

## **Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report**

*A report by Lily Topham*

### **Club Queries**

As expected, I spend a lot of my time dealing with multitudinous queries which are as varied as ever. I have most queries regarding storage, the website, room bookings and membership.

### **Clubs and Societies Survey**

This went live on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. My thanks to Alex McKee, Phil Power, James Martin and Jenny Wilson for their help in getting this made. Please do fill it in – you have the chance of improving the Union and of winning an iPod if you do.

### **Room Bookings**

This is still taking up a lot of my time. I have received a number of complaints from various departments regarding Club and Society use of space, especially SAF and Huxley – mainly due to clubs using areas that they have not been booked into or leaving rooms in a mess. I have mollified them, but this is something I am going to be very strict on as any misbehaving on the part of one club seriously jeopardises the use of any room for every club.

I have been working with Conferences to clarify the process for bookings rooms in Sherfield and for running events after an incident last week. I am hoping that we will be able to prevent any misunderstandings regarding alcohol and licenses in particular and make the Conferences booking form more understandable.

### **Postering and the JCR**

I have arranged an agreement with the JCR team whereby I (or another Union nominee) check posters in the JCR, so that the JCR staff do not remove them all indiscriminately.

I have received complaints of excessive poster removal on the JCR walkway which I will chase up with College. I would also warn clubs regarding the poster rules as several clubs have been breaking them very obviously. If clubs who have received warnings keep breaking rules, I will start fining.

### **MDH Steering Committee**

This met on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb and due to the College's tightening financial controls, the MDH refurbishment project is being reviewed and resubmitted with a smaller budget and certain downgrades and omissions in the original plan.

### **Budgetting**

This is coming along apace. The DPFS and myself held a total of 5 budgeting demo sessions, and attended most CSC/FU clubs and socs meetings to go through how to use the system.

The period for individual club and society requests has closed (at midday on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>), and the CSC/FUs are now making their cuts. My thanks to Ally Cott and Will Dugdale who are looking after the system and ensuring it works. We have noted all the issues raised (e.g. special characters) and will be looking to improve the system for next year. Overall, there were not very many issues which were raised, which is excellent considering that this is the very first time we have used this system.

### **New Club Queries**

Since last Council, NCC met on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, at which the following new clubs were set up: SCC Baha'i, RCC Coffee and RCC Balloon Twisting.

I have had a large number of new club queries since last Council. Currently we have an application for 'Robogals', Comedy as well as several others which are not finalised. I have been working with Chaplaincy to try to find a solution for the many denominational religious applications which we receive.

### **Clubs and Societies Board**

The Spring Tours meeting of CSB met on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. There was one tours appeal to Exec which was rejected. A lack of clarity in the tours definition for 'social' clubs was highlighted in the meetings, which I will be seeking to resolve once budgeting is over.

### **Exploration Committee**

I was pleased to sit on the Exploration Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb which was enlightening and very enjoyable. The Committee would like to emphasise that they are looking for good proposals from students to do expeditions – these can be for 'adventure' and do not have to have an educational purpose behind it.

### **Silwood**

The DPEW, DPFS and myself visited Silwood campus on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> which was a great chance to talk to student about issues including accommodation, clubs and societies. It was also very useful as we were able to talk the Silwood treasurer at some length, go over this year's Silwood clubs and societies' budget allocation and sort out next year's Silwood Exec budget request.

### **Football Disciplinary**

A Union Disciplinary was held on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb and I hope this matter will very soon be resolved.