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THE NEW STOCKTONIAN

1986 - 1987

OLD STOCKTONIAN'S ASSOCIATION

(Founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Stocktonians

Thanks mainly to the stalwart efforts of Martin Gillespie (Editor and Advertising Manager) and Brian Brand (advertising) we are once again pleased to be able to produce our magazine.

Martin has recently taken up a position with a well known bank in the London area and consequently has had to relinquish his position as Secretary (together with a host of other unsung duties!). I would like to pay tribute here to the sterling work that Martin has done on behalf of the Association over the last four years in his many guises (Secretary, Sports Coordinator, Magazine Editor, Advertising Manager, etc.) and wish him every success in his future career.

Another close friend of the Association has also retired recently Arthur Carr, Principal of the College since its opening in 1973, retired in July 1986. I should like, on behalf of the Association, to wish him a long and happy retirement and thank him for being a good friend and supporter of the Old Stocktonians during this time.

The Association would like to welcome Mr Howard Clarke as the new Principal and thank him for his willingness to continue College links with the Old Stocktonians.

May I ask you, in particular, to support the Annual Dinner, Sports Extravaganza, AGM and the Magazine (by giving news of yourself, other former students and supporting us with adverts). Without such support we cannot hope to continue.

As ever we look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Best wishes

PAUL GRAHAM

COLLEGE NEWS

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Principal of the College.

Although a Yorkshireman, who was educated in London and Oxford, I have spent all my teaching career in the Cleveland area; mainly in sixth form colleges and on both sides of the river. My work for the Local Education Authority, therefore, has made me very aware of the fine academic and sporting record of the college, its reputation within the County, and its success in extending opportunities for young people in Stockton.

The recent academic year, which was a particularly difficult one for all of us in the education service, has been marked by some considerable achievements. The College has once again produced some very good examination results. At Advanced Level the overall pass rate was the highest for a number of years and, as usual, was well above the national average. We obtained an impressive 583 A-level passes and some 140 students were successful in gaining places in Higher Education. Students on one year courses also gained very satisfactory results, and a significant number have decided to continue with their studies by embarking on A-level courses at the College, whilst a very encouraging proportion of first year leavers have been successful in gaining employment, training or places in further education. We wish all our 'Old Stocktonians' every success in their continuing education and future careers.

On the games field, we once again record high achievement in a range of sports. Both the girls and boys hockey teams reached the County Finals; the boys team winning the County championship and the North-East regional final. They then went on to play in the National final at Coventry. The College golf team won the North-East championship and competed in the National Final at Birmingham where they came second by one stroke. Nine of our Rugby players represented Cleveland County, three went on to play for County Durham, and Steven Hackney again played for England in all the International matches. Last, but by no means least, we must congratulate the party of over sixty students and staff who ran in the Sport Aid ten kilometre race at Gateshead, all of whom completed the course.

The Charities Committee have had an especially active and successful year and are to be congratulated on collecting over 500 kilos of food for Band Aid and raising in excess of £2000 which was distributed between a variety of charities both at home and abroad.

We are all very aware of the debt, which the College owes to the leadership of its founding Principal, and I would wish to express my gratitude for the characteristic kindness which Arthur Carr showed in helping me to get to know staff following my appointment in the summer term. Arthur Carr leaves a vigorous and successful educational community and we all join in wishing him a very happy retirement.

On a similar note, we have seen the departure of an unusual number of staff this year. I have to record the retirement of David Duncan, a vice-principal from the foundation of the College and very much our elder statesman. His many contributions to the work of the College are far too numerous to be recorded in such a short article, but special mention must be made to the generous support given over the years to the deliberations and activities of the Student Council.

We also lost Peter O'Brien and Margaret Blake, both of whom have retired from the Modern Languages Department after 13 years of service to the College and before that in the Grammar Schools. June Thomas, Head of Classics, also a founding member of the College, has retired from teaching but embarks upon a new career as a Deaconess in the Church of England. We wish her well in her vocation. We have also said goodbye to Jackie Edmondson our very popular member of the P.E. Department, who has "retired" to look after a baby daughter. Finally, we congratulate Tony Simpson, Director of Studies, on his promotion to Vice Principal at Acklam Sixth Form College, and remember with gratitude the expertise and sound guidance which he so freely gave to students in the choice and application to Higher Educaiton.

The next few years will be ones of change and innovation in 16-19 education and will see the introducion of new courses and examinations: C.P.V.E., G.C.S.E. and A/S Levels, into the college curriculum, All of these will make additional demands and provide fresh opportunities and challenges for students and staff. As we start a new academic year, we can nevertheless look forward with confidence to the future and confidently expect that the 'New Stocktonian' will respond with vigour to the opportunities for personal success and achievement which the college exists to provide.

HOWARD R. CLARKE

Manchester University

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RECENT DEGREE SUCCESSES

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REFLECTIONS

There can be no doubt that changes in the education service are imminent, may be they will be drastic changes. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself working in Stockton for the last thirteen years in a service with which I was familiar and in which I felt I had a contribution to make but, like an old dog, I don't relish new tricks. I have therefore decided to retire at the end of the year.

There will be quite a number of other changes in the staff next year. Mr Duncan (Vice Principal), and Mr O'Brien and Miss Blake (the French Department) are also retiring; Mrs Thomas (Latin) has been ordained as a Deaconess in the Church of England and is leaving so that she can give her full attention to this work; Mrs Edmondson has had a baby and is leaving to enable her to give her full attention to the baby; Mr Simpson is leaving to take up the post of Vice Principal at Acklam Sixth Form College; and Mr Buckton left at Christmas to take up a post in a Tertiary College in the south of England. I am sure that, like me, you will wish them all success and contentment in their new circumstances.

I have, on occasion, said that, in my opinion, Stockton and its people are rather special and I still feel this way. There can not be many educational establishments visited by H.M.I.'s where their main criticism was that staff worked too hard. Try as I might, I can't think of anyone who has ever said the same of the students but, to be fair to them, many have worked hard and, if reports are to be believed, been a pleasure to teach. Excluding this years entries, students have been entered at 'A' Level for just over 7,700 examinations and have achieved 74% passes in total and 12% grade 'A' passes. Since the national averages are 70% and 10% respectively many of them must have worked harder than we thought.

That they have played hard, on the games field, the stage, and in other ways, goes without saying and is evidenced by the fact that five have gained international recognition on the games field.

I have been proud to work in the College and wish it and every one who have worked in it, or will work in it in the future, every success.

ARTHUR CARR

COPY IS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR'S MAGAZINE – POEMS, SHORT STORIES, COLLEGE NEWS ABOUT SOCIETIES/SPORTS, ETC. PLEASE GIVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MR. INGHAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AFTERMATH OF THE SUMMER BARBECUE

Alistair Pirrie came, Alistair Pirrie left, leaving two tickets for a 'little old lady' who happened to have had the correct winning numbers. This lady now had the chance to go to the much acclaimed "TUBE" to see the live going-ons within Studio 5. Being a kindly soul with more heart than head she donated the tickets to a younger, worthier hand.

As the receiver of this deed, I found myself plus friends (Neil Gannon, Simon and Rebecca Watton), travelling, on the evening of Saturday July 5th, in a northerly direction to the Newcastle Tyne Tees studios. The Tube edition to be presented was EUROTUBE.

