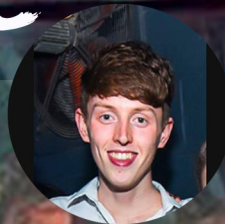


The Badger



(AUTUMN edition)

editor's note



WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE BADGER - THE AUTUMN EDITION. WE ARE NOW ALMOST HALWAY THROUGH THE TERM. LUMIERE IS COMING UP (THE BIGGEST LIGHTS FESTIVAL IN THE UK) - MAKE SURE YOU BOOK YOUR TICKETS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

IN THIS EDITION OF THE BADGER WE HAVE A GREAT RANGE OF ARTICLES, FROM LOUIS THEROUX TO 'COVER IT UP' - AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF WOMEN AT HALLOWEEN. IF YOU MISSED OUT ON CONTRIBUTING TO THE BADGER THIS TIME AROUND - DO NOT WORRY, THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO DO SO FOR OUR WINTER EDITION OF THE BADGER. WATCH OUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THAT!

I WILL INTRODUCE MY NEW JOURNOCOMM IN THE NEXT BADGER, ONCE WE HAVE ALL 7 MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR VOTING TO ADD 2 NEW MEMBERS TO MY COMMITTEE - LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY ON THE BADGER'S FACEBOOK AND THE WEEKLY WIPE SOON.

WE ENCOURAGE ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BADGER! WHY NOT TRY DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE WINTER EDITION?

AS TERM STARTS TO GET BUSIER AND DAYS START TO BECOME COLDER, LET ME REMIND YOU TO KEEP WELL AND KEEP WARM. WRAP UP, SLEEP AND EAT. LOTS OF LOVE XOXO

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The GREAT BRITISH Kick Off

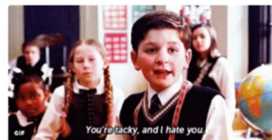
The initial outrage of the cancelled BBC Bake Off might have died down slightly, but I still feel a slight bitterness in the air. Nevertheless, Channel 4 has risen (no pun intended) to the occasion, picked up the Great British Bake Off mantle and has tried tirelessly to make it their own. And yet, no matter how hard Channel 4 tries, it will never manage to please the Great British public. And where do we Brits enjoy complaining? Twitter, of course! A platform where all of our hate can be neatly squeezed into 140 characters. 'Why are we angry?' I hear you cry! Well, come with me on a journey down outrage road....

'A Show like Bake Off can't survive without entertaining presenters, so it's only fair they keep Mel and Sue' we all thought. We were wrong. So. Very. Wrong. Channel 4 whipped the iconic duo away from us and replaced them with what can only be described as a bat and his vole friend. In fairness, as the series went on, the two did come into their own. But it was the first couple episodes that sparked rage into our trigger-happy fingers, since they lacked the familiarity of that one blazer often sported by our Sue :(



Sophie Turner
@Sophie_Turner
Me when Stacey announced she's making unicorn and emoji choux buns:

#GBBO



8:07 PM - 24 Oct 2017 from Egham, London
355 Retweets 1,332 Likes

Mitchell Dibble
@MitchDibble
Could forgive channel 4 for filling #GBBO with adverts, removing Mary, Mel and Sue even for 'baking a pizza' but Stacey is a roll to far.

8:09 PM - 24 Oct 2017

Channel 4 traded in the queen of cakes for a younger model, Prue. Prue isn't as friendly as Mary and is sometimes quite brutal with her doubts over flavour combinations. The worst of Prue has to be the disastrous tweet revealing this years' winner hours before airing. Tut tut Prue, Mary would never do that.-

The nation took a strong disliking to one particular contestant and, to be honest, I think it highlighted something quite unique about Britain: only we could be so united over the hatred of an individual, who bakes cakes on the telly...

The BBC produced gems like Val, who left us teary eyed with her speech about the love of baking, the gentle giant Selasi, and the most entertaining moment of British TV: freezer-gate.

