



## Social Committee Meeting – 06.12.2021

Attendance: EW (Social Chair), AW (President), KM (VP), HR (Music Officer), SU (Feast Manager), IM, RP, JC, SB, KH

Apologies: MA (Ents Officer), JF (Publicity Officer), HC, IF (Formals Manager)

Location: Conference Room

### Michaelmas Ball

EW: Big thank you to you all again and just well done! It was such a good night and everyone did a great job. Reminder to pay for your ticket if you haven't yet and then fill out a reclaim form for your discount

### Refreshers Week

EW: It is now time to start thinking about refreshers week. It normally runs Thursday to Monday first week back and usually we collaborate with outreach and welfare. The format of the last refreshers from what I got in handover was on thursday they did karaoke, friday they had a 90's silent disco, a pub quiz on saturday, sunday night was a cuth's live, and then monday was the big newcastl night out. I think we will do an outreach berties bingo and a welfare pub quiz, I thought we could do berties bingo before silent disco? It pretty much sorts itself and we just have to do small things but I want to discuss ideas and opinions. Currently the jobs list is KH and IM to liaise with JG for the welfare pub quiz, JC and RP liaise with CL and help with berties bingo, HR you are in charge of sorting out the silent disco music and liaising with TB, SB with IF and MA to sort out karaoke, then JF is to do the event graphics. The dates for this year are the 13th - 17th so this is to just start thinking now and do things over christmas. Any ideas, thoughts, opinions?

AW: I want a Cuth's live, it was proper successful

EW: Tell DS (Music Officer) to take control of that then

KM: Why are we collaborating with welfare for the pub quiz? I also think with bertie's bingo outreach have just ran one we would get better engagement by doing that ourselves and then just subtly saying like £1 of the ticket is going to outreach or something like that

HR: Even I can do a pub quiz

KH: It doesn't really do much for welfare either with any of the campaigns or anything

AW: I think we use the pub quiz entry and use that to make Digi cheaper

KM: I'm not sure about that, the overlap for who is going to what in refreshers is way smaller than freshers week because of limited capacity



EW: We can sort the ticketing out, let's get KH and IM organising a pub quiz with HR then. With karaoke I want to get the bar open a bit later than Oktoberfest as it was popular but got cut off too soon. We could also have some popcorn at the karaoke

SU: Will we have to get permission for late night karaoke?

AW: It was just chat from bar staff, there were no issues of noise at Oktoberfest

EW: I think it will be a good event considering the popularity in freshers week and oktoberfest, coordinate with TB for the set up and popcorn machine - please give him a decent amount of notice

AW: Pub quiz, where are we holding it?

EW: Dining hall or brooks - what do people think?

KH: I think people prefer coming to the bailey over brooks

AW: We have been forced into not using brooks this term which is not great from us having held nothing there. It is not shit and doesn't have to be shit just bar stewards not knowing how to use it and I would feel bad not using it

KH: If we had a good one in dining hall and it was a success then the brooks pub quizzes would become more popular

HR: If it's for all years then I think we can fill the dining hall

AW: Let's use the money to make it bang

JC: I have a milk frother you can use as a prize!

AW: Cuth's biggest pub quiz ever!!!

SB: I think there is a lot of overlap with the outreach events, I think it needs to be clear it is for refreshers

EW: We will start hyping it up early in the holidays

KH: Emphasis it is all years so second years won't be put off

AW: I am not sure about bingo and I am thinking could we get a discounted club night on the wednesday instead

SB: Something like a white tshirt party or a themed party here before hand would be popular

AW: I think if you are doing a freshers style event you want to do it on wednesday not thursday as wednesday is a big club night anyway

EW: We would need to think of themes

AW: I have a small concern about the bar on the first wednesday night of term so we might need to think of logistics - we could say cuths only but not ticketed. College won't go for a closed bar night, ticketed event for the first wednesday back



SU: We could do it on Friday not Wednesday potentially

AW: Maybe even do the Newcastle night on Wednesday and move the refreshers timetable Wednesday - Sunday? With the Newcastle night out we normally get two coaches to Newcastle which gives 150 capacity

EW: We have no way to subsidise the coaches and Newcastle event this year though so I am worried about how much tickets will have to be. They previously had quite a sizeable amount left from freshers week which they used to subsidise the Newcastle night but we have nothing left from freshers and coaches are more expensive this year

SB: I do think it will be popular though

EW: I just think people will pay a max of £8 and I don't know if that will cover everything

SU: Is there a pre event before?