We arrived with the famous, well "Hollywood Beyond" anyway, and the autograph hunters moved forward, took a look and turned away. Walking towards the entrance, past disguised plastic dummies, we were eventually directed, together with approximately 80 others, to Studio 5. As we entered a voice from on high, wearing a pair of headphones, asked, or rather told everyone to look happy, lively and not get in the way of the cameramen.

A quick countdown and the show was on the road - "Zodiac Mindwarp and the Love Reaction", not exactly 'a good cup of tea', but news that "The Smiths" were appearing kept most people happy. Standing from a distance we could see many who hadn't even heard of "Zodiac Mindwarp" bopping away in front of the camera, desperate to be seen at home.

The studio was quite small with three separate stages and various pieces of scaffolding type set-ups. After ten minutes of music over the speakers, "The Smiths" were bustled on to stage. People crowded around the furthest away being about 3 metres back - a good view for all as 'Panic' began. At this point viewers at home may have been lucky to catch a glimpse of Simon's yellow and black polka-dot shirt.

Investigating further Neil and I found a bar (non alcoholic, of course) and as we stood waiting whilst the free drink was being pulled we realised we were stood next to "The Pet Shop Boys". After a quick conversation, Paula Yates pushed past and we turned to see a camera with a red light pointing directly in front of us, where Jools Holland was interviewing. Being unable to turn and run, I gave a good stare into the camera and Neil covered his face with a plastic cup.

Excitement over and a new band was rushed in. Looking through a large, thin, plastic screen we could see standing about a metre away, Nick Rhodes, as "Arcadia" mimed to 'Election Day'. They departed in a similar manner, the performance over.

A voice over the loudspeaker called us forward, and threw 'freebies' galore at us, and asked us to hurry out in an orderly fashion. We did so, our evenings entertainment over. A good, inexpensive (free) night out thanks to the Friends of the College who invited Alistair. Thanks to Alistair for donating the tickets.

TRACEY BRAND

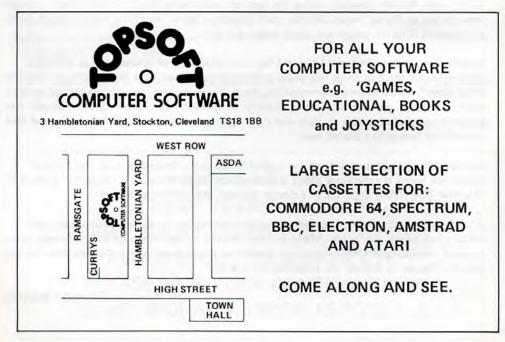
STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Council elected in April 1985 made a promising start to its year of office during the Summer term. However the teachers' dispute which took place in the following months rather hindered the planned social events. Unfortunately the usual 'get to know you' and Christmas fancy dress discos could not take place. Despite this, newcomers to the College soon made friends.

The year 1985-86 was not a financial success! Support was given to the stationery shop and also to the magazine produced by some keen members of Tutor Group 8. Medals were presented to members of both the boys' and girls' hockey teams following a highly successful season. Various other expenses were incurred but the income received from the sale of Council cards and from the pool table did not meet the total expenditure. It is hoped that the new Council will be able to organised several events which will be successful both socially and financially.

I must conclude this short report by recording the gratitude of the Council to Mr Duncan for his many years of invaluable help and advice. His wisdom and experience will be sadly missed. Our best wishes to him and to Mrs Duncan for a long and happy retirement.

RHIANNON LEYSHON (SECRETARY)



THE PRICE OF POPULARITY

I gazed into Paul's deep green eyes, (well, actually they're a sort of muddy khaki but he would have been very upset if I'd told him that) and sighed happily as the autumn leaves drifted softly down from the branches above us. It was really incredibly romantic.

A cement lorry thundered past through a deep pool of mud. I surveyed Paul's face. He looked even nicer covered in mud splashes; it helped to cover up some of his acne.

"Fiona"

"Yes?" I gave him a wide-eyed innocent look

"Today is a very important day",

"Really?"

"Yes. Today is the day when I finally get rid of the one thing in life that constantly annoys me and attaches itself to me wherever I go".

I wondered if he meant the Action Man that I bought him for Christmas or his 'I LOVE N.Y.' badge with the broken pin that he bought in the flea market. I decided there was nothing for it but to ask him.

"You", he answered, matter-of-factly.

Of course he didn't mean it. That would have been absurd. Even now, when he has thrown the Action Man, the Mr Men poster and all the Cliff Richard records that I bought him, out of the window, I knew that he didn't mean it. He couldn't possibly, not after all the wonderful times we had together. He really enjoyed himself when I took him to Aunty Gladys' for tea and Snakes & Ladders, and then there were all the trips to the playpark with my little brother. Paul claims that he was only humouring me when he went to see the full length Paddington Bear movie and the re-run of "Lassie Come Home", but he couldn't fool me. Really he's passionately in love with me but he can't stand all the competition he's got. He said that he didn't want me running after him. Me! The boy doesn't know what he's talking about! I'm no clinging grape vine. The only reason I walked him to and from school and to every lesson was so that he wouldn't hurt himself in case his glasses fell off. Of course I had to go to his house every evening. Mummy insisted that as much as she would miss my company Paul needed me more.

No doubt Paul will come crawling back to me soon. He's only taken Angela to the pictures14 times in a pathetic attempt to make me jealous. Why they went to see "Rambo" 14 times I can't imagine. Angela says they always sit at the back which seems really stupid as one can't see anything from there.

The truth is that with a charismatic personality like mine, I can't fail. All the boys are dying to go out with me but are just too shy to ask as I'm so popular, the few that do pluck up the courage usually fall by the wayside after a few weeks because they just can't stand the pace. Still . . . that's the price one must pay for being devastatingly exciting.

ANON

VISIONS OF WHITMAN

- I saw the American highways in a radiator haze of a razor-blade midnight, felt the roll of the rusty springs in my old T-Bird, following the bloodshot eyes of tail-lights along the southern roads,
- saw Chevy headlamps swimming in the swollen rain, a pair of sallow moons in the crystal mouths of ageing bourbon,
- saw the wild rough slums like tumbleweed, saloons and shanties and Baptist tabernacles, all brown and hazy patches like that painting by Cezanne, 'Mont Sainte-Victoire',
- saw abandoned stripped-bare automobiles like collapsed accordians, frayed holes poked through the squeeze-box by a bony yellow finger, Old Man Time gouging out their dying melodies in a thin squeal,
- saw in the rivulets and the raindrop mirrors of my windsheild a weary weary face; eyes like charcoal, heavy three-day growth like the lonely grass of pavements and of railway lines,
- saw the mocha brown stub of a lazy cigar, like a dwarf in a badly-made suite, in the open wound of a tired old mouth,
- saw in flat, discoloured memories my crazy trail across Missouri, stumbling full of drink and fear,
- saw the winding wandering path through all the highways of America, like Baal the poet through those lives and through the damp black foliage of trees, and like a dying fly across a window,
- saw myself driving down through all the oceans with a switchblade nestled in the lining of my vest, parked between the white bone of my ribs, wondering if I'll make Mount Mitchell 'fore the blood congeals, a layer of cold raw flesh between my toes,
- saw the cold grey diamond ocean in the glow of early morning, warming my scarecrow frame by the twisted flames of my All-American automobile, yellow gold and silver on the ragged edge of nowhere named Cape Fear for want of a better name.
- saw my mind lie down and my visions leave my eyes like a pair or coal-black crows across the wastes of Alaska,
- saw Walt Whitman laughing on the highways of America singing 'Pioneers! O Pioneers!' on the southern roads.

