

# The New Stocktonian



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The photograph on the front cover is of a robin taken by the Editor at Quarry Bank Mill. If any of you have any photographs you would like to share in next year's edition of this Year Book, please send them to us.

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# President's Message 2008

Welcome to the second new look "New Stocktonian". The Editor, David Robinson, did a magnificent job and thank you, David.

David was one of the newcomers to the Committee and in spite of working in Manchester he is going to edit the Year Book this year.

Unfortunately a couple of the other new Committee members, having been appointed at the 2007 AGM, did not respond to reminders for Committee meetings or the 2008 AGM. David Williams was able to come along to 2 Committee meetings, but has had to drop out because of other commitments. We thank him for being with us during the year.

That does bring us back to the question posed 2 years ago, how can the Association survive with an ageing Committee? My health is not as good as I would like, and a round trip of 160 miles now necessitates that my wife travels with me to share the driving in the heavy traffic on the A1 from Northumberland. We do plan ahead to see friends on "Committee days" so the OSA is not the sole purpose of the journey. Bob Ward is in a similar position, traveling from Barnard Castle for meetings. Because we changed the number required for a quorum to 4, we are just able to function.

***A word from the Editor ...*** I would like to thank everyone for all their contributions this year. This Year Book, and indeed the Association, will only continue to be relevant and will only continue to benefit members if the same members are involved and send us their news, information, ideas, photographs and so on.

I would also like to echo Brian's sentiments above. The Committee needs more members, as more members bring with them more ideas. I would love to get around to organising the Reunion so many of you would like to see happen, but without support I am unable to do so. We are not asking for people to give up copious amounts of time - there are so many things you could help with. For example, this year I have not had the time to approach companies to sell them advertising space. This is a relatively simple and small task but is something which I have had to omit as I have been doing everything else. Also, perhaps there are some people who would like to be researchers for the Year Book. This is an enjoyable task but again I struggle to be able to do it justice whilst doing everything with the Year Book. Maybe you don't want a specific role and instead just want to offer your ideas. Whatever time and skills you can spare, we would be grateful. This is YOUR Association, please help now.

I would urge any of you able to give about 4 evenings a year to the Committee to get in touch. The meetings are normally held at the Sixth Form College, by permission of the Principal, starting at 7.00 pm and usually ending about 8.30 pm.

One matter raised at a recent meeting was more news of former students. We need you to get in touch by letter, e-mail or telephone and tell us how you are getting on and who you met from the old School/College. You don't have to be a member of the OSA to contact us! We welcome news of anyone who attended the establishments we are associated with - The Higher Grade School, The Secondary School, Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton Sixth Form College or Grangefield School.

The Reunion planned for last year didn't happen because David was busy becoming established in his new job in Manchester. He still intends organising a "get together" so keep an eye open for the date!

We expect this year book to be distributed in October so I won't give you early Christmas greetings just my best wishes to all of you.

**BRIAN BRAND**

# High Flying

*In researching past members of the Association the Editor came across Geoff Muirhead, the now Chief Executive of Manchester Airport Group. Unfortunately due to diary clashes the 2 were unable to have a direct interview, but Geoff was pleased to answer some questions and share his School experiences*

Geoff Muirhead CBE, 59, is Group Chief Executive of the Manchester Airports Group (MAG), the UK's largest British-owned airport operator. MAG owns and operates 4 airports - Manchester, East Midlands, Humberside and Bournemouth - which currently serve a total of over 29 million passengers every year.

MAG also runs thriving businesses in property development and management, car parking, airport security, fire fighting, engineering and motor transport. MAG is publicly owned by the 10 local authorities of Greater Manchester and is privately managed on their behalf.

In 2007, MAG's airports held the majority of the major industry awards including Best UK Airport for East Midlands and Manchester Airports.

Given this impressive resume it has been a great honour and privilege to contact the man at the heart of the operation, an Old Stocktonian, Geoff Muirhead.

Geoff attended Grangefield Grammar School between 1960 and 1965, and then left school at 16. He studied a mixture of O-Levels, but he expresses that maths was by far his favourite and still serves him well to this day.

On leaving Grangefield, Geoff took an apprenticeship with the British Steel Corporation. He was an apprentice draftsman where he learnt the basics of construction including, and he says that this is very important in the building trade, how to make a cup of tea! After British Steel Geoff moved around the world with various jobs in the construction industry, including working in the Middle East, Belgium and Ireland. In 1988 Geoff landed at Manchester Airport as a Development Director where he was responsible for building Terminal 2. He became the Chief Executive in 1994.



Geoff says he feels very privileged to be the Group Chief Executive of MAG. He says that it is "a brilliant, challenging but always enjoyable job working with some fantastic people in the business that is responsible for connecting an amazing city to the rest of the world". When the Editor asked him about a typical day, his response is that there isn't one! Whilst he spends a lot of time in meetings Geoff is also often out and about meeting staff, customers and passengers across the 4 airports. So as you all yet off for your holidays you might be fortunate to bump into Geoff - keep your eyes out for him.

Geoff's position and MAG is very high profile, and only recently Geoff met the Home Secretary to discuss the introduction of Identity Cards and was interviewed by the Financial Times about the same subject.

***Continued ...***



In going back in time Geoff remembers that the boys and girls at Grangefield were educated separately and linked together only by the Dining Hall. Geoff says that the boys got the better end of the deal because they got to walk past the girls' part of the school every day which was always interesting, but that the girls usually got their revenge if they had to play them at hockey!

In continuing with memories of sport, Geoff remembers feeling particularly proud of Grangefield when the School's Rugby Team (from his year group) won every match consecutively for 3 years without conceding a point. The team was so formidable that referees would often finish matches early to end the embarrassment being inflicted on their opponents! The same Grangefield team also provide 14 of the 15 members of Durham County's side. Geoff says that the only low point was that he never quite made the team – he just managed to scrape into his House side!

### **Some Advice for Aspiring Aviators ...**

Geoff also kindly provided some advice for anyone considering going into a similar career as he has.

Geoff says that "the best advice that I can give to anyone is to always do your best and don't expect other people to notice you. Get yourself and your skills noticed. Focus on what you want to do and try to build up the skills and knowledge that will get you there".

Geoff goes on to say that "aviation is a great business to work in. It's dynamic, challenging and ever changing". He further explains that "it is a rewarding industry that provides the economic and social backbone of the world's economy and what could be better than to be part of that?"

The Editor, personally and on behalf of the Committee and the Association, would like to sincerely thank Geoff for his time and efforts, and for such an interesting piece of this year's magazine.

# Remembrance Day Service 2007

The Remembrance Day Service was held on Friday 9 November 2007. The Service was attended by more dignitaries than usual with the Mayor of Stockton, **COUNCILLOR WILLIAM NOBLE**, laying the wreath on the 1914-1918 Memorial to begin the Service which, as usual, was conducted by Year 9.

After a 1 minute's silence the readings began with 'Remembrance Day: Christmas in the Trenches' by **INDIA JOHNSEY, JOEL KIDD and CALLUM I'ANSON**.

