transformed it into a compact model. As the ambulance was being called he wondered if all policemen now looked 14 years old. We were pleased to learn that injuries were mainly severe bruising resulting in rainbow coloured skin and that all is now well. Harry has maintained his contacts with former classmates **ALAN AYRE (1941-47)**, **STAN BASSETT (?)**

and **JACK THORMAN (?)** and he is planning a return visit to Teesside. Returning to the photograph Harry lists the names as **ARTHUR WILLIS, ? DAVIS, 'SNODDER' SNOWDON, 'PODGE' BURDON, COLIN BEADLE, BARRY WIGGINS, ? WEBSTER, 'BONAS' ROBINSON, 'TIMBUCK' TIMOTHY, ALAN TODD, KEN BOOTHMAN, STAN THOMAS, JASPER CLARK & REX HAZLETON**. He adds that wartime austerity is very much in evidence in the variety of jerseys and socks being worn and ends "Where are the lads of the village tonight ?"

We welcome (back?) as a member **PETER BRADLEY ROWSON (1930-35)** who joined at the Annual Dinner which he attended with his sister-in-law **LILLIAN THOMPSON (1928-34)**. We weren't able to get any details for the yearbook but hope to remedy that next year.

An address confirmation and subs top up from **SARAH JANE SHERATON (1972-77)** but no details to add to those of 1997/8.

We welcome **TOM SHIELD (1948-52)** back to the Association. Tom has shown faith in us by joining for 10 years and we hope to see him at the Dinner again this year.

Eventually we have caught up (we hope !) with **COLIN SINCLAIR (1952-59)**, address-wise that is. At the moment his poste-restante address is in Accra, Ghana but we are unsure how permanent that is.

A notification of a change of address from Eppleby to Winston from **RICHARD SMITH (1958-65)** but no other news. Our last recollection was that Richard was running his own haulage business.

What would happen if we didn't receive a letter from **DON SMITH (1933-40)** ? As ever he obliges once again and his 'not much to report' only consists of half a side of fairly closely typed A4 ! Don was 'getting to grips' with his new word processor as he wrote to us which he claims 'has all manner of demons living inside'. Don was able to add some dates to blank parentheses namely : **DENNIS RUSSELL (1933-37/8)**, lives near Banbury, **BOB SHIELDS (19347-40)** began in 2Sc and left school in the same year as 'the Forestry Camp trip to the young forest plantation by Kendoon, upstream from St John's Town of Dalry by Castle Douglas' Bob, **BOB HEATHCOTE (1933-40)** and Don had cycled across to the camp and parted company in the Lake District as Bob Shields had to visit friends. Don remembers that he read of his success in the Higher Exams in a copy of the Northern Echo purchased from a tiny shop at Blubberhouses as he was making the 'round trip' south to Skipton and through Ripley etc... In the summer of 1997 **JACK ROUTLEDGE (1933-38)** turned up to visit Don. As Don had only seen Jack once since they left school he was baffled as to who was calling until Jack re-introduced himself. Don also provided some information on the rugby RACE brothers (see above). He remembered that Harry although by no means a big lad took all the knocks the opposition could dish out and he felt it a privilege to be in the same side. Don would like to hear some news about two ex-team mates if anyone can help: **GEORGE WATSON (?)** and **GEORGE WING (?)** who were 'inseparable' red house colleagues and who provided extremely tough opposition in the 'Lit & Hist.' debates. [Can anyone help ? - Editor] After months of corresponding with **ANNE BROWN (née SEAMAN)(?-?)**, the wife of **TERRY BROWN (?-?)**, Don and his wife spent an afternoon with them in Dunblane, Perthshire when they were on holiday in Ayr. As the Browns were at Nelson Tce. in the early 40s, just after Don left, there was much common nostalgia. Anne had attended the same primary school as Don (Hartburn Village) which opened up more common ground, and she also knew **JACK ('Trout') ROUTLEDGE (1933-38)**. The day ended with a final bout of nostalgia for Don when they took a car journey through the Trossacks which he first remembered seeing from the seat of a 'Tiger Moth' during his days as an instructor in 1945.

It is always a pleasure to receive mail from **AGNES SOWLER (1926-31)** and to see her at the Annual Dinner. In addition to confirming her address we were extremely grateful for her most generous donation to funds.

