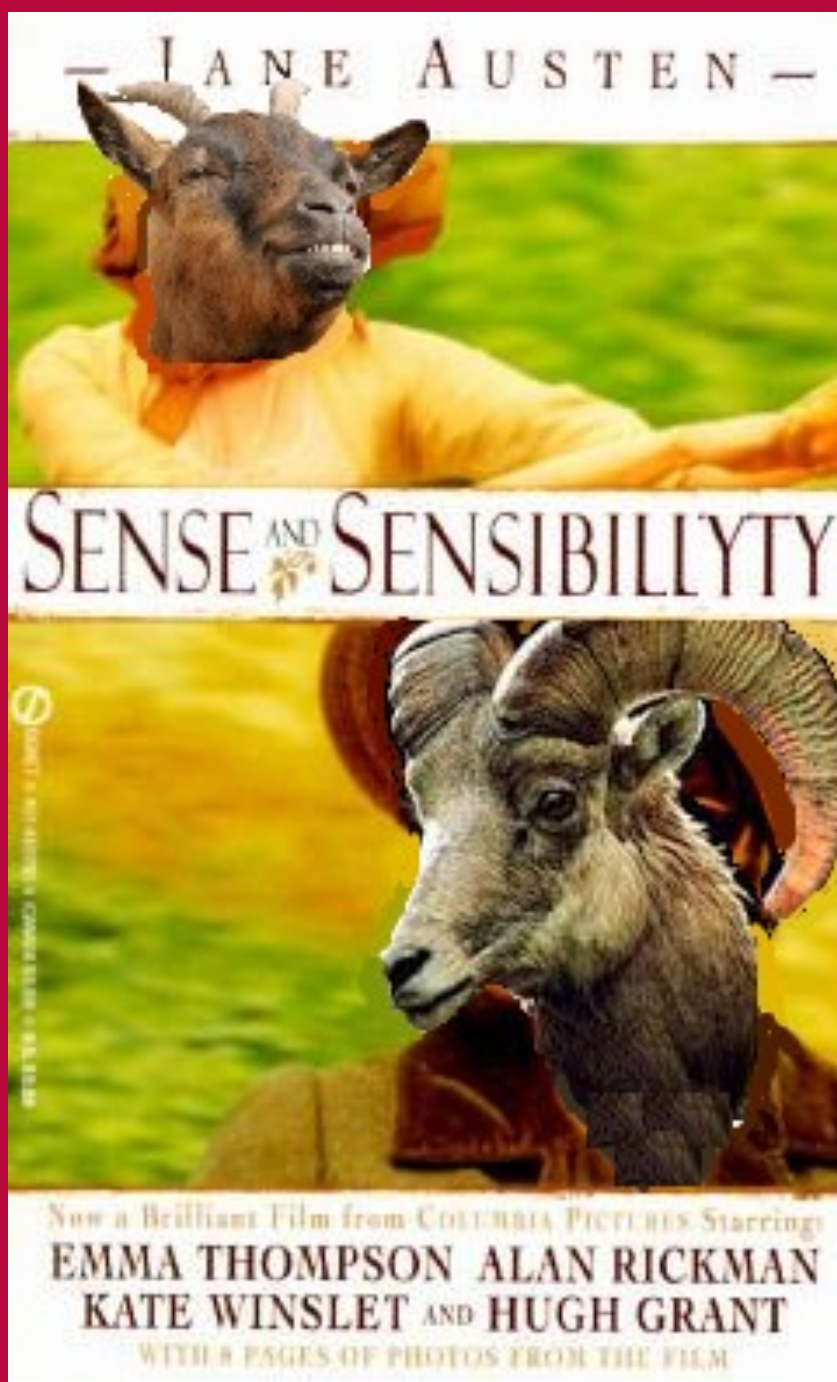


BILLY BULLETIN WEEK FOUR

PRESENTS...



It's ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH TERM, and EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW
it's WRONG TWO BILLYGOATS ARE TEMPTED TO START SLACKING OFF.
BUT WHAT WILL PREVAIL—SENSE OR SENSIBILITY?

