



Old Derbyian Society

Newsletter 2013

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Dear Old Derbyians,

Our Centenary celebrations culminated on 11th November 2012 with the Centenary Dinner at Derby School and it proved to be an excellent event. Over 160 people sat down for a superb dinner in the Michael Bishop Hall at Derby School.

As well as the regular Annual Dinner attendees we were pleased to welcome twenty Old Derbyians who attended Derby Grammar School at Rykneld Road. If the Society is to continue, these ODs will be the future of it.

The AGM saw the appointment of Russell Thomas as the new President and Martin Tunaley as Chairman together with the election of three ODs from the new school whose input has been most important.

Once again I would reiterate my request for all ODs who have an email address to advise the Secretary as the cost of printing and posting this newsletter last year was again in excess of £500 and with postage charges having been increased in the meantime this will not diminish.

The relationship with the school PTA continues to grow and the Annual Cricket Match was organised as a joint venture, with the PTA providing an excellent barbecue.

On a more sombre note I must report the passing of several prominent ODs including our immediate past President Hedley Alcock. Further details are included in this newsletter.

May I once again thank all the committee members for their contributions during the past year.

Society President Russell Thomas



At the AGM of the OD Society held in January this year Russell Thomas (1945-54) was appointed President for the next two years.

In his last term before leaving Derby School, Russell was captain of cricket. Then after completing a three year apprenticeship in Derby with Boots Cash Chemists he completed his studies in Pharmacy at Manchester. He played football and cricket for the University and then served two years in the RAMC as a clerk, playing for his unit at football, rugby and cricket.

After leaving the Army he worked in South Lancashire for a number of small retail Chemists, before taking over a small Pharmacy in Long Eaton. Together with his wife, Ann, they ran a successful business for thirty years before they sold it and retired in 2000. During these summers Russell played regularly with the OD's cricket team in local friendly matches on Parker's Piece.

In 1992 Russell was invited onto the committee of the OD Society, becoming the Chairman in 2001. He is a Past President of the Rotary club of Long Eaton.

Russell is very enthusiastic that our Society continues to support both the Grammar School and the Parent Teacher Association.

Remembrance Service 2012

Our 2012 Service of Remembrance for the 117 Old Derbeians who gave their lives in the two World Wars was held in brilliant sunshine before the School War Memorial at St. Helens House on Armistice Sunday.

Those present were experiencing for the first time the changed, enhanced setting of the Memorial standing now on a decorative lawn edged with box. The forecourt has been enclosed by a handsome wall built on the site of the Georgian original which has radically reduced the sound of passing traffic.

Our traditional service was conducted by the Rev. Preb. Derek Tinsley (OD) and concluded for the first time by the sounding of the Last Post by Master Mark Mitchell, an outstanding trumpeter of Derby Grammar School. Wreaths were laid by Russell Thomas Chairman (deputising for Headley Alcock our President who was unfortunately indisposed) on behalf of the Society, and by Headmaster Richard Paine for Derby Grammar School. The names of ODs on the Roll of Honour were read by four Society members adding further poignancy to the moving occasion.

In Memoriam 2012

<i>Name of Old Derbeian</i>	<i>Years at School</i>
D.H. Astle	49-56
E.A. Goodall	23-26
P.T. Gregory	35-39
D.S. Hanson	51-59
K. Liversage	56-61

In Memoriam 2013

A. Harlow	56-61
H.W. Alcock OBE	37-44

Remembrance Service 2013

This year's Service will again be held at St. Helen's House, commencing at 10.45am on Sunday 10th November 2013.

Afterwards at the Flowerpot Inn for light refreshments.

Obituary - Hedley Alcock OBE (1927-2013)

Sadly, our immediate past President Hedley Alcock passed away on Monday 25th March 2013.

He was one of the many who were educated at Amber Valley as well as Derby School. One claim to fame was to win the 5 mile race from Overton Hall to Amber Valley, much to everyone's surprise.

Hedley trained as a scientist and had qualifications in Textile Technology. He worked for British Celanese in Derby from 1944-1950 followed by brief spells with Rolls Royce and Crepe Sizes. In 1953 he moved to Liverpool to work with Littlewoods where he remained until 1973 when he moved south to work with International Computers and NALGO.