Now, let's address the elephant in the Bake Off Tent... the lack of Mary Berry. Mary is the nation's Grandma. If you turned up to her house, out of the blue, you just know the biscuit tin would be stocked.

Scott Wiles
@Scott_Wiles
Mary Berry when she guessed Prue Leith's Twitter password right first time.
#GBBOFinal #GBBO



12:52 PM - 31 Oct 2017
95 Retweets 263 Likes

Simon Clarke
@simonclarke
Hardest decision in 8 years. Paul? How about the time you cut Liam down in cold blood last week? You monster. #GBBO



Josh
@JAL_bot
"for my illusion cake I'm actually going to make Paul Hollywood"
#GBBO

Finally, the nail in the coffin: Liam. Liam was the favourite to win: from his cheeky charm to his spectacular showstoppers, Liam had it all. Then, his and our dreams came crashing down as he was sent home before the final. The BBC would never have let that happen, just sayin'.



NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR MY PRESIDENT

Channel 4, you tried. I will always be a watcher, but just know I am holding the lack of Mary against you.
P.s. Paul Hollywood is a Snake **BY EMILY HARRISON**



ARTIST PLUG

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eating your way Through Harrogate

Harrogate, a quintessentially English town in North Yorkshire, is reminiscent, in some ways, of Bath, and is consistently voted the happiest place to live in Britain. Having sampled some of the town's culinary offerings, it is not difficult to see why. Only one and a half hours from Durham, trendy Harrogate is a natural contender for a day trip with pockets of beauty and an interesting history but if you only have 12 hours, make it your mission to try at least a couple of these restaurants.



Start the day as you mean to go on – with an excellent brunch and good vibes at Baltzersen's. You must be lying if, when the weather turns colder, you claim not to be at least a little jealous of the Scandinavian lifestyle and where better to find it than in North-East England... apparently. Somehow simultaneously effortlessly cool and very cosy, the café's Wi-Fi password "hygge in Harrogate" really sums up Balterzens's clean lines and earthy décor in a phrase – the perfect autumn hideout. With its food Yorkshire sourced but Scandinavian inspired, the brunch options are definitely unique and varied: from avocado toast with roasted tomatoes, shredded fennel, garlic aioli, lingonberry ketchup and gravlaks to traditional heart-shaped Swedish Fräsvåfflor waffles with salted caramel. Most importantly, everything was universally delicious and at a very student-friendly price.



Come afternoon, high tea is the way of life in Harrogate. Betty's, the flagship tea room of a true Yorkshire establishment, overlooks the now beautifully autumnal Montpellier Gardens and is pretty much exactly what it sounds like: a traditionally English tea room to fill an afternoon. It is worth it once you get inside. The food is simply delicious, the presentation faultless and The three-tiered stands, occupying most tables, and civilised atmosphere certainly add to the charming and overwhelming sense of stepping back in time. . Though, be prepared to wait, as the queue, reflective of its immense popularity, can wind around the corner and have you standing in the rain for up to an hour. However, it is undoubtedly the service impeccable. Best of all, however, is the very necessary trip to the Betty's Shop. Extremely vibrant with tins of loose-leaf tea and seasonally themed baked treats amongst other goodies, it's hard not to feel like you have walked into an autumn wonderland.



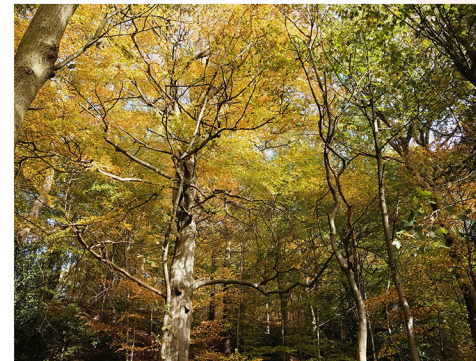
If you are not still stuffed to a point of immobility by dinnertime, the Orchid Restaurant, attached to the Studley Hotel, has to be your final stop. Unlike the first two destinations, this stylish and busy restaurant's atmosphere cannot boast transportation to another country or time period but is simply unbeatably good grub hiding in Harrogate. Its impressively long pan-Asian menu offers a comfortable level of spice and is one very effective way of warming the soul on a cold autumn's day.

