



the Woosta Source

President's Address

Hello,

It's 8th week which means that term went quickly. Finals and prelims are looming (unless you're a fresher Lawyer, Theologian or Psychologist in which case they've already fully loomed) and thesis deadlines are uncomfortably close. All I can say is good-luck for those of you with big deadlines imminent, and for the rest try and enjoy the Easter vac.

Also, as it's 8th week it means that some of the JCR Committee are finishing their terms - Nayana, Rob, Isaac, Nikita, Amy, Emma, Patrick and Melissa (sorry I missed the deadline again...) have all been exceptional in the work they have done. Often we don't really see or fully appreciate the work of people on the JCR Committee but all of those leaving this term have put in a lot of effort to ensure that our JCR is a caring, fun and active place. So I'd like to thank them personally (and on behalf of the rest of the JCR) for everything and wish them a (relatively) stress-free Trinity.

Also, our college sold a painting for a ludicrous sum of money. If you google it ('Edge of a Forest with a Grain Field' by Jacob



WARNING: CONTAINS CHEESE. Not the food.

I've loved editing the Woosta Source this year, trying to draw together a record of what it has meant to be a Worcesterite over the past year. In the spirit of nostalgic farewells, I've just spent the evening leafing through past editions, and I'm amazed at just how much ground we've covered over the last year.

We've been to France (several times in fact) and to China (once). We've explored some big issues, from mental health to student politics, and we've seen Worcester students do some big things, from running marathons to building aeroplanes to trekking the Great Wall of China. We've duly recorded Worcester's consistent tendency to sporting victory and created a database of sporting chat-up lines. We've found ways to reduce our negative impact on the planet, and ways of giving help to those less fortunate than us (usually

Van Ruisdel) it's actually, I think, quite an ugly painting. It had hung in the Provost's study for too long, no-one ever saw it and crucially - we couldn't eat it, sleep under it, or pay our battels with it. Now we are a bit closer towards being able to do those things. I'm told that some (old) people might be annoyed by this move, frankly I think it's about 5 years too late, but at least this shows college is prepared to take 'drastic' steps to help its current and future students.

Happy Easter and enjoy the weather!

Alfie

'Now I understand

What you tried to say to me

And how you suffered for your sanity

And how you tried to set them free

They would not listen, they did not know how

Perhaps they'll listen now' - Vincent, Don Mclean

by doing something we really enjoy, but paying for it). We've met some great people, from our porter Jane to the musically gifted college ghost. We've shown off our prowess at artistic endeavours, from successfully turning around a Shakespeare production on the lake to some amazing artwork submitted to the various arts competitions. We've created a complete record of all student misdemeanours for future blackmailing purposes, and we've had input from a whole variety of great columnists and one-off contributors.

So I guess from me it's just one word: thank you. To everyone who's contributed, completed the puzzle, created news for Worcester by being awesome or simply leafed through a copy - it wouldn't have been the same without you.

So long, Worcester. It's been fun.



The Peeking Duck

So. It's the moment we've all been waiting for. Actually, for myself, it's something of a double-edged sword: I am quite excited at the concept of 'revealing myself', but at the same time I am also terrified that someone who took exception at my sometimes harsh puns will feel the urge to hunt me down and turn me into duck confit for tea. More on this below, but for the

last time, allow me briefly to sum up the fortnight's gossip...

It seems the freshers have been particularly diligent in continuing the tradition of turning this hallowed term into 'Horny Hilary'. One young man who has apparently been continually boasting that he'd Stea-lthily mAnnaged to escape my notice was finally reported to have disRobed in the company of the earth science lady who has previously featured in my Ann-als for getting with a prominent member of Jay-SOC. Meanwhile, a Hart-throb became a source of adMarytion for many when he Read the riot act to a fresher PPEist in the very un-Chris-ian location that is the Wahoo dancefloor. And a Matthewmatician made quite a Din when he hooked up with a fresher physicist - the mind wonders at whether the Rogues decided to go home for Morh. But my favourite fresher story this time (I think the pair involved should consider winning this title to be a very special Vick-tory). One fresh young lady decided to go for a night-time stroll around the grounds of the College without any clothes on (to be fair on her, the weather has been exceptionally warm recently). Her naked form was perhaps an attempt to Fish for compliments, as it transpires she caught the eye of a Jack-the-lad who does PPE. The chivalrous gentlemen then apparently Hel-ped her back to his boudoir where I've been told he seduced her with a 'sexy saxophone recital'. Top work!