After singing 'When a Knight won his Spurs', the readings continued with 'News from the Front' by **ADAM JENNINGS, LEWIS NOBLE, DAMIAN METCALFE, AMY BEECH and JESSICA McDERMOTT**.

A further hymn was then sung, 'He who would Valiant Be' followed by readings from **MOLLY STURMAN** and **STEPHANIE KELLY** about 'The Aftermath'.

After the final hymn, 'I Vow to Thee my Country', **ALLAN MANSFIELD** (Head Teacher) gave the last reading followed by the laying of a wreath on the 1939-1945 Memorial by a pupil, **GRACE BAKES**.

This year there was a representative of the British Legion, **PETER THOMAS**, and a representative of the North Yorkshire Regiment, **JOHN GILPIN**. The Green Howards is part of the restructuring which formed part

of the North Yorkshire Regiment. **JOHN GILPIN** is from the area and attended Eggescliffe School before joining the Army. He has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.



The readers entertained the guests to light refreshments and it gave us a chance to thank them.

As in the past, I am privileged to be invited to attend the service and I thank Year 9 for their participation and impeccable behaviour.

I must record one sad note. **ERNEST MORTON**, who I have met several times at Grangefield Functions, died just a week or two before the Service. His brother was killed just at the end of the Second World War and is remembered on the memorial board. Ernest lived in Coventry and made the journey to Grangefield at least twice a year.

If you would like to attend the Remembrance Service 2008 please contact Grangefield School or the Association in October to find out the details.

**BRIAN BRAND**

## Benevolent Fund

The funds have been audited for the year ended 31 December 2007. On 1 January 2007 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2302.65. One grant of £500.00 was made during the year. No donations were received and interest of £23.25 net (tax paid £5.81) was earned. This gave a credit balance of £1825.90 at the Darlington Building Society on 31 December 2007. Our thanks are due once more to John Ingham for auditing the accounts.

Donations are always welcome and can be sent with other monies to Bob Ward, the Correspondence Secretary or direct to Brian Brand at the address below. Appeals for assistance can be made in the strictest confidence to Martin Clinton, Principal of the Stockton Sixth Form College, the Head Teacher of Grangefield School or directly to Brian Brand, Convenor to the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund at 2 The Sidings, Christon Bank, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 3HR (Tel: 01665 576273).

# Prefects



We were grateful for the above photograph from PETER WIMBERLEY. The photograph is of the 2nd year Sixth Form and was taken in summer 1961.

Back Row: PETER WISHLADE, DAVID G. ROBSON, PETER WIMBERLEY

Middle Row: R. ROBERTSON, A. WHITE, TAFFY EVANS, OWEN TURNBULL, J. McDONOUGH, A. MASON, BILL ARROWSMITH

Front Row: M. Summers (?), Derek Graham, D.R. Williamson, M.R. Purnell, Colin Stabler, Mr. Jackson (Teacher), Charlie Gillett, Barry Keane, J.C. James, Peter R. Twiddy, Richard Wimberley

(Not Pictured: TONY WHITTINGHAM).

Do you remember anyone in the picture? Do you have any stories about the Prefects? If so, please get in touch and let us know.

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# Music at Grangefield Grammar School

Music has always been an important part of life at Grangefield Grammar School, and continues to be so now at both Grangefield School and Stockton Sixth Form College. You may recall reading in the previous edition of this Year Book about 'The Denvers' - a band which started in the School in the 1950s. Well, after further research another group has been discovered, 'The Tempests'. The group was around in the 1960s and was very popular in the Stockton area. Below is a picture showing band members (right to left): **IVAN THOMPSON**, **ALEX GEDDES**, **BOB SIMPSON**, **REG DAVIDSON** and **LAURENCE ATKINSON**. We are informed Laurence now lives in Sheffield but that Alex Geddes still lives in Stockton. If you have any more information on this band please get in touch.



Many thanks to **DEF DALE** for this photograph.

As well as pop and rock, the School has always had a strong base of more traditional music. Right is a picture from the School Orchestra in 1965. **TROG TIESING** is on the back left on Timpani and **STEPHEN TERRY** is the First Violinist to the right of **HARRY HORSEMAN**.



**RECOGNISE ANYONE?**  
If so, please let us know.



With the stick-on moustache on the left is **DEREK RICHMOND** with **HARRY HORSEMAN** at the PTA 'Old Tyme Music Hall Evening' on Thursday 31 March 1977.



# Grangefield School Prize Giving 2008

The Prize Giving was on Wednesday 9 July 2008 in what we would call the "Boys' Hall". As is now the custom, the main prizes for academic achievement were awarded to Year 10 pupils to encourage them in the final year when they take their GCSEs.

The guest speaker was the Head Teacher, **ALLAN MANSFIELD**, who retired at the end of the academic year (summer 2008). **MARTIN SALTER**, the Deputy Head Teacher, introduced Allan who has been teaching for 37 years, mostly in the Teesside area. Allan praised staff and pupils for the excellent and improving results over the years. He related his experiences in the teaching profession and said that he felt there was more dedication than ever from teachers working with and for their pupils. He remembered some teachers that paid lip service to the task but said that was in the past.

He presented prizes for "whole school" achievement and then by year groups from year 7 to year 10.

The whole school achievement prizes are awarded for a variety of qualities, such as bravery, initiative, independence of character, courage and determination, community work and special education.

The prize for "Bravery" was donated by **ERNEST MORTON**, a member of the Old Stocktonians' Association who died in October 2007.

The year groups now have a mixture of progress and individual subject achievement, the latter increasing in number from year 7 to year 10.



The Old Stocktonians' prizes were:

- English awarded to **THINKI KHAN**
- History awarded to **BOBBIE BAILEY**
- Modern Foreign Language awarded to **CHLOE FITZIBBON**

School colours were awarded to those who have excelled in a variety of activities, notably in Football and Rugby, where as many colours went to girls as boys.

The evening ended with refreshments in the main School Hall.

**BRIAN BRAND**

**Were you given an award at the Prize Giving in the past? If so, get in touch and tell us what you are up to now.**



This photograph has kindly been provided by **LYNDA DICKINSON** and is from the mid to late 1960s. It is believed that the teacher was Welshman, **MR. PRICE**, who taught Latin. Do you remember any of the faces? If so, please get in touch.

# Sport Old and New

1st XV at Grangefield 1959/60.



Back Row (left to right): ??, **RON MOYES**, **HUNTER WILKINSON**, **BRIAN LEAK**, **OWEN TURNBULL**, **CLIVE WILSON**, **CHARLIE GILLET**.

Front Row (left to right): **HUNTER**, **SNAGGER TURNER**, **AUSTIN MASON**, **ARTHUR CHAPMAN**, **JACK GLATBACH**, **TAFFY EVANS**, **DAZZER DAVIS**, **HARRY DODDS**, **PETER HUDSON**.

Photograph courtesy of **BRIAN LEAK**.