Of course, this review is incomplete without the aptly-named posh gastro-pub Fat Badger but you always have to leave something for next time (and there will be a next time)!



by Saya Taneja

durham in autumn



a LOUIS THEROUX APPRECIATION PIECE

Along with David Attenborough, there is no doubt that Louis Theroux is a National Treasure. He should be protected at all costs! Get him some flu jabs, some body guards, protective clothing and injury proofed housing - the works. We simply cannot lose another gem this year.

Theroux has recently released a new series for the BBC called 'Dark States', a hard hitting 3 part documentary series tackling serious issues, including heroin addiction, prostitution and gun crime. Pretty heavy stuff.

However, Theroux never ceases to keep his cool even in the strangest of situations: he is a social chameleon. So, here is a collection of some of Louis' best versions of himself:

1. LOUIS THE STYLE ICON

When you think 'fashion', I'm sure there are a multitude of big names that come to your mind. However, I think we are all wrong and are overlooking the real style icon that is Monsieur Theroux.

Look at him in his snazzy hat! Alexander McQueen move out the way! Practical-dad chic is in and is a look that Louis serves every day.



2. LOUIS THE FREE SPIRIT

Not everyone would be comfortable stripping off in the middle of a swinger's pool party and literally plunging themselves into the deep end of pool where the hygiene standard is very questionable.

Louis on the other hand is perfectly fine...all in the name of research. The bravery is very admirable.



3. LOUIS THE ANIMAL LOVER

Superstitious? Not our Louis, look at him handling that little bad omen like a PRO. He clearly has a way with animals, a real life Doctor Doolittle some might say. He might have a few issues with dogs but who cares? Look at that face.



4. LOUIS THE RELATABLE (PART i)

In a way, we are all Louis in this picture. We've all been there, accidentally opening your snapchat front camera to find a Maris Piper staring back at you. Instead of shying away and accepting defeat by giving into inevitable eternal singledom due to your face resembling a roast dinner, be like Louis.

Louis is encouraging us all to embrace the potato and take that tuber pic.



5 LOUIS THE RELATABLE (PART ii)

Following from Part 1, even the most confident of national treasures have moments of weakness, maybe he realised his crush saw the Maris Piper pic and has suddenly become even more self-aware resulting in this:

'I'm a Weird looking guy' - I feel you mate.



6. LOUIS THE DREAMER

Louis represents pretty much every child who managed to seamlessly singalong to the 'Fresh Prince of Bel air' theme tune for the first time.

He has that glimmer of hope in his eyes, the innocence, the determination...will he succeed?

Look at that lamppost in the background. What does it all mean?



7. LOUIS THE ACHIEVER

Louis never lets anything get in his way, the world is his stage! All for our entertainment and education. He didn't stop at wondering whether he could be a rapper-he made it happen, and to be honest it's pure gold. Dream. Believe. Achieve.

You can find his seamless performance on YouTube...prepare to be blown away.

I hope this has convinced you to go back and re-watch everything Louis has ever filmed and try to spot more versions of Louis you can fall in love with.



(YOU AFTER READING THIS)