BRIAN BURR

CREDITS

Many thanks to all the College Students, who have contributed and John Ingham for collecting the articles and compiling Recent Degree Successes.

Thanks also to Brian Brand, Paul Graham and Tom Sowler for their assistance and written contributions.

Last, but not least, grateful thanks to Norman Carr for supplying the cover photograph.



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SECONDHAND LONELY

She was secondhand lonely. Her eyes, and the bare lightbulb Like a hollow, dry moon Were empty of warmth and light; Left the shadows to pile up Lazily, like the pages Of an old unopened Bible, Along the edges of The drab brown floorboards.

And behind the sockets of Her eyes, and the thin flutter Of her parchment flesh, These shadows of her life: Her man who left, with The odours of old boiled cabbage On the pleasures of his breath: Her children, who gazed elsewhere, And were ashamed of mirrors ever after; Her friends, who craved in their Acquaintance, a safety valve -Discovering through years Of coffee-morning blindness. Their own reflections in the Swirl of cream and sugar: Time past and time future, Refractions, sentences and prophesies.

These shadows of her life. They rubbed their wings against The hard bone of her face, And the hollow of her throat. Her loneliness was never hers. Gift-wrapped and beribboned, They left her loneliness In the footsteps of their leaving, A throbbing ache; like shrapnel, Which moves near lungs and muscle Lifetimes after wars have ended; And like the turned earth Of a nameless grave.

Silence, of a home become A house. The empty room. A chair for a woman Who has only memories To hold her up; who is Deprived of whispering: 'My loneliness is mine'.

She is secondhand lonely.

BRIAN BURR

DROPPING-WELL

Putrifaction. Amongst cold, dank lime My limbs swell with stone, Joints toughened with tufa and calcified, Imperishable ague in the bone; marrow laced Deep with ill and hollow.

The hollows that housed the eyes, Vacuous and rinsed with calcium; spring water; dull ache. Encased in slender filth and webbed with years I sink wrist-deep in brittleness: a second skin itches, Organs parodied in their premature hardening, Worn by the tick of the dripping wind.

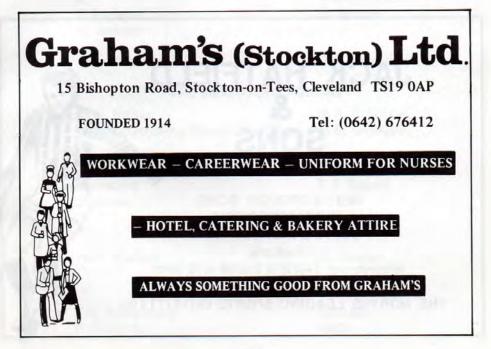
Incessant streams on my lids.

Mouthing outlets. Rivulets storm contours of bone and shell. Amidst such ridiculous companions: Several kettles, A weary antique toy of one now adult; licked with age, I grew bitter and stale.

Why do the veined windows I so lack watch me still, For extinguished life?

The gush of the painful, leaden rock; streams into wormholes, Balls rolling upwards, skyborne in the deep socket-beds. Plunging, I will fall into a blackness Deeper than any well.

IAN BURR



C. W. KING MEMORIAL PRIZE

Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of C.W. King, M.A., Jesus College, Oxford and London; Assistant Master 1908 - 46 and Senior English Master for 23 years at the Secondary School. The Prize, now valued at £5, is awarded for excellence in English at Sheraton Grange School.

1985 Not awarded

G. G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PRIZE

Founded by the old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of G.G. Armstrong, M.A., M.Litt., Armstrong College, University of Durham; Senior History Master 1921 - 48. The Prize is awarded annually, in the sum of £5, for excellence in History at Sheraton Grange School.

1985 Not awarded

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL PRIZES

Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of the Founder of the Association, Evan Baldwin (1882 - 1965), O.B.E., Hon. M.Ed. (Dunelm); Geography Master 1906 - 32. The Prizes are awarded annually at Stockton Sixth Form College, in the sum of £8 and one year's membership of the Association each.

1985

Sportswoman Sportsman Services to College

Kim Moore Stephen Hackney Caroline Pearce



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986

The 1986 A.G.M. will be held in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees on Thursday 26th March, 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes of 1985 A.G.M.
- 3. Matters Arising
- 4. Hon. Secretary's Report
- 5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
- 6. Benevolent Fund Report
- 7. Election of Officers
- 8. Election of Committee
- Change of Rules: Rule 3(b) shall now read 'Up to six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President' Proposed: P. Graham Seconded: B.P. Brand
- 10. Any Other Business



READ THIS!

The Year Book has finally been published, exceptionally late. This has been due to the lack of time of the Hon. Secretary/Editor/Advertising Manager. Hopefully, the next Year Book will be in your hands before the end of 1987.

When using the services provided by our advertisers, please mention the New Stocktonian, so that they may gauge the response.

MAILING LIST

It is intended that the Old Stocktonians' Association membership list be placed on a microcomputer. This will ease the workload in the distribution of the Year Book. The mailing list will be used exclusively by the Association and will not be made available to any other organisation.

To comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1984, s. 33(2) (a) and s. (33)(3), we are required to ask members whether they object to their name, address and subscription details being stored on a microcomputer. If you should have any objection, please write to the Hon. Secretary.

SPORTS LINK

SPORTS LINK is the Association's sports newsletter, which contains the latest information about the Sports Extravaganza. To receive your copy, tick the box on the reply form. Please note that you must either be a Life Member or have paid the subscription for 1987.



OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION 60th ANNUAL DINNER

The 60th Annual Dinner of the Old Stocktonians' Association was held in the surroundings of the Tall Trees Hotel, Yarm, with a very good attendance of 73.

Once again Paul Graham, as President, introduced our Guest Speaker who came from the realms of popular and modern music. Charlie Gillett attended Grangefield from 1953 - 1960 and is recalled as being quite a swift mover on the track.

The evening departed from the usual speech format into a question and answer session with Charlie endeavouring to educate us all into the mysteries of the business and hopefully, everyone gleaned some knowledge. It would appear that not all entrepreneurs in this field become millionaires. Charlie ended with a well received toast to the Association with the President doing likewise for the Sixth Form College. The soon to retire Vice Principal, David Duncan replied enthusiastically with a run down of the College's educational and sporting achievements during the past year.

A pleasant evening was had by one and all and our thanks go to Charlie and David, with best wishes for the future.

FRED JACKSON

61st ANNUAL DINNER

The venue is the PARKMORE HOTEL, Eaglescliffe (almost opposite the golf course). Date – Saturday 11th April 1987 (7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.) Price – Tickets are £9.50 from the Hon. Secretary (S.A.E. please) or from members of the Committee. Our guest this year is Canon Neville Jones Domestic Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Durham.

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Soup of the day or Egg Mayonnaise * * * Roast Spring Chicken coated in herbs Selection of vegetables and potatoes	Black Forest Gateau or Hot Apple Pie with Brandy Cream * * * Coffee with Cream and Mints

Please order your starter and sweet when you purchase your ticket Bring your spouse or a friend. Non-members of the Association are most welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1985

The Annual General Meeting was held in Stockton Sixth Form College on 6th January, 1986. Mr. P. Graham, the Association President took the Chair and the following were present: Messrs C.J. Beeston (Hon. Treasurer), B.P. Brand, A. Carr (Principal of Sixth Form College), M.R. Gillespie (Hon. Secretary), J.A. Green, F. Jackson, J.G. Rattenbury, T.F. Sowler and R. Ward. Apologies for absence were received from Miss L. Warring, Mrs J.M. Thomas and Mr J. Ingham.

