

the WOOSTA SOURCE



OFF THE GROUND

Hey everyone,

I hope you're having a lovely fourth week, and aren't too disconcerted that we're already halfway through the final term of *another year*.

After the fairly major speedbump of losing funding from college, sufficient dollar for a treadmill in the gym has now been secured by the telethon team.

One has been selected, and it is now only a matter of time before it appears shiny and new to shame our (slightly tired looking) cross-trainer. Also in the gym, speakers have been allowed in the evenings for a trial run until the end of 6th week, so enjoy that, and as always please let us know if you feel particularly strongly about it. In other news, rent negotiations are ongoing as the bursary search for figures in favour of rises, and we will keep you posted on how that progresses.

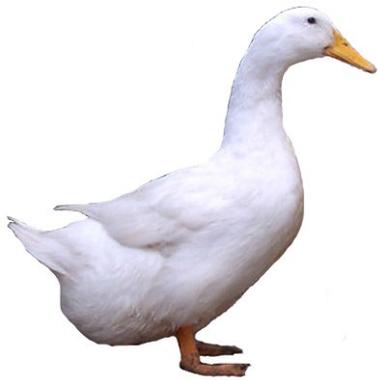
Congratulations to Alfie, the new JCR President-Elect, who'll soon be adorning the front page of this illustrious publication instead of me.

Thursday is the last Election Day of the year, with the final ten spots on the JCR up for grabs, so come down to the buttery to exercise your democratic right, and eat some cake for charity too.

We all indulge in procrastination, be it for essay deadlines, going to the hairdressers (just me?) or even just getting out of bed in the morning, but there is something very nice about finally getting a project off the ground. Maybe it's the liberation of it no longer hanging over you, or maybe it's the joy of actually achieving something, but either way it's always a lift. My suggestion for this week then, is to go start that thing you've been intending to do all term: the best way to get something done is to begin, and, sad as it is, a fully ticked to-do list always feels good.

Good luck to everyone with exams!

VVV x



Quack of the morning to you all, Worcester! It's been a somewhat less quacking fortnight for me since the last explosion of salaciousness but I'm a happily fed duck with some delicious morsels to share with you.

nating the sticky dance floor as is her wont. She attracted the attention of a certom English fresher who decided that for that evening he would leave the b[r]ooks in the library and study the art of foreplay instead.

Another event that cannot be ignored is the Pembroke Ball which was brimful of inebriated Worcester folk. One mcsecond year mcmathematician was very mcwilling to take advantage of the situation, making an Aliance with a lizely fresher who ruteled his feath-ers. Although my column is generally dediKated to casual hook ups, a few couples at the ball displayed some behaviour too outrageous not to mention. A committed pair of second years were Dangerously close to being ejected rapidly from the ball on being discovered in a compromising situation in someone's bedroom – that's gotta be toughby anyone's stand-ards. Similarly, the same couple who were reported last week as becoming Facebook official decided to celebrate their romantic achievements by getting Bisy in the Provost's gardens – on the trampoline, to be precise. It was a major fLuke that they weren't caught at it.

Finally some heartwarming news fresh from the ball that made me chirrup like a newborn duckling. After many weeks of to-ing and fro-ing, a pair of second years finally decided to Pick each other and aim for the long jame. They both look like the Kate who got the cream, I'm sure they will make each other very hawppy.

That's all for this week, I must say I worked rather hard to glean this but my detective skills aren't what they used to be so I earnestly beg you PLEASE to SEND IN YOUR FINDINGS to peekingduckofworchester@gmail.com in order that I don't starve.

Much Love,
Captain P.D. of the lurve boat ;) xxx

First of all, I'd like to emphasise at this point that anyone who doesn't want their antics communicated to the rest of college, can opt out by emailing the welfare reps: luke.deveraux@worc... or joelle.chess@worc... or alternatively email me directly. I've been reminded that it is not my place to hold anyone in moral contempt or judgement, but my job is simply to inform you faithfully of goings on in college without my politics or convictions tainting your entertainment.

I would also like to apologise for a terrible mistake which involved complete incompetence in neglecting to mention one particularly entertaining story. In all the excitement of presidential relations, I forgot about the ex-president, a third year lawyer, who found solace and fun in the arms of a second year medic. I'm sure they weren't Helenistic in style, though it would seem that the lad was not completely Smithen with the fellow rower, for the very Same man was soon barking up a different tree: like a koala bear he chose an Australian eucaitlyptus to feast on. Rumour has it that they've been making a regular time of it, no doubt saving one another for a Rayney day. One Rather fetching pair of freshers have also been seen canoodling on more than one occasion, Elivating them to the next level of being Cloked in affection.