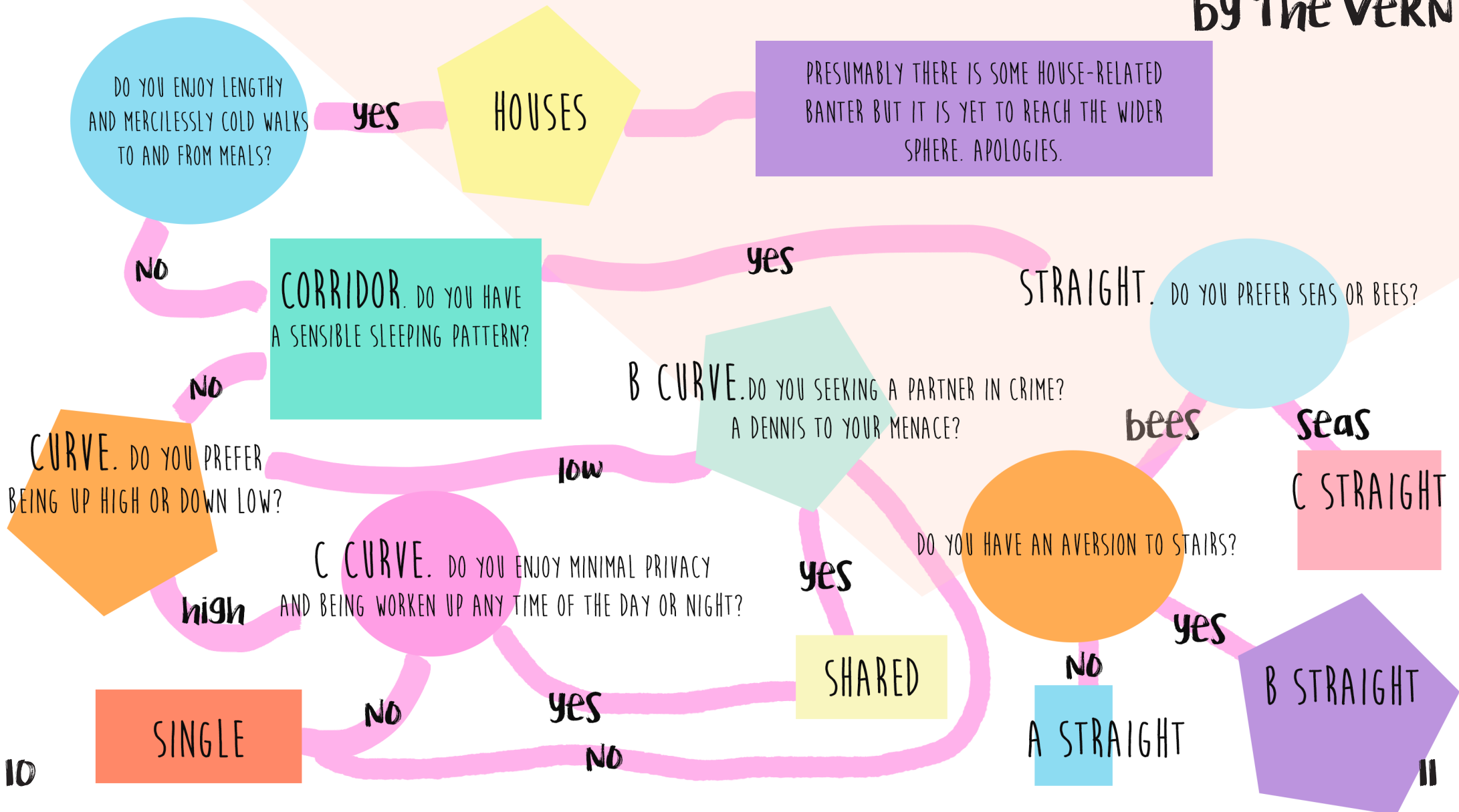
by EMILY HARRISON



how you LIVIN'?

find out where you really should be living.

by the VERN



TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH A CLAYPATH & UNIVERSITY MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

(PHONE RINGS)

DOCTOR: Hello, Claypath and University Medical Group, how can I help?

STUDENT: Erm, hello, I'm a think I'm ill.

DOCTOR: Any symptoms?

STUDENT: Er, coughing and a sore throat.

DOCTOR: Yeh, Freshers' flu.

STUDENT: I've struggled to get to sleep.

DOCTOR: Yep, still Freshers' flu.

STUDENT: And I'm struggling to keep my food down.

DOCTOR: Nope, nothing new.