From 1946 he had a lifelong interest in the Youth Hostelling Movement and subsequently became Chairman of the YHA, for which he was awarded the OBE. In this position he represented the YHA on the National Trust Council for many years. He was awarded the YHA highest honour, the Trevelyan Medal, in 2012.

He retired with his wife Gwenda to Ashbourne where he became a stalwart of the Methodist Church and in addition did much volunteer work for the Ashbourne Community generally and in particular with the Ashbourne 50+ forum.

He served as our President in 2010/12.

He leaves behind his wife Gwenda and three sons - David, who lives in New Zealand, Colin and Philip who both live in England.

Obituary – David Samuel Hanson (1940 – 2012)

David was educated at Derby School (1951 – 1959) and in 1959, after winning a State Scholarship, he was awarded the Ashe Exhibition to Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Following his first class honours degree in Natural Sciences he was elected into an Honorary Senior Scholarship of the College. He then studied medicine at the Middlesex Hospital in London from where he qualified in 1965 and was awarded the First Broderip Scholarship of his year.

David always aspired to being a G.P. and after 7 years in a Derbyshire practice he moved with his family to central Norfolk and practiced for 25 years at North Elmham, a large rural Practice. When senior partner he became a Trainer of G.P. Registrars.

David, with his gentle, caring and friendly manner, was a much loved G.P. and enjoyed being involved with families. He found treating depressive and terminal illnesses the most challenging and also the most rewarding. In 1997 he was appointed a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

It was while he was an undergraduate at Cambridge, through the ministry of the Inter Collegiate Christian Union, that David's personal Christian faith became alive and it is fair to say that this gave David a firm foundation that influenced every aspect of his life.

On retirement David with his wife, Faith, returned to Derbyshire and settled in the Peak District within the Dovedale Valley area, close to Ashbourne, where he found great joy and a happy family life with 4 married children and 10 grandchildren.

In April 2012 David was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer – he courageously and calmly accepted this devastating diagnosis and died on the 18th September, 2012. David will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

The Class of 1950 meets again.

On Tuesday 20th August 2013 members of the Class of 1950, accompanied by the Old Derbeian Society Archivist Barrie Sheard, gathered together once again to share tales old and new over a pub lunch and a pint or two. This time, the venue was The Brunswick Inn at the end of Railway Terrace.

It being the holiday season, a number of stalwarts at these occasions were unable to attend but, nevertheless, sixteen of the Class graced the assembly. These annual events have become a tradition since the first occasion at the Midland Hotel back in 2001 when, after an hiatus of some 46 years, a few old friends managed to establish contact with each other following the publication of an article in the, then, Derby Evening Telegraph. Perhaps not unexpectedly, the conversation frequently turned to the topic of “do you remember when?” adding to the atmosphere of bonhomie that has survived the passage of over sixty years.



Photograph Line Up

L to R: John Richmond, Mike Gadsby, Allan Squires, Bryan Walton, Godfrey Gable (hidden), Paul Rope, Ted Porter, John Dring, Tony Holmes (seated), Geoff Neaum, David Owen, Rod Hunter, Vic Wright, Neville Barr, Richard Turner, John Halliwell.

Annual Cricket Match, ODs vs School

On a wet and windy June day the annual cricket match took place at the School playing fields. On this occasion I must report that the ODs were outplayed by the School XI who were in superb form prior to their tour of Sri Lanka.

Special thanks to the PTA for providing a barbecue.

St Helens House

For all the ODs who had the privilege and pleasure of attending St. Helens House I am now able to report that restoration of the A Block has been completed and it is now occupied by Smith Cooper Accountants. Before they moved in members of the Society were allowed access to see the alterations.

For all those present it brought back many fond memories, and reminiscences were in abundance. Since occupation a wall has been erected around the front of St. Helens House but full access has been agreed for the Remembrance Service in November.



Reminiscences of Derby School 1955-62

Prof. William Graham (WIG) Wood has supplied us with a collection of personal remembrances of his time at school but unfortunately pressures of space prevent us including it in this newsletter - please visit our website www.olderbeians.org to read this amusing and interesting article.

