

Old Derbeian Society

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Dear Old Derbeian,

The year 2011 will be a year for celebration as the Old Derbeian Society reaches its centenary. The archives contain the original minute book including the minutes of the inaugural meeting. Your Committee will be giving thought as to how we should celebrate the occasion and welcome suggestions.

However, the Society has reached a crossroads in its history. In recent times Old Derbeians from the St. Helen's House era appear to be unwilling or are unable to participate in the running of the Society and similarly the new generation of O.Ds. from Derby Grammar School, apart from the setting up of our new web site (see below), have not yet embraced the idea of becoming involved in the affairs of the Society such as forming cricket or football teams or taking part in social activities or indeed assisting with the its administration.

It is acknowledged that many O.Ds. live away from the Derby area, although a sizeable majority do not and it is also recognised that most of the former pupils from D.G.S. are still at university and are therefore unavailable to attend committee meetings or participate in sporting activities. Nevertheless, without people to organise reunions and functions and importantly to communicate with the members, the prospect of the Society fading away is sadly very real.

As an illustration of the predicament in which the Society finds itself, the measures described in the administration of the Society highlights the difficulties facing it, at least in the short term.

Administrative Changes

After ten years as your Honorary Secretary, I take the opportunity of informing you that David Walker has reluctantly agreed to take over from me for 2007 and Ralph Holden has volunteered to act as Assistant Secretary. I shall continue to act as the Newsletter Editor and I have also become the custodian of the database for the List of Members, a task previously undertaken by School staff. I am also occasionally feeding our new web site with information and at the same time trying to fend off intrusions from unwanted hackers.

The position of Honorary Secretary, together with the other officers, will be subject to re-election at the AGM in January. It is not ideal that David should hold the offices of both Treasurer and Secretary and he is hopeful that an enthusiastic O.D. will accept nomination for the position of Hon.Secretary at the AGM in January. The task is limited to officiating at four meetings per year. Anyone interested in seeking office should contact David or me for more information.

Following a recent change to the Rules, the opportunity now exists, for O.Ds. who do not wish to be committed to a three year period of office but who have a particular interest or expertise to offer, to be co-opted to the Committee for a temporary duration. (Up to three co-opted members are now permitted at any one time).

Old Derbeians Web Site – “oldderbeians.org”

I can report that the Society has now set up its own web site, thanks largely to Charles Mason (1995-2002) a recent graduate in computer studies from Sussex University. In the short term, (until an enthusiastic volunteer is found) I shall be responsible for updating the web site with Society news, dates of reunions, etc. I would suggest that those members with an internet facility, examine the web site every month or so, to see the progress we are making. If any O.D. would like to take over the maintenance of the web site please contact me (at your early convenience!).

It is intended to publish not only the annual Newsletter on the web site but also other information and news items which arise from time to time. Members who would be content to receive an electronic version of the Newsletter via the website in 2008 are requested to confirm their willingness to do so to the undersigned, at abs.abs@virgin.net. This innovation will allow us to achieve considerable cost reductions on printing, stationery and postage. We also intend to add the List of Members to the web site in due course. However, a printed hardcopy of the Newsletter will continue to be despatched to all members who prefer the traditional version.

Finally, it is most important to let me know if you change your home address or your email address in order to ensure continued receipt of the Newsletter and future email communications.

St. Helen's House

Ralph Holden (1944-52) writes:

A buyer has finally been found for St. Helen's House and the Blunt family hope to achieve the legal completion this summer. A planning application will then be made for the development of the site as a hotel and apartments. Richard Blunt has said that every consideration will be given to preserving St. Helen's House, which is acknowledged as Joseph Pickford, the Derby architect's masterpiece, built in 1766-67 for John Gisborne the Derby millionaire of his day.

As part of the restoration, it is intended that the wall surrounding the entrance forecourt will be rebuilt to the original design and will be several feet higher than the present wall. This will have the effect of masking a large part of the School War Memorial from the road.

The new development will necessitate the building of a new road junction at the intersection of King Street and Bridge Street. This will create a substantial pedestrianised triangular space at the centre of the junction.

One suggestion is that in order for the Memorial to make a greater impact on the citizens of Derby, as one of the City's most significant monuments, it could be sited at the centre of the triangle of the junction, suitably landscaped with adequate space around it. Motorists rounding the curve from Queen Street would be confronted with the main face of the obelisk on its southern side, looking down King Street.

