

The New Stocktonian



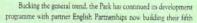


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1995 - 1996

OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION

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An Association of Former Pupils of Stockton Sixth Form College and the Grangefield Grammar Schools, formerly known as Stockton Secondary School, and originally as Stockton Higher Grade School; and also to the Former Pupils of the Grangefield School and of the former Sheraton-Grange and the Grange Schools.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my privilege to write the President's message this year and I welcome you to the 1995/96 edition of 'The New Stocktonian'.

The last three years have seen some notable dates in the history of 'The School' and of the Old Stocktonians' Association. In 1993 we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the Association, in 1994 the Sixth Form College and the Association in its present form reached the age of 21, and in 1995 it was 80 years since the Stockton Secondary School divided into two separate schools for boys and girls.

By the time you read this it will be 1996 and we will be celebrating yet another important event - the centenary of 'The School', it being 100 years since the formal opening of the Higher Grade School on the 18th January 1896.

As Old Stocktonians we all refer to 'The School' although we all remember it by different names and different buildings necessitated by education changes over the years. Through all of those changes The Association, although changing to meet the needs in the changes in The School, has remained constant in its original objective to enable members to 'Make new friends but keep the old' (which I note from Tom Sowler's History of the Association was the inspiring objective leading to the formation of The Association). Tom's book also noted '... but it will be by 'doing' and not by sentimental thought alone that our laudable objective can be achieved'.

Although The Association is supported by a lot of 'sentimental thought' by members far and wide the 'doing' continues by a dedicated committee. I make the annual plea to you all out there to add, if possible, to your sentimentalism some 'doing' and come along to the AGM, even perhaps joining the committee, bringing some fresh ideas to some tired old minds.

In 1996 we also hold the 70th Annual Dinner at which we have the opportunity to meet old friends and form new friendships. Full details of the Dinner appear elsewhere in the magazine but it is our privilege to have Gordon Rattenbury as one of our guest speakers and I'm sure that he will have some stories to tell. As your President I encourage, nay command, you to come along to the Dinner this year.

Finally I record my thanks to all the officers and committee for their work during 1995 and our appreciation to the Sixth Form College for providing the facilities for our meetings. With good wishes to you all.

BOB WARD

COLLEGE NEWS

I regret that illness prevented me from writing my annual article last year, but I did promise an extended version - with all the up-to-date news - for 1995/96.

Mis-fortune sometimes brings compensations and a spell in North Tees Hospital, followed by a period of convalescence, provided the opportunity to reflect in a more leisurely manner on the developments which are taking place, not only at Stockton Sixth Form College, but more widely within further education. It also brought home the similarities between the changing environments within which both the college and its local hospital are required to operate.

The college and North Tees Hospital have recently been given independent and corporate status within the public sector, and are now required to act very much as businesses and establish a sound financial basis for their operations and future development.

The similarities go further than this: we are both specifically charged with being responsive to the changing needs of the community, are required to be publicly accountable for our actions - issuing charlers which contain commitments to quality standards for students and patients, and are increasingly judged by performance - as measured through league tables and a variety of public audits and inspections.

In all of this, we are required to meet national targets and to operate within budgets, from which we are expected to achieve annual efficiency savings, sufficient to finance growth in our services, pay for new developments and also some modest salary increases for our staff!

Focusing specifically upon the Sixth Form College, I am pleased to report that we are making very good progress in our mission which is to provide high quality education for 16-19 year olds and also in our objective of developing new curriculum opportunities for this age group, whilst introducing a range of courses for adult students.

We now have over 800 full-time full-time 16-19 year old students, the substantial majority of whom are following GCE A-Level courses or one of the new Advanced Level vocational qualifications. As the established provider for this age group in Stockton, we continue to attach great importance to extending educational opportunities, and the college successfully attracts a large number of students who are seeking a fresh start or a second chance - whatever their attainment at school - onto one year GCSE and vocational programmes.

Each year the college examines its courses in order to ensure that they meet the needs of our students. New modular courses are proving to be popular and successful in Biology and Mathematics. Modular courses sometimes get a bad press, but they combine the rigour of the traditional final assessment, but replacing it with a series of examinations at intervals, which have a very positive effect on motivation. Students like these courses and we expect to see more introduced in future years.

In 1994 we introduced A-Level Law (assisted by the very generous "R E B Williams Gift"). This year we have started to teach A-Level Sports Studies and this complements our existing BTEC National Diploma in Sports Science - both are recruiting strongly and are adding to the college's reputation as a centre of excellence for sports and games. Consideration is now being given to extending our curriculum into Media Studies and the Performing Arts - areas in which the college has, hitherto, provided very few opportunities for students to acquire formal qualifications.

In 1995 we achieved a very satisfactory set of GCE Advanced Level results, indeed one of the best since the college was established. Students on vocational courses performed outstandingly and almost 200 students proceeded into higher education, many showing an increasing preference for local and regional universities. Five students obtained places at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

The development of adult courses continues to be a success story. In 1994/95 we enrolled over 300 students and we have already exceeded this figure for the present academic year. Courses in Information Technology are proving to be especially popular with adults and we have developed a portfolio ranging from introductory programmes to preparation for entry to degree courses at university. We have also introduced a GCSE and GCE Advanced Level programme and we are very pleased with

the excellent examination results by our adult students last summer, with an overall pass rate well above 80%.

These achievements are very pleasing, but we are concerned about the small but significant increase in the number of 16-19 year old students leaving the college before the completion of their course. In almost all cases, this is for financial reasons and very often changes in family circumstances for students to seek financial independence. Given the reduction in state benefits for young people this inevitably means that they must seek some type of employment.

As the college enrolment grows and the curriculum broadens, we need to review regularly the adequacy and sufficiency of our accommodation. Whatever one may think about the merits of early 1970s architecture, our building has a very adaptable structure and we have been able to undertake a series of annual conversions culminating last summer in a small extension in the open area between the Sports Hall and the dining room, together with some further re-modelling of classrooms and laboratories throughout the building. All of this has been achieved without government grants or borrowing, and it has enabled the college to accommodate a 50% increase in full-time student numbers since 1986. Teaching and study areas are now much better adapted to the size of classes and the developments in the curriculum and we have also extended our networked computing and information technology facilities.

We now have almost 100 networked PCs in 5 networked laboratories and it is our intention not only to increase our range of excellent computing and information technology courses, but also to make this important I.T. resource available to all students for independent study and research. The college, in association with other colleges in the north-east of England, has been successful in securing an capital grant under the "Government's Competitiveness Fund" and our network will be linked onto the InterNet (including the special higher education network) early in 1996. Some of our students are already "surfing the net", through the generosity of the University of Teesside as their Wednesday Afternoon Activities. We can expect our own dedicated facility to be extremely popular but it will bring its own problems in managing access given the curiosity of our young people!

The last two years have seen some considerable changes amongst the staff - with a number of longserving colleagues and some founder members of staff leaving the college:

- The Chemistry Department, which has gained such an excellent reputation over the years, has seen
 the retirement both of Peter Cardno and Ian Ellis, with Geoff Hewitson who for many years has been
 the third man in the team, taking over the reins of command with Pauline Lenney, a well qualified
 and successful teacher joining the team.
- Eric Shaw has retired as Head of Art and Design, although the fine work achieved by the department
 under his direction will remain displayed throughout the building for many years to come. Eric is
 succeeded by Ann Gill, his most capable assistant for many years.
- Les Robinson, who led the expanding and successful English Department for many years and also Liz
 Marsden who pioneered the successful development of vocational courses at the college have both
 decided to take early retirement and spend more time in pursuing their passion with "La Belle France"
 and will be residing abroad for at least part of the year.
- Dave Allison, Head of Maths since the establishment of the college and Chris Webb, his deputy for many years, have both taken early retirement, as has John Ingham, the longest serving Vice-Principal. Dave and John have both decided to remain in northern climes and I am pleased to say that they are continuing their association with the college. Dave is working on the development of our computerised management information system and John continues to manage the very large and complex process of entry and organisation of public examinations all of which he undertakes with his characteristic mastery of detail and attention to precision. John has also agreed to continue to act as one of the links between the college and the Association.

The college values and is consolidating its links with 11-16 schools in the town and has also extended its network of liaison as more of our students come from schools in other parts of the borough. We are also working with the University College of Stockton (which is part of Durham University) on a number of projects including the use of the InterNet.

In 1996 the new district council of Stockton-on-Tees will assume sole responsibility for the provision of all local government services in the borough and will become the local education authority. The college,

which although not part of the new authority, has been involved in consultations on the development of Stockton's own education service and we look forward to working with the new Authority, the Chair of whose Education Committee is John Scott, who has a long association with both the college and Grangefield School. Existing links are maintained and renewed and new ones forged and for the very first time within Stockton-on-Tees all stages of education are represented from primary to higher education will be provided within the town.

Although all public-sector bodies, including those providing education and health services, are required to operate in a more commercial way with careful attention to effectiveness and efficiency, we must not forget that our mission is to provide the high quality and responsive service to the community. Our achievements come from the efforts and hard work of our staff and their commitment to each of our students as individuals. Similarly, the achievements of our students come from their determination to make a success of their time at college, and a selection of their activities is included in the "College Activities".

My thanks to those of you who sent good wishes during my recent illness and my very best wishes to you all for 1996.

Howard R. Clarke

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES 1994

January : An exhibition of students Art and Design work in the 'Design Centre' at The Norton school was held until Easter

May : Written invitations were sent to the parents of all A2 Art & Design students inviting them to view the exhibition of art examination work. Fifty people visited the

exhibition, representing 80% of cohort.

