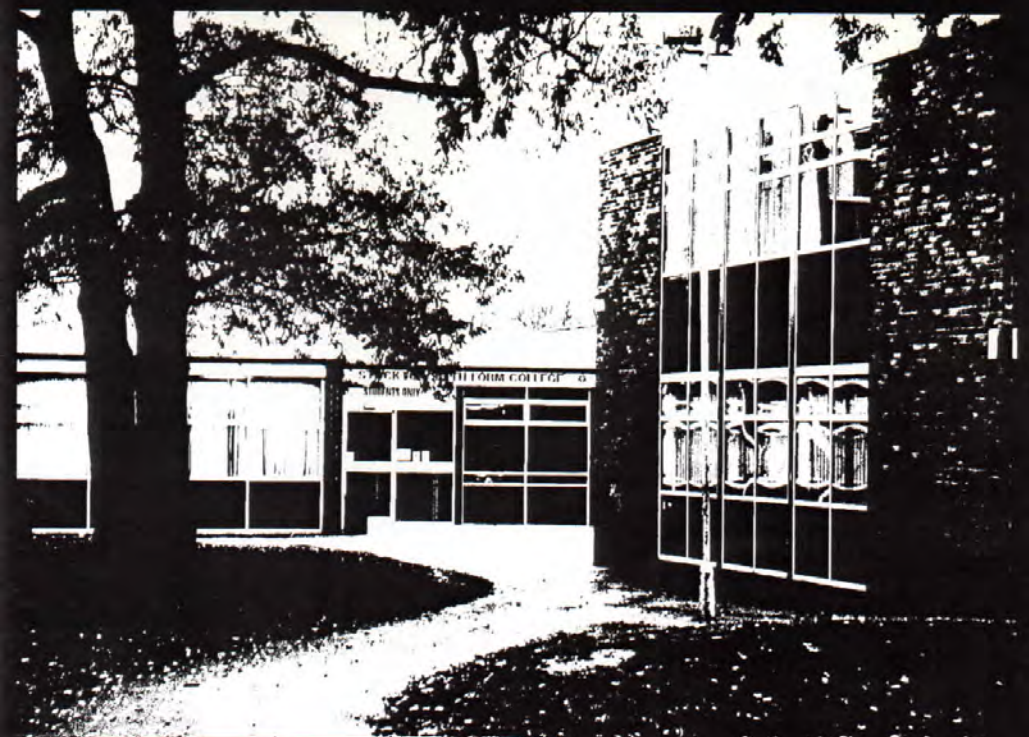


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President's Message 2009

Welcome to this year's edition of the Year Book. The last Year Book was sent out at the end of December and not October as anticipated, but this year we do hope for October, but I will nevertheless wish you all a Happy Christmas!

I am afraid we have no new committee members, so the Association is still not safe from sinking. We do have **DOUG HARRIS (1967-1973)** and **KEITH TURNER (1960-1967)** looking at a big change in the way the OSA is run. They are researching ways of making the Association interactive on the "Web". They have begun their work and reported back to the Committee in July with preliminary observations. They are now looking further and will report to future Committee meetings. The idea is that former students can contact each other on the Web and perhaps form common interest groups, as was the case many years ago when the Association was formed and members met to discuss items of interest and led to the

formation of sub groups within the Association.

Stockton Library/Council was given a complete set of newsletters/Year books by Tom Sowler after he had used them to write a History of the Association. Doug and Keith hope to form an archive within the Web site so that members can access it.

Once again we need your news. A letter, text or e-mail when you bump into a friend from College days will be of interest to others.

We welcomed a new Head Teacher, **DAVID LITCHFIELD**, to Grangefield School last year and he has made us welcome at the Remembrance Day service and the Annual Prize Giving.

We send our warmest thanks to **ALAN MANSFIELD**, the retiring Head, for his help in the past and wish him a long and happy retirement

BRIAN BRAND

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I cannot believe how quickly the last 12 months has gone. It only seems a moment ago that I was posting the last Year Book and thinking 'next year I will prepare the Year Book gradually throughout the Year, starting immediately'. Unfortunately August has crept upon me and despite my best intentions, I have the entirety of the Year Book to complete.

It is amazing how long it takes to do, and I often feel as if I am playing a game of scrabble - trying to get the words in order to score the highest points with readers and to give them the most interesting read I can. I am grateful for those who do contribute items for this publication, and particularly this year to Len Porter (please see pages 4-6). But, it is incredibly difficult to research and write feature after feature from scratch, whilst working full time and juggling the general business of twenty-first century living. So, I make a simple plea ... during the next 12 months if something sparks a memory with you of an event at School or College, or you are sorting out the loft and come across an old photograph or school book, or you have a spare 10 minutes during the next 12 months (which is 10 minutes of a possible 525,600 minutes in the 12 months), then please drop the Association a line. It will make the Editor's life easier, it will keep the Association alive and it will make this a much more actively used Association and Year Book. I am also looking for someone to take over as Editor, as after 3 years in the role I think it is time for a change. I hope you enjoy this edition, and that a new Editor brings you an even better edition next year!

On the Right Tracks

The Editor catches up with Len Porter, Chief Executive of the Rail Safety and Standards Board Limited, to see if his days at Grangefield Grammar School stood him in good stead for what has been an unconventional employment history.



The Rail Safety and Standards Board Limited is an organisation dedicated to improving health and safety performance across the railways in Great Britain, and the man at the top is Chief Executive **LEN PORTER (1963-1970)**, a former Grangefield Grammar School pupil.

converted which meant 5 points in those days!) and which ultimately resulted in a victory which was nail biting to the finish.

Sport at School

Len attended the School between 1963 and 1970 where he developed a keen interest in Rugby. For the last 3 years at the School Len was a member of the Rugby Team, and on leaving his interest in the sport continued and he played his last season aged 39 when he was living in Brunei – the team he played for won the Baram Trophy (perhaps not the most infamous of trophies, but it is silverware nonetheless!). Since then Len has not played much, explaining that his wife has burnt his boots!

Len is very grateful for being able to be involved in sport at school, and remembers another sport enthusiast, **RAY YOUNG**. Len recalls that Ray became the national 100 metre hurdles champion as well as being “a cracking gymnast, basketball and rugby player”. Ray was in the same year at school as Len and is the younger brother of **DAVE YOUNG (1959-1966)**. Ray currently lives in the USA with his wife, Shauna, and their 2 children. Ray and Len keep in touch with one another, and about every 2 years Ray and his family visit.

There is a particular match which Len recalls against Archbishop Holgate’s School in York. Len and the School Team were trailing by 18 points with only 10 minutes to play; some schools may have given up at this point, but not the boys of Grangefield. Len notes that within those 10 minutes Ray scored 4 tries (all

In his final year Len became the School Captain and so his time was somewhat stretched, but he states that the excellent teachers at the School coaxed him through his O Levels and A Levels, which meant that he was able to progress to the University of Leeds where he studied Metallurgy.

Music

If being School Captain and engaging in a variety of sports wasn’t enough, Len was also given the opportunity to pursue music and played the cello. The School allowed Len to develop his talents far beyond the requirements of formal education, and he took part in solo, quartet and orchestral performances.

One performance particularly stands out for Len. As he was playing a solo a gentle gust of wind blew his music off the stand and on to the stage floor. Len carried on but cast numerous glances to his friends in the orchestra in the hope that one of them would replace the music on to the stand. Eventually one of them did, but unfortunately they put it on upside down! Len accurately remembers the words he not-so-quietly uttered: “*It’s upside down you twit!*” The whole hall erupted in laughter and Len finished the piece to great applause!