The Minutes of the 1984 Annual General Meeting were confirmed as correct. Proposed: J.A. Green, Seconded: J.G. Rattenbury.

Under Matters Arising from the minutes, Mr Green stated that the position regarding Vice-Presidents had not been fully resolved and it was agreed that discussions would continue in Committee with a possibility of a change to the Rules being put to the 1986 Annual General Meeting.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 14 new members had joined the Association during 1985. Annual members numbered 119, of whom 81 had paid subscriptions in advance. Life membership in terms of confirmed addresses was 243. There also remained over 500 Life Members to whom Year Books were not sent as their addresses were either unconfirmed or unknown.

1030 Year Books were printed (32 pages plus cover), 625 of which were for the Sixth Form College. An invoice had not been received from Normid but the cost of printing was expected to be £450. Postage amounted to £38.68 for 186 inland and 13 overseas books. 178 Year Books were delivered by hand.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the financial position of the Association was still healthy. Donations had been particularly important in achieving this. The balance sheet was showing a high level of creditors and this was due to the fact that the Year Book and Annual Dinner accounts had not been settled by the year end of 30 June, 1985.

Mr. D.L. Steel was thanked for his work as Hon, Auditor.

Mr Sowler expaned on the Benevolent Fund report in the Year Book and requested that the Fund be discussed further in Committee. This was agreed.

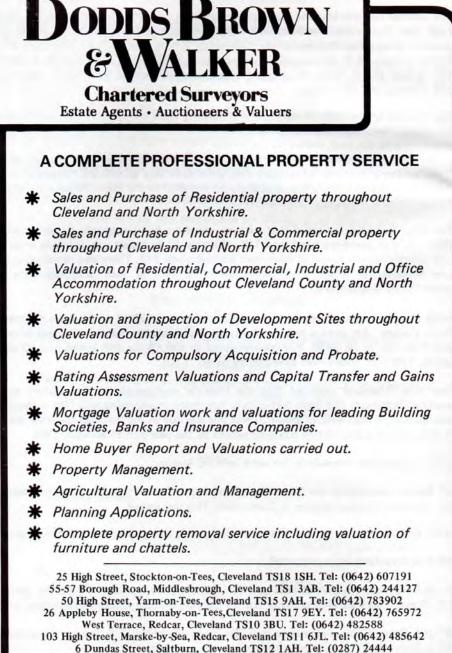
Mr P. Graham was re-elected as President. Proposed: J.A. Green, Seconded: F. Jackson.

All Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

Mr M.R. Gillespie was re-elected as Hon. Secretary. Proposed: T.F. Sowler, Seconded: J.A. Green. There were no nominations for the post of Hon. Assistant Secretary.

Mr. C.J. Beeston was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. Proposed: T.F. Sowler, Seconded: J.G. Rattenbury. Mr. D.L. Steel was re-elected as Hon. Auditor.

A vote of thanks to the officers was proposed by J.G. Rattenbury and seconded by T.F. Sowler - carried unanimously.



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The Balance

On the 1st of January 1985 there was a credit balance at the Darlington Building Society of £1535.17. No long term loans were made, but there was a short term one of £35. Repayments of £75 were received . There were no donations. Interest amounted to £120.34. The credit balance at the Darlington Building Society on 31st December 1985 therefore amounted to £1695.51.

Thanks are due, once again, to Mr. David Duncan for auditing the accounts. The Trustees take this opportunity of wishing him well in his retirement.

During the current year a donation of £10.00 has been received from Mrs. Shaw of Wallington, Surrey, the daughter of G.F.S. Smith who had recently passed away. 'G.F.S.' she said 'treasured the memories of his old school and the many friends he made there.' We, too, G.F.S. remember you with affection.

Donations to the Fund are always welcome. Appeals for assistance may be made, in confidence, to the Principal of the Stockton Sixth Form College, or to Tom Sowler, 2 Highfield Crescent, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS18 5HH (Telephone 0642 580690)

A Re-appraisal

At the A.G.M. of the Old Stocktonian's Association. 6th January 1986, Tom Sowler, as Convener of the Fund, reported that he had filled that office for the past twenty years, and though willing and able to carry on he believed that as he was fast approaching 72 years of age (now achieved), thought should be given to his eventual replacement. The opinion of the other Trustees was then sought. They considered that reconstruction of the Board was desirable. Mr. Norman Winn retired having served as Trustee since 1928. Mr. Ronald Bradshaw, having moved to Gilsland in Cumbria also decided to retire after almost 30 years because of the inconvenience of distance.

The thanks of the Association are due to these two gentlemen for service and advice over the years.

The Old Stocktonian's Association requested that Mr. Brian Brand become a Trustee, and this having been agreed by the remaining Trustees the Board now (August 1986) consists of Messrs. Tom Sowler, Arthur Carr, and Brian Brand. It is hoped that the new Principal of the Stockton Sixth Form College (Mr. Howard Clarke) will be agreeable to serve, and if this be so the Trustees will once again be four in number.

TOM SOWLER

J.B.'s SCHOOLDAYS 1929 - 1934

My introduction to Stockton Secondary School in Nelson Terrace, that imposing edifice that alongside the emporium of M. Robinson's boasted towers of Empiric Art and graced the Stockton skyline from afar, coincided with the inauguration of a new headmaster Dr. J.R. Kinnes, taking the place of that celebrated rugby enthusiast and rather awesome disciplinarian Dr. Crockett.

The staff at that time, in alphabetical order, for even today I seek no favour in heaven or hell, were Messrs. Armstrong, Baker, Baldwin, Ball, Bremner, Brookes, Dumble, Eden,

Hart, Kay, King, Laverick, Major, Manners, Morris, Munday, Nicholson, Rhys and Watson - my good friend Gordon Rattenbury not joing this selected band until some two years later. I leave it to my contemporaries to apportion correctly the appropriate nicknames, voiced in bravado out of earshot of "Sir" - Fizzy Bill, Syd, Billy, Froggy, Cubby, Tot, Stinky, Taffy and Tibby.

One of my early recollections was a prominent part I played in one of the early Speech Day assemblies held in the Jubilee Hall, Leeds Street. The same venue provided a prominent political platform for Lord Stockton in his heyday at the hustings, as they were called in those days, and many an oration were we to hear from would be parlimentarians of differing persuasions before the 'Never had it so good' era. On this occasion, I was privileged to stand at the apex of an inverted triangular formation of the choir to sing the school anthem''Scholae Stocktonensis Carmen'' and a rendition of "Jerusalem" - not that I was an Aled Jones boy soprano, because I couldn't sing for toffee really - possibly I looked more angelic than others of that year's new intake.

Later, I was one of those who attended classes of musical appreciation under Mr. Gavin Kay and in the main school building that was the nearest we ever came to sharing a classroom with the girls - never at the same time, alas - they scampered through the communicating door the moment their musical session ended, that is unless they were flirtatious and deliberately loitered to tease the more forward of the "spotty" youths, who clamoured to be first through the door from the playground.

