**JCR COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

Date:

1. **Officers’ Reports:**

President (Caitlin Brown)

* Refurbishment of JCR
* ARCO Kitchens – Domestic meeting – form for feedback – negative feedback encourages change

Vice President (Megan Donnet)

* N/A

Treasurer (John Bryant)

* N/A

Equal Ops (Flo Odunubi)

* N/A

Accommodation (Anna Barona)

* N/A

OUSU Rep (Richard Matousek)

* N/A

Freshers’ Week President (Bayo Bello)

* N/A

Charities (Dani Alvarez)

* Croquet cuppers TBC

Entz (Dom, Eddie and Harry)

* Fun ban

Arts & Pubs (Una O’Sullivan)

* N/A

Environment & Ethics (Sofia Carlson)

* Nothing to report

Careers & Alumni (Shakeel Hashim)

* N/A

Academic Affairs (Matt Roberts)

* 3 big events this week, 11.30am-1pm

1. **Motions**

**2.1. Peer Grynt at Edinburgh Fringe**

Proposed by: Kate Weir

Seconded by: Rory Grant, Ell Potter

This JCR Notes that:

1. The Edinburgh Fringe runs throughout August
2. Most shows do a short (approx 2 week) tour in the last weeks of July
3. That there are 3 Keble students (Rozza Grant, Ell Potter, Kate Weir) acting in Gruffdog Theatre’s *Peer Gynt*, which is doing a 2-week tour and then a full month at the Fringe
4. Cast and crew members have to pay their own rent and transport costs, unless they are subsidised by JCRs and Colleges
5. Rent for a month in Edinburgh is £4-500 each, even with 4 people to a room
6. All actors and members of the crew are approaching their respective JCRs, will Balliol’s JCR donating £550
7. Keble JCR has a long and rich history of donating to various productions both those in Oxford and those going to the fringe.

This JCR believes:

1. That the arts should not be limited to those with the ability to self-fund
2. That the opportunity to go the Fringe should not be dependent on your personal financial circumstances
3. That the Fringe is a great event, and an important opportunity for those who want to go into professional careers in acting.

This JCR resolves:

1. To donate £200 per Keblite taking part in the show.

* Scratch shows in Oxford and Northern England for state schools – for free
* Extension of Keble’s Arts scene
* Questions:
  + Constitution – cannot donate more than £200 per JCR Motion
  + Amend as subsequent motions
* YES: 83
* No: 0
* Abstentions: 2
* MOTION PASSES
  1. **Summer Eights Beverages**

This JCR notes that:

1. No matter whether we burn a boat or not, Saturday (the last day of Summer 8s) will be a splendid opportunity to come down to the ISIS to watch some rowing and support Keble College Boat Club.

2. This JCR notes that KCBC is one of the largest student clubs at Keble.

3. This JCR notes that it has a long history of providing refreshments for supporters during all sorts games and races, including the recent Rugby Cuppers Finals.

4. This JCR notes that summer 8s is the biggest event in the Oxford College Rowing Schedule.

This JCR resolves to:

1. Donate £200 pounds to KCBC to provide alcoholic and isotonic refreshments for both athletes and supporters.

Forwarded by: Frederick Kohlhas

Seconded by: Fred Dimbleby

* Morgan: College normally sells Pimms and lemonade to external spectators
* Providing drinks for college students (rowers and non-rowers)
* YES: 75
* NO: 0
* Abstention: 3
* MOTION PASSES
  1. **Keble Boat Burning**

**JCR MOTION: To attain a stance within the JCR concerning the burning of a boat on Liddon Quad.**

Proposed by: Will Wilson

Seconded by: Jack Morrison

This JCR notes that:

•   The Keble M1 and Keble W1 are two phenomenally successful crews, sustaining excellent performances in both Torpids and Summer VIIIs over a number of seasons, and providing inspiration to many undergraduate (or ‘home-grown’) students to work for the success the crews are currently enjoying.

•   Both the M1 and W1 have a very good chance of finishing this Summer VIIIs week at the Head of the River, a position not attained by a Keble crew since 1977.

•   The tradition of boat-burning is one that is widely accepted and practiced by Colleges across Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

•   Should the M1 and/or W1 attain Head of the River, a boat will be burned on Liddon Quad in ceremony and celebration of this achievement. The boat that will be burned is not river-worthy, has not been used for over 40 years, and is of next to no financial worth.

•   The grass of Liddon Quad would not be damaged by the boat-burning. Fire-proof blankets would be placed around the surrounding lawns, and the boat itself would be situated on the gravel paths.

•   It would be a remarkable success for KCBC, and one that is deserving of their traditional boat-burning ceremony.

•   Other similar traditions, such as the KCRFC ‘gauntlet run’ following the Rugby Black Tie, have been allowed to take place on College lawns throughout this year.

 However,

•   Many may view actions such as this as representative of the stereotypical image of Oxford University as an elitist and outdated establishment. This is a message contradictory to Keble’s attempts, through programmes such as KAL and outreach, to present the College as progressive and accessible.

•   Evidence from KCBC, such as the Instagram account ‘keble4head’, suggests that the former reputation remains the norm, trivialising a contentious act.

•   Burning a boat in the middle of a £57,000 lawn that students are not allowed to touch appears to further the message presented above.

•   The Head Groundsman and the Chair of Buildings and Grounds Committee have resigned as a result of the boat burning being granted provisional approval. This motion was only passed by the College’s Governing Body by 12 votes to 9, with three abstentions.