Teachers and Subjects

Len's main academic interests were science orientated, although he does regret not being as good at English Literature because the then Head of English at the School, **BULL WRIGHT**, was one of his favourite teachers and Len and a couple of friends spent occasions visiting Bull and his wife at their caravan in Swaledale.

Whilst on the topic of teachers Len expresses sadness at the passing of **JIM DURANT**. Jim became a good family friend and Len states that "no one will find a better teacher". Jim gave Len the understanding to 'get' chemistry, and once he had got it he simply built on the knowledge, knowledge that has remained with him all of his life.

CHRIS DURRANT, Jim's son, was in Len's year at school. Len recalls that Chris was an excellent violinist and "the best musician by some distance in the School". Despite being such good friends through their schooling Len admitted that in recent years he had not spoken to him, but on reading the obituary of Jim in the 2006/2007 edition of this Year Book Len decided to give him a call.

Still on the topic of teachers Len says that **HARRY HORSEMAN** joined the School as Head of Music whilst he was still a pupil. He recalls how Harry used to throw incredible temper tantrums and chain-smoke during orchestra practice, but that his dedication to music really moved the School on greatly. Len depicts Harry being so mad on one occasion that the cigarette in his mouth (which he often forgot about) burned right down and singed his lip!

As discussed above, Len was a great sportsman and it is, therefore, no wonder that some of his favourite teachers were the games staff. In particular he remembers **JOHN GREEN (1940-1946)** who lent Len his basketball boots for an England trial. John has since become a very good friend, as has **DOUG AGAR** who arrived at the School in Len's final year. Another games teacher, **PETER HUDSON**, was perhaps Len's favourite for his "hard but fair" style. Len believes that Peter's positive influence made him develop into a better person.

Len recalls one amusing anecdote involving **PETER HUDSON**. Peter and the Rugby Team met one Saturday morning to head to Morpeth for a match, but on arrival at the School Peter found the scrum half, **COLIN CALVERT**, asleep on the pavement outside the School still dressed in his Friday night going out gear and clutching a bottle of Double Maxim from the Fairfield Pub! You can imagine Peter's reaction ... The coach then had to be diverted to Colin's house so that he could pick up his kit. Len says that Colin then slept all the way to Morpeth but ended up playing "an absolute blinder"!

Whilst reminiscing Len also notes that **BRIAN WINTER (1963-1970)** is a member of the Association. Len and Brian still see each other fairly regularly and Len's children and Brian's children have become friends in their own right.

Life after Grangefield

As mentioned, on leaving school Len progressed to the University of Leeds where he studied metallurgy and had a fantastic time. On graduating the Head of Department, Professor Nutting, then took Len with him on a consultancy assignment to Wiggin Alloys, a subsidiary of International Nickle in Hereford. Before they left the assignment Len secured his first job, despite not having an interview. Within a few months Len was part of a team developing the next generation of materials for the latest RB211 jet engine.

Len says that whilst the high temperature work of the RB211 was interesting, he was more interested in the process of corrosion (which he puts down to **JIM DURRANT'S** chemistry influence). Following a diving course which he undertook in Cornwall Len was subsequently recruited by an international diving contractor which led to him spending the following 5 years travelling all over the world on sophisticated diving assignments. Len's longest dive was 66 days! On his trips home he got to know a Stockton girl (practically the girl next door) who became his wife.

As Len became more and more experienced it was apparent that some of the major oil and gas companies, BP being an example, were relying on Len to personally prepare and supervise their underwater intervention programmes. This led to Len establishing his own company – Marine Offshore Management. The company developed and had extensive work in Asia, the Middle East, Norway, Australia and the UK. Len's company also built sophisticated applications software for the industry, and one system became a world leading product! For two of these years Len worked on a joint venture with Brunei, and it was whilst working out there that his wife gave birth to the last of their children.

Owing to the success of the company it became an acquisition target, and after 13 years it was acquired by Lloyd's Register of Shipping in 1994. Following the acquisition Len remained with the company as the guardian of its technical and client knowledge, and was subsequently moved into the rail sector in 1999. The rail sector experienced two serious accidents in Ladbroke Grove and Hatfield in 1999/2000, and was followed by a third accident at Potters Bar in 2002. As a result of Lord Cullen's investigation it was recommended that a company be established to be owned by the principle railway companies, train operators and Network Rail, but to be independent of any one party. This company became the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB), which, as already mentioned, Len heads up.

The RSSB manages the industry's risk models and modelling, the safety information management systems and interface standards, in addition to providing interdependent service mix which is critical to underpinning safety critical decision making. Turnover is approximately £33 million, but the work of RSSB influences several billions of pounds of spend per annum.

Len says that his employment history may not be conventional, but that his education and time spent at Grangefield set him up well and enabled him to handle the ups and downs of life.

Some Advice for School and College Leavers

With his wealth of experience and tremendous success, the Editor thought it a useful opportunity to gain some insight and tips for some of the Association's younger members. Len's top tips are as follows:

1. Put some considerable thought into knowing what you want and then go for it.
2. Don't do something because it seems like it pays good money; do something you really want to do.
3. If you are looking to work for any company, understand their overall strategy and research their most recent business plan. You may not like what you read and decide not to proceed, but if you do then you will be better prepared for the interview.
4. Always take an interview to the interviewer – get your knowledge about them into the interview. Ask the interviewer about elements of the company's strategy, question it, put them on the back foot ... they will appreciate that.
5. Whatever you do, do it as well as you can. There is every excuse for not being a natural football or rugby player but there is not excuse for turning up unfit.
6. Get a reputation for getting the job done. It is always the same people who give up too easily; the people who get the job done are usually well organise.
7. Think and plan, think and plan, think and plan ... then organise to deliver, then deliver.
8. Always review what you do and learn from your mistakes.
9. Treat people the way you would want to be treated yourself. They will be on the way up one day and will remember you.
10. Think and act sustainability.
11. Finally ... remember the School Song and sing it in the bath one day! It will certainly raise a smile and bring back some brilliant memories!

It has been a real pleasure to talk to Len. Len considers that his days at Grangefield were "absolutely wonderful", and we hope that Len's memories inspire you to share your school days in the next edition.



THE FIFTIES



The 1950s was an interesting decade which saw one of the most popular television shows being broadcast, 'I Love Lucy'. Also, in 1952 there was some level of scandal when nude photographs of Marilyn Monroe were produced in a calendar, but after she explained she had only posed to help her pay her rent the public and media offered her a great deal of sympathy. So, with that as some of the back drop for this era, what was happening at Grangefield? Take a look at the photograph below from 1954 - less controversial than Marilyn's images, but perhaps you remember stories from around when it was taken. If so, please get in touch. Also, who is the boy looking through the window on the left hand side?!

Sixth Formers: 1954



This bunch of young men was taken in 1954 and is of some of the sixth formers at Grangefield Grammar School. Once again thanks go to **PAUL DEE** for providing the image to us.