Not to be upstaged, the second years have also been having their share of fun. Oughr very own florally-named green rep who's been creating a Buzz in the JCR with her promotion of Irish music for us all to Jam to, got physical with not just the handsome physicist in her year, but she then also opTed for an English-studying finalist whose hospitality to her was far from Stony. Also on my radar was another member of the JCR committee, the Computing Rep who has enjoyed several Welchomes onto my pages this term. She seemed in a bit of a R[i]ush to make a medic second year happy and he definitely didn't complain!

Worcester wouldn't be Worcester, however, without a bit of mingling between the years - even when those involved are not actually currently studying here because of Ros-ticating... If what I Hurd is correct, Felixitations are due to a third year lawyer and an absent fourth year chemist. Another third year was doing his Betht to avoid thinking about finals, seemingly very mcWilling to entertain a fresher. The tennis pro certainly didn't need to enter by -force as it is widely agreed he's a very eligible bachelor.

Right, enough about everyone else. I can wait no longer. I have had Annabsolutely quacking time writing this column and so thought that I would assist you in figuring out my identity by just including an autobiographical report of the exploits of my own weekend. I know some may think I'm a hack but it must be admitted that I have been a Dominant force on the comedy scene, and anyone who's seen me perform will know that (until the day before I wrote my final column) my biggest joke and best source of comedy material is that I know a lot more about ducking than about a verb which rhymes with ducking... Annyway, that situation has changed since I was visited in the night by a Matt Smith lookalike who doesn't even go here - let's just say he fixed me with his sonic screwdriver. Through revealing this story to the whole of college in this way I'm hereby annaouncing that I will need some new comedy material as well as making myself known as possibly the most committed person to college gossip seen for a while. At least, more committed to gossip than to Theology, the subject I have been supposedly studying since Anno Domini 2011. Indeed, one of the most useful things I found when being 'The Duck' was to stay single, so that in the quieter weeks, when it was necessary, I could generate my own material for the column by getting a little tipsy and going to Wahoo. So my advice to whoever my successor will be is: maintain a lothario status since it

makes the job easier. Also, be very selective in who you reveal your secret to. I managed to hide pretty well the fact I'm a third year, and keep in touch with the sordid goings-on of the rest of College, with the help of two second year informants and close friends who were happy to pass things on – shout out to my beautiful gurlz!

I hope you have enjoyed reading this bizarre literature as much as I have enjoyed writing it. I may not be the next Oscar Wilde but I like to think that my terrible puns have raised a smile once or twice which is all I could ask for, as a comedian... The concept behind this column was an inception of my very own College great-grandfather, the victim of whose college incest I once was as a naïve fresher when he took a Hams-on approach to welfare, so I feel weirdly proud to have continued his legacy. Writing about who drunkenly pulled who is a bit morally awkward for me but ultimately I think it shows a very special side to Worcester in that no-one really took the column or themselves too seriously, which is, in my humble opinion, the healthiest way to live.

Much love,
PD [AD] xoxoxox



Love Food Hate Waste

Did you know? We throw away **7 million tonnes** of food and drink from our homes every year in the UK, and more than half of this is food and drink we could have eaten. The statistics about food waste are shocking but they don't need to be! Here are three simple things you can do today to make your food go further:

1. Try keeping a food waste diary for a week, or put all the food and drink you'd normally throw into the bin into a container, to see how much there is. This will allow you to find out how much you're wasting and identify particular foods that you tend to throw away more than others.
2. Cover and store your food correctly to keep it fresh for longer. Keep apples in the fridge, potatoes in a cool dark place, and bread in the cupboard or freezer. Remember that you can freeze food right up to 24 hours before the use by date.
3. Download the 'Love Food Hate Waste' app on your iPhone or Android. It features a portion planner to tell you how much food you need for each meal and has **lots of great recipe ideas** for using forgotten foods and leftovers to make tasty meals. Go to <http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/> for more details of the app and the Love Food Hate Waste campaign in general.