Again, thanks to Picture Stockton for helping us obtain this photograph. This team was undefeated in the normal season games but on a Easter Tour to Nottingham it lost the last game out of 3 games played. They could hardly field a full side (and there were no substitutes in those days) - but most of the injuries were self inflicted!

## **Sport this Year at Stockton Sixth Form College**

The Cricket team won 2 out of 3 matches against Huddersfield New College and Queen Elizabeth to qualify for the 3rd and then won this match against Huddersfield New College 'B', to finish 3rd: a significant improvement on previous years. The team also took a second team which was competitive but, due to injury, suffered.

Congratulations go to **ABIE SMITH** and **NATASHA WHEATLEY** who came 6th and 7th in the Senior Girl's division of the Cleveland Cross Country Championships at Stewarts Park. Abie went on to run in the BCS North East Cross Country Competition at Gateshead International Stadium where she finished an amazing 11th!

The netball season started with convincing wins for both teams. A particular match from the 'A' team resulted in an amazing 33 - 0 victory against old rivals Hartlepool. The team were dominant from the start and some excellent defending stopped Hartlepool from troubling the scorers. The 'B' team also performed extremely well to record a 14-3 victory over an almost identical Hartlepool team. Some excellent individual performances but great team play too.

The Football results are in: 'A' Team - League matches: Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1. Friendly matches: Played 2, Won 1, Lost 1. 'B' Team - League matches: Played 5, Won 5! Currently top of Cleveland County U-19 League Division 2. 'C' Team: - League matches: Played 2, Won 2! Friendly matches: Played 6, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 2.

The College entered a Basket Ball Team into the British Colleges Northern Regional Trials. Watch this space for further information of how the team progresses.

# More Photographs



This picture was taken during a skiing trip in the mid 1980s (possibly 1983). Those pictured include CAROLINE STOTT, LOUISE NORTHEY, SARA SALLWAY, MARK DEXTER, POKEY, VICKY CARNEL, KIM MOORE and STE WRIGGLESWORTH. Can you fill in the blanks of the others pictured?

This picture (right) is of a Geology group (1992-1994) on fieldwork in Ingleton. Those pictured include EMMA RIGG, LEE WAYNE, ANDY KING, DAVID ATKINSON, DAN COWELL, DAVE COLLINS, PAUL, VICKY AUSTIN, RICHARD WALTERS, CHRIS GILL.



This picture was provided by GEOFF DANIEL and is a fourth year photo taken around 1960. It is Mr. Morley's class - do you remember any of the faces? If so, please get in touch.

# Exciting Times Ahead

*Martin Clinton, Principal of Stockton Sixth Form College, writes about recent successes at the College and about the exciting changes which will soon be taking place.*

I am writing this article in a very exciting time in the life of the College. The new sports and performing arts building was opened very recently, 2 September, by Sir Geoff Hurst. Younger readers might need reminding that Sir Geoff scored a hat-trick for England in the 1966 World Cup final. The building, as you will recall from last year's Old Stocktonians magazine, is a joint venture with Stockton Town Football Club. It was an absolutely fabulous occasion. Sir Geoff was the gentleman that we all think he is and gave up of his time incredibly willingly, spending hours talking to the press and signing lots and lots of autographs, so that was a great occasion.

On the same day as results day the College also heard that surrounding this new building will be an entirely new college. We were given approval in Principle for a stunning new building that will enable the college to go from strength to strength. Students will be taught in 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms when no youngsters will be in some of the small classrooms that we have currently. In next year's magazine I will, if the Editor, approves include some designs and images of the new building which should be half way through construction by then. The new College should be ready for start of the new academic year in 2010.

Mentioning results day, my normal starting point for this piece, the results are once again excellent and above the national results. For students taking three A levels 98.9% of them passed and that of course built on the good work in local schools. You will be pleased to know that Stockton Borough schools once again have improved their GCSE results with some schools achieving outstanding performances. Because of this the College recruitment has been very buoyant. So many youngsters in the local schools are qualifying for advanced level study that the first year enrolments were the largest that they have ever been in history and, as a consequence, the College is at its biggest since it opened in

The College is, of course, concerned with more than passing examinations. Students continue to be involved in developing a range of skills and attributes.

One final thing I should say is that any ex-students who want to come back and visit the college before the current building is demolished will be more than welcome and we are always very pleased to hear from ex-students.

**MARTIN CLINTON**

Take a look at what has been happening recently at the College ...

## Outings

With the variety of courses on offer at the College, the variety of educational visits which have taken place have been numerous and varied, take a look:

Newcastle Medical School  
Teesside University  
Teesside Combined Court Centre  
Stockton's 'Arc'  
Middlesbrough Theatre  
Hartlepool Theatre  
Hartlepool Town Hall  
Ingleton (Lake District)  
York  
Blackpool Pleasure Beach  
Aix-en-Provence  
Newcastle Theatre Royal  
London, Portugal  
Washington DC (USA)  
Madrid  
Edinburgh  
New York  
Chamonix  
Knowsley Safari Park  
University of Durham  
12 Wensleydale Cheese Factory

# What the Papers Say

## **'Confronting the issue of refugees', Evening Gazette, October 2007**

The horrific plight of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK was brought to life for students in Stockton. Stockton Sixth Form College hosted Stockton Sixth Form College hosts "They get free mobiles.... Don't they?", a new production by the Birmingham-based Banner Theatre.'

'Combining music, song, video, film and theatre, it speaks for Britain's newest arrivals as they dodge borders, bullets and bureaucracy to find safety in war-torn lands in Africa and the Middle East. Part of a national tour, the show tells human stories about people in the wrong place at the wrong time and cuts through the myths, lies and prejudice surrounding the search for sanctuary in England. It shows how our lives in the UK are integrally connected to those refugees from impoverished Third World countries. It also exposes big business interests that profit from the exploitation of children and slave labourers – particularly in the mining and production of tantalum, a key element in our mobile phones.'

'Martin Clinton, Principal at the College, said: "The College is always proactive in raising awareness of social issues and the production also complements our students' studies in Sociology and Theatre."

## **'Faith, hope and charity', The Circuit, 12 December 2007**

'Students from Stockton Sixth Form College are actively campaigning on behalf of UNICEF's East Africa Children's Crisis Appeal and have raised over £800 for the charity. The students planned a whole range of activities to raise money, from flamboyant displays of traditional Asian costume, music and dance, to a sponsored five a side football tournament. The commitment and determination of the students has not been lost on the College Principal, Martin Clinton, who said: "I am impressed both with the concern the students are showing for Children in Africa and with their organisational abilities. The campaign to raise awareness in college has been amazingly clever and well thought out. It is a delight to have such excellent students at Stockton Sixth Form College."

'Over eight million people are on the brink of starvation in the Horn of Africa due to flooding, crop failure and loss of livestock. Of those affected, 1.6 million are children under the age of five. UNICEF intend to respond to this current crisis in the East Africa region by providing clean safe water, immunising children against disease, supporting feeding centres and educating and empowering communities.'