Update Report from our Archivist - Barrie Sheard

As Archivist to the OD Society it gives me more than great pleasure in sitting here in my office writing this updating report on my work this last 12 months on your behalf.

So much to say, so small a space to fill but such positive results. It is so great to first of all say thanks to all of you who have taken the time and trouble to contact me with more photographs than I believed I would ever see, many items of memorabilia and a few with your stories and memories in writing of your past times at Derby School.

The headlines are that during the past 12 months I have now had a phenomenal response with photographs and all these have been electronically scanned and stored in our ever growing archive data base. Bearing in mind at the November 2012 annual dinner we were able to show **330 images** as a slide show during the reception part of the dinner. Now at the time of writing this update report we now have **593 images**, which means in the past 12 months there has been a **79% increase!**

Space precludes me listing the donors' names and items sent in, but from anyone particularly interested may I point you in the direction of our OD Society website, where from time to time under the title "**School History Page 1**" I have endeavoured to keep ODs informed. To pick out any one photograph or piece of memorabilia is difficult but let's have a go!

Derby School Cap and Cross Country Running track top – These I received from William (Bill) G. Wood (1955-1962) via his sister who lives in Aston on Trent and believe it or not Bill lives over in Germany.

Post cards showing the inside of St. Helen's House, the Chapel and playgrounds – these now number 25 in total and we have to thank Mrs Janice Gregory (for her late husband's father collection who was at School in the late 1910's) and also a friend and OD who knew the late Harold Pipes (1926-1930) for bringing them to me.

Miss L. Pullan – peripatetic piano teacher – her personal photos taken during WWII years at Amber Valley Camp including the harsh winter of 1942.

Silver medal awarded to the winner of the School Mile in 1930 – This was kindly sent in by David Capel MBE who is the son of Eric Joseph Capel (1929-1934) along with photos and press cuttings from April 1930.

These are but four examples of the uniqueness of how our collection is progressing and what a splendid job everyone is doing. May I close this short report by again giving you all my contact details and for you to understand my door is always open. Telephone number (landline) is **01332 792379** and my e-mail address is jbhygiene@supanet.com

Finally, from time to time as archivist I am able to feed the Derby Telegraph with short stories for their special "Bygones" supplement, so here is another unique opportunity to have material from you published for all to read and see.

Barrie Sheard (1945-1950)

Old Derbians Rifle Club

Thanks to Geoff Bowley (1951-56) we have received photos of the old Rifle Club. The photo here shows members at Bisley.

Does anyone have any other memories or are you able to identify the ODs shown? All info to Barrie Sheard, Archivist (jbhygiene@supanet.com) please.



School Photo 1932

A full school photograph taken in 1932 has been discovered in an attic at Milford and kindly donated by the owner of the property. It is now proudly displayed with all the other school photos in the library at Derby Grammar School.

The School and Masonry

The Tudor Masonic Lodge, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Campbell Street, Belper, was formed in part by Old Derbeians. The Lodge uses the School Grace at its Festive Board and has a Toast to the School. All Old Derbeians who are Masons and would like to attend one of their regular meetings or who are interested in having further details regarding membership should contact Alan Draper, the OD Hon. Secretary.

University Destinations 2013

Name	Destination	Course
Ball, Jamie	Nottingham	Law
Brown, Ben	Plymouth	Chemistry
Brownsey, Joseph	Northumbria	Geography
Constable, David	Coventry	Sports Therapy
Cozens, James	Sheffield	Law
Derbyshire, James	Nottingham Trent	Accounting & Finance
Edmondson, Matthew		Pilot Training
Ford, Patrick	Newcastle	Biology
Geer, Natasha	Bangor	Psychology (deferred)
Goldsmith, George	Liverpool	International Business
Grimsdell, Ben	Exeter	Natural Sciences
Heading, Olivia	East Anglia	Law
Karim, Yusuf	Loughborough	Aeronautical Engineering
Kelly, Michael	Belfast	Biological Sciences
Lathbury, Nick	Manchester	Dentistry
Leafe, Calum	Kings London	Philosophy, Law, Politics
Mason, Oliver		Music (Jazz)
Millband, Edward	Trinity College, Cambridge	Classics
Millington, Mitchell	Carlisle	Policing
Owen, Jonathan	Durham	Maths
Pollard, Angus	Oxford, Brookes	Business Management & Geography
Skeates, William	Liverpool John Moores	Zoology
Startin, Oliver	Oxford LMH	Philosophy & Theology
Sterland, George	Kings, London	War Studies
Wesson, Nicholas	York	Bio Archaeology

