

St Anne's College
JCR Motions – General Meeting
Week 4 Trinity, 15/05/2022

Motion: Purchasing Bird Feeders and Feed, and Hedgehog Houses for St Anne's College Gardens

Proposed by: Kelsey Monteith

Seconded by: Kane Moylett

This JCR notes that:

St Anne's currently has no bird feeders or Hedgehog Houses on main site, unlike other colleges such as Worcester.

Birds:

Studies from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) have shown that there are wide benefits associated with garden bird feeding.

- More than 50% of all native birds are known to visit bird feeders and there has been a significant increase in garden birds visiting feeders since the 70s. Bird feeding has also been responsible for population growths of more than 30 different bird species at a time at which woodland birds have been declined by around 30% since 1970.

Bird feeders can act as important and vital sources of top-up food for urban birds such as in winter when natural food sources are very low and in spring and summer to help feeding their chicks.

Several studies have also shown that bird feeding has significant welfare and mental health benefits and has been linked with decreases in depression, anxiety, and stress (One such study can be found here: <https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/article/67/2/147/2900179>).

Hedgehogs:

The number of hedgehogs in the UK has plummeted over recent years. While there were estimated to be around 1.5 million in 1995, today there is believed to be less than 500,000. The sharp decline in numbers is due to many factors, such as loss of habitat due to urbanisation and deforestation.

- Hedgehog houses offer valuable protection, whether they are hibernating through winter or just sleeping through the day. This is particularly important given the loss of natural habitat they've been facing, which leaves them vulnerable to the elements and predators.

The effectiveness of hedgehog houses has recently been highlighted by the Hedgehog Housing Census, undertaken by the People's Trust for Endangered Species. 81% of survey respondents found that hedgehogs used artificially created hedgehog houses for resting, 59% for hibernation and 28% for breeding.

This JCR believes that:

St Anne's has an institutional responsibility to encourage more urban wildlife, considering declining global biodiversity and native species.
The attraction of birds and hedgehogs to, and increase of biodiversity in, the College gardens would improve St Anne's students' experiences of the garden.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Provide £120 to purchase bird feeders, feed and hedgehog houses which will be put up throughout the college gardens.

- At the moment, we're going for insect hotels rather than bird feeders as that's more relevant given the season.

VOTE

For- 35 (includes 1 proxy)

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes

Motion: To purchase new sound equipment for the college bar using the ENTZ budget

Proposed by: Ben Evans

Seconded by: Leila Symonds

This JCR notes that:

- Numerous pieces of sound equipment located in the college bar no longer work.
- As a result, the JCR can no longer run events in the college bar which require more than two microphones.
- The ENTZ budget contains sufficient funds to purchase new sound equipment for the college bar.

This JCR believes that:

- Undergraduate students at St Anne's College value the provision of live performances in the college bar.
- It is essential that a variety of ENTZ events are run in the college bar in order to generate interest in, and revenue for, the bar.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Purchase the following items using the ENTZ budget:
 - 4 XLR (M) – XLR (F) cables
 - 3 C13 power cables
 - 1 HDMI – USB-C cable
 - 1 Behringer XENYX 1002B Mixer

- The mixer is the most important thing- we need a new mixer.
- How much will this all cost?
 - About £120 all together.

VOTE

For 34
 Against 0
 Abstain 1

Motion Passes

Motion: Remove current signatories from JCR bank account and add Sawyer Suzuki and Jacqueline Kuspisz

Proposed by: Kane Moylett
Seconded by: Sawyer Suzuki

<i>This JCR notes that:</i>
The current JCR term is ending and therefore the next Tresurer should have access to the bank account.
This JCR believes that:
It would be simpler, easier and more sensible to have current signatories on the account, and I would also recommend Jacqueline Kuspisz (who would not have access to the account) who, alongside John Ford would be able to help in the future if a treasurer forgets to remove themselves such as in 2014/15. This is because two signatories are required to make a change, so having two external members of the JCR would mean it can be resolved instantly. Also, in order to access the account the consent of all signatories is necessary, so John and Jacqueline won't be able to access the account.
This JCR therefore resolves to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Add two new signatories to the JCR current account being: Sawyer Suzuki and Jacqueline Kuspiszb) This will apply to all JCR bank accounts |
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VOTE

For - 35

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

Motion Passes

Motion: Funding for Dolphin Gallery Exhibition

Proposed by: Elliot Roberts

Seconded by: Gala Hills

This JCR notes that:

Elliot is having an art exhibition at the Dolphin Gallery in St. John's from the 25th-28th May. There will be an opening night event on the 25th May, which involves complimentary drinks.