Top row: **TOM BELLIS, PAUL DEE, GRAEME DEWISON, JOHN HUTCHINSON, PETER WILLIAMS**

Middle row: **JACK CANDLIN, BRIAN BRAND, CHRIS WILLOUGHBY, DAVE NASH, J WRIGGLESWORTH, PAUL HELLIWELL, J GILLTAND**

Front row: **GORDON CRAGGS, JOHN MILNER, CLIVE BELL, DEREK LYTH, DAVID PILBROUGH, ERIC HOLMES**

Grangefield Grammar School for Girls

Visitors' Book

In wandering into Teesside Archives during one wet summer's day the Editor decided to take a look at some of the visitors to Grangefield Grammar School for Girls. The Visitors' Book was presented to the School by the Upper Sixth in July 1949.

The first entry in the book is dated 23 November 1951 and was from '**M. S. SMITH**' from the King Edward's High School, Birmingham. She had come to the School for the Speech Day.

Speech Day at the School was a big occasion, and in 1955 attracted **THOMAS ARMSTRONG** from the Royal Academy of Music. That year also attracted **EDITH WREFORD (NEE HALLISON)**. She wrote: "Our old girls of the Higher Grade School visited the new school, 31 November 1956. Aunt of **FREDA WREFORD** and **MARGARET WREFORD**, both in the Honours' Book".

JOHN NORTON also wrote in the Visitors' Book: "[I] was delighted to be invited to adjudicate the English Speaking Competition - November 1956. How pleasurable to sit in the auditorium and be entertained! Though my memories of speech recitals with **ARTHUR MORSE** from the platform are also of the happiest!"

ISABEL NELSON wrote in the Visitors' Book on 18 May 1953 and was in fact the first Headmistress of the School.

There is a large entry in the Visitors' Book entitled "Old Girls' Meeting Committee". Some of the names included are: **ADA DODSWORTH (1926-1933)**, **DORIS APPLETON (NEE LEWIS) (1926-1931)**, **CLARA BARKER (1926-1931)** and **ALICE M LYNAS (NEE SANDELL) (1912-1918)**. Staff members of this committee included: **F ETHEL PUGH (1918-1945)**, **H HETHERINGTON (OPENING-1913)**, **E M R LEES (1921-1944)** and **G CARR (1935-1947)**.

On 14 December 1955 a piano recital took place at the School and **CELIA ARCHER** writes that it was "great enjoyment".

Do you recall any of the above events or names? If so, as ever please get in touch with us using the contact details on page 2.



Teesside Archives is a fantastic resource and provided the Association with the above information. Teesside Archives collects and preserves archive material from official and private sources in the areas served by the councils of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar, Cleveland and Stockton on Tees. If you would like to know more about your local or family history, please visit Teesside Archives at Exchange House, 6 Marton Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 1DB.

The 47-54 Brigade

BRIAN BRAND writes that in September 2008 he had a visit from **JOHN AND BARBARA SHARP** whilst they were in Northumberland. John is still living near Stokesley and still involved with the Stokesley Show.

In May 2009 **DAVE AND LOU PILBROUGH (1947-1953)** called. Brian took them on a short visit to the Alnwick Garden whilst Pat prepared a meal and tales from School were recounted. Dave left in 1954 when his parents emigrated to Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Dave was half way through his A levels and he said it took a while to get used to the new way of life and eventually catch up on his education. He went to University in Rhodesia. When Rhodesia became Zimbabwe Dave moved to Australia where he still lives. He and his wife enjoy cruises and are listed by Cruise Companies to lecture to the passengers [Environmental Issues, I believe]. Lou is settled back in this country and lives near Consett in County Durham.

In July **GRAEME AND MARION DEWISON (1947-1954)** rang to say they were in the area and were able to come for lunch. As usual this also gave plenty of opportunity for a chat about the old days. **GEOFF KENYON (1947-1952)** was in Northumberland researching his family history in July but was unable to call. He says he will be back, so perhaps we might see him then. **DON AND DOROTHY MOSES** are still living in Cornwall. In July / August / September they spent a couple of months in the US and Canada visiting their daughter and son and the grandchildren. When Brian was on Teesside for an OSA meeting in July he bumped into **STUART FOX**, when filling up with fuel. Brian taught Stuart back in 1963 and remembered an incident which was fairly novel at the time. Someone had rung the police to say there was a bomb in the school and the school was evacuated whilst a search took place. The police had a word with **MR BRADSHAW**, the Headmaster, and he called Brian over to say a suspect device had been found in his form room. Brian was told he did not have to enter the school,

but it would help if the device could be identified. When Brian went to his form room with the police he was told that the device was in a desk. It turned out to be a primus burner that a pupil had been given by **DERMOT DARCY** [Major D'Arcy] when the Grangefield Combined Cadet Force was being disbanded. The desk was not Stuart's but one of his friend's. Stuart's son is now a member of staff at Grangefield School!

Brian and Pat were invited to York to meet up with **PAUL DEE (1947-1954)** [over from the US] and **CHARLIE AND JOYCE WILLOUGHBY (191947-1954)** [up from Hertfordshire]. Brian circulated those of the year group, "somewhere" in the area and invited them to join up at the Cleveland Tontine for lunch if they were able. **GRAEME AND MARION DEWISON** joined them but Geoff **KENYON AND ANN "BOLTON"** had to cry off at the last moment because the weather was so terrible for travelling from the Lake District. **DENNIS AND JEAN FOULGER** would have been there had they not been going on holiday. **JIMMY COLTMAN** wrote to say he would have been there but he was not driving much these days.

A "new" find was added to the "brigade", **CHRIS WIGGLESWORTH (1948-1955)**. Although strictly speaking Chris was in the year below, he and **DAVE PILBROUGH** were appointed "senior" prefects by **MR HALL**, the headmaster who took over from **DR KINNES** in 1953. They joined the other "seniors" who were all 47-54. **MR HALL** also formed a new group of prefects, the "junior" prefects who were basically the 48-55 group. Chris now lives in Edinburgh.

It is hoped to have a weekend reunion in 2010 [probably the autumn] to celebrate the rising "75s" and the free TV licence! Once again, if anyone has news of **JACK MILNER**, please let **BRIAN BRAND** know.

The Sixties

The 1960s saw the rise of 'The Beatles', the production of the VW Camper Van and Peter Parker got bitten by a spider to create 'Spider Man'. So with such a vibrant decade it is no wonder that life at Grangefield Grammar was also lively. Take a look below and what we have dug up ...



This photograph shows **FRANK TIESING** during the 1960s. Mr. Tiesing taught biology at Grangefield Grammar School between at least 1955 and 1973. Thanks to Picture Stockton and **DAVID P WILLIAMS** for the photograph.

Mr. Tiesing was known as 'Trog' and up until 1954 it was not possible to study for an A-Level in biology at the boys' site. Instead special permission was needed for boys to be able to go to the girls' site for lessons. Similar permission was required for girls to go to the boys' site for chemistry or physics.

Mr. Tiesing died suddenly in 1981 and apart from his excellent teaching he is also remembered for playing the timpani during school plays.

This photograph is from 1968 and is of the Upper Sixth. Many thanks to **ALISTAIR SMITH** and Picture Stockton.

It is believed **PHILIP JACKSON** is second from right on the front row. We understand Philip died of leukaemia on 2 September 2001. Our belated condolences go to his family and friends.