Not knowing an oboe from a flute, nor a French horn from a trombone, it was difficult to appreciate such gems as Debussy's lovely prelude, "L'apres Midi d'un Faune" and to identify a resounding blast from some obscure wind instrument, to me could equally be young Smither in the row behind surreptitiouly breaking wind himself. So much for music - pizzicato is still chamber music as far as I am concerned.

Hymns at morning assembly in the gymnasium, on the other hand, I did enjoy very much. At my previous school I had invariably fainted at morning prayers and ultimately was excused assembly altogether, being conveniently appointed School Meterologist, graphically recording barometer readings, rainfall and wind direction daily, whilst my classmates congregated in the cramped confines of the hall chanting the Creed, morning psalms and prayers. Here the whole school reverberated to "Fight the good fight with all thy might" and "For those in peril on the sea", sung with such fervour and gusto, the hymns would without question serve them all their days. A number of staff had served King and Country during the First World War - my favourite raconteur being Mr. Nicholson, the chemistry master who had served with the very big guns of the Royal Artillery on the Western Front; whilst Dr. Kinnes had been badly gassed and taken prisoner by the Germans. In my very last term, he taught us a smattering of the German language.

Apart from music, the only other subject I found difficult to assimilate was history with particularly poor results in examinations. Never will I forget the percentage read out to the form in the mock School Certificate when G.G. paused, looked up fron his list, gazed over his rimless spectacles and announced in mock disbelief "Grainger - six", as though I had just slashed a bouncer over the cricket pavilion - would it had been so! An unheard of one hundred percent in algebra in the same mock exams helped to restore a little self-confidence and enhanced the ego of Mr. Laverick, my maths master at the time. Mr. Armstrong (G.G.) was one of the most likeable teachers, rather an "odd bod", who gave the impression of being exceedingly absent-minded and constantly living in the past. He

had a disarming habit of sitting astride his chair backward in front of class with hands clasped over the back of the rail, swaying back and forth. This would have been disconcerting in itself, but to make things worse, it was not unusual for him to forget to rearrange his dress and his flies would gape open to the world. No doubt there were many student gaffes in history, through G.G. cannot be blamed for the classic - "the latrine is the place where the younger members of the monastery would go and have a chat because they wouldn't be able to stand not talking".

Art was my favourite subject. I worshipped K.L.G. and after innumerable "Grainger Exhibitions" in the Art Building, I managed to carry off the Annual Prize in my last year with "Special Merit in Art, particularly in Pencil Drawing". It is interesting to list my prize books:

Salwey	The Art of Drawing in Lead Pencil	Batsford	12/-	
Shakespeare	Complete Works	Oxford	6/-	
Wodehouse ed.	Century of Humour	Hutch.	3/6	

- a grand total in excess of double my week's wage in my first year of employment - what value these prizes today? Incidentally, they were supplied by H. Dodds, Bookseller, Bishopton Lane.

In my last year, I was persuaded by Mr. Hart to enter a competition open to all schools in the British Empire, based on a moment of history of this century, and lo and behold to the delight of both of us, I won a very handsome painting outfit from Messrs. Windsor & Newton as a runner-up prize. K.L.G. moved to Poole, Dorset in 1948 and more than twenty-five years after leaving school, it transpired that he was still using one of my drawings as an inspiration to young students under his tuition. He was a fine teacher.

I regret to say that my schooldays generally were a period of some anxiety, amounting to actual fear of some masters. I reiterate Winston Churchill's words, "I found examinations were a great trial. The subjects which were dearest to the examiners were almost invariably those I fancied least. I should have liked to be asked to say what I knew. The examiners always tried to ask what I didn't know. When I would have willingly displayed my knowledge, they sought to expose my ignorance. This sort of treatment had only one result, I did not do well in examinations". I lived on a farm some miles out of town with no public transport in those days, so it was necessary to rely on parental conveyancing and this meant not arriving home until nearly 6 p.m. - by the time we'd had an evening meal, the routine of homework became arduous in the extreme. In my later school years, it was not uncommon for me to be studying until well after midnight. One of the criticisms of the educational system at the time was an overloading of the syllabus with that obligatory pass required in English and French language at School Certificate level and five credits necessary for matriculation standard.

"Pas a pas on va bien loin": I cannot recall ever counting the well worn concrete steps of the spiral staircase, tile-lined and kept scrupulously clean, that seemed to revolve upward with terminal off-shoots. Always the chance encounter with some ghoulish figure in black gown and mortar-board, or if with more startling plumage, the Headmaster himself. Invariably on each landing outside the staff room or Headmaster's study, two abutments to this rotunda, stood the malefactors of the day awaiting pronouncements of punishment, lines or detention in the one instance or corporal punishment in the other. There was little jocularity in this dispersal areas of classes on the move. In the higher regions, things were different and it was rather like a bird released from captivity, achieving freedom away up in the sky. Whether it really existed or not, a dream or a figment of my imagination, I can still conjure up a vision of a ladder leading up through a trap-door into a domed attic with glass skylight.

In the School Library, two shelves in a locked cupboard on the second floor landing, I was introduced to Fennimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans", Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage", Conrad's "Typhoon", Ainsworth's "Old St. Paul's", Chesterton's Father Brown stories, as well as Dickens, Eliot, Hardy, Kipling, Scott, Thackeray, Trollope and Twain. The more exciting and adventurous the novel, the more tatty the binding and it was always expedient to check the pagination in advance of borrowing.

Since the School was opened in 1896, many, many thousands must have traversed its corridors and like me look back with nostalgia, happiness and sadness. As we traverse Nelson Terrace today, the ghosts of many generations mingle - the remnants of a host called "Old Stocktonians".

JACK GRAINGER

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA – Wednesday 9th April 1986

This year, attendance was the worst in my short memory of four Extravaganzas. It was not possible to arrange a date so that Former Students attending polytechnics could be present and this contributed to the lack of support for the event.

Claire Mallinson is now working in the Midlands and so retires from her post as organiser of the ladies' sports. My grateful thanks to Claire for her assistance with the last three Extravaganzas.

Terry Wilson has also 'retired'. Many thanks for organisation and support Terry. Jane Herron has volunteered to be the co-ordinator for women's hockey, so contact her if you wish to play. Sue Southern takes over women's basketball and Paul Raines steps into Terry Wilson's rugger boots!

Every year, I am indebted to three members of staff at the College, viz. Pete Hudson, Jackie Edmondson and Liz Marsden, and once again I offer them grateful thanks from all who participated.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Drawn 1 - 1

Team: Jane Herron, Kim Moore, Joanne Povey, Jane Cook, Sarah Salway, Mandy Wilson, Alison McNeill.

With some assistance from sixth formers, but from less than least year, the Old Stocktonians set out to try a repeat of 1985's success.

Midway through the first half, the break-through came. After the ball had been cleared out of defence, it was picked up by the Centre Forward, Mandy Wilson, who raced into the College half. By this stage, the rest of the Old Girls were half a pitch behind and thought that if Mandy couldn't do it then neither could anyone else. Luckily for the Old Stocktonians, she scored.

Despite fabulous defending by the Old Girls, the College managed to sneak a goal into the net to equalise just before the half-time whistle. The lack of oranges as nourishment at half-time seemed to lower everyone's energy and the score remained at 1 - 1.

JANE HERRON

WOMEN'S NETBALL: Lost 20 - 24

Team: ?

The College v Former Students' basketball fixture was changed to netball as a result of team availability and gave the Old Girls the opportunity to demonstrate their all-round scope.