July : Staff and students of the Art Department attended a Summer School at Barnard

Castle.

Astronomy

December March Field trip to Castle Eden observatory to observe Gemini Meteor Shower.

Visit organised to meet Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut, at the Castle Eden

observatory, who launched National Science Week 1995.

October : GCSE Astronomy field trip to Upper Weardale.

December : GCSE Astronomy field trip to Castle Eden Observatory.

A member of staff proposes to take a group of GCSE Astronomy students to a

Christmas lecture at Durham on 'New Light from the Cosmos'.

Biology

40 students together with staff attended a 1-day conference at Salford University. Topics included the A-Level Biology syllabus and preparing for the modular tests from

a Chief Examiner from the NEAB.

July : 2 Biology/Chemistry students toge

2 Biology/Chemistry students together with 1 member of staff undertook a project for Chemoxy on the production of biodiesel from Oil Seed Rape. The project was to be continued from Sept. to Dec. at Chemoxy on Wednesday afternoons and it was hoped to enter the students for Crest Gold Awards. The project will also be entered for a competition at the Yorkshire Show in July 1996. Real piece of research - Chemoxy need to know what to do with 200 tons of waste glycerol produced as a by-product during the production of biodiesel. One suggestion the students will be looking at its

use as a possible fertiliser.

October : Organisation and hosting of social evening for NQT Science Teachers : Dr Byrom.

Writing and designing Cleveland Science Teachers Newsletter which was sent to all

Science Teachers in Cleveland : Dr Byrom.

November : Industrial visit to Chemoxy International by 2 students and a member of staff to discuss the completed Durham University Schools/Industry Project. This project will

discuss the completed Durham University Schools/Industry Project. This project will be entered for the CREST Gold Award and will also be presented at the Great

Yorkshire Show/Education Competition in 1996.

Careers

January : Thornaby Careers Convention : many requests were made for information on College courses.

69 students are currently undertaking Community Action.

13 students undertook work experience at North Tees hospital. 24 students received March

Student Tutoring certificates.

Students undertook work experience at Wrensfield Adult Training Centre, Redhill

Residential Home for the Elderly and Abbey Hill School. 44 students undertook Community Action/Work Experience. 14 students participated in a Student Tutoring Scheme.

BTEC IT students undertook one week of work shadowing.

Leisure & Tourism Advanced students carried out work experience at the Customer Care Unit of the Swallow Hotel.

Visits to the following universities undertaken by staff and students:

May University of Leeds.

Leeds Metropolitan University.

May The University of York.

York & Ripon St. John. University of Leicester.

June Oxford University. July Cambridge University.

June Visit by staff and students to Higher Education conference at Sunderland University.

September Community Action programme continues with 20 students being

/December involved in TROCN. Student Tutoring at local primary schools and 40 students working in other schools, care settings and business environments for one afternoon

per week.

Chemistry

May Andrew Lindsey attended the ICI Annual Science and Engineering Careers

symposium at ICI, Wilton.

Dawn Little and Suzanne Gill, A1 students, took part in the Schools Industry Project July Week at Durham University, carrying out an essentially 'Chemistry-based' project for

Chemoxy.

Computing & IT

6 students attended NESIP at Durham University and won Silver Crest Awards. Group of Year 1 BTEC students visited Dickens DIY to view computer network.

January March 2 students exhibited 3 of their computing projects from NESIP week 93/94 at the

Young Engineers' Exhibition.

2 students exhibited the same 3 computing projects from NESIP week 93/94 at the

House of Commons.

1st year A-Level and BTEC IT students attended a one day course on project May management simulation using software provided by Tioxide. This course was

supported by 3 Engineers from Neighbourhood Engineers.

September All A2 Computing and BTEC 2nd year students and staff went to ICI to see computer-

controlled manufacturing and Ray Tracing by computer to improve manufacturing

5 students presented their A Level work to a Crest Assessor and gained 4 Gold and 1

2 students were assessed by a Computing lecturer from Teesside University as part of the assessment for a Crest Platinum Award for their project. (Platinum Award is equivalent to 1st year university degree standard.) The students' work was 'not out of

place from other university degree work'.

October 8 BTEC IT Applications students undertook 5 weeks Work Experience to carry out a /November

'real' task set by each of the following companies :Tioxide, Fine Organics, Farmsum Associates, North Tees Health Trust, Pickerings Lifts, British Chrome & Chemicals

Joint European Torus Project.

Economics & Business Studies

Staff and students attended A-Level Economics and Business Studies Conferences at March

Manchester.

March Staff and approximately 35 students attended an update Economics conference at

Manchester University.

English

March A-Level staff and students visited the Dovecot for a production on 'A Midsummer

Night's Dream'

Staff and students visited RSC. Newcastle to see the 'Twelfth Night'. September

GCSE students and staff attended a production of Macbeth at Darlington Civic

Theatre

October 32 A2 Literature students and 2 members of staff visited West Yorkshire Playhouse,

Leeds to see a production of 'King Lear'.

November Visit by GCSE students and staff to Billingham Forum to see 'Anthony and Cleopatra'.

Geography

February Fieldwork visit to Saltburn with GNVQ Advanced Level group. May

Fieldwork visit to the Lake District by staff and A-Level students.

October 38 A Level students and staff attended a fieldcourse in the French Alps to study glaciation, soils and vegetation, settlement hierarchies and meltwater stream

processes.

Geology

A2 fieldwork visits comprising 3 days for each teaching block to : Ingleton, West April

Yorkshire, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, West Yorkshire and Shap Fell, Cumbria.

GCSE fieldwork visits comprising 2 days for each teaching block to : Teesdale, Shap Fell and Appleby.

Fieldwork visits by A1 students and staff to the Lake District, Vale of Eden and Horton July

in Ribblesdale

October GCSE students and staff attended a field trip to Ingleton.

A Level students and staff attended a field trip to Ingleton.

History

March History Conference at Newcastle for A-Level students.

Mathematics

During the Autumn Term students attended a lecture on Relativity at Durham University, the Helen Sharman lecture on 'Space Flight' and Nottingham University's

Astronomy Course.

Modern Languages

Stockton welcomed the French group from Asnieres (consisting of 14 students and 2 January

teaching staff) who are twinning with the Lycee Auguste, Renoir - Asnieres.

Stockton welcomed a French group from Strasbourg (consisting of 14 students and 1

teacher) who are twinning with the Lycee International, Strasbourg.

March - May

14 Stockton students and 2 teaching staff visited Asnieres.

April

July

February

A group of 3 A1 students visited Gelsenkirchen.

May

4 A-Level French students attended Bishopsgarth School on Wednesday afternoons

to help out with French in the Modern Languages Department.

A1 French students attended a one-day course at the University of Northumbria

entitled 'La France Contemporaire'.

12 second year A Level French students and staff visited the Lycee International in October

Strasbourg for students to undertake a work-shadowing exchange.

Outdoor Pursuits

January /February Conservation group 'renovated' an old hedge, cutting out dead trees 'laying' others and planting whips in the gaps, all at the Castle Eden Walkway.

March

Students attended a Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme training day at North Yorkshire

Moors.

May The College conservation group won a £50 grant from the BT Environment Week '95.

Physics

January

Young Engineers visits to Philips Petroleum, CAD/CAM Centre, ICI Wilton

March 2 students attended Young Engineers National Meeting : Institution of Electrical

Engineers, London.

May/June

Visits to Nissan for preparatory work by students as part of the North East Schools/

Industry Project Week.

July

2 students and a member of staff undertook a project with Nissan as part of the North

East Schools/Industry Project Week at Durham University.

Religious Studies

December

Staff and 45 A-Level students attended an open day at Newcastle University's Religious Studies Department. As well as looking round the university, they attended lectures on: life after death, utilitarianism, new religious targets, developments in Islam, evil and suffering, medical ethics.

Social Studies

March

A group of staff and approximately 51 Sociology and Government & Politics students visited London. The trip included a visit to the Houses of Parliament/Labour Party headquarters. Harrow and Westminster public schools, the Old Bailey and the Museum of Moving Image.

Technology

July

A Science & Technology Fair was held in Stockton.

September

Staff and students are involved in a long-term project in the manufacture of the ship's lantern for the 'Endeavour'.

Sports Studies & Games:

Soccer 1994/5 :

All 4 College teams did well in their respective leagues. The 'A' team won their league and won the County Cup. Neil Bromfield and Matthew Adams were members of the County squad. The 'B' team had an excellent chance of winning the division 'B' championship but did not quite make it. However the 'C' team won their cup competition.

1995/6:

The 'A' football team has been unbeaten so far this season. 5 students were selected to compete for the county football squad and 3 students attended trials for the national basic football squad at Aston, Birmingham.

Hockey

Boys 1994/5 :

Unfortunately, because of a lack of interest from other schools and colleges, the county league did not taking place this year, therefore, unfortunately we are unable to defend our title. The team lost narrowly to Wyke College, Hull, in the second round of the Midland Bank competition. The only other defeat was by R.G.S. Newcastle who are an extremely good side. All matches against local sides were won comfortably including a creditable 2-0 defeat of Barnard Castle. In the regional rounds of the BASICS competition held at Sheffield the side lost in the semi-final to Sheffield (good students to select from) who were the eventual winners.

Jonathan Stout, Robert Leason and Graeme Turner were selected for the County Squad.

The commitment shown by the students and their behaviour on and off the pitch has

been a credit to the college.