Back Row (Left to Right): **ALISTAIR SMITH, (DOLLY) WHITFIELD, DAVID PENSON, ?, Rob HULL, ?, ?**. Front Row (Left to Right): **?, NIGEL CAMPBELL, ?, ?, MR. STEADMAN, ?, CHRIS ?, PHILIP JACKSON, ?**

Remembrance Day Service 2008

The Remembrance Service 2008 was held on the 11 November in the Hall of the former "boys" school, where the two memorials are on the wall at one end. The service was taken by Year 9 as usual and was attended by, among others, **PAUL KIRTON** [Deputy Mayor of Stockton], **PETER THOMAS** [Representative of the British Legion], **JOHN GILPIN** [North Yorkshire Regiment], **IAN BASFORD** [Chair of Governors], **PETER BRANEY** and **BRIAN BRAND** [representing the Old Stocktonians' Association].

IAN BASFORD is an Old Boy of Grangefield Grammar School [and was taught at one time by **BRIAN BRAND!**]. **PETER THOMAS** is related to **MAJOR COOPER V.C.**, who is the grandfather of **TED COOPER** who attended the school in the late fifties.

As we have become accustomed, it was a well ordered service, starting with the laying of a wreath on the First World War Memorial by the Headteacher and followed by a minute's silence. Readings were given by Year 9 pupils: **LUCY FAIRHURST** [Remembrance Day], **SOPHIE BABUR-PUPLETT** [A poem], **ROBERT LAWLOR**, **HARRY GREEN**, **HANNAH GIBSON**, **MELISSA SMITH**, **ELLY LATIF** and **ALICE ABBEY** [News

from the Front], **SHEMAR CHAWLA**, **SOPHIA KHAN** and **PHILIP DALE** [The Aftermath]. The new Headteacher, **DAVID LITCHFIELD**, gave the final reading and **JORDAN HENRY** laid the wreath on the Second World War Memorial, followed by a minute's silence.

We left the Hall and were offered refreshments by the Year 9 pupils who had given the readings. For those of you who have not been to Grangefield for some time, the entrance hall outside the Head's study is tastefully decorated with pupils' work and has a desk permanently manned by pupils to greet visitors.

If any Old Stocktonians would like to attend next year's service, contact Grangefield School at the end of October to find out the details of the service. You will be welcome to join the party of guests.

Once again, our thanks to the Headteacher, Year 9 staff and above all Year 9 pupils.

BRIAN BRAND

The funds have been audited for the year ended 31 December 2008. On 1 January 2008 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £1825.90. One grant of £100.00 was made during the year. No donations were received and interest of £14.34 net [tax paid £3.58] was earned. This gave a credit balance of £1740.24 at the Darlington Building Society on 31 December 2008. Our thanks once more to John Ingham for auditing the account.

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 Stockton Sixth Form College, David Litchfield, 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]

Funded by Success

Martin Clinton, Principal of Stockton Sixth Form College, writes about the funding crisis which has affected the future plans of the College, but he remains positive for the future; after all, the success of students continues to impress and promotes the reputation of the College far beyond any new building would.

For the last couple of years my article has been looking forward to the rebuild of the College. You will therefore not be surprised at the disappointment felt by staff and students that it has not gone ahead. Just days before the main work was to start, a funding crisis was announced by the Learning and Skills Council. The level of incompetence shown by their national capital team beggars belief. They had encouraged hundreds of colleges throughout the country to develop ambitious schemes even rejecting plans they thought were not big enough. However, they did not keep a simple tally of how much they were committing and how much was left in the budget. They were apparently overspent months before they told any college. Such was their overspending that a 3 year budget of billions was all committed in the first months of the first year.

Amongst several ironic parts of this sorry episode is that they would have had enough money to make a difference to every college in the country if they had taken a needs based and more realistic approach. Many colleges like Stockton did not need rebuilding but needed say a new block and some refurbishment but the funding rules and LSC policies were unhelpful to a sensible stance. If commonsense had prevailed we would have had a new block up and running by now.

Still, I believe in "getting up, dusting yourself down and getting on with life". We have had carried out some minor refurbishment to the main entrance over the summer. We also took the opportunity of the construction company moving off site to, at last, have a proper student car park. We have other building plans but I am not going to tempt fate by telling you about them until they are complete. We

are lucky that the main building is in very good condition and in terms of teaching and learning is an excellent facility.

Results at College and in Stockton Schools were again excellent, a tribute to all the hard work of staff and students. Elsewhere in the magazine you will read about all the sporting success and other activities in the College. One area I wanted to highlight was all the charitable work that students have carried out over the last year. They have raised nearly £3,000 for good causes ranging from Teesside Hospice, Children in Need, Earthquake victims to Daisy Change. It was particularly pleasing that most events were inspired by, organised by and enjoyed by students. One particular student, Paula Heath, took part as Pudsey Bear and organised dozens of staff and students to wear Santa costumes at Christmas. She managed to do all this and get all As and Bs. Like the majority of our students she will be a great success in life.

MARTIN CLINTON





The Seventies

Spirographs, pet rocks and battling tops were the cool toys to have. Starsky and Hutch, The Wombles and Upstairs Downstairs provided top television viewing. Top of the Pops, Wizzard and Slade got every bopping. But, despite all these distractions, schooling continued. Take a look below at what our research has uncovered ...



Do you recognise anyone in this photograph from Stockton Sixth Form College? It is believed to have been taken in or around the mid 1970s and is possibly of an A-Level mathematics group. If you recognise anyone or can identify when it was take, please get in touch so we can report back in the next issue. Were such hairstyles and clothing really in fashion in the 1970s?!

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First Days ...

One former student from recent times writes about his experiences of College life, and why his times at Stockton Sixth Form College were certainly some of the best days of his life so far.

When I first walked through the leafy entrance on that September morning, the memories of a long summer already fading, I had absolutely no inclination of the 2 years which were ahead of me.

I meandered down the path and saw fresh faces, each mixed with apprehension and excitement. I thought 'well, here we go. 2 more years of formal education, only this time without the uniform'. This first impression was, however, ill-conceived. This was going to be nothing like School ...

I made my way into the common room and found an old acquaintance from school. I use the word acquaintance because the reality was I didn't really know him. I knew 'of' him, just like he knew of me. But owing to the regimented segregation at secondary school by form groups, I did not have the real opportunity to get to know him; and, unfortunately, in the lower years at secondary school allegiances are made with those in one's form group, and it was against the rules of the playground to seek to penetrate other form groups' tightly woven communities!

Sorry, I digress. So, I started chatting to this former acquaintance and, it transpires, we had an awful lot in common. 'Why', I thought, 'had I not had this conversation 5 years sooner?'. Unfortunately the conversation needed to end as my first lesson was due to start - politics. I have to admit I was slightly apprehensive. 'Politics? Why had I chosen it? What did I know about politics?'

I checked the map I had been provided and found my way to the politics department. As I opened the door and walked into a newly refurbished classroom, a million miles from

the drab 1960s' classrooms of my secondary school, I was met with a pleasant 'hello'. The chap was sitting on a table at the front of the classroom and was chatting to some of the other keen students who had arrived slightly early.

Within minutes of arriving I was already engrossed in conversation with the teacher and the 3 pupils already there. Then, as each other student arrived, one by one they joined in. Before we knew it we were half way through the lesson and, despite having just been seemingly chatting, we had actually touched on some very hot political topics. The style of teaching was something which I had not experienced before, but it caused me to want to stay and discuss the issues more. I left that lesson not only feeling as I had learnt a thing or two, but that I was 'learning'. The most important lesson I had learnt was that learning at College was not about spoon feeding, it was about engaging. It was active learning. It was about what I thought, not the textbook author. I also left that lesson discussing the issues with new found friends, and it felt I had known them for so much longer than the 50 minute lesson.