Reducing Waste and Food Poverty in Oxford

On a local level, the Oxford Food Bank is doing fantastic work to ensure that food that

would otherwise be wasted can go to people who really need it. It now provides up to 5000 meals a week to people living in food poverty, and in the past year gave away around £250,000 worth of fresh, good-quality food that would otherwise have gone to landfill. As all those working for the Food Bank are volunteers, it is an incredibly efficient charity and delivers around £25 worth of food for every £1 donation it receives.

Food Justice is a student group facilitating volunteering with the [Oxford Food Bank](#) and raising awareness of food ethics and waste issues across the city.

If you would like to get involved in Food Justice, volunteer with the Food Bank or just find out more, please email foodjustice@oxfordhub.org or talk to Julia Chen.



Charity Task

So far this year, the Worcester JCR has raised over £5000 for charity - and that is without counting our contribution to Movember and charity battels payments! Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this amazing achievement.

Fundraising is not by any means the only way that we can help the elected Worcester charities. One of the charities we support is Anthony Nolan, the UK's blood cancer charity and bone marrow register. Your task for this week is to take a look at the Anthony Nolan website, have a read about what they do, and find out how you can get on the register to become a stem cell donor. This really is an amazing thing to do, and it will only take a few minutes of your time. By joining the register, you really could make a lifesaving difference. Head to <http://www.anthonynolan.org> to find out more!

And seen as this is the green edition, your second chance is a very simple one - this week, try to pick up at least 3 pieces of litter you see and pop them in the nearest bin. If everyone does this, it will make such a difference :)

ENVIRONMENTAL SHAMROCK 'N' ROLL

Top O' da Moooooornin' envirofreaks!

Thanks so much to everyone who came to the EnvironMENTAL shamrock-and-roll night on Friday- Hope everyone had a blast, and the £124 of proceeds that will go straight to Sky Rainforest Rescue is just the lucky charm on top of the cake. Special thanks to Chan-the-Man for taking these banging pictures. Congrats to Luke Devereux for naming our college-sponsored wild British marine turtle, Jonathan Migra-Bate (provost J. Bate...and marine turtles migrate...geddit?!); may mother nature bless him and all who ride on him.

To clarify the 'Bits 'n Bobs Food Swap' in the JCR 5-6 on Thursday is an effort to minimise food wastage at the end of term; just bring along an food that you would otherwise chuck and then help yourself to the free-for-all cornucopia!



The mighty giant redwood



**Rigatron 3000 surveys the
turtley great selection of Irish
babes.**



**The stalk-in-teeth technique
proved a winner for those
adorned with bangs**

I have ~~never~~ seen RK do a shoe





The event lured in a passing leprechaun (please note the cheekilicious leg-cock)

This wickedtastic GREEN edition coincides with a really important step towards updating Worcester's environmental policies and how we put them into practice.....At Green Group (a committee on which the MCR green rep, the domestic bursar, a few others and I sit) we have devised a short online questionnaire (<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/direct/eval-assigngroup/7593>) which operates via weblearn. It would be really fantastic if as many of as us possible could complete this to make sure that JCR-relevant environmental issues are raised, because this is the best chance we'll get for a long time to make sure we help college on its way down the green-brick road towards the dazzling emerald city!

Enjoy the first signs of Spring Kiddies!
Stay Grassy,
X Daisy X

Interview: Worcester's

Garden Team



Summer and winter, rain or shine, these great guys are out and about, working behind the scenes to keep up Worcester's well-deserved reputation as the most beautiful college in Oxford. After a few minutes getting lost in greenhouses I didn't know existed, I tracked down Simon, Worcester's Head of Gardens and Grounds, and Joss, Grass Technician, for a chat.

