



Newsletter

RAG's Jumping Success

Since coming onto Committee in February, there's been loads going on with RAG, and loads of amazing things planned for future months too! In this section, I'd like to talk about some of the things that have already happened in DC this term, and the plans some people have for amazing fundraising ventures over the summer!

So since February, we've had a few events, the first of these being DC Quiz night! Although I wasn't there personally, those who went seemed to enjoy the evening. There were some tricky questions, particularly in the picture round that I made the questions for (sorry guys!). DC's Sub Warden Austin was there with the fever society to perform and give those at the quiz a go at some basic tricks like juggling, which I've heard some were better at than others! In addition to this, there was RAG Eurovision night not too long ago. Those who attended enjoyed an evening watching the song contest in the DC suite with snacks, candyfloss, drinks and a sweepstake (won by Liz Randall!). The night raised around £40, but unsurprisingly, the UK came quite far down the pecking order when the votes were announced...



As I'm sure most of you will be aware, our Warden Sheryl recently completed a skydive, with a view to boosting DC's RAG total, and to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Before doing the skydive, she admitted to being petrified at the thought of jumping out of a plane at an altitude of around 13,500ft, but she was fully committed to the cause, and beat her nerves by completing the skydive without any problems. So far she has raised over £700, and is hoping to raise even more in the coming weeks, which I think we can all agree is a fantastic amount, so well done Sheryl! I would also like to mention Elizabeth Beale, who also completed a skydive to raise money for Breast Cancer Now, and her JustGiving page reached £410 worth of donations, which again is a brilliant amount, so a big well done to her too.

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RAG in the future

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Now to look to the future, and there are quite a number of people in DC who are heading overseas to do work for charity. Some to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves in the UK, and others who are preparing to complete challenging treks in South America.

Firstly, I'd like to start with Ambia. Ambia will be heading to Ghana on the 29th of August, with a charity organisation called Thrive Africa. The organisation primarily supports the literacy of young children in Ghana, by building libraries for the children to access whenever they need them. When I spoke to Ambia about why she wanted to travel to Ghana, she said "I chose to do it, because I am an able bodied person, and feel I should help others... I'm just worried about getting lost in Madrid airport!" I'm sure, provided the travel arrangements all go as planned, that Ambia will make a real difference with her work in Ghana, which is for a great cause!

I mentioned treks earlier, and in fact there are two people in DC who are taking part in the Inca Trek to Peru, to raise money for the Epilepsy Society. They are Sian May, and Jess Downs. I spoke to Jess about her reasons for getting involved, and what she's looking forward to the most! She said "I have always wanted to see the lost city of Inca's, and I have always liked a challenge. The opportunity to do the trek, as well as being a fundraiser for the epilepsy society, seemed too good an opportunity to miss! Alongside the trek itself, I am most looking forward to the

giant zip wire!" We of course wish them all the best for August, and hope they have a great time!



We also have a few people who are fundraising closer to home. Olivia Brett will be participating in Cardiff 10K 2015, to raise money for the Kidney Wales Foundation, having been inspired by their work. The event is a race in the Welsh Capital, which anyone can get involved in, and participants can race either 2K or 10K, so good luck to Olivia who has definitely chosen the harder option! Finally, Toby Collett and Jonny Guy will be riding the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, for Cancer Research UK and Save the Children respectively. It's a bike ride which starts in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, then follows a 100-mile route on closed roads through the capital and into Surrey's stunning countryside. We hope both of them make it to the finish line and enjoy the race!

That's all from me, just wanted to say thank you to everyone who's got involved in RAG events this year. I hope more people in DC will be inspired get involved with fundraising for such amazing causes, and at the very least attend the Freshers RAG raid for those of you returning to DC in September! Now all that's left to do is to wait and see where DC has finished in the overall RAG league table, which should be announced at the presentations evening in just a few days' time.

Photo of the Fortnight



David Collett catering staff at the DC BBQ

Take any funny, weird or photos you just want to share from DC events such as IMS, socials or RAG? We would like to see them and they may become photo of the fortnight. Send them into DC Media through the Facebook page or email:

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Summer Farewell from your Hall Chair

Hello my beautiful DC Family,

It is both with a heavy heart and great excitement that here I greet you all for one final time in this year's last newsletter. A heavy heart, in the realization that this is the end of a chapter – once we all leave our lives will irreversibly change forever; and yet overwhelming joy that we are all about to embark on the next grand adventure of our lives, with the knowledge that the friends we have made here are our family and will still be around next year.

Indeed, it is hard to believe how fast this past year has gone, it feels still too new and exciting for it to be this late in the year, and yet there is the blatant contradiction, in that when I walk amongst you, and see you all talking and laughing together, I behold the knowledge that there exists a strong bond between all of us which feels like it has existed and grown over a far longer period of time than a mere school year. Although many of us are moving out, and even after we have graduated and left Loughborough, the DC spirit will remain with us all, as it truly has become a part of our lives, having shaped our very nature and helping us to form and discover who we are.