We welcome **MARK SUMMERBELL (1984-86)** as a new member of the Association but sadly have no news to add about his 'activities' since leaving College.

RUSSELL THERESBY (1957-64) had to cancel his Dinner place this year but we were very grateful for the donation of the amount involved to funds. We hope that you will be able to join us at a future event Russell. In the course of the execution of his father's will recently Russell came across some boxes of his own colour slides that were taken by him during the period 1960-64. The slides consist mainly of school dramatic performances including 'Macbeth' and 'Yeoman of the Guard', but there are also school visits abroad that Russell took part in. Russell has very kindly offered to provide copies for anyone who

may be interested. [please contact him directly at : Five Lodge Court, Preston Road, Inskip, Lancs., PR4 0TT]

Many thanks to **LILLIAN THOMPSON (née FORSTER) (1928-34)** for her donation to funds and a top up of subs. We were pleased to see her at the Annual Dinner once again this year but sad to learn that she was considering stepping out of the 'educational limelight' after so many years service. We were also pleased to see Lillian accompanied by her sister **VERA ROWSON (?)** and her husband **PETER**. Lillian was Vice Chairman of Teesside LEA's Education Committee when Mrs Thatcher (the then Secretary of State for Education) was asked to open the only purpose built Sixth Form College in Teesside. However, in the time it took to find a suitable date that fitted with Mrs T's other engagements the Council had changed hands. This meant that, although she was at the Official Opening Ceremony on 2 November 1973, Lillian was 'relegated to the audience'. Councillor Alf McIntosh, the new Vice Chairman of the Education Committee, made the presentation of a book to Mrs Thatcher and was so impressed with her speech that he gave her a resounding kiss. It is unlikely that many (if any) other Labour Councillors were so inclined to repeat the gesture over the next 20 years. Lillian is always pleased to note that the College has steadily improved upon the strong tradition of excellent examination results at all levels over its 25 year history.

LOUISE WARING (1973-77) is a stalwart (if I may be so bold as to use that term!) of the Association's Committee who rarely misses a meeting and is a never ending source of past knowledge and up-to-date information which regularly find its way into the pages of this publication. Recent driving restrictions caused by an eye problem have now been 'lifted', as the condition has corrected itself, and we are happy to report that she will be back in 'full circulation' from January 1999!

DAVID WILLIAMS (1959-62) joined GGS for Boys as a fifth former in 1959 and, on recently returning to Stockton, enquired at Grangefield School's reception about the Association. We are glad to say that they were able to put him in touch with us and the relevant details despatched and returned. Most of David's working life was in the City of Westminster from which he retired in 1993 as senior building control officer for the District Surveyor Service. Until two years ago, when he developed an arthritic hip, David was a keen athlete and had run three times in the New York Marathon and in the first Cleveland Marathon (in 1977) which he completed in 2hr 34min. In retirement David is studying for an Open University degree in Earth Sciences and doing a lot of gardening, whilst looking after elderly parents. He was married in 1992 to a Spanish lady from La Coruna in NW Spain. David concludes that he would like to remake acquaintance with fellow pupils from Les Thornton's 6th form Geology class of '60-'62 [names include Peter Wislade, Garth Holligan and C Melton]. In addition he would like news of former members of the cross-country and 2nd XI cricket teams of the same era. [We have K. Usher, N. Donkin, M. Morton, Shaw, Caygill and Humpherson listed under the cross-country - Editor]

