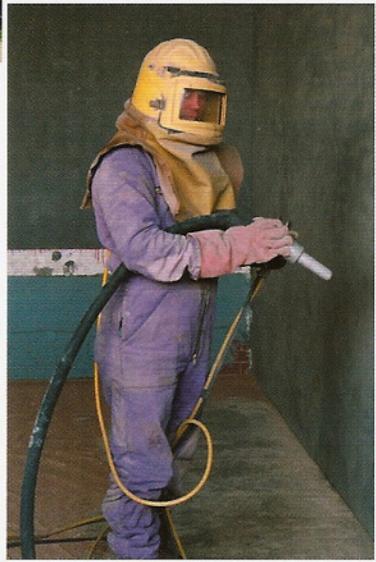
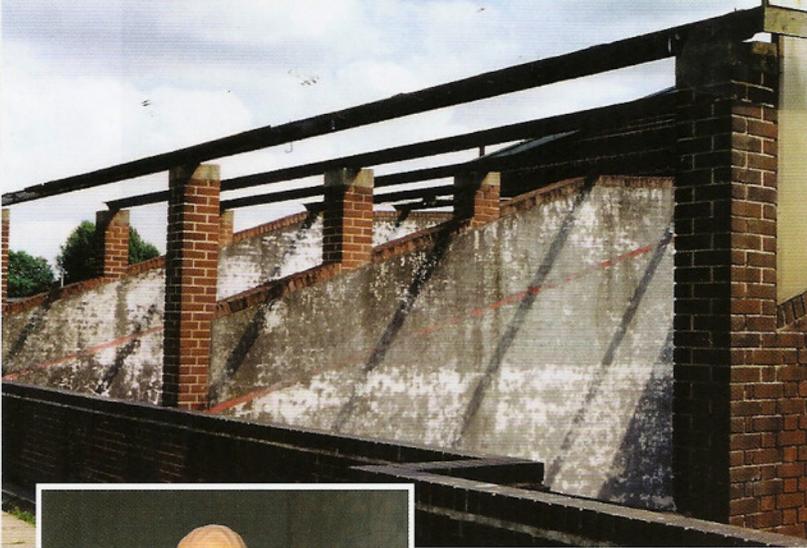
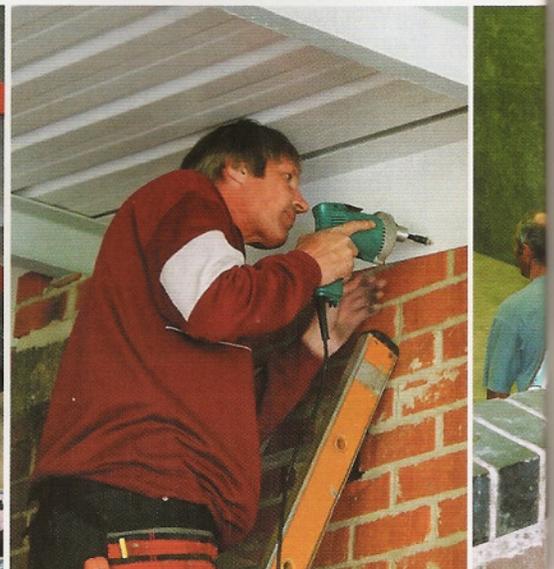
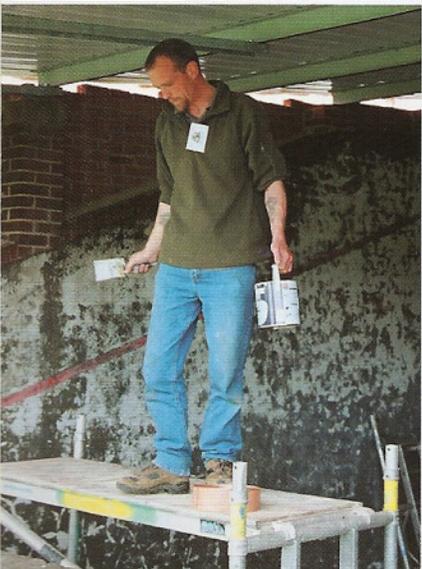


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Players and Spectators on Sunday
Standing (from left): Stuart Enders, Rob Cleave, William Gagie, Bob Dolb, John East, Jack Thompson (Headmas, Mrs Thompson, Ian Roberts, Bob Sar, Gayle Endersby, Geoff Sherratt, Ham
Sitting: Stuart Kirby, Mark Houldsw, Oliver Steed, Nathan Heightley, Clive



VIVAL AT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



27th June 2004:
 John Hawke, Dave Hebden, Grem McIntyre,
 Phil Bishop, Mark Kiteley, Geoff Smith,
 (Head of Derby Moor Community School),
 Lynn Kirby, David Barnes, Bhaswar Baral,
 Ian Buchanan.
 Brian Kirk, Matthew Warburton,
 Butler, Jason Miller.

Pupils show off at an 'unusual sport'

PUPILS at Derby Moor Community School will be showing off their talents for an unusual sport tomorrow, during an inaugural rugby fives tournament.

For the past year they have been learning how to play the game, after £20,000 was spent on restoring the Lilloover school's two courts, which had fallen into disuse. They are the only rugby fives courts in Derbyshire. Until now, the game, which involves hitting a ball against a walled court with your hands, has been limited to a handful of English public schools. It is a game that originated with medieval peasants, who played against chapel walls. Three forms of the game survive - Exon, Rugby and Winchester fives, which are similar games but use different courts. The rugby fives court is painted black and the walls black, the ball is white. The tournament, which will mark the first

Rugby fives contest at school celebrates restoration project

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competition at the Derby Moor Rugby Fives Club, starts at 10.30am, when 20 of the country's top players, including the British number one, Hamish Buchanan, will challenge each other to doubles matches. In the afternoon, a group of 14-year-olds will take part in their own event. Graeme Pegg, head of PE at the school, said: "It's a great opportunity to introduce youngsters to a completely new game. It's played in very few schools throughout the country, but we're able to offer it in PE lessons and it will become part of the broader curriculum, across the school. Some of them have enjoyed it so much that they play in their own time.

"The courts are very special to the school and it's an honour to host such a high level of competition, with outstanding British players." Club member Bob Dolby (59), a retired teacher from Beeston, has played rugby fives since his school days and now coaches at Derby Moor. He said: "It's a very simple game. It's a bit like squash but you hit it with both hands and you can play doubles, which is very accessible. It keeps people very fit. "Kids like it because it is so simple and natural but, unfortunately, it's generally restricted to private schools" which is a shame. Tomorrow's event will mark a celebration of the successful fund-raising bid by the school, which failed to secure lottery funding to fund the renovation work.

