



billy bulletin:

issue one

editorial

'sometimes ideas, like men, jump up and say hello.'

- Log Lady, twin peaks

hello and welcome to the new look billy bulletin, a publication which dares to dance with oblivion; a solitary cry into the abyss. here at the bulletin we acknowledge that everything is in flux, each mortal life naught but the flare of a match straining against the winds of time.

in the struggle against insignificance, we can but embrace the many opportunities available to cambridge undergraduates this week, including a paid psychology study and multiple summer job opportunities.

a view from the 'bridge

Big Cambridge Survey 2015

The Big Cambridge Survey 2015 is now open, and last year's report is online: <http://bit.ly/BigCambridgeSurvey>

The point of the Big Cambridge Survey is to give students a chance to feedback on a variety of areas of student life, and give CUSU and campaign groups including CRs data with which to conduct campaigns more effectively. So far we've been able to provide data from the survey to help with several college rent negotiations, and campaigns to provide better welfare in colleges. The survey allows us to provide college specific data, and compare colleges on issues so you can demonstrate how your college fares against others in the university. We've also been taking data to the first ever University-wide working group on work-related stress, where it has helped us give a real picture of welfare issues in the University.

The survey has been tweaked this year to resolve some of the issues regarding its accessibility and to better respond to graduate as well as undergraduate life. For now it would be great if you could do the following, so we can carry on providing this data next year!

1. Promote this survey link in your college bulletin and your facebook pages so we can get as many responses as possible this year - the Common Room with the highest level of response in proportion to college population will win £100, and all participants will also be entered into a £100 prize draw!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5B8TD9>

2. Take a look at last year's report, pass it around your committee and let us know what you think!

<http://bit.ly/BigCambridgeSurvey>

3. Take the survey! It takes about 15 minutes to complete.

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Apply to be on the TEDxCambridgeUniversity 2016 Committee <http://is.gd/wm4okY>

After the amazing success of our 2015 Conference, TEDxCambridgeUniversity is looking for an energetic, diverse, and driven team of committee members to help us plan and organise our next conference, which will take place in Lent Term 2016. Although tough, organising a conference is an immensely valuable and rewarding experience. Absolutely no experience is necessary, we encourage anyone who is a fan of TED to apply! For more information about which roles we are looking for please visit our website @ tedxcambridgeuniversity.org or like us on [facebook.com/TEDxCambridgeUni](https://www.facebook.com/TEDxCambridgeUni).

Contact ls628@cam.ac.uk or sab218@cam.ac.uk for any questions.

Food Futures in the World Seminar Series



Cambridge University Strategic
Initiative in Global Food Security

All seminars are at 1.00pm in the Biffen Lecture Theatre,
Department of Genetics, Downing Site

Wednesday 22 April 2015

Dr Shailaja Fennell

University Lecturer in Development Studies, Department of Land
Economy, University of Cambridge

**Smallholder agriculture and food
security: examining the routes for
diversifying and sustaining rural
livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa**

Wednesday 6 May 2015

Professor Sir Brian Heap

Research Associate, Centre for Development Studies, University of
Cambridge, former Master of St. Edmund's College, and
Project Leader, Biosciences for Farming in Africa

Can GM crops help to feed the world?

Recruiting now: The Times University Manager 2015-2016

Duration: Sept. 2015 - March 2016

Salary: £10 per hour

Time Commitment: 3 - 10 hours per week (For the larger tasks you may be required to work a few additional hours per week)

Skills Developed: Project management (including time and people management), developing professional relationships, communicating with peers and university staff, adhering to deadlines and hitting targets

Careers: This form of employment has transferable skills that can be used for any future career. The role will be hugely beneficial for graduate applications and interviews as it will provide examples of working autonomously, leading and managing a large team of peers and using initiative to complete tasks and hit targets.

The Times University Manager role is an opportunity to stand out from the crowd in the graduate job market. You will part of a team of 30 - one manager from each of the top 30 universities in the UK - each of whom is responsible for conducting and completing vital research tasks at their individual universities.

The chosen University Managers will be invited to our London offices in September for a full training day to demonstrate how each task