STUDENT: Well, I've gone blind in one eye.

DOCTOR: Very common.

STUDENT: My eyebrows fall out every evening and grow back by the morning.

DOCTOR: Textbook flu.

STUDENT: When I went to the loo, a kidney fell out.

DOCTOR: Oh, well you're on the mend then.

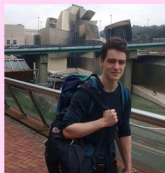
STUDENT: For goodness sake, I'm ill. Why won't you believe me?

DOCTOR: Well, you just don't sound very ill.

STUDENT: Well, you don't sound ugly, but I bet you are.

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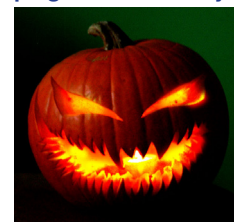
by CALUM MACLEAN



'COVER IT UP'

Halloween is a time for pumpkin spice lattes, infinitely Instagram-able leaves on the trees and fake blood that takes days to wash off and probably leaves you unnervingly itchy. Sadly, it's also one of the times of year in which slut shaming seems to reach its miserable peak. Many astute individuals harness the run up to the 31st of October to pre-emptively cast their insightful aspersions about the costumes the women of the world will choose to sport on All Hallows Eve. 'Halloween is just an excuse for sluts to slut lol!' is one such example of a discerning hot take from a Twitter user who I'll refrain from naming. Charming.

Statements like these are so deeply problematic and symptomatic of the inequality that still plagues our society. But an off hand remark is surely nothing to get upset about, right?

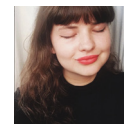


The thing is, the connotations of these statements are so symbolic. It's the implication that what women wear should be policed – that clothing and how much or little of it you choose to wear invites a value judgment about your character. This hearkens back to our most basic primary school mantra to 'never judge a book by its cover,' except this time we're adding into the mix the idea that women's bodies are inherently sexual, existing purely for visual consumption and objectification. At its most extreme, this is worryingly dehumanising. A woman's thoughts, feelings, actions and ideas are all automatically null and void because she has some cleavage visible...so she's a slut! While these ideas might at first seem to be an extrapolation, the evidence lies in the politicisation of women's bodies that remains inherent in our society today. Breastfeeding is still treated with unsettling degrees of intolerance in public places while Instagram is all too keen to remove any trace of #freeingthenipple from its users' accounts. Women's autonomy over their own bodies is questioned and threatened on a daily basis, teaching girls that they have to both dress and behave in a highly specific way in order to progress in the world. As the infinitely quotable Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie says in her TED talk 'We Should All Be Feminists', 'We teach girls shame. "Close your legs. Cover yourself." We make them feel as though being born female they're already guilty of something.'

In addition to this, there's the completely derogatory element to calling someone a slut, or a similar word that attaches negativity to supposed promiscuity. Again, there exists a Catch-22 situation that women must negotiate, balancing on the tightrope between being called 'frigid' or shamed for their sexual expression. We live in a country where, thankfully, women are not limited by law in how they choose to conduct themselves sexually. However, it's still essential that we unlearn the legacy of repressing the sexual freedom of women that clearly remains, at least in some sense, with the use of these pejorative terms.

The sense of stigma that is perpetuated by slut shaming is furthermore a dangerous phenomenon that propagates rape culture and the notion that someone could be "asking for it" because of the way they dress. This is a thoroughly disgusting concept, but one we need to confront head-on by addressing the problem even at its most seemingly trivial level. In order to make our world safer, fairer and better, we need to continue to fight for the rights of all women globally, in whatever context we can. And for this Halloween, that starts with slut-shaming.

by ISABEL WATKINS



WINTER ball 2017

AS YOU ALL KNOW SOCIAL COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING THE BIGGEST BALLS AT AIDAN'S COLLEGE AND THE REST OF THESE, WINTER BALL IS QUICKLY APPROACHING.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 24TH NOVEMBER AND GET SET TO ENTER A WONDERFUL AND MAGICAL WINTER BALL UNLIKE ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SEEN AT AIDAN'S BEFORE.

