



Old Derbeian Society

Newsletter 2014

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Dear Old Derbeians,

Another year has quickly passed and we are not getting any younger. This brings me to my first observation that although the committee has been joined by two Old Derbeians from The New Derby Grammar School the average age of the remainder is approaching 70. If the Society is to continue we must have input from younger O.D.s. To that end if anyone is willing to serve on the committee please advise me in time for the AGM. (Regret our quota of Octogenarians has been filled.)

In an effort to move forward into the current media age, Ryan Holmes has agreed to take over as Webmaster of our web page and hopefully enable members to access other social media sites. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank Guthrie Whitby and Charlie Mason for all their hard work in setting up and running the Web page originally.

The committee are conscious that the last Directory of Members was printed in 2007, but the cost of reprinting a new directory is now too expensive. It is therefore hoped that within the new Website we can create a Members Only section in which we can include an up to date directory. However in order to comply with Data Protection Regulations this must have a dedicated Login facility. When this has been set up, all members for whom we have a current Email address will be notified of the password. So if you are 1 of the 600 plus members for whom we do not have an email address please advise it ASAP.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Grange Banqueting Suite and as the facilities and food were excellent it was unanimously decided by the Committee to hold the function there again this year. The Menu and application form are attached to this Newsletter.

Unfortunately due to a lack of interest the Scottish and North East dinner had to be cancelled.

The Society hold a stock of dedicated Old Derbeian Society items and in an effort to increase sales these can now be purchased and dispatched by post to UK addresses. For overseas members please contact the secretary for postage rates.

Photographs of these items will be found inside the Newsletter.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all the committee members for their time and efforts during the past year.

A.Draper
Hon Sec.

<u>In Memoriam 2013-2014</u>	<u>Years at school</u>
A.D.C Betts	1929-38
D.H. Stevenson	1944-49
K.E. Stamp	1933-40

Obituary – A.D.C. (David) Betts – Attended Derby School from 1929-1938

David was a stalwart of the Society, and served as Chairman from 1958-1960 and as President from 1982 – 1984. He played the Last Post as Head Bugler for the Armistice Day service in 1932.

Born in Wallesey in 1921 the family moved to Derby as an infant. At school he was part of the OTC which was instrumental in getting him officer training at Sandhurst in 1942. David served for seven years in the Second World War, travelling to Sierra Leone and Burma.

David started his working career at Bemrose Printers, where he spent two years before moving on to become a manager at Bellis & Meek Ltd, a wholesale fruit and vegetable merchants where his father was a director.

He married Ann at St Werburgh's Church, Derby in 1952 and they had two daughters.

He was a representative of the Conservative Party and was elected as an Alderman in December 1968. He served in that capacity until he retired in 1972, two years before the election of Aldermen was abolished.

David was also the Chairman of the Central Branch of Derby Young Conservatives and first stood for election to the Derby Town Council in 1950. In 1960 he became a magistrate, probably one of the youngest appointees. He served on the Derby Bench for 31 years, retiring at 70.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2013

Our Service of Remembrance before the School Memorial at St Helens' House was attended by a large gathering of members and in some cases, their families upholding our hallowed tradition of honouring the memory of the 114 former pupils who gave their lives for their country in two World Wars.

The inclusion of the hymn 'O Valiant hearts' for the first time, added further poignancy to our traditional Service conducted by the Rev Preb. Derek Tinsley (OD). Wreaths of commemorative poppies were laid at the foot of the Memorial by Russell Thomas, Chairman, on behalf of the Society, and Headmaster, Richard Paine for Derby Grammar School.

The Service ended with a rendition of the Last Post by Master Mark Mitchell, a distinguished trumpeter of the School.

On leaving the site of our former Derby School all were conscious of the march of history and the approaching hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of World War I in 2014.

Remembrance Service 2014

This year's Service will again be held at St. Helen's House, commencing at 10.45am on Sunday 9th November 2014.

Afterwards at the Flowerpot Inn for light refreshments.

1914-1918 Centenary of the commencement of WWI

It is pleasing to record that the research undertaken by three Old Derbeians is slowly but surely coming to its conclusion. This started way back in 2012 when it was announced that the UK would be commemorating both the commencement of the start of WWI and would continue for the next 4 years until 11th November 1918.

