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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The AGM this year was so poorly attended that we did not have a nomination for President and it was only after the meeting that I realised that I was Senior Vice President and subsequently chaired the committee meeting to discuss the future of the Association.

I did agree to take over the Presidency for a second time. As the committee reduces in size every year we feel that it will not be long before we don't have enough volunteers able and willing to run the Association. With this in mind, if no new blood comes forward, the committee will be proposing at a future AGM to wind up the Association.

For many years we have pleaded for new committee members to come forward, without success. We have amended our rules at previous AGMs to lower the number attending committee meetings to make them quorate, and once again we are putting forward a resolution to lower the number to enable the ageing committee to function. We now have committee members travelling from Barnard Castle and Alnwick as well as the local area. If just two members cannot attend we are not quorate and the meeting has to be cancelled.

I urge you to come along to the AGM and volunteer! If you cannot attend the AGM but are willing to join the committee, please let us know and your name can be put forward.

**Brian Brand**

## COLLEGE NEWS

I had the pleasure of informing you last year about the excellent results being achieved in the College and in Stockton Schools. I am pleased to say that students built on their GCSE performance by producing the best ever AS results at College. The schools also consolidated their Year 11 grades. Once again 23 subjects at Advanced level, including Applied A Levels, achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate.

Since I last wrote this article the College has not only had the usual 4 yearly inspection but two of the now annual assessment visits by OFSTED. I am pleased to say we have come through all of them with flying colours. I will tell you just one anecdote from the inspection, which I will never tire of telling. In my briefing, on the first morning, to the lead Inspector I told her that relationships between staff and students were excellent as staff gave of their time, beyond the call of duty, to help students succeed. Two days later she told me that she had initially thought this was the usual spin a Principal puts on things and in any case was to be expected. However, having seen the College in action she thought the quality of staff-student relationships was special.

We were highly praised for enrichment activities, for our results and for our value-added.

I am also delighted to tell you that the Old Stocktonian magazine proved very useful to me personally at Christmas 2005. In the Former students here and there section I had read about Paul Vittles, move to Australia. When I was a real teacher I taught him A Level Economics. Paul and I exchanged emails, in one of which he was extolling Sydney's virtues and suggested that I should visit. As it happened my wife and I were about to visit my daughter who was on an elective at an Australian hospital. So within a few days of receiving the email we were all enjoying a lovely meal at a restaurant in Darling Harbour. Paul and Jacqui are having a thoroughly enjoyable and successful time down-under. Paul wishes all his old friends well.

Hopefully, by the start of 2007/08 academic year the College will have a new building sited between ourselves and Our Lady and St Bede's School. The project has been an excellent collaboration between the school, the Local Authority and Stockton Town Football Club. The football club will gain 6 new outdoor changing rooms and a club house and the College will have a purpose built dance and drama studio. These two subjects like most others at the College are thriving and need good facilities. I am also excited by the opportunity to work with a local group as I have strong belief that the College should be at the heart of the community.

**Martin Clinton**

## COLLEGE ACTIVITIES 2005/6

### **Smiles all round on Results Day**

August 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 was a great day for SSFC students. Ben Wright, scooped 5 grade A's to win a place at King's College London to study for a 'Double Maitrise' in French and English Law. Ben will complete a Law degree in two years at King's and to study French law for two years at the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris. Phil Wright secured his place at Cambridge to study French and Spanish, with 3 Grade A's and a B. He also gained distinctions in Advanced Extension in French and Spanish, making him one of the top linguists in the country for his age. AS results were also outstanding with several students getting A's across the board, and overall results well above the national average.

Life-sized paintings of Adam and Eve took centre stage in the Stockton A-level Art exhibition this year. Three paintings by Kate Kennedy depicted the Creation of Man, the Temptation and the Fall. Described by Head of Art, Ann Gill, as 'absolutely stunning' it is no surprise that Kate scored 100% in her art exam. Fashion A-level work this year included a cocktail dress, complete with rosettes and fitted bodice, made by Lauren Crawford, using cling film and newspaper; as well as an Elizabethan gown created by Elaine Moffatt, from modern fabrics including carpet and hessian and a very original cauliflower dress.

### **Stars in their eyes**

The stars descended upon the College for one evening only, in an extravaganza of music and dance. Hosted by the inimitable Martin Youngman, students and teachers alike put on an unforgettable show. Competitors were able to step into the shoes of their idols and perform in front of a live crowd, competing for a large cash prize in time for Christmas.

Five members of staff kicked off the evening with a comical rendition of the Spice Girls classic "Wannabe", which was extremely well received by an upbeat and festive December crowd. Acts to follow included the Celine Dion favourite "It's All Coming Back To Me Now", sung beautifully by Lucy Sweeting, and an inspired performance of Frank Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me". However, the night was stolen by Sam Baker's slick and charismatic performance of Bill Withers' "Lean On Me". The evening was organised by "Sixth Sense", the company forged from first and second year students taking part in the Young Enterprise enrichment activity run by Steve Earnshaw. The group who had a packed schedule ahead of them used this as a stepping stone into the business world and made over £500, to be reinvested into the company to make coming events even more spectacular. All profits made at the end of the trading year are paid out to trusting shareholders and an amount donated to charity. The winner of our Stars in their Eyes competition, Sam Baker is a part time student at the college, studying Spanish. He is 17 and during the day works alongside his dad fitting alloy wheels. He cut his teeth in the entertainment business at Conyers School where he formed a duet with his best friend and won school talent competitions. He isn't yet a professional but enjoys performing and really appreciated the Stockton Sixth Form audience, who gave him a fantastic reception and clapped and sang along with him. We might be seeing more of Sam in the future. Last year he got into the last 50 of the "X Factor". Beating off competition during two rounds in Newcastle, he was invited to the boot camp stage in London. Who knows what might have happened if he had not forgotten his words!! Sharon was very impressed with Sam but thought he was still a bit young and he was encouraged to try again this year. He has already sent off for his application, and he will get plenty of votes from Stockton Sixth Form College.

### **Royal Television Society success**

Brilliant! That's how Royal Television Society judges described a three-minute video created by two A Level Media Studies students from the College.

The judges heaped praise upon praise on film makers Steven Etherington and Ashleigh Wilson after the production was submitted to the Royal Television Society for their "Young People's Video Showcase" project.

The film makers who 'wowed' the panel from the Royal Television Society's North East and Borders Centre, were presented with a certificate for their background video to a pop song.

Animated and real effect scenes merged in the video and judges said that the "fabulous effects" gave the film a truly professional look. The animation "is just right - like everything else, not too much." Also the use of the chromakey blue screen was rated as "outstanding" by the judges, who agreed that the work was "utterly stunning and a huge technical achievement."

## Seeing London with fresh eyes

Seventy students from four different subjects hit London for a three day educational and cultural experience. On the first night everybody went to the largest screen in the UK, the 'IMAX Cinema'. This is one of the most eye catching buildings in London. The film shown was a spooky story seen through the eyes of Johnny, a young musician who has inherited an imposing castle from his late estranged mother. 3D glasses were worn and this made it an exciting and immersive experience. **Media Studies** students combined a visit to key media institutions with celebrity spotting. A tour around the BBC included visiting the set of 'Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps' and the 'Eggheads' quiz show. Media students were also lucky enough to see many celebrities such as Trevor Nelson, Mark Moraghan, Cece Sammy and even got a wave from Jimmy Carr! The media students were in for a treat as the BBC programme 'Just the Two of Us' was being filmed while we were looking around the studio. **Sociology** students divided on the Thursday morning, with some going to the Old Bailey and others to Bow Street Magistrates court. At the Old Bailey students sat in on a murder trial and listened to the forensic scientist giving evidence. It wasn't quite as exciting as C.S.I. but they did learn about how to distinguish between different blood stains! Students also went to the historical Bow Street Magistrates Court. A variety of cases were heard and people were prosecuted for drug dealing, prostitution, begging and theft. After lunch in Covent Garden, sociologists headed north to Harrow public school. After a brief introduction by one of the 'beaks' (Harrowian slang for 'school teacher') students were shown around by some of the boys (Harrow slang for all of their students). They had their own houses with lounges and kitchens. Students got a glimpse of the bedrooms - the usual untidy adolescent boys stuff with posters and instruments, but the unusual addition of family photos to remind them of home. The facilities were huge, with their own theatre, their own gymnasium with Olympic size swimming pool and even their own farm. They also had their own barbers and uniform shop; and all for only £18,000 per year (plus expenses). The London visit proved to be a wonderful and at the same time an enlightening experience for the **Religious Studies** students. The three days spent there were packed full of interesting visits. The second day of the trip was a particularly busy one as they visited both the Shree Swaminarayah Mandir Hindu Temple, the largest temple outside of India, with its magnificent solid marble prayer hall. The students then took the tube for a tour of London's central Mosque. As part of this particular visit it was compulsory that girls covered their arms, midriff, legs and hair. This meant the female students had to wear headscarves, which was fine as the Muslim students showed them the correct way to wear them. The students were then shown around the Mosque and given an interesting talk by Mr. AbuAbdulla Green, who had converted from Christianity. **Business** students went to the Advertising Standards Authority and researched the rules governing advertising in this country. The presentation was very informative and included adverts guaranteed to grab the attention of sixth formers. In the afternoon they had a guided tour of Canary Wharf, focussing on the economic development of the area and also visiting the key financial institutions of this 'monument to Thatcherism.'

On the last day after a beautiful walk across the Millennium Bridge we looked down on the metropolis from the dizzy heights of 'The London Eye'. As a tired and subdued bunch of students laboured back to their coach they had time to reflect on what for many of them was their first visit to the capital.

## Drinking in the delights of Prague

Kidnapped by communism for over 40 years (as we learned on one of our excursions), Prague has become one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations. With plenty of cheap food and beer it was the perfect place for a group of students to visit. On our first afternoon, we were allowed to venture into the centre of Prague to explore for ourselves. The architecture in the city, which includes Prague Castle, is stunning and with

an abundance of shops, restaurants and bars it was never difficult to find something to do. A lot of people opted for smaller, more traditional places to eat, to sample the culture of the city and in the evenings they enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of some of the bars and obviously sampled the beer. The trip to Skoda the next day gave us some insight into the history of the company and in the museum there were numerous cars dating from the late 19th Century to the present day. We then travelled to the factory where we were able to observe the different stages of the production process which everybody found really interesting! On the Thursday we visited the Pilsner Urquell brewery which produces, what was, the world's first golden beer. We learnt about traditional brewing methods as well as the modern technology used today. The tour also included a tasting of the beer straight from the oak barrels in the cellar. On our final trip to CERGE (Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Education), we enjoyed a presentation on the economic state of the Czech Republic. We were also told about "The Velvet Revolution" in which the communists were thrown from power and how the country adapted to this change. Although the trip was one of an educational nature, we also managed to enjoy the social aspects of the visit as well as sampling the things that are very different from English culture and it seemed that everyone had a great time in what is a wonderful city.