My first day continued in the same vein. I had never felt as I did that first day previously. It is not just hyperbole for the purposes of this article, but I really felt a sense of belonging to the College, a feeling which I have maintained even since leaving. I really hope that as students sign leaving books and celebrate the end of their exams every year, that they also remember to sign up for the OSA.

Please share your first day memories of School or College - get in touch now!

Grangefield School Prize Giving 2009

The prize giving was held on Wednesday 8 July, the same evening as a pre-arranged meeting of the OSA committee!

PAT BRAND offered to attend to represent **BRIAN BRAND**, our President. She always helps with the driving from Northumberland, but usually does a supermarket shop whilst Brian is in the meeting!

The Prize Giving followed the traditional pattern of a welcome buffet for Sponsors, the presentations and photographs and finishing with refreshments for students, parents and visitors.

DAVID LITCHFIELD the Head Teacher, who has taken over from **ALAN MANSFIELD**, welcomed everyone to the event, designed to recognise the talent, endeavour and outstanding qualities of students up to Year 10 in Grangefield School. He introduced the guest speaker, **NEIL ARKSEY**, who is an author specialising in children's fiction and writing for television.

Neil has had a variety of jobs throughout his life including being an actor, a lifeguard and author. The main focus of his work combines his passion for acting, writing and football. Born in the North, he was schooled in Peckham and now divides his time between homes in Holborn and Budapest, where he has been working for the past three years writing a television programme for young people. He has been published for ten years, but writing for much longer. He was first bitten by the writing bug, aged 11, when his first Secondary School teacher gave him an A+ for an essay. It was a great disappointment to him that she did not wait for him to grow up to marry her! She became engaged to one of her colleagues!

He was greatly inspired by reading books, which he considered very important. He told the students that he considered his most important possession was his life. He felt that Britain was probably the best country for encouraging creativity and that made him feel very proud. Although never a prize winner himself, he applauded those who were receiving awards for a diversity of reasons during the evening and encouraged them to make the most of opportunities open to them.

Neil presented the prizes in a very friendly manner and put the students at their ease. The Vice Chair of Governors, **MRS WHITESIDE**, assisted with the presentation of School Colours.

The closing Vote of Thanks was ably carried out by Year 10 student, **ABBI HENDERSON**.

The Year 10 students who received the OSA prizes were:

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| <u>RACHEL HARTLEY:</u> | King Prize for English |
| <u>DANIEL MAGSON:</u> | Rattenbury Prize for Modern Languages |
| <u>DARYL KINGHORN:</u> | Armstrong Prize for History |

PAT 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.

Stockton Secondary Girls' School Staff Register

The below is taken from records kept at Teesside Archives. It is the Staff Records for Isobel Mary Nelson, who was the first Headmistress of Grangefield Grammar School for Girls. As you will see below, her starting salary was only £250.00 per annum! Miss Nelson retired on 31 March 1945. If you would like to look at the full Staff Register please pay a visit to the Teesside Archives (details on page 8).

1. Date of Birth.	2. Date of appointment on probation.	3. Date of definitive appointment.	4. Date of leaving.
19 Feb. 1882.		2 April 1914. June 1915	31 March 1945
5. Schools and Colleges at which educated, with dates. State names and types of institutions.		6. Particulars of Public and University Examinations taken, and certificates and degrees obtained, with dates.	
Edinburgh Ladies' College. 1891-1900. C. of B. Training College, Edin: 1900-1903. Edinburgh University 1900-1904.		M.A. Edinburgh 1904.	
7. List of teaching posts held, with dates.		8. Particulars of training in teaching, if any, and certificates or diplomas obtained, with dates.	
1. C. of B. Normal School. Apr - July 1903. 2. Assistante Anglaise Lycée de jeunes filles, Cléon France. Apr - July 1904. 3. First Assnt aut. Secondary School, Kesteven, Yorks. Sep. 1904 - Dec 1907 4. Senior Mistress Secondary Sch. Stockton Jan 1908 - 31st 1945		C. of B. Training Coll. Edin. 1900-1903 Bd. of Educ. Staff - 1900	
9. State external teaching or official work undertaken, if any, in addition to duties in the School.			
10. Special subjects or subjects.		11. State principal duties assigned, and subjects taken. (Any subsequent changes, and their dates to be indicated in red ink.)	
English French.		Headmistress. English.	
12. Total annual enrolments.		13. Particulars of retiring allowance, if any.	
Salary, with scale, if any. £250. rising to £250. and to £15 Pension - Fees, if any, 1891-1915 £250.00 Pension Scale £500 - £750.		14. Post, if any, taken up after leaving the School.	

OSA on the WEB!!

We have some exciting news to report ... The OSA Website will shortly be ongoing a makeover.

DOUG HARRIS and **KEITH TURNER** have spearheaded the transformation and enlisted the assistance of a current student, **OWEN SHEPHERD**. Owen has done an incredible amount of work in altering, updating and link the OSA website to other websites. For example, you may recall an article a couple of years ago about 'Facebook', a social networking website. Well, the new OSA website will be linking directly with that and it is hoped our presence will increase, in addition to our relevance increasing.

The address for the new website is not yet relevant, but if you perform a Google search for "Old Stocktonians' Association" in or around April/May, hopefully you will be able to find us. We will publish the address of the website in the next edition of this Year Book.

Once the website is live it is anticipated that eventually all previous editions of this Year Book will be accessible online, which I am sure will prove very interesting to many of you.

If any of you would like to be involved in this exciting new venture, please get in touch with us. After all, many hands make light work ...



"Billingham Lass, Grangefield Girl"

"Billingham Lass, Grangefield Girl" is a new book published by one of our members, **KATHLEEN SYLVIA CLARK (1956-1963)**. The book provides a detailed account of life in the emerging new Grangefield Grammar School in the 1950s and 1960s.

Kathleen has written to us to tell us how the book came about ... Some years ago **RONNY REST-ALL** produced a book entitled "Just a Lad from the Village". This book detailed his life as a lad in the old Billingham between 1941 and 1960. Kathleen says that Ronny's book inspired her. She wanted to write about her life as a lass in the emerging new Billingham between 1945 and 1963.

Kathleen says further that some years ago the Green Dragon Yard Museum in Stockton had an education exhibition, for which they used exhibits from Manchester! Kathleen was incensed by this, as

were the other member of the Old Girls' Association. They all expressed 'why do this when we had good schools in Stockton?!'. So, that was the final straw which led Kathleen to complete her book. The book is on sale in bookshops or direct from the publishers. If you would like any further detail of how to purchase a copy, which only costs £6.50, please get in touch.

In Pictures: 1948 Science



Many thanks to Ken Oliver for forwarding the above photograph to us. The names are as follows:

Back Row: DEREK REVELL, NEIL FORBES, NORMAN BACKER, METCALF, ROBERT MOUNTFORD.

Middle Row: JOHN 'OTTO' DICK, EDDIE HARBRON, GORDON THOMPSON, KEN OLIVER, ROGER HICKS, JOHN GARNETT, BERT HOLIDAY, DAVE PILBROUGH, ALAN DANIEL, PETER MCCARTHY.

Front Row: ERIC WINSTANLEY, BARRY GALE, ROBERT WILSON, KEN 'CHARLIE' WHITTAKER, JIMMY GRAHAM, MR. 'BIG BILL' HOLDEN, BARRY ILLINGWORTH, DAVID BRUCE, CLIFF ARTLEY, PETER JACKSON, FRANKS.