Youthful vigour and skill were almost defeated by the underhand scorer for the Old Girls, namely Claire Mallinson. The game was played in an excellent spirit and was extremely close at the final whistle, with the College winning by a slim margin.

JACKIE EDMONDSON

RUGBY: Lost 30 - 6

Team: G. Newton, B. Brown, P. Branson, R. Wilkes, M. Kay, P. Raines, C. Skinner, A. Bean, I. Wennington, M. Fletcher, D. Sayer, R. Williams, K. Bradley, K. Churchill, S. Carr.

It would be churlish to blame the howling gale for the result (and we dare not blame the Referee as he was Peter Hudson!) - the Old Boys were on the end of their worst defeat in living memory as the College pack took a stranglehold on possession, so essential in the difficult conditions.

Pre-match Old Boys' optimism was quickly quelled as the College took an early lead after forward pressure, and never looked like losing, despite flashes of individual brilliance from Old Boys' ball-starved Backs such as Graeme Newton, who scored the only Old Boys' try.

It has to be admitted that the Old Boys' side was nowhere near as strong as in previous years, for the usual reasons of academic terms and the 'upper age limit' of 21 years on players, but all credit to the College for such a well organised team performance.

One of the highlights of the match was the three pairs of brothers locked in opposition surely another kind of record - the Beans, the Bransons and the Sayers, and this contributed towards the amicable nature of the contest.

The Old Boys trudged dejectedly from the field, after the final whistle had ended their embarrassment, intent on reversing the result in 1987.

TERRY WILSON

SOCCER: Drawn 2 - 2

Team: S. Currie, K. Tulip, T. Makin, P. D'Ambrosio, J. Brookes, S. Phillips, R. Bailey, N. Stewart, D. Bailey, S. Collinson, G. Johnstone, M. Gilson.

A fierce wind and muddy pitch were once again in existence for the annual match. The Old Stocktonians lost the toss and the College elected to change ends. The Old Boys had the run of the wind and put in shot after shot, but unfortunately none were on target although R. Bailey, Phillips and Stewart all produced spectacular shots. This lack of goals was punished when a College breakaway down the right wing was swung in and drilled home from the edge of the six yard box. The Old Boys were extremely unlucky when one of their numerous corners went close but both Brookes and R. Bailey failed to convert. Half-time 1 - 0.

After the change round, the Old Boys began the second half with some good build ups possession was important as we were kicking against the wind. Mention must be made of Makin's possession of the ball, Johnstone's tireless running up front aided by substitute, Gilson and excellent defensive play by D'Ambrosio, which gradually assisted in wearing down the College team.

The break-through arrived when Tulip made space on the left, progressed into the opposition's half and passed to Stewart, who put in a swerving shot to beat the keeper. This fired up the College, who made some excellent sorties and the wind assisted their shots. Only the agile and at times brave goalkeeping by Currie kept the score level. More Old Boys' pressure ended in a corner being won on the left; Phillips swung the ball in; D. Bailey and Brookes went for it but missed; the ball went to R. Bailey and then his younger brother obliged by forcing the ball over the line.

In the closing minutes, the College made a break, lobbed the ball over the Old Boys' back four to a man in a suspiciously offside position, who fired in a shot which Currie blocked and from the resulting melee, the ball was headed home by the College Centre Forward. Before the restart, the ever talkative Tulip was dismissed, out again, for verbal diarrhoea and this brought to a close another hard fought match.

Well played boys. Next year's the one!

JOHN BROOKES

MIXED VOLLYBALL: Lost 2 - 1

Team: I. Roberts, D. Nicholson, M. Hayton, I. Nicholson, C. Mallinson, S. Winter, S. Alderson.

After five minutes of intensive pre-match training, the Old Boys and Girls set about the task of improving their disastrous record in the annual volleyball challenge. Falling behind early in the first game, the Old Stocktonians called upon their experience gained over the years in these crucial situations to creep ahead and steal the game 15 - 12.

With their confidence now boosted, the Old Stocktonians were in search of victory. Despite the confidence gained by their opponents, the College exhibited better individual technique and overall teamwork to take the second game.

The final game proved to be a very close affair, with both teams fighting for supremacy. Although in front several times during this deciding game and having ample opportunity, the Old Stocktonians managed to snatch yet another defeat out of the 'Jaws of Victory'!

IAN ROBERTS

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA 1987

The 1987 Sports Extravaganza will be held on Wednesday 8th April, 1987. If you are a sportsman/woman of any standard, your presence is requested; otherwise come along as a spectator at Stockton Sixth Form College from 1.30 pm.

Jane Herron	Women's Hockey	783810
Sue Southern	Women's Basketball	586759
Paul Raines	Rugby	583640
John Brookes	Soccer	601082
lan Roberts	Men's Basketball/	
	Mixed Vollyball	557171
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NEW MEMBERS

SARAH BUNCE (1984 - 86) is studying for a B.A. in Theology at The College of Ripon and York, St Johns.

JEFFREY COSTELLO (1964 - 71) has rejoined the Association.

GARY GILES (1983 - 85)

JOHN GREENAWAY (1983 - 85) is reading medicine at Newcastle University.

DICK GREENER (1975 - 77) has rejoined the Association.

LEE HUTCHINSON (1984 - 86) is reading for a B.A. in Religious Studies at King's College, London.

SALLY KITCHING (1983 - 85) is at University College, London.

ARTHUR LONG (1952 - 57) left Grangefield 5th form and served an engineering apprenticeship. In 1961, he joined the merchant navy as an engineer officer with the "British Indra Steam Navigation Company", trading mostly in the Far East, Asia and Africa. Arthur is now employed as a Senior Marine Engineer Officer with the Corporation of Trinity House.

DEREK MUIRHEAD (1964 - 71) has also rejoined the Association.

ANDREW RYAN (1983 - 85) is a student at Selwyn College, Cambridge - "Working hard to disprove the rumours that all Cambridge's Natural Scientists are hard working bookworms".

PETER SHARP (1958 - 65)

WILLIAM WEBSTER (1964 - 71) rejoined at last years dinner.

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

J.W. BEADLE (1926 - 30) sent a generous donation. He writes that most of the names are no longer familiar, but the Year Book still takes him back a "few" years - 57 in fact.

RON BRADSHAW (Headmaster 1957 - 73) has moved to Grisland in Cumbria and sends his regards to all.

BRIAN BRAND (1947 - 54) is still trying to educate young people in Darlington and whilst playing squash has been challenged by the wife of **PHIL IVISON** Brian wishes it to be known, especially by **CAMPBELL BOSANQUET** and **JOHN INGHAM** that he broke his vow of not attempting the Lyke Wake Walk. The historic crossing was made on 18th October, 1986 - a Solo, unsupported crossing in 14¹/₄ hours (with an hour at the 'Lion' for refreshment'!)

DR. PETER COUPE (1957 - 65) worked during 1965 with ICI, Billingham, before going up to Imperial College, London University, on an Entrance Exhibition and an Institution of Civil Engineers Scholarship. After graduating in 1968 with an Upper Second in Civil Engineering, he proceeded on a research scholarship to Cambridge University where he graduated with the Ph.d. degree in Engineering in 1971. At Cambridge he enjoyed the work of Fitzwilliam College representative for the University Graduate Society. Subsequently he worked with consulting engineers in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia before joining the Department of Civil Engineering at Sunderland Polytechnic in 1980, where he is Principal Lecturer. Lecturing he maintains keeps him young at heart!

