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reports to council

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Alan Strickland

President

A short report I'm afraid as this week is a particularly busy one!

Common Rooms

- I am pleased to report that Brasenose JCR, Christ Church JCR, LMH JCR, St. Catz JCR, Univ JCR and Worcester JCR have all voted to reaffiliate to OUSU. Sabbatical officers were glad to accept invitations to attend these debates and welcomed the debate and scrutiny of OUSU's work that took place. I attended the meetings at BNC and Worcester.
- With the VP (Graduates) I attended a discussion in Hilda's MCR on OUSU and the upcoming referendum.

JRAM

- Meeting with the JRAM team to discuss OUSU's concerns.
- Meeting with a JCR President to discuss the open letter on the JRAM which has been circulated.

University Funding

- A lot of my time has been spent completing papers for the Joint Committee requesting core funding for OUSU's essential services. I have:
 - Worked with the OUSU Accountant and Vice-President (Finance) to map the budgetary implications of greater funding.
 - Met with the Deputy Director of Finance to discuss the proposals and seek his support.
 - Discussed the proposal by e-mail with members of the Joint Committee to iron out problems in advance.

Other activities

- Meeting with the Director of the Careers Service to discuss how OUSU and the Careers Service can work in partnership more to provide training for JCR and MCR officers.
- Spent a day working with the other sabbaticals to distribute the Survival Guide.
- With the VP (Finance) and Business Manager, met with the Proctors to discuss Freshers' Fair ticketing arrangements.
- University SRI Working Party meeting – this is progressing well and now that a final piece of research has been completed, we are moving towards a final draft of the policy and to developing the accompanying report.

- Met with representatives of the proposed 'Oxford Hub' a venture to support and network student-led charities in Oxford, to discuss tie-ins with OUSU's existing work.
- Met with two OUSU reps to give advice on affiliations and OUSU services.
- Attended the Proctors' and Assessor's termly meeting with Common Room presidents.

Ed Mayne

V-P (Finance)

My workload over the last fortnight, apart from chasing up adverts for *The Oxford Student*, has consisted of work on the 6 projects outlined below. I have also attended meetings with the University Deputy Director of Finance and the Proctors.

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

One of the lengthiest tasks I have carried out this term has been the organisation of staff to work at OUSU over the summer vacation via the OUSU Appointments Board. Most of the vacancies have been filled, subject to ratification in Council this week. We have 2 vacancies remaining, for an editor for the *Alternative Prospectus* and for a web designer to carry out much needed work to OUSU and OSSL's web portfolio.

FRESHERS FAIR

We have endeavoured to start preparing for Freshers' Fair much earlier this year. The stall booking system is up and running, we are advertising for stewards and college secretaries have been contacted with regard to ticket allocation. We are in the process of agreeing a ticket price for members of disaffiliated Common Rooms with the Proctors.

If you have any enquiries about the fair or if you'd like to be a steward, please contact fair@ousu.org. To book your society's stall go to www.ousu.org.

As with last year, we are putting a lot of the organisation into the hands of OUSU's office administrators, Maria and Gill, which should increase efficiency and continuity in the operation.

OXFORD STUDENT AND OXIDE RADIO CONSTITUTIONS

Following a lot of hard work, the drafts of the constitutions for *The Oxford Student* and *Oxide Radio* have been completed and are being presented to Council this week. I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the 2 working parties, specifically: Rob Cookson, Jenny Rigterink, Andy Heath, Cat Armitage, Simon Akam, Matt Holehouse, Tom Wrathmell, Jenny Hoogewerf-McComb, Jonny Medland, Jamie Frew, Ed Hancox, Andrea Miller, David Ellis, Rich Hardiman, Paul Arrich, Imran Khan, Lewis Iwu, Seb Atay, Soudeh Chegini and Laith Dilaimi.

BUDGET

I'd like to apologise for the late appearance of these 2 documents. I totally understand if people would rather defer passing this budget until next Council in order for people to take a closer look at it. I'd like to reassure people that this documents has been put together with professional advice from the University Subsidiary Companies department, in particular I'd like to thank Angela Vale for all her help with this, not to mention invaluable assistance from Sue, Barbara and Maria from the OUSU permanent staff team.

The figures in the budget may be subject to revision pending decisions being taken in the next few weeks. If I feel it is necessary I may revise the budget and present a new version to 7th Week Council.

