



The Salmon Youth Centre

John Baker, IT Department

I recently volunteered at the well-furnished Salmon Youth Centre in Bermondsey. It consists of a huge sports hall, classrooms, and accommodation where I stayed for the week.



Each morning saw the arrival of 75 energetic six to nine year olds who were organised into manageable teams by friendly youth leaders. With the assistance of a work experience girl I helped out where I could in sports, cooking, and a challenge to land an egg safely from a balcony. The most touching moment came when the children had to write a poem. One girl wrote about her late granddad, wishing him well and expressing love for her new family at the Salmon. I really wasn't expecting that.

The days quickly ramped down and in the evenings I was out on the Southbank, then back to my room where I was soothed to sleep by the rumble of trains heading out of London Bridge. The dramatic change of environment was really refreshing.

You can read the full blog here: <http://www.salmoncentre.co.uk/blog/volunteering-salmon-john-bakers-experience>.

Staff Forum update

Hugo Brown, Management Accountant

Following yet another successful annual staff trip, it was agreed to use SurveyMonkey to decide what will happen next year; the email will come out this term.

The Bursar asked the Staff Forum Representatives to thank their constituents for the contribution they have made to the fantastic performance shown in the Annual Accounts. These are currently being reviewed by the external auditors. Training programmes covering equality and diversity will be rolled out in November 2016, while PREVENT training for department heads will be rolled out in December 2016.

All staff are requested to join the Jesus College Staff Facebook group so that they can receive important information even if they don't have access to a computer whilst at work.

West Court update

**Zoe Stubbings,
Conference and Events Manager**

The conference team has hosted a number of successful open events in West Court, inviting Fellows, staff and external clients to view the new facilities.



Since opening in April, the café has provided a great environment for students, staff and guests to enjoy speciality coffees, homemade paninis, and delicious cakes.



The new Dining Room provided the perfect setting for a royal visit. The Earl of Wessex attended a lunch in his honour in May, allowing our chefs to showcase their culinary excellence. Several Fellows have also hosted events in the Dining Room over the summer months.

The pavilion, café and basement bar are due to be completed mid-October; we are looking forward to opening these new facilities to the College community.



Meet the Archivist

Hello! I'm Robert, the new Archivist. If I haven't seen you already, I'll no doubt meet you very soon.

Some of you may already know me from when I first worked at Jesus between 2012 and 2014, covering for the previous Archivist, Frances. For the last two and a bit years I've been the Archivist and Records Manager at Lincoln's Inn, one of the four Inns of Court.



I am originally from Dumfries and Galloway in South West Scotland, but have spent my entire career in England, firstly at the National Archives in Kew followed by my first stint in Cambridge where I worked, variously, in the Archives at the British Antarctic Survey, Selwyn, Clare, St. Edmund's, Jesus and Trinity Hall.

I am really enjoying being back at Jesus College, working alongside old colleagues whilst getting to know some new ones. I'm looking forward to showing you all just how fantastic the College Archives are.

Christmas boxes, hedgehogs and bras!

Nikki Williams, Development Officer

For the last few Christmases, members of the College community have donated packed Christmas shoeboxes to children around the world who might not receive anything else. The Development Office is again putting together some boxes and we are happy to be a collection point for anyone else who would like to donate one. Visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child for details of what you need to do, and drop your box off by Monday 14th November.



Although our office primarily fundraises for the College we also collect for other organisations in need. Throughout the year we collect old bras for the charity Smalls for All, sealed or unused toiletries for those hospitalised in an emergency or in need of pampering if they are in long-term at Addenbrooke's Hospital, and we have just started collecting cat and dog food for hedgehogs at Shepreth Wildlife Park. For further information on any of the above please contact Nikki on n.williams@jesus.cam.ac.uk.

A day in the life

Dr Claire Fenton-Glynn, Fellow



What is a typical day for you?

Sitting at my desk (or more likely, in a big comfy chair) reading books and articles, and studying cases. Not very glamorous, but I get to wake up every morning and decide "what do I want to think about today?"

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

I work in human rights, which is something that most people have very strong ideas about already – either good or bad. My work focuses on children, and how we can use human rights to protect them when they are being taken from one country to another. So when Madonna adopted a child from Malawi and took him back to the US, or when someone goes to India and hires a surrogate mother to give birth to a child, how do we make sure this is done ethically, and without exploitation of women and children.

What do you do in your spare time?

I love to cook, and am always trying new recipes (some more successfully than others!). At the weekends, I also watch a lot of sport – cricket, football, rugby, Australian Rules...anything and everything.



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