Richard Blunt has stated that he would welcome the opportunity of discussing the future of the Memorial with the Old Derbeian Society before submission of any detailed planning application, which is still some months away. In the meantime, there is temporary scaffolding around St. Helen's House for urgent repairs to the decorative urns on the roof parapet to make them safe.

Comment from D. F. Raybould, J.P., F.R.I.C.S. (1928-31)

In a recent letter to the Editor, Denis Raybould mentioned that "the situation of St. Helen's House is very sad and regrettable. It would not have happened in my time as there were too many Old Derbeians, including myself, on the Council!"

History of Derby School

Alan Bird (1960-67) reports that his writing of the History continues to go well, although the time he can devote to the project is less than he would wish. Nevertheless, with three quarters of the text completed he can see the final stages approaching, which will include editing, photograph selection and ordering items chronologically. We look forward to further progress in what should be a significant record of the School's history.

School News

David Walker, Chairman of Governors, writes:

School is over for another year. Pupils eagerly await their GCSE and A level results. Members of the teaching staff take a well earned break.

It seems an age ago now, but in September the school welcomed back Sir Clive Woodward who officially declared open the School's playing fields. These have proved a real boon. The School is building a good reputation in rugby: the U15XV reached the 4th round of the Daily Mail Cup (the last 64 of major rugby playing schools in the country); the U14XV notched up 10 victories from 12 played, scoring 408 points with 100 against.

Cricket has been a victim of both the weather and exams; these are held over a more extensive time period these days, which mean that 1st XI cricket is affected badly.

There have been two Young Enterprise companies in the lower Sixth and both have fared well. By the time you read this letter a contingent of boys will have endured and enjoyed the rigours of World Challenge in Chile.

For many years now, the school has supported the Children in Need Appeal. This year the school surpassed itself by raising £7,600 for this charity.

Perhaps the most significant development this year has been the decision taken by the Governors to admit girls into our sixth form from this coming September. I am pleased to report that at least 9 girls are committed to joining the school later this year, and would like to praise the endeavour and enthusiasm of Mrs. Carol Bramall, the Head of the Sixth Form, in establishing and maintaining links with schools in the area without sixth forms of their own. Not only has this resulted in this influx of girls, but, for the first time, has attracted boys from the state sector into the school at sixth form level.

This year too saw the appointment of Jane Arnold to lead our development office. She is supported by a good and enthusiastic team of Governors and Staff. Her main initial aim is to raise funds for the building of our Sports Hall. Recently this has been boosted by the receipt of a substantial sum from the School's Patron, Sir Nigel Rudd. In addition two events aimed at parents, grandparents and friends of the school raised over £37,000 towards this venture. Jane may be contacted via the school switchboard (01332 523027).

Three dates for your diary are:

Speech Day – Thursday 13th September at 7 pm at the Assembly Rooms.

Remembrance Day Service – Monday 12th November at 10:40 am at School

Carol Service – Tuesday 18th December at 7 pm at Derby Cathedral

All Old Derbeians are – as ever – most welcome.

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Best wishes are extended to the following boys who left School in 2006 and are embarking on their university or vocational careers:

T. ANDERSON-DIXON	UWE: Business Enterprise
S. S. BASSI	Nottingham: Business Management
Y. CHOUDHARY	Sheffield: Medicine
T. S. DOSANJH	Nottingham Trent: Quantity Surveying
J. E. E. FAULKNER	Manchester: Materials Science and Engineering
M. D. GADSBY	Liverpool: Physics
J. R. GREENHOWE	Rolls Royce: Engineering Apprenticeship
L. A. HALLIDAY	Manchester: Geography
P. J. J. HERROD	Nottingham: Medicine
S. A. P. JAYATUNGA	Nottingham: Psychology
A. D. PARTRIDGE	into employment
T. W. PERRY	Sheffield: Languages with German
O. J. OLIVER	Sheffield Hallam: Software Development
X. W. SHAO	Westminster: Information Systems
J. M. SHILTON	Nottingham: Law
A. W. R. STERLING	Nottingham Trent: Law
V. SWAMINATHAN	Liverpool: Medicine
L. O. SWIFT	Cranwell: Royal Air Force
B. G. TAYLOR	Dartmouth: Royal Navy
J. G. TILL	Surrey: Mechanical Engineering
S. WANG	Swansea: Economics
T. L. WATTS	Rolls Royce: Engineering Apprenticeship
J. C. WOLFENDEN	Durham: History
A. D. WOOD	Loughborough: Geography
M. P. WREN	Nottingham Trent: Civil Engineering
C. YI	Birmingham: Mathematics and Computer Science
A. T. YIN	Aston: Mathematics