1995/6 :

The college side narrowly lost 3-2 against Wyke College, Hull, in the Midland Bank Competition. Matches have been difficult to arrange as only one local college is playing U-19 Boys Hockey. Matches are being played further afield - York, Scarborough and against local public schools. 4 students have been selected to play for the junior county.

Girls 1994/5 : Gemma Adams and Clare Wilsher moved out of the U-18 schools age range and represent Durham at senior level. They also played for the North of England U-21 and continued to be selected to attend for weekends at the Centre of Excellence.

1995/6 :

5 students have been selected to compete in the Cleveland U-18 County side and 1 student in the Durham U-21 side. The College side looks very promising - county cup winners and county winners of British Aerospace competition. They finished second in the north-east finals

Badminton 1995/6

The BASIC badminton singles competition took place in Sheffield on 15 Nov. The 3 males and 2 females who took part in the competition won their singles and now qualify for the national finals.

Netball 1994/5 : After a few years lack of opportunity to play netball on Wednesday p.m. students have welcomed the new activity and responded well. Fixtures are slowly being built up

against other colleges.

1995/6: The 'A' netball team has won all games so far this season. The BASICS Competition

took place on 15 November. Unfortunately, the team lost in the final play-offs.

Tennis 1994/5: 2 teams were entered in the Cleveland League. The girls finished second. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to complete all fixtures due to other

commitments

Rugby 1994/5: Fixtures prior to the Christmas holiday and at the start of the term were severely

affected by the weather with both water-logged and frozen pitches. However, of the games that went ahead, Stockton beat South Tyneside College in the BASICS U-19 National Cup but were then knocked out of this competition by a very strong Longlands College. In the last two games Stockton lost narrowly to Hartlepool Sixth Form College (19-15) but won against Darlington's Queen Elizabeth College (17-12) in a hard fought game. The team had a number of very promising 1st year players who could well represent the county at U-19 level next year. The squad continued to

approach matches in an enthusiastic and positive manner.

1995/6 So far the college side has played 4 fixtures : winning against Darlington's Queen

Elizabeth College 17 points to 12, losing to Teesside Tertiary College 32-20, The Royal Grammar School 19-10 and Dame Allan's School 36-29. Unfortunately three teams have had to cancel their fixtures with us at the last minute for various reasons. However, this has not dampened the enthusiasm of the squad, who are fully

committed to representing the college at rugby each week.

General Sporting Activities Spring Term

Six students were entered for a BASICS cross-country competition which was held in Sheffield and one of the cross-country runners qualified for the national finals.

Six students were also entered for a BASICS badminton competition held in Sheffield and Sharon Smith and Kerrie McCairns qualified for the national finals.

A BASICS 5-A-Side (soccer) Competition was held in Halifax in January. Unfortunately, the seven boys who were selected were knocked out in the first stages.

Andrew Moorhouse, a second year A-Level student at Stockton and also a member of the Great Britain National Cyclo-Cross Squad, competed in the World Cyclo-Cross Championships in Switzerland in January. He also represented Stockton Sixth Form College in the National School Boys Cyclo-Cross Championships in Southampton in February.

As part of the Hanson Award, a 24 hour sponsored Sport-a-Thon was organised by staff of the College, which took place in May. 2nd Year Sports Studies BTEC students participated in order to raise money for Abbey Hill Special School. Almost £900 was raised.

Vocational Courses

January GNVQ Advanced Leisure & Tourism students met French exchange students from Asnieres and introduced them to the region. This was repeated when the Strasbourg students visited the college in February.

Visit of speakers from TSB Bank to GNVQ Advanced Level students and from David Bowe MEP to BTEC National Diploma in Business and Finance and A2 Government

& Politics students.

GNVQ Health & Social Care Foundation and Intermediate students on work January

/February placement within the local community in : nurseries, primary schools, care homes for the elderly, Wrensfield School, Abbey Hill School, North Tees General Hospital, dental and medical centres.

Staff visited Dickens to prepare unit coverage for GNVQ students and subsequently

students attended a course on customer service training and practice.

February Staff visited Swallow Hotel to prepare training and unit coverage for GNVQ Advanced

Leisure & Tourism students plus 1 Intermediate Level student.

March The above GNVQ students attended the Swallow Hotel for training and unit coverage. Student study visit for GNVQ Intermediate and Advanced level Leisure & Tourism students to Granada Studios. Manchester.

GNVQ Intermediate Leisure & Tourism students visited Dickens and the Evening Gazette in order to carry out marketing.

April

Follow-up session on training and unit coverage for GNVQ students to the Swallow Hotel.

Trip to Ski Centre at Sunderland as part of GNVQ unit coverage.

An Army Assault Course at York was organised by GNVQ students in order to complete unit two coverage.

May

Second year BTEC National Diploma students in Business and Finance set up and ran their own small company as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. They attended a presentation evening and entered the competition for all Young Enterprise companies in the Teesside area, which was held at The Ladle Hotel at Middlesbrough, on Wednesday 10 May, and won a place in the Co. Durham and Teesside Strategic Board Final, which was held at DUBS on 24 May. They had an enjoyable evening, though this time were not selected for the North East Divisional Finals. particularly appreciated the support they received from Mrs Knox at the Ladle and Mr Clarke at DUBS

Staff prepared students' trip to Flamingo land - as part of unit two coverage for GNVQ students.

Staff arranged external interviewers for GNVQ Business Advanced students - as part of unit coverage.

12 GNVQ Leisure & Tourism Advanced students and staff October 1995/6: attended a Marketing/Health & Safety talk/visit to Alton Towers.

13 GNVQ Leisure & Tourism Intermediate students and staff attended a November

Marketing/Health & Safety talk/visit to Wet and Wild. GNVQ Advanced students visited St John Ambulance, Middlesbrough, for a talk on structure and funding of a voluntary service as part of their course requirement.

Individual Student Awards & Achievements.

John Ellison was appointed as a Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for Cleveland in 1995. During his appointment he accompanied the Lord-Lieutenant when he was on official duty and assisted him in the performance of that day. A cadet is chosen by virtue of his/her outstanding contribution to the aims and spirit of their respective Cadet Force.

The College team entered the Teesside Tomorrow competition, which sought proposals for the redevelopment of the Portrack incinerator site. The team came third in the competition with a prize of £250 being awarded to the College. The prize money will be used to purchase a new television for the Geography Department.

The following students came joint second with Teesside High in the BPW Public Speaking Competition: Alex Barto, Louise Earnshaw, Helen Brown,

Andrew Moorhouse attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 25 July to receive his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, presented by the Duke of Edinburgh.

James Pratt has been awarded the Calor Gas Prize for achieving the best results in Chemistry and Physics in the 1995 GCE A-Level examinations.

The University of Teesside Prize for Mathematics in 1994/5 has been awarded to Julia Kenny.

THE R.E.B. WILLIAMS GIFTS

R.E.B. ("Scorcher") Williams attended the Nelson Terrace building from 1908 to 1915. He was Head Boy [Dux Medalist] in 1914. He died in June 1990 aged 92 and in 1993 his widow, Dorothy, contacted the Old Stocktonians to ask if they would help by suggesting a suitable memorial to her husband

The College suggested a contribution to the library. A new section on Law was proposed to support a new department teaching that subject. As Robert had been called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1936, this seemed wholly appropriate.

In 1994 Dorothy made a gift of £500 to buy books which will have plates dedicating them to the memory of Robert. A plaque, suitably inscribed, will be fixed to the wall in the library.

The College received a further generous donation from Dorothy in 1995 which it has used to purchase a computer on which the library database is located.

Our thanks are extended once again to Dorothy for her generous gifts

1995 DEGREE AWARDS

Course

Name Anna Atkinson Thomas Barber Craig Buckley Gordon Chan Colin Clark Ian Curry Gaurav Desai Angela Dunn Jane Groom Abigail Donovan Lisa Haylock Andrew Hillerby Angela Hingley Lyndsey Hodgson Christopher Irving Sami Lindsey

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Theatre Design

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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 £10, is awarded for excellence in English at Grangefield School.

G.G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PRIZE

Founded by the Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of G.G. Armstrong, M.A., M. Litt., Armstrong College, University of Durham; Senior History Master 1921 - 48 at the Secondary School. The Prize is awarded annually, in the sum of £10, for excellence in History at Grangefield School.

1995

History Prize

Ceri Ashman

English Prize

Jennifer Dinsdale

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

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 £15 and one year's membership of the Association each.

Prizes this year went to two students for their contributions to College sporting life in

football and hockey.

Kieron White for his contributions as Captain of the College football 'A' Team which won both the League and cup in 1994/5

Vicky Wombwell fought against kidney failure and eventually had a transplant. She took part, as an athlete, in the British Transplant games in Sheffield in July 1995 and in the World Transplant Games held in Manchester.

THE JOANNE GILLESPIE APPEAL

Joanne Gillespie was a pupil at Grangefield School who fought bravely against cancer until her untimely death at the age of fifteen.

Last year we gave details of the efforts being made by Joanne's parents, Kathleen and Peter to raise the money required for a Fibre Optics Laser to treat deep seated tumours. We are pleased to say that the target was reached and the money handed over early in December, on what would have been Joanne's 18th birthday. Kath and Peter raised over £100,000 in just two years - a truly remarkable achievement!