To hold an exhibition, there are additional costs for materials, transportation and set-up.

This JCR believes that:

The college supports the JCR with their academic endeavours; this exhibition forms part of my Fine Art course.

Painting exhibitons, particularly by current Ruskin students are a valuable and historic part of


the cultural scene in Oxford. They are important for their ability to bring people together from across colleges and different diciplines to celebtrate and engage with contemporary art practices.

This JCR therefore resolves to:






Elliot would like £50 to put together his exhibition and hold an opening night.

The proposer didn't show up to the meeting – in their absence, the vote didn't take place. This is something the JCR can't do anyway, and would have to be brought up with finance.

NDA Motion

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Motion: Non-Disclosure Agreements in cases of sexual assault and misconduct

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

This JCR notes that:

The extensive use of Non-Disclosure Agreements at all stages of university complaints processes – whether as a requirement to bring a complaint, a prerequisite to mediation, a requirement for complainants to see their decisions, or as an outcome of settlement – is well established. We are aware that non-disclosure clauses also appear in no-contact agreements between students.

This JCR believes that:

This practice is unnecessary and immoral. Victims often seek and deserve confidentiality, but they should not be permanently prevented from speaking about their experiences or forced to agree to protect the offender in exchange for their own privacy. The use of NDAs allows perpetrators to continue to harm others, either at their own university or another one. It also chills the climate for anyone who might wish to bring forward a complaint, knowing that they will face a demand that they sign on to an NDA at some stage of the process.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

This JCR mandates the Principal/Master of X College to sign the pledge promoted by Minister Michele Donelan, Maria Miller M.P. and the Can't Buy My Silence campaign, to stop using NDAs in complaints of sexual harassment, bullying and other misconduct.



- It's already been signed by LMH – other colleges are joining.

VOTE

For – 40 (includes 2 proxy votes)

Against- 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes

HUSTINGS

International Rep

International rep is on year abroad so couldn't make it to hustings.

Academic Affairs Rep – Bethany Robson

- Wants to join the JCR committee and be part of the community.
- Feels aca affairs is where she can be the most helpful in the JCR.
- Went through the covid experience at school- doing things like going through exam skills for people who had their education/ exams interrupted by covid.
- Encouraging a supportive atmosphere in Annes, making sure that welfare is working well with the general mood of the JCR.
- Good person for this role as she considers herself as easy to communicate with and have a conversation with.

The main thing you have to do is a meeting twice a term with the academic committee = people like Helen king etc. How would you represent the JCRs interest?

- Taking everyone's opinions into account – the form that goes out, making sure the view of academics at Annes is more equal and that there is better representation.

Hustings Challenge

Try to get as many people as possible of people dressed as their subject by Wednesday.

Arts Rep

Arts rep candidate is also unable to make it to hustings- she is happy to answer any questions at a later date.

Domestic Affairs Rep – Alfie Davis & Thomas Whitehead

- AD – Halfway Hall is very important, second years should have a good experience. Wanted to talk about ideas for that.
 - Underwater theme, horror theme – ultimately wants to put it forward to the 2nd years and make sure there is a general agreement to make sure everyone is happy.
 - In terms of music, could have a shared playlist so everyone at halfway hall can contribute.
 - Some examples of awards – most likely to sleep with a tutor and elope to vegas..
 - Christmas décor – loves xmas, will decorate literally anything he is allowed to.
 - Wants to work with the faith community, things like Hannukah, Dewali, Eid...
 - Tours of accom – 2 of each block before room ballot.
 - More vegan options in the hall.