## **'Matthew ... pupil and chaplain!', Evening Gazette, 29 November 2007**

'A selfless student who acted as a chaplain at his former Billingham school has been rewarded for his efforts. Matthew Brannen stepped into the role when St Michael's School chaplain left. He also became the school's diocesan youth council representative, co-wrote the school's Mission prayer and designed the logo for its Mission week.

'His contribution was among those honoured at the school's Celebration of Achievement Evening. Matthew received a national Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Award. Teacher Patricia Carroll, the co-ordinator of the ceremony nominated Matthew. She Said: "For his daily input into making a difference to other people's lives, Matthew thoroughly deserves this award."

'Matthew, 16, who lives in Billingham, is now studying for four A-Levels at Stockton Sixth Form College. He said: "My mum told me I had been selected for the award, and I was surprised and very pleased." He follows 2 previous St Michael's students in receiving the award. The school has also won the Princess Diana Silver and Gold Awards for recognising achievements.'

Imagine if there  
was nothing to  
read ...

Please keep YOUR Association  
alive by getting in touch and  
getting involved. It is only  
by the involvement of our  
members that the Association  
will have any relevance.

Be involved. Use the  
Association to keep in touch.

# Grangefield Grammar Retirement Presentation



The above picture has been provided courtesy of **JAN MOORE** (and also **FREDERICK PALLETT**). Left to Right: **MRS J R KINNES**, **MR. J WILKINSON**, **DR. J R KINNES** (retiring Head Master), **MR. E H FIEKE** (President of the Old Stocktonians' Association, **MRS S B DUMBLE**, **MR. E BALDWIN** and **MR. S B DUMBLE** (retiring Sports Master).

The Retirement Presentation was made by the Old Stocktonians' Association to the retiring Head Master and Sports Master of Grangefield Grammar School. **DR. KINNES** has been the Head Master for 24 years, initially at the Stockton Secondary School in Nelson Terrace, then overseeing the transfer to the newly built Grangefield Grammar School. The retirement of both **DR. KINNES** and **MR. DUMBLE** took place at the end of the academic year in July 1953.

Apparently **DR. KINNES** had been gassed in the First World War and suffered significant ill-health as a consequence, marked by his rattling cough.

## CAN YOU HELP?

The expression 'many hands make light work' is so true. Unfortunately, the Committee of the OSA has been depleted over recent years and is in desperate need of your support. Even if you don't want to do anything 'formally' and attend meetings, you can still help by taking responsibility for the printing of this magazine for example, or for researching ... anything! Please help and contact the Association. Of course, if you would be able and willing to commit to Committee meetings (approximately 4 times a year) then all the better!

# Peace in our Time - School Trips Before the War



RECENTLY returned from a holiday in France are these boys from Stockton Secondary School, photographed on a visit to historic Versailles. On the extreme right is Mr. G. G. Armstrong, history master, who was in charge.

We are grateful for this photograph from **FREDERICK PALLETT**. Fred writes that the above group returned to Stockton after their French tour, which took place just 3 weeks before Britain declared war in 1939.

## THE NINETIES AND NOW

'The Nineties and Now', whilst it sounds like the name of a CD compilation, it is actually an issue which as an Association we need to look at. When you look down the list of members there is a clear lack of members from recent years. Therefore, as an Association we need to consider why we aren't getting new members to join. Is it a lack of advertising? Is it a lack of relevance? The benefit of having such a diverse mix of members is that there may be some of you involved in marketing, researching, recruitment and a host of other areas which can help the Association connect with some of the more recent School and College leavers, and this in turn will reignite the Association and enable it to continue to grow in numbers and strength.

There are a lot of pleas for help in this edition of the magazine, and the Association hopes you take notice of them and realise how important it is to consider the requests for help. We all lead busy lives, but 1 hour every couple of months is surely something manageable by us all.

Please, have a think and get in touch ...





Frederick Pallett also provided a copy of the above photograph of HMS Tees and the below article which was titled 'Farewell to Freedom' ...

It had been a fairly quiet time for the crew of HMS Tees early in May 1945. The ship, a 'River Class' frigate, had been in Freetown harbor, Sierra Leone, alongside its base ship HMS Philoctetes, for a routine boiler cleaning. This operation lasted only a day or two but was regularly and necessarily carried out every three or four weeks. Thankfully it gave the crew relief after seemingly endless watch-keeping in blistering West African heat and humidity in cramped quarters at sea on anti-submarine patrols and escort duties.

The most recent escort duty had been with the P & O liner MV Andes, stripped of its pre-war luxury and company colours and now serving as a troopship ferrying thousands of servicemen to the Pacific war zone. Even after a boiler-clean our frigate was hard put to maintain the speed necessary to escort these ocean-going liners, greyhounds of the sea as they were deservedly known.

Judging by the scraps of news filtering through from Europe it seemed that the war against Hitler was in its final phase, but one never could be sure whether another last ditch action would be mounted and prolong hostilities further. It was known that U-boats still roamed the Atlantic though in much fewer numbers and further action from that quarters could therefore not be ruled out.

The general 'buzz' below decks, and not least in the for'ard mess desk where the signalmen and telegraphists such as myself were quartered, was that we soon would have signal to proceed to sea and, like the Andes, sail round the Cape into the Indian Ocean for redeployment into the Japanese warzone either from Trincomalee (Ceylon) or Woollamalloo (Sydney, Australia), two major Royal Navy depots in that area. Speculation on a 'home run' to a base in Britain did not even arise.

So in anticipation of continued hot and humid conditions being the norm for the foreseeable future, many of the chaps plumbed for relative comfort in the form of shaved heads. Permission for a non-regulation haircut having been obtained, the ship's barber had a busy afternoon and 'skin heads' became the order of the day, long before 'Punk rockers' came on the scene, and with reckless disregard for appearance.

The latter was not improved by the deep yellow skin colour we all sported after many daily doses of our anti-malaria prophylactic. I can't remember the name - was it Mepacrine?

My own off duty activity that day (which by deduction must have been V-E Day-1, i.e. 7 May 1945) was composing a letter of thanks. HMS Tees had been 'adopted' by my home town of Stockton on Tees, the good ladies of which had sent parcels of comforts like balaclava helmets, thick woolly jerseys and sea-boot stockings. In a temperature of 108 degrees Fahrenheit (we still measured in Fahrenheit in those days), woolly warmers were hardly necessary but the kind thoughts were appreciated. The donors were hardly to blame since our postal address no matter where we were stationed was simply 'HMS Tees c/o GPO London' and the kind ladies were not to know ("careless talk costs lives") whether their adopted ship was en route to Murmansk or Mogadishu.

Early the next day, 8 May 1945, we were summoned by the ship's loudspeakers to the upper deck, there to be addressed by the Captain, an RN Lieutenant Commander (2½ straight gold rings). Unbelievable news - Germany had just capitulated and Admiralty instructions were for the ship, and the small flotilla of which it was part, to proceed immediately to Dartmouth, Devon. Full wartime disciplines were to be maintained. Any U-Boats encountered (the news of the capitulation might not have percolated through the U-Boat communication system worldwide) were to be treated as hostile unless showing signals of surrender in which case they were to be ushered on the surface under 24 hour watch to their European bases.

