



King's Things

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The Intro Bit

Hello there, welcome back, welcome to King's, and welcome to another edition. For those of you not familiar with it, **King's Things** (KT or Katie to its countless admirers) is a newsletter which comes out roughly once a fortnight and broadcasts information and events listings from KCSU, the College, sports clubs, societies and absolutely anybody in King's who's got anything to say. Contributions for the next issue (around 18 October) to my pigeonhole or by e-mail to jbs21@hermes, please. Thanks.

James Sumner (652)

King's Added Value

Look out this year for a threefold set of events adding value to being a member of King's:

Skills – academic and career – including getting the most out of supervision, CV writing, and more

Talks: we hope to have special talks from various subjects in King's and also from Honorary Fellows (eg Neal Ascherson of the *Independent*) and others

Trips: there's a chance of organising weekend reading parties by subject – let me know if you're interested; maybe also trips to special exhibits in London

The **Added Value** events will be planned on a year-by-year basis, so that undergrads and grads can follow them throughout their time at King's. Look out for details in the next King's Things and/or on posters. If you're interested in helping to plan these, please get in touch – I'd like to have a small advisory group for ideas and feedback.

Melissa Lane (G1)

Computer Training

There will be two **training sessions** for new users of the computer system every day from Monday 6 October till the following Friday, in the Turing Room (bottom of E staircase). The 11am session covers basics like e-mail and word processing, while the 2.30pm session is aimed at more experienced users and covers the network facilities available more generally.

Computer registration packs can be collected from Tutorial (F2) from Tuesday onwards. You'll need the information they contain to be able to use the system.

Lead freshers astray!

Non-freshers! Here's your chance to meet some of the new intake properly. Yes. We need volunteers to accompany the freshers on the following fascinating excursions. Just turn up in the bar at the appropriate times. Cheers.

Student tours of the College and Cambridge: this Sunday, 12 till 3pm

Walk to Grantchester: Sunday, 2pm

Pub Crawl: so you think KCSU can't organise a piss-up in a brewery? Here's your chance to do better. Monday, 8pm

Plus – **meet your college kids**, Saturday, 4.30pm. No orphanisations this time, please.

Library Life

E-mail: would everybody who uses the library computers to check their e-mail please log out before leaving? Accumulated e-mail sessions left open cause the computers to crash.

Skull: the library skull has never been found. We have come to the conclusion that it has walked, after all these years. Should any readers of King's Things like to donate one, the library will not ask any questions. Real ones only please. (I can't guarantee that the police won't ask questions, though).

*Wai Kirkpatrick
Assistant Librarian*

Chapel Chat

To all new students: Welcome! To the rest of you: Welcome back! Since I am no longer 'the new chaplain' I can say that with bravado!

Services start on the 4th and on Sunday 5th October we shall be having Evensong at 6pm – a service to which new students are particularly warmly invited – so much so that I am offering them sherry in my room (**A4**) afterwards. Old timers are also invited. The preacher on that occasion will be the Acting Provost, Dr John Barber. The Dean will be preaching on the 12th and the Revd John Clarke from Cuddesdon Theological College on the 19th (both at 10.30am)

Chapel visits for new students are scheduled for **Tuesday 7th October** (10-12 noon). Someone has suggested that I conduct a few more Chapel **roof tours** within the next month or so (weather permitting). If you're interested, let me know.

Do contact me if you would like to read or acolyte in Chapel services. I am always eager to hear from potential volunteers.

You do not automatically get sent a Michaelmas Term Chapel Services

Booklet. If you would like one, do let me know.

Have a good year!

Emma Hebblethwaite
College Chaplain

The Boat Club sticks its oar in

Are you looking for a challenge? Do you want to make loads of new friends and keep fit at the same time? No problem! Pick up an oar and represent King's on the river. The boat club is looking for new rowers and coxes, both men and women.

Over the past year the boat club has been successful. Amongst other things, the first women's crew won blades in the bumps (you can see one of them in the bar) and the first men's crew won gold in Szczecin regatta in Poland.

