

LGBTSoc Committee Meetings

Wednesday 2nd December

Present

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Liz Birch

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Discounts

Coven and Babylove

- Coven and Babylove almost certainly dropping discounts, due to a “pub to club” card as of 1st week of Hilary
- Cause for concern — it’s a membership draw and an incentive to go to drinks.
- Negotiating position: we bring a lot of business (they claim otherwise, especially since they don’t make money outside of term time.)
- Change the night of drinks/our club affiliation?
- Speak to Neil/Lulu from the pubs. Neil on our side provides us a good platform for negotiating.
- What about promoting the Coven? The Castle?
- **James Butler will try to speak to Neil on Friday**

Drinks

Location for Events

- Rectors Lodgings at Exeter for events. Can we book a large chunk together? It’s a decent size
- New Lecture Theatre/Old Dining Hall at St. Edmund Hall. (There’s “the Horrible room” which we won’t try to get)
- Try to book classier rooms for some of the events

LGBT Reps event

- 1st Week — Liaise with LGBT Reps to increase networking
- Can we finance a drinks event for them?

Constitution-y Business

Redrafting

- Dave will do this over the holiday

Senior Member

- Some tutors are scared of homophobia and are wary of having their name attached to the society.
- **Ian Archer — Keble History Fellow?**

Male Entz & Female Bisexuality Rep

- Re-open nominations and run votes at EGM

EGM

- We are constitutionally obliged to hold an AGM in Michaelmas term, which we failed to do. Instead, Dave would like to hold an extraordinary general meeting to fill the same role.
- Combine with Brunch?

Sponsorship & Publicity

Sponsorship

- Blanket send letters to the Stonewall gay employer's guide.
- Deloitte Sponsorship to do the term cards: it's just got to go through the motions
- People can sponsor drinks?
 - Don't want to be confronted with recruiting
- We can use alumni and get money.
 - Joint event with Cambridge?
 - Involve alumni more in arestandard events

Publicity

- Liaise more with the LGBT Reps
- GroupSpace accounts to avoid "wall of text e-mail"
- Term cards to include location of drinks

Term Cards

Events for Hilary Term

- **Society Dinner — Cassi Perry to maybe help?**
- **Ball-like event, but on a smaller scale. Music, canapés etc.**
 - Like Bright Young Things at the Grand Café
 - Grand Café is a bit small, have we considered "House"?
 - Freud's is a possibility, but it's *very* expensive. It obviously depends on Sponsorship.
 - Café Tarifa? To get a section
- When? Tuesday 3rd Week — After-party set-up.
 - Do we want it on a Tuesday? It could be alienating if we get a small space, BUT, it does mean we already have people on site.
- **Society Dinner — 6th/7th Week**
 - Exeter Hall?

- In the past, we've had subsidies from colleges to help with dinner prices, so we'd have to be careful on price.
- **Brunch**
 - Important event.
 - St John's is £50, Univ is free (but lacks the same atmosphere)
 - Wadham MCR (Old Holywell entrance) — Fairy Lights!! (Farewell coffee is there so we can judge it)
 - Hopefully 3 over the course of the term?
- **Speaker Events**
 - Queer Studies Circle
 - Gerry Johnson — English fellow at Exeter
 - Old Members event. Give money, attend, speak?
 - Approach Alan Bennett? Most of the History Faculty are (apparently) gay, so we can speak. Liaise with the fellows.
- **Joint Events**
 - Invite Cambridge here? — doubt it would work.
 - Work with Ian Randall.
- **Term-time events with Alumni.**
 - Look through archive boxes
- **Gin and Pizza**
 - One to be sponsored by Deloitte
 - Freshfields, in Trinity
- **Fundraising for THT**
 - Possible events
- **Oxford Pride Events**
 - Dave will sit on pride
- **Kate's Queer Tours**
 - Trip to Blenheim Palace?
- **Trans-themed Film Series**
 - Trans-themed films, open for all, followed by discussion.
- **Speaking to Magdalen Film Society with regards to running events**
- **Exhibition for Queer History Month**
 - Ashmolean
 - If not, Brewery Gate? Magdalen Auditorium?
- **St. Hilda's Queer Cabaret**
 - Can we advertise them more?
- **Combine our society with a ball in an actual college**
 - St. Hugh's? Teddy Hall?
- **Kate would like to run Butch and Femme speed dating**
 - To challenge the subcultures.
- **Gay Rowing Crew Date**
- **Do something with the history faculty**

LGBTSoc Library

Censorship of Library

- It's not our decision to decide what to censor and what not to censor.

- Complete library is going to get advertised on the website; Dave will compile a list of books/blurbs to send to Jake.

How to Advertise Books

- Bring books to drinks
 - Is that the best idea?

Any Other Business

Storage of Drinks

- Keep it in Princes Street house during the holidays, but during term time, find an alternative.
- Could we store it in a college

Attitudes to Trans Culture

- It's unacceptable to have people not realise that trans is part of the job
 - Beth will look in to running a Trans Workshop
 - Enforce it for committee

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Incentives for Membership

- Since we potentially are unable to hook up with membership discounts at the clubs, are there other ways to get people to buy.

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