Rubber Bridge

Ralph Holden (1944–52) is keen to organise some bridge drives later during the year for O.D. players, wives, partners and friends to boost Society funds. The evening would include a supper meal with wine and coffee. Subject to the Headmaster's permission, it is hoped to hold the event at the Grammar School. Would any interested members kindly contact Ralph Holden at The Grange, Burton Lazaars, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE14 2UU. Tel: 01664 567383.

New List of Members

I trust that you have all received the updated List of Members. It is surprising that since the last reprint there has been some three hundred changes, involving new members, changes of addresses and deaths. I have now restarted the process of receiving changes of home and email addresses in preparation for the next reprint. As mentioned earlier, I am now responsible for maintaining the List of Members database and as a backup, the updated version is now copied regularly by email to two other members of the Committee.

Thanks are due to those O.D.s who have sent payments promptly for their List of Members, the cost of printing and postage being a considerable dent in the Society's funds. As mentioned in the letter accompanying the new List of Members it would be appreciated if members would kindly make a minimum donation of £7.50 to defray some of the costs. Please make your payment to "The Old Derbeian Society" and send to the Treasurer, David Walker, 6 The Pastures, Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 4EX.

1947 Reunion

Seventeen O.D.s who celebrated their sixtieth anniversary of commencing their studies or otherwise at Derby School met up for only the second time, for some of them, since parting company with St. Helen's House. They chose Grundy's Tavern at the Georgian House Hotel, Ashbourne Road for the occasion, most of whom talked even more than when in Sol Levi's lessons.

Those who attended but could not believe that sixty years could elapse so quickly were:

Viv Andrew, Mike Bass, Lee Everett, Ray Frost, Keith Hackett, Terrence Hooley, Eddie Hunt, John Hyde, Russell Jones, Terry Leadbetter, Peter Monk, Tony Moore, Alan Sanders, Peter Smedley, David Swaine, Godfrey Webster and David (Pinky) White . . . the unlucky ones who could not attend because they were away on holiday or indisposed but sent best wishes were Johnny Butcher, Bill Dolby, Brian Kenderdine, Peter Thorpe and Johnny Wilkinson.

The food consumed was incidental but nevertheless quite acceptable and necessary to accompany fine wines and ale to lubricate the reminiscing through with names such as Lardy, Summerbell, Reeson, Tamblin and Butler



Terry Leadbetter and Michael Bass listen intently to tall stories of their 1947 years.



1947ers Lee Everett, Russell Jones, Keith Hackett and Vivian Andrew wonder how they survived all those years at St. Helen's House.



Some of the participants in the 1947 re-union from l to r: Keith Hackett, Tony Moore, Peter Smedley, Godfrey Webster, Eddie Hunt, Ray Frost, Alan Sanders, David White, Terrence Hooley, Lee Everett, David Swain, Vivian Andrew and Peter Monk.

mentioned now and again and our thoughts also included twelve or more of our former classmates who had shockingly passed away. It was nevertheless a nostalgic but happy occasion with everyone reluctant to call time after a fifty-five year interval since the previous meeting for most of us. It was unanimously agreed that the interval between re-unions should be reduced from fifty-five years to twelve months.

The 2006 Scotland and North of England Dinner

David Collard (1943–48) writes:

Edinburgh has a wide range of attractions throughout the year. However, during October, there is an additional inducement to visit the city, namely the Old Derbeian Dinner at the prestigious Royal Scots Club. So with anticipation we travelled northwards for the week-end, whilst visiting Windermere in the Lake District en route.

Thus on a bright and dry Saturday morning, we enjoyed a fascinating tour of the former Royal Yacht Britannia. It is maintained in immaculate condition, with every cabin and numerous mementoes, especially the dozens of photographs, each representing significant times in our recent history. After a quick lunch, we spent the afternoon in a leisurely visit around the Palace of Holyrood House, the Queen's official residence in Scotland. The State Apartments with their fine plasterwork ceilings, ancient tapestries and historic paintings are quite magnificent.