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

(founded by Evan Baldwin 24th January 1913)

LIST OF OFFICIALS for 1995

PRESIDENTS :-

Mr. R. Ward (Association President)
Mr. E. Baldwin (deceased) (Founder President)
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Mr. R. E. Bradshaw Mr. B. P. Brand

Mr. P. Graham

Mr J. Ingham

Mr J. G. Rattenbury*

(* denotes Senior Vice-President)

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Assistant Dinner Secretary : Miss J. Farnaby

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HON. AUDITOR :-

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES 1994 - 95

None

THE OLD STOCKTONIANS BENEVOLENT FUND :-

Convener: Mr. B.P. Brand

Trustees: Mr. A Carr, Mr H. R. Clarke, Revd. Mrs J.M. Thomas

Hon. Auditor: Mr. J. Ingham

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995

This is to be held on Wednesday, 28th February 1996 at 7.30 p.m. in the Staff Room of Stockton Sixth Form College, Bishopton Road West, Stockton-on-Tees. It is to be followed by a complimentary glass of wine (or fruit juice) and 'nibbles'.

AGENDA

- Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes of 1994 A G M held on 3rd March 1995
- 3. Matters arising.
- 4. Membership Records Secretary's Report
- 5. Year Book Editor's Report
- 6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for 1994/5
- 7. Benevolent Fund Report
- 8. Election of Presidents
- 9. Election of Office Bearers
- 10. Election of other Members to Committee
- 11. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
- 12. Date and time of next Committee Meeting
- 13. Any other relevant business
- Your retiring Committee's nomination for Office Bearers are those elected for 1995. Following the death of Mr R.E. Bradshaw the position of Vice President has become open. The Committee has nominated Mr. R. Wynzar for this position.

We would be delighted to see new members added to the Committee and remember that there are still vacancies. You would be made most welcome. If YOU are willing but have not been nominated, please let Roz Prichard know in writing (to 5, Theakston Grove, Hartburn, Stockton TS18 5PG) and he will nominate you himself.

R. Prichard

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1994

This was held on Thursday, 2nd March 1995 in the Staffroom of Stockton Sixth Form College with Miss L. Waring, the Association President, in the Chair. Others present were: Miss J. Farnaby, Mrs. P.A. Oxley, Messrs. B.P. Brand, B. Braney, B. Bate, J. Green, J. Ingham, R. Prichard, J.G. Rattenbury, K Turner and R. Ward; with apologies from Revd. J.M. Thomas, Messrs. H.R. Clarke, M. Gillespie and R Wynzar.

The Meeting was opened at 7.35 p.m. and the minutes were passed as a true representation.

Matters Arising

- As regards the Dux medal awarded to the late Mr R.E.B. Williams, sent to the Association by his wife, Mr Nicholson (Head of Grangefield School) said that he would accept it and have it mounted at Grangefield School
- Mr B.P. Brand reported that he had attended the Prize Giving at Grangefield School which had attained a record number of results that year. Mr K. Turner asked if the

prize winners were aware why the prizes from the Association were awarded. Mr B.P. Brand said that they were given background information.

Treasurer's Report

Mr B.P. Brand referred the Committee to page 15 in the Year Book. The funds remained healthy with £3,343.28 in the Building Society at 27/2/95. The Tom Sowler Fund had been all spent (£532.67) and the account was now clear. The money was all used towards the purchase of the Tom Sowler Memorial Notice Board at the College. Mr J. Green proposed that the Committee adopt the report. Mr. R. Ward seconded and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr B.P. Brand. Mr. B.P. Brand thanked the Hon. Auditor, Mr. P. Fleck, for his efforts on behalf of the Association

Benevolent Fund Report

Mr. B.P. Brand reported that the current balance stood at £2,581. There had been no requests for loans up to the end of December 1994. Mr. K. Turner said that it seemed that the Fund was redundant and suggested that people should be made more aware of its existence. Mr B.P. Brand said that 'word of mouth' would be the best bet. Mr. K. Turner proposed that the Trustees consider the future of the Fund. This was seconded by Miss L. Waring. The AGM voted on the proposal and it was carried that Mr K. Turner's proposal should be undertaken.

Election of Officers

Mr. R. Ward had already been nominated by Mr B.P. Brand and seconded by Mr. P. Graham for the post of President. The Meeting voted unanimously for him. Miss L. Waring (the retiring President) thanked the Committee for their support during her term of office.

Mr. R. Ward said that it was a great honour to be President. Mr. B.P. Brand proposed a vote of thanks to Miss L. Waring - all agreed. Mr J. Green proposed that the Committee be re-elected including Miss L. Waring. Office Bearers and other members of the Committee were also all re-elected. Mr B.P. Brand proposed that Miss J. Farnaby be elected as Assistant Dinner Secretary - all agreed.

Any Other Business

Mr B.P. Brand proposed a vote of thanks to Mr B. Bate for his help in acquiring adverts for the Year Book. Miss L. Waring proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Graham for the successful production of the Year Book.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m.

Roz Prichard, Minutes Secretary

69th ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held at the St. George Hotel, Teesside Airport on Saturday 1st April, 1995.

After a very pleasant meal the President, Bob Ward, began by welcoming our guests Alan Old and his wife Glenys and also our student guests Megan Griffiths and David Sudron.

Before introducing Alan, Bob brought us up to date with our membership statistics and briefly reported on the hand over of the Tom Sowler memorial Noticeboard. In introducing Alan, Bob referred to the four "R" s of Grangefield - Respect, Reliance, Responsibility and Rugby!

Alan, in his talk, said that when he accepted our invitation he had not expected that the rugby team he coached would be involved in a match. A match had been rescheduled for 1 April and Newcastle Gosforth had been beaten! Perhaps our dinner was a good thing after all - he missed the inquest!

(note - Newcastle Gosforth is now "Newcastle" with a full professional set up and has joined John Hall's Newcastle United club with a paid Supremo - Rob Andrew)

Alan entertained us with his memories of both cricket and rugby. Although he had enjoyed his cricket and had success with club and county (he captained Durham) he could not compare with the prowess of brother Chris. This had helped him to decide to concentrate upon rugby.

He described rugby as a supportive community and now superbly organised at international level compared to the time when he first played. Alan took us through the 1972 season when he was first capped. One of his memories was waiting with forty "possibles" for the team to be announced. He didn't hear another name after his! The match preparation was one practice session, mid-week, in the west country! Brother Chris chauffeured him there and after a final session against the local XV he was driven back to Middlesbrough through the night for work the next day! Incidentally he played in all four of the "five nations" matches and was not once on the winning side! He accepted no responsibility for the defeats!

One amusing incident occurred at Twickenham. Alan had given his tea ticket to his wife Glenys and was then refused admission to the tea room by a "jobsworth" doorman. He was with the England Skipper, Bob Hiller who was also refused admission because he didn't have a ticket! It was adding insult to injury as they had borne the cost of their wives' accommodation themselves.

Alan concluded that although he would change a few things he was grateful for the unique experience rugby had given him.

He then proposed the toast to the "Association".

Bob Ward thanked Alan and then proposed the toast to the Stockton Sixth Form College in the presence of the Principal Howard Clarke and the two (current) students. Howard, in reply to the toast, gave us an insight into the new system whereby the College is an independent business which must bid for money.

Greater participation is encouraged. There has been an increase in the number of vocational courses on offer and a larger range of diversified courses. In addition to the 500+ students from 11-16 schools there are also 250 adult students and around 100 staff. Three members of staff, John Ingham, Dave Allison and Peter Cardno have taken early retirement but have returned in a part-time role

Future developments include Space Utilisation - phase 6! And looking forward to working with the new L.E.A. when it is established. The College will retain its name and continue to cater for 16-19 year olds and adults.

College achievements continue at a high level and are recorded in the Year Book. The College can just about field a rugby team - courtesy of Stockton Rugby Club! The evening ended as usual with guests mingling and chatting over times old and new.

Those attending, in no particular order other than signing our guest list were:Louisa Waring; Bob & Kate Ward; Alan & Glenys Old; Howard & Diana Clarke; Agnes
Sowler; Nancy Hewitt; Louisa Waring; Ted Cooper; Colin Mustard; Geoffrey Ward;
David Francis; Gordon Rattenbury; Brian Bate; Keith Turner; Jim Durrant; Peter (Pop)
Sowler; Fred Jackson; Roz & Carole Prichard; Megan Griffiths; David Sudron; Brian &
Pat Brand; Paul & Janice Graham; Derek & Linda Graham.

PAT BRAND

THE 70th ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner will be held at the Restaurant at the Belasis Business Park on SATURDAY 20th APRIL 1996 [7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.].

Dress is lounge suit or dinner suit for the gentlemen and cocktail or evening dress for the ladies.

The chief guests will be

Mr J.G. Rattenbury

Former Deputy Headmaster, Grangefield Grammar School for Boys and

Mr D. Sudron

Student, Stockton Sixth Form College

The theme of the evening will be "Old and New" and if you have any memorabilia which we could use to make a display (as this is the Centenary of the Higher Grade School) please ring Roz Prichard on Stockton 585453. We urgently need a cap badge. The ticket price is £14.50 and they can be obtained from The Dinner Secretary, Miss Joan Farnaby on Stockton (01642) 581655

Non-members are most welcome if they are former students or guests of former students

MENU

Cream of Asparagus soup

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Chasseur Sauce L traditional Yorkshire Pudding served with a selection of Fresh Vegetables L Potatoes



Lime Mousse with Cream and Chocolate Garnish

Coffee & Mints (Tea by request)

For those guests with special dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian meals, please contact Miss Joan Farnaby <u>direct</u> via the above telephone number.

Overnight accommodation can be arranged (at approximately £30 per person per night) by contacting the Billingham Arms, The Causeway, Billingham, Cleveland. (01642) 553661.