Since our last meeting, dear Worcesterites, there have been several alcohol-fuelled events, which always get me excited at the prospect of more drunken fun to feast on. Notable amongst them was football dinner, which I hear proceeded to the sordid realms of Cam-era. Once there, a second year theologian was Domi-



JCR Meeting: After some *housekeeping updates* from the President and Academic Affairs rep (laptops in the Lower Library will probably be allowed; the brave Telethon team retrieved lost funding for a new treadmill; rent negotiations continue), discussion turned to the JCR's position on *the present Worcester-Exeter intercollegiate housing war*. It seems to come down the beauty of our orchard pitted against the welfare of Exeter students. A motion to support the Provost's campaign against Exeter failed.

Don't forget to head down to the Buttery to vote this Thursday!

Coming up...

TEN STEPS TO GOING GREEN

1. Cook with a LID on – you'll achieve the same temperature with less energy by trapping the heat
2. Match the size of your SAUCEPAN to the size of the ring on which you cook
3. Only BOIL what you need – no full kettles for a single mug of tea!
4. Re-use SHOPPING bags – and recycle old ones at Tesco
5. Turn off LIGHTS – turning off the lights when you are out of a room for 5 minutes or more can save approx. 15% of your total energy consumption
6. Have shorter SHOWERS – showering for 5 minutes rather than 10 saves 50L of water, not to mention enough energy to run a MICROWAVE for 1 hour
7. GIRLS – turn the shower off whilst shaving
8. Turn off taps when brushing TEETH – this will save up to 6L of water a minute
9. Report LEAKS quickly – this can save up to 60L of water a week
10. Buying a new PHONE? – recycle your old one at envirofone.com

WORCESTER GOES



GREEN

Charity Cake Sale

Thursday 4th week, all day, buttery

Mid-term bop

Saturday 4th week, external

Comedy night

Sunday 5th week, 6pm, bar

Welfare Cinema & Pizza

Wednesday 5th week, 6pm

And don't miss T@3...

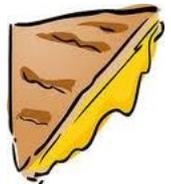
Tuesdays 3-4.45 pm

Finalists: Friday of 5th, 3-4pm

Worcester Christian Union's **TEXT-A-TOASTIE** is back on
Wednesday of 4th week, 8.30-10pm.

Text in your:

- ◆ **Question:** anything faith-related
- ◆ **Filling:** up to 2 of cheese, ham, chocolate spread and banana
- ◆ **Location:** So we know where to bring it!



The number is: **07583 128 115**

Charity task



This Thursday in the Buttery there will be a **charity cake sale** for Worcester's 4 charities: OxPat, Action for Young Carers, Against Malaria Foundation and MIND. Cakes will be on sale throughout the day during the voting for the remaining JCR committee positions, so please make sure to bring along some spare change when you come to vote! We also need people to bake stuff for the sale (anything you like!) so please email ella.harley@worc.ox.ac.uk if you are able to help out by baking something!

Something to get involved in...

Worcester Voices

6.15pm Wednesdays

in

Sherlaw Johnson Room

Singing popular hits from the Beatles,
Gershwin and others!

Fun and informal. Come and give it a try!

questions? contact nicolas.freestone@worc.ox.ac.uk



Off the Ground... and onto the Water

‘That’s the one with the lake, right?’