There is no need for any previous experience and you do not need to be 6'4" and 16 stone. Most people in college boats had never rowed before coming to Cambridge. It does not matter if you have never done any physical exercise for 19-20 years, you will love this. Come to the KCBC squash to find out more! Chetwynd room, **7.30pm Sunday 5 October**. Free alcohol.

Men's Captain: John Thompson (332)
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Women's Captain: Ceri Jones (390)
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New College Choir!

The college is about to create a new, **mixed-voice** college choir, provisionally called **The King's College Singers** (any better names will be appreciated). The core choir will consist of approximately 24 male and female members of College (undergrads, grads, senior members, staff), and, if space permits, volunteers from elsewhere. Free singing lessons are available to members.

The choir will be both chapel-related and secular, complementing the existing choir by singing at Evensong every Monday evening in term, during the Choir School's half-term and in services at college livings, as well as singing in non-chapel related concerts (for which the membership may be extended by 10 to 15 places). **Broadcasts and tours** might also be undertaken.

The choir will be directed by **Dr John Butt** (DoS in Music as of this term). Auditions may be held throughout the year, but most of the membership will be recruited this week. If you would like to audition, sign up for a time on the sheets outside Dr Butt's room (**H1, Gibbs**). The audition consists of the performance of a prepared piece and aural and sight-reading tests.

The results of the auditions will be announced by **13 October**; rehearsals will take place on **Mondays and Thursdays, 4.15 till 5.30pm** in the **Keynes Hall**, from Thursday October 16 onwards. Any questions about the choir or its activities should be addressed to Dr Butt.

Red Dragon Pie

Red Dragon Pie, the College's top magazine named after an annoying vegetarian delicacy, is on the look-out for witty, incisive or diverting contributions of any nature (except poetry). Send your stuff to me by **17 October** please.

Graham Cormode (619)

University Library Cards

New students who sent in their photos can collect their UL cards from the Tutorial Office (F2) from **Tuesday** onwards. If you didn't send in a photo, you'll have to go up to the UL and make an appointment to be registered.

Grant Cheques

Grant Cheques can be collected from Tutorial on **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday**, between **9am and 12 noon** or between **2 and 4pm**. Ar-

rangements for **student loans** can also be made at these times.

And while we're on the subject of grants, the **Book Token** to which all students are entitled can be collected from Tutorial, but not before **Monday 13 October**.

Fixed Meal Card

Remember to come and collect your FMC on **Monday 6, Wednesday 8 or Friday 10 October** between **12.30 and 1.30pm** in the **TV Room** (bottom end of the bar). You'll need a passport-sized photograph, and be prepared to spend a while queueing.

There will be a meeting for graduates (and any interested undergrads) to discuss **changes to the Fixed Meal Card system**, in the **Chetwynd Room** at **6pm** on **Tuesday 7 October**.

King's College Music Society

Come along to our squash (**7.30 till 9pm, Chetwynd Room, Saturday 11 October**) to find out more about one of the finest societies in Cambridge. KCMS organises many musical events at King's, from our renowned orchestral concerts to our popular Valentine's Jazz evening. We also have a **recital series**: anyone who would like to perform should speak to one of the KCMS executive (who will be eagerly awaiting you at the squash). Contact me for more information.

We are looking for all performers, no matter what your instrument (we may be able to help form smaller instrumental groups by putting you in touch with other like-minded players). Listeners are also welcome and receive substantial discounts on concert tickets as well as invitations to our infamous **after-concert parties**.

Please come along.

Madeleine Lovell (480)

Green Things

Hello, I'm Dan and I'm the acting environment officer at King's. This means that King's is looking for a new person to do green stuff round college – please give a shout if you're interested.

As far as stuff going on in college is concerned, you may well have noticed various **recycling bins** round the college – use them. In the same sort of vein, turning computers and lights off probably helps too. For those who want to go a bit closer to the root of the problem, the answer at an individual level is simple – **consume less** (it saves money too). In the past students have participated in environmental studies of aspects of college – watch out for similar opportunities this year.