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EDITORIAL

Hi all,

We're coming up to the halfway point now: of the term, of the year, and, for some of us, of our time at Fitz. Yes, it's Lent week four, where the glasses are half-empty, the essays are half-arsed, and everyone's got half a mind to throw in the towel. But if you're sick of feeling like a half-hearted half-wit, the Billy Bulletin is here to help: there's a squelchy science festival, some smooth jazz, a TEDx conference, green talks and much more to take your mind off the daily grind.

And the other half of this week's bulletin ain't half bad either—JCR disaffiliation discussions have taken a turn for the un-disaffiliate-ory, as we realise there might not be much to gain by kissing CUSU goodbye, and we're trying to restructure housing ballot weekends, which as it stands are too emotional by half.

Think this is going to be a great week? You don't know the half of it.

Have a goat-ally awesome week!

Zoe

A SONG OF ICE AND FITZ

Episode Three: A Storm of Words

“So did anyone read *The Robinson Report*?” King Alex asked his small council, fully assured that all his hard work had been ignored. To his surprise, most of them nodded, although inevitably a few sheepish people did avoid his gaze. “And what did you make of it? Are we still agreed on having a debate about disaffiliation, and putting it to the vote?”

“I’m not sure,” said Lady Sophie, as the King had known she would. “True, we don’t lose the shadowing scheme, but we would no longer be able to attend the Target and Access forums, which would mean very little training for our officers, and the loss of our main link with the other colleges. It would cost us dearly.”

“This is a shame, of course,” said Lord Damiano, “but let us not forget our true purpose. Our job is to represent the *current* citizens of Fitzeros. We don’t want to suffer a hit to Target and Access but if it benefits our people overall, then that is the most important thing.”

“Sorry,” said Lady Sammi (also of house Target and Access), “perhaps I’m being foolish, but it is not clear to me how the disaffiliation *does* benefit our people. It looks as though we stand to lose a lot and gain very little. Is it all a matter of wealth?”

At this the oft-silent Lord Maximilian spoke up. “Affiliation costs us £2881, it is true, but we must remember that even if we were to disaffiliate, this would not be spare coin to do with as we wish. It would go to the JMA, who may or may not choose to use it to increase our budget.”

The King thought on this a moment. “Our Master of Coin is right. We need to determine whether disaffiliation would increase our budget. If not, then it does not look as though we have anything to gain by leaving. However, I promised my smallfolk a debate. I propose we arrange an open meeting with Grand Chancellor Hoogewerf McComb and the monarch of one of the disaffiliated colleges—Caius or Corpus. We can then get completely clear on what we stand to gain and what we stand to lose, and take it to a vote.”

His suggestion was met with a general hum of assent, but Lady Sophie looked unsure.

I must confess ,” she said, “I am concerned that the smallfolk won’t bother to come to the meeting and understand the whole situation, and will want to disaffiliate just for the hell of it.”

“This is possible.” The King had attended many an open meeting in his time, and no one ever came. “Perhaps then we should wait to see whether they are prepared to engage, by attending the meeting and so on, before we determine what to do. This is not a decision to be taken lightly.”

“Could we make the meeting about the housing ballot too?” asked Lord Damiano, deftly veering away from the painstakingly crafted agenda into unrelated matters. “I want to hear people’s views on whether it should be run differently. I think the time between the reaping and the Housing Games should be shortened, to reduce the stress of the whole process.”

“The housing ballot isn’t stressful because of the way it’s run,” said Lady Sammi scathingly. “It’s because people need get over themselves and stop behaving like mewling infants.”

“Be that as it may,” said Lord Damiano, “I believe we can help things along somewhat. I’d like to suggest drawing the names on the Saturday morning of the weekend and then giving second and third years and scholars until that evening to make their decisions. The first and fourth years will have until the following day. And we can make an informal recommendation that the top ten meet on the Saturday to discuss their plans.”

There were one or two frowns at this but no one openly dissented, and so the King allowed the proposal to stand.

“Fine,” he said, “but for God’s sake let’s not have an open meeting about it. The apathy is far too depressing.”

