



The New Derbeian

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Old Derbeians v School 1st XI Cricket Match

This was the second match played by the School's 1st XI against the old boys' team. Watched by a good crowd, the School's first team won the Alan Sanders' Cup, presented by the wife of the late secretary of the Old Derbeians' Association.

The Old Boys decided to bat first and try and bat the 'current crop' out of the game. Their decision backfired and they were bowled out for 89. Tight bowling from openers Ananth and Anu restricted the Old Boys and, when Ed Richardson took four quick wickets for not many runs, the writing was on the wall.

Dan Geer and Rob Hollingsworth set out to chase down the target but Andrew (Woody) Wood struck an early blow, when Rob chopped a ball back on to his stumps. That brought skipper Jim Lowden (22 not out) to the crease and ably assisted by Dan Geer (55 not out) he saw his side pass the target in the 16th over. At one-all the gauntlet has been thrown down for the re-run next year.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Speech Day

16 September 2010

In the Assembly Rooms, Derby



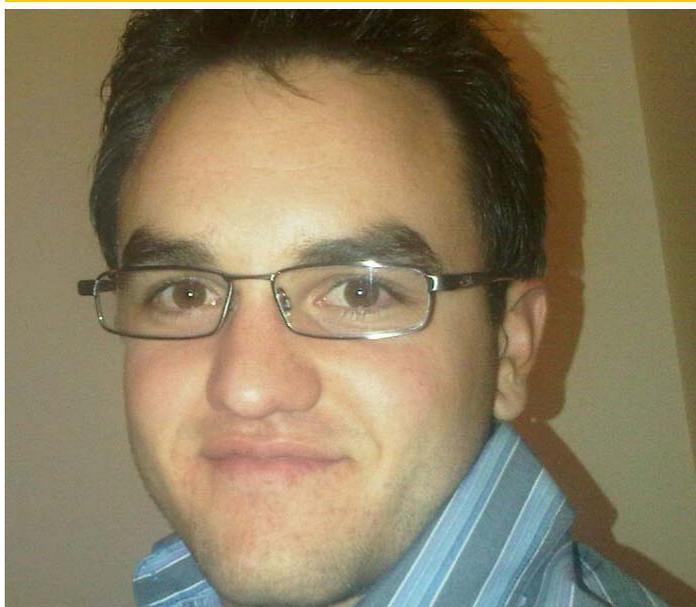
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...to send us your news and views, keep us informed of what you're doing and where. Make suggestions for events and reunions. Keep

our database up to date with your personal details. Tell us what YOU want to hear about.

Remember this is **YOUR** newsletter!

Viv Watts



Viv (2004 - 2008) is coming to the end of his second year at Warwick Business School, studying Accounting and Finance. Last summer he started the Warwick Investment Club, a new society that gives a unique opportunity to all students at Warwick to learn the technical aspect of investment decisions, offering in-depth insight into the world of investment. He is also the president of an investment team who manage an active portfolio of around £15,000. Viv is also working on launching a small investment company with a partner in London, whom he met at UBS Investment Bank last year.

Viv has accepted an exciting job offer for a 10 week summer internship at Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofAML) in their Investment Banking Division in London. Also, following an internship at JP Morgan recently, opportunity has arisen for him to gain work experience at their Asian Equities Trading desk in Hong Kong and also their Asian Commodities Trading desk in Singapore.

Viv says he often thinks about what life at DGS is like these days and remembers his time here fondly, still keeping in touch with past teachers and old schoolmates.

Adam Slack

Adam (1999 - 2007) is currently working towards a career in the music industry. He is one half of a songwriting duo who appear regularly in local venues. They are hoping for a record label to sign them up in the not too distant future. Adam's advice to anyone in the same position is to persevere—he wrote a song a week from the age of 13 and sent them all to music agencies. The pair now have a contract with Prestige Management, who managed McFly and Busted. Keep an eye open for future developments on the music scene!



Joe Saxon

Joe (2003 - 2008) has deferred his university entry to take a ski instructors' course in Austria with renowned skier Franz Klammer. He will then return to Sussex University to study psychology.



Mark Thompson

Mark was one of the School's pioneer pupils, joining when the School first opened in 1995. After leaving school Mark took a gap year, mostly spent in Australia. He then did a degree in Economics & Finance at the University of York, left university in 2005 and spent the next three and a half years working in equity research at Morgan Stanley in London. Mark left work in early 2009 and spent the next eight months travelling around South America. As a result of the experiences he had on his travels, Mark has now set up a web-based travel agency, called VidaLoca Travel, aimed at people travelling alone or in small groups.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Brief news from some of the more recent leavers

Matthew Manning (1999—2007)

Is working for Balfour Beatty as a Quantity Surveyor

Tom Morley (1997 - 2004)

Is a Resident Pharmacist at the new Royal Derby Hospital.