The cheering died down but was speedily renewed after the next announcement - 'spice the main brace', an order that is a relic of the days of sail but still in use and well enough known to mean 'double the ration' when 'up spirits' is piped and the rum cask is tapped in each mess desk.

Thus it was that on the morning of V-E Day 8 May 1945, HMS Tees left Freetown and set course for the UK. After 50 years that picture stands clear in my memory - a sparkling sunny day seems calm as a mill-pond (it wasn't always like that) a breeze sufficient to keep our White Ensign fluttering at the stern as we sent a bow wave in smooth ripples across the water causing the flying fish to scurry away on their flippers.

Behind us the who other vessels of the flotilla followed, and lights winked as we signaled to them to maintain 'line astern'. (Our Captain was the senior officer of the group and therefore in command). A stirring sight; the very essence of Rule Britannia!

And what of our 'skin heads'? Well luckily the voyage home was delayed by calls at Bathurst (Gambia) and Casablanca. By the time we reached Dartmouth their hair was crew-cut length and very much in fashion thanks to its introduction by the GIs, then in great numbers in Europe. So our welcome lost nothing of its warmth on that account and the old adage seemed still to apply - 'all the nice girls love a sailor'.

**Do you have wartime stories? If so, drop us a line and we will include them in the next edition of this Year Book. Go on, share your memories**

# Here and There: News from Old Stocktonians

*The following pages are full of news and comments sent in by Old Stocktonians from all across the world. Read below to see what your old school and college friends are up to now. Don't forget to send your news in for the next edition of the magazine - do it by post or email [oldstocktonians@hotmail.com](mailto:oldstocktonians@hotmail.com)*

**WILF HUME (1924-1929)** recently celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with all branches of his family, including his 8 great grandchildren, and all his many friends. He was pleased to see his name and news in the top of the 'Here and Now' section in last year's Year Book, and hopefully will be pleased to see it again. Keep sending us your news, Wilf! Many thanks to Wilf for his kind donation too.

We were pleased to hear from **EDWARD ANTHONY ('TONY') BARBER (1931-1937)** and thank him for his donation.

Thanks also go to **FREDERICK PALLETT (1936-1941)** for his generous donation to the C W King Memorial Fund. Please see the photographs and article he sent in which are included in this Year Book. Fred writes that the reference to Ragworth Hall in the last edition of the Year Book puzzled him, as it did years back – he asks 'what was the purpose of it at all?' Ragworth Hall had limited space and former bedrooms were not suited for classrooms as they were cold, draughty and too small. The accommodation had to be shared between the boys' school and the girls' school. One week boys received 2 days tuition and the girls 3 days, and vice-a-versa the following week. Fred's friend, **MICHAEL JEWITT**, enjoyed riding their bikes on the Yorkshire Moors on their off days. Fred would love for anyone to share their memories from this time with him and the Association.

**IVOR DENNEY (1940-1946)** picked up on the deliberate (!) error in last year's edition of this Year Book. The whole School returned to Nelson Terrace in 1942 and was not evacuated in that year. Ivor recalls that he started at the School in 1940 at Ragworth Hall and subsequently transferred to Nelson Terrace when the air raid shelters were completed in the School yard. Ivor does remember (as he says "with less than enthusiasm") that he trekked down Bishopton Lane to a hall where School dinners were served – the dreaded dessert consisting of a bowl of Semolina pudding with a 'dollop' of jam in the middle. Ivor also remembers from lunch times having saved up pocket money to buy a 12 inch '78' record at the significant price of 6/7½d (HMV Blue Label and Colombia Red were 9/11d). He bought this record following a passion for classical music kindled by 'Kingy' (C W King) and 'Tibby' Brooke in Music Appreciation lessons. Ivor passes on his best wishes to all the wartime teenagers. Thanks to Ivor for his donation too.

We are pleased to welcome **AUDREY ROBINSON (1941-1948)** to the Association; if anyone remembers Audrey and would like to get in touch please drop the Association a line and we will pass your messages over to her.

It was great to receive **DAVID PILBROUGH'S (1947-1953)** Christmas newsletter. He and Ines have had a busy year in which they visited the UK, which comprised of a university reunion in Oxford amongst other things. They then traveled on to Germany to visit friends in Hannover and Mnich before leaving for Barcelona en route to Andorra. He writes that they had a great week in Andorra with the weather being brilliant with sunshine all the time except one day when it snowed! Travelling through Spain on the way to Andorra and back again, they stayed in a fascinating little place in Catalonia called Copons. This thousand-year-old village with its narrow streets, barely wide enough for their car, captured their imagination and they stayed twice as long as they had planned. Another highlight of their journey through Spain was a visit to the monastery of Montserrat. They explain that this is an amazing place built high in peculiar-shaped dolomite mountain peaks, north-west of Barcelona. They flew back to the UK to join the QE2 for several back-to-back cruises around the Mediterranean, Norway, The Azores & Madeira, finishing with a Christmas and New Year cruise to the Caribbean. On their return to Southampton they joined the maiden round-the-world cruise of the new Queen Victoria travelling via New York and the Panama Canal back to Sydney. They were only home one night and then joined the QE2 again on its final round-the-world cruise. This time, though, it was a working cruise. David had a contract to give lectures on "Everyday Science" and Ines to give Spanish classes.

**BRIAN BRAND (1947-1954)** has met up with several of his year group during the last 12 months. **PAUL DEE (1947-1954)** was over from the States twice and Brian and his wife Pat met him in York. On the second meeting they were joined by **CHAS WILLOUGHBY** and his wife Joyce. Paul and Chas had met briefly around 1955 but hadn't seen each other since. As Chas said it was 2 people remembering an incident refreshed the memory of the 3<sup>rd</sup>! Chas and Joyce live in Hertfordshire and Brian and Pat in Northumberland, so Paul reckoned York is about half way! Anyway, Paul has a house in York and kindly provided accommodation and sustenance. Joyce and Pat had to put up with a lot of "school" talk!

Brian also met up with **JACK CANDLIN** and his wife Barbara. They visit Newton every year to meet up with Barbara's sister from Norway. As Brian and Pat live a mile away from Newton they called in for coffee and a chat.

Brian writes further - when you talk of a small world how about this ... A good friend of Brian who migrated south from Ashington to Surrey, as his job demanded, was playing in a charity golf match in August 2008. He realised his partner had a northern accent and enquired where he came from. When the reply was Stockton he asked which school he had attended. Prompted by the reply Grangefield he asked if he knew Brian Brand. "Know him. He taught me!" The Golf partner was **DAVID RAYNOR (1955-1963)** who Brian taught in 1962-1963 when he first started. As Brian says you don't forget your first "A" grade pupil for Advanced Level Physics. Actually, David was one of 2 "A" grade students in that first year in teaching, the other being **PETER DUNCAN**. Back then David suggested Brian buy a meal for the class of six if there was an "A". Brian said "No" and David's reply was "well what about 2 A grades". Brian agreed, with the thought that it wasn't possible. It cost Brian a meal at a Chinese restaurant in Dovecote Street, opposite where the Arc is now located. The lads gave him a pot tankard which still has pride of place on a shelf in the china cabinet.

