

# Matlock Musings

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## ROCKSIDE OPEN DAY

Shortly after the last Musings went to press, the open day for prospective purchasers of the Rockside homes was announced for the weekend of 2nd April.

Several students took the opportunity to have a look around the building and both Denys Gaskell and Jon Layne took along their cameras.

Jon Said, "It was an interesting experience going round. The standard of finish both inside and out side is very high. There were a lot of people going round

We met two ex-students Sarah Leighton and husband and Gillian Knight (nee Giles 1985 Maths)".



**A view of Rockside showing the reconstructed conservatory**

Denys has put some interesting colour shots on the Matlock College Yahoo groups site in the 'Pictures' folder and



**Sarah Leighton (nee Doornkamp) and husband Jonathan who both started at college in 1985**

and I found it interesting to try and pick out who were ex-students - usually youngish couples with children. Mums and dads who were students bringing their brood back to see where mum/dad lived for a time. There were also some prospective buyers, one from Bournemouth. The Penthouse Apartment on the top floor of turrets was yours for a mere half a million.



**New kitchen, but original fireplace and wooden floor**

Jon has included a series of shots of the displays about Rockside.

### Derby University Alumni

Like Nottingham University, Derby University has an Alumni Department. Unfortunately, the Alumni Officer Carol left last March and to date a replacement has not been appointed due to budgetary restraints.

The Campaign/Fundraising Office are trying to maintain the database of Alumni including new members.

Graham Hammersley, the Campaign Office Administrator said that any communications about Matlock College would be put on hold until a new officer was appointed.

You can still visit their web site and there are a couple of newsletters that can be downloaded.

Having attended Matlock College, you are eligible to sign up, but there may be delays due to the pressure of work in the caretaker department.

[www.derby.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.derby.ac.uk/alumni)

### Staff Reunion

Jon Layne has organised another of the regular staff get-togethers which will take place on 28th April 2005 at the Coach House at Lea, near Matlock. Jon describes it as a small reunion and hopes to get a photograph of the staff with his new digital camera. He said, "My on/off change to digital camera was determined by a walk in the Lake District - coming down a steep path with camera round my neck, I tripped and fell flat on my face. I wasn't hurt but the impact between me and a flat stone was "cushioned" by the camera which was well and truly knackered."

### STOP PRESS - 1965 Reunion

Ian Edington (1965 Chemistry) has kindly e-mailed to say that there is a reunion being organised for the students who started in 1965.

See the section on page 10 for the details and who to contact.

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