### **Mad as a March Hare**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> a 6 foot white rabbit hopped into town as the star of our College production 'Harvey'. Or did it? This was the theme of this year's College play. The central character - Elwood - insists that his best friend is a large rabbit. His family is finally driven to committing him into Chumley's Rest Home for the mentally disturbed and this is where the fun really starts. Dr Chumley, head psychiatrist, becomes convinced that he too can see Harvey and, believing the rabbit brings good fortune, attempts to charm him away from Elwood. The madness is catching as soon nearly everyone believes that Harvey is as large as life - 6' 1½" to be precise. The play's central theme is the notion that madness and sanity are only defined by those who elect themselves 'in charge'. Yet the author, Mary Chase, invites the audience to decide who really is mad and does it matter anyway? A strong cast and excellent back up from the technical crew and artistic designers made for a magical night. Jamie Bruce took the central role of Elwood, and managed to persuade the audience that having a rabbit for a best friend is acceptable and maybe even an advantage. Jamie showed his talents as a future actor when he went off-script during the last night and introduced Harvey to the Principal. This excellent performance was both mature and accomplished and bodes well for his ambition to be an actor. The exuberant Veta was played by Emma Taylor to comic perfection as a hyper-ventilating Hyacinth Bucket. She enjoyed playing the role of Veta, who, so Emma says, she can not relate to one bit! Yet she confesses to enjoying candle-lit soirees and wishes to study literature and drama at university. Becky Bendall, a member of the National Youth Theatre, heel-clacked her way in to the hearts of the audience as the pneumatic Nurse Kelly whilst simultaneously delivering a classy performance as the frumpy Myrtle too. Many in the audience thought they were played by separate actors. Becky, like Emma has plans to go to drama school, which after two such different yet accomplished performances must surely be a cert. The owner of the sanatorium, the pompous Dr. Chumley was played by Adam Mealing. His descent into madness was both highly comic and brave - a performance beyond his seventeen years. Modest to a fault Adam says: "I only joined the cast because it seemed like a good idea at the time, yet I find I like Chumley and think he is strangely like me in some ways!" Natasha Hamer, like Becky, also played two parts. Natasha pulled off a superbly disdainful Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet and a gender-bending Judge Oomar Gaffney, secretly in love with the neurotic Veta. As the only surviving member of last year's cast Natasha volunteered to serve another year proving not only how talented she really is but valuable experience for her future career ambitions in Drama Therapy. Giving a hilarious and electrifying performance, the disturbingly psychotic Wilson, a sanatorium orderly and adoring acolyte of

Dr Chumley, was played by Jack Burns who skilfully walked the knife-edge between horror and comedy. If the Mighty Boose are in the market for new talent their search should start and stop at Jack. Jack also devised the sexually repressed yet hysterical offstage voice of Miss Dunphy too, which brought the house down. In his spare time he says, tongue-in-cheek, "I enjoy being pretentious by hanging out in coffee shops, reading." Touchingly, he added that he would like it known that he is not like his character Wilson, lecherous, mean and aggressive. By all accounts since his performance as Wilson he has been on the receiving end of funny looks! His friends can all testify, however, that Jack is, in fact, the exact opposite - a sweet and gentle soul. Debuting, Regina Nalubega took the short roles of the Cabby and the maid, Miss Johnson. Yet she owned both parts; alternating her heavily-lidded, careless maid for the sassy, streetwise Cabby-Chick. This is her first acting role which she enjoyed immensely. 'Harvey' played to a full house for three nights and thoroughly deserved all its plaudits as the best show yet. The Easter Bunny came early at Stockton Sixth Form but will stay in our hearts much longer.

## **Bon Voyage**

*By Jessica Jones*

Stockton Sixth Form College and Prior Pursglove College set off for France early on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2006, to take part in a language exchange. English students were paired with students from Lycee de George Duby. As the coach pulled up, we were nervous about what was to come, knowing that the following day was to be spent alone with our French families.

Nerves were soon forgotten as we were warmly welcomed by our host families. The visit gave us an insight into French family life and education. Stockton students used to eating at different times and not always with their families found that the French always ate together as a family, round the kitchen table. They ate much later than us, eight o'clock was the norm, so there were a few rumbling stomachs on the first night. As Monday morning arrived, we discovered that the French education system is very different to ours, with lessons beginning at 8am and finishing at 6pm - and they usually spend any free lessons working! Students study the Baccalaureate, the French A-Level equivalent, which usually comprises of around seven subjects, compared to our three or four. Fortunately we were out on visits during the day so we didn't get to experience this arduous regime. The aim of our visit was to find out about environmental issues in Provence, such as the new TGV train that will take you from Paris to Marseille in under two hours. This will encourage people to use public transport but Environmentalists are critical of this system in terms of its visual and noise impact on wildlife and people. We also investigated the impact of forest fires which had recently devastated this region. We were able to act as host families ourselves the following month, when the French students visited Stockton. One of the themes of their visit was an investigation of English stereotypes. Their dominant stereotype of an English person was a man in a suit with a brolly. Despite the persistent rain during the week of their visit, they didn't manage to find anyone who fitted this description! At the end of the week their views had changed and we discovered that the French and English are much more similar than we'd first imagined. So this exchange visit certainly contributed to the "entente cordiale"

## **Viva Espana**

*By Philip Wright*

An early morning wake up call awaited eight of our language students on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006 in anticipation of a week-long exchange to the Spanish capital, Madrid. The flight from Liverpool John Lennon airport had the group landing in Madrid towards the end of the afternoon, after which, not a moment was wasted. The organised trips into Madrid comprised of a guided tour around the grand Palacio Real, visits to the two major art galleries (El Museo del Prado and El Museo de la Reina Sofia) and excursions to various other

sites of historical and cultural significance. Other activities enjoyed by the participants included a day in the former capital, Toledo, and another in a nearby theme park. Time was also spent in the company of the host families which was invaluable for building speaking and listening skills, given the impending summer exams. The College was pleased to welcome a reciprocal visit from the Spanish students in late April.

### **Disneyland Trip**

*By Sophie Dunning*

The heart races, the pulse quickens and terror inevitably ensues. Let's face it we all enjoy being scared as long as ultimately we know we are safe. One step up from the horror movie, white knuckle rides offer thrill seekers high octane, adrenaline pumping thrills and spills with riders experiencing extreme levels of G-force that are normally reserved for fighter pilots or racing drivers. But how do these rides work? How do they create the illusion of danger while keeping the rider entirely safe? Every year the ICT department at Stockton Sixth Form College takes 40 ICT students on a three day educational visit to Disneyland resort Paris. This visit is organised with 'Study Experiences' which is based in Swindon, Wiltshire. The visit consists of three forty five minute lectures spread over the three days, in which the students learn about how ICT is incorporated within the resorts. These lectures include an exciting presentation on how the large rides are designed and safety tested. It also includes details on how the hotel booking system works and which operating systems are used. The students were also given an interesting history presentation of how the resort was both founded and created in 1988. After the three lectures, all that the students are left to do is explore the two Disney parks. The students can then experience the rides that they have just learnt about within the lectures. Most students are far more confident as they strap themselves being experts on the safety features of the rides. At the end of each day, the students can return back to their themed hotel for a good night's rest. Each day then starts with a breakfast buffet which prepares the students for another hard days work walking around the resort, enjoying the attractions and meeting all of the Disney characters. Generally speaking, all of the ICT students enjoy this educational trip. Not only do they come home with unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime they also come home with bags of Disney memorabilia! This is definitely a trip not to miss!

### **Global Community Spirit - Oxfam Unwrapped**

*By Jo Dovaston*

Making a difference – that's what students and staff at the College have done by raising £1,800 for those most in need across Africa, Latin America and Asia. Students, through their tutor groups, managed to raise enough money to buy some unusual gifts including a menagerie of nine goats, six calves, four donkeys and three camels, 250 trees and 3100 school dinners. Staff also collected and paid for three teachers to be trained in the third world. All of our gifts will go directly to places where Oxfam believes they are needed and will help the most and it's guaranteed that the camels won't be sent to the Himalayas and our trees won't be planted in the desert! The Principal Martin Clinton said: "I think it's fabulous that so many students have got together to make a difference. I'm very proud of all of the students who made a contribution and the tutors for organising this." With such words it was inevitable that he would be "included" in the activities and he agreed to get his beard dyed to help raise funds. The Oxfam Unwrapped campaign was a success thanks to donations made from around the country from individuals, schools and colleges. The aim of the project was to send practical and useful gifts to those most in need in the selected countries. Oxfam operates in over 80 countries and has over 500,000 regular donors, it responds to about 40 emergencies across the world every year, most of which receive very little coverage in the media.



## **A helping hand for Kashmir**

*By Jessica Jones*

Students at the College pulled out the stops to help raise money for the earthquake victims, after the 8<sup>th</sup> October disaster in the Kashmiri region of Pakistan. The disaster affected some of our Asian students' families living in Pakistan, and that's what gave the fund raising drive an added incentive! Students raised £1,300 in College in just one week for relief efforts and had a special day of fundraising on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The day was made special because many of our Asian students wore traditional dress and also brought some delicious food- samosas and pakora - into College for sale. They also did some hair braiding and henna tattoo sessions which proved to be very popular. This raised money which was added to the money given to the collection which had been going on all week.

One of our students Azad Asfar, 17, knows first hand about the suffering that is going on in Pakistan. His cousins lost their home and had to move in with relatives in the Azad Kashmir area of Pakistan. His brother Shamid Afsar and uncle, Dr. Mohammed Shafiq, flew out to help their family and others who have been affected. Azad said :*"There are many students here who have families in the regions that have been devastated, and we all want to do something to help in the recovery process"*. His views were shared by other College students, whose money has helped many of those affected by the terrible disaster.