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THE OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

On the 1st January 1994 the credit balance at the Darlington Building Society was £2.581.03

No loans have been made during the year and no repayments have been made. No donations have been received

Interest of £67.45 net was received [£89.94 gross and tax of £22.49 deducted]. This gave a credit balance of £2,648.48 at the Building Society on 31st December 1994.

Once more we thank John Ingham for auditing the accounts.

Donations to the Fund are always welcome and can be sent to Bob Ward with subscriptions or other O.S.A. donations, or direct to the Convener at the address below.

Appeals for assistance may be made, in the strictest confidence, to Mr. Howard Clarke, Principal of Stockton Sixth Form College or to Brian Brand, The Convener to the Trustees, 24, Ainderby Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, Cleveland. TS18 5PJ {Tel: - 01642-583025}

BRIAN BRAND

TREASURER'S REPORT - 1994/95

The Funds remain healthy and have been audited for the year ending 30th June 1995. The Life Members and General Fund has increased by £456.51, the Evan Baldwin Fund has decreased by £26.88 and the King / Armstrong Fund has decreased by around £15.42.

The Evan Baldwin Fund will last another two years at the current level of prizes. Again only two prizes, instead of three, were awarded in 94-95 as there was no nominee for "services to the College"

The King/ Armstrong Fund will last another 9 years at the current value of prizes.

Both extrapolations assume that there will be no donations, which is unlikely.

The Dinner was in deficit last year. The loss of £33.63 was due to two factors :- the first was the poor attendance which can be partly explained by the clash with a "Sportsman's Dinner" organised by Stockton Rugby Club. As our guest was a well known rugby enthusiast the clash was regrettable but unavoidable by the time we found out. The second was a decision by the Committee to continue to invite two guests from the College. The Committee will decide whether we should pay for the College guests directly from the General Fund rather than leave the Dinner costs in any deficit.

Thanks mainly to Brian Bate, the Advertising revenue was increased dramatically and this more than paid for the production and postage of the Year Book. Advertising and a donation raised £344, whilst the Year Book cost £216.72 (Production and postage). Our thanks go to Paul Graham who not only gave a great deal of his time but also virtually produced the Year Book himself.

We made a modest income of £5.41 from ties, stick-pins and History of the Association. Building Society interest of £9.24, subscriptions of £68.25 and donations of £226.67 formed the major part of our income.

To sum up, our funds increased by £456.51, a satisfactory improvement in the general financial climate

Finally may I thank Peter Fleck, our Honorary Auditor, for his continued help and advice particularly during the preparation of the accounts.

> Brian P. Brand Hon. Treasurer

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

As a result of several returned magazines and requests from current members on the whereabouts of friends I have decided to devote some space in this year's magazine to ask the obvious question.

If you are able to help with news or addresses please write to Bob Ward and we shall pass on the information directly or through the pages of next year's magazine.

Returned Books with last known address and date we last had correspondence :

Miss S.J. Day (1982-84), 1 Hollyshaw Walk, Leeds; 1991

Miss C. Dore (1969-76), 42 Moathouse Drive, Stafford ; 1990

P.D. Dodds (1954-61), Stonely Hall, Hatchet Lane, Cambridgeshire; 1989

J.R. England (1958-65), 538 Yarm Road, Stockton; 1993

G. Fenny (1927-34), 28 St. Oswald's Rd., Redlands, Bristol ; 1993

I.J. Gray (1958-65), 33 Albuca Avenue, Walter Readen Park, Transvaal, S. Africa; 1994

Dr C. Johnson (1970-77), 5 Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.; 1990

P.N.S. King (1981-84), 292 Welford Road, Leicester ; 1989

G. Moule (1986-88), 23 Spitalfields, Yarm; 1993

D.H. Stewart (1957-63), 30 Eversley Crescent, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1EJ; 1979

D.P. Trotter (1954-62), 11 The Pippins, Wolviston, Billingham; 1988

Our apologies to relatives and friends concerned if the above requests refer to members who have passed away.

Requests for news of whereabouts:

James Gaddas would like to know news of JOHN BENNETT (age 35) who lived in Norton or Stockton and possibly went into the Merchant Navy.

OUR SPORTING LIFE

SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA - Wednesday 5 April 1995

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

In 1996 the event will be held : Wednesday 27 March

Thanks are due to our overall coordinator **TOM RIPLEY** and all the College staff who give generously of their time to make this such a special day for all former students. Tom is also a former student who is now teaching P.E. at the College and so there should be no problems with organisation. Special thanks also to the GNVQ Leisure & Tourism students who provided the after match tea.

Tom can be reached at the College on 612611 during the day. We still need all the support you can give if the events are to survive, they remain our last direct contact with the students at the College.

FORMER STUDENTS HERE AND THERE

COME ON LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

Returns are a bit thin this year. I'm sure that it is not for the lack of news more the lack of belief that others will be interested. We forever hear the cry "No one from my year ever seems to be in the magazine". That will remain so unless people are willing to at least return the slip with an address confirmation and just one or two lines of news!!

PAT BARKER (nee DRAKE) (1955 - 62) confounded the critics by taking the Booker Prize - world's top award for a novel - ahead of Salman Rushdie in November 1995. Born in Thornaby, and a former pupil of Grangefield Grammar School for Girls, Pat began writing whilst working as a history teacher. After completing several unpublished novels she was advised to write about her own background by the late great novelist Angela Carter. The resulting novel 'Union Street' was published in 1982 and was about Teesside life. Astonishingly the novel was made into a Hollywood movie 'Stanley and Iris' starring Jane Fonda and Robert de Niro: the novel also won Pat the Best of Young British Novelists award in 1983. However that novel would have never seen the shelves of any book shop if Pat's husband David had not retrieved it from the dustbin, where Pat had thrown it, together with the tea bags and potato peelings, after another rejection. 'The Ghost Road' the novel which won Pat the £20,000 Booker prize was the last of a trilogy which began in 1991 with 'Regeneration', followed by 'Eye in the Door' which won the Guardian Fiction Prize in 1993. Her inspiration for the books had been her grandfather who had been a soldier in the First World War. Pat's next two books are to be contemporary novels, again set in the North East, but she won't be allowed to forget the trilogy just yet - plans are already in the pipeline for a film based upon them. Perhaps if fate takes a hand Ridley Scott may direct it !!

J.W. BEADLE (1926 - 30) writes to let us know he is "still in the land of the living" and includes a generous donation to funds. He is always pleased to receive the Year Book, despite its lack of information about his contemporaries, and would love to attend the Dinner, but distance and 80+ years make this an unlikely event.

It's always nice to hear from our oldest members and PERCY BELL (1914 - 1918) is well within that that category. It seems that we owe Percy an apology. We have his 'dates' listed as 1915 - 1918 but Percy has evidence to the contrary. Being one of the 'Bishopton boys and girls' they had to walk to the nearest station at Stillington to get to Stockton, a journey of some 2.5 miles. He distinctly remembers the group being very alarmed on the 16 December 1914 when crossing a field footpath on the way to the station by a series of roars and loud bangs. It transpired later that what they had heard was the shelling of Hartlepool by part of the German Navy on that fateful day in December. Percy is still well, in his 93rd year, and thanks all those involved in the production of the Magazine. We thank you too Percy both for your letter and the nice donation to funds.

FRANK BOWEN (1925 - 32) a regular, and welcome, contributor to the pages of this publication writes to give us news of his new address and includes a generous donation. Frank's father E.L BOWEN (-) was at the Higher Grade School when Mr Prest was the Head Master and joined the 'Old Stocktonians Association' shortly after it was formed. In answer to your question about father and son membership I'm afraid it is not

unique Frank. Over the years there have been dozens of such instances (your old friend Tom Sowler and his son Peter being just one example).

TRACEY BRAND (1984 - 87) is still teaching in Learnington Spa and married lan a native of Birmingham in July. Ian is a keen football supporter of "the blues" and was overjoyed at their recent win (they beat 'Boro in the Coca Cola Cup in December 1995). BRIAN BRAND (1947 - 54) is still enjoying retirement and, with the retirement of his wife PAT, hopes to travel more. They manage regular trips to the Midlands to visit daughter Tracey and have already, since August 1995, had one visit to Stratford for "Taming of the Shrew" and a stop-over on the way to Twickenham for the South Africa game. Incidentally they sat next to LENNY PORTER (1960 - 67?) at Twickers and after the match enjoyed an evening and overnight hospitality from son RICHARD (1983 -85) who is still living in Harrow [at the bottom of the hill!] and still "programming". Richard, apart from his Triumph Trident 900 motor bike, has acquired a Ferret armoured car! It is classed as a "light goods vehicle" and is adapted for the road. The four and a half litre Rolls Royce engine is quieter than most cars, even if it only manages seven miles to the gallon!! Richard points out that he only needs to insure it "third party" as he doesn't anticipate damage to his vehicle in the event of a 'shunt'!!

SHEILA CARBARNS (1983 - 85) is (or 'was' by the time you read this) working for a year as a general practitioner in the Outer Hebrides. Sheila had been a GP in the Scottish Borders but doesn't tell us what the attraction is in the Hebrides, other than the scenery. She does however give us news of her 'medical brothers'. NEIL CARBARNS (1970 - 77) is living and working in Cardiff and is a specialist in infectious diseases whilst IAN CARBARNS (1972 - 79) is married, with two young daughters, and is currently working as a research physician for a pharmaceutical company in London. Sheila also gives us news of CAROLINE PEARCE (1983 - 85), who is working as a junior hospital doctor in Newcastle and was married in May 1995 and HELEN FLANNIGAN (1983 - 85) who is living in Warwickshire and is running the Local Authority Low Pay Unit. [Many thanks for the information Sheila. Would that our other readers contributed similar details about former students they keep in touch with - Editor]

A nice donation to funds from **D.P. CHURCH** (1948 - 55) who we hope is still enjoying his early retirement and managing to beat the bookies at Redcar on his frequent visits 'up North' from deepest South Yorkshire.