ACCOUNTS

Our auditors were only able to approve our accounts this week following confusion as to when we wanted them ready by. The OUSU accounts are now ready for the approval of Council and OSSL accounts are now ready to be received by the OSSL Annual General Meeting, following the approval of the accounts by the OSSL Board this week. The OUSU accounts will be placed online shortly and if anybody would like to see them feel free to drop into the OUSU Office between 9am and 4pm, these are the working hours of our accounts staff. If anybody would like to see them, Sue or Barbara will be happy to go through them with you. Any member of OUSU is able to view the accounts.

WEB HOSTING

The lengthy process of migrating all of OUSU's web portfolio to a new and faster server continues. However the process has been delayed slightly owing to the fact that the oxfordhandbook.com website will only function on the old server – migrating it might risk damaging the database. We didn't want to do this with the Freshers' Fair booking system now open. So we will migrate this site over later on in the term when it will not be disruptive to the Freshers' Fair booking procedure.

Jamie Frew V-P (Welfare and Equal Opportunities)
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Welfare and Women Working Party

This has taken up the vast majority of my time this past fortnight. It would probably be unfair and partial of me to comment on my opinions in an official capacity on the issue in this forum, however much I would like to. The date of publishing for the paper which we have been mandated to produce is 7th Week Council, which raises huge difficulties because information that would help students make a truly informed decision about the referendum next week cannot be formally distributed until after the referendum has happened without a council mandate requiring it.

For my part I have been working on a feasibility study of employing a Student Advisor. This study has taken up a huge period of time during office hours, my weekend and two 20 hour plus continuous research sessions outside of office hours. I have read every document in the OUSU archives that I could find that relates to the history of the Student Advice service both before, during and after the period in which we employed a Student Advisor (in excess of 300 documents) and was compiled drawing on evidence of welfare and advice provision within OUSU from the past 17 years.

The feasibility study currently stands at 11 pages (incomplete) although the research is all but complete. The document presents draft versions of all of the arguments for and against a Student Advisor that have been made in at least the past 12 years and a detailed description of limiting factors that impact upon our current situation.

What I will say is that this is not a simple issue – if it were this level of research would simply not have been necessary or even possible. Whilst it is truly excellent that Council in finally and for the first time discussing welfare provision, it must also be remembered that the consequence of council never having discussed these issues before is that almost nobody outside of the confidential sphere of the Student Advice Service can be expected to immediately be aware of many of the issues that are involved. Be careful when deciding how to vote next week – there is a lot at stake.

As I have said, I will not make my opinions known in an official forum wherein I am called upon to do my job and at the moment that involves being an impartial judge of the options available to us. If, however, anyone wishes to speak to me or to anybody in a personal capacity to discuss my findings and my opinion I will be more than happy to do so after council, over the weekend, outside of office hours next week and over email.

Health and Safety Committee

This committee is often very difficult to follow being as it requires specific knowledge, but every so often out find out something that is very, very useful. Firstly, we have the option of saving a fair sum of money by replacing our computers soon rather than waiting for new EU regulations on waste disposal will come in at which point we would have to pay.

More significantly, however, OUSU, like all businesses, will soon have to become smoke-free to the annoyance of some and the celebration of others. Soon we will have to buy signs declaring our smoke-free status and banish people from the often used covered area (and probably steps) outside our front door as they are our entrance. Please remember from the introduction of the ban both OUSU and you (the smoker, not the common rooms) will be liable for on-the-spot fines if smoking isn't prevented on our premises and entrance.

Executive Committee for the Management of the Counseling Service

After an absence of a number of years I've managed to find my way back onto this committee and this secures us pretty much the final welfare committee that we were not already represented upon – this is excellent news, though hardly exciting. I was asked by the common rooms to take specific questions forward and here are the answers;

- 1) There is significant provision made for staff in terms of funding and time allocated development and further training – it essential that this is provided to ensure that staff are constantly providing the best possible care for students.
- 2) Staff qualifications are published in the University Calendar. It was agreed that a link to this information should be included on their website to make it more accessible.
- 3) Largely the group considers individual staff management issues for which our presence cannot be permitted and is unlikely to be useful from our perspective.
- 4) The following groups are currently being run; long-term graduate group therapy, short term psychodynamic groups for undergraduates, many 'Dealing with Stress Creatively' groups aimed at finalists, psychodynamic groups aimed specifically at depression, a very popular procrastination workshop.
- 5) In the future they would like to undertake both more group and individual sessions, more preventative, self-help and college/department liaison work after this fashion,

more work with the NHS supporting students with long term mental health issues, improvement of evaluation systems, to provide an increased number and range of opening hours.