The names of the researchers are Maurice Cass and Andrew Polkey (both at Derby School from 1961-1966) and our archivist Barrie Sheard (1945-1950). Between them they have uncovered a wealth of detailed information and facts about the 69 ex pupils whose names are inscribed on the War Memorial. It was quickly decided that to do this research for just WWI was not the correct way forward and it was immediately decided to also cover the 48 ex pupils who gave their lives during WWII. Without the Internet and all the current search facilities now available such as “Family Reunited” and “Imperial War Museum website” this would have taken forever.

Today we have details of each and every man’s full name, their service number, and rank, their regiment or corps or which service (Army, Royal Navy and Royal Flying Corps or Royal Air Force), wherever located newspaper cuttings of possibly their speech day prizes, marriage, father and mother’s names, their wife’s name, plus each and every report found within The Derbeian. In addition, we have uncovered each and every place they are buried and in which cemetery in either Asia, Africa or Europe or perhaps where their name is recorded on a memorial (two examples of this being the Menin Gate in Ypres or the RAF Memorial at Runnymede in Surrey) plus the nine OD’s who are buried in Derby or in its suburbs.

It is proposed that far more details will be found in due course on our new website. Plus the fact we shall have these special archives available for viewing at the November Annual Dinner.

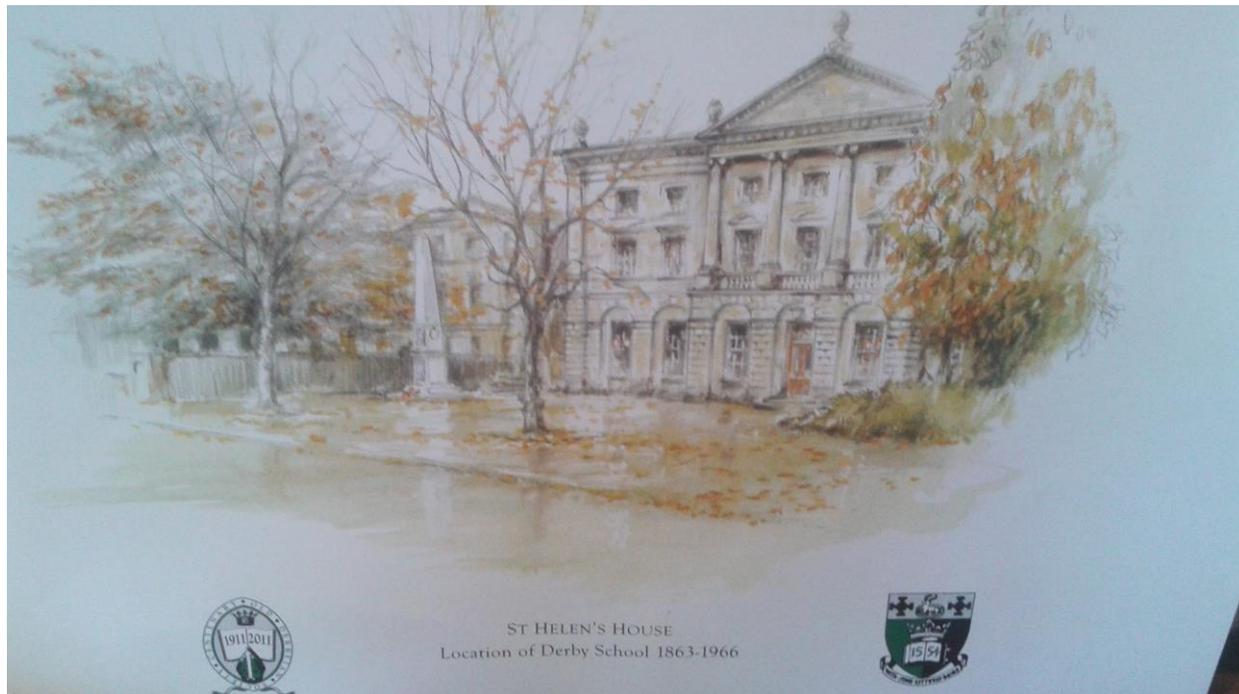
Monday August 4th 2014 and the War Memorial

The OD Society arranged for a sand tray to be placed upon the steps of our War Memorial at St. Helen’s House on the actual special day. Three British Legion small wooden crosses and their poppy were placed there inscribed “**Old Derbeian Society – WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM – 04/08/14**” each one for the three services **the Army, the Royal Navy and Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force**. We wish to state that the Society appreciates the kind co-operation of Smith Cooper.