I know that all of you have very bright and exciting futures ahead of you, and though the path may not always be clear to you, trust in yourself, and trust that you will find a way. As the proverb goes "whatever can happen will happen", so can you take ease in the fact that every trial, every success, and even every failure, will all build up to you growing and becoming a better version of yourself. Thus, I wish you



many great successes, and many great failures, so that you may one day have even greater successes, and be truly proud and happy, rather than just content with your life.

In the short period of time we have all been here, I consider myself truly blessed to have been able to have been surrounded by people such as yourselves. I only wish we'd had more time together, for as Bilbo Baggins says "I know half of you as well as I would like, and I like half of you as much as you deserve", and I would have liked to have gotten to know all of you as much as I'd have liked as I know that I then would have liked all of you as much as you dese

So here I leave you (without some awesome invisibility disappearing act with the One Ring), hoping you all decide to hold your part of DC dear to your hearts, hoping that you will always continue to strive to better yourself, wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday, a brilliant future, and most importantly, that you never forget any of the friends you have made at DC!

With lots of love to all of you,

From Axel
David Collett Hall Chair

DC Dining Hall will never be the same...

Friday 19th June 2015 see the end of DC dining hall as we have known it since 1970. We are losing our much loved chef Mario and ladies (Maggie, Jenny, Julia and Barbara) all of whom have become so familiar to us. There will be many things missed when we get back in September, not least of all that our food will be prepared down the road in Elvyn. We will miss the initial look on Mario's face when we tell him we want to have a hall BBQ and then the patience and love he puts into getting it all sorted for us. We will miss listening in on Maggie stories as she talks with the others ladies. We will miss the wonderful smiles from Jenny and Julia as they serve us or put out all the goodies. We will miss bumping into Barbara as she carefully takes away the trolleys. The DC family will never be the same without them. For those staff staying, we promise to love you even more as you continue to take good care of us. A very big thank you to the entire dining hall, and to those of you leaving have a wonderful life and remember DC will always be your second family and home.

DC warden wishes you a great summer

Well we really can't believe it is the end of another wonderful year in DC. We are very proud of you all and it has been a great honour and privilege sharing this year with you as a part of the DC family.

Well done to the committee for the massive improvement in hall spirit and a fantastic summer BBQ and Ball. We would love this to continue into next year when the new freshers arrive so we can



move up into the ranking for IMS, RAG and ACTION and even towards hall of the year...yes we can do it DC!!!

A massive thank you to Phil, Maggie, Mary and all the bedroom staff for all the wonderful work you do keeping DC a lovely place to live in. To Laura, Mario, Maggie, Helen and the dining hall staff for making sure we all had somewhere and something nice to eat. We will miss those of you not returning next year.

Goodbyes are never easy, this year it feels really sad to say goodbye to our finalists go off into the big wide world, we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. We will also have to say goodbye to Austin, who will be leaving the warden team to finish his PhD. Austin we will miss you and we thank you for all you have done for DC, over the last two years. The rumours are already spreading that as you won't be living too far from DC, you will always be welcomed.

Finally, have a great summer everyone, if you are going off to placements or living in a house, Dc will always be here for you. If you are coming back next year we looking forward to welcoming you back in the DC family.

DC love!!!!

We like to shout about IMS

The IMS awards took place on the 29th May.

It was a great night with lots of DC shouting and free wine as with any awards night.

Unfortunately DC didn't come away with any awards but we came close! Our Sports Secs, Jenny and Kieren, got nominated for Best Sport Sec of the year, but unfortunately they didn't win.

As said in the previous newsletter, we came second in men's IMS hockey and when DC was mentioned, we let out a gignormous roar.

The overall IMS table was also announced at the awards. We came 15th overall. But as those who play sports for DC know, we play for the fun and not to win!

The full results table is listed below. Congratulations to Faraday who won IMS overall. Perhaps with almost award winning Sport Secs, we win move up the table next year.



IMS Awards attendees. See the video here: youtu.be/qDd8sSv1cL8

Leaving stuff behind?

In E-Block common room, there are some big red bins to put any left over clothes; cutlery, furniture, you name it that you may have from the year. Check the full list on the E-Block common room door.

There is a separate bin for your cutlery next to the big red bins and also one outside the dinning hall. When you put stuff in the bins, can you please put it in a bag! Watch this video for more info: youtu.be/Ld8oGMg7Y A

	Hall Overall	Men Ovall	Women Overall
1 st	Faraday	Faraday	Bill Mo
2 nd	Bill Mo	Bill Mo	Faraday
3 rd	Towers	Telford	Telford
4 th	Telford	Towers	Towers
5 th	Rigg-Rut	Royce	Cayley
6 th	Falk Egg	Rigg-Rut	Rigg-Rut
7 th	Royce	Falk Egg	Falk Egg
8 th	Harry French	Bakewell	Harry French
9 th	Cayley	Rutherford	Bakewell
10 th	Bakewell	Cayley	Royce
11 th	Elvyn	Harry French	Elvyn
12 th	Rutherford	Elvyn	John Phillips
13 th	John Phillips	Butler	Rutherford
14 th	Butler	John Phillips	David Collett
15 th	David Collett	David Collett	Butler
16 th	Gables	Gables	Gables