- 6) Their funding appears to be as secure as funding can be in the university currently. Colleges and University have recently voted their support for the most recent increase in budget which is a very good sign.

Casework

Casework, amazingly, for me has lessened by a fair degree, but this may be the consequence of so many people have exams. During the exam season the majority of Oxford students seem to decide that they don't have the time to deal with their personal problems (which chiefly fall under the remit of the VP Women and myself) in order to throw themselves into their academic work for one last push. Just as it did last year, I'm expecting the floodgates to reopen in the next few weeks, but for now this period of relative ease could not have come at a more convenient time.

Survival Guide

Not only is the Survival Guide now finished, printed and delivered to OUSU, but a substantial portion of the guides have now been distributed to common rooms who were affiliated at the beginning of this academic year. If your guides have not yet been delivered it was because of one of the following reasons...

- 1) We have not been provided with a list of your freshers for this year. We've tried, but we haven't had any luck yet. If you are able to provide us with a list it will speed up the delivery of your guides.
- 2) Your lodge was closed by the time we reached it to deliver the guides. A second delivery run will be done as soon as we can manage one and you will receive them then.
- 3) We didn't have an appropriate contact to deliver the guides to. Please let us know who should receive them if you haven't had them already.
- 4) Your common room only required a very small number of guides and they will be pigged to the appropriate person very soon.

I hope that you find them useful – the guide took up a huge portion of my year and a lot of stress on my and many other people's parts.

Thanks must be given to everyone on this and the last executive team for all of their help on so many parts of this project – it couldn't have been done without you all. In particular thanks must go to Ed (who did everything but sweat blood to get this guide finished), Jenny (who spent all day in a baking hot van carrying boxes with me) and Ollie (who missed the football just so we could deliver the final load) – I owe the three of you so much.

Welfare and Equal Opportunities Open Meeting

For two hours last Friday I offered a forum for all of the common room officers and students in general to attend to explain what complaints they had over OUSU's provision of welfare and equal opportunities services. The chief purpose of the event was to find out what you thought was wrong, what you wanted instead and only where necessary to try to explain any limitations that effected service provision.

Overall, the attendees were extremely positive about OUSU's current position, which was very gratifying. There were, however, also very serious and very justified complaints made about what OUSU does at the moment. I will file a much fuller and more considered report in 7th Week Council, but for the moment I would like to highlight OUSU's seriously inadequate provision for common room Equal Opportunities Officers. Many of these officers are generalized officers and cannot easily attend the meetings of all of the campaigns that represent minority and marginalized groups. Something must be done to change this and I will attempt to find some solution as soon as possible.

Health and Welfare Committee

Health and Welfare have had a difficult year, but a lot of good has come out of it. Right now we are collating a university-wide common room welfare survey which was sent to all common-room officers. The information is already revealing an unexpectedly large disparity in provisions made by colleges and this warrants a lot of attention as no student should ever have to choose between colleges when applying on welfare grounds. A more detailed report will be delivered at a later date.

Thank-you to all of the officers who have responded, please ask your welfare officers to fill out the survey if they have not already done so and if they have not received it please let us know.

Condoms

Free condoms have literally been pouring out of OUSU in the last couple of weeks and I'm very glad to see so many colleges taking them. In fact the demand was so great that we had to reappraise the distribution system (although all credit for handling the distribution must go to Gill and Maria). It really should have occurred to me that free condoms would have a pretty fast uptake, but this really took me by surprise. Enjoy them.

Preparation for Handover

Handover has had to take a somewhat backseat this time simply because of the sheer level of other work that had to be done. I have found the odd hour to dedicate to next year, but not as much as I would have liked. After 6th week I'm afraid that I am going to have to concentrate on ensuring that Louise has a handover as good or better than the one I had as there is very little time to learn how to keep your head above water in this job.