In 1978 he was best man at the wedding of the formerly quiet CHARLES BANKS (1957 - 64), who graduated in Civil Engineering at Leeds University and now runs his own very successful house building and property development firm in Durban. Peter attended

the 1985 Annual Dinner and was delighted to meet an old partner PAUL GRAHAM (1958 - 65) of the Cleveland 4 x 110 yds relay team. He would like to hear from DAVID STEWART (1957 - 63) and contemporaries.

ANDREA DACK (1980 - 82) is a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. She won the Lamballe prize for the best physiotherapy student at Teesside Polytechnic and is putting all the skills she learned at the Poly to good use at North Tees General Hospital.

JACQUI DONALD (1979 - 81). Since gaining a degree in engineering at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford has passed out of Sandhurst Royal Military Academy as a REME 2nd Lieutenant.

JOHN ELLIS (1940 - 46) sent a donation and news. He has received a late career promotion to Technical Manager (Chemical Technology) in the Springfields Works of British Nuclear Fuel Plc. John writes "Although we are not the most popular company in the UK, there are, I can assure you, dedicated staff whose only aims are to exploit nuclear energy in a safe and economic manner for the country's benefit. Most of the media reports are vastly over-exaggerated with trivia being expanded to meet the amount of column inches required".

John expressed his surprise that the Nelson Terrace building had to be demolished as he had expected it to fall down of its own accord. "Even in 1946 it was draughty and all the windows rattled in their frames. However it served to give me a good grounding in scientific subjects leading to an industrial career stretching over 38 years thus far". John also wished present and future students and staff every success in the future.

MARTIN GILLESPIE (1979 - 81) is completing his four years stint as Hon Secretary. He graduated from Newcastle University in 1986 and is now employed as a Management Trainee with Lloyds Bank and is currently at Knightsbridge Branch, which Martin says is



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very handy for shopping at Harrods. Apart from his work at Knightsbridge, Martin has been designing a Personnel Management Information System for Lloyds Bank's 113 West London branches and has been lecturing part-time at Harrow College of Higher Education to Banking Certificate students.

JAN GILLETT (1957 - 64) is still with Pilkingtons where he has been for the last 18 years He is now Managing Director of the subsidiary Kitsons Insulation Products Limited based in Leicester Jan is the proud father of two teenage daughters, Sarah is at Sixth Form College and Helen is going through High School.

Since last giving us some news **PAUL GRAHAM** (1958 - 65) has been promoted (at least he thinks he has, he's still not quite sure!) within the teaching profession and is now Vice Principal at Marton Sixth Form College in Middlesbrough. **ANNE SIMPSON** (1965 -72) is now Head of Mathematics in the same establishment whilst **DAVE SMITH** (1954 -61) has after a spell as examinations tutor and member of the Maths team at Marton, moved across to Bede Sixth Form College in Billingham - returning "full-time to Maths". Paul has renewed contact with **GEOFF COATES** (1958 - 65) recently and tells us that Geoff is Quality Assurance Manager for Green's Products in the North of England and is based near Rotherham. Geoff, a keen freshwater fisherman for many years has now taken up fly-fishing and has introduced the sport to his father-in-law. (It is useful to have an ally for the occasional weekly/weekend fishing trips).

RUTH GRAINGE (Staff) has made a welcome return to teaching after leaving to have a family. Ruth is currently teaching part-time at Marton College - in P.E. of course - and is involved in Wednesday afternoon activities, particularly hockey and tennis.

BOB CAMPBELL (1961 - 63) has, in addition to his duties as second in the Geography Department at Marton College (teaching Geography and Geology) taken up the post of College Examinations tutor. If that was not enough he has also become 'visiting lecturer on Roman Britain' to the A-Level students in the Classics Department of the College.

JUNE CAMPBELL (nee Lishman) (1961 - 63) was promoted last year to Head of House at Conyers School in Yarm. I should mention that this school was Yarm Grammar School, changing its name and moving to newly built premises under County reorganisation.

ARTHUR HOY (1956 - 63) has had to retire NEI Parsons as he is suffering from MS. His brother in law, DAVID COPELAND graduated in economics, but is now a landscape gardener.

FRED JACKSON (1953 - 59) reports that "the sixth renunion of the classes of 53 and 54 took place on 4th October, 1986 at the hallowed portals of the Newbus Arms, Neasham. Twenty six ex-alcoholics (we cannot take it any more) enjoyed an excellent meal in front of a roaring log fire and with glasses replenished sat back to enjoy the only after dinner speaker allowed. Stan Brennan annually regales us with stories and anecdotes of Grangefield which reduce the assembled company to a helpless state - indeed by 1 am, some of us generally are. If any Old Boys of 53 or 54 wish to attend future events, kindly remove le finger (or is it la) and contact Bob Ward on Eaglescliffe 784250 or Fred Jackson on Sedgefield 22433".

HAROLD JONES (Staff 1949 - 51), once again sent his "booster" to funds - many thanks.

PAM KINGHORN (1976 - 78) is now teaching PE at Gillbrook School, Normanby.

DAVID LITTLE (1949 - 55) has had some changes recently. Made redundant last year after 20 years with Skelmersdale Development Corporation he is now happily established as a partner in the firm of Yeo & Little, Solicitors, in Parbold, Near Wigan. His musical interests with Formby Choral Society are unchanged and he is now Chairman of the North West Regional Committee of the National Federation of Music Societies and also a member

of the Federation's National Executive Committee. His wife Jean has a thriving pianoteaching practice and his daughter is now a B.Sc. (Arch.).

J. MacDONALD (1922 - 27) sent a donation and noted his appreciation of the receipt of a Year Book, and wrote that he had been Headmaster of Aireborough Grammer School, Yeadon, Leeds from 1947 to 1973. The school was co-educational with 850 pupils and produced two England Captains, viz Brian Close and Nigel Melville.

In his active retirement, he is president of a rugby club, President of the 1200 strong Airedale Scouts and Vice-President of the local Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

JOHN McDONOUGH (1954 - 61) was appointed Deputy Headmaster of Sheraton Grange School when the former Grange and Sheraton Schools merged. In January, 1986 after one term, he moved to the post of Headteacher at Bassleton School, Thornaby. John remarked that he was disappointed to find the state of repair of the old Grangefield Grammar Schools and how inadequate much of the accomodation was for comprehensive education in the 1980's, but was pleased to play a part in planning the School's redevelopment.

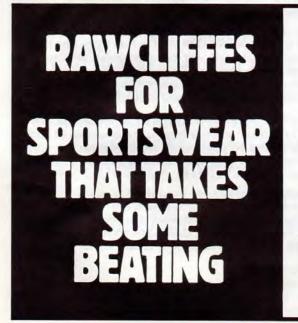
IAN MACKENZIE (1970 - 77) after gaining a BSc from Leeds University graduated with BDS from the University of London. He is now practising dentistry at Guys Hospital, London, Ian married in January, 1986 and his wife is also a dentist.

JANET MACKENZIE (1967 - 74) was awarded a BSc by Newcastle University and went on to gain a diploma in personnel management at Leeds. She is now a Personnel Officer for the Social Services in Harrogate.

FRED MASON (1917 - 23) sent a generous donation towards the cost of the Year Book.

RITU MOHAN (1979 - 82) is now a qualified pharmacist and is working for Boots the Chemists in the North East.

