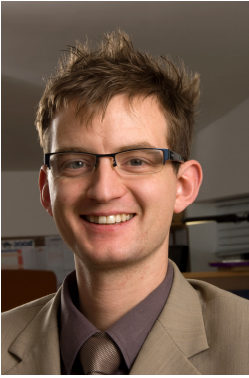


Dean's Personal Profile



Where do I start, there just seems to be so much happening in my life right now, this past year has been particularly hectic having recently bought my first home, together with my beautiful wife Kirsten.

It's not long ago that I finished paying off my university loans and here I am now paying off a large slice of our honeymoon to Bali and Hong Kong. Never mind I must admit it was worth it, and I certainly have better memories from that debt than the memories at university. Come to think of it, all I remember from my university debt was the socialising at the local pub!

Having joined NEJ Stevenson's just 5 years ago I'm fortunate to have found myself in a great business. There's a lot of good hearted banter but everyone gets on well and we all burn the midnight oil when the pressure's on.

With loads to do renovating our home (I can't call it a 'new' home), Kirsten and I are going to be quite busy for some time to come. Fortunately, the lads here have got plenty of skill in this department and have promised to do their bit to help us on our way. The only deal is that I don't sing because I have a real love of heavy metal music, I know it's hard to believe with my haircut, but it's one of those parts of me that I didn't let go of when I left 'uni'. Rock music has a real edge to it and probably best represents the part of me, where like so many other students before me, we thought we'd change the world, and hey presto, "tonight Matthew, I'm Mr Respectable", beautiful wife, mortgage, no kids (yet) just two gorgeous cats and weekends away with Kirsten, either walking through parts of the New Forest, or taking up our new hobby of kayaking.

It's a little boring to say the least at the moment paddling aimlessly around local reservoirs and the occasional swimming pool. Backwards, forwards, round and around, but we've been promised by the instructor that the moment we've completed our first set of qualifications we can go and try something a little more adventurous like some 'white water rapids', and if that's half the fun I hope it'll be, this home of ours might just take longer than expected!