A confirmation of address from J.B. CLARK (1945 - 50) but no other news of how he is getting on in retirement or of any contemporaries he may still keep in touch with. It was nice to receive a letter from TED COOPER (1957 - 62) although he did join us for the Dinner in 1994. Ted is still with BP after 20 years having just moved out of a super new office in Uxbridge to his new base in Sunbury on Thames. At the time of writing (Feb. '95) he was preparing a talk for local schools on the 'Opening Windows on Engineering' project of the Engineering Council, we trust it went well. Ted is also researching, from time to time, his grandfather's First World war exploits and is gradually compiling a biography on Major Cooper VC. His grandfather wanted his Victoria Cross to be on display within his home town of Stockton and the Museum Department has arranged for this in the Green Dragon Yard Museum. Ted would be happy to receive any advice on the future publication of the biography. You can contact him at "Laurel Bank", Park Grove, Chalfont St Giles, BUCKS HP8 4BG. He enjoyed his visit to Teesside in 1994 to the Annual Dinner and was pleased to see "forgotten" class mates Dave Rayner and Peter Wishlade as well as Mr D'Arcy. Ted adds that he always

enjoyed Dermot's French lessons but the mutual interest in railways was unexpected and certainly of benefit to him. He remembers that Dermot loaned him a very interesting book containing outline drawings. Seeing **PETER TWIDDY**'s name in the recent Year book prompted Ted to ask for a contact address. Unfortunately our last, unconfirmed, address for Peter was in Longnewton but we were able to supply other means of contact (we hope they were successful) [Many thanks for your donation and kind words for those who work to keep the Association 'ticking over' - Editor]

Revd. Dr. ELIZABETH CULLING (1969 - 76), has recently been installed as vicar of St Michael's and All Angels Church, Cherry Burton, Humberside. Elizabeth also becomes chaplain of a nearby agricultural college and takes the post of the Archbishop of Hull's senior rural affairs advisor.

ROBIN DANIELS (?) Cleveland County Council's county archaeologist recently presented a paper at an international conference held in the Czech capital, Prague, in September 1995.

A notification of a change of address from Strensall to Stamford Bridge by **DOUG DEAN** (1951 - 56) but sadly no news to add to that given in 1990.

A subs top up from **GRAEME DEWISON** (1947 - 1954) who is still enjoying his retirement and doting on two new grandchildren. He is always delighted to read of the new College's successes, especially the rugby and modern languages.

As promised in the 1991-92 copy of the Year Book PHILIP DICKENSON (1948 - 55) has "moved back North". His move from Worcestershire has taken him 'yon side of the Pennines' however, to Kendal, but it feels close enough to be "home". We trust that the retirement from the 'Beeb' is still going well and it would be true to say that many of us envy you your new 'location'.

A confirmation of address from **JIM DURRANT** (Staff: 1949 - 80). It was nice to see him at the Dinner again this year.

Sparked into action by our request for news in the 1993-94 Year Book TREVOR EDEN (1950 - 55) sent a long missive by way of recompense this year. On leaving Grangefield Trevor joined Power Gas (now Davy International) as an apprentice draughtsman. During a 15 year stint he progressed from the drawing office, through several on-site and engineering positions to the Sales Department, acting in a pre-contract role. He left the company when they moved their operations to London in 1970 and undertook a couple of sales positions elsewhere. He joined his present company, Morgan Moore Engineering Limited in 1976 as Sales manager, at that time it was newly formed and employed only a handful of staff in small premises in Portrack. Following rapid growth a large multi-National purchased the Company in 1982 and, in 1987, when an opportunity presented itself Trevor and three colleagues undertook a Management Buyout. Trevor's role was Operations Director until 1992, at which time he was appointed Managing Director. The Company, which undertakes specialist Instrumentation and Electrical design, manufacturing and Engineering work now employs in excess of 300 people with a turnover of £15 million, from bases in Middlesbrough, Aberdeen and Great Yarmouth. Trevor married his wife Carol in 1964 and has a daughter and son, now both grown up. In 1992 two of Trevor's former classmates suggested a re-union of their (1950 -55) 'R-Form' and after a lot of investigatory work the venue was the Swallow Hotel, Stockton.

Nine people managed to make it to the event in addition to Trevor. STEWART COLLINGWOOD, JIM FRYETT, DAVID GRAY and MALCOLM STAYMAN (all currently living in Teesside), MAURICE ATKIN (Chelmsford), PETER BEDLINGTON (York), TOM OLIVER (Maine, USA) and COLIN WILLIAMS (Great Missenden). In addition IAN BENZIES, MALCOLM BROWN and MELVIN GRAY were located in Teesside but were unable to attend. All those attending enjoyed an excellent meal, not to mention the odd drink or three, and a goodly amount of repartee. It was fascinating to discuss experiences, careers and a host of other topics which had occurred since leaving Grangefield, especially for those that had not met in the intervening 37 years. As ever at these functions it was agreed to repeat the function at some time in the future. In readiness for that event Trevor is making an appeal through the pages of this magazine for any information on the whereabouts of:

MAT BURDUS, ALAN CRAGGS, NAT DAVISON, TERRY FAWCETT, LES FREEMAN, PETER HINGLEY, BOB HUTTON, IAN HOLT, JOHN LOGAN, PHILIP MOTHERSDALE, LEW PILBOROUGH, IAN WATSON, JOHN WEARMOUTH and COLIN WRIGHT.

Can anyone oblige with details of addresses, telephone numbers or contacts ?? [Many thanks for the letter and donation Trevor - Editor]

A change of address note from JOHN FRANKS (1947 - 52) [now resident in Manchester] and a generous donation. In addition he writes to say that he is still involved with church work for the Congregational denomination as he has been since leaving theological college and Manchester University in 1960; apart from a seven year spell working for Christian Aid. John is pleased to see that BRIAN BRAND (1947 -54) is still heavily involved in the O.S.A. they went to Nelson Terrace together in 1947 from Mill Lane School, along with JACK MILNER (1947 - 54) of whom he hears nothing these days [We lost touch in 1989 when Jack was living in Darley Abbey, Derby - Editor Does anyone else have news?]

JACK GILLILAND (1962 -64) writes to tell us of a recent (regular) Christmas meeting with JOHN GOODCHILD (1945 - 49) during which they waxed nostalgically. It transpired that John had not received his Magazine for some years [we had 67 Countisbury Rd., as his last address - Editor] As a result we have been able to renew our connection with John in Bolton, Lancashire. In 1994 Jack celebrated his fortieth anniversary of leaving Grangefield to go to Durham University. He is still there! - not as a student he hastens to add but as a member of staff in the School of Education. Jack joined the University as a member of staff in 1974 and still lives in Norton with his wife Marian (ex-Queen Vic), who teaches with the Cleveland Learning Support Service. Their son DAVID GILLILAND (?) attended Stockton Sixth Form College and became a Chemical Engineer, being employed most recently in the Research Laboratories of Unilever. Some two years ago David decided to leave Chemical Engineering in order to study Law. He successfully completed his bar Vocational Course in June and was called to the Bar in October 1994. Jack's daughter Catherine lives in Norton and continues to work for Stockton District Council.

With the merger of two local Middlesbrough Colleges (Longlands and Marton Sixth Form) to become Teesside Tertiary College PAUL GRAHAM (1958 - 65) has a new title of Director of Academic Services for his role. Just to prove that 'the Former Student network' is everywhere a fellow Director is MARTIN PEAGAM (1971 - 78), Martin's wife

JANICE (nee WILLIAMS) (1975 - 77) is a lecturer and a recent visitor to the College was JOHN WHITHAM (1969 - 75) in his capacity as an insurance loss adjuster. John dropped in to the Stockton Arms during a recent visit to the area and swears that the same people were sitting in the same seats as when he last visited the pub. Martin supplies the following news of contemporaries. IAN RAILTON (1969 - 76) was appointed Headteacher of St. Aidan's C.E. School in Hartlepool in 1995. IAN GORRELL (1969 - 76) obtained a degree in Chemistry at Durham University and subsequently an MSc and PhD., he now teaches at Sussex University and lives in Brighton. (Ian's sister Janet also works at Teesside Tertiary College!) COLIN WALKER (1970 - 75) is a Technician Supervisor at Teesside Tertiary College and is very active on football teams; including the George and Dragon in Yarm, where, we gather, he can often be found!

Other than a top up of subs, a nice donation to funds and an address confirmation DANIEL HANSON (1988 - 90) adds no news of himself or his contemporaries.

A subs renewal and address confirmation from DOUG ('Haggis') HARRIS (1968 - 74) but no further confessions to add to those he revealed in last year's Magazine.

MIKE (1973 - 74) and LINDA (1967 - 73) HEADS have just joined the Association as new members. Lack of other information means the only details we are able to supply is that they are living in Romaldkirk, Barnard Castle.

RICHARD HUMBLE (1980 - 87) tops up his subs (to 2008!) [thanks for the confidence Richard - Editor] and answers Don Smith's question in the 1994 - 95 Year Book [You are right Don they do read it !! - Editor]. He says that, as far as he knows, he is not related to JIM HUMBLE (1931 - 37) as none of his fathers family came from Stockton. Richard is still working in Edinburgh and still hill-walking.