Jenny Hoogewerf-McComb

V-P (Women)

As ever, pressed for time so bullet points are probably most efficient:

- Extremely well attended Faith & Feminism discussion session- brought together speakers and contributors from a wide variety of traditions and beliefs in a very fruitful and respectful discussion
- Women's History Trip to London- a fascinating day-long event including visiting the Foundling Museum which raised all kinds of questions about motherhood and the welfare state. Also a trip to the amazing London Women's Library which is a simply unparalleled resource- on a cursory browse of the shelves we even found a 1960s periodical about women at Oxford! They also have wonderful collections of banners, stickers, badges, and

posters from the suffrage and women's liberation movements, and are working hard on documenting the "zine" culture which has allowed women to self-publish their own thoughts and political arguments outside of the more traditional, male-dominated sphere. I'm going to send them some of OUSU Women's Campaign's publications to add to their collection, and I hope that the link between Oxford and the library becomes a strong one.

- Another productive session of Enough!, the eating disorder support group that Sian Renwick & I set up this year in Oxford. I'm looking into the practicalities of opening this up to the other Universities and colleges in the Oxford area.

- Organising some of the other WomCam events for this term- with the Love Your Body Garden Party as a special highlight. We're still finalising the structure of the day, but plans in the pipeline include Maison Blanc cakes, G&Ds sorbet, Lush massages and facials, a bra-fitting service, stalls of books on self esteem, body image and art, yoga demonstrations, belly dancing display, and lots of mini-sessions on how to Love Your Body! We're also collecting images for an art show which will be displayed at the event- getting Oxford students to send in pictures of things they like about their bodies, or pictures where they enjoy the way they look.

- Plans are coming along slowly but surely for the Oxford University Parent Picnic for Saturday of 7th week. It is all rather complicated by all the legislation that goes with organising events for children, but hopefully we'll get there in the end! I'm currently trying to track down someone with face-painting skills – if anyone has any ideas, e-mail women@ousu.org

- Sitting on appointments board for summer ABM staff

- Organising the distribution structure of and nearly breaking my back helping Jamie in delivering thousands of Survival Guides to students in every college in Oxford- on the only warm day of the year so far :(However, the sense of satisfaction at having completed such a massive task is a pretty decent reward!

- Meeting the Assessor to continue coordinating the centralised Health, Welfare and Harassment talks (for all 2007 freshers) which have been one of my ongoing priorities since Michaelmas.

- Various other papers for committees coming up this term

- Working with the Pro Life society to ensure that we have clear guidelines in place for what is and is not acceptable at Freshers Fair, and also on potential future collaborations to improve support for student parents in the University.

- The VP (Welfare) and (Women) Working Party- took part in two meetings of this so far, doing lots of research into the status quo and many possible alternatives.

- A really useful Women's Officers meeting where we discussed lots of different ways of supporting students (esp female students) during exam time, found solutions for difficult colleges

- Tracked down a fantastic barrister who is willing to represent students at the Summary Court of Jurisdiction (i.e. the University's disciplinary body) for free, which is FANTASTIC as it is practically impossible for individual students to navigate this arcane (and seemingly often unfair) system

Andrea Miller (Graduates)	V-P
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- I. University Meetings
 - A. EPSC Graduate Panel (May 14, 2.15pm)

1. Discussion of many admissions-related processes (dates of gathered fields, status of online applications, the process for assigning colleges to admitted applicants)
- B. Medical Sciences meeting to discuss JCCs (May 14, 4pm)
 1. The Director of the Medical Sciences Division, the Divisional Secretary, and several JCC Members met to discuss how their JCC's worked and what aspects of them were most effective.
 2. The meeting provided some very useful information for the project I am doing on JCCs across the divisions
- C. Proctors' and Assessor's Termly Meeting with Common Room and OUSU Presidents (May 14, 5pm)
 1. Held at Balliol College, generally not interesting.
- D. Meeting with Paul Trafford, OUCS (May 15, 2pm)
 1. Met up with Paul Trafford to learn more about how to use weblearn effectively since the OUSU Web Site will never work.
 2. Am now working on a suite with resources for graduate students and MCR Presidents
- E. Meeting with Ben Yudkin, Learning Development Advisor (May 15, 3pm)
 1. Ben Yudkin explained his pilot 'learnsmart' initiative (a mentoring/study skills program where 2nd years help 1st years learn how to operate at Oxford) to Helen Bagshaw and I
- F. EPSC (May 18, 9.15am)
 1. Interesting presentation on trends in undergraduate admissions statistics
- G. University Council (May 21, 2.15 pm)
 1. Generally nothing of interest. Lots of rubber-stamping
 2. Long Presentation about the Services Funding Working Group and the work they've done with Library finances
- H. Meeting with Terry Dray, Director of the University Careers Service (May 22, 1pm)
 1. Discussion regarding how OUSU and the Careers Service can better work together to provide services for Graduates and International Students
- I. Graduate Committee of the Conference of Colleges (May 22, 2.15pm)
 1. A decision was taken to revert to the policy whereby there are two graduate student representatives on the committee (this is what is required by the constitution, but had somehow lapsed, and I pointed it out). A decision regarding how to choose another representative will be discussed at the MCR President's Committee Meeting next week. The committee liked the idea of having an MCR President and reps from both an arts and science background
 2. Another discussion took place regarding the College Advisor system. The basic sense was that advisors should be available for students to use as a resource should they choose (but they will not be required). It was suggested that another look needed to be given to the system of Graduate Collections in Colleges
- J. Meeting with Heather Bell, International Strategy Director (May 23, 1pm)
 1. Discussion regarding how OUSU and the University can work together to serve International Students more effectively and attract the best