THE NIGHT WILL BEGIN AT 6 AND RUN WITH A LATE LICENSE. A FORMAL MEAL WILL HAPPEN AS NORMAL AND THEN BE PREPARED TO BE WONDERED WITH ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT! THE EVENT IS BLACK TIE, WHICH IS A BOW TIE/FORMAL DRESS!

BUT HERE IS THE THING YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WONDERING- WHAT IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S BALL?

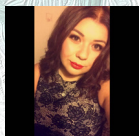
LAST YEAR WE WERE WELCOMED TO A 'ONCE UPON A TIME' BALL FULL OF MAGIC. THIS YEAR, GET READY TO BE TRANSPORTED TO A LAND OF OUR CHILDHOOD...

ST AIDAN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE WILL PROUDLY WELCOME YOU TO **THE WORLD OF NARNIA**! THINK SNOW, THINK LIONS, THINK WITCHES AND WARDROBES AND EXPECT TO SEE AIDAN'S COLLEGE LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

I AM SO EXCITED FOR YOU TO ALL ATTEND AND EXPERIENCE THIS NARNIAN WONDERLAND!

TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEK- CHECK FACEBOOK AND YOUR EMAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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HOUSING: DOS AND DONT'S



Just as we thought we were settling into life at Durham, University life throws another challenge our way: finding a house. From double beds to en-suites, we all have different expectations of the ideal bungalow. Unfortunately, signing a house isn't as easy as in Monopoly or The Sims. To quote The Rolling Stones, "you can't always get what you want." Negativity aside, there are many lovely houses and flats in Durham available for students, and many locations to choose from. If you prioritise practicality and sleeping in, maybe the area around the Science Site is for you. If you prefer being surrounded by a big group of friends, perhaps the Viaduct? Or if you just want to get that Lloyds free entry, Claypath is the place to be.

Signing a house is a stressful time for everyone, especially in first year. So here are some tips to help you out:

1. Take a deep breath. Make sure you're feeling relaxed and positive before you start.

2. Think about who you want to live with. Ultimately, Durham is a walking city, so you'll never be too far away from anything. It's so much more important to feel happy with your housemates than your location! (P.S. you can always take the X12 or buy a second-hand bicycle.)

3. Go online! Look out for websites that clearly indicate features of each house, such as bed size, what kind of electronics are provided, and whether bills are included. Photos can be helpful, but sometimes misleading, which leads me to my next point...

4. Book house viewings. Make sure as many people from your group see the house as possible, and take your own photos while you're there. Ask the current occupants about their experience if you can.

5. Remember to breathe! After all, university is all about learning. Signing a house is a different experience for everyone, but we all gain valuable life XP from it.

6. Feeling stuck or frustrated? Try to avoid arguments by making positive suggestions or compromises. It's okay to have high standards, but also try to have an open mind! As a house, you're all in this together.

by
ERIN BARRETT



I've tried to gather some general points, but like I said each person's experience is different. If you're feeling nervous or worried, ask second and third years for tips! Although some might say your house is a big part of your university experience, remember that there are many, different, and exciting events happening across Durham! You'll start to look forward to being back in college for some of them.

Thank you FREP TEAM 2017

FROM AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS TO FUN FILLED GROUP CONVERSATIONS AND "CHUM YOURSELF",
FROM JUST 85 STEPS TO COLOURFUL AND MEANINGFUL CHALKED STEPS TO AIDAN'S,
FROM PAINTS AND PAPER TO BEAUTIFUL BROADWAY THEMED BANNERS AROUND COLLEGE,
FROM 2013 REFRESHERS SHIRTS TO RED FREP TOPS AND GREEN JUMPERS,
FROM INTERNATIONAL FRESHERS WEEK TO FRESHERS WEEK 2017,
FROM CHILL NIGHTS WATCHING MOVIES TO SLEEP DEPRIVED NIGHTS OUT,
FROM STRANGERS/ACQUAINTANCES TO FRIENDS AND EVEN CLOSE FRIENDS.