However, the Annual Dinner is the main event of the day, with Adrian Hayes acting as host and organiser at the Royal Scots Club. His position as General Manager of the Club is most fortunate and my short tour of the Club and some of its collections of silverware was most interesting. We assembled in the lounge for introductions and pre-dinner drinks, while John Booth in his role as official photographer ensured continuous entertainment, particularly his duet with the kilted piper.

An enjoyable menu and fine wines stimulated our memories of old friends and former members of staff. There were many reminiscences of days long ago at Amber Valley, Parker's Piece and St. Helen's House and of activities in the Cadet Corps. A most convivial and mellow atmosphere soon prevailed, with laughter and tall stories. Then a final short speech by President Stan Smith to express our appreciation to Adrian Hayes for his dedicated organisation of the Dinner. The evening had passed so quickly and the taxis were waiting. What a memorable week-end.

Attending this year were President Stan Smith (1942–48) and Joyce, Roy Fisher (1941–46) and Jean, David Slater (1941–46) and Sue, Gordon Wright (1958–65) and Hilary, John Booth (1942–49), Adrian Hayes (1970–77) and David Collard (1943–48) and Pam.

The 2007 London Dinner

Chairman Russell Thomas writes:

The month of May is always an ideal time to visit London and as usual the Old Derbeians held their London Dinner in St. James. The Royal Over-Seas League overlooks Green Park and from our private bar on the 2nd

floor, we are able to look across to Buckingham Palace, 800 yards away. Our numbers were down this year due to the ill-health of some of our regulars and only thirteen O.Ds. entered our adjoining dining room. Next year we will no doubt be back to the usual turnout, so why not visit London and meet again your school-day friends and support this event.

After a delicious dinner, President Stan Smith welcomed everyone, he himself having come down from Cheshire, while Roy Taylor had travelled up from Bristol and three others down from the Midlands. The President paid tribute to Peter Smith for continuing to organise this occasion every May in his usual exemplary fashion.

As drinks were replenished, the reminiscences continued and the noise level gradually increased. Barry Newcombe complained of the lack of appropriate punishment in modern-day schools, sharing with others their tales of punishment at St. Helens House. Godfrey Webster related about his early days of teaching in East-End London; a young Teddy Sheringham would occasionally 'bunk-off' afternoon games preferring to play football with Millwall Reserves, Godfrey issuing detentions the next day.

Ambrose Dowling pointed out that he was, by over ten years, the senior O.D. present. He and a few others left at 10 pm to catch their trains home, leaving about half of the party to refill their glasses and continue a great evening. Do come next May, I promise you will enjoy yourselves.

The Old Derbeians who attended the London Dinner on 12th May 2007 were:

Ambrose Dowling (1928–35)	Alan Sanders (1947–53)
John Bower (1938–43)	Peter Smedley (1947–54)
Roy Taylor (1939–46)	Godfrey Webster (1947–54)
John Reed (1941–47)	David White (1947–52)
Stan Smith (1942–48)	Peter Smith (1958–66)
John Booth (1942–49)	Barry Newcombe (1960–66)
Russell Thomas (1945–54)	

Ed. 1947 must have been a good year for O.D.s who relish a good meal, fine wine and City visiting – we represented nearly 25% of the gathering!

The 2007 Amber Valley Reunion

Michael Jackson (1943–9) writes:

Our thanks to brave and spirited Elisabeth Bowden (nee Grime) who, as with past Amber Valley events, carried out the necessary arrangements this year despite recovering from recent major surgery.

The 2007 Re-union was enjoyed by fifteen O.D.s plus families and friends who made their annual pilgrimage to Amber Valley, now flooded to create the new landscape of Ogston Reservoir, with just Dining Hall and Masters Common Room remaining, to remind visitors that once, Derby's premier Grammar School flourished upon this spot. In fact, there should be a plaque placed upon the building to remind visitors of its unique status.

At lunchtime this congenial gathering moved on to nearby Milltown, Ashover, where the culinary delights of the

Nettle Inn were much enjoyed, for which our thanks go to Ivan Blunt for co-ordinating the visit.