Lord Damiano agreed and they moved on to other matters, an account of which can be found on the JCR website.

A VIEW FROM THE 'BRIDGE

Watch and Learn

An Austere Talk:

"Rejecting austerity: A view from Europe" - A talk by Molly Scott Cato MEP

When: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Saunders Room, Newnham College, Sidgwick Avenue, CB3 9DF Cambridge

A vision of the Green alternative to austerity in Europe.

Cambridge Young Greens welcome the Green Party's newest Member of the European Parliament, Molly Scott Cato, for a talk that will take into account recent developments in the rise of the European left.

Molly Scott Cato is MEP for the South West of England and was previously a Professor of Economics at Roehampton University. She speaks for the Green Party of England and Wales on finance issues. She also has expertise in the issues of renewable energy; trade; food and farming; and co-operatives and mutuals.

The talk is open to all and will be followed by a Q&A session.

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A Jazzy Show:

The Cambridge University Jazz Orchestra (CUJO) are delighted to be performing with special guest Ian Shaw for a one-off event, this Friday 6th Feb, 7.30pm at West Road concert hall, with tickets available through ADC ticketing.

Whether you're a jazz enthusiast or not, this is an event not to be missed!

Ian Shaw, twice winner of the BBC Jazz Awards Best Vocalist, and current host of the international Ronnie Scott's radio show, is one of Britain's best and most celebrated jazz vocalists. For one night only, Ian will be joining CUJO for a special evening of jazz - we hope to see you there!

"Our finest Jazz singer. Marvellous" - Time Out

"One of the contemporary scene's class acts" - The Guardian

"Praised far and wide as the greatest male jazz singer Britain has to offer" - Jazz Times (US)

"Gifted, technically awesome and theatrically witty singer" - The Guardian

Bare TEDy:

Ticket applications for TEDxCambridgeUniversity 2015 are now OPEN

The 14th March 2015 is the date for the annual TEDxCambridgeUniversity conference. Given that there are only a small number of tickets available (TED rules) and a large number of people want them, tickets for the event are greatly over-subscribed. So that they're fairly distributed and don't just go to people with the fastest internet connection, we require everyone wanting a ticket to fill in an application form, answering a question about why YOU should have a ticket to our event.

Ticket applications are open from 00:00am Monday 2nd Feb - 23:59pm Sunday 8th Feb, and can be found at tedxcambridgeuniversity.org/tickets

If your application is successful, you will then be able to buy a ticket (for the modest price of £15, given that that includes watching 16 incredible speakers and eating a delicious lunch). Good luck with your application!

Polygeia:

Polygeia and the Royal Society of Medicine student members' group present..

Researcher applications close this FRIDAY (6th). Complete the application form to be considered: <http://www.polygeia.com/cambridge-researcher-application/>

A VIEW FROM THE 'BRIDGE

More green talks:

UK's #1 economic blogger, Richard Murphy: "The economy in 2015: A green-minded analysis"

When: 11 February, 19:00-20:30

Where: Saunders Room, Newnham College, Cambridge CB3 9DF

Described by some as the UK's "#1 economic blogger", Richard Murphy is founder member and principal researcher for the Tax Justice Network till 2013 and currently director of Tax Research LLP.

Richard is one of the leading figures developing the concept of a "Green New Deal" that is designed to power a renewables revolution, create thousands of green-collar jobs and rein in the distorting power of the finance sector (<http://www.greennewdealgroup.org/>). In his talk he will use his expertise to analyse the state of the economy and suggest ways into a sustainable and just future.

To find out more about Richard's work go to <http://www.taxresearch.org.uk/Blog/richard-murphy/>

This event is co-hosted by the Cambridge Young Greens and the Cambridge Green party.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/401975476594378/>

Is the environment a feminist issue?

When: 26th February, 19:30 - 20:45

Where: Rushmore Room, St Catherines College

Cambridge Young Greens are proud to present a panel discussion about the intersection of gender and environmental issues, as part of their term's focus on feminism.