## **Lest we forget...**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March Sascha Graham travelled with Amy Lowes to Auschwitz in Poland. The trip was organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust which aims to teach many young people about the terrible suffering of the Jews. They flew to Krakow airport where they travelled by coach to the site of the camps. Their trip began at Auschwitz One; a camp built for Polish political prisoners. The first thing they saw were the infamous gates, reading 'Arbeit Macht Frei' meaning 'work makes freedom'. Seeing these dominating gates put the whole day into perspective. Our guide then took us to see a gas chamber which was a very emotional experience as she described the process of the killing and conditions; many were pushed into these chambers expecting a shower, not knowing their fate. The girls were then guided round the various blocks which served different purposes. Auschwitz One has become a museum and many of the blocks house exhibition stands which they were invited to look at. In one block they saw huge display cases containing items belonging to the prisoners; the enormous piles of hair, shoes and glasses were particularly distressing for all in our group. They also learnt about the camp system: the clothes the inmates wore and the labels they were forced to wear. They then travelled to Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp was very different from Auschwitz One: it was a vast expanse of space, much quieter and not commercialised at all. For many, including ourselves, this was the more emotional of the two camps as the emptiness and stillness enveloped us. As the girls approached the camp they saw the famous entrance to the watchtower which they were encouraged to go and look out from. The scene was very memorable; they could see the whole camp from here covered in snow. At Auschwitz-Birkenau they had a very different experience from Auschwitz One as the camp has been left largely as it was when it was liberated in 1945. They saw the barracks where the prisoners slept, the place where selection took place, the "Sauna" where the prisoners were showered and deloused. The gas chambers at this camp were blown up by the Nazis in an attempt to cover up their crimes. The ruined gas chambers were a stark reminder of the incredible suffering that took place there. The day ended with a memorial service led by Rabbi Marcus who accompanied the trip. The service, held near the crematoria was thought provoking and gave us the opportunity to reflect on the days events. Members of the group read out poems, and prayers were led by Rabbi Marcus. The visitors were left to consider that if they were to remember each victim of Auschwitz, they would be in silence for two and a half years. These final thoughts were with the group as they lit their memorial candles and began the walk back down the railway tracks. The experience was very valuable; as history students the girls are aware that they

should learn from the past and these lessons are always relevant. There will come a time soon when the survivors of Auschwitz are no longer here to share their horrifying experiences verbally with the rest of the world. The girls thought that the horror of Auschwitz must not be consigned to history and become a distant memory. The visit highlighted the importance of the work of the Holocaust Educational Trust. This group will be one of the last generations to meet these survivors; they must ensure that they never forget them or the horror and evil of Auschwitz.

## **Ex-student follows his dreams**

*By Jessica Jones*

Daniel Casey is an actor best known for playing Sergeant Troy in the detective series, *Midsomer Murders*, and seen most recently playing Tony Barns in the north east set drama *Steel River Blues*. He is an ex Stockton Sixth Form College student, so we caught up with him to ask about his time there.

*What subjects did you study at Stockton Sixth Form College?*

I studied English Literature, Sociology and Geography from 1988 - 1990.

*Were you involved with drama in college?*

I used to do drama for my Wednesday afternoon activity and we did a review, which was a skit about 18-30s holidays, which had a climax of me throwing up!

*What did you enjoy about College?*

I enjoyed the freedom you got there after coming from school, and I liked the fact that most people wanted to work and were interested in the subjects they were studying - although I did used to get told off for doing impressions in class all the time.

*Have you any particular memories that stand out from College?*

I remember one Sociology lesson, and we were all having a good laugh and a noisy discussion about something, when Val Hart said something 'inappropriate'. Then, suddenly, she realised that they were taping the French oral exams next door and she'd been caught on tape! So she blamed it on some other poor girl and said "Please don't talk like that Sarah". I think Sociology lessons were my favourite because we always had a good laugh!

*Did you always want to be an actor?*

Well when I was little I wanted to be a fighter pilot in the RAF, or be in the SAS - anything really adventurous. But since the age of fourteen - when I played Bugsy Malone on the stage - I have wanted to be an actor.

*What is the most difficult scene you have ever played?*

The first professional play I did was "Dead Fish", and there was a scene in that, where my character finds out his father has died. It was such a raw and real moment that it was really challenging, especially as I had to replicate that every night for seven months. But I like scenes to be difficult and challenging, something totally out of my own experiences.

*Which actors do you admire?*

I've always loved De Niro and Al Pacino; they were probably my favourites when I was at College. I love Woody Allen and Manhattan is one of my favourite films. The great theatre actors like John Gielgud and Laurence Olivier and I like Liam Neeson and Johnny Depp out of the modern actors. But my all time hero is Marlon Brando, I love "On the Waterfront" and I just think that his acting is timeless. The acting he did fifty years ago would still look fresh and modern today.

*What advice would you give to college students who are aspiring actors?*

Firstly, work hard at College and get your A-Levels, and then decide which avenue you want to take; whether you want to go to university or whether you'd prefer to go to drama school. I went to university and studied English, but drama school is really good because it's easier to be seen, as all the agents come to see you in the plays there. I would say that it really does depend on the person, what works for one might not for another. Ask yourself, "Am I good enough?" and if the answer is yes, pursue acting with everything you've got, and never stop dreaming. The most important thing is to follow your dreams.

*What are your ambitions for the future?*

Well, number one's to be a good daddy, and then just to be successful and have a varied and interesting career. I just want to stay in love with acting and if Hollywood beckons then ... brilliant!

## **Washington D.C. - A capital visit to the U.S.A.**

*By David Marney*

We gathered together just before 11pm on a crisp, brisk February night in eager anticipation, readily awaiting the arrival of the coach that would herald the beginning of our visit. After a gruelling eight hour flight to Washington we took a coach ride to our hotel. Checking in and leaving our luggage in our rooms, we ventured into this new and exciting city. That evening, the group set out in the pouring rain for the Hard Rock Cafe, where we all enjoyed meals of hamburgers and ice-cream served in gargantuan portions.

Sunday brought fairer weather and gave the group the opportunity to explore the city fully. Our group headed for DuPont Circle, perusing the shopping district before travelling to the Washington Monument, the tallest building in the city, providing amazing panoramic views of the entire cityscape. Next we took a bus ride to Washington Zoo, famous for its success in breeding captive Panda Bears. On Monday's schedule was a visit to the Supreme Court, where we had an hour long lecture session, learning about the procedures of the court and its famous history. That evening, many of the group decided to go to the MCI Centre to watch a basketball match between Washington Wizards and Orlando Magic; with students enjoying the colourful half-time performances, ranging from African acrobatic dance to more traditional American style cheerleaders. On Tuesday we had a visit to the national archives to view some of the most important documents in American history: the Charters of Freedom, the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and The Bill of Rights. In the afternoon we had the privilege of a question and answer session with Congressman Holt who fielded a range of students' questions on American Politics. We were also invited to a tour of the Capitol Buildings with Seth Tilman, who informed us about the functions and formalities of the buildings past and present. On our final evening the group enjoyed the outdoor skating rink in Washington centre before returning to The Hard Rock Cafe for another supersized feast.

The last day saw a more sombre mood descend with our visit to Arlington Cemetery, America's proudest monument and the final resting place of John F. Kennedy and numerous other American heroes. Following this, we had a final opportunity to visit the city before travelling back home from an extremely enjoyable, memorable, and of course educational, experience.

## **Could it be Magic ?**

Forget the rabbit and the top hat, it's time for webpage design. This is no ordinary website, but a website illustrating modern day magic on the net. The staff-wielding wizards who conjured up the site, Sophie Dunning 17, and Steven Roberts 18, were set this task as their work for a CREST Award (Creativity in Science and Technology) at the University of Durham. They spent the whole week mixing the potions to create the website for the Middlesbrough Circle of Magicians. The Middlesbrough circle of magicians is a club of local magicians, which meets twice a month to share tricks and watch performances from talented magicians across the globe. The website can be found at [www.middlesbroughcircleofmagicians.co.uk](http://www.middlesbroughcircleofmagicians.co.uk). The idea for the project was put forward by ICT teacher Martin Youngman, who is a talented amateur magician and a member of the Magic Circle. Gold Crest Awards were earned by Sophie Dunning and Steven Roberts for their innovative website design for Middlesbrough Magic Circle. Michael Bertram and Azad Afsar were set the task of evaluating design software for HTL. James Donnelly and Scott Rhodes also gained a Gold award for their project, designing and building a data base that stores records and details of performances for Making Music North East.

## **Stars of Maths and Chemistry**

*By Marc Etherington*

Who said maths wasn't a sport? The UK Senior Maths Challenge has been running at Stockton Sixth Form College for the past twelve years. Organised by the University of Leeds the Challenge has afforded local students the opportunity to flex their mental muscles in a nationwide maths competition. An outstanding score in the competition will give students the opportunity to compete for a place in the British Mathematics Olympiad team.

Gifted mathematicians Michael Sherwood and Andrew Talentine both claimed Gold awards for the College, a result which put them in the top 3% of 75,000 entrants from all over the country. The College gave a convincing display all around with Silver awards going to: Ben Wright, Kevin Dieu, Matthew Carson, Claire Stevens and Samantha Stokes. And Bronze awards going to: Warren Clough, Richard Clark, Eleanor Walker, Oliver Ashworth, Jake Cooke, Lauren Parkinson, James Yardley and James Youmans.

Top Chemistry students Josie Nicholas, Richard Clark and Chris McGough walked away with top prize in the regional heat of the RSC National Schools Analyst Competition. They had the opportunity to use advanced equipment to solve an analytical forensic problem and will now represent the College and the region in the National Finals.

## **Students: Their Council, their views**

*By Marc Etherington*

The student council has met throughout the year to discuss various issues. In September healthy food and clean living were on the agenda. Students discussed the importance of having a vending machine that provides a healthy alternative to the usual chocolate and coke. To get student council members in the right frame of mind they were given tasters of a variety of different healthy foods ranging from dry fruits and cereal bars to fruit drinks and milkshakes. Some were given the thumbs down 'It's what Your mam would buy', and the general consensus was that the healthy food would have a lot of competition from the high calorie alternatives. However, the council decided it would be successful if it was sold at a competitive price. Other discussions at this meeting were about improving the college common room. A new jukebox perhaps? The discussion inevitably turned to litter and suggestions for improving the area included more bins, posters. Council members agreed to challenge anyone they saw dropping litter. In the following meeting the main agenda was to determine if a Christmas dance would be an idea students would welcome. This was found to be impractical and generally there was no real interest. This was followed by the council's need to appoint a new vice president. After a long and arduous week of publicising their campaigns, the candidates and their supporters went to the ballot box. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005, David Mamey was chosen to be the new Vice President and, to date, he has performed his duties admirably, which promises much, as he takes over as President next year. The Council also supported the idea of a College Prom for this year's leavers. A small group looked into prices and the venue would be The Tall Trees Hotel. Fancy dress was dismissed as too much hassle and so smart/formal dress would be the order of the day. The Student Council also watched a presentation by a company that videos college events and it was agreed that we would ask them to film the prom so that all students could have a memento of their time at College.