ALL THESE HAPPENED IN JUST TWO WEEKS BUT THESE MEMORIES WILL LAST A LIFETIME :')

by LIK QI LIM THANK YOU FREP TEAM 2017



Aidan's SPORT ROUND UP



We many only be a few weeks into term, but sports fixtures are well underway and many of our Aidan's teams have been enjoying great success.

The men's badminton team had a strong season last year, finishing third in Division 1 with seven wins out of nine and this year they are looking to go one better and gain promotion to the top flight. They got off to the perfect start, easing past St. John's B 9-0 at Freeman's Quay. Having gained promotion to the Premiership last year, the women's team will be looking to step up to the plate and be competitive at a higher level. The fixture list could have been kinder to them though, as they faced off against last year's undefeated Premiership champions St. Cuthbert's in their season opener and were duly beaten 9-0. One consolation is that, in theory, the fixtures should be a little easier from now on and they will be looking to pick up a first victory of the season very soon.

After dropping out of the Premiership last year, the men's basketball team have made an excellent start in their quest to bounce back at the first time of asking. Akeem Hart's team have maintained an undefeated record by virtue of comprehensive victories over Ustinov A and Van Mildert A. Their female counterparts on the other hand are yet to pick up their first win of the season, following narrow defeats to University A and Trevelyan A.



Football is without a doubt one of the most popular sports at Aidan's, with a total of seven teams competing at various levels this season. On the men's side the A team started their league campaign with a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Trevelyan A, while the C team have enjoyed a strong start with three wins out of three, including a thrilling 4-3 triumph over Ustinov B, and the E team have recorded back-to-back clean streaks for the first outing of the season. first time in 20 years to sit joint-top of Division 6. Our women's team have only managed to get one point on the table in their opening three league fixtures, but they will be confident of cup success against lower division St. Cuthbert's A on the 12th November. Meanwhile in futsal our men's team thrashed St. John's A 10-5 in their opening fixture, but just came up short against a strong Collingwood A side.

Hockey was one of our strongest sports last year, with both our men's and women's teams securing top-2 Premiership finishes. With this in mind, perhaps it is a little surprising that both teams suffered 2-0 losses in their opening fixtures against Grey A and Collingwood A, respectively. The two squads will be keen to get back to winning ways as soon as possible.



Last year our mixed lacrosse team struggled to compete in Division 1, finishing the season without a single win, but so far they have fared significantly better in Division 2, comfortably seeing off Hatfield B 6-0 in their first outing of the season.

This year our netball A team are aiming to build on last season's mid-table Premiership finish and they have made a decent start, thrashing University B 25-12 before narrowly losing out to a strong St. Hild and St. Bede

A side. Meanwhile the B and C teams both have 100% records in Division 2 and Division 4, respectively.

Our men's rugby union A team couldn't have asked for a better performance to kick off the season, as they ran out 63-5 winners against Collingwood B in round one of the Floodlit Cup. Their first league match of the season was always going to be a challenge, since opponents Collingwood A had won the Premiership at a canter the previous season, conceding a mere 23 points in the process. Considering the magnitude of this test, to end up pushing Collingwood so close and losing by a single point (12-13) is testament to the quality of our squad, and although the players will be disappointed to come away without the win they can be confident of producing a strong campaign. Meanwhile, the B team are currently sitting in the middle of Division 1, having only lost one match.

In squash, our men's A team edged past Trevelyan A 3-2 in an exciting contest, before collapsing to a 5-0 defeat at the hands of St. Cuthbert's C. Our women's team are incredibly unfortunate not to have secured a first victory of the season, having slipped to three consecutive 3-2 defeats.