Ken says that the only person from this class he still sees regularly is BARRY GALE, although he occasionally bumps into PETER JACKSON in town. Ken does exchange Christmas cards with ALAN DANIELS. Ken also sees some of the modern class of the same year, such as BARRY LLOYD. He is also in touch with BILL PURCHASE.

Do you recognise anyone? Do you have your own photographs? Still in touch with people from your School days? If so, please get in touch with us.

An Incredible Meeting

Richard Clubleby (1955-1962) writes about an incredible meeting which took place when he was on holiday ...

We had an incredible meeting when we were in Sri Lanka 2 years ago. We called into a Church at the highest town in the island, Nuwara Eliya (2000 metres), once the favourite hill station of the British and still retaining some distinctive colonial features. On the door of the Church was a notice announcing an organ recital on Wednesday (this was Monday). On entering the Church there were bits of organ all over the floor – organ pipes, keyboards etc and a pair of feet sticking out from the guts of the organ, illumination from an inspection light indicating some major work going on: we assumed it was a Sri Lankan organ technician.

My wife expressed surprise that the organ could be ready for action within 2 days, at which a very cultivated English voice boomed out from the depths of the organ "Well it bloody well better be!". Further conversation conducted through the organ revealed that he had removed the organ from a derelict Church in England and had it transported to Sri Lanka during his previous year's holidays and was setting to work during his holiday this year. I remarked on the plate that said 'Made in Durham', and he replied that it had not been removed from Durham, but a place called Stockton on Tees! When I said that I used to live there it transpired that he was the priest at Stockton Parish Church during the years that our family lived there.

Still within the organ he enquired what School I went to, and on the mention of Grangefield Grammar, he boomed "I'm coming out!" He wriggled out of the organ and drew himself up to his full 6 foot 6". It turned out he knew **R E BRADSHAW** (now obviously retired) and **MR RATTENBURY** (who took French). He went on to talk about the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher of the Girls' School. I enquired if he still lived in Stockton to which he replied "I am lucky enough to have an apartment in the Palace of Lambeth (where resides the hierarchy of the Church of England). It turns out that he was responsible for the funding of all the C of E Schools in England!

Our Sri Lankan driver was following the entire encounter with a look of incredulity!



Who is in this photograph?
Get in touch
and let us
know!

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 (see page 2 for the contact details).

We once again 'kick-off' the news with a letter from **WILF HUME (1924-1929)**. It is always a pleasure to read his news and we hope that many more of you will follow his example and send in a line or two! Wilf is now 96 years old writes that he enjoyed looking at the many different photographs and new items which have creeping into the Year Book in recent years. He has even dug out a photograph taken in 1927 of **MR. EVAN BALDWIN**, Wilf's Form Master, and others. It is hoped we will be able to include it in the next edition of the Year Book. Wilf also expresses his joy at meeting with **BOB WARD (1954-1959)** when Bob moved to Barnard Castle, and thanks Bob for crossing into the neighbouring valley to meet up; Wilf writes that Bob and Kathleen will always be welcome, particularly when the better weather comes along (or should that be 'if!').

STUART HART (1938-1940) enjoyed reading last year's Year Book. He writes that the photographs which were included brought back many memories. In particular, the photograph of the school orchestra reminded him of the days when he attempted to play the cello sitting next to the Headmaster, **DR. KINNES**, who played the double bass; Stuart says, unsurprisingly, he was terrified! The photograph of **MR. ARMSTRONG** which appeared on page 16 in last year's edition also brought back memories. Stuart recalls **MR. ARMSTRONG** standing before him and the rest of the class in his academic gown that was torn in long shreds down the back. **MR. ARMSTRONG** would gather the ends in both arms and tie them across his stomach. Stuart says that he and his contemporaries always enjoyed Mr. Armstrong's lessons.

Stuart writes further that the photograph on page 15 of last year's edition was of Mr. Baldwin, who was the Principal of the Technical School. Stuart still has a report from 1941-1942 signed by Mr. Baldwin, which we says was fortunately a favourable one! Stuart says that looking back he realises how important Mr. Baldwin's encouragement and advice was on Stuart's future career.

Stuart also recalls the School being evacuated to Ragworth Hall at Norton, in or around 1939. Stuart, as many of you reading this, would love to know more about that and so if any members can provide more detail please get in touch so that we can publish it in the next edition of this Year Book.

JOHN GREEN (1940-1946) dropped the Association a line. John informed us of the sad passing of John Smith (please see the Obituary), as well as giving us a general update.

Correspondence sent to **JENNIE DIXON (1946-1948)** found its way back to us, so if anyone has her up to date contact details please let the Association know.

Many thanks to **GRAEME DEWISON (1947-1954)** for his donation to the Association.

TOM OLIVER (1950-1955) was back in the UK in October. It was hoped that we could organise a reunion but unfortunately there were insufficient people to organise it. Tom visited **MATT BURDUS (1950-1955)** while he was over here. We hope to hear more from his visit in the next edition of this Year Book.

Thanks also go to **JOHN HEDLEY (1951-1958)** for his generous donation. John writes and informs us that his interest in music continues. Both he and his wife sing in the Windsor and Eton Choral Society, and they are to be involved with two 'Songs of Praise' events which are scheduled to be recorded at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Make sure you all watch intently and look out for John on television! In addition to these events John and his wife regularly are involved in concerts in Eton College School Hall and at St. George's Chapel. John is still regularly in contact with **CHRIS LAWSON (1950-1957)**, **RODNEY HELLIWELL (1951-1958)**, **GEORGE BAINBRIDGE (1951-1958)** and **DAVID SCOTT (1951-1958)**.

Thanks to **FRED JACKSON (1953-1959)** for his updated subs.

REVEREND JUNE THOMAS (1954-1957, 1968-1972 (GRANGEFIELD GIRLS' STAFF), 1973-1986 (STOCKTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE STAFF), got in touch with us and sent us updated subs; it is always a pleasure to hear from those Old Stocktonians who were both students and staff.

It was great to hear from **REVEREND GRAHAM BENZIES (1954-1961)**. Graham writes that the photograph of the Prefects, 1961, in last year's Year Book included Mr. H D Jackson who taught history and economics. Graham says that he was very fortunate to be one of Mr. Jackson's students for each of his 7 years at Grangefield, and the same was true of 'Bull' Wright who was Graham's English Master for the 7 years. Recently Graham met **REVEREND MELVIN GRAY** who was also a former student, although 4 or 5 years ahead of Graham. Graham also regularly meets up with two of his contemporaries, **ED HEMPSEY** and **JAN COLLINSON**. We are also very grateful for Graham's donation, and even more so for his keen eye – Graham informs us that on the front row of the rugby photograph in last year's edition the correct name is 'Peter', and not 'Harry', Dodds.

We were glad the last year's edition of this Year Book reached **DAVID GATHERGOOD (1957-1964)** and his wife before they set off for a 4 ½ month excursion in their motor home. They started their journey by travelling to the south western corner of Portugal before gradually moving east across the Algarve. They then travelled into Spain, along the Costas, and then into Barcelona before returning home. David said that they never stop for longer than 3 weeks at any one site but have yet to come across another Stocktonian! Thanks to David for his kind donation to the Association too.

We are pleased welcome **PETER KILLOR (1958-1959)** to the Association. Peter's father was in the RAF and the family travelled a lot, hence he was only at the School for a year. Peter remembers another student called **IAN RUSSELL** who lived near Middleton St. George. He also recalls an English teacher who embarrassed him by telling the whole class that his southern accent was as English should be spoken. Peter also says that there was a geography teacher who insisted that the 'HimAHlayas' should be pronounced like that!