- TW – Very organized, have a decent amount of experience with planning events.
 - For the room ballot, want to have a look at the fairness of it, such as the ballot numbers.
 - More info and transparency about the room ballot.
 - Trying to improve hall and stacs, more variety in stacs, and working out what the less popular meals are on the rotation and working out what they might be replaced with.
 - General domestic issues around the college- can signpost to the right person, as this sort of info is generally not well publicized.

What theme would you be most likely to lean towards for halfway hall?

- AD – undersea, lighting and decoration could look really nice. Was on prom committee so has experience with making things work.
- TW – TV show/ film theme, something like Alice in Wonderland or Bridgerton, but would be very suggestion based.

We struggled to find a theme this year as some themes can be problematic, and if people have issues with them because maybe they aren't accessible, how could you make them more accessible for everyone?

- TW – difficult issue pleasing everyone. One way would be to make sure that the theme isn't too niche, think about the sort of clothes that people might already have or what could be fit into quite well with usual clothes.
- AD – Simple theme, wouldn't be expecting any homemade diving suits- something that people might already have.

Variety in stacs and hall – there are going to be price increases in stacs and hall, so how can you improve variety when there is cost to consider?

- TW – It's a key thing to communicate with the catering department. Particularly with hall, there are certainly meals that not as many people like so they will waste money on making batches of things that won't be used.
- AD - When it comes to things like more vegan options, we already have veggie options, and therefore we are already part of the way there, so is only a small step to provide more variety. Looking at low cost, inclusive options for everyone is important.

Fridge collection – it is an important part of being domestic rep.

- Making sure that in the run up to the end/start of term that it is really clear.
- AD – Big on spreadsheets and keeping things organized and being as clear as possible to people when things are, everything to a schedule.

The room ballot is random at the moment – what would your preferred method be? How can you make it more fair?

- AD – Introducing more factors to it, as it is a bit more complicated than small/medium/large, also counting things like square footage, bathrooms/showers.

Hustings challenge

- Move the Christmas tree.
- Find who to email to ask about chairs and tables on the quad – find out if we are allowed
- Speak to STACS about milk alternatives for vegans/ people who can't/don't want to drink milk.

Environment Rep – Mia Hard Af Segerstad-Smith

- Mia – First year doing geography, cares about the environment
 - Would be nice to coordinate with the entz/welfare/vp to do some environmental/charity things.
 - Talking to current environment rep so she can hit the ground running.
 - Quite chatty, approachable, has experience organizing things (anti-bullying campaigns..)

Trying to organize an event for all of this year – next year you will have a budget, so what is an event you could host in college?

- Something with the Entz – could go to port meadow and see all the nature things
- Open mic night in aid of an environmental charity.
- Making an environment Instagram account.

A lot of the job is sending emails that get ignored, and professionally nagging people.

Keeping in touch with estates, John B, John F... how would you manage that?

- CCing other people in the JCR, getting others to support it – makes it harder to ignore.

Do you have any initiatives you want to start up in college?

- Sustainability workshops – more workshops that people can come in and there is different conservation societies, something to raise awareness of different events that people can get involved in.
- Things like bee hotels...
- Sustainable picnics, apps like 2goodtogo...

Hustings Challenge

- We want a section in the newsletter with little sustainability reminders – can you write up a draft?
- Eco-trashing – figure out a way to distribute it.

Charities Rep – Bethan Cornick

- BC – done lots of volunteering, was the pink week rep, would love to do more fundraising events within Annes.
 - St. Annes got talent –
 - Welfare bake off – lots of inter JCR.
 - Eurovision sweepstake, half goes to charity half goes to the sweepstake, other sports ones.

One of your first responsibilities is to run a poll/vote to choose the charity that we support for the year. This year, it was very close to a 5-way tie. How would you deal with that kind of situation?

- Bring it to the JCR meeting, have a vote about it. Hard to get people involved.
- Possibility of having 2 charities?
- Getting people to suggest charities in the first place is difficult.

Hustings Challenge

Challenge is to come up with an idea for an event that you can run next year, make a little plan and poster and post in the JCR page before the vote on weds.

End of meeting