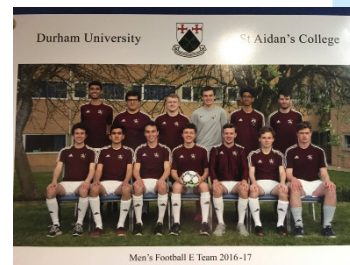
Our A team made an excellent start to their table tennis Premiership season, courtesy of a 9-0 routing of St. Mary's B, while the C team just lost out to St. Cuthbert's B (4-5).

Our Ultimate Frisbee A team qualified for this year's Premiership after finishing second in Division 1 last season, but they struggled in their opening game of the season, losing 12-7 against St. John's A. There was nothing to split the two teams when the B team met St. Chad's B, a 7-7 draw ensuring the spoils were shared.



SPOTLIGHT ON MENS' E FOOTBALL TEAM

While the E team's witty and entertaining match reports (as seen on the SACAFC Facebook page) have gained them plaudits off the field, traditionally results on the pitch have left a lot to be desired. A meagre three victories in their last three campaigns have seen them drop to the depths of Division 6 and last season they even held the unwelcome distinction of being Durham's "worst team". But, having hit rock bottom, it seems the only way is up.



The opening fixture of the season saw them take on Trevelyan D, dubbed a "hexagonal oddity" by captain Sim Kumar. The accuracy of this description soon became apparent, as Fraser Flegg cut in from the left before delivering a delightful curling shot into the far corner of the net. Just minutes later Flegg added his, and Aidan's, second, skilfully nodding Liam Thorpe's sublime cross past the helpless Trevelyan keeper to make the score 2-0. At this point it was clear that the unthinkable was on the cards and, lo and behold, Aidan's held on for a memorable victory, with new recruit Calum Maclean earning the man of the match award for his strong defensive display.

The following week confidence was high, with a second consecutive victory a distinct possibility against the newly formed Josephine Butler Fs. As was the case the previous week it was Aidan's who opened the scoring, Theo Crouch taking inspiration from his namesake Peter to leap highest from a corner and head Kumar's delivery home. Maclean was again instrumental for his new team and he topped off a fantastic first half performance with a beautiful whipped cross which Kieran Price tapped in at the back post after a scramble in the box. Aidan's were well and truly in the ascendancy, but a combination of the Jo Bo keeper and Aidan's profligacy in front of goal prevented the team from securing a more emphatic victory. Nevertheless, the defence remained resolute and the referee blew for full time, marking an historic moment, as Aidan's briefly climbed to the top of the table. Arguably more impressive though was the fact that this was the first time the Es had kept clean sheets in consecutive games since 1998, before some of the current players were even born.

Captain Kumar is understandably delighted with his team's start to the season and is hopeful of matching the achievements of the "famed mid-table finish of 2012." While the secret behind the Es' improbable transformation evades him, the player-manager admits "the fact every E team member has given up drinking and smoking might be a contributing factor." While he believes that his players' "mercurial talents have all hit their marks this year" he is not resting on his laurels and is adamant that "we're just gonna carry on and focus on our football." He also points to good team morale, saying "we're all a group of solid lads who love football" and suggests this is why they're "cruising through Division 6."

- THE ES ARE IN CUP ACTION ON SUNDAY 12TH OF NOVEMBER, WHEN THEY TAKE ON HATFIELD C AT MAIDEN CASTLE (KICK OFF 12.45). THEY ALSO TAKE ON AIDAN'S FS IN WHAT IS SET TO BE A THRILLING ALL-COLLEGE AFFAIR ON 26TH NOVEMBER.

- THANKS TO SIM KUMAR FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THIS ARTICLE.

- IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR AIDAN'S SPORT TEAM INTERVIEWED IN A FUTURE EDITION OF THE BADGER SEND A SHORT EMAIL EXPLAINING WHY YOU DESERVE TO BE INTERVIEWED TO [SPORTS-JOURNALIST@ST-AIDANS.COM](mailto:sports-journalist@st-aidans.com)

by ARCHIE HODGSON



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