

## Danby committee meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

1. Present:  
Orlando de Lange, Kat Warmington, Shaun Hurst, James McGinnigle, Tim Harrison
  
2. Freshers' meal and other socials:
  - The freshers' meal will most likely be held at Revolution, unless they cannot offer suitable pricing.
  - A cheaper deal with no free alcohol will be found. The budget is £600.
  - Orlando will email the freshers about the meal.
  - A film night will be organised this term, held in the Party Room.
  - A pub quiz every term is not feasible, due to the costs involved.
  - The committee will liaise with the bar committee about hosting a cocktail night, possibly after the first talk of the term.
  
3. Freshers' pub crawl, 6<sup>th</sup> October:
  - Danby will be sharing a pub (which one is unknown at time of writing) with other academic societies.
  - At least two committee members will be present at all times. James and Tim will be present from 4.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and Shaun and Kat from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
  
4. Talks, and plans for the rest of the year:
  - The first talk of the year, on 'Global Darwin', will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the Music Room.
  - The second speaker will be on synthetic biology, in week 6.
  - There will be a focus on naturalism in Lent term, and a careers event featuring Downing alumni is also planned.
  
5. Accounts:
  - Kat will be updating the accounts to remove college bill transactions, which are not relevant to the main society account.
  - A list of members would be useful for accounting and other purposes, and generic Danby membership cards could be produced to aid this in future.

6. Website:

- James has rewritten the society website in Flash. It is close to completion and will be fully launched shortly.
- The freshers' section is currently blank; it will be filled with more up-to-date information about Downing and the scientific courses for the benefit of future freshers.
- All committee members need to email James short summaries of themselves and their jobs, for inclusion on the website.
- The website will be linked to from the JCR website, and referenced in future society emails.

7. Other freshers' matters:

- Shaun and Tim will man a stall at the Societies Fair on the 5<sup>th</sup>, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the Howard Building.
- Orlando has visited freshers at their DoS meetings to introduce the society to them. Tim or Anna will fill in for the Engineering freshers.

8. Any other business:

- An updated constitution will be drafted by Orlando. A vote on its ratification will be taken at the first talk of the term.
- Prior to this, the proposed changes will be posted on the new website for public view. Physical copies will also be available at the talk.