One of our overseas members got in touch with us, **IAN GRAY (1958-1965)**. Ian said he really enjoyed reading the magazine and was saddened to read that there are insufficient members on the Committee. He did offer to join, but thought the commute from Johannesburg might be too far!

It was great to hear from **RICHARD LAWRENCE SMITH (1958-1966)**. Richard has recently semi-retired, and writes that it is now a pleasure to have some time on his hands again and to meet up with people he hasn't seen in a long time. He has even managed to get his walking boots muddy again! Richard also says that he is regularly in contact with many of the old school and thinks it is amazing that so many people are prepared to go to the trouble of keeping in contact with each other with so many years having passed since they all left Greenfield.

Thanks to **DEREK GRAHAM (1959-1961)** for updating his subs.

Unfortunately our last correspondence to **GRAHAM ROBERTSON (1959-1966)** was 'returned to sender'. If anyone has any contact details for Graham please get in touch with the Association.

From the same era as Graham, **GAVIN RICHARDS (1959-1966)** provided us with updated subs. We were also grateful for his donation.

We are grateful to **DR GEOFFREY PETER COWLEY (1961-1966)** for his very generous donation, and for updating his subs. Geoff has built a successful career over the last 30 years in academia, business and government; he even had a spell within the diplomatic service of the European Union. Geoff has also been the Chief Executive Officer of 4 major corporations in Africa and the Middle East, and has advised several countries in Eastern Europe. Geoff has worked in over 30 countries and lived in 11 of them! He was responsible for establishing the European Developments Corporation under the auspices of the European Community. For his work on the restructuring of British Rail and the UK power industry Geoff was awarded the 'Freedom of the City of London for Services to Industry' and was profiled in 'Who's Who in the World 1998'. In 2006 Geoff was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of SMR, the mining division of a \$40 billion Russian investment group, Basic Element, and recently transferred to Kinross Gold Corporation. Geoff has certainly had a very interesting career and would make a very readable and enjoyable feature in a forthcoming edition of this Year Book, watch this space.

Another member updating subs was **AUSTIN WILKINSON (1972-1979)**; many thanks to Austin for doing so.

Another 'return to sender' was correspondence sent to **DR. CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON (1973-1980)**. Again, if anyone has any contact details for Christopher please get in touch with the Association.

It was great to hear from **PAUL VITTLES (1978-1980)**. Paul hasn't been back to the UK since August 2005 and does miss family and friends, but the climate in Australia is certainly better! Paul informs us that he is Chair of the RSA in Australia and New Zealand – if you are not familiar with the work of RSA check it out at www.sra.org. There are many activities coming up soon and it will keep him busy. Paul and his family have just moved into a new house and Paul writes that he finds the concept of now having a 'sun room' rather something of a novelty. However, it is hoped it will inspire relaxed reading and writing (and Paul hopes to have his book written soon on 'how to achieve sustainable success').

We were pleased to hear from **GORDON ANDERSON (1985-1987)**. Gordon still enjoys living in Hertfordshire with his wife and 3 children; with his children aged 3, 4 and 6 he and his wife certainly have a busy family life! Gordon recently changed jobs and now works for Apple, which he says he is very much enjoying. His daily commute into Central London gets busier and he longs for the day when "maintenance on the line" will deliver longer, more frequent and cleaner trains, with a possibility of a seat and a justification for the King's ransom he pays for a season ticket! He gets back to Teesside a couple of times a year to visit his parents in Billingham, and he would be happy to hear from anyone wishing to get in touch via email (please contact the Association for Gordon's email address).

JOHN FRANKS (1990-1992) updated his subs and we thank him for his kind donation too. 2008 was an eventful year for John and his wife. Firstly, after 5 years of working shifts John was successful in an application for a new position. John says this was a world away from his usual Technical Support Management Roles which he has had in the past, and the new role involved him heading up a team of 18 to work on a project for a well known telecoms operator. The project was to close down one of their international gateways in London, which meant re-designing the network to allow for the traffic passing through and terminating on this site to be diverted so that the equipment could be removed and the building flattened. Whilst John says that the project itself was interesting, it was also a test for him to see how he would cope with Monday to Friday, 9-5, work. He managed very well, despite the 6.30 am get ups! (compensation being full weekends off though!). Other news which John has is that his wife gave birth to their daughter, Emilia Rose. The Association offer their congratulations to both John and his wife.

DAVID ROBINSON (2001-2003) has now fully qualified as a Solicitor and has taken advantage of an opportunity that arose at a northern office of a national firm. As well as being offered the new job David also decided to get on the property ladder, so it has been a busy few months (made all the more busier by trying to edit this Year Book!).

Obituaries

John Smith (1946-1951)

It is with deep sadness that we write to you to tell you that John Smith (1946-1951) died on 13 March 2009. John went through 22 years of hell with Parkinson's Disease, which he fought bravely. He was adamant it would not get the better of him – but he gradually had to give up his golf, then his radio controlled aeroplanes, then his wood-carving. He did try to keep his keyboard playing up but at the end he became too weak to even do that. He was a Chartered Electrical Engineer, in charge of other engineers. He was a lovely family man with three children and nine grandchildren, and will be sadly missed by all of them. John will be especially missed by his wife, Pat, who attended the Grangefield Grammar School for Girls at the same time John attended Grangefield Grammar School for Boys.

Our sincere condolences go out to Pat and her family.

Frederick Pallet (1936-1941)

With deep regret we write to inform you that Frederick Pallet died on 17 August 2009. Fred suffered from Parkinson's Disease for about 20 years and his wife, Mary, tells us that latterly his quality of life was greatly diminished but that his spirit and sense of humour shone through. Fred always enjoyed receiving 'The New Stocktonian', and was particularly pleased last year when his article on Wartime Memories was submitted. After Fred's demob from the Royal Navy in 1947 he was transferred by Ashmore, Benson and Peace and Co to their branch in Johannesburg, South Africa. He married Mary in 1953 and they had 3 sons and 2 daughters, and in due course were blessed with 12 grandchildren, all of whom have brought Fred and Mary great joy.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to Mary and her family.

Life at Stockton Sixth Form College

Stockton Sixth Form College continues to support and develop some of the best students in the country. Take a look at what some of them have been up to during the last year.

Dancing for Joy

A-Level dance student, Edward Kitchen, has been offered a scholarship to the prestigious School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance based in London. Edward applied to the top 5 dance schools in the country and received offers from them all!

Royal Academy Exhibition

Chris Thompson, a student at the College, produced a self-portrait which, having been chosen from over 1000 entries, was exhibited by the Royal Academy in a summer exhibition.

Children in Need

Staff and students at the College raised a tremendous £980.00 for 'Children in Need' last year. Hopefully they will stretch over the £1,000.00 mark next time, watch this space ...

Charity Cat Walk

Students at the College have shown their determination to respond to some of the world's most desperate situations. Following the crises that developed in Gaza and Sri Lanka one group of students organised a fashion show which raised over £750.00 and which will be used to provide humanitarian aid.

Globe Trotting

As ever, students at the College have been travelling across the globe to enhance their knowledge. For example, Geography and Geology students travelled to the French Alps to

Study the effects of glaciation.