There are opportunities to get involved at a university-wide level as well. Contact me or speak to the relevant people on stalls at the Freshers' Fair. Much green activity will probably focus on **climate change** in the run-up to a big summit in Kyoto in December, where environmentalists are looking for the setting of tough targets for reductions in carbon emissions.

Dan Rosenberg (210), dbr20@cam

The Great Phonocard Rip-off

Dr Wallach asks us to draw your attention to the recently-increased and now exorbitant running costs BT Charge-cards such as the one which allows you to telephone your parents (or whoever) and charges their account. This smart little device bills your nearest and dearest the princely sum of **20p a minute** at any time of the day or night; at certain times this is even more expensive than phoning the operator and reversing the charges (and is at all times more expensive than just getting your parents to phone you back). You have been warned.

Anyone who knows of a better solution to the phone problem is invited to pass it on to Rob Wallach or to us, and we'll print it for the good of humanity.

Is this your society?

The following College Societies have not submitted budget request forms. Unless they do so, they won't receive any money from the KCSU societies budget. Contact me to sort it out:
Badminton, Basketball, King's Films, Lacrosse, Pool, Table Tennis, Volleyball

In addition, there appear to be several orphan societies: the people running these have left (or have not made themselves known). If you are interested in running them, or know what's going on with them, get in touch:
Climbing, Lawn Tennis, Rugby, This Soup Is Ready To Serve (poetry),
Swimming

Vanessa Tang (618)

Textbook Flogging Service

As promised – a chance to pick up some of your new course books at a bargain price, or alternatively to make a bit of spare cash from selling your unwanted texts. Just drop your name, contact and book details in to **652** or **jbs21** as normal, and we'll print a list in the next issue for the whole college to read. And it's free! Another valuable King's Things service.

Ethical Banking

Being a reasonably aware student, the chances are (apologies if I'm wrong) that you would not wish to see your money being lent to nasty dictators on environmentally dangerous projects. Unfortunately, a large number of major High Street banks do not share your

ethical concerns. Midland is financing the controversial sale of Hawk jets to the Indonesian dictatorship, Lloyds a tank sale to Nigeria. Both of these, and the NatWest, have in the past lent to Saddam Hussein. There are many more examples of profit being put above principle. If you are interested in saving a little bit more than your money it might well be worth checking out the former building societies, the Royal Bank of Scotland or, due to its well-known ethical stance, the Co-op Bank. For more information give Dan Rosenberg (210, drb20) a shout.

Upcoming events: Dearing and anti-racism

Goldsmith College Student Union (Dixon Rd, London SE14) is hosting a national conference on "**Responses to Dearing**". Speakers include Ken Livingstone MP, Brian Roper (VC, North London University) and Carolyn Culliver (NUS Exec). **1 till 5pm, Wednesday 29 October.**

Also: there's a one-day conference of the **Student Assembly against Racism** at the University of London Union, Malet St, London WC1 on **Sunday 9 November, 10.30am till 5pm.** Speakers include Diane Abbott MP.

Dan Blaney

KCSU is evil – official!

It appears that Lily's final retributive act as KCSU co-ordinator was to acquire for that organisation (probably in perpetuity) the memorable pigeonhole number **666**. All correspondence intended for KCSU in general (as it were) should now be thus addressed. You are strongly advised not to attempt an exorcism on our Students' Union, however, as this would dramatically reduce its bargaining power with the College authorities. There is also a less demonic e-mail address: **kings-su@lists.cam.**



King's Things is a KCSU publication. And now for the one and only time, and purely for the sake of CV point verification, the proper credits **Editor James Sumner** **Manager Graham Cormode** Without whom this would not have been possible **Rob Wallach, Lily, John McLuckie, etc, etc** © KCSU and the people who write it 1997. All trademarks acknowledged except Spam. Hey, welcome to King's. It's OK really I suppose. **Twomey fans:** cartoon returns next issue when there's space

