

THE WOOSTA SOURCE

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President's Address

Hi everyone, It's the half-way stage! That was fast. I hope you've had a great couple of weeks and enjoyed celebrating Halloween what seemed like virtually every day.

First thing, I'd like to congratulate Rob "The Rod" Myers who saw off RON "The RON" RON in the closely fought JCR Secretary by-election last week. I say 'closely', Rob won with 100% of the vote and has promised to introduce a Lonely Hearts section and competency to the role.

Earlier this week I had a meeting with Tim Lightfoot and Phillipa Tarver who are the domestic bursary team in college. They are responsible for managing the maintenance and upkeep of all the accommodation and managing building projects and conferences in college amongst other things. After being nice to these people (even after they put our furniture where it doesn't belong) I can announce we are going to be getting new sofas (hopefully by about 6th week). More importantly though, the overwhelming impression I got from the meeting was that people working for college really care about the JCR and are trying to build a better relationship between the JCR, SCR and college. Tim has agreed to come to a JCR meeting once a term to answer questions about college and respond to complaints on the condition that "we are kind" to him. I think this is a really positive sign and hopefully marks the beginning of much better communication between various groups in college.

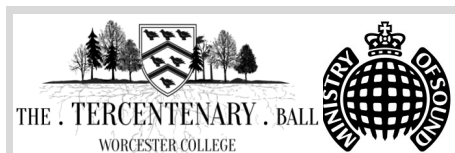
Also, it's Movember. I'm currently in that week long "wait and see how it goes" stage where you desperately try and gauge how much like a creepy sex offender you'll look in month's time. First impressions, it's not looking good.

Alfie

"I've been to Southampton

but I've never been to Scunthorpe"

Tinie Tempah



First, some exciting news for the upcoming Worcester ball: a collaboration with the Ministry of Sound has just been announced! Tickets for Worcester alumni have just gone on sale, and current students will be able to buy tickets from November 16th. At £165, or £205 for a dining ticket, these might blow a hole in your budget, but don't hold back—let's celebrate Worcester's big birthday in style! More details can be found at thetricentenaryball.co.uk.

Back to the present, I spent a chunk of Friday evening having a lovely chat with Jane the porter. Skip to the middle pages to see what I found out... Friday was also the day for submitting to the (now annual) pumpkin-carving contest, and you can see the winning piece and the tough competition it faced on page 6.

Finally, don't forget to check out the regular stuff—the Duck has survived another fortnight, Worcester sports teams just can't help winning, and our regular columnists tell us how to flood your evenings with cultured fun, boil an egg in a kettle and do some hair-raising fund-raising.

MR x

Editorial



Well, well, well, dear Worcesterites, it appears to have been a far quieter fortnight than I had anticipated, though fortunately some considerate souls decided to treat me this Halloween.

Only two third years appear in this issue, I am absolutely despairing about the fact that you all appear to be taking your studies so seriously and neglecting the important things in life, namely, sordid deeds on the sticky floors of Oxford's evening establishments – do better next time! The first third year in question, a theologian, had had quite a long dry spell. However, she seems to be back in the Game recently, setting her sights on a second year PPEist who has been Guilty of gracing my pages many times before. Another grain

from the rumour Mil[es] (though I should probably not take rumours too seriously after mcmaking a mistake in my last column...) is the tale of two ppeists who had a very Marie time together, not hesitating to Find one another, Rig-ling down together on the dance floor.

Further rumours are a Buzzin' that the college green rep's future on the commemoration ball committee has been Daviestatingly cut short due to her lacaDaisical attitude to the ball treasurer - having no doubt distracted him from his official duties it was probably most hAndy to lay her off.

Moving on swiftly, let me relate the tale of a second year and Blues Tri-ple jumper who recently went through the Tribulations of ending a turbulent cross-Atlantic romance which turned into quite the kate-astrophe when the jilted lady paid a flying visitafter their relations had finished. The trauma didn't prevent this lad from hitting the dancefloor on his birthday this week and making another JYA alliance: clearly he didn't want to Tar-all Americans with the Same brush.

There is still a good supply of freshers Will-ing to mingle with one another, and one young physicist did not hesitate to pursue a fellow fresher and shower her in klsses and Hickeys (okay, I'm extrapolating a bit, it's my natural Nie-jerk reaction...). Meanwhile a fresher employed all the skills learned from her geography degree and man-aged to navigate her way Ruthlessly towards a Foxy fresher medic (I, as The Duck, do love it so when my subjects have similarly animal names!)