The 1947- 1954 group are still in touch and there may be another reunion if there is sufficient support. 2010 seems a good excuse! The year group will be the rising 75s

Since re-joining the world of emails Brian Brand has been in contact with **COLIN SINCLAIR (1952-1959 AND STAFF 1963-1966)**. Colin is currently in Chile on a mining exploration in the mountains. He and Maria were visited by **JOHN GREEN (STAFF 1962-1972)** and his wife in June. Colin hopes to be in the UK in September to see his mother who is almost 100.

Brian Brand remembers with gratitude the help given by **DERMOT D'ARCY** when he started teaching at Grangefield. Dermot knew the best eating places in the area and Brian and Pat were able to try them once a month (Brian writes that young teachers, in fact all teachers, were not well paid and once a month was for a "good" meal). Dermot also translated the instructions for an Italian model aero engine that Brian had acquired from a student Peter Sanderson who was a member of the Grangefield Model Aeroplane Club run by Brian. Dermot always remembered Bamburgh with affection. Apart from meeting his wife there he helped build a block house for the defence of the coast and the remains are still there as Brian knows from conversations with Dermot and photographs provided by him. Brian had photographed the wrong one and Dermot realised "his" block house was about 100 yards further South!

**PAUL DEE (1947-1954)** had his both hips replaced last year and has greatly improved his mobility, enabling him to travel to Norway, Spitzbergen and France this year. Paul also visited Brian Brand who, along with his wife, gave Paul a tour of the Northumberland coast. He also toured further inland which he knew from working as a locum General Practitioner nearly 50 years ago! Brian also put Paul in email contact with Chris Willoughley who he hopes to meet up with soon. Paul's present plans are to do a locum job in the winter in Wellington, New Zealand. He knows New Zealand well having worked there before, and was able to travel extensively there with his late wife. Paul's recent visit to France has prompted him to take a course in French in preparation for a longer stay in Paris. Many thanks to Paul for the donation too.

**CHARLIE GILLET (1953-1961)** carefully read last year's edition and noted that Ridley Scott misremembered the name of the art teacher, who should have been Mr. Steadman. Thanks go to Charlie too as the Association is most grateful for Charlie's generous donation.

**BOB WARD (1954-1959)** delivered the Year Book in person to **WILF HUME** and spent an enjoyable afternoon chatting with him.

**JACK TURNER (1950-1957)** writes that it was good to note in the previous edition of this year book that his contemporaries, **RAY REED**, **NAT DAVISON** and **TOM OLIVER**, are still about. He recalls that Ray was with him in the Science stream, and Nat and Tom in the Modern. He is still in Christmas card contact with **BOB (HAPPY) HUTTON** and **Alan Craggs**. He also remembers **RAY MOFFATT** who he worked with at Lindsey Oil Refinery for more than 20 years. Ray attended Nelson Terrace before joining the 'Wavy Navy' for a few years and then the Oil Industry in Bahrain for 20 years with Lindsey. One memory he recalls is travelling on the Wilkinson's bus to School with Alan from home in Bishop Middleham and Nat from Fishburn. He also remembers his first days at Nelson Terrace and surviving **DOC KINNES'** interrogation as to why 75% wanted to go into 1Sc rather than 1M when 25% were pressed back into 1M! Many thanks to Jack for his donation.

It was great to hear from **COLIN MUSTARD (1955-1960)** and the Association thanks him for his donation.

We are thankful to **Russell Thersby (1956-1964)** for his kind donation. Russell dropped us a quick line to express that he is glad that fresh blood has been attracted to the Committee – however, we still need more!

It was good to hear from **GAVIN RICHARDS (1959-1966)**. Following on from his education at Grangefield, Gavin went on to Aston University where he obtained a BSc in Civil Engineering. He emigrated to South Africa in 1972 and then moved to Botswana where he has remained. He has been a farmer for many years and even has 9 white rhino! He lives with his wife and has 2 children from an earlier marriage and 2 children from his second marriage.

Many thanks to **JOHN WHITHAM (1960-1967)** and also to **J M BROWN (1961-1968)** for their generous donations.

We welcome **LEWIS AYERS (1966-1971)** to the Association. One anecdote which Lewis remembers is that in 1969/1970 when in the Lower Sixth Lewis and his contemporaries invented an additional pupil named "Worrall" (Lewis recalls it was **HUGH CAMERON'S** idea but says that perhaps there were other brains at work). For many weeks they maintained the pretence that Worrall existed: they signed him in for each school session and in individual lessons they gave excuses for his continuing absence – visits to dentists and such like. Some masters asked students to pass on to Worrall their instructions that he must report to them at the Staff Room due to his complete failure to attend any lessons. They even had Worrall elected captain of several house teams (Lewis believes Worrall was in Cleveland house) including the chess team. Due to this success in house elections his name was called out in morning assembly, and to give Ronnie Bradshaw his due Lewis says that he is sure that Ronnie knew there was no such person and made the announcement with a straight face in the knowledge that it was just harmless fun. There was a reason for "Worrall's" name selection but Lewis challenges his contemporaries to remember why ... so, get writing to tell us for the next edition of the Year Book ...

Lewis became a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and has now worked in the construction industry for over 30 years, mainly on Teesside. He became involved in legal disputes in the construction industry, initially as an Expert Witness and then as an Adjudicator and Arbitrator. He is now a qualified now as a Chartered Arbitrator. Lewis has been married for 35 years, with a son and daughter who are both now married and living in London. His son is a solicitor and is married to a doctor, and his daughter is an English teacher married to a civil engineer.

**DAVID OWEN (1967-1973)** dropped us a quick line and enclosed a donation, which we are, as ever, most grateful for.

**JOHN WHITHAM (1968-1975)** recalls that he has seen **TIM RACE** recently. He also understands that **AL EASTON (1968-75)** is also back in the area. John also came across the Radio Tees website and listened to Harry Horseman sounding strangely mellow, just as he remembers him in the classroom.

Thanks to Friends Reunited we heard from **LINDSAY MARSHALL (NEE ALLEN) (1969-1976)**. She left Stockton when she went to University in Nottingham. She now makes her way back up north to visit her Mum a couple of times a year and would be interested in any reunion which is planned. Because she lived in Europe for 13 years she did lose touch with many of her school and college contemporaries. At the time of sending the email back in November she wrote that she was soon to become Lindsay Christmas, which she says her friends will know the significance of this new surname.

**JOHN DOBBIE (1975-1977)** got in touch via email. John is currently working in London and lives in Hampshire. He said he would be interested to hear from his contemporaries.