Richard Proctor (2001 - 2008)

Is studying Medical Design at Aston and may be going to work on the design of artificial hearts.



Letters ...

From Mrs Yarham (née Greaves), former Head of Art.

It was good to receive The New Derbeian newsletter; I'm always pleased to hear news of former pupils.

I remember Lawrence Swift and Roberto King very well, so it was particularly interesting to read of their successes.

It is now almost nine years since I moved to Suffolk. Since then I have been busy painting and have exhibited my work in various galleries in Norfolk and Suffolk. We have also travelled a good deal to some quite amazing places; the most memorable perhaps being Iceland where we drove through the interior and explored the Northern and Eastern areas of the country.

Three years ago, we purchased a 16th century house, complete with death-watch beetle, and set about renovating it and redesigning the garden. It has been a huge task but very enjoyable. We still have plenty to do in the garden but the house is finished and most of the beetles have gone, I hope! We live in a tiny village so it was a surprise to meet a neighbour with a Derby connection. He is a former merchant banker and lived in London until his retirement. His opportunities in life were created by his father who happened to gain a scholarship to Derby Grammar School and then to Cambridge. His grandfather was employed at Rolls Royce to open the gates. You can't beat having a decent education!!

Glen Yarham (née Greaves)



Calling all former Staff Members

We would love to hear all about you too. Where are you now, what have you done since leaving Derby Grammar School?

Let us include your news in the next publication—please respond by emailing Jenny Howell or Elizabeth Tozer, with PHOTOS if possible!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A brief round up of the School's first Sixth Form leavers

Jonathan Alvis (1995 - 2000)

We apologise to Jonathan for incorrectly reporting that he is in the Navy. He is, in fact, an accountant working for Ernst & Young!

Amrit Badwal (1995—2000)

after graduation, he worked as a sales representative for Glaxo Smith Cline dealing with GPs and consultants. Since then he has qualified as a financial consultant and is now working for Wesleyan Medical.

Andrew Boulton (1995—2000)

is now a qualified commercial pilot.

Peter Holyst (1996 - 2000)

is working for a construction firm with contracts in central and eastern Europe, as a cost manager. He has worked in Prague but is now working in Warsaw.

Eric Lee (1996 - 2000)

is currently living in Dubai but works in Abu Dhabi on the Ferrari World theme park. He is a Project Manager for the park designers and is overseeing the installation of a water based attraction ride. The park is expected to open this

year, before the next F1 Grand Prix which will be held just next door to Ferrari World.

Rudi Liu (1999 - 2000)

is in Nottingham working for the Environment Agency.

George Sevier (1995 - 2000)

is working for a firm of solicitors in London. He specialises in intellectual property which involves patent, copyright and trade mark law.

Andrew Wallen (1995 - 2000)

is working for a firm of solicitors in London, doing insurance litigation work. This is mixture of product liability, catastrophic injury and policy coverage work. He aims to specialise in policy coverage in the future.

Rowan Woodhouse (1995 - 2000)

is currently working in London for British Gas. In a few months time he will be working with Afren to redevelop the infrastructure of Sierra Leone. This will involve working in London but making regular trips out to Africa.

Robert James Wallen (12.03.1983 – 25.07.2008)

Robert joined the School in its inaugural year, one of the 27 or so "pioneers" as they were known then. Never afraid to shy away, he was one of the more colourful characters during the School's early years, as those who knew him will no doubt attest.

Academically, the arts over the sciences were his forte, though he was accomplished in both as his exam results showed. He chose English Language and Literature as well as Latin for A-level. After school he moved to Durham to read classics, and after graduating chose a career in accountancy with Grant Thornton.

His prowess and command of the English language were well demonstrated in the numerous articles he wrote for both the School newspaper, The Derbeian, and the School magazine, both of which he helped to edit. He wrote on various topics including the performance of his house, Bemrose, school trips, sporting events and more. The award of the Speech Day prize for English evidenced his ability on two occasions. In addition he attained the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, the only member of his year to do so.

He was also an all-round sportsman, despite not being able to play his favourite sport of football for the school. He played for the first XV rugby as well as for the first XI hockey and cricket teams. At rugby he was described as someone "who marshalled the defence amazingly well." In hockey he won half colours and played at county level, flying down the wing for Derbyshire.

He was dedicated to his house, Bemrose, encouraging as many people as possible to take part, only ever with one thing in mind; victory. He was proudly appointed both house captain and deputy head boy.

Amongst friends he was known and is remembered for, inter alia, his acerbic wit, laissez-faire attitude and absolute loyalty. For his family he is a dearly loved and missed son and brother, who would no doubt loathe the idea of such a laudatory piece being written about him.

All of those who knew him will treasure his memory as a pupil or as a friend.

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