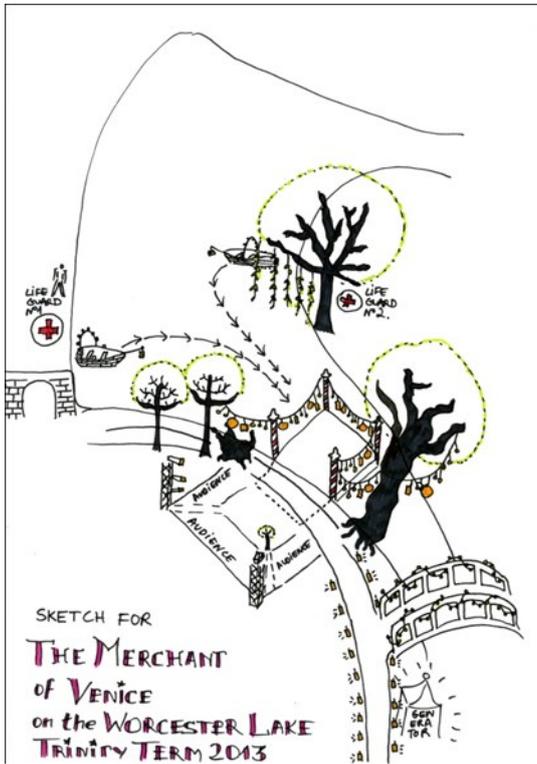
– pretty much everyone’s response when you say you go to Worcester. And I think it’s because we’re forever replying ‘Yeah, we’ve got a lake’ that we don’t seem to ever truly appreciate that fact to the extent that it deserves. We live in some of the most beautiful surroundings not only in Oxford but in the country – and sometimes the only enjoyment we get from our cherished lake is those obligatory five minutes in Freshers’ Week when you jump in it.



The venue

As you’ve all hopefully heard, in 7th Week the Buskins will be staging a production of Shakespeare’s ‘The Merchant of Venice’ on the lake – yes that’s right, *on* the lake. The average Worcester student perhaps doesn’t realise how rich our tradition of Shakespeare plays in the gardens really is, and maybe that’s one of the reasons why no one’s ever used the lake to such an extent as we’re doing (plus College are pretty strict about what gets done to and with the lake!). There was, of course, the renowned 1949 production of ‘The Tempest’, in which Ariel ran across the lake on submerged duckboards – but this year we’re taking it to a whole new level.

We’ll be projecting a stage onto the lake from the bank of Nuffield Lawn, next to the bridge, and actors will be transported to and from the stage via lantern-lit rowing boats. All around the lake will be more lanterns, festoons and fairy lights which will come more and more into effect as the evening goes on and night draws in. Directed by Worcester third-year Lucie Dawkins and assistant-directed by Worcester first-year Charlotte Fraser, the play will be performed in customary Tudor dress and will finish with a traditional Shakespearean jig choreographed by Worcester alumnus Hannah Moore and accompanied by an original composition by Worcester postgraduate Chris Williams. And if there’s a lot of repetition of the word ‘Worcester’ in that last sentence, it’s because this is all very much a Worcester production. Over a quarter of the cast and crew are Worcesterites, including all of the above plus myself in charge



The Production Designer's sketch

of marketing, and Amber Husain, Emily Reid and Oli Davies as actors.

Yet at the same time, the interest people from outside Worcester have been taking in the production is just incredible. A member of the audience from the 1949 production has got in touch asking for front row seats for the opening night; a group of students from America are coming over especially to see one of the performances; and while walking through town behind a Spanish couple a few days ago, I distinctly heard the words 'el Worcester Lake' (*read in a Spanish accent*).

While the prospect of seeing a Shakespeare play on a lake is obviously quite an attractive one, I can't help but feel that the response we've had so far wouldn't have been quite so enthusiastic had the lake been in a random field somewhere. There's definitely a strong element of Worcester lovin' going on there. So get MOVing and snap up your tickets fast, because they really will sell out soon. Besides, it's not a Worcester production without a Worcester audience.

Synopsis

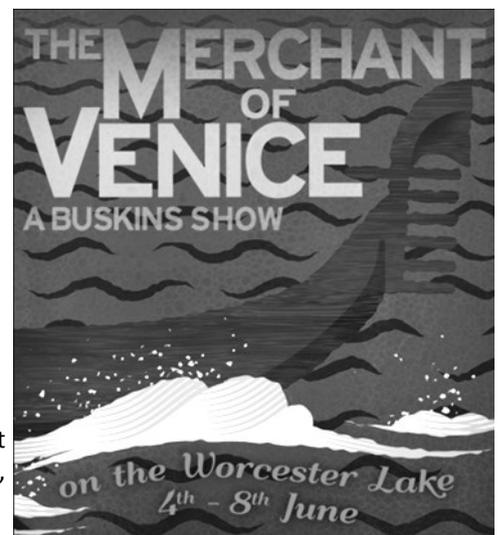
The scene is Venice, 1598, and there is trouble on the Rialto. Antonio, a wealthy merchant, has taken out a substantial loan from Shylock, a Jewish money lender and his sworn enemy, to fund his young friend Bassanio in his romantic advances. Bassanio is using the money to pursue the wealthy heiress Portia, but first he must gamble everything on a challenge designed by her father. Meanwhile, to torment Shylock further, one of Bassanio's friends has eloped with Shylock's daughter.