There are 8 gardeners and groundsmen at Worcester: 6 full-time, one part-time and one apprentice. 'Not enough', in Joss's words. Everyone seems to want to be involved, however: between the Friday morning volunteer who says it's the highlight of her week, to the students that choose to help out. 'They get deaned once, and come back as volunteers' Joss explains. Our longest-standing gardener has been at Worcester for 35 years now, and Simon and Joss respectively have 10 and 16 years of Worcester life under their belts. They both cite the people they work with as one of the highlights of the job. I get shot down for suggesting I might make a gardening job at Worcester my back-up plan; working in Worcester's gardens is a privilege, and it doesn't play second fiddle to any other career.

For a moment it looks like the interview is going the wrong way round; Simon wants to hear the student view on a variety of topics, from how the gardens could be greener (in the environmental sense - as far as colour is concerned, greenness unquestionably is abundant) to whether we find the noisy machines disturbing. I reassure him that the sound of a lawn mower comes as welcome relief to those who are waking up each morning to bulldozers taking down the old Ruskin College.

Projects at the moment are pruning, mulching borders and planting new fruit trees. If like me, your knowledge of orchard fruit taxonomy extends to distinguishing The Apple from The Pear, you will be interested to hear that the orchard boasts many varieties of both kinds, and thus that the composition of the college juice (always delicious) varies depending on the yield of each tree that year. The new saplings include Egremont Russet apples, which have an almondy taste, and a special sort of pear which goes red when it's cooked.

Joss's area of expertise is grass, so a lot of his time is spent mowing, edging and

maintaining Worcester's various lawns. The sacred Main Quad is his responsibility. In a myth-busting moment, they reveal that Main Quad grass is not, as various college officials have erroneously claimed in the past, a 'special' variety of grass. Rather, the Main Quad's consequence is a result of its long heritage as a respected feature of the College. Simon cites Provost Sheffield, October 1785, in a letter to college dons: 'Any member of the college who keeps a dog in his room shall be sconced half a crown, as shall everyone who walks upon the grass plat in the quadrangle.' A century and a bit later, Provost Lyst recorded in his diary that college was employing local boys to pick daisies out of the lawn. These days, various forms of weed-killer take care of the job – Joss reassuringly informs me, however, that the chemicals are so dilute you'd have to drink a litre of the stuff to do yourself any harm. Half a century ago you would need to be more careful; arsenic, I learn, was then a favoured weapon of gardeners around the country in the war against unsolicited vegetation.

Simon's job, on the other hand, has not escaped the curse of the last couple of decades: the rise of e-mail communication. Still, he gets to spend time outside working alongside the rest of his team. Everyone begins at eight, and it's Simon's job to plan and oversee everything that goes on. He values the creative freedom this allows him, as well as being able to do the job to a high standard – although my question of what it costs to keep up these standards receives a diplomat's response, polite but vague.

Worcester's gardens are often described as 'prize-winning' – I take the opportunity to find out what these elusive prizes actually are. There is a city-wide competition called 'Oxford in Bloom', which, over the past decade, Worcester has won each time it has been entered. In addition, the Worcester Gardens have featured in [Country Life](#) on several occasions, and have been lauded in the [Daily Telegraph](#). Both the gardens and Simon gained minor TV celebrity status in a lawn-themed episode of the [Great British Garden Revival](#); ironically, Simon is featured explaining that he doesn't have a lawn at home.

There are plenty of light-hearted moments on the job, such as the day when Keiran fell in the lake, or the time when the apprentice (known as 'Pretty', I never did find out his actual name) was made to meticulously count all the apples he picked (437), and quizzed on the exact number in each bucket. More light fun comes from dropping 'Hairy Balls' into the conversation – an apparently widely accepted nickname for a plant which grows large, crinigerous (look it up) decorative seed-pods, whose alternative name sounds like something Harry Potter would learn about in his Charms classes.

