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I remember my time with the DReaM group as a very happy one in which I met many people who I hope I will be able to call friends and colleagues for the rest of my life. It is quite remarkable that the mood in the group should manage to attain such a balance between intellectual creativity and social ease, and I attribute this to the way the group was led by Alan Bundy. I remember DReaM meetings for me very quickly becoming a place where I wasn't scared to say that I didn't understand, and where any contribution was appreciated and considered. I think that Alan's sense of humour and lack of self-importance allowed the new and naïve students such as myself to gain the confidence to speak, and encouraged the existing members of the group to have the same generous attitude.

For the whole time that I was at the DReaM group, people got on incredibly well both socially and academically, and I believe that this is mainly due to the genuine interest Alan had in them both as people and as researchers.