Speakers

SUSAN BUCKINGHAM is a Professor of Geography at Brunel University, whose research focuses on the gendered nature of environmental decision making. Susan also advises the EU on environmental policy and currently convenes a working group on gender, energy and environment.

LUCY SIEGLE is the ethical columnist for the Observer and a green living correspondent for the One Show. She writes widely on environmental issues and has published 'Green Living in the Urban Jungle' and 'To Die For'.

SARAH COPE is the Chair of Green Party Women, which develops gender policy for the party. Sarah writes for the Huffington Post, where she recently published an article 'Green is the New Feminism'.

Please arrive at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

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The Cambridge Humanities Review

The Cambridge Humanities Review: Issue 8 Launch Party

Fitzwilliam Museum

Sunday 8th February 3pm

Join us at the Fitzwilliam Museum for a launch party to celebrate the publication of Issue 8 of the Cambridge Humanities Review, a magazine featuring reviews and essays on topics as diverse as Cold War nuclear weapons, Herodotus and Celine Dion. Our guest speaker will be Mr Tim Knox, director of the Fitzwilliam. Entry is free to subscribers and £4 for others. We offer a three issue subscription of the magazine and a historical poster map of Cambridge to all Cambridge students and staff for only £5. If you wish to attend, buy a subscription, or write for us visit our website: www.cambridgereview.weebly.com To reserve a place at this event please e-mail camhumanities@gmail.com

Do a Ting

Tit Ball:

'Applications to work at Trinity Hall June Event 2015 are now open. We are looking for personable, enthusiastic individuals to work during the event on the night of Wednesday the 17th of June. The June Event is renowned for its lively, informal atmosphere, as reflected by the comments of both our workers and guests. This is a great opportunity to experience one of the best events of May Week and to earn some money in the process. We are offering five different full night positions this year, as well as a limited number of half on/half off roles.

For more information and to apply: <http://www.thjuneevent.co.uk/work.html>. If you have any questions about the applications process, please email Tom at personnel@thjuneevent.co.uk.'

A VIEW FROM THE 'BRIDGE

Webbing:

CDI IS NOW RECRUITING: Web designer & Media role

Web designer

Primary responsibilities will include:

Being involved in redesigning CDI's image

Rebuilding an entirely new website for CDI

Working with the External Affairs team on image and branding

Design Role

Primary responsibilities will include:

Being involved in redesigning CDI's image

Designing and editing professional graphics, publications and videos

Working with the External Affairs team on image and branding

***Please apply by 11:59PM FRIDAY 6th of FEBRUARY by sending (1) your CV and (2) two short paragraphs about why you fit the role to william.moss@cambridgedevelopment.org

Sexy Study:

Early Experiences and Sexual Orientation - Participants Needed!

Are you over the age of eighteen and fluent in English? If so, then we invite you to take part in an anonymous 20-minute online survey about early experiences and sexual orientation. You will be asked about your sexual attractions and experiences as well as background information such as the type of school you attended and the genders of your close friends. You will never be asked to give your name or anything else that identifies you, so please feel free to answer as honestly as possible. Should you agree to take part, you will be entered into a random draw with the potential to win £10.00, £20.00, or £50.00 cash prizes to thank you for your contribution.

To find out more about what the study involves and decide if you would like to take part please follow this link: http://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_20ncUi1X5xByD7n

Squelchy Science:

Inspire children to enjoy science (and do some fun experiments...)

CHaOS is looking for volunteers to help out at "Crash, Bang, Squelch!" - a huge hands-on family science day on Saturday 14th March 2015 (just after the end of term, at the New Museums Site). As part of the Cambridge Science Festival we'll be running experiments to explain the science behind everyday events to kids young and old, and we need scientists of all kinds (medics, engineers, natscis, compscis, mathmos, vets...) to help explain what's going on.

No experience necessary, enthusiasm helps, refreshments (and even free lunch) provided.

To sign up to help on the day go to: <http://www.chaossience.org.uk/node/1663>

To find out more about CHaOS go to: http://www.chaossience.org.uk/volunteers_home

E-mail contact@chaossience.org.uk with any questions

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