international candidates for application (basically by improving things for all students)

- II. OUSU Meetings/Activities
 - A. Meetings of the Working Group set up in 1st Week Council to examine the options for reworking the structure of the Student Advice Service and Sabbatical Roles (May 16 8.30am, and May 22nd 9am)
 - B. Distribution of the Survival Guide
 - C. Working on my HandOver Guide for Ingrid!!!
- III. Casework
 - A. One of my longest running cases is finally resolved!!!
 - B. Work on cases that are not looking likely to be resolved any time soon...

**Helen Bagshaw
Affairs)**

V-P (Access & Academic

Dear Council,

Apologies for not being here today; when you read this I'll be in the middle of a meeting of the Aldwych Group in Glasgow, trying to hammer out plans for it's future. In my absence, here is a summary of the past two weeks.

Learning Development Advisor

Tuesday of 4th Week: to discuss developments in study skills and the programmes he is putting in place for the upcoming academic year, such as the Learnsmart initiative that aims to introduce peer-to-peer mentoring in subject groups in colleges. It is good to see a position that OUSU fought so hard for being worked on and ultimately well-accepted within the University and we hope to continue working with Ben and the Learning Institute on further initiatives.

Senior Tutors' Meeting

Tuesday 4th Week: 3hrs discussing conversions of academic positions within the Law Faculty, elections of the Chair and Secretary, Units of Assessment, resit policies, access to facilities during suspension of status, scholarships and exhibitions, Learnsmart, the EPSC Notes of Guidance for Undergraduates and future meetings and business of the Senior Tutors' Committee.

Working Party on VP (Welfare and Equal Opportunities) and VP (Women)

Wednesday 4th Week; Tuesday 5th Week: The WP has met twice since the last Council, and we are currently researching all the possible ways in which the positions could be modified, creating theoretical job descriptions and outlining pros, cons and areas of further research required.

Meeting with the PVC (Education) and EPSC

Thursday 4th Week; Friday 4th Week: Items taken on the proposed 'direction of travel' laid out by the Task Force on Academic Employment, historical trends in undergraduate admissions including commentaries and statistics, new mechanisms for EPSC/Divisional Reviews of Departments, a plan for reviewing overseas and bespoke fees, a report back on

the Review of the Department of Statistics, and a report from the EPSC Graduate Panel concerning Online Applications for Graduate programmes.

Oxbridge Essays

As many people may be aware, the presence of the online essay service Oxbridge Essays has been increasing over the course of this term, with students being emailed and pidgeed information on how to start writing commissioned essays for the company. There is a motion on the table at today's meeting but just to reinforce that if students are caught buying/selling essays the Proctors will take the issue very seriously; under University Statue XI this offence is considered a subsection of plagiarism, which the University takes very seriously. I am working with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) and the Proctors on this issue.

Open Welfare Meeting

Friday 4th Week: Attended the Open Meeting Jamie held for Welfare Officers due to my academic welfare role. Some good ideas came out of this and we had a very constructive discussion which has given me some thoughts to pass on to James for improving our dealings with CR Officers under my portfolio.

Casework

Exam season has rolled around and casework is on the up again. Although this takes up a lot of time, gaining results can be immensely satisfying and the SAS is something OUSU can be proud of this year. It may only help a minority of students, but to those individual students it can mean an awful lot to have some help and support.