Sand trays with new wooden crosses placed on War Memorial steps on Monday 4th August 2014

Items available to order, prices include postage within UK, orders with remittance to Secretary please. Make cheques payable to Old Derbeian Society.



Print of watercolour of St. Helen's House £7.50



Old style tie
£12.50



Winter scarf
£20.50



New style tie
£12.50



1554 badge
£5.50



Cufflinks
£17.50



Ladies' scarf
£17.50

Secretary's Quiz Question.

Where in St Helens House will you find this Fireplace?

Clue: Probably only naughty boys will know the answer. The answer will be given at the Annual Dinner.



The 1947ers Reunion

The 1947ers met for their eighth successive annual re-union at the Georgian in Friargate on Thursday 3rd July, 67 years on from their first meeting as 2L and 2R Derby School second formers. The venue was the same as previous occasions, and the format of drinks and buffet lunch was also unchanged. The customary chat again was of what had occurred to individuals since the last meeting, and what the future promised.

On this occasion however we were fortunate to have as a guest the ODS' archivist Barrie Sheard, so much of the afternoon passed pleasantly listening to Barrie's account of the work he had been doing for the past 3 years researching the history of the School. The extent and detail of this was surprising and impressive. In addition to acquiring whatever information he could from a variety of sources he had been able to research some topics in detail (now available as interim reports on the website), establish an archive of artefacts, and a digitised photographic archive. An extract of this last archive was available to the 1947ers on a laptop which Barrie had brought along. This was a fascinating file of widely different aspects of school life over many generations and was much appreciated by all who saw it. It also encouraged many of us to examine our own store of photographs so that the archive could be further enhanced.

The photograph below shows all the 1947ers attending this year's re-union.
Russ Jones (1947 – 1955)



From the left are: Viv Andrew, Dave White, Brian Moulton, John Hyde, Tony Moore, Eddie Hunt, John Wilkinson, Lee Everett, Godfrey Webster, Peter Smedley and Russ Jones

Amber Valley Reunion 2014

We are delighted to report that despite numbers being down this year (only 10 OD's attended) we had a wonderful Summer's Day out at Ogston Sailing Club, where we met in their clubroom, originally the dining room, Masters' CommonRoom and Tuck Shop for the Camp. Many old photographs were on display and memories of past times flowed between those present. As per usual the archivist was present to receive new photographs for the archives and had the **OD Centenary St. Helen's House print** on sale along with the **CD of Colin Bell's "A History of Derby School to the End of the 19th Century"**.

Following light refreshments we retired to The Kettle public house for a really mouthwatering and excellent carvery meal. After the meal Elisabeth and Nick Bowden led a short ramble around the woods and byways of the area.

Those present in 2014 included

John Booth 1942-49 Keith Chettle 1938-45 Peter Evans 1944-49
Roy Harrison 1944-49 Gordon Lancaster 1937-42 Alan Lockyer 1946-53 Jack Maiden 1944-49
Ted Olpin 1936-46 Barrie Sheard 1945-50
Russell Thomas (President) 1945-54



With grateful thanks to Nick Bowden (son of Elisabeth Bowden nee Grime) for this year's group photograph.

Plan for Reunion of 1966 intake

September 2016 will see the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Moorway Lane site. In celebration the class that started at the new school in 1966 are designing a reunion. The plan of action is presently at an embryonic stage, the idea having been spawned on a FB page set up by Pete Matthews, but is growing in momentum. The group hope to firstly overcome the problem of contacting all the far flung surviving members of that year's intake and urge the reader to help initially by promoting the "Derby School Class of 66" Facebook page.

To encourage a strong 66ers presence the group thought more than simply a dinner and dance would be befitting and hope to involve present school pupils. Ideas include friendly competition football or cricket matches, debating, "Top of the Form", and perhaps even a Battle of Bands all spread over a couple of days. Clearly certain allowances would have to be made as handicaps to the enormous talents of the 66ers but the contests could be interesting!