SANGEETA MOHAN (1980 - 83) has been awarded the Diploma of the College of Radiographers and is practising at North Tees General Hospital.



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Maxwells Corner, North End High Street, Stockton-on-Tees Tel: 676277 DAVID NASH (1951 - 54) sent a generous donation with notification of his change of address. He retired from the army in January, 1985 and bought Charnwood Hotel in Margate. Dave reports a hectic first year of business during which he successfully completed a BA in economics through the Open University - twenty eight years after his contemporaries graduated! All Old Stocktonians will be most welcome at the hotel particularly if they are old enough to remember Dave!

TED SHEILDS (1927 - 34), who was the founding Registrar of Sussex University from 1960 to 1973 had the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) conferred on him. The ceremony took place during the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the University in July, 1986. Ted and his wife made the trip from Australia, but did not get the opportunity to come north. He reports that life in retirement continues to be busy and enjoyable.

COLIN SINCLAIR is still working in Australia and has two sons who are more Australia than British. The elder David is enjoying life at Canberra University and playing for the 1st XV. The younger lain is looking forward to University next year. Neither of them are science orientated! Colin visited the UK in September 1986, en route to visit four gold mines in Nevada and then called in at New Zealand on business. He also called to see JACK GLATTBACH in Bangkok and managed nine holes on a rather special golf course -Jack is a member of the exclusive club belonging to the King of Siam!

RICHARD SMITH (1958 - 66) informed of his change of address but no other news unfortunately.

URSULA SMITH (1981 - 83) appeared on BBC Young Musicians of the Year as a cellist, a few years ago and has since graduated from the Royal Northern School of Music in Manchester. She is now studying for her Masters degree at Yale University, Connecticut. Ursula was one of twenty six selected from 438 candidates for an award for post-graduate study in the United States by the Fulbright Commission, an Anglo-American educational body. At Yale, Ursula will be studying under Brazilian born virtuoso Aldo Porisot.

SUE FARRER (nee Southern) (1978 - 81), after graduating from Teesside Polytechnic in 1985, commenced employment with the Environmental Services Department of Stockton Borough Council. In 1984, she married Anthony Farrer.

LESLIE STILL (19? - 36?) has recently retired as Cleveland's Assistant County Librarian. He joined Durham County libraries in 1938, served with the Durham Light Infantry and the Queens Royal Regiment during the war and was twice wounded in action. He qualified as a librarian in 1948 and after working as a district librarian with Durham County, became deputy Borough librarian with Teesside council in 1968, then assistant county librarian for Cleveland, with the formation of the new county in 1974.

PAMELA WATKINS (nee Harvey) is now a tutor at Woking Sixth Form College. She has written a book, 'A Kingston Lacey Childhood' which is based on recollections of 86 year old Viola Bankes, who grew up surrounded by opulance in the Edwardian era, only to marry beneath her aristocratic station and became disinherited as a result. The book is published by Dovecote at £4.95.

CLIVE WHALEY (1972 - 79) after graduating from Lancaster University with a BA Honours degree in politics, took a post-graduate course in recreational management. On Christmas Day, 1984, he flew to Australian as a member of the British Team for the World Windsurfing Championships. For three months, Clive hitch-hiked and worked his way round Australia. In April, 1985 he returned to the UK to take up an appoinment with the Sports Council.

MARK WHALEY (1979 - 81) graduated with honours in Agriculture and Environmental Science from Newcastle University. In August, 1985, he commenced employment with Sun Valley Poultry in Hereford on the graduate management training scheme.

PAUL WHALEY (1969 - 75) after five years with Paton and Baldwins has joined the family business. He is married and has one daughter. Paul is once again living in Stockton, having lived in Darlington for several years.

AIDAN WHITFIELD (1976 - 78) now lives in Manchester and is working as a plant manager for Sutcliffe Speakman Ltd. making activated carbon. His wife Emma, who he met at Cambridge, is working as a translator.

PETER WIMBERLEY (1955 - 62) reported on the items of interest in the last Year Book, particularly Ted Cooper's contribution. Peter still has his own tape of 'The Mikado' when he was in the chorus, but his memories of the production are still dominated by his then infatuation with Yum-Yum! He writes that she never knew the agonies he went through. Peter also remembered the train-spotting trips and read with interest David Francis' findings about 'Tot' Munday. "What a great character he was - I can still remember the Latin conjugrations, which I had to jump up and recite".

Peter went through a painful divorce two years ago and has remarried since. He is still working in Denmark, where he has been resident for the last eight years. Currently, Peter is working as a doctor (Senior Registrar) in a large clinical chemistry laboratory in one of the two university hospitals in Copenhagen.

Trips to the North East are rare, the first brief visit was in 1985 after moving to Denmark. Peter's only cotact with former students is JOHN INGMAN (1955 - 59?) who has been working his way up the Civil Service and has held important posts close to some of the top politicians. Peter would be delighted to read news of Peter Twiddy and Geoffrey Nattrass, as he lost contact with them after studying together at King's College, London.

PETER WOOD(?) commenced his career with the Yorkshire Bank in Stockton in 1962 and has recently been appointed manager of the bank's Selby branch.

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OBITUARIES

STANLEY ELDERS died on 1st November 1985. We extend our sympathy to his family.

STAN FORDY was a local Schoolmaster, who trained at St. John's College, York. He was organist for many years at the Congregational (now United Reformed) Church, Yarm Road. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

GERALD GOLDSTON spent only two years at Nelson Terrace - the rest of his schooling was at boarding school. He was an orthodox Jew and much respected Chartered Accountant. He was the last of 'the "old" gang', which for many years booked a table at every O.B. Dinner (in the 'men only' days they numbered ten or twelve) - the dinner was not complete without them. We extend our sympathy to Gerald's family.

DENIS HARDIE, who was at the Secondary School from 1934 - 1939 died on 29th July, 1985 after a short illness. Old Stocktonians will remember him with affection as Secretary of the Association, a position to which he devoted much time and energy. He reached a position of some eminence locally in the shipbuilding industry and finally moved to Cumbria. Denis was elected a Vice-President of the Association in appreciation of his services to it. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Audrey.

The **Rt. Hon. Lord MAYBRAY-KING** (Horace King to his friends in the Old Stocktonians'Association) died on 3rd September, 1986. He received his well merit ennoblement for dedicated service to the Commons as Speaker. He loved to return to his native North East and on two of those occasions spoke at our Annual Dinner. We, his fellow Old Stocktonians, will miss him. Our sympathy is extended to his widow, Lady Sheila and to his family.

H.R. MURFITT died on 24th April, 1985. We extend our sympathy to his family.

HARRY RIGG was educated at Richard Hind Central School, Stockton. He came to the Sec for two years in order to qualify for a College of Education. Harry became Headmaster of Tilery Junior School and was for many years Secretary of Stockton School's Football Association. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

FREDERICK WAITE was killed in late December 1985. He was a lecturer and tutor at the psychiatric hospital School based at the North Manchester General Hospital, after completing his early training at the Winterton and General Hospitals at Sedgefield. We exend our sympathy to his widow, Lynn.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS, who attended the Secondary school from 1922 to 1927, died on 25th March 1985. He commenced employment at the Furness Shipbuilding Company as an apprentice plater. In 1954, he became the company's Personnel Manager; a post which he held until his retirement in 1964. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his widow, Doreen and his family. Arthur's son David attended Grangefield from 1954 to 1959.

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