Annual General Meeting 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday 6th February 2014 at Derby School at 5.00pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2013
3. Matters arising
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Hon. Secretary
7. Election of Hon. Treasurer
8. Election of Committee Members
9. Honorary Membership
10. To receive other propositions requiring Notice of Motion*
11. Any other business

Committee Members

President	Russell Thomas
Chairman	Martin Tunaley
Hon. Secretary	Alan Draper
Hon. Treasurer	David Walker FCA
Committee Member	Ralph Holden
Headmaster	Richard Paine
Deputy Headmaster	Mrs Lesley Reynolds
Senior Master	Paul Hilliam
Committee Member	Bob Dowling
Committee Member	Barrie Sheard
Committee Member	Sacin Sharma
Committee Member	David Zydzienowski
Committee Member	Jon Dale
Committee Member	Norman Chappell

Summary Accounts Year Ended 31st May 2013

REVENUE ACCOUNT

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership		1,035		1,260
Merchandise		26		24
Address List				7
Interest		7		4
Social Events*		(458)		420
Donations and Miscellaneous		53		25
		<u>663</u>		<u>1,740</u>
Expenditure				
			56	
Newsletter	705		4	
Events	34		34	
Centenary events	1,391		-	
			36	958
Administration	<u>629</u>	<u>2,759</u>	<u>0</u>	
(Deficiency)/Surplus for the Year		<u>(2,096)</u>		<u>782</u>

*The bar for this function, run by the School PTA at the invitation of the OD committee raised £500 for school funds

BALANCE SHEET at 31st May 2013

	2,013	2,012
	£	£
Investments, Bank and Cash Balances	6,931	5,839
Stock of Merchandise	410	449
Amounts owing to the Society	68	<u>3,224</u>
	7,409	9,512
Amounts owed by the Society	<u>1,038</u>	<u>1,036</u>
	<u>6,371</u>	<u>8,476</u>
Representing Accumulated Funds	<u>8,476</u>	<u>8,476</u>

Notes

The above is a summary of the Society's accounts. The full version is available upon request from the Hon Treasurer. Full Accounts will be available at the Society's AGM
The accounts remain subject to audit.

ANNUAL DINNER 2013

at The Grange Banqueting Suite, Masonic Hall, 457 Burton Road, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6XX

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2013

The Reception will be at 6.45pm for 7.30pm. The price of the meal will be £28.00 per head.

Dress for gentlemen will again be lounge suits and members are reminded that their personal guests are more than welcome to attend this main event in the OD social calendar. In recent years approximately half of the ODs in attendance have been accompanied by their partners.

There is ample car-parking available at the Grange.

Please remember that early reservation by means of the enclosed application form, together with payment, will greatly facilitate the efficient organisation of the event and will be very much appreciated.

OD Annual Dinner Menu 2013

Fan of Galia Melon served with
Fresh Fruit Coulis, garnished with Seasonal Fruit

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Stuffed Breast of Chicken served with a
Red Wine and Rosemary Sauce
Dauphinois & Baby New Potatoes
Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

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Profiteroles filled with a Crème Suisse
served with Rich Chocolate Sauce

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Continental Cheeseboard with Celery & Grapes

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Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee with Mint Chocolates

OLD DERBEIAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER 2013

at The Grange Banqueting Suite, Burton Road, Littleover
Saturday 9th November 2013

APPLICATION FORM

Member's Name: Years at School:

Current address:
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Email address:

Tel:

Names of guests:
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Total places required @ £28.00 = £.....
(Cheque enclosed, payable to the Old Derbeian Society)

If possible, I would like to sit with the following:

..... Years
..... at
..... School
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PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE!

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