Masters will be welcome too and interactive media such as Skype should be available for those 66ers on space stations, in prison or other institutions, to contribute.

If you can help the group reach out to the entire year please contact the facebook page or Russ at rpriv-derby@yahoo.co.uk.

Message from the Archivist Barrie Sheard (1945-50)

What a great year we have had, lots of old school photographs being sent to myself, either by e-mail attachments or by the post office. May I take this opportunity of thanking all OD's and also all ex pupils of Derby School and their respective families for taking time-out to send the Society everything for the archives.

If there is one matter I should like to air in this year's Newsletter and that is to remind everyone that the Old Derbeian Society is for ALL old boys and old girls who attended (a) St. Helen's House both pre and post-war; (b) Amber Valley Camp during WWII and most importantly (c) all pupils who attended the Moorway Lane complex at Littleover as Derby School from 1966 to 1989.

For the record at last night's count we have placed into our electronic archives just over 730 photographs and currently we are working on placing them into two separate albums – the first in alphabetical order as per each photo's donor and then in separate decade order starting around 1900.

Your own contribution is appreciated by the Society very much and as per usual may I make a request my e-mail door is always open as is my postbox at Shardlow

Old Derbeian website

2014 has been a very difficult year in that our webmaster for many years, Guthrie Whitby (1983-1987), has reluctantly had to step down due to pressure on his developing IT business. However, we are delighted to update you that a new OD, Ryan Holmes (2003-2010) has recently taken up the post to everyone's relief who sit on your Committee. At the time of writing the plan is that by the end of the year and even hopefully by the 2014 OD Dinner on Saturday 8th November it will be ready to go 'live'.

May we ask interested OD's if there is anything they feel should be placed on the redesigned website please communicate in the first instance with the Secretary. For the record it is hoped to link the new website with both Facebook, Twitter and similar social networking facilities.

OD's versus Derby Grammar School – June 2014 – report by Chris Whitworth

The annual Old Boys' cricket match took place at Pastures on Sunday 29th June, and this year it was in the format of a 30-over match. The Old Boys were inserted to bat and Nick Lathbury and Jack Smith got the former pupils off to a cracking start, running well between the wickets and despatching the bad ball to the boundary. The school 1st XI were unable to get the vital wickets to test how far their batting went down the order and runs kept being added to the scoreboard.

The Old Boys amassed 189 in their 30 overs and at more than a run a ball the current School team would be hard pressed to reach the target. Their course was not helped by the early loss of their captain Whitworth, who after having struck a four to the boundary off Dosanjh then played all around a straight ball and got bowled with the team still needing a significant innings from one of their number. Josh Ganley proved to be that man and striking the ball cleanly, if not a little too air bound, the runs started to come.

Captain Rahul Sharma brought himself on to bowl and his tight line and nagging length soon stemmed the flow of runs. Trying to get after the bowling the wickets started to fall and the task of overtaking the target started to look too difficult. Unavailability meant that the School team had a couple of 'ringers' playing and after the Old Boys formed a guard of honour the Head of PE walked to the crease. Not known for his running between the wickets he cracked a couple of boundaries to roll back the years and sadly stopped the 11th man (Headmaster) from making it in to bat.

A great day's cricket and super to see so many old (and friendly) faces. Thanks goes to Alan Draper and Barrie Sheard, who provided the tea and Russell Thomas, who looked resplendent umpiring at square leg, wearing his trilby, with an umbrella in one hand and a glass of red in the other. Looking forward to next year and the return fixture.