There was, as ever, some attraction which transcended the boundaries of year groups, as a Shahlatan PPE second year unDertook to get his Hain[d]s on a worth-y fresher lady. But it seems like one pair of freshers have enjoyed one another's company so much that they have nigh on gone exclusive, conjuring Rich images of them skipping Gaily through meadows and maybe past brooks holding hands, or doing whatever it is young Coouples do these days...

As I said, it's been slim pickings this fortnight, so for now at least, in the words of Bugs Bunny, that's all folks. If you'd like to see a fuller column next week, please don't refrain from letting me know! Just drop me a line at peekingduckofworchester@gmail.com. I can't promise you eternal fame (for obvious reasons) but I will try at least to send you a pun-ctual reply!

PD XOXOX

The Student Kettle

Winter is drawing in and couscous has been done to death over the past fortnight. A good friend of mine (big up Charlotte Fraser) once told me that she knew how to boil an egg in her kettle. Now, I can't guarantee that this is 100% safe, so I'll just call this "hypothetical". She said she used those nets you get tangerines in to place her eggs in the kettle without burning her hand. First, boil the kettle, then lower the eggs into the boiled water, leaving them there for say – 6 or 7 minutes – a bit of trial and error here might be necessary. Remember your eggcup! Oh crap, you can't have toast. Never mind.

Miriam Stoney





PG TIPS

Salut Worcester! I hope everyone is well, this term has flown by already. If the stress of work is getting a bit too much why not indulge in a spa day? I make sure to do it at least 3 times a term. If £74 at the Randolph is a bit too much how about making use of the Worcester lake? I hear duck faeces in the mud is a great natural exfoliant***.

Anyway, once you have reached a state of inner peace, check out what's going on in Oxford over the next couple of weeks:

11-16/11 **Sweeney Todd, Playhouse**

12-17/11 **The Hypochondriac (Buskins), Keble O'Reilly**

14/11 **Ludovico Einaudi, New Theatre**

More #PGTips: Arcade Fire's new album **Reflektor** is worth a listen.

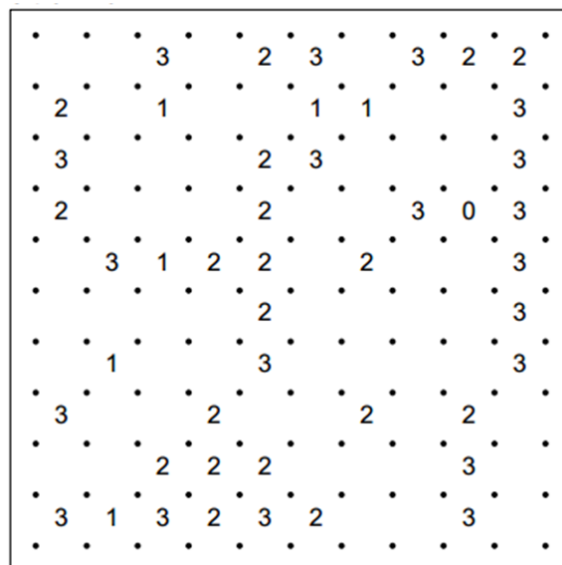
Are you male? Can you run and/or kick a football? Give Worcester 3rds football a go, training 10-12 on Sunday mornings.

Name based puns are absolutely an excuse to write a Woosta Source article.

That's all this week! TPRED P Giddy xoxo

*****Disclaimer:** don't rub duck shit on your face, really don't.

Connect horizontally or vertically adjacent dots to form a meandering path that forms a single loop or "Slitherlink." The loop must not have any branches and must not cross itself. The clue numbers indicate how many lines surround the cell. Empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines (from 0 to 3).



There is one unique solution, and you should be able to find it without guessing. You may find it helpful to make Xs between dots that cannot be connected.
source: krazydad.com

First correct solution to melissa.russon@worc.ox.ac.uk wins a chocolate prize (you can pidge me your answer and drop me an e-mail to let me know. Congratulations to Sarah Payne for (reputedly) winning the prize for last edition's Jigsaw Sudoku.



It is the start of November and that can only mean one thing... Moustaches are about to start sprouting everywhere. So your task for this week (to the men of college) is to start growing your mo, to raise awareness about men's health. Sign up to the Movember Worcester team and get your free byron burgers if you raise over £25! And girls, support your fellow Mo Bros by signing

up to become a Mo Sista.