ListThings

What's on over the next fortnight

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

- **Freshers' Things**
KCSU Infodesk: in the bar, noon till 5pm
Matriculation in the Chapel: 9.30am till 11.30am
Matriculation photo: 12 noon.
Lunch
Tours of college: 2, 2.30, 3pm.
Welcoming Talk from the Senior Tutor and KCSU. 4pm in the Keynes Hall.
Tea and biscuits in the bar **4.30 till 6pm: (undergraduates)** meet your college parents, and chat with assorted second and third-years from your own subject.
(graduates) tea in the Grads' Common Room
Drinks with your Director of Studies: 6.45 till 7.30pm. (Grads – drinks in the Beves Room)
Matriculation Dinner: dining hall, 7.30pm.

- **C-Bar: Tacky Shite Nite**
First years: you know at home, when you go out and dance to really bad cheesy music? Well it's like that. 10pm in the legendary King's Cellar Bar...

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

- **Freshers' Things**
Grads: meet-up with "buddies" in GCR, 10.30am
Brunch in the dining hall, 10.30 till 1.30
KCSU Infodesk: in the bar, 11.30am till 4pm
12 noon till 3pm: Various KCSU tours of the College and the town centre.
2pm: Walk to Grantchester
Hostel meet-ups: 5pm. Market and Garden dwellers meet in their respective hostels; Keynes people in the Chetwynd Room.
Sung Evensong in chapel, 6pm. New students especially welcome.

KC Boat Club squash: Chetwynd Room, 8pm
Freshers' Week Film: tbc. Keynes Hall, 10pm, free.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

- **Freshers' Things**
Fire Safety Training: 10am (surnames A-K), 11am (L-Z), Keynes Hall. All first-years (inc grads) should attend.
Christian Union Lunch: Chetwynd Room, 12 noon till 2pm.
Women's Tea (surnames A-L): hosted by Melissa Lane, KC Women's Officer in Room G1, 4pm
Art Room (top of A Staircase): opening times from Infodesk
KCSU Pub crawl: meet in the bar, 8pm

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

- **Freshers' Things**
Chapel Tours: various times between 10 and 11.40am (by subject).
Library Introduction: Start times between 10.10am and 12 noon by subject.
Introduction to the Darkroom: see posters for details
Women's Tea (surnames M-Z): details as yesterday.
Getting Involved (KCSU and CUSU): 7.30pm, Chetwynd Room
- **CUSU Societies Fair**
All afternoon at Kelsey Kerridge sports hall
- **Meeting on FMC changes**
6pm, Chetwynd Room

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

- **King's Drama workshop**
Keynes Hall, 3 till 5pm
- **CUSU Societies Fair**
Kelsey Kerridge sports hall, 10am till 5pm
- **King's Societies Fair**
7.30pm, Chetwynd Room and Keynes Hall

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

- **Lectures begin**
Oh well, it was good while it lasted...
- **King's Films squash**
7pm, Chetwynd Room..

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

- **More lectures ...**
Horrible, isn't it?
- **Pub quiz**
9pm in the bar
- **C-Bar: Motive**
Techno in the Cellar

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

- **Cambridge Forum Squash**
Shameless abuse of power by King's Things editor? No, a valuable public service since King's members are forbidden by law to join the Union Society and need something better to do with their time. Chetwynd Room, 4 till 6pm
- **KCMS squash**
7.30 till 9pm, Chetwynd Room; free highest 'quality' wine and doughnuts. See feature in main section.
- **C-Bar: Warp**
Drum 'n' bass in the Cellar

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

- **Cambridge Forum Squash**
As yesterday. Chetwynd Room, 2 till 6pm
- **Women's party**
Subject to confirmation
- **C-Bar: Sunday Social**
Easy listening. A happening that has to be seen to be believed...

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

- **C-Bar: Hip-Hop**

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

- **C-Bar: Big Banana**
House