Both Teams at this year's match

University/Higher Education Placements 2014

Patrice Attias	Marketing and Advertising	Derby	Deferred 2016
Ashley Blood	Primary Teaching with Music	Liverpool Hope	
Matthew Brown	Mechanical Engineering	Sheffield	
Glen Charles	Music	Adelaide, Australia	
Robert Collins	Business Studies	Northumbria	
Michael Dolman	Accountancy Apprenticeship	HR Chartered Accountants	
Marcus Ellis	Accountancy and Finance	Derby	Deferred 2015
Rowan Elston	Foundation Science	Deferred Entry	
Alasdair Fletcher	Physics	Bristol	
Samuel Foxon	Music	York	
Shaene Gnanarajah	Medicine	Cambridge	
Laura Holloway	Veterinary Medicine	Bristol	
Benjamin Jones	Music Technology	Leeds Metropolitan	
Joshua Kuehn		Deferred entry	
James McDermott	Law	Liverpool	
Joshua Monk	Accounting and Finance	Nottingham Trent	
Muhammad Oleolo	Law	Manchester	
Taabish Ramzan	Business Studies	Kingston	
Munyaradzi Raradza	History	Birmingham	
Phillip Sadula	Maths	Open University	
Thomas Shah	History	Newcastle	
Robert Smith	Theoretical Physics	Sheffield	
Nathan Standley	Anthropology	Durham	
Robert Thomas	Marine Biology with Oceanography	Southampton	
Jack Whaley-Baldwin	Physics	Durham	
Dominic Whitworth	Manufacturing Engineering	Loughborough	
Benjamin Wileman	Business and Management	University of Western England	
Catherine Williams	Medicine	Deferred Entry	
Joshua Wong	Materials Engineering	De Montfort	

From the Headmaster's Study

Last November at the Old Derbeians Dinner I spoke about the fully rounded education that I expect our pupils to get in their time at the School. Through the hard work and commitment of staff and students this year has offered the array of success and opportunities to the School.

Academically the pupils have excelled in a time when there has been much political interference in exam setting and a justifiable tightening of marking policies DGS students produced double the national average of A*'S at A Level and the percentage of students gaining ABB grades will have us in the top 100 hundred Schools, either state or independent nationally. James McDermott and Shaene Gnanarajah, the School Captain and Vice Captain, who attended the dinner last November, will be reading Law at Liverpool and Medicine at Cambridge respectively.

Our Debating teams have won through to the national finals of the European Youth Parliament Debating Competition for the third time in four years and owing to our success six of the Upper Sixth were invited to compete in Albania last November.

We have had county or regional cricket, rugby and hockey representatives but the undoubted sporting highlight of the year was Jay Raradzwa of the Upper Sixth who won the English Schools National Championships 100 metres in a time of 10.6 secs. This level of success is unprecedented in my time in the School.

For my part perhaps the most satisfying achievement of the year was to install running water for the first time ever in the school in Mwanza in Tanzania when 20 pupils and staff worked out there for a month this summer. I am proud to say that dysentery rates at the school have already fallen by 75%. Given our ongoing project work in Tanzania Derby Grammar School won the 'Outstanding International Project' at the Independent Schools Association national awards in evening in May. It was a delightful reward for all of the hard work put in by so many.

Annual General Meeting 2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday 5th February 2015 at Derby School at 5.00pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014
3. Matters arising
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of President
7. Election of Chairman
8. Election of Hon. Secretary
9. Election of Hon. Treasurer
10. Election of Committee Members
11. Honorary Membership
12. To receive other propositions requiring Notice of Motion*
13. Any other business

Committee Members

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

Summary Accounts

		2014		2013	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
	Membership		1,200		1,035
	Merchandise		102		26
	Interest		-		7
	Events		119		(458)
	Donations and Miscellaneous		3		53
			1,424		663
Expenditure					
	Newsletter		725		705
	Events		208		169
	Administration		106		240
	Use of School Facilities		480		275
	Centenary		-	1,391	2,780
			1,519	1,391	2,780
(Deficiency) for the Year			(95)		(2,117)

BALANCE SHEET at 31 MAY 2014

		2014		2013	
		£	£	£	£
	Investments, Bank and Cash Balances		4,196		6,930
	Stock of Merchandise		1966		410
	Amounts owing to the Society		88		68
			6,250		7,408
	Amounts owed by the Society		-		1,063
			6,250		6,345
	Representing				
	Accumulated Funds		6,250		6,345

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 2014

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

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Reception will be at 6.45pm for 7.30pm. The price of the meal will be £29.50 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 2014

Smoked mackerel pate on chicory leaves and melba toast

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Roast leg of lamb with a red wine and rosemary jus *or* Pea risotto with feta cheese & rocket (V)

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Lemon and lime cheesecake with a raspberry coulis

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Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee with Mint Chocolates

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APPLICATION FORM – Please return ASAP to Secretary (address on front page of Newsletter)

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 @ £29.50 = £..... No of vegetarian mains
(Cheque enclosed, payable to the Old Derbeian Society)

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

..... Years
..... at
..... School