Emergency Moustache

Never know when you might need one



INTERVIEW Jane Kerry, porter

Woola Source: *How long have you worked at Worcester?*

Jane Kerry: 18 months

WS: *How do people react when they find out you're a porter?*

JK: 'That must be a good job, that must be fun.' It is, it's a lovely job! I really like it.

WS: *What's it like being the only woman in your team?*

JK: It's okay, there is a camaraderie between the men – there's the ongoing football conversation which I have no interest in! I've become quite fond of all of them, though I don't spend much time with the night workers.

WS: *How long have you lived in Oxford?*

JK: I was born and bred in Oxford! Both of my parents worked in the Morris factory in Cowley. I was born near Horspath and I've lived in different places around Oxford – I've been in Headington for 27 years now.

WS: *Do you have kids?*

JK: I have two grown-up sons; one is 26 and lives at home, but he cooks for himself, he's not a mummy's boy! The other is 38 and he's a carpenter. He has a lovely wife and I have a grandson who's 3—I don't get to see that much of him but he's always glad to see me!

WS: *How did you get to where you are now?*

JK: Adult training. My dad wouldn't let me stay in school, in those days I was expected to get married and bring up children! At 37 I took a computing course on the Oxford Women's Training Scheme for a year, then studied for a Diploma in Community Studies at Ruskin College. There were only 8 students, it was the first time they ran the course. I started college on the same day as my eldest son! I started doing Social Work at Brookes, but I dropped out because I hated it.

WS: *What did you do before you came to Worcester?*

JK: I did youth work for about 9 years, setting up youth groups with the Oxfordshire County Council. I volunteered for a while, then as soon as Labour came into power I went back to work. It was very difficult to get off benefits before that, because they would stop your benefit as soon as you got a job, so you would have no money to keep you going until your first paycheck.

I worked with the NHS for 7 years, on a medium security ward for adults with learning disabilities. After that I took a year out working in the Bull Nose pub in Blackbird Leys, one of the busiest pubs in Oxford, which was a really good break. I worked in Community Safety for 3 years, but I left that job because it became more of a law enforcement job.

WS: *What brought you to Worcester?*

JK: I was looking for something different, a new sort of community. When I started researching Worcester, I just really wanted to come here, and the day I came for interview I was really knocked out; I didn't know

where to look first, it was all so beautiful! I fought really hard at my interview: there were 70 people interviewed and only two of us got the job.

WS: *We've all seen you sat in the lodge and coming to turn off fire alarms. What else does your job involve?*

JK: It's mainly problem solving, really. We're the first point of contact, so we spend a lot of time helping people find where they need to go, who they need to talk to. There's hardly ever a shift where you don't have to help someone get back to their room when they've been locked out. The different shifts are very different jobs. Day shifts are really busy and really tiring. The evening shift is not so bad, and the night shift is quietest – although at weekends things often don't calm down till 3.30 a.m.

WS: *What do you do in your spare time?*

JK: I love to go to art galleries. One of the best exhibitions I've been to in Oxford was at the Modern Art Gallery on Pembroke Street. They do local art exhibitions where anyone is welcome to submit work. Mostly I go for impressionist art, that's what I really enjoy.

WS: *What do you most enjoy about your job?*

JK: I love the college; it's a wonderful environment to work in. Compared to my previous work people are very polite and it's a very safe environment to work in. When I was younger I would have got bored, but it suits me now. It's nice to be able to use the skills I've developed.

WS: *What don't you enjoy?*

JK: Long hours with nothing to do. It can be incredibly boring, especially as we're pinned the lodge. Conference season can be difficult, there's no rhythm, constant change. It's absolute madness. It's lovely when the students come back.

WS: *What can Worcester students do to make your job easier?*

JK: Be quiet when you come back late at night! It's not fair to wake others up. You can spend an hour calming things down, you get the whole college quiet and then someone else will get back and it all kicks off again.