In response to our continuous urgings from these pages of news **DAVID WINN (1946-51)** wrote to bring us up to date. David retired in August 1994 on his 60th birthday - which is the last possible day allowed by the Civil Service. A modest farewell from colleagues was overshadowed by a more adventurous party arranged with neighbours! David had become friendly over the last 10 years with a family in a neighbour's house and it happens that their eldest daughter had a birthday within a week of his and so a dual celebration was in the offing. It turned out to be even better however when it transpired that a gorgeous [David's words! - Editor] French girl staying with the friends also had a birthday at the same time - a triple alliance! Consequently, one Saturday night / Sunday morning a champagne celebration party ensued; we don't know how long the hangover(s) lasted! As testified by so many retirees in this publication David is now also amazed at how he found the time to do a job! A temporary halt to his 'life of pleasure' occurred in November 1996 when he developed a rapidly progressing form of arthritis which necessitated a hip replacement in both legs in 1997. This setback prevented attendance at any of Warwickshire's County (Cricket) matches during that summer but we are now happy to report that the last walking aid was dispensed with in February 1998. David informed us that his uncle **THOMAS DOUGLAS BAINBRIDGE (c1929-34)** died in 1995. Despite losing touch with the Association on leaving the school Thomas would avidly go through the 'New Stocktonian' whenever David visited him in Twickenham. Some years ago David enquired through the magazine if any one could remember the Christian name of 'Curly' **MURRAY (1946-51)**. He doesn't think there was ever a reply, but no need, he has since remembered that it was **KEITH**. They were both in the same class at Nelson Terrace and before that at Newtown Primary School.

OBITUARIES

We were saddened to read in the Evening Gazette of the death of **OLIVE BRADSHAW** in January 1998. Olive was the wife of Roland Bradshaw who was the last Headmaster of Grangefield Grammar School (from 1957 to 1973, when he retired). We send our belated condolences to her sons Alan and Neville and daughter Hazel.

It was with particular sadness that we heard in October 1998 of the death of **WILLIAM ('BILL') G. HUME (1923-28)** aged 87. Bill, who was one of the 'train boys' from Middleton St George, was a Life Member of the Association and was always interested to read the news in the Year Book. After leaving school he trained at the Royal Horticultural College at Wisley and obtained his National Diploma in Horticulture. After a period working for Oxford Education Authority teaching gardening to school children he joined the Ministry of Agriculture and rose to become Regional Horticultural Advisory Officer, working in several areas of the country. We offer our condolences to Bill's widow Ruth at this sad time.

There are some people who have such a zest for life that it is difficult to believe they will not always be with you. **GEORGE LITTLE (1915-18)** was such a character. Having lived life to the full (even at 95) George sadly passed away in December 1998. On leaving school George held an appointment at Whitwell's Ironworks, Thornaby for four years. In 1922 he became an assistant in the Research Lab. at Messrs Synthetic Ammonia & Nitrates Ltd., (afterwards I.C.I.), was transferred to the Casebourne Works in 1929 and subsequently became Assistant Laboratories Manager. In 1935 he was appointed to a similar position in Oil Works, being promoted to By-Products Manager in 1938 and Acting Records Manager in 1941. In 1949 he was transferred to the Commercial Purchasing Department and retired in 1962, completing 40 years service with the famous Billingham firm. His interests outside of work were many and varied. For seven years he was Secretary of the Synthonia Cricket Club and for 12 years was sports and social secretary in the various sections. Always interested in church work he was sidesman and churchwarden at St. Cuthbert's Church when he lived in Billingham, held the same posts and treasurer at St. Peter's Church in Stockton and was Secretary of the Stockton Ruri-Decanal Conference for 10 years. In 1948 he was elected District Organiser for the B.P. Guild of Old Scouts for Stockton and Thornaby. His work for the Association was both unstinting and long-term. First he was a member of the Committee in 1923-24, whence for 25 he served on most of the committees of the Association. Elected as the President of the Association in 1949 George oversaw the regeneration of this body and was determined to put us on a firm financial footing. With the untimely death of the then Treasurer (H. Nicholson) in 1952 George took on the dual roles of that office and President. Retiring as President in 1952 he continued as Treasurer for the period 1953-60 and then as a member of the Committee until 1970. In his 'spare time' following his retirement he became a Court Usher at Stockton Magistrates' Courts (from which he retired in 1969) and following his move to Great Ayton he took on the role as sidesman and reader at Christ Church in the village (when the vicar was Ted Appleyard), and became Treasurer and Business Manager of the *Cleveland Churchman*, the magazine of the Stokesley Deanery. In the mid-1970s he took on the task of Secretary of the local cricket club in addition to helping with meals on wheels! Although he was not 'Stockton born' (he came originally from Lincoln) he was certainly 'Stockton bred' and this all too brief synopsis of his life and the devotion he gave to his adopted town and the surrounding district can only make us proud to call him "an Old Stocktonian"

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