## **Sporting success achieves goals**

Our football teams went from strength to strength this year. The A team and the B team came second in their leagues after outstanding performances by several players. But there's no doubt that the C team stole the show - coming top of their league and bringing home the Eric Bell trophy. And the success story has been repeated in hockey, netball, rugby and basketball, with all of our teams playing well.

We have also had some strong individual performances this year.

Stockton teams and individuals competed in the British Colleges National Competition.

Shane Hassall took the plunge at the British Colleges National Championships at Loughborough University - and helped the North East 50 metre freestyle team win the swimming competition overall, pipping seven other regions nationwide to the finishing line. Shane, 18, who trains at public swimming pools in Stockton, Billingham and Thornaby, also excelled in the third leg of the men's section to win the relay.

Cross country runner, Lauren Roche, won her regional heat to compete against a field of national standard in the final. She came 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 70 runners and contributed to the North East Women's team being the top region.

Chris Leighton was selected as the captain of the England Lifesaving team and will be competing at the Commonwealth Championships in Bath. Chris already has several trophies under his belt and so his 21 hours of training each week are paying off.

Sam Thompson won the Level 2 National Tumbling Competition in Stoke, back flipping and somersaulting her way to a gold medal.

## FRONT COVER

The front page picture this year is of H.M. Bark Endeavour, on the river at Stockton taken from the Victoria Bridge looking downstream. With the 'new' road developments it is difficult to pinpoint exactly where it is for those who have not been to Stockton for some years, but it would be (roughly) at the end of Tower or Wharf Streets. These were the next two streets down to the river from Castlegate, which led down to the river from the old 'Empire Theatre'. In the background you can make out the River Princess cruiser which plies between the mooring shown and Yarm and, at a longer view, the clock tower of the Town Hall

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## OLD STOCKTONIAN PRIZES

### 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 £20, 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 £20, **for excellence in History at Grangefield School.**

### J.G. RATTENBURY MEMORIAL PRIZE

Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of J.G. Rattenbury, B.A., AKC, PGCE [Kings College, London] Senior French Master and Deputy Head (during the period 1931-73) at the Secondary School and Grangefield Grammar School for Boys. The Prize is awarded annually, in the sum of £20, **for excellence in Modern Languages at Grangefield School.**

2006	History Prize	<b>Matthew West</b>
	English Prize	<b>Daniel Magson</b>
	Modern Languages	<b>Kayleigh McHugh</b> (for Spanish)

The prizes are currently £20.00 each.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

This year the service was held on Friday 11th November at the Grangefield School. As always the year 9 pupils were perfect. I know it sounds strange that year after year the report is always commending the pupils for the way in which they conduct themselves. Some may have relatives in the armed forces who are abroad in areas of danger and conflict and understand a little more of what the service of remembrance means, but the majority learn through their History lessons and obviously feel for those who fought and indeed fight in foreign lands.

Readings were made by eleven of the year 9 pupils and the wreath was laid at the 39 - 45 Memorial Plaque by Katie Gallacher.

There are few schools in the country that honour their former pupils as we do and we are most grateful to the school for looking after our Memorial Plaques and honouring our fallen as it does.

## GRANGEFIELD SCHOOL & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE SPEECH DAY & PRIZE GIVING

This was held on the evening of Wednesday 12th July 2006 in the main hall of what used to be the boys' school. The guest speaker was Ollie Hayes, a presenter at TFM, the local commercial radio station.

As last year, the main recipients of prizes were the Year 10 pupils. This is to reward them for hard work during the year and to boost morale going into their 16+ exams.

Ollie Hayes was introduced by the Headteacher, Allan Mansfield and gave a brief description of his work at TFM and an insight into the pleasures and problems of interviewing celebrities. Unusually for the speaker, he invited questions from the audience and answered them with tact!

He then presented "whole school" prizes for outstanding achievement such as "bravery", "initiative", "courage and determination" as well as prizes for service to football, library, the community etc. Prizes were then awarded to year groups, some for "progress" others in specific areas such as the Year 8 Old Girls' Centenary Prize for History. Our prizes were in Year 10, the English Prize going to Daniel Magson, the History Prize to Matthew West and the Modern Languages Prize [this year for Spanish] to Kayleigh McHugh. After the presentation of School Colours the vote of thanks was given by Lauren Stephens of year 10.

Thanks must also be made to Tracy Hockborn, Grangefield School for producing the programme and Sue, Lynn and girls from the kitchen for providing the excellent refreshments available before, for special guests, and afterwards for all guests.

**BRIAN BRAND**

# MINUTES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

held at the Stockton 6<sup>th</sup> Form College on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006.

**PRESENT:** Mr. K. Turner (Chairman - President), Mr. B. P. Brand, Mr. P. B. Braney, Mr. P. Graham, Mr. R. Ward.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Bradley, Mr R. Prichard.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE 2004 AGM

It was noted that the heading of item 2 in the 2004 minutes [ i.e. "the 200 AGM" should have read "the 2002/2003 AGMs". The Editor of the magazine apologised for his typographical error.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. P. Graham reported that there were 153 Life Members and 84 Yearly Members [15 of whom were in arrears – totaling 36 years of subs], 16 of whom were living abroad.

## 5. YEAR BOOK EDITOR'S REPORT

The editor, Mr. Graham, reported that 300 copies of the Year Book were printed, of which 237 were sent out. It was a much reduced 20-page format this year but, due to the special format of the cover, the printing cost was increased (from £365 in 2003/4) to £439. 201 copies were sent inland at a cost of £42.21 (we managed to get 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage this year) and 16 copies were sent overseas at a cost of £25.96. This brought the total cost to £507.17. [i.e. more than £2 per member, excluding cost of envelopes and inserts]. There was no revenue from advertising.

## 6. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds are still healthy, thanks to the past (and present) generosity of a small group of members, but have fallen by £273.91 from last year's total. The audit had been undertaken and passed by Mr. P. Fleck and seen by the Committee. The Annual Dinner showed a slight profit, despite the miserably low attendance.

## 7. BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT

One grant of £200.00 was made and no loans were made during the year. No donations were received and interest of £20.86 net [tax paid £5.22] was earned. This gave a credit balance of £2484.83 at the Building Society on 31st December 2005. Thanks once again to John Ingham for auditing the accounts

## 8. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. K. Turner stated that he did not wish to be a nominee this year. In the absence of other nominees a discussion was held about the position. All members present (who wished to be considered) had already held office and there was concern about a continuing process of 'pass the office' amongst the few members who attended the AGMs. In the meantime Mr. B.P. Brand (as Senior VP) took the Chair.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following positions were confirmed

Treasurer	-	Mr P Graham
Membership Records	-	Mr P Graham
Membership Correspondence	-	Mr R Ward
Meetings and Minutes	-	Mr R L Pritchard
Yearbook Editor	-	Mr P Graham

Mr. Brand was warmly congratulated for his work in organising the Dinner in 2006.

## **10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following members were elected to the committee:

Mrs M. Bradley,  
Mr B.P. Brand,  
Mr P. B. Braney,  
Mr M. Gillespie  
Mr J. Ingham,  
Mr K. Turner

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF HON. AUDITOR**

The meeting approved the re-appointment of Mr P. Fleck and thanked him for his efforts in the previous year.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Brand informed the committee that Mr Allan Mansfield had been appointed as Acting Headteacher at Grangefield School & Technology College.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.*



**OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION**  
(founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

**LIST OF OFFICIALS for 2005-2006**

**PRESIDENTS :-**

Mr. B. P. Brand (Association President)  
Mr. E. Baldwin (deceased) (Founder President)  
Mr. M. Clinton (Principal)

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:-**

Mr. P. Graham\* Mr. J. Ingham  
Mr. R. Ward  
(\* denotes Senior Vice-President)

**OFFICE BEARERS :-**

*Minutes Secretary* : Mr. R. Prichard  
*Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. P. Graham  
*Members' Correspondence Secretary* : Mr. R. Ward  
*Membership Records' Secretary* : Mr. P. Graham  
*Year Book Editor* : Mr. P. Graham

**COMMITTEE (with above)**

Mrs M. Bradley Mr. P. B. Braney  
Mr. M. Gillespie Mr. K. Turner

**HON. AUDITOR :-**  
Mr. P. Fleck F.C.A.

**THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND :-**

Convenor : Revd. Mrs J.M. Thomas  
Trustees : Mr. B.P. Brand, Mr. M. Clinton, Mr. P. Graham  
Hon. Auditor : Mr. J. Ingham

## **THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT**

The funds have been audited for the year ended 31st December 2005. On the 1st January 2005 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2463.97. One grant of £200.00 was made and no loans were made during the year. No donations were received and interest of £20.86 net [tax paid £5.22] was earned. This gave a credit balance of £2484.83 at the Building Society on 31st December 2005. Thanks once again to John Ingham for auditing the accounts. Donations to the Benevolent Fund are always welcome and can be sent to Bob Ward with other money or direct to Brian Brand at the address below.

Appeals for assistance may be made in the strictest confidence to : Martin Clinton, Principal of the Stockton Sixth Form College or The Headteacher of Grangefield School or direct to Brian Brand, Convenor to the Trustees, 2 The Sidings, Christon Bank, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 3HR [ Tel: 01665 576273 ]

**Brian Brand**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

With the change in publication of the Year Book it is now possible to provide up to date audited accounts for the correct year. Accordingly I have included two sets of accounts this year; one for 2004-05 and one for 2005-06.

