

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A report by Lily Topham

Healthy Living Week

This happened and was very good. Hopefully some of you would have either got involved in the sessions or saw the clubs on Upper Dalby Court or VegSoc in the Ante Room. Lots of clubs got involved and I was pleased at the amount of effort that they put in to it, as well as how enthusiastically they got involved. My thanks to Indoor Hockey, Floorball, Table Tennis, Fencing, Kung Fu, Outdoor, Mountaineering, Boat, Capoeira, Dance, Gaelic Football, Handball and VegSoc for all their efforts and for so wonderfully supporting the aims of HLW.

Attendance was much better than last year, due to better organisation, publicity and scheduling. However, sessions could have been better attended and there is definitely potential for this week to develop. I think that this will partly happen as the years go on and it becomes a more regular event. It would also be beneficial for better publicity next time – especially more students on the ground during the week handing out fliers and encouraging people to get involved.

New Clubs

I have been spending lots of time sorting out the large number of clubs that have been set up this term. Hopefully they should all be clued up now. The next NCC will have met just before this Council – the proposals are: Original Party, Northern, Pipes & Drums and Model.

Naughty Clubs

I seem to spend half my time dealing with clubs who have been misbehaving, but for the most part my communications and meetings with them have been very constructive.

Club Queries

As expected, I spend a lot of my time dealing with multitudinous queries which are as varied as ever. I have most queries regarding storage, the website, room bookings and membership.

Training

Christian, Phil Power and myself have been giving the final training sessions to try and scrape up the last people who previously missed training. By the time this Council comes round, that really should be the end of them for this year.

Meetings

I have been to many Sport Imperial meetings: Health & Safety in Sport, Boathouse Committee, Sports Partnership Board. I have also been trying to attend CSC/FU club meetings, though this has not always been completely successful due to them often clashing with each other!

ArtsImperial

The AEB Chair, Phil Power and myself met with Richard Dickens and Andrea Robyns to discuss ideas on how we can develop this into something which will be inclusive for all the 'arts' societies in the Union, and how we can develop it into something more defined and effective, especially in what it can provide for our arts societies. We are currently looking into how we can raise the profile of arts at Imperial through 'art roadshow' activities and publicity.

Whatson

This came out for the first time in the 7th Nov edition of Felix and general feedback is positive. We will be using a new and more spangly format this week.