Amber Valley attendees included:

Ivan Blunt (1933–41)	Mike Jackson (1943–49)
John Booth (1942–49)	Gordon Lancaster (1937–42)
Bernard Burton (1940–49)	Ken Liversage (1937–45)
Norman Chapple (1942–48)	Peter Lord (1941–47)
Keith Chettle (1938–43)	Ted Olpin (1936–46)
Neville Copestake (1940–45)	Stephen Porter (1939–44)
Peter Evans (1944–49)	John Reed (1941–47)
Michael Garrety (1938–45)	Elisabeth Bowden (Hon) assisted by Nick Bowden

The Annual Derby Dinner, Pride Park, Derby – 2006

Alan Lockyer (1946-53) writes:

The 2006 Annual Dinner on 11th November was held in the splendid surroundings of the Derby County F.C. Stadium for the ninth time.

As each year passes it is in the nature of things, and therefore inevitable, that some O.Ds. have an anniversary to celebrate, either of starting at Derby School or finishing and moving on, be it 20 years, 40 years, 50 years, or as this year for 1946 intake, 60 years. The 2006 Dinner was attended by a group of said 1946 boys marking the rather significant number of years since they approached Derby School, 11 years old and with, doubtless, some trepidation and considerable mixed feelings. In all, efforts were made to contact 37 members of the year and, although some addresses proved to be out of date and some O.Ds. had sadly passed away, these efforts resulted in 15 O.Ds. from that year being present, along with 11 wives, for what proved to be a most enjoyable and dare one say chatty re-union.

It is to be sincerely hoped that in subsequent years similar groups will take the opportunity to mark their anniversary in a similar fashion, for in each year some have a significant passage of time to celebrate and you can be re-assured that it is a rewarding experience to track down your fellow pupils after such a long time.

President Stanley Smith presided over the function and proposed the toast to “The Old Derbeian Society” with his customary skilful mix of reminiscence and thoughtful reminders of the need for members who have been through the School, some very many years ago, to support and to recognise the importance of maintaining links with the pupils of today and tomorrow.

He expressed his personal delight at the presence at the Dinner of Mr. Roger Waller, Headmaster and his wife, Judith, the Head Boy, Tom Birch, and representatives of the management body of Derby Grammar School.

The President recorded his thanks to the Committee for keeping the Society and its events running so smoothly and particularly to Norman Chapple who organises the Annual Dinner in such an exemplary way both before and during the event. The smooth running of the function and its thoroughly enjoyable and relaxed manner undoubtedly stem from his experienced hands.

In all 94 members and guests attended the event.

The Old Derbeians who attended the 2006 Annual Derby Dinner were:

Stanley Smith, President (1942–48)	
Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden (Hon.)	
Tony Southgate (Hon.)	
Roger Waller, Headmaster (1994-)	
Brian Seager, Headmaster (1979–89)	
Tom Birch, Head Boy	
Bill Ellis (1932–44)	Barrie Williams (1946–51)
John Walkerdine (1935–43)	Jim Woodhouse (1946–51)
John Blackton (1937–39)	Russell Jones (1947–55)
Keith Chettle (1938–43)	Alan Sanders (1947–52)
Neville Copestake (1940–45)	Geoffrey Bates (1948–51)
Peter Lord (1941–46)	Alan Brindley (1948–53)
John Reed (1941–47)	Richard Hall (1949–56)
Jim Rowley (1941–43)	David Hughes (1950–57)
John Booth (1942–49)	Bryan Walton (1950–55)
Norman Chapple (1942–48)	Vic Wright (1950–55)
Don Chapman (1942–47)	Jeff Collett (1956–61)
Michael Jackson (1943–49)	Tom Cooper (1956–64)
Gus Weeden (1943–45)	David Honeybun (1956–63)
Roy Harrison (1944–49)	Michael Littlewood (1956–63)
Ralph Holden (1944–52)	Ian Royle (1956–63)
Richard Jacques (1945–51)	Robert Tatler (1956–61)
Brian Johnson (1945–52)	David Walker (1956–63)
Barrie Sheard (1945–50)	Andrew Bingham (1960–67)
Russell Thomas (1945–54)	Alan Bird (1960–67)
Clive Danielles (1946–51)	Robert Boon (1960–67)
John Howie (1946–54)	Christopher Brown (1960–67)
Roger Lucas (1946–53)	John Cope (1960–67)
Anthony Martin (1946–54)	Robert Dowling (1960–67)
Ken Collinson (1946–51)	Gordon Frearson (1960–67)
Alan Lockyer (1946–53)	Pat Gallagher (1960–65)
Brian Long (1946–51)	John Hallifield (1960–67)
Richard Mordey (1946–53)	Rod Repton (1960–65)
Michael Sanders (1946–51)	Derek Wright (1960–67)
Derek Tinsley (1946–54)	Michael Thompson (1962–67)
David Tomlinson (1946–52)	Martin Tunaley (1963–69)
Gordon Warren (1946–51)	David Yeomans (1963–70)