#### **2004-2005**

The funds remain sound and have been audited for the year ended 30th June 2005. Subscriptions have decreased significantly from last year to £96.25. The donations have also decreased dramatically from £751.13, to £86.40 [but £607.50 of the £751.13 was for the King, Armstrong, Rattenbury Prize Funds - £497.50 for the Rattenbury Fund]. This (with other small sales) gives an income from members of around £192.67. Building Society interest was £69.24 (before tax) and the balance in the Life Members and General Fund £4375.22, a decrease of £245.23 on the previous year. The Year Book cost £365.00 to print and postage & packing amounted to £125.89. Due to a lack of advertising there was no income to help defer costs and so the overall yearbook 'loss' amounts to £490.89. With a membership of about 250 the cost of production is fast approaching £2 per copy [the current yearly subscription] and the Committee may soon have to consider alternative formats to reduce such costs. The Dinner was not well attended but, in the new form, no expense was incurred and the event paid for itself. [All the hard work by the organiser is free!] The King / Armstrong / Rattenbury funds with prizes worth £20 each are fairly healthy for the moment, with an overall total of £1805.31 (including interest). Stocks of 'History of the Association' are still substantial and, although the publication costs have been recouped, we need to release the money tied up and therefore the price is now reduced to £1.00.

Finally may I thank Peter Fleck, our Honorary Auditor.

#### **2005-2006**

The funds remain sound and have been audited for the year ended 30th June 2006. Subscriptions have increased slightly from last year to £118.50. The donations have increased dramatically from £86.40 to £189.90. This (with other small sales) gives an income from members of around £341.41. Building Society interest was £77.76 (before tax) and the balance in the Life Members and General Fund £4271.67, a decrease of £103.55 on the previous year. The Year Book cost £439.00 to print and postage & packing amounted to £68.17. Due to a lack of advertising there was no income to help defer costs and so the overall yearbook 'loss' amounts to £507.17. With a membership of

about 240 the cost of production was over £2 per copy [more than the current yearly subscription] and the Committee will eventually have to consider alternative formats to reduce such costs. The Dinner was very well attended thanks to the excellent work of Brian Brand and, in the new form, no expenses were incurred and the event made a profit of £25.50! The King / Armstrong / Rattenbury funds with prizes worth £20 each are fairly healthy for the moment, with an overall total of £1832.35 (including interest). Stocks of 'History of the Association' are still substantial and, although the publication costs have been recouped, we need to release the money tied up and therefore the price is now reduced to £1.00.

Finally may I once again thank Peter Fleck, our Honorary Auditor for his valuable assistance and time taken in producing these accounts.

**Paul Graham**  
**Hon. Treasurer**

## **80<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner**

This was held on Saturday 29th April at the St George Hotel, Durham Tees Valley Airport. It was combined with the 47 - 54 Reunion as numbers in the last years have been very low. Thirty one attended and twenty five of those were the 47 - 54 Reunion. The numbers indicate the lack of support for a formal dinner and after the poor attendance in previous years it will have to be considered very carefully by the committee before another dinner is organised.

It follows that the report covers mainly the reunion, many of the guests being former pupils but not members of the Association. I have tried to encourage many of my former classmates to join the association with only a little success.

The main group attending were the "new" septuagenarians, those who started at the old Stockton Sec. in 1947, or who joined us later. Quite a few have married girls from the "other half" of the school, in spite of being warned off by Miss Milburn, who joined us in the form of a portrait by Des Wood! We had apologies for absence from several, John Hutchinson on holiday in Portugal, John Walton in Canada, who is not visiting the UK this year, Paul Dee in USA who can't make it as he is expecting to be called in for a hip replacement, Chas Willoughby who is in Brittany hoping to complete a house purchase with his family, John Franks who is tied up [not physically!] with his grandchildren. Don Moses had to cry off at the last moment after having severe abdominal pains and being involved with the medics. [late note at printing. Don is OK and has had no further problems to date] Jim Coltman's wife, Norma, was due to see a specialist the day before the dinner and felt it wise for her to rest. Most of us had travelled long distances to be there and as we were staying the night the chat went on into the night and started again at breakfast! There were one or two who had not been to previous gatherings and we were delighted to meet them after so many years, Jean Bell [nee Brooker] and Avril Foster [nee Gibbs]. The seating plan was purely for dining purposes as most circulated from beginning to end. Photographs were taken during the evening and a photo CD compiled for those unable to attend.

Those attending were :

Graeme & Marian Dewison, Dave & Kath Nash, Jean Bell, Eddie & Allison Wood, Jack & Marion Gilliland, Brian & Vivienne Crocker, Geoff Kenyon, Ron & Avril Foster, Ann Collins, Ray & Monica Davis, Jack & Barbara Candlin, Paul & Ann Helliwell, Brian & Pat Brand, Eddie & Angie Pinder, Colin & Sylvia Clark, Paul & Jan Graham and Derek & Linda Graham

**Brian Brand**

**Note:** There is no official Dinner planned for 2007, due to the general lack of interest and poor attendances of recent years. In the light of the President's Message this year (see page 1) a future (and absolutely final) event may be held on Teesside but this will depend upon the outcome of the next AGM and the firm support of members.

## **FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE**

**We still thirst after more correspondence !**

**We accept all forms of messages :** - ordinary post (to Bob Ward), Email (to any of the Committee), parcel post (if you have that much to say !), pigeon post (if you haven't), telephone calls and even word of mouth; plus a host of possibilities we haven't thought of !

**Paul Graham – Editor**

**Looking for help in finding ..... (BUT NOT a "Lonely hearts club !)**

**PETER DODSWORTH ( ? )** would like to contact **CHRISTINE BERRY (nee GLANVILLE) (1955-59?)** who used to live in Londonderry Road in the 50s. Christine married Tony Berry and at one time they lived in Northampton. Peter taught at Ian Ramsey from 1971 to 1991 where he came across memorabilia from the old Stockton Grammar (Blue Coats) School, which, when leaving, he passed onto Graham Benzies.

**T.W. REAY, A, REAY and D.C.F. WILLIAMS – books returned**

In January we received a short letter from **TONY BARBER (1931-37)** confirming his London address and requesting some past copies of the New Stocktonian, together with a nice donation to OS Funds. We trust the magazines arrived safely (given the vagaries of the UK postal system).

A generous donation was received from **DAVID CHURCH (1948-55)**, together with a substantial missive. After taking early retirement from teaching in 1992 David has made regular visits to Stockton to see his sister and brother-in-law, **MARIAN (1934-39)** and **MAURICE ALLEN (1933-38)**. Sadly, Maurice died in 2005 but on previous visits by David he often enjoyed 'winding' Marian up by reminding her that the "boys" only took four years to prepare for their School Certificate, whereas the girls needed five. Their neighbour, **KEN LOWE (1941-45)** used to entertain them from time to time with stories of life at the "Sec" during wartime and their son **CHRIS (1961-67)** went to Grangefield GS before taking his first degree at Oxford and Doctorate at Swansea. Chris's eldest son **JAMES (2003-05)** was at Stockton Sixth Form College and is now reading Geology at Manchester University. James' account of field courses in (exotic places such as) New York and the French Alps somewhat overshadowed the day trip to the Cleveland Hills (under the guidance of "Nobby" Morris) that David recalled during his time in the sixth form. During recent visits to Stockton David has renewed acquaintances with **GORDON LAKE (1951-58)** and **PETER JACKSON (1948-55)** and his wife **MURIEL (nee ASHTON DAVIES) (1949-56)**. Gordon and David lived on the same road and played cricket and football together before going to Grangefield. Although their families were very friendly and Peter and David were exact contemporaries they saw relatively little of each other at school, as they were in different forms [Modern and Science, respectively]. Moreover, as Peter readily admits, he detested sport while David loved it, playing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and captaining the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in his final year. Peter was friends with **RIDLEY SCOTT (1950-54)** who David remembers, not only as a talented artist but also, as an accomplished fly-half.

David read Ken Whitfield's obituary with great interest. Ken was one of a host of new masters to arrive at the school while David was there, replacing the "old guard" who had soldiered on at the end of the war, allowing time for new teachers to be trained. "Jute" Armstrong was killed in a road accident during David's first term at the school and by the time he entered the sixth form "Jacky" Kinnis, "Nutty" Almond, "Tibby" Brookes, "Creamy" Manners, and many others, had retired. At the end of David's second year the school moved from Nelson Terrace to Grangefield allowing the introduction of a three form entry and cutting out the need for a whole afternoon to be allocated to travel to Ropner playing fields and to dash down to Wellington Street to be first in the queue for dinner, so as to have more time for an impromptu game of football on the waste ground at the top of Dovecot Street. An added bonus for David was that, from his home in Fairfield, he could walk to school; across the fields and over the railway line.

For those who read these pages they will undoubtedly recognise the name **PAUL DEE (1947-54)** who is a regular correspondent and donator to funds. This year Paul has done "The Full Monty" and included a tie, bow tie and History of the Association in addition to his generous donation to funds. In his letter Paul regrets not being able to return to England (from the USA) for over a year now because of the death of his wife Kathleen in autumn 2005 due to the sudden onset of an aggressive form of bone cancer. As can be appreciated the upheaval was tremendous but the local Hospice helped enormously and this meant that Kathleen was able to spend her final days at home with her family. In addition to this devastating experience Paul has had joint problems which hindered his mobility. (By now he is likely to have two new hips!). Paul tells us that his brother Peter (see below) is now back playing golf after a double hip replacement and this has given Paul some encouragement. By way of encouragement to the Association Paul suggests a big recruitment drive for new members – he feels that Friends Reunited is 'not what it was' and our subs are extremely low. [Funds are not a problem it's finding new blood for the Committee that is our biggest problem – Editor {**See President's Message.**}]

**PETER DEE (1948-50)** tops up his subs and includes a generous donation in addition to confirming his address, sadly no further news to add. By way of information Peter is a near neighbour of **JIM DURRANT()**, who many will remember as the Head of Chemistry at Grangefield.

**IVOR DENNEY (1940-46)** is also a prolific contributor to these pages and to the Association's funds and we thank him once again for the double contribution this year. The first of Ivor's grandchildren was married in the summer of 2005. Ivor is still struggling to cope on his own (sadly, his wife died in 1990) with a combination of angina and sciatica but his mind is as active as ever despite having to 'survive' on wartime school dinners – especially the semolina with a 'dollop of jam'. We note that he is a 'silver surfer', and so he must have a sharp mind and a good deal of patience!

**GRAEME DEWISON (1949-54)** sends us a nice donation together with a top up of subs but no further details.

A new (permanent) address from **KEN DUTTON (1962-69)** together with a generous donation that will help "pay for one year's overseas mailings" but no other news unfortunately.

