

Danby Society Minutes Easter 2015

Date: 12/05/2014

Location: Downing College, The Butterfield

Time: 6:30-7:10

Attendees:

Tom Perkins (Chair)

Hannah Pullen (Secretary)

Michael Truby (Treasurer)

Becky Boyland (Social Secretary)

Ellie Moore (Social Secretary)

Ruishu Wang (Sponsorship Officer)

Aidan Crilly (Webmaster)

Garden Party:

- The garden party will take place on Sunday 14th of June, from 2:30 to 4:30
- Will probably use the same people as last year for ice cream, inflatables etc.
- Need to make sure to get invoices from everyone, and be aware that we can only pay by direct debit
- Budget uncertain, but was ~£1700 last year, so should be similar
- Charges for non-Danby members - will probably keep at £10, same as last year
- Ellie and Becky will send out an email within next few days telling people to sign up; last sign up date will be 25th of May; we can also advertise via facebook
- Make sure to book with college at least 1 week in advance
- Consider asking student bands to play
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Facebook group:

- Suggested as an alternative to the current page, as a group allows us to give people notifications
- Aidan created a group during the meeting; mortarboard was chosen as the icon after some consideration
- Discussed how to add freshers to the group as we can't find out their names until they arrive at college; perhaps add them within the first week
- Looks like we need to send round an email to get people to join the group as we can only invite facebook friends
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Talks:

- Would be good to increase attendance
- Tom had the idea of undergrads giving a 5-10 minute 'mini-talk' before hand, encouraging people to bring their friends etc.
- Could offer these speakers a place at the high table after the talk as an incentive
- May be ideal for fourth years to practice presenting their projects towards end of year
- Try to include all subjects in talks this year - for example, there were no engineering talks last year

Freshers:

- Consider another venue for freshers event? Vaults wasn't great in the past, and room in Revs last year was too small, but downstairs Revs could be fine
- Could print invitations and put in fresher pigeonholes at start of year, or try to include something in freshers pack
- Perhaps some kind of 'initiation' at the event?
- Stash would be good, eg. hoodies
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Sponsorship:

- Ruishu has spoken to Leor
- Will try similar things to Tom Tom as that was a success; probably going to sort out after the holidays
- Consider getting sponsors to subsidise the cost of some kind of stash
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Posters:

- General consensus is that posters are a waste of time/effort/money
- Plan to advertise via email and facebook group instead
- Notes in pigeonholes were suggested to advertise talks, but could be annoying
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Miscellaneous:

- Need to find out the status of medics within Danby, and think about whether we need to do more to include them (if they are in fact members)
- Sort out a message from the master for the Danby book - ask Tom Hayes to do this
- Continue taking photos at events for the Danby book
- Try to organize more swaps in the coming year; Becky and Ellie have contacts at other colleges
- Should we do more to integrate the MCR? Perhaps invite them to give mini-talks