University Council

Monday 5th Week: Unreserved business was somewhat interrupted but in total took very little time. We are gaining an increasing amount of supporters on Council who believe, like us, that the distinction between reserved and unreserved business is currently not appropriate, and that we should be trusted to see all the business of Council. We are feeding into a working group looking at the remit and terms of reference of Council, so hopefully we can start to get somewhere with our arguments about this. It is also increasingly frustrating to have to watch decisions be rubber-stamped and not have an input on them all lower down – right not, EPSC is the only Committee of Council we have representation on, and we should seek to increase our representation on other committees if our 3 observer seats are to be of any real use to us.

Exam Scripts

Many of you will have seen the story on exam feedback and scripts in the last issue of the Oxford Student – after a motion on this issue passed in Michaelmas Term I have been discussing the idea of feedback for students with a number of senior members, and am slowly garnering support but as with a lot of things in Oxford, progress is slow and I will be passing this work on to James to continue.

Language Centre Committee

Tuesday 5th Week: Discussion of the Director's Annual Report, and the possibility of charging for some of the LASR courses currently run by the Language Centre. It is currently chronically underfunded, as with so many areas within the Higher Education

sector, and needs more income from somewhere to continue providing the number and variety of courses it does. The Committee was keen that funding was sought elsewhere before charges were levied to students, so this has been somewhat deferred until next term.

Handover plans

Handover plans continue; developing information sessions and organising meetings etc.

EPSC/Humanities Review of Oriental Studies

The Humanities Division and the Educational Policy and Standards Committee of Council will jointly conduct a review of Oriental Studies in week eight of Trinity Term. The review committee's terms of reference relevant to students are:

To review the quality of academic activities in the faculty, in particular:

The quality of undergraduate and graduate programmes and their delivery and related issues, including:

- * access and admissions;
- * curriculum design and programme structure;
- * teaching, learning and assessment;
- * the relationship between teaching and research;
- * academic and pastoral support and guidance;
- * the provision and use of learning resources (including staff resources);
- * specific arrangements for the pursuit of graduate studies (including research degrees and research training and provision for part-time study);
- * relationships with colleges;
- * quality assurance mechanisms;

The review committee would welcome any written comments from students on matters falling within its terms of reference. If you study in the Oriental Studies Faculty and wish to make any comments, either positive or negative, then these should be sent to the joint secretary to the review committee, Mr Richard Hughes, University Offices, Wellington Square (e-mail: richard.hughes@admin.ox.ac.uk) by Friday, 8 June.

Alternative Prospectus

I will be sending an email out to maillists but just to advertise that the AP is being redone this summer and we need people to write copy for it. If you want to get involved writing a profile, a day in your life, information about your subject, experiences coming from a particular region etc etc then do get in contact with me on access@ousu.org

Imran Khan Community)	V-P	(Charities	and
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Dear Council,

Apologies for my absence ^ I,m in London for an interview!

RAG:

It's been a really good couple of weeks for RAG. The main thing we've been working on has been college pants ^ we've had almost 450 orders, so it looks like we'll make a really good profit for our charities on that project. We've got a few events coming up this weekend, too. We're running a street collection on Cornmarket for KEEN, a student-run charity ^ if you'd like to spare an hour or so to help with that, you'd be more than welcome! We're also selling vodka jellies down the river for Summer Eights, and holding a Scavenger Hunt on Sunday.

Speed Dating last week was also a success, we only had about 25 people total, but still made £100 for charity and got a number of matches.

Coming up later in term we've got the Paris Hitch, which is running over the 8th/9th week weekend. If you'd like to get involved (you have to get to the Eiffel Tower without spending a penny, but we do give certain help, sort out insurance, give you a night's accommodation in Paris and the journey back) email raghitch07@gmail.com.

It's also the deadline for nominations for Michaelmas charities today; if you'd like to nominate a charity for RAG to support next term, you have until this evening. You can download the form from www.oxfordrag.co.uk, and clicking on the ☒charities, link.

Community:

The volunteering + cv skills training day I've been organising with Citigroup and Aston Rowant Nature Reserve is going ahead this coming Thursday; it's running from 11am to 4pm, so if you know anyone who might be interested in combining careers-y stuff with volunteering, get them to drop me an email at community@ousu.org.

Environment:

Niel's probably able to give you a more comprehensive update than I can, but preparations are going well for our college environmental ranking system, Green Week, and the low-carbon travel campaign.

OUSU:

I've been working on the handover report for my successor ^ congrats for surviving finals, Claire! ^ and some of the past two weeks working on OSSL (accounts and the Oxide working party) and helping the other sabs with the Survival Guide distribution and Target Schools mailing.