**MAVIS ELLIOTT (nee PUGH) (1941-46)** writes to add to her subs and include a donation. Mavis also included some photos of 'bygone years'. A 1929 photo of the SSS girls' staff, many of whom were still at the School in 1941. [e.g. Miss Adamson, Miss Jarvis, Miss Wild, Mr Hart, Miss Pugh (no relation), Miss Nichols, Miss Hogg, Miss Sweetenbergh,

Gavin Kay, Miss Barnett and Miss Nelson. The photo was given to Mavis by her aunt **FLORENCE ENID MANSELL (nee PUGH) (?)** who attended the 'Sec in Nelson Terrace. Mavis also included a photo (from the 1941-45 era) of herself with friends **JEAN HUTSON, JEAN CAMPBELL, JEAN LECK, JEAN HATTON** and **DOROTHY BOWMAN**. [I see Jeans were popular then, too – Editor] together with a fourth (?) form class photo from 1945, with Miss Precious as form tutor. Mavis' two daughters, **JACQUELINE (1968-73) (now SAUNDERS)** and **SANDRA (?)** both attended GGS for Girls.

An address confirmation but no other details from **DEREK GARTHWAITE (1946-51)**

**RAY GEDLING (1929-36)** once again sends a generous donation to funds together with an address confirmation but no other news.

A brief note from **MARTIN GILLESPIE (1979-81)** in late 2005 to say thank you for another Yearbook and that he and his family were off to Boston, NY, South Carolina, Georgia/Florida and Wisconsin for an extended winter break.

An appreciative message from **IAN GRAY (1958-65)** to the producers of the magazine and the Committee, who manage to keep things going year after year. Ian hopes to re-establish contact with **DAVE NICHOLAS (1958-65)** in 2006, through Friends Reunited.

**JOHN GREEN (1940-46)** made his annual 'pilgrimage' to Eaglescliffe this year from Scotland, staying at the Claireville Hotel. As a continuing member of the Northallerton Caledonian Society he attended their St Andrew's Ball and, in typical fashion, managed to fit in a few games of table tennis at the Eaglescliffe Village Hall. It's nice to see that John is maintaining his fitness levels.

**DOUG HARRIS (1968-74)** e-mailed us to say how sad he was to read of the death of Ken Whitfield. Although he was never taught by Ken he had always thought of him, by school reputation, as a 'stick in the mud' type of character. He remembers the reflective strip Ken fastened to the rear of his overcoat to make himself more visible on dark mornings when walking to school, much to the amusement of the pupils. Now the process is actively encouraged by safety experts. Doug also remembers reading detailed instructions on Ken's blackboard (with diagrams of course) explaining "how to renovate rusty bicycles", which again caused much amusement. Not too long after that Doug was in the business of scavenging parts of bicycles from local tips to create and sell many 'boneshakers' – it seems that he may have (unwittingly) absorbed some of Ken's ideas. The obituary on Ken however proved the old adage "never judge a book by its cover" and he, as many others will have been, reassessed the opinion formed so many years ago that, far from being a 'stick in the mud' here was a man who had led an interesting life and fought bravely for his country. Doug finished his email with a 'confession' that he is now somewhat of an "anorak" – as a collector of "limerabilia". "Limerabilia", he informs us, "is the unofficial name for all connected with the humble limerick, "the people's poetry", which maintains an impressive popularity, if still perhaps a little subterranean and less than mainstream, as befits the sort of 5 line smut that became popular in the early part of the last century (not that all AABBA rhymes are necessarily lurid or lewd ..... just the best ones!)." Doug (at the time of writing) had amassed some 350 limerick books and limerick-containing books plus a selection of postcards, board games, calendars, cassettes, records, playing cards and some items that defy description in his collection plus a store of around 100 limericks he has penned myself. He hopes one day to create an exhibition, or perhaps (I should be so lucky) a permanent museum, for he has been surprised at the depth of material available surrounding this most simple piece of creativity.

Should anyone have such items clogging up their bookshelves or lofts, Doug would be pleased to part with a few quid to relieve them of artefacts that he doesn't already have. He has learned from an American collector that there are at least 1000 books to be had that contain, at least, a sprinkling of limericks, so he would be grateful for any help in the hunt. He says that he could not leave without an attempt to respect present company in limerick meter, so here goes -

Perhaps an event of Newtonian  
Dimensions will now stop the groanian  
Of "Old Boys" like me  
Who wish for to see  
Simply many a new Old Stocktonian.

As a display of faith in the continuation of the Association and in the power of the limerick to assist in its rejuvenation, Doug hereby announces the first Old Stocktonians limerick competition which carries with it a prize of £10 and a copy (used) of "The Limerick" by G. Legman (an anthology containing 1700 examples and a history of the form). Subjects limited to schooldays, schoolmasters and the establishments surrounding them. [Come on all you frustrated poets out there, this is your chance to amaze and amuse us – Editor]

**MIKE (1973-74) and LINDA (1967-73) HEADS** confirm their address and top up subs but do not add any other information for these pages. We do however notice that their Fairfield dental Practice is still listed in the local 'phone book.

Just a brief note to add to his subs 'top up' from **BOB HEATHCOTE (1934-40)** this year. We can't complain however as Bob did send us a more substantial missive in 2003/4. We return his greetings and best wishes.

As one of our oldest 'Old Stocktonians' **WILF HUME (1924-29)** rarely forgets to confirm his address and add a donation. This year is no exception and we thank him once again for his generous sum. Despite his 93 years his handwriting is both bold and legible and is a testament to the quality of his teacher and his own perseverance. Wilf thanks us for "digging out" several contemporaries. In particular it was good to see the name of **RON PURNELL (1924-29)**. Although not in the same form as Wilf [who was in the 'Modern' group] he certainly remembers him and, through these pages sends him (and any other "old boys" ) good health and good wishes. At his age, he adds, his mind often goes back to the old Nelson Terrace days and he remembers having to change into his football gear there in preparation for being "bussed" to the Grangefield (?) site of the new school. When that 'new' school was eventually opened Wilf attended the ceremony and met many old friends, ex-pupils and masters. He came from the site with Mr Bremner and, although he was not taught by that master they happily reminisced about the "good old days", never to return but still retained in fond memory.

We thought we had 'lost' **ANDREW KING (1991-94)** some 5 years ago but, somehow, last year's magazine reached him and we have now his new address and (like a good 'un) all due subs have been paid (and some extra years!). In addition to his new address Andy tells us that, after graduating from Oxford Brookes University in 2000 in Applied Geology he is now employed as a Senior Administrator for the Oxford School of Architecture (based in Oxford Brookes). We hope to hear further details from Andy, and of his former friends from the SF College he keeps in contact with, in future editions of this publication.

**ARNOLD MORTON (1937-41)** promises to do better in 2006/7 ! A series of mishaps and other engagements prevented him from his intended attendances at the Grangefield Prize Giving Ceremony and Remembrance Day Service but he hopes to make it this year.

Thanks to Arnold for his nice donation to funds and the purchase of an "All New" tie. We send belated sympathy to Arnold on the recent loss of his dear wife, Joan, and hope that his new flat proves to be a more manageable home.

The time was that no magazine would be complete without a good newsy letter from **COLIN MUSTARD (1955-60)**. This year Colin apologised for the lack of news on the back of his slip. Things at the time were a bit hectic, as he was getting ready to fly to the USA, to stay with his eldest son and his family, for Christmas and New Year. On arrival "with some time to spare" Colin tells us that together with **TED COOPER** and his wife Sue, we spent the weekend of bonfire night with **DAVE FRANCIS** and his wife Liz in Portsmouth and had a great fireworks party. Ted, Sue and Colin called in on **GEOFF WARD** in Reading on their way home. Geoffrey was unable to attend the party because he had been suffering from bronchitis, the last Colin heard was that Geoff had recovered and was back at work. Over the years Colin's generosity in donating to funds has never waned and we thank him once again this year for his devotion to the Association. We also thank him for his efforts over the years in bringing a good group of past pupils to Annual Dinners who became a lively and committed corps at the events. [Many a time his groups were still 'going strong' after midnight when others were thinking of their beds !] He sends all our readers the very best for Christmas, and a happy and healthy 2006/7.

A brief note from **JANE NEAL (nee ARRAN)(1979-81)** with a nice top up of subs and an apology that she had no other news of herself, brother **GARETH (1965-72?)** or sister, **CLAIRE (1977-79)**.

**HARRY RHODES (1941-46)** wrote to say how glad he was to receive the magazine – he was worried that a 'purge' was about to take place and he would be included [those who respond to our request for address confirmations in the last five or so years need have no worry Harry – Editor] Harry sent us a new poem for the Christmas Season :

*A Christmas Carrot.*

The Council tolls the knell for next year's rates.  
The Power Company's deadline's drawing near.  
The Postman homeward plods his weary way,  
And leaves me sobbing gently in my beer.

I hear that dear old Santa's on his way.  
With sacks of goodies, spreading Christmas cheer.  
My Visa card is now in melt down mode.  
I think that I could use another beer.

Oh for a beaker full of a warm libation!  
Whilst writing cheques for Motor Registration.  
Which leaves the Bank Account a trifle lean,  
Make mine another blushing Hippocrene.

Our thanks to Harry for that Christmas cheer, it makes us all reach for another beer.  
As usual Harry rounds off with best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The last time I [the editor] remember meeting **RON THWAITES (1962-64)** was during the winter of 1965/6 when I, along with dozens of other students, was a temporary postman working out of the Stockton sorting office. I was delivering in the Fairfield /Hartburn area when we met near his parents' house and he invited me in for a cup of tea, despite that



fact that he was the year above me at school and we were friendly, rather than firm friends. I'm not so sure I would like to meet Ron in his professional capacity these days. On leaving school Ron went to work in a solicitor's office and has duly passed up through the ranks to reach the dizzy heights of a Libel Silk [The Times 29/11/2005], an area of law in which Britain is a "global champion". Whilst studying for his external London LLB, Ron (always regarded as an amiable "wide boy" at school) financed himself by gambling - stud poker was his speciality. The Times article quotes him as saying that "I won enough from my land lady to stay alive. I was playing for my shirt, sometimes all night". He has taken his skills in bluffing into the courtroom where, he says, - It's important that the witness believes that counsel knows more than he does". The article also quotes him as saying that "Throughout my career, I carried a briefcase into court. Police officers thought I had surprise documents inside. I would ask questions about police procedure. They would wonder if I knew the answer. Mostly they assumed that I did, when I didn't." Ron began doing libel work in 1993 and he regularly makes speeches without notes. He feels that such an approach is more spontaneous and he often looks ferocious, even when he isn't. His cross examination technique has been likened to using a sawn off shotgun but he says that he can also use the 'tip of a sabre' or 'ridicule' approach, when required. The Libel Bar have the impression that Ron is not best liked by the judges (who prefer a more obsequious approach). Ron says that he is never disrespectful to those who sit in judgement and is first to say "sorry" if he is wrong. However, if the judge oversteps the mark Ron will "let him have it" in no uncertain terms. Ron's best quip in the article does us all proud. "You've met lots of Old Etonians, well I'm an Old Stocktonian." Well done that man!