Remembrance Day Service

The Annual Remembrance Day Service was held at the Old Derbeians War Memorial at St.Helen’s House on Sunday, 12th November 2006. Wreaths were laid by the President Stan Smith and the Headmaster Roger Waller. This was followed by lunch at Derby Grammar School, kindly arranged by Mr.Waller.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 9th January 2008 at Derby Grammar School.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 10th January 2007.

3. Matters Arising
 4. Hon. Secretary's Report
 5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
 6. Election of Officers and Committee
 7. Election of Auditor
 8. Honorary Membership
 9. Proposition to increase the life membership fee from £30 to £35 with effect from 9th January 2008.
 10. To receive other propositions requiring Notice of Motion*
 11. Any other business
- * (21 days notice)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

President	Stan Smith (1942–48)	(ex officio)
Chairman	Russell Thomas (1945–54)	(ex officio)
Secretary	David Walker (1956–63)	(ex officio)
Treasurer	David Walker (1956–63)	(ex officio)
	Martin Tunaley (1963–69)	(retires 2008)
	Alan Bird (1960–67)	(retires 2008)
	Robert Dowling (1960–67)	(retires 2008)
	Richard Jacques (1945–51)	(retires 2009)
	John Booth (1942–49)	(retires 2009)
	Peter Lord (1941–47)	(retires 2009)
	David Collard (1943–48)	(retires 2010)
	Norman Chapple (1942–48)	(retires 2010)
Newsletter Editor	Alan Sanders (1947–53)	(retires 2010)

EVENT ORGANISERS

Derby Dinner	Norman Chapple (1942–48)
London Dinner	Peter Smith (1958–65)
Scotland & North of	
England Dinner	Adrian Hayes (1970–77)
Amber Valley Reunion	Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden (Hon. Member)

Nominations for The Old Derbeian Society Committee 2008

Nominations are invited for the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th January 2008. Nominations are also invited to fill three vacancies on the committee. Martin Tunaley, Alan Bird and Robert Dowling retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. The Committee meets as required, which is usually four times each year. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

David Walker, FCA (1956–63)
Summary of Accounts – Year Ended 31st May 2007

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2007	2006
Income	£	£
Membership Fees	870	540
Merchandise	43	114
Interest	97	108
Social Events	375	300
Donations and Miscellaneous	5	68
	1,390	1,130
Expenditure		
Newsletter	892	768
Administration	304	407
	1,175	1,175
(Deficiency)/Surplus for the year	194	(45)

BALANCE SHEET At 31st May 2007

	2007	2006
	£	£
Investments, cash and bank balances	5,735	6,338
Stock of Merchandise	557	687
Amounts owing to the society	1,758	814
	8,050	7,829
Amounts owed by the Society	138	114
	£7,912	£7,725
Representing: Accumulated Fund	£7,912	£7,725

Membership of the Society

If any O.D. wishes to join The Old Derbeian Society, the current life membership fee is £30 (which is subject to a proposed increase to £35 at the next A.G.M.). This nominal amount is used to cover the production and distribution of the Newsletter. An application form may be obtained from the Treasurer, David Walker, 6 The Pastures, Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 6EX.

The Old Derbeian Shop

The Old Derbeian Scarf

The scarf is of college size, 66" x 9" and is a Green/White/Black stripe design to match the Country Tie and is made of pure new wool. This handsome and distinctive scarf is priced at only £18.

The Country Tie

By popular demand the original O.D. Green/White/Black broad striped tie has been re-introduced and is available for the bargain price of £10 each.

Traditional City Tie

Green/White/Black stripe with St. Chad motif and "1554" on black background, also at a cost of £10 each.

Old Derbeian Cuff Links

Based on the original design of the early 1900s, the cufflinks depict the "Buck in the Park and St. Chad's Cross"

in red and green on a gilt background. Priced at only £15 per set, excellent value and perfect gift.

and for the collector . . .