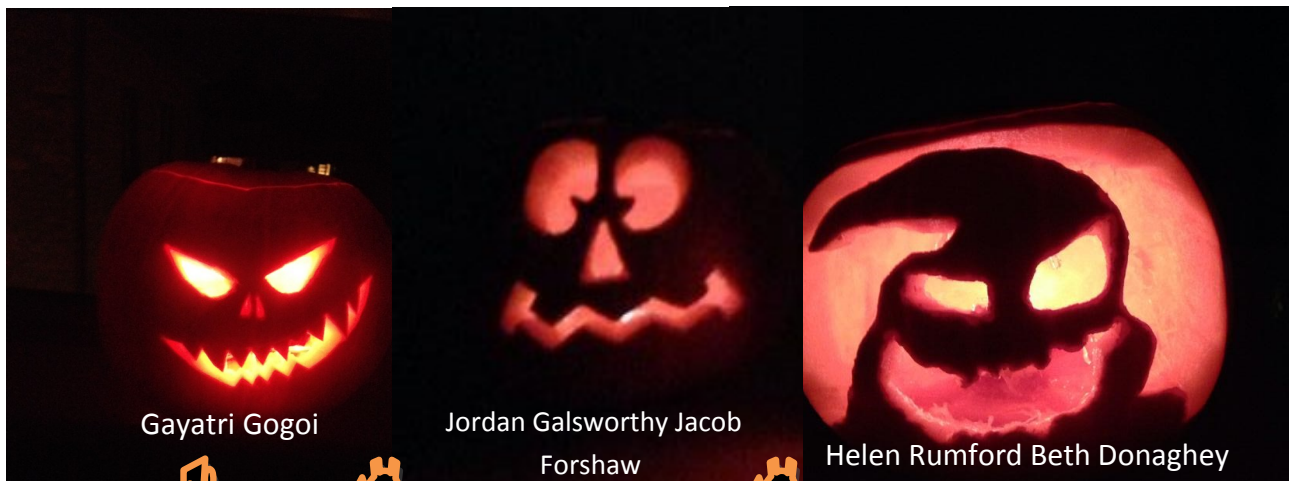
WS: *What's your experience of working as a woman?*

JK: About 20 years back I set up a young women's group, I was trying to convince them that they needed to think about what work they wanted to do, that they couldn't just depend on someone else providing for them. Within 2 weeks they were taking over the football games – they weren't allowed before, they just stood on the sidelines and watched! There was a huge shift in the culture among girls around then, it was the time of the Spice Girls. Most of the conflict came from the adults, they didn't see the need to work with girls and it was quite a battle at times.

All the adults I was working with were married; I wasn't, I'd just split up with my partner. Because none of the men could get after me they called me a dyke, I used to get that a lot. One of the men told me he was going to come round for coffee, I told him 'you'd better bring your wife with you!' I think women still have these problems, but I've had no trouble of that sort here.

WS: *Do you have any funny stories from your time at Worcester?*

JK: Yes, but nothing I'm allowed to repeat!



Gayatri Gogoi

Jordan Galsworthy Jacob
Forshaw

Helen Rumford Beth Donaghey

Pumpkin Carving Competition



Toy Story Alien

Catriona Barker, Ruth
Hainsworth, Anna



Anna Green

Zahra Rumani, Jack Fisher, Claire Butler,
Laurene Coste, Elizabeth Dann

College Pride—the
duck and the martlet

and the winner is...



JTMK3 with their nightmare before Christmas inspired effort.

Jane Morris, Anna Cuckow, Sarah Peyton-Jones, Julia Kleinenberg, Alex Ireland, Nikhita Hayward and Will the porter^

*Jamie Ough was disqualified for a positive drugs test.

^In the wake of recent JCR rulings, these individuals have been awarded the Patrick Gildersleve Memorial Prize for Excellence in Pumpkin Carving and now bear the honourific title of Pumpkin Champion of Worcester. They now carry responsibility for defending Worcester in any pumpkin-related disputes.

Worcester Sport

all sport compiled by Sports Rep Robbie Heywood

Pool Fiends Start Season With a Win

The Worcester pool team made the beginnings of a huge league run on Thursday night with a bold 6-3 win over New II. On the surface the boys looked like jokers and New thought they had an easy win coming having been invited to play 30 minutes before Colin opened the bar up. In what can only be described as an action intended to intimidate the Worcester team many of the New team brought their own cues! Alex 'The Predator' Rigby started off proceedings dropping the first two frames to fierce competition and the thrashing looked inevitable with the Worcester team far more focused on chat and trying to win the mental game! The plan paid off with a 4 frame winning streak sparked off by some flair potting by Stephen 'The Noodle' Wilks. The score was

taken to 4-2 in a frame which saw notorious choke artist Ben Graves attempt to throw away the frame on several occasions before (probably accidentally) potting the black to take it. The game looked safe until New's late entrant arrived and nearly left Lukas 'The Mascot' Feddern owing a quad run. After a brutal 3 hour tute the brave Ali 'The Messiah' Somerville joined captain Walter to secure the match and took down the New captain emphatically to finish things off. What started off as a way to keep Lucas away from the pub quiz machine now looks like it could be a successful pool campaign in its own right!