As his ships all wreck abroad and Shylock's desire for revenge grows, Antonio must face up to paying the forfeit on the loan: a pound of his own living flesh. Portia disguises herself to intervene in the ensuing trial and save Antonio, but in doing so comes to understand the limits of Bassanio's love for her. *The Merchant of Venice* is one of Shakespeare's most unsettling comedies, in which every character is forced to take extreme measures in order to protect what they hold dear, laying their lives, loves, and religious beliefs on the line.

Performance Times

Tuesday 4 th June	8pm
Wednesday 5 th June	8pm
Thursday 6 th June	2.30pm & 8pm
Friday 7 th June	8pm
Saturday 8 th June	12.30pm & 8pm

Tickets cost £8 for students and are available at www.shakespeareontheLake.co.uk (as well as some photos from rehearsals, dance classes and our cast & crew bonfire – more still to come!)



What's the link between an IKEA product and an aircraft?

I seem to have made this link quite frequently over the past 4 years whilst being involved in a scheme to build a Rans S6 Coyote at Yateley School in Hampshire (my old school). This year the plane flew for the first time (though apparently a plane can have two first flights – or that was the impression I got after watching the news reports claiming they had caught the first one when that was an obvious lie).

Just why? This is a question I have often asked myself. Except the question was normally directed as to why I ever succumbed to peer pressure to become the student project manager rather than why the project actually existed! Sponsored by Boeing and the Royal Aeronautical Society, the project was the first of its kind in the UK aiming to inspire a generation of young people to follow careers into the aerospace industry – or at least something to do with STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). I always had to quietly mutter the fact I now studied law when asked by aviation fanatics about what I now pursued. Fortunately for the project's continued existence, the students directly involved have been influenced and shaped into pursuing these types of careers. More so, Yateley's science department ran many events throughout the project which paid dividends in increasing the interest in the student body about the prospect of a career in the industry. With a lost generation of apprentices after cuts in the 1990s, the aviation industry is desperate to fill the gap with enthusiastic young people to build the planes of the future.



The plane finally in the air...

So why do I make the IKEA connection? Firstly, the plane came in flat pack forms. Secondly, it was put together by a bunch of amateurs (school children in fact!). Thirdly, some pieces were missing. Fourthly, there were no instructions for the engine. Admittedly most IKEA products probably don't come with an engine, but if they did I'm sure they would frequently suffer from this problem. Fortunately, others seemed to have had the same problem and we found our solution to the problem on some obscure internet forum for plane building enthusiasts. Prince Philip managed to avoid one of his famous gaffes when told it was an Australian engine with a knowing "ahhh..." I'm certain we were close to something great there! Sixthly, we mislaid the instructions for the rest of the plane at one point. The comparisons probably stop there. I don't think IKEA products require you to do all the wiring, or require you to fundraise to buy a GPS. You're also likely to put together IKEA products in a room with some form of heating...

The result: G-YTLY is now, despite cynicism from just about everyone, a flying plane.

Some concluding thoughts:

Fiona Bruce sounds more posh in real life than on the television,

Get involved in new projects – especially if you laughed when first told about it!

Chris Phillips-Hart



3rd Year Engineer reaches for the sky with Oxford UAS

Officer Cadet Andrew Davies, Senior Student of the Oxford University Air Squadron was recently awarded the Hack Trophy by Air Chief Marshall Sir John Day for his all round contribution to the squadron as an experienced pilot, undaunted adventurer, his sporting prowess, keen drills and exemplary leadership

The Puzzle

This week's puzzles is a **Hitori**

- Rules: 1. Each number must not be more than once in each row and column. If there are more, some must be marked as black.
 2. No black cell must be beside each other, only in diagonal
 3. The white cells must be continuous

First correct answer e-mailed to melissa.russon@worc.ox.ac.uk wins a chocolate prize (or pidge me your copy and send me an e-mail to let me know).