Despite living some 10,000+ miles away **PAUL VITTLES (1978-80)** contacts us regularly via email from Sydney and often includes photos [just to make us jealous !]. Paul was pleased to see that his 'old' Economics teacher Martin Clinton, was now Principal of the College and, as events transpired, Martin, who was visiting Oz over the Christmas period was able to meet up with him. 2005 was a great year for Paul with the 'work' and 'holiday' aspects blending into one - especially with planning sessions held in the Hunter Valley winelands and Port Douglas in tropical North Queensland. He was all too soon "back on the conference circuit" and, after his first effort won Best Paper at the Australian Market & Social Research Society Conference he was booked for a big international conference in Sydney. Paul confesses that there is an ulterior motive in taking part in these events - getting expenses paid trips to other far away places and the occasional trip to Europe and the UK. Paul's latest contact tells us he has a new job (but we're not sure what) and that he has moved (again!). However this move must be his shortest on record - from apartment number 146 to 143 and he still overlooks Sydney Harbour.

We welcome **SHEILA WHITFIELD (nee DUNCAN) (1943-48)** as a new member and thank her for kind words about our publication. Sheila is the wife of Ken Whitfield who, sadly, passed away in 2005 and was one of the last of a long line of staff who were real 'characters' and came up with teaching methods that instilled knowledge in their pupils that will stay forever. [How many of my generation remember the NAD (North Atlantic Drift) and GOWW (Gulf Of Winter Warmth) and "The Ch-i-terns are made of Ch-a-lk" - Editor]

By the nature of his job in the RAF it is inevitable that we would always be chasing **ANDY WILKINS (1967-74)** 'around' the world. No sooner had we caught up with him at SHAPE (in Belgium) than he 'disappeared' again and a chance meeting with Brian Brand gave us his new location in Northumberland. Andy returned to the UK in May 2001 to a job as deputy chief instructor at the RAF School of Fighter Control, with a 4 month "sabbatical" in the deserts of Saudi Arabia initially as part of the coalition effort to keep Saddam in his

box and then, post Sep 11<sup>th</sup> Twin Towers terrorist attack, as part of the anti-terrorist activities going on in Afghanistan. Andy confesses that those few months really focussed his mind! In June 2004 he went to work in MOD in London and spent 13 months there before managing to escape back to Northumberland where he is currently filling a staff appointment (Policy and Manpower for the Fighter Control Branch). Somewhere in between all of that he and his wife have restored/converted a barn which they have named "Badgers Bottom"! His 2 boys are boarding at Barnard Castle School, with the eldest taking his A levels in Jun 2007 and hoping to go on to Cambridge. Not to be outdone, the youngest hopes to become a vet, so that's probably another 7 years he'll have to stay at work. [And some .... – Editor]

We thank **AUSTIN WILKINSON (1972-77)** for the information in respect of the recent untimely death of his cousin Paul Harrison (see Obituaries). Austin spent 12 years in private practice as a solicitor and is currently chairman of a tribunal exercising judgement on how people drive their cars in London. We note, and thank him, for his three years' subs and the purchase of a tie.

A cheque from **DAVE WILLETTS (1967-74)** led to a bit of a saga this year. Assuming that UK banks would be as accommodating as Canadian ones when it came to negotiating \$C to £sterling cheques Dave duly sent us a \$C cheque to top up his subs. However, when we approached our 'bank' [actually it's a building society] they said they couldn't change it at all. When the treasurer approached his own bank they said they could only change personal cheques (i.e. those made out to the treasurer) and would also make a "standard" [and relatively hefty] charge ! After a bit of to and froing Dave got his mother (in the UK) to send us a cheque to simplify the process. All's well that ends well – as they say. As far as personal news is concerned one of Dave's girls (Lucinda) is still in High School with the other (Sophie) at University and his youngest, son Michael, is "well into ice hockey". Dave is still coaching that sport but admits that his skating "is still awful". Despite the family upheaval over the last few years Dave thinks life in Canada is still wonderful [he's in his 12<sup>th</sup> year there]. He will be making a trip back to Stockton in summer 2007, if anyone would like to get in touch through the Association.

A change of address, but no other news (so far) this year, from **EDDIE WOODS (1947-51)** who, along with his wife, has been a regular attender at the Association's and Brian Brand's Dinners over the last few years. We wish him well and thank him for his timely information.

## OBITUARIES

It is with particular sadness that we have to report the passing of **LOUISA WARING (1974-2005)** in early December 2005. Louisa had been the last Headmistress of the Grangefield Grammar School for Girls and when we decided to widen our membership under reorganisation of schools in 1973 she joined the Association and became a committee member in 1974. She became a Vice President in 1980 and was elected Senior Vice President in 1987. In 1992 Louisa became the Association's first (and possibly only) woman President of the Association and, in her first President's Message in the Association's Year Book she wrote : "I count it as an honour to be the first woman President and the first from any of the constituent parts of the Association other than the Grangefield Grammar School for Boys and its precursors." On completion of her term of office as President Louisa resumed her role as Senior Vice President and continued to serve the Association with wisdom and enthusiasm, encouraging her fellow committee members in a time of waning interest in the Association by former pupils. She commanded the same role in Committee as Gordon Rattenbury had occupied i.e. she had an amazing memory for recalling the deeds and progress of former pupils (both from Grangefield and the College) and kept in touch with many of them. Her involvement in local choral events and charitable trusts were widely recognised and she could always be relied upon to attend such events, whatever the weather, and give 100% support. In later years, when her eyesight and lack of mobility made driving a problem she was often reluctant to ask for help with transport, if the journey was within (her) walking radius. She could often be seen going to or from Yarm (negotiating a fairly steep incline), a (pedestrian) journey which would often cause someone 50 years younger to think twice about. Louisa's fellow committee members deem it a privilege and an honour to have known her and served with her on the committee of the Old Stocktonian's Association.

**MAURICE ALLEN (1933-38)** died on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005. A Life member of the Association, he had happy memories of his years at Stockton Secondary School, where he excelled at rugby and athletics. When he left school he joined I.C.I., as a trainee. During World War II he was commissioned in the Royal Signals and served in India and Burma. After the war he rejoined I.C.I. and spent the next 30 years with the company. He enjoyed a long and happy retirement and, appropriately, his funeral service at St. Peter's Church in Yarm Road, was conducted by another Old Stocktonian and family friend, Rev. Graham Benzies.

We are sad to announce that **PAUL HARRISON (1968-73)** passed away very suddenly in May 2006; he was 49. Paul, the son of Ernie Harrison who was (for a few years) a Physics teacher at Grangefield was an accountant living in Horsham, Sussex.

We apologise to all the family of **STANLEY HILL (1917-21)** for this belated obituary but we have only recently been informed. Stan and his twin brother Les (who died some years before Stan) both attended the Sec' and whereas Les stayed in the UK all his life Stan emigrated to Canada in 1948 with his wife, Evelyn and two sons Peter and Michael. Although they established themselves well and became thoroughly Canadian in outlook they never took out citizenship. Stan had what was, perhaps an inherited natural ability to work with wood (his grandfather had been a village carpenter in Lincolnshire in the 19<sup>th</sup> century), carving and building pieces of furniture with traditional hand tools; this became an abiding hobby.

As an immigrant he had to accept whatever jobs were available shortly after the war and he completed his working life at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Stan and his family travelled extensively across North America and he and his wife enjoyed winter holidays in Florida during their 'later years'. Despite the distance from 'home' Stan was always very proud on being a Stocktonian and often reminisced about his early life. We send our very belated sympathies to all his family.