Highlights from Weeks 2 & 3

- Outrage as women's hockey abandoned at half term
- Strong performance from Worcester rugby as they were just edged out by Teddy Hall
- Two late equalizers rob Worcester 2s of two wins.
- Dominant performance sees Worcester 1sts win 5-0
- Basketball team took an early lead but lost out in the end.

Worcester-Worcester Netball Fun

Worcester A: 25 vs Worcester B: 5

The eagerly anticipated start of the Worcester netball season was finally upon us last week after a series of tedious cancellations and some disappointing weather. Even more exciting was the fact that it pitted two Worcester teams against each other. On paper, it would certainly seem that Worcester A had the upper hand and, while the result does reflect this, the game was far from a one-sided affair.

The A team, captained by Miranda, took the lead early with some quick, early hoops. The B team, however, came back strong in the second half as captain Katie Danaher arrived to cheerlead and spread her words of wisdom. Despite

the fairly comfortable score line, the Bs can take some real positives from this late surge into the rest of the season.

New additions to both teams added some fresh talent to both teams. In particular for the Bs, Natalie Guest was able to make the transition from basketball to netball effortlessly and was a real asset at Goal Shooter while Gail Braybrook showed some class at goal attack. For the As, the returning Miriam Hargreaves was on top form, scoring goals for fun.

The game was a really enjoyable, light-hearted affair with everyone enjoying playing against friends rather than another college. Importantly as well, despite a couple

of slips on slippery parts of the court, no one was injured and both teams can take confidence from the match and look forward to the season really taking off from here.



Results from Weeks 2 & 3

Football:

- 1st: Won 5-0 vs St Hughs
- 1st: Won 8-4 vs St Catz
- 2nd: Drew 2-2 vs Wadham
- 2nd: Won 8-0 vs LMH
- 3rd: Won 3-2 vs Exeter

Netball:

B's: Won 5-4 vs Mansfield

Rugby:

Lost 21-0 vs Teddy Hall

Hockey:

Men's: Won 1-0 vs Univ
Women's: Won 5-0 vs New/Pembroke

Badminton:

Men's: Lost 4-2 vs Univ

Basketball:

Lost 39-34 vs Green Templeton

Fixtures for Weeks 4 & 5

Football:

1sts vs Merton/Mansfield – Fri 4th week
2nds vs Keble – Fri 4th
3rds vs Jesus – Tue 4th
Women's vs The Foxes – Sat 4th

Rugby:

Vs Christchurch – Tue 4th
Vs Keble – Tue 5th

Hockey:

Men's vs Lincoln – Sun 4th
Women's vs Queen's/St Hildas – Sun 4th

Basketball:

Vs Sommerville – Thu 4th

Whose Face is Warped?



True or False?

1. No team has ever scored more than 150 points in an international rugby match.
2. Until 1907, football was played with 2 balls.
3. Golf is the only sport that has ever been played on the moon.
4. The 100m world record for over 100 year olds is less than 18s.
5. The national sport of Mongolia is Dodgeball.

Warped Face: Jonny Wilkinson

True or False: 1.F, 2.F, 3.T, 4.T, 5.F

Answers:

On The Sport

Alfie Hinchliffe



Julia Chen



VS

JCR President

JCR Vice-President

Scottish when convenient

Describe yourself in 3 words

Active Economical Asian

Taking 5 for 4, in an under-13s match, as the overage player, last Summer

Proudest sporting moment

Winning blades for Worcester in Summer Vllls

Weighing nothing so I can sail quickly in light wind

Sporting strengths?

Crewdates – 100% success rate (with the wine game that is)

Weighing nowhere near enough to sail quickly in heavy wind

Sporting Weaknesses?

Crewdates – wine game and Arzoo's food aren't conducive to a sporting physique

Ian Bell - he'd get done

Sporting crush

Anna Green: Blues football captain by day, ale-guzzling heartbreaker by night

"Fancy a jolly roggering?"

Sporting chat-up line

"I'll ping your pong if you pong my ping..."