**To clarify, a tutor who holds the two positions of The Garden Master and the Chair of Buildings and Grounds Committee. This is the same individual and not two separate people. The tutor has resigned from these positions only – NOT resigned from full-time employment at the college.**

•   There has been recent evidence of a disparity between KCBC Men and Women, signified by the Women’s club only being given 20 places at the Summer VIIIs Rowing Black Tie.

**The Women’s club has 3 full crews in this year’s Summer VIIIs, more than ever previously entered. Over 30 current female rowers will be attending the dinner this year and about 30 female ‘old members,’ many of whom are still current students will also be in attendance. Places are not allocated between the men’s and women’s side of the club, but individuals are invited based on their individual rowing history.**

•   There is a current Entz ban (banning BOPs and even croquet) preventing disruptive and noisy activities within the College. The rest of the student body has complied with this ban, with very little explanation provided, for the duration of the term. A boat burning would directly violate such a ban.

**The lack of croquet is not due to an Entz ban but due to the recent weather conditions and is something the JCR is working to resolve**

This JCR believes that:

 •   While it is important for sports teams to maintain their traditions, it is also important to consider the message such traditions send to the wider Oxford community, and beyond.

 •   The student body has a right to provide a credible and considered opinion on a subject that will affect them directly.

This JCR resolves to:

 •   Hold a vote within the JCR body to determine our opinions on this issue.

•   Mandate the JCR Secretary, or another nominated member, to notify the KCBC captain, and other concerned parties, of our decision.

**To clarify, KCBC has TWO captains. One representing the men’s side of the club (Sven Jaeshke), and one representing the female side (Melissa Hinkley). The Club President (Cecilia Rowson) will also be informed.**

Proposed by: Will Wilson

Seconded by: Jack Morrison

1. **Matters for Discussion**

* **Equal Opps – Savina Chahal**
  + Already met Warden on BME matters
  + BME background at school
  + Good time management
  + Strong-minded – stand up for those who are discriminated against
  + Previous leadership experience and sports player/coach
  + Race workshop; motivator
  + Frequent meetings; connect reps; fortnightly meetings; feedback to represent their views; events in college and uni-wide
  + Increase diverse participation in societies and sports; captains refer students
  + Work with Academic Affairs officer to encourage outreach
* Fol’s question:
  + Representation across uni – BME and other minorities
  + College should be more outspoken (vs just students)
* Challenge
  + Write rap about the role and post on Noticeboard
* **Arts and Pubs – Mila Fizgerald**
  + Amazed at Arts talent – drama, art, music etc.
  + Run more Arts events – creative and reduce stress
  + Keble Arts society – get more people involved
  + Release more issues of fig magazine
  + Encourage musicians – like Wadstock
  + Keble Arts festival – college play (like Panto)
  + Work with Charities and Entz reps
  + Organisation – Keble Assassins
  + Teamwork
* Questions
  + Caitlin: What is vision for JCR soft furnishings?
    1. Better colour scheme
    2. Lighter colour – calming
  + Una: Keble Arts room – increase participation?
    1. Keble Arts in bar
    2. Inebri-art-ed
    3. Midweek session
* Challenge:
  + Come up with new myth or fairy-tale about Keble
  + Poem, film, comic strip on Noticeboard
  + Due Wednesday afternoon
* **Careers and Alumni – Emma Biddiscombe**
  + Benefited from careers and alumni network
  + Help other to have same opportunities
  + 1. Promote career services and events
  + 2. Stronger links with alumni – finalists; alumni coming back at Michaelmas event
  + 3. More diversity – beyond finance and consultancy; google form
* Questions:
  + Fred: Engagement with alumni?
    1. Not Keble, uni wide and from school
    2. Careers fair approach – arrange over summer
    3. Stands or cheese and wine night
  + Caitlin: black tie subject nights – joint JCR and MCR
    1. Important – esp. academia for postgrads
    2. Interaction – database for graduates
    3. Black tie forum
* Challenge: as many paid jobs by tomorrow lunchtime, document and post on Noticeboard
* **Joshua Stimson – Accommodation** 
  + Approachable person
  + College staff dealing with accommodation can be stubborn
  + Represent students – experience with dealing with admin
  + Change – set definitive date for ballot to minimise panic
  + Revise maps
  + Don’t have good idea of actual rooms – photos of rooms and their views
  + Informed choice re cost
  + Raise awareness re air beds; publicise in newsletters; explain to freshers
  + Passionate about accommodation
* Questions:
  + Verity: Freshers’ week choices
    1. Advertise differences between the rooms
    2. Esp. SloRo
  + Anna: How to improve air bed system?
    1. Via email – more official
    2. Advertise email address in JCR emails
    3. [Google form?]
  + Caitlin: 4th year linguists get priority in ballot? Even if not in that ARCO year group
    1. Yes, prevent isolation, encourage to live together
  + Jack: more info on accommodation will be on website
  + Eddie: as fresher in Pusey, how would you improve this?
    1. Names on doors
    2. Encouraging in freshers’ week events
    3. Make sure Pusey and Liddon students are included
* Challenge: artistic rendition of a Keble building of your choice and post on Noticeboard by Wednesday
* **Jack Morrison and James Worthington – Sport** 
  + Q&A, not official hustings
  + Morgan: should sports captains publish funding and spending?
    1. Talk to captains about funding and review spending
    2. Make publically available
  + Caitlin: big drive for other sports
    1. Both play football
    2. Sports cabinet – will sort out
    3. Sport board
  + Eddie: prevent theft from sports cupboard?
    1. Organised
    2. Track
  + Caitlin: table tennis in JCR or bar?
    1. JCR; need more tennis balls

1. **Any Other Business**