It's always a pleasure to hear from **WILF HUME** (1924 - 29) now aged 82 and retired for 21 years from Local Government work. Having left Stockton Sec' some 66 years ago he still takes great pleasure in receiving the Year Book. Inevitably he finds the names of fewer and fewer contemporaries on its pages each year but that aside he still has many fond memories. Wilf and his wife Ann manage to keep reasonably fit and healthy.

The last time we heard from CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON (1973 - 80) was in 1987 when he was working as a Management Consultant for Arthur Anderson & Co. And shortly after he had married Fiona Jane. His latest return gives his new address in Altrincham and tops up his subs but sadly no other details.

Sedgefield town councillor RAY ICETON (1929 - 33) achieved a double first recently when he became the village's first Honorary Burgess and Freeman. He was the village's first mayor when the council was transformed from a parish into a town council in the Seventies. Ray was co-opted onto the council in 1962 beginning an unbroken sequence of 32 years until his recent retirement. He was elected Chairman in 1970, 1972 and 1973 and became the first mayor of Sedgefield in 1974. After six years in the Army Ray finished as a Sergeant at GHQ 21 Army Group in Brussels. It was there that he met his wife Jean who was a member of the F.A.N.Y. billeted in the Monastère Berlaymonta. On being demobbed Ray returned to his position as an insurance clerk and then a Youth Employment Officer. However, after Army life he didn't fancy being told what to do for the rest of his working days and so he bought a business in Sedgefield and remained there for 35 years, realising his ambition to retire at 55. He then spent two years building

a bungalow. Although he has now been retired for 22 years he has remainder active despite suffering from Parkinson's Disease for some 13 years, which has "caused a few problems". Ray nevertheless has battled on. "Pas-à-pas on va bien loin" he remembers

An address confirmation and substantial top up of subscription from FRED JACKSON (1953 - 59). Although he still lives locally (Sedgefield) Fred spends most of his week working away from home now.

A tie and stick pin requested by **ANDREW KING (1991 - 94)** but no other news. The last we heard was that Andrew was studying for an Applied Geology degree at Oxford Brookes University.

SARAH KING (1991 - 93) is still studying for a B.Sc. (Hons) in Sports Studies at Staffordshire University, Stoke -on-Trent. Following graduation she plans to take a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education and enter teaching.

Always a pleasure to hear from our regular contributor GEORGE LITTLE (1915 - 18) even though the news was generally sad.

A notification of a change of address but no other details from TONY McFARTHING (?) who still resides in Ontario, Canada.

A top up of subs and address confirmation from ROGER MASON (1954 - 61) but sadly no news to add to that he provided in 1990-91.

A regular and welcome attender at the O.S. Dinner COLIN MUSTARD (1955 - 60) once again sends a donation to funds but no further news to that provided in 1994.

DAVID PILBROUGH (1949 - 53) quotes himself as "still bumbling along" with his two business in Australia still making a profit. David visited the UK briefly in January 1995 but did not have time to come to Teesside. "Maybe next year ". After thirteen years in Australia he can recommend it as a great place for retirement and invites his contemporaries to consider it! [How about some names David? - Editor] STOP PRESS!! Dave rang Brian Brand when he was paying a short visit to Stockton (from Australia via Germany!) in January 1996 and was able to call in on GORDON RATTENBURY (1932 - 74). Brian hopes to meet up with Dave when he makes his next 'flying visit' to Teesside.

A major article in an October edition of the Evening Gazette featured ROZ PRICHARD (1958 - 65). Roz, the Association's Secretary, and a teacher at Tilery Primary School (in Stockton) had spent some time with the Cleveland Nautical and Environmental Studies Centre as part of the Teacher Placement Service run by Teesside Training and Enterprise Council. With the knowledge he gained, his affection for the river and love of photography Roz was able to create an imaginative series of aids for primary school teachers which included the recognition of shipping, where tugs are going on the river and what oil tankers do with their cargoes. Although he had taken parties of children on the Tees in the past he felt that more information could be provided to teachers and children to stimulate the imagination. He strongly believes that children learn best by visual aids and that seeing and doing is far more effective than just reading textbooks.

Although we see **GRAHAM RAYNER** (1959 - 66) regularly it is some time since he brought us 'up to date' with his career. After leaving the staff at Grangefield in 1972 Graham took up the Head of PE at Kirby College of FE, where he stayed until 1974. He then moved to Teesside Polytechnic (now the University of Teesside) as Deputy Head of Recreation until February 1995, when he was appointed as Director of Physical Recreation and Sport at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Graham also managed to combine the posts of General Manager, Great Britain Olympic Basketball Team (1988 & 1992); Chef de Mission for the Great Britain Student Team at the World Student Games in Sheffield (1991), Buffalo (1993) and Fukuoka (1995); Hon. Vice President, Chairman of the Basketball Committee and member of the International Sub-Committee of the British Universities' Sports Association.

In the six months since arriving at Newcastle an internal review committee (set up at the University before Graham was appointed) reported and his new department became an academic service centre, similar to the library in function, with a growth in staffing to 24. The sporting facilities at Newcastle are outstanding and Graham claims that the fact that the University has an 18-hole golf course (incidentally, the only university in GB to have such a facility) did not influence his decision to apply for the job !! The University's indoor facilities are due to be supplemented in the near future by a new purpose built sports centre. Due to his expert selection of a four ball (golf) team, rather than the fact that he now has 'his own golf course' on which to practice, Graham managed to lift a rather nice bottle of Chablis and a golfing umbrella in a recent tournament. The team consisted of BRIAN WALLER (1959 - 66), RAY WAITE (1960 - 67) and PETER DAVIES (1960 - 65) and Graham claims that their success was built upon years of carefully planned team building exercises, involving intricate role play at Stockton Cricket Club. Graham extends a warm welcome to friends (old and new or those he's forgotten) who would like to be involved with the work of the Physical Recreation Centre at the University and the many exciting sponsorship opportunities they have to offer. If you would like to bring a golfing party to Close House (the University playing fields complex) 'out in the country' near to the Tyne and also sample the delights of the Mansion House with their magnificent views over the river he can offer special rates for Old Stocktonians

Finally in case anyone thinks that Graham may have switched his allegiance, in soccer terms, they can be reassured by the facts that he is a (proud) holder of a season ticket at the Riverside Stadium, he has a photograph of the Boro over his (Victorian) mantelpiece in his office and the screen saver on his PC reads 'Brian Robson's Red and White Army'

A donation to funds and address confirmation from RAY REED (1950 - 57) but no details to add to those he gave us in 1990.

JOHN ROGERS (1965 - 72) writes from Cheltenham and includes a nice donation to funds but adds that he continues to keep the Inland Revenue employed and on their toes with his wide variety of part-time tasks. These include infant teaching (job sharing with someone from Hartlepool !), coach driving, labouring, and sport centre management.

We recently became acquainted with IAN SAUL (1984 - 86) in his professional capacity as a chartered accountant with Waltons, based in their Hartlepool office. Ian promised a subs and more information next year in return for a brief mention in, and a copy of, the current Year Book.

DON SMITH (1933 - 40) 'drops us a line' once again from Angus in Scotland with a wealth of news. Mention of JOHN GALE (1928 - 35) in the last issue of the Year Book

reminded Don that John was 'put upon' by Cuthbert King to tutor Don in French Literature for 'Highers' in 1939, since he had graduated in languages at Hull, then part of London University. Don has been to visit John recently in Upper Beeding, West Sussex and believes that John has "an interesting and amusing book inside of him, if he can be persuaded to write it" Following Don's 'revelations' in last year's Year Book EDNA TWINNING (nee DICKENSON) heard from an Old Stocktonian that her name had appeared in the book - this shows the power of the printed word! Don recently received his first royalty cheque for his book 'Sojourn in the Land of the Simmer Dim', an account of his teaching career in Lerwick. Apparently he was less successful in receiving any contribution from PLR for his 'Cricket-stumps and Sticklebacks' He is tempted to take out the local library copy every day to redress the balance! [The Association is grateful for your donation to funds Don - Editor]

Apologies are due to AGNES, PETER and MARNIE SOWLER for my error in leaving in the 'Donation to the Tom Sowler Memorial Fund' in the return slip after the Fund had been closed. I am sorry for any embarrassment this may have caused [Paul Graham, Editor]

A change of New Zealand address from WILFRED STANDFORD (1933 - 37) but no other news to add to that he provided in 1991. Did you ever get in touch with DES CROOKS Wilf?

A top up and donation to funds from LILIAN THOMPSON (nee FORSTER) (1929 - 34) but no details to add to her letter of 1991. We know however that she is still heavily involved in Education in Cleveland County in the role of Chairman of Governors.

GEOFFREY WARD (1955 - 62) writes to correct errors/fill in gaps which showed in our 1994- 95 Year Book. DAVID FRANCIS' years at school were 1959 to 1963; GERALD WARD's brother-in-law is DONALD (not CHRIS) GILCHRIST (1968 - 75) [Apologies for that error - Editor]; PETER TWIDDY's years at school were 1955 to 1962. Geoffrey is still working in Reading for Foster Wheeler as a Document Controller.

Brian Brand "bumped into" **GEORGE WHITE** (1953 - 60) and his wife Jackie in "The Masham" recently. They were "visiting" Stockton after returning from the Camargue region in France. Their new address is in Otley, West Yorkshire.