Source: <http://www.menneske.no/>

4	6	9	2	1	2	7	6	1
6	4	7	7	5	2	1	8	3
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9	1	4	4	4	8	1	2	7
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SPORTS NEWS

ARCHERY VARSITY

The wind was blowing, the rain was pouring, but despite the weather, on Saturday of 3rd week thirty-nine brave men and women from the Oxford University Company of Archers (including our very own Chris Draper and Mychaka Kleinbort) and the Cambridge University Bowmen gathered in Christ Church Meadows for the 64th annual Varsity match. Spirits were high, with the Oxford contingent confident of victory following a year of successes that had begun with the ending of Bowmen's fourteen-year winning streak at Cambridge last year. This time we were on home ground, encouraged by the various passers-by who stopped to admire this strange spectacle, and gave it our all. After six hours of occasional sunshine and frequent showers, the results were in, with a resounding victory for Oxford, winning both the experienced and novice categories (apparently for

the first time in the competition's history)! Tired, cold, wet, and hungry, the victorious Oxford team joined the defeated Tabs for a greatly appreciated meal out, followed by a hard-earned and much deserved pint.

Results

Experienced:

Oxford – 3386

Cambridge – 3152

Novice:

Oxford – 2231

Cambridge - 2080

Upcoming....

• Boat Club Dinner in Hall, Saturday of 4th @ 7.15pm

• Charity 5-a-side on the pitches, Sunday of 6th @ 3pm



Bob Leonard

Off the ground and onto the water, this week fellow coaches of the W2 boat go head-to-head. Rarely seen in college over the last year, Bob Leonard has finally emerged from university lightweight rowing and will take on our Entz treasurer Sophie Wakeford. Let's see how they cope when put On The Sport...



Sophie Wakeford

B. O. B. (Not really three words, or a description at that... But hey!)

Describe yourself in 3 words

Cheeky 'cheese' lover (see weaknesses)

To beat my little brother in a running race. It never happened.

Childhood sporting dream

To be in the Olympics (I'll get there one way or another)

Scoring my first and only try in a school rugby match. It was a great moment that I will always remember. It was celebrated by my parents, along with the rest of the fifth team...

Favourite sporting memory

Winning the slow bicycle race in Year 2 sports day :D

Representing Oxford in the Heineken Cup Regatta in Amsterdam, rowing for the Nephys Eight.

Proudest sporting achievement

Winning football coppers in first year

Willing to experiment with questionable music during training. To name but a few: Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe, Taylor Swift's I Knew You Were Trouble (or any other Taylor Swift song really...) and One Direction's Kiss You (try it before you knock it!).

Strengths

Morale Boosting (It's the little things)

As a lightweight rower I have an unhealthy love of all things fatty. Particularly powerful cravings include those for hot cross buns and Ben and Jerry's ice cream. Also, I have recently become addicted to Mars Ice Creams. God those things are good!

Weaknesses

Over-use of One Direction in Erg-playlists

A rower, who can always be relied on to pull out the best Bop costume, and is the official designer of W2's race kit for this Eights. A bit of a wondergirl really...

Boob on Sophie/Sophie on Bob

Lightweight in more ways than one.. (but so nice!)

Tough one... not sure where to start. I'd probably have to say the lycra. I've now got to the point where my rowing wardrobe is bigger than my normal wardrobe. With so many unisuits, thermals and leggings, the possible colour combinations are never-ending!

Best thing about rowing

STASH - It's what makes you beautiful

It will suck you in! I realised things had gone too far when I started becoming confused between how attractive a girl was, and how attractive her rowing stroke was... Also, the mornings where you have to knock the icicles off your riggers are always pretty bad.

Worst thing about rowing

Long ergs and red flags...

Duncan Edwards. That boy really knows how to play croquet and is a true master of the chip shot.

Sporting hero

Chloe Holmes (Gotta be you!)

Definitely Jessica Ennis. Wow, just wow!

Sporting crush

Tom Daley

Probably Worcester's cox Sam Barker. I get to stare intimately into his eyes all day long from the stroke seat. Also, he's found a way to play his iPod through the cox box, which mean's I get woken up every morning to Call Me Maybe.

Favourite crewmate

Miranda (excellent swimmer, singer and daughter!)

When I was training for GB selection in October, I was beaten by a female lightweight rower who laughed at me mid-race as I crashed into a tree. I will avenge this!

Future sporting ambition

Get a sailing Blue

The other day was pretty cool. I rowed with double Olympic gold medallist, Malcom Howard. I squeaked like a little girl when I shook his hand.

Claim to fame

I've been clubbing with Tom Daley

To row or not to row? That is the question.

Title of your autobiography

Live while we're young