Blazer badges only £4 each. Amber Valley videos £7 each.
All items plus p & p.

All available from David Walker, 6 The Pastures, Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 6EX or why not collect one at the Derby Dinner?

OBITUARIES

R. W. Hayes (1941–46)

Bob Hayes was the younger brother of John Hayes (1938–42), a Past President of the Society. Bob's three children, Adrian, Sara and Mathew are all Old Derbeians.

At School, Bob and the late Ken (George) Goodwin (1941–47) were inseparable. They were both outstanding sportsmen and played cricket and football for the O.D.s.

Bob was a company surveyor at Everards, the brewers. At one time he was a School Governor and Chairman of the Parents' Association. He was also a keen supporter of all the Society functions and he and his wife, Brenda, were regulars at the Annual Derby Dinner and also the Scottish Dinner in Edinburgh, which in recent years has been organised by his son Adrian.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brenda and Adrian, Sara and Mathew and their families.

FORMAL NOTICES

The Scotland and North of England Dinner 2007

The Scotland and North of England Dinner has again been arranged by Adrian Hayes at the Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh and will commence at 6.45 pm for 7.30 pm on Saturday, 6th October 2007. The estimated cost is £30 to include a couple of drinks per person on arrival and a three course dinner with wine. After reading David Collard's report on last year's event, how can you not go?

Adrian can arrange accommodation at either the Royal Scots Club (0131 556 4270) at a B & B rate of £95 for a double room, or at his own hotel, The Avenue Hotel (0131 346 7270), where the B & B rate for a double room is £70. Early booking of accommodation is advised to avoid disappointment.

Derby Annual Dinner 2007

The Annual Derby Dinner will again be held at Pride Park, Derby on Saturday 10th November 2007. Due to the Rams playing at home on this occasion, the starting time will be a little later than usual i.e 7.45 pm for 8.15 pm. Wives, partners and friends are warmly invited.

Norman Chapple is kindly organising the dinner and a booking application is included with this Newsletter. Please assist Norman by booking early.

Old Derbeians Remembrance Day Service 2007

In spite of the pending change of ownership of St. Helen's House, the Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Old Derbeians Memorial, St. Helen's House at 10.30 am for 11 am on Sunday, 11th November 2007. This year refreshments will be available at the Flowerpot Public House, King Street, immediately following the service.

Convenient car parking is available in the adjacent multi-storey car park in Chapel Street.

Derby Grammar School Remembrance Service

Old Derbeians are invited to the Derby Grammar School Remembrance Service in the School Hall at 10.40 am on Monday, 12th November 2007 and also to lunch afterwards. The latter replaces the lunch for O.D.s which in recent years has followed the Society's Remembrance Day Service.

Annual General Meeting 2008

The AGM will be held at Derby Grammar School, Rykned Road, Littleover, Derby, commencing at 7.30 pm on 9th January 2008.

London Dinner 2008

Next year's London Dinner will be held as usual at The Royal Overseas League, Park Place, off St. James Street, London, at 6.15 pm for 7 pm on Saturday, 10th May 2008. If you wish to attend, please contact our organiser, Peter Smith, at 9 Brooklyn Drive, Emmer Green, Reading, RG4 8SR or telephone 01189 472971. For a small donation Peter will send you an annual reminder.

Amber Valley Reunion 2008

The Annual Reunion will be held in the old Dining Room, Ogston Sailing Club at 11 am on Sunday, 22nd June 2008. Elisabeth and Nick Bowden have agreed to make the arrangements as usual.

Derby Annual Dinner 2008

Saturday, 8th November 2008

Remembrance Day Service 2008

Sunday, 9th November 2008

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED

It is important for you to let us know if you change your address; please advise Alan Sanders, Newsletter Editor, at the heading address in order to ensure continued receipt of your Newsletter.

Please also advise me if you wish to include your email address in a future **List of Members**.

Members who would be content to receive an electronic version of the Newsletter in 2008, via our web site, are requested to confirm their willingness to do so to the undersigned, at abs.abs@virgin.net. This innovation will allow us to achieve considerable cost reductions on printing, stationery and postage.

A printed version will be sent to all ODs who do not request the electronic version.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN SANDERS (1947-53)

Newsletter Editor