With his parents and those of his wife passing on BARRY WIGGINS (1940 - 46) and Sheila (his wife) rarely visit Teesside now but they do frequently reach York where their son holds a senior position with Terry's Suchard. Barry is still a voluntary member of the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance, with a very full diary of committee meetings that are trying hard to keep the Church of England financially solvent. He is also still Secretary of the Lutterworth Rotary Club. The Club organised a very successful V.E.-Day 'Glen Miller style' big band concert at a local aerodrome that raised over £13,000 for national and local charities. In September 1995 Sheila (ex-Kirby Grammar) and Barry plan to celebrate their Ruby Wedding when they hope that some of their Stockton friends, including ARTHUR WILLIS (1940 - 46) and his wife Joyce, will be able to join them.

A note of a change of address from **BRIAN WINTER (1963 - 70)** via Brian Brand but no other news. [Our 'latest' confirmed address was dated pre-1977!! - Editor] Come on Brian we must be due for a letter after 20 years!!

OBITUARIES

It will come as a great shock to many former pupils to read on these pages of the death of RONALD E. BRADSHAW (Head: 1957 - 73) aged 85. He joined the school in Easter 1957 from his post as head of Stockton Grammar School and was only the fifth headmaster (in over 60 years). A native of Newcastle upon Tyne he was educated at the Royal Grammar School and later at Selwyn College, Cambridge where he took a degree in History and English. Having taught at Belle View Grammar School in Bradford he served in the R.A.F. from 1941 to 1946, returning to take up his post at Bradford before being appointed Headmaster at Stockton Grammar School in 1952. Although the school was relatively 'new' it had actually been conceived and partially built in the 30's and the archaic heating system left much to be desired. On one occasion Ronald and some of the sixth formers were actively involved in stoking the boilers ! quidance the size of the curriculum, and of the sixth form, grew dramatically and it was not long before pupils at the school began beating a regular path to all the universities in the country with excellent examination results at all levels. There was always something new happening at the school during his tenure of office. Sport flourished with record winning rugby teams, athletes and gymnasts winning national championships. Basketball rose to meteoric heights, and tennis teams were feared throughout the country. Music and plays flourished and the orchestra was spoilt for choice in the late sixties and early seventies. In later years the school became much involved with work for charities and this was particularly pleasing to Ronald. To many who attended the school during this era it was the 'Golden Years' probably as much to do with the growth of the country in terms of wealth and the generosity and scholarship of the staff who taught them . I'm sure we will all have our personal memories of Ronald Bradshaw whether it was attending his English Grammar lessons, RE sessions, other more 'famous' lessons. being on the receiving end of a beating or telling off, or being encouraged on and off the sporting 'field'. Many a pupil was amazed to be known by name by the head after only a short time in the school and his memory for faces and knowledge of former pupils was only matched by that of his deputy Gordon Rattenbury or Head of Physics, John Ingham. In any event there can be no doubt that the school had, perhaps, its most successful period under his overall guidance, either directly or through his wise choice of staff. Even in retirement he took an interest in the activities of Former Pupils and the Old Stocktonians' Association will miss a long serving colleague and friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Olive and children, Nigel, Neville and Hazel together with their families.

We were saddened to hear of the death, in August 1993, of ERNEST CLARK (1927 - 34). Having trained as a teacher Ernie rose through the ranks to become headmaster of Frederick Natrass Junior School in Norton. One of his most cherished memories was watching his nephew playing for Oxford in the Varsity match. A not so pleasurable memory was being a member of the School's first rugby team which was thrashed 83-0 by Brinkburn (Henry Smith's) School. Brinkburn School was where Ernie's nephew was taught! We offer our belated sympathy to all his family.

George Little informed us of the recent death of **TOM DAWSON** (1916 - 19) aged 91 but was not able to supply an further information other than he saw the announcement in an ICI newspaper.

TOM BURTON FARNABY (1919 - 23) died on 5 January 1993 aged 88. We offer our sincere condolences to all Tom's family, especially JOAN (1933 - 39) who is a regular supporter of the Association's Dinner.

The Association was informed, in July 1995, of the death in December 1994 of ARCHER GREEN (1928 - 32). Sadly, although he corresponded regularly with the Association in terms of address confirmation, payment of subs and donations we only know that Archer was a pharmacist.

JOHN LIVINGSTON (1913 - 1920) passed away on 13 February 1995 aged 92. Always a staunch supporter of the Association he wrote regularly and frequently included generous donations which have been (and will be) put to good use. A contemporary of Horace King, Wilf Noddings and John McGregor John had to stay on a year longer than most students in order to pass Latin. At that time Latin was a compulsory subject for matriculation in order to read medicine but was not included on the school curriculum. John was always grateful to his head master J.J. Prest and Evan Baldwin for making such a career possible. For, "those two gentlemen were able to knock sufficient Latin into my head within a year, which enabled me to pass the Higher Oxford Matriculation exam, and so began my career in medicine". During the same period Miss Agnes Edie (a former teacher at the Girls Secondary School coached him in the elements of Botany which eased the problems of his first year's medical training. Having studied medicine at Newcastle John obtained his MB, BS in 1926. He worked initially for a short period with Drs Irving and Manners (Van Mildert House, on the corner of Yarm Rd., and Westbourne ST.) before setting up his own practice in Haverton Hill, Billingham. In 1936 he gave up General Practice and went back to University to take qualifications which gave him B.Hy., D.P.H. After a further spell of hospital work in Middlesbrough he joined the Public Health Department in Hendon in 1938. There he was appointed Deputy M.O.H. and put in charge of the Fever Hospital. Apart from a spell of three years in the Army he remained in Hendon, taking over complete charge of the Hospital. Subsequently, as well as continuing as Director of the infectious Diseases Hospital, he was appointed Consultant in Infectuous Diseases to the Hendon Group of Hospitals. Despite his frailty in latter years John corresponded regularly, with his wife Jean's help and he was always pleased to receive the Year Book. We offer our sympathy to Jean and all the family for their loss.

We recently heard of the death of **W. NORMAN MOSS (1921 - 25)**. Our sincere condolences are offered to Norman's wife Freda at the sad loss of a good friend. We were especially touched by the donation from Freda to the Memorial Prize Funds of Armstrong, King & Baldwin at such a time.

Through her brother, Martin, we have recently been informed of the death, on 8 November 1983, of **HEATHER PEAGAM (1960 - 67)**

It was a great shock to all to hear of the sudden death, on 6 May 1995, of MIKE SIZER (1939 - 44). Rarely missing an opportunity to play rugby Mike was a regular in the Old Boys' teams of the late 40s and the 50s. Even after emigrating to Australia in the in the early 70s he rang up Brian Brand, on a visit to the UK, and demanded to know why he hadn't been picked for the team !! He took part in a veterans' tour of the USA and Canada and also the "Pan-Am Tournament" in Hawaii. In 1990 he wrote to tell us that he needed to have a 'rest' after three or four (over 35s) games as he was "beginning to

feel the knocks". Although the suddenness of Mike's death was a shock the place was no surprise. Mike died where he "lived" a large proportion of his life - on the rugby field. We are grateful for his wife Margery informing us of her (and our) sad loss and we send, through these pages, our sincerest sympathy.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death, in June 1995, of GUY WARWICK (1925 - 33). After leaving school Guy attended Durham University (Armstrong College) and as a young man was attracted to teaching but like many of his generation he joined up (in the RASC) early in the war and, as events developed he did not return to his original vocation. Guy met his wife to be, Ida, whilst billeted in Mansfield in 1941-2 but various postings, including Belgium, France & Palestine meant that marriage had to be postponed until 1944. After being demobbed he joined the staff of his father-in-law's garage where he stayed until his retirement in 1979. During the course of his working life Guy trained many young motor engineers, one of whom won a national award for his achievement, and his skill as a 'teacher' was highly regarded by those who came into contact with him.

Throughout his life he retained a wide range of interests including photography, astronomy, meteorology, geology and all things mechanical. Many of these skills were passed on to his only grandson, Andrew, with whom Guy had a close bond. In addition to his scientific skills Guy had the virtues of patience, loyalty, integrity and kindness and, despite his frailty in later life due to breathing difficulties, he was the source of his wife's strength and energy. Such was their partnership in life that Ida could not reconcile herself to life when Guy passed away and, sadly she too died in August 1995. We offer our sincere condolences to Guy's daughter, Diana, and her family in this year of sadness.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE 1995

The Annual Remembrance Day Service took place on Friday 10 November at Grangefield School. The Association was represented by Gordon Rattenbury, who laid a wreath on our behalf, Ken Whitfield, Ron Wynzar, Ron's wife and Brian Brand.

As in previous years the Year 9 pupils were responsible for the service.

Once again the service was conducted with dignity by the pupils and in a manner which belied their years. It is always a comfort that the young pupils treat the remembrance with such poise and understanding.

Gordon, Ron and Ken served during the 1939 - 45 war and knew some of those former pupils who did not return.

An addition this year was the unveiling of a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the ending of the second world war. The Parent Teachers' Association of Grangefield School and our Association shared the cost of providing a small rose garden in one of the inner quads and a plaque noting the occasion.

Our thanks are extended once more to Richard Nicholson (the Headteacher) and his staff for the upkeep of the two memorials, and for the splendid services organised each year.

BRIAN BRAND

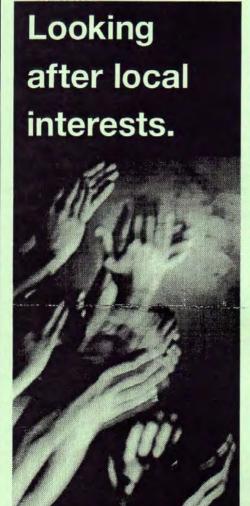
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