AW: No, normally you go early, get dropped off at the train station, and you can go out to a bar in Newcastle before Digi

EW: People won't pay £15 though and that is what the cost was per person but they subsidised it down to £8 and one year even £3

AW: I will do coaches and try get those as cheap as possible

EW: Currently the schedule is looking like Wednesday club night in Durham, Thursday Cuth's live, Friday 90's silent disco, Saturday dining hall pub quiz, Sunday karaoke, Monday Newcastle night

## Feast

SU: The theme idea I have is 70s disco fever, don't have an exact name yet

AW: Disco inferno

SU: Can we have a themed drinks menu?

AW: Yes

EW: Definitely a drink or two

SU: Tables - are they just the dining hall tables and what is the table size?

EW: Table size is 6/8, they are just the dining hall rectangular table and we have people sat in the dining hall and the marquee we normally rent

SU: In my vision I see a lot of disco balls and I think there is a lot we can make that will look really good but I would like to buy a big disco ball - do we have production like Michaelmas ball?



AW: I think we are wanting to do it all ourselves with production and tech - we can get a tech team in from a different college to do all the tech work and our own equipment is really good so it works out a lot cheaper

SU: There are ways we can make things like a styrofoam ball and pinned with sequins. I want the walls covered with streamers, fringe, potentially a fairy light wall with records hanging stuff like that

KM: I think a mirror wall could be cool and would cover up the wall - you can get those like adhesive mirrors that also won't damage anything

SU: Decorations are quite simple to figure out. I basically want a lot of disco balls. I think balloons would look good if we had a cohesive colour scheme. Then with ents I think there are a lot of disco themed ideas - how feasible would roller skates be?

AW: We clear the dining hall and then have the stage for dining hall for music - it is not a no I think we could figure it out

EW: We can work it out when we figure out logistics with timings and the meal

SU: I want the silent disco and with smaller ents: at John's they had a really cool face painter which wasn't tacky and was popular. I would quite like a light up disco floor

KM: Can we get Feast to run as late as John's went?

AW: We can licence the bar to serve till 2am and keep it open till 2:30 but I think we can keep it open later selling non alcoholic drinks past two. We could run till 4 if college agree

SU: I think that would be ideal as then there is time to get a few ents through the night

EW: My big question is about the marquee, we have the option to get a larger marquee and that would increase ents and food capacity but severely limit us if we want any rides/outside ents or we can get a smaller marquee and so a big ents ride but that also reduces capacity. Thoughts?

KM: I think definitely a bigger marquee, feast is February 25th right so its outside, freezing cold and dark - no one is really crying out for an outside ride. I think it is a risk with the weather but a lot of people are going to want to come and I think we can really do something in the marquee with ents that will bring people in there and make that worth it

AW: If we were feeling frugal we could use the bar marquee for dinner?

EW: No ugly, I think a larger marquee works if we are all in agreement. There are only a few jobs, KH medical cover, JC security quotes, RP tell JG we want a welfare corner, HR start thinking about music - I want Kinky Jeff

SU: Ooo me too

KM: Yes

AW: No



HR: No big band will play

KM: Will you?

EW: Feast is on the 25th and it kicks off with a drinks reception in the bar, then dinner in the dining hall and marquee. Ents have their drinks reception in the bar and then we have rides, ents, food, music and finish with the silent disco. If everyone has a think about decoration ideas then we can come back in the new year and get started

SU: I will share my pinterest board. Can we publicise the date as there is another ball that day that I know is quite popular

EW: Once we have a strong theme and vision so that all the graphics are constant as I think that really helped carry through the theme for michaelmas

JC: What is usually outside for feast?

EW: We had candyfloss - was that outside though?

AW: Nothing outside because it is too cold

SU: How much do we have to do on the day?

EW: We have to do a lot of set up, then we need to clear the dining hall after dinner and setting up for the ents

HR: If we have a projector next term can we use that as some groovy animated thing on the wall

SU: Onto house 12 would be sick

AW: I know at Johns they do this thing where they have lights that light up the building and it looks cool, normally outside of Feast it is really dark so what if we lit up the back of house 12 and we could have coloured lighting up where the offices are? The other concept I had was getting the Cuth's letters on the roof

KM; I don't know if it will be seen on the roof with a big marquee and there is nothing to bring people outside

SU: Lastly I think a dance machine like an arcade sort of thing would really work