Another person who got in touch through Friends Reunited was **ANTONY ROBERTSON**. He is now living 12,000 miles away in Australia, Brisbane, having lived in Sydney for a few years. He does write that he hates to rub it in, but that the weather is awesome! He is happily married with a toddler and at the time had another on the way.

**PAUL VITTLES (1978-1980)** has obtained a new job with global research firm 'TNS' as Director and Executive Coach. Paul loves coaching and this position gives him the opportunity to pursue his passion whilst also working in a research based environment.

**RICHARD BRAND (1983-1985)** is still living in Switzerland, now at Zofingen. He and his partner, Simone, are buying a house there so soon there will be room for aging parents!

**TRACEY BRAND (1985-1987)** is still living in Milverton, Leamington Spa (Royal Leamington Spa as Don Moses (1947-1953) insists). She is Deputy Head Teacher in the School where she first started teaching in 1992. She loves the area but can't wait to visit Northumberland and walk the beaches with her Belgian Shepherd dog, Bobbie.

**DAVID ROBINSON (2001-2003)** has almost qualified as a solicitor (just a few more months of training to go!). He is currently working for a North West firm which is the best firm to work for the in the country and has just been named as Regional Law Firm of 2008. He is a keen writer and despite being young in his profession has already been featured in 3 publications in the last 12 months.

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# Obituaries

It is with sadness that we report **DERMOT D'ARCY** passed away in December 2007 after a short illness. He started at the "Sec" in 1948/49 on the retirement of Mr. Manners and continued through Grangefield Grammar School and the Stockton Sixth Form College until his retirement around 1980.

Dermot taught Modern Languages, though mainly French, in the days when the School only had one modern language! Nearly all of the pupils referred to him as "Jim" and he was known on the staff as Jim until he joined the Sixth Form College when he asked to be called "Dermot". The "J" in his name was actually "Joseph" which he did not like, apparently.

Dermot served in the army during the war and was stationed at Bamburgh in north

Northumberland. It was here that he met Eveline at a dance in Belford, and they married in 1942. Eveline died less than 2 years before Dermot.

Those pupils from Grangefield who joined the Combined Cadet Force will remember Dermot as Captain D'Arcy, later as Major D'Arcy when he took over from Major Collinwood. Dermot had the task of disbanding the Cadet Force in 1963.

He and Eveline lived most of their married life at Hurworth. Tragically their only daughter and her husband were killed in an air crash in France after attending an England-France Rugby match. They helped raise their grand daughter along with the other grand parents. She is now happily married with a family of her own.

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It is with great sadness that we write to inform you of the death of **TERENCE RONALD CATTERMOLE**. Terence attended Grangefield Grammar School between 1951 and 1958. Thereafter, he studies at The Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London, and graduated with a BSc in Mining Geology and ARSM. He then spent a further year obtaining his PGCE at Whitelands College, Putney.

In 1964 he married Jennifer and worked as a geologist in copper mines in Canada and Zambia.

In 1973 Terence began lecturing in geology at Acklam Sixth Form College until his retirement.

Travel remained his major interest, visiting all continents including Antarctica.

In 1998 he had major surgery for oesophageal cancer at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, but secondaries returned in 2005. He passed away in 2007.

Terence is survived by his wife, son and daughter. Our condolences go to them.

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It is with deepest sadness that we write to inform you that **JANET DUFFIN** died on 1 December 2006. Janet was a very active member of the mathematics education profession and was still publishing in international journals to within a couple of years of her death. She had a long and fruitful life both professionally and personally. She is survived by her husband, Bill, and her 3 grown up children.



# Yearly Members

Surname	First Name	School From	School To	Subs To
Anderson	Gordon	1985	1987	2006
Atkinson	Dave	1957	1964	2010
Atkinson	Steven	1995	1997	2002
Ayers	Lewis	1966	1971	2012
Bradley	Margaret	1960	1967	2013
Brand	Richard	1984	1987	2010
Brand	Tracey	1986	1988	2010
Brown	Mike	1961	1968	2016
Carbarns	Ian	1972	1979	2011
Carbarns	Sheila	1983	1985	2010
Carter	Stanley	1974	1976	2013
Chappell	Dick	1931	1936	2014
Clark	Sylvia	1956	1963	2013
Clinton	Martin	1977		2013
Clubley	David	1958	1965	2010
Dee	Peter	1944	1951	2010
Dewison	Graeme	1947	1954	2009
Dickson	Sue	1975	1977	2002
Dixon	Jennie	1946	1948	2007
Dutton	Ken	1962	1969	2011
Elliott	Mavis	1941	1946	2010
Elmes	Ralph	1951	1957	2011
Evans	Kay	1981	1984	2007
Franks	John	1990	1992	2006
Gillespie	Martin	1979	1981	2010
Gordon	Peter			2016
Gorrell	Ian	1974	1976	2008
Graham	Derek	1959	1961	2006
Greenaway	John	1983	1985	2012
Gregory	Paul	1968	1975	2015
Harris	Doug	1967	1973	2010
Heads	Mike	1973	1974	2009
Heads	Linda	1967	1973	2009
Heathcote	Bob	1934	1940	2017
Home	Richard	1965	1971	2010
Hudson	Karen	1971	1978	2009
Humble	Richard	1980	1987	2019
Hutchinson	Christopher	1973	1980	2005

Surname	First Name	School From	School To	Subs To
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
Lindsay	Joyce	1956	1961	2009
Long	Arthur	1952	1957	2005
Mason	Roger	1954	1961	2011
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	2010
Oxley	Ann	1973	1997	2012
Pallant	Mark	1969	1977	2002
Peagam	Martin	1969	1976	2008
Pritchard	Roz	1958	1965	2010
Race	Bill	1930	1936	2005
Rhodes	Harry	1941	1946	2003
Richmond	Dave	1960	1967	2011
Robinson	Audrey	1941	1948	2012
Robinson	Connie	1962	1967	2012
Robinson	David	2001	2003	2008
Robinson	Simon	1970	1977	2010
Sawyer	Peter	1947	1949	2012
Sheraton	Sarah	1972	1977	2009
Short	John	1942	1948	2012
Smith	Kevin	1974	1976	2006
Stanley	Roy	1953	1961	2025
Summerbell	Mark	1984	1986	2002
Terry	Stephen	1963	1970	2007
Thomas	June	1969	1986	2005
Thompson	Lillian	1929	1935	2007
Thornton	George	1938	1944	2003

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Surname	First Name	School From	School To	Subs To
Turner	Keith	1960	1967	2011
Vittles	Paul	1978	1980	2012
Webster	Peter	1963	1970	2010
Whitfield	Aidan	1971	1978	2010
Whitham	John	1968	1975	2010
Wilkins	Andy	1968	1973	2013

Surname	First Name	School From	School To	Subs To
Wilkinson	Austin	1972	1977	2008
Willetts	David	1967	1974	2013
Willetts	Lesley	1967	1972	2008
Wivell	Keith	1975	1977	2012
Wood	Eddie	1947	1951	2015

**Please inform us if there are any errors or omissions**

# Life Members

Surname	First Name	Initials	School From	School To
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
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

Surname	First Name	Initials	School From	School To
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
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
Eden		T.N.	1950	1955
England	John	J.R.	1960	1965
Fletcher		C.	1953	1960

# Life Members Continued

Surname	First Name	Initials	School From	School To
Franks	John	J.W.	1947	1952
Fricker	Orlando	O.J.	1969	1976
Garthwaite	Derek	D.	1946	1951
Gathergood	Dave	D.	1957	1964
Gedling C.B.	Raymond	R.	1929	1936
Gibbs	Denis	D.H.B.	1937	1942
Gillett	Charlie	C.	1953	1961
Gillett	Jan	J.	1957	1964
Gilliland	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

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Mustard	Colin	C.R.	1955	1960
Nash	David	D.J.	1951	1954
Nattrass	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
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	R.	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
Thersby	Russell	R.	1956	1964
Tinsley	Eric	J.E.	1958	1965
Turner	Jack	N.A.	1950	1957
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.		

