



The Jesus College Pancake Race

James Clackson, Fellow

P.G. Wodehouse fans will recall Gussie Fink-Nottle's wise words to the boys of the Market Snodsbury Grammar School:

'The race is not always to the swift'. This is especially true in the noble sport of pancake racing, where speed is nothing if not combined with a dexterous wrist and an ability to wear fancy dress.



The third annual pancake race took place in Chapel Court on 9th February. As in the previous two years, four teams took part, each consisting of six members, some of whom were clad in whatever fancy dress outfit they could lay their hands on (Father Christmas, Fu Manchu, Dean of Chapel...).

After the first two laps the staff team had opened out a lead over the undergraduates, closely followed by the graduates, with the Fellows in hot (well, warmish) pursuit. I heard a voice next to me at the finish say – 'The staff might win this – but the staff never win'. But the staff team did indeed win, crossing the line with a spectacular final toss.

The coveted golden saucepan was held aloft with pride and the wooden spoon has returned to its normal spot on the Fellows' noticeboard.



Yoga on Thursdays

The MCR would like to invite staff and Fellows to join them at their yoga classes. The next two sessions are at 7pm on March 3rd and March 10th in the Coleridge Room, then they will stop until the Easter term. Each class costs £3. To find out more visit <https://www.facebook.com/Jesus-Does-Yoga-1564546123761238/?fref=ts>

Close Up!

Natasha Brice, Development Officer

2015 was a record breaking year for fundraising at the College!

The College launched its West Court Campaign in April 2015, with an incredible £12.3 million raised so far.

We also ran our 16th Telephone Campaign in September. Our students have now raised £2.7 million from alumni over the phone – what an achievement! Last year's team raised £266,000 for the College, which will go towards student bursaries, teaching, West Court and access projects. The impact of these donations will be immediate; for example, a gift of £10 a month for a year enables a school class to take part in an outreach day at the College.

We are deeply thankful to the nearly 2,000 alumni, Fellows, staff and students who made a donation last year and we look forward to welcoming many of them to this year's Donors' Garden Party in June!



Save the date

Thu 17 Mar - J.S. Bach St John Passion, Chapel, 7.00pm

Thu 24 Mar - Term ends

Sat 27 Mar - Cancer Research UK Boat Race

Fri 25 -

Mon 28 Mar - Easter Holiday

Sun 10 Apr - Term begins

Wellness Week

Devin McLachlan, Assistant Chaplain

Perhaps you walked into chapel last week and saw Jesuans colouring in a 12-metre long scroll, or your colleagues went off to do yoga on a Friday afternoon? It was all part of Wellness Week – the Glastonbury of Welfare (albeit with slightly less mud and noise).

A creative counterpoint to the traditional fifth week Lent Term blues, Wellness Week offered over twenty different events for staff, students and Fellows to experience how we take care of our mental, physical, and spiritual welfare – from mindfulness meditation to bicycle maintenance. A very special thanks to Cheryl Few, Tori McKee, Jacky Poskitt and the MCR and JCSU, for their hard work in making Wellness Week possible.



Did you know..?

Rhona Watson, Librarian

This term the library was asked to consider starting a collection of audiobooks for students to use. We were happy to buy a starter collection, which are now available in the Light Reading Room on the small trolley.



We bought an eclectic collection of audiobooks to start with – crime, thrillers, romance, historical, classics, comedy, fantasy and so on, and we are waiting for recommendations on what to buy next. Why not recommend a genre, author or individual title that you would like to listen to? There is a sign-up sheet on the back of the door in the light reading room if you wish to remain anonymous.

Within two days of us putting out the first audiobooks several had been borrowed and we have now had a second spending spree and put out further titles for you. The audiobook collection was originally suggested by students, but if you are a member of staff with a long car journey to work, why not think about choosing something from our collection to listen to?

A day in the life

Nicola Mullany, editor of obituaries

What is a typical day for you?

Today I started by signing a decision I'd made for the Financial Ombudsman Service. Then I went to a board meeting at



the Information Commissioner's Office, where I'm a non-executive director. Travelling home I responded to a request for information from Radio 5 Live, who were doing a piece about parking on private land, as I chair a parking board. Finally I dealt with a query from a Jesuan's family about a notice in last year's report.

How would you explain your work to a stranger on a bus?

An ombudsman is a decision maker in an informal dispute process. A non-executive director is a director who isn't involved in the day-to-day running of an organisation but who acts as a critical friend.

Most people know what an editor does but they think editing obituaries must be depressing. It isn't. Jesuans are a fascinating bunch and many have had extraordinary lives which I get a glimpse at; it's a wonderful privilege.

What do you do in your spare time?

I house a large collection of lego and ensure its curators don't exist solely on chocolate. I also mentor people looking to make a significant career step.