Prom Night

Things have changed since the Editor's days at the College, with Second Year students now having the opportunity to attend a Prom to mark their time at the College. Last year the students went to Hardwick Hall. Not only could they dance the night away, but there was also Black Jack and Roulette to be played at the 'fun casino'.

Sporting Success

The College Football Team continues to be successful, winning the Cleveland Under 19 Division One Championship. The team won 8 out of 9 of its matches!

Outside the Lab

Chemistry Students at the College have once again displayed their skills. The students made it to the final of the National Schools' Analyst Competition for AS Students. The final was held in Plymouth and the students brought back silverware for the College.

If you would like to keep up to date with College news, check out the website:

www.stocktonsf.ac.uk

Yearly Members

Surname	First Name	School From	School To	Subs To
Anderson	Gordon	1985	1987	2013
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
Cowley	Geoffrey	1961	1966	2019
Dee	Peter	1944	1951	2010
Dewison	Graeme	1947	1954	2013
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	2012
Gillespie	Martin	1979	1981	2010
Gordon	Peter			2016
Gorrell	Ian	1974	1976	2008
Graham	Derek	1959	1961	2016
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	2020
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
Prichard	Roz	1958	1965	2010
Race	Bill	1930	1936	2005
Rhodes	Harry	1941	1946	2003
Richards	Gavin	1959	1966	2014
Richmond	Dave	1960	1967	2011
Robinson	Audrey	1941	1948	2012
Robinson	Connie	1962	1967	2012
Robinson	David	2001	2003	2012
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	2011
Thompson	Lillian	1929	1935	2007
Thornton	George	1938	1944	2003

Yearly Members

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	2013
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

Surname	First Name	Initials	School From	School To
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 24 April 2009

1. Present: M.Bradley, B.P.Brand, P.Graham, D.Harris, R.Prichard, K.Turner
2. Apologies for absence: P.Braney, D.Robinson, R.Ward
3. Minutes of the last AGM: Passed without comment
4. Matters Arising:
 - 4.1 Membership Secretary's Report: P. Graham said that there were currently 145 Life Members and 91 Yearly Members. The numbers are fairly stable.
 - 4.2 Treasurer's Report: P. Graham stated that the balances were correct up to 30th June. There was a surplus of £3875.00 in the Life Members and General Fund. There was also a surplus for the King Armstrong Fund. There was a slight loss on the Year Book amounting to £200.00. This was about £1 loss per book.
 - 4.3 Year Book Editor's Report: As D. Robinson was absent, there was no report. P. Graham included further information as follows:
 - Cost of printing the Year Book was £299.00.
 - 400 copies were printed at £0.65 each.
 - Inland postage cost was £85.77
 - Overseas postage cost was £29.61

- 4.4 **Benevolent Fund Report:** B.P. brand said that it had been audited for the year. A request for a grant of £500.00 had been passed on by M. Clinton. A student had attained his degree and required funding for further professional qualifications. The Deposit Book from Darlington Building Society showed a balance of £1825.90 on the 31 December 2008.
5. **Election of President:** P. Graham proposed B.P. Brand who said he was willing to carry on. B.P. Brand was duly voted President.
6. **Election of Office Bearers:**
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| Vice President | No change |
| Minutes Secretary | R.Prichard |
| Treasurer | P.Graham |
| Correspondence Secretary | R.Ward |
| Membership Secretary | P.Graham |
| Year Book Editor | D.Robinson |
| Additional Members: | M.Bradley |
| | P.Braney |
| | D.Harris |
| | K.Turner |
| Hon. Auditor: | P.Fleck. |
7. **A.O.B:** There was discussion regarding the exchange of e-mails between D. Harris and K. Turner concerning an interactive website. It was discussed that there is a Facebook site for ex-Grangefield pupils which was a sub-group within an overall umbrella. D. Harris saw the planning of a similar O.S.A. website, being a project for A Level / Further Education Students. A core website could have several links to and from Facebook. K. Turner said that an I.S.P. host could do this quite easily. B.P. Brand and P. Graham expressed concern about misleading and scurrilous material appearing and also who would look after the site. K. Turner said that it would be quite simple and that the O.S.A. would not need to police the site. He saw it as an opportunity to build up numbers of Alumni with a chance for them to donate articles. A possible target could be for a number of sub groups to edit future Year Books (e.g. from a certain date there would be no more hard copy and all text would be sent via the internet).
- K. Turner and D. Harris to plan and confer regarding the possibility of an O.S.A. site to satisfy the points raised during discussion. It was suggested that they held Joint Office Bearers status as New Communications Facilitators. They will report to the Committee at the Next Committee Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 8th July 2009.
8. **Date and Time of Next AGM:** **21 April 2010** at 7.30 pm
at Stockton Sixth Form College.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

Treasurer's Report 2008-2009

The funds still remain sound and have been audited for the year ended 30th June 2009. Subscriptions have increased substantially from last year to £175.50; this is largely due to a few extra new members 'discovering' we still exist and many current members extending their years of future funds. Efforts are in hand to try and improve our presence on the net with a newly formatted website; thanks are due here to **DOUG HARRIS** who has pursued the process with some vigour. Donations to the General Fund have decreased from £336.20 to £160.50, with no further contributions to the Memorial Funds. These (with other small sales) give an income from members of £338.13. Building Society interest was £94.31 (before tax) and the balance in the Life Members and General Fund £3,881.16, an increase of £5.95 on the previous year. The Year Book cost £299.00 to print, and postage & packing amounted to £85.77. Thanks to sterling efforts by our Editor, **DAVID ROBINSON**, the booklet has proved a great success. With a membership of about 230 the cost of production has now risen to £1.67 a copy: compared to £0.85 last year, when we were 'rich' in advertising. However, unlike a certain Prime Minister & his 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 £1,872.90 (including interest) [although we still need to pay the school £60.00 for 08/09 prizes]. Finally may I once again thank **PETER FLECK**, our Honorary Auditor, for his valuable assistance and for the time he has taken in auditing these accounts

PAUL GRAHAM
Hon. Treasurer

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2009

INCOME

	Life Members & General Fund	King, Armstrong & Rattenbury Memorial Funds
Subscriptions	175 50	-
Donations	160 50	0 00
Stock	2 13	-
Building Society Interest	65 74	28 57
	403 87	28 57

EXPENDITURE

Year Book 2007/8 - Printing	299 00	-
Year Book 2007/8 - Postage & Envelopes	85 77	-
Expenses of Correspondence Sec. (recouped as donation)	0 00	
Prizes to Grangefield School	-	*
Tax	13 15	5 71
	397 92	5 71

SURPLUS for year	5 95	22 86
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* No request for £60 from Grangefield School meant that a cheque could not be raised before accounts were closed for 2008/9

£120 will be deducted from the appropriate funds in next year's accounts.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2009

		<u>£</u>
<u>STOCK ASSETS</u>		
Total Stock Assets		177.81
<u>CASH ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Darlington Building Society		5576.25
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>5754.06</u>
<u>LIFE MEMBERS & GENERAL FUND</u>		
At 1 July 2008	3875.21	
Surplus for year	5.95	
		3881.16
<u>C.W. KING, G.G. ARMSTRONG & G.J. RATTENBURY MEMORIAL FUND</u>		
At 1 July 2008	1850.04	
Surplus for year	22.86	
		1872.90
		<u>5754.06</u>
P. GRAHAM [Hon. Treasurer]		
12 July 2009		

Auditor's Report for the year ended 30th June 2009

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.G. Fleck [Hon. Auditor]

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