# Life Members Continued

Surname	First Name	Initials	School From	School To
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

Surname	First Name	Initials	School From	School To
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

## **MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION**

*Held at Stockton Sixth Form College on Wednesday 23 April 2008*

1. Present: B.P.Brand, B.P.Braney, P.Graham, R.Prichard, K Turner, R. Ward
2. Apologies for absence: D.Robinson, D.Williams
3. Minutes of the last AGM: Passed
4. Matters Arising
  - 4.1 B.Braney apologised for missing the last AGM and asked if it would be possible to have a copy of the AGM earlier. R.Prichard agreed to facilitate this.
  - 4.2 Membership Secretary's Report: P. Graham had not got updated figures. Would send later to Minutes' Secretary to include in next AGM. He read out a selection of letters he had received plus news of donations.  
  
[P.Graham subsequently provided the following details: Yearly Membership: 88, 6 of whom are abroad; Life Membership: 147, 14 of whom are abroad].
  - 4.3 Year Book Editor's Report: D.Robinson informed the Committee know that there had been a positive response to the book. It was a time consuming task but it is hoped that perhaps in future other people will be able to undertake delegated roles (such as advertising, collating news from members and such like).

4.4 Treasurer's Report: P.Graham provided a copy of the balance sheet which showed that the funds are healthy. P.Graham suggested an increase in value of the Association Prizes. K.Turner suggested in changing web server; P.Graham to seek advice on this and thought D.Robinson may be able to help.

4.5 Benevolent Fund Secretary: B.P. Brand passed round relevant passbook. One grant of £500 made. No other appeals for assistance were made.

5. Election of Office Bearers:

President	B.P.Brand (who will attend when is able to)
Vice President	J.Ingham
Minutes' Secretary	R.Prichard
Honorary Treasurer	P.Graham
Correspondence Secretary	R.Ward
Membership Secretary	P.Graham
Year Book Editor	D.Robinson
Additional Members	K.Turner
	M. Bradley
	P.Braney
Benevolent Fund Auditors	J. Ingham
	P. Fleck

6. P.Hunt and M.Peagam to be contacted regarding their continued membership of the Committee.

7. Date of next Annual General Meeting: 22 April 2009 at 7.30 pm at Stockton Sixth Form College.

There being no further business the meeting ended.

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**Agenda for the 2009 Annual Meeting**

1. Present
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Membership Secretary's Report
6. Honorary Treasurer's Report
7. Year Book Editor's Report
8. Benevolent Fund Report
9. Election of President
10. Election of Officers
11. Election of Committee Members
12. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
13. Any Other Business

**DATE OF NEXT AGM**

**22 APRIL 2009**

Please put this date in  
your diary and attend if  
you can to share your  
ideas

# Treasurer's Report 2007-2008

The funds still remain sound and have been audited for the year ended 30th June 2008. Subscriptions have, once again, decreased slightly from last year to £94.00, this is largely due to the lack of new members. Efforts are in hand to try and improve this situation by making a special recruitment drive amongst this year's leavers from the College and Grangefield School, though our modest publication may be falling victim to new technology with the likes of Friends Reunited, Facebook and even YouTube. Donations to the General Fund have increased once again from £194.15 to £336.20, with a further £140.00 to the Memorial Funds. These (with other small sales) give an income from members of £573.50. Building Society interest was £120.47 (before tax) and the balance in the Life Members and General Fund £3875.21, an increase of £273.55 on the previous year. The Year Book cost £320.78 to print, and postage & packing amounted to £98.46. Thanks to sterling efforts by our new Editor, **DAVID ROBINSON**, advertising to the sum of £218.75 was secured and so the net total cost of production and distribution was £200.49, our lowest for many years. With a membership of about 240 the cost of production is now under £0.85 a copy (less than the current yearly subscription; however, unlike a certain Chancellor, we shall really be acting prudently and look to times that may not be so fruitful, hence no reduction in subscription yet). The **KING/ARMSTRONG/RATTENBURY** funds with prizes worth £20.00 each are fairly healthy for the moment, with an overall total of £1850.04 (including interest). Finally, I once again thank **PETER FLECK**, our Honorary Auditor for his valuable assistance and for the time he has taken in auditing these accounts.

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**PAUL GRAHAM**  
Hon. Treasurer

## OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2008

	£
<b><u>STOCK ASSETS</u></b>	
Total Stock Assets	193.08
<b><u>CASH ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash at Darlington Building Society	5532.17
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5725.25</b>
<b><u>LIFE MEMBERS &amp; GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
At 1 July 2007	3601.66
Surplus for year	273.55
	3875.21
<b><u>C.W. KING, G.G. ARMSTRONG &amp; G.J. RATTENBURY MEMORIAL FUND</u></b>	
At 1 July 2007	1739.20
Surplus for year	110.84
	1850.04
	<b>5725.25</b>

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2008

**INCOME**

	<u>Life Members &amp; General Fund</u>	<u>King, Armstrong &amp; Rattenbury Memorial Funds</u>
Subscriptions	94.00	-
Donations	336.20	140.00
Stock	3.30	-
Expenses of Correspondence Sec. (recouped as donation)	5.83	
Advertising for Year Book	218.75	
Building Society Interest	81.92	38.55
	<u>740.00</u>	<u>178.55</u>

**EXPENDITURE**

Year Book 2006/7 - Printing	320.78	-
Year Book 2006/7 - Postage & Envelopes	98.46	-
Update of Presidents' Board	25.00	
Expenses of Correspondence Sec. (recouped as donation)	5.83	
Prizes to Grangefield School	-	60.00
Tax	16.38	7.71
	<u>466.45</u>	<u>67.71</u>

<b>SURPLUS</b> for year	273.55	110.84
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<b>DEFICIT</b> for year		
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Auditor's Report for the year ended 30th June 2008

I confirm that the accounts on pages 2 & 3 are in accordance with the books, records and information which have been supplied to me by the Treasurer of the Old Stocktonians' Association.



**P. Fleck [Hon. Auditor]**



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