It is with great sadness that we learnt the news of the death of **KENNETH SHERATON (1940-44)** on Friday 27th May 2005. He met his future wife Jean (nee Hatton) (1930 - 1999) at the school and they married in 1948. They were lifelong friends of Mavis (nee Pugh) and Tom Elliott. A highly intelligent man, Ken found himself with great responsibility at a young age during his naval training and national service. His main career was with Abbey National which took him to the position of Branch Manager where he gained promotion over the years, serving in three northern branches. He also was a great asset to the Abbey National Staff Association, speaking on behalf of staff at high level meetings in London. Ken had a great sense of humour and sang and whistled cheerily all the time, not just at home but at the office too and wherever he went. He was very knowledgeable on a wide variety of subjects. He knew all the common and Latin names of all the plants in his huge garden and loved taking care of them. He gave his family a love of gardening too. In his retirement years he enjoyed golf, cricket and especially snooker. He played cricket at Norton Cricket Club at a young age and was a member of the social section for many years. He found many strong friendships there among all generations, testifying to his ability to get along well with everyone. Ken attended a few local quizzes and regularly won - he retained much information from his years at the Sec' and was particularly good when the topic involved history questions. He was a gentle, kind man who was self-assured and very popular with all. St. Mary's Church in Norton was packed with family and friends united in grief at his funeral. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Surname	Firstname	SchFrom	Schto	Subs to	Surname	Firstname	SchFrom	Schto	Subs to
Anderson	Gordon	1985	1987	2006	Prichard	Roz	1958	1965	2010
Atkinson	Dave	1957	1964	2010	Race	Bill	1930	1936	2005
Atkinson	Steven	1995	1997	2002	Rhodes	Harry	1941	1946	2003
Bradley	Margaret	1960	1967	2006	Richmond	Dave	1960	1967	2011
Brand	Richard	1984	1987	2005	Robinson	Simon	1970	1977	2010
Brand	Tracey	1986	1988	2005	Robinson	David	2001	2003	2008
Carbarns	Sheila	1983	1985	2010	Sawyer	Peter	1947	1949	2005
Carbarns	Ian	1972	1979	2011	Scott	John	1950	1957	2006
Carter	Stanley	1974	1976	2013	Sheraton	Sarah	1972	1977	2009
Chappell	Dick	1931	1936	2014	Short	John	1942	1948	2012
Clark	Sylvia	1956	1963	2008	Smith	Kevin	1974	1976	2006
Dee	Peter	1944	1951	2008	Southern	Sue	1978	1981	2010
Dewison	Graeme	1947	1954	2009	Stanley	Roy	1953	1961	2025
Dickson	Sue	1975	1977	2002	Summerbell	Mark	1984	1986	2002
Dixon	Jennie	1946	1948	2007	Terry	Stephen	1963	1970	2007
Duffin	Janet	1932	1939	2018	Thomas	June	1969	1986	2005
Dutton	Ken	1962	1969	2011	Thompson	Lillian	1929	1935	2007
Elliott	Mavis	1941	1946	2010	Thornton	George	1938	1944	2003
Elmes	Ralph	1951	1957	2011	Turner	Keith	1960	1967	2011
Evans	Kay	1981	1984	2007	Vittles	Paul	1978	1980	2012
Franks	John	1990	1992	2006	Webster	Peter	1963	1970	2010
Gillespie	Martin	1979	1981	2010	Whitfield	Sheila	1943	1948	2016
Gordon	Peter			2006	Whitfield	Aidan	1971	1978	2010
Gorrell	Ian	1974	1976	2008	Whitham	John	1969	1975	2005
Graham	Derek	1959	1961	2006	Whitmore	John	1960	1967	2011
Greenaway	John	1983	1985	2012	Wilkins	Andy	1968	1973	2013
Gregory	Paul	1968	1975	2015	Wilkinson	Austin	1972	1977	2008
Harris	Doug	1967	1973	2010	Willetts	David	1967	1974	2013
Heads	Mike	1973	1974	2006	Willetts	Lesley	1967	1972	2008
Heads	Linda	1967	1973	2006	Wivell	Keith	1975	1977	2012
Heathcote	Bob	1934	1940	2017	Wood	Eddie	1947	1951	2015
Horne	Richard	1965	1971	2010					
Hudson	Karen	1971	1978	2009					
Humble	Richard	1980	1987	2014					
Hutchinson	Christopher	1973	1980	2005					
Ireland	Karen	1995	1997	2011					
Jackson	Fred	1953	1959	2000					
Jones	Clair	1979	1981	2017					
King	Andrew	1991	1994	2011					
Lake	Alan	1957	1960	2011					
Long	Arthur	1952	1957	2005					
Mason	Roger	1954	1961	2006					
Meier	Sandra	1976	1983	2018					
Mellors	Suzanne	1969	1974	2007					
Moore	John	1959	1965	2021					
Morgan-Harris	Diane	1955	1960	2004					
Morton	Arnold	1937	1941	2011					
Moule	Guy	1986	1988	2009					
Neal	Jane	1979	1981	2009					
Owen	David	1967	1973	2003					
Oxley	Pauline	1973	1997	2005					
Pallant	Mark	1969	1977	2002					
Peagam	Martin	1969	1976	2004					

### List of : Yearly Members

Please inform us if there are any errors or omissions.

In accordance with past practice we will only send magazines for a period of 4 years to 'members' who are in arrears. Thus, next year, members who have "Subs (paid) to" 2002 (or earlier) will be removed from the mailing list unless arrears are cleared.

"SchFrom" = Year starting school/College  
 "Schto" = Year completing school/College  
 Blanks indicate missing data. Can you help ?

## List of : Life Members

Please inform us if there are any errors or omissions.

Surname	Firstname	Initials	SchFrom	Schto
Allen		C.S.	1961	1967
Allison	Dave	D.M.	1949	1956
Ayre	Alan	A.	1941	1947
Bainbridge		G.S.	1951	1958
Barber	Tony	E.A.	1931	1937
Bartlett		A.L.	1929	1933
Bate	Brian	B.N.		
Bates		K.L.	1941	1947
Beeston	Christopher	C.J.	1961	1968
Bell	Peter	P.A.	1958	1965
Belshaw		G.	1949	1956
Benzies		N.G.	1954	1961
Bingham	John	J.	1949	1956
Bowen	Frank	F.W.	1925	1932
Boyes		J.M.	1953	1961
Brand	Brian	B.P.	1947	1954
Braney		P.B.	1946	1953
Brown	Lynn	L.	1931	1938
Brown	Tim	T.J.	1955	1960
Campbell	Robert	R.	1961	1963
Carr	Norman	N.	1939	1944
Carter	John	J.K.	1937	1942
Chicken	Peter	P.	1959	1964
Church		D.P.	1948	1955
Clark		J.B.	1945	1950
Clarke	Howard	H.R.	1986	2002
Cleveland		H.J.	1964	1972
Code	Harold	J.H.	1951	1957
Cooper	Ted	E.D.	1957	1962
Counter	Ray	R.	1931	1936
Coupe	Peter	P.S.	1957	1965
Cowan		J.S.	1963	1965
Croot	Edward	R.E.W.	1953	1960
Danby	Lionel	L.	1955	1960
Davis		W.A.	1947	1952
Davison	John	J.J.	1951	1958
Dean	Doug	D.	1951	1956
Dee	Paul	P.M.	1947	1954
Denney	Ivor	I.	1940	1946
Dickensen	Philip	P.	1948	1955
Dobby	Frank	F.W.	1931	1937
Dodsworth	Ken	K.	1931	1936
Duncan	Malcolm	M.C.	1948	1952
Durrant	Jim	J.J.	1949	1980
Eden		T.N.	1950	1955
England	John	J.R.	1960	1965
Fenwick	Ron	R.	1923	1928
Fletcher		C.	1953	1960

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Franks	John	J.W.	1947	1952
Fricke	Orlando	O.J.	1969	1976
Garthwaite	Derek	D.	1946	1951
Gathergood	Dave	D.	1957	1964
Gedling	Raymond	R.	1929	1936
Gibbs	Denis	D.H.B.	1937	1942
Gillett	Charlie	C.	1953	1961
Gillett	Jan	J.	1957	1964
Gilliand	Jack	J.	1947	1954
Glattbach	Jack	J.	1953	1960
Glenwright		H.D.	1945	1951
Graham	Paul	P.	1958	1965
Grant	Ian	I.S.	1946	1951
Grantham		J.R.	1949	1956
Gray	Ian	I.J.	1958	1965
Green	John	J.A.	1940	1946
Haigh	Jack	J.	1921	1925
Haile	Alan	A.N.	1960	1967
Hardwick	Ray	J.R.	1956	1963
Hart	Stuart	S.B.	1938	1940
Hedley	John	E.J.	1951	1958
Helliwell	Paul	P.R.	1949	1954
Heward		J.	1946	1951
Hume	Wilf	W.A.	1924	1929
Hunt	Peter	D.P.	1962	1969
Hurt	Chris	C.W.	1949	1956
Hutton	Geoff	G.	1953	1960
Ingham	John	J.	1957	1997
Kelley		J.	1930	1935
Kelley		N.	1934	1939
Kenyon	Geoffrey	G.B.	1947	1952
Kitchin	John	J.	1959	1966
Lawson	Chris	D.C.	1950	1957
Little		D.S.	1949	1955
Littlefair	Bob	R.W.	1953	1958
Ludbrook	Denis	D.	1929	1934
Mackey		N.	1950	1955
Marriott		J.T.		
Maule	Peter	P.A.	1959	1964
McLellan	Fergus	F.A.	1944	1949
Mustard	Colin	C.R.	1955	1960
Nash	David	D.J.	1951	1954
Natgrass	Geoffrey	G.C.	1955	1962
Neal		C.L.	1961	1968
Neal	Haydn	R.H.	1955	1962
Pallett	Fred	F.	1936	1941
Parker	Malcolm	M.	1960	1967
Pilbrough	David	D.J.	1947	1953
Pope	Len	R.L.	1927	1931
Purnell		R.	1924	1929
Purnell	Mike	M.R.	1953	1961
Rattenbury	John	J.C.	1958	1965
Rayner	Dave	D.S.	1955	1963
Rayner	Graham	G.	1959	1966

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Redfern		G.E.	1922	1926
Reed	Raymond	R.T.	1950	1957
Rigg	Andrew	A.N.	1958	1965
Rigg	Peter	P.H.	1956	1963
Robertson	Graham	G.	1959	1966
Robson	John	J.D.	1957	1964
Rodgers	John	J.	1965	1972
Scott,		Ridley	1950	1954
Smart	Arthur	A.	1948	1955
Smith		J.A.	1946	1951
Smith	Don	D.B.	1933	1940
Smith	Richard	R.L.	1958	1966
Sowler	Peter	P.A.	1953	1960
Stewart	David	D.H.	1957	1963
Strickland		H.C.	1932	1936
Teasdale	James	J.A.	1942	1947
Teasdale	William	W.C.	1928	1931
Thersby	Russell	R.	1956	1964
Tinsley	Eric	J.E.	1958	1965
Turner	Neil	N.A.	1952	1959
Wainwright	John	M.J.T.	1956	1963
Walker		A.	1943	1948
Walker		K.G.	1944	1950
Walker	Graham	G.	1961	1963
Waller		R.	1931	1936
Waller	Brian	B.	1959	1966
Waller	Colin	C.M.	1949	1956
Walton	John	J.B.		
Ward	Bob	R.	1954	1959
Ward	Geoffrey	G.R.	1955	1962
Ward	Gerald	G.A.	1959	1967
Watson	Michael	M.J.	1949	1956
Wells	David	D.	1949	1956
West	Phil	P.W.	1951	1954
Whitehead		D.J.	1947	1952
Wiggins	Barry	B.D.	1940	1946
Wigglesworth	Chris	J.C.	1948	1955
Williams		D.	1954	1959
Williams	Mike	T.M.	1943	1948
Willoughby	Charles	C.H.	1947	1954
Wilson	Terry	T.	1962	1969
Wimberley	Peter	P.D.	1955	1962
Wimberley	Richard	R.G.	1954	1962
Winn	David	D.G.	1946	1951
Winter	Brian	B.	1963	1970
Wooton,	Russell	R.P.	1960	1967
Young	Dave	D.J.	1959	1966

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The 'Organiser' Brian Brand and his wife Pat



Eddie and Angie Pinder





**Ron and Avril Foster & Brian and Vivienne Crocker**



**Eddie Wood & Jack Gilliland**