It is tempting to ditch the student life for the rest of the day and spend the day outdoors, helping beautiful things to grow. For now, though, I guess I will have to content myself with the Tesco narcissi on my windowsill, and leave the rest of Worcester's plant life in the capable hands of Worcester's illustrious Garden Gang.

Worcester Sport

all sport compiled by sports rep Robbie Heywood

Highlights from Weeks 5, 6 & 7

- Last minute Exeter goal knocks men's football out at semi-final.
- Football 2nds are one win away from a league win after convincing wins at St Peter's and Jesus.
- Women's hockey knocked out of cuppers at semi-final.
- Worcester rugby lose 56-42 to London Business School 2nd team.
- Basketball team record wins against Keble and Queens.

'Worcester Sports Personality of the Term HT 2014'

Anna Green



Captain of the Blues football team and the key player for Worcester's women's football team, Anna has given a lot to Worcester sport this year.

Jack Utting



A permanent fixture of both Worcester's 1sts and 2nds football team, there isn't anyone in Worcester that has given more to Worcester goothall this year.

Dan Willoughby



Captain of the 2nds hockey team (who look likely to win the league) as well as a key player in the hockey team and even a member of Worcester's go-karting team, Dan contributes to almost all areas of Worcester sport.

James Kerr



Noone has trained harder for sport this term than James Kerr in the lead up to his varsity boxing match. Losing 7kg to reach his weight category, he then won 'Most Gallant Boxer' at the varsity match. Don't mess with him!

Jeev Gogna



Jeev is captain of the Worcester darts team and driving force behind the Worcester darts revolution. Few people have made more of a contribution to a single sport than Jeev. Have I also mentioned he was part of the Oxford team that won BUCS darts.

Ruth Cookman



If you've not seen Ruth's penalty shuttle against Cambridge in the Women's 3rd team penalty shootout, you really should. Calm, composed and with serious flare – everything Worcester sport is about. Ruth has also been a key member of the women's hockey team that reached cuppers semi-finals.

How it all works

In the bar on bop night, one lucky person will win the prestigious title of 'Worcester's Sports Personality of the Term' for Hilary 2014. Along with the trophy, the winner will also receive a free sting! Read about each of the candidates in this issue and then, to vote for who wins the award, simply go to the link that will be posted on the JCR page and emailed around.

Here is the shortlist, drawn up by Sports Rep Robbie Heywood in conjunction with the JCR committee:

- Anna Green
- Jack Utting
- Dan Willoughby
- James Kerr
- Jeev Gogna
- Ruth Cookman

On The Sport

Sam Trigg



Alex McWilliam



VS

Blues Athletics

Hop, Skip... Jump

5.2s trousers down
run in staircase 24

Quad-jumping, bop-it
and 30 yard croquet
centre peg shots

Abs need some
work

Robbie Heywood

Hop over here, we'll
Skip the boring bits
and **Jump** straight
into bed

**Describe yourself
in 3 words**

**Proudest sporting
moment**

**Sporting
strengths?**

**Sporting
weaknesses?**

Sporting crush

**Sporting chat-up
line**

Blues Tennis

Obsessed with
Tennis

Fulfilling Lukus's
prophecy and
winning tennis
cuppers 2013

Ronnie's Rocket
Money

Tennis players
category on Hex

Genie Bouchard
(Canadian tennis
player)

If we played tennis, I
would let you win all
the points so I would
always be in 'love'.

Who is this sportswoman?



True or False?

1. Rugby was originally called handball, before a rule came in allowing you to kick the ball as well.
2. It takes 3000 cows to supply all the footballs for one season of NFL
3. Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike than all the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.
4. Fresher Will Hick competed in the 2013 red bull sky-diving series
5. Golf balls reach speeds of almost 170mph

Answers:
True or False: 1.F, 2.T, 3.T, 4.F, 5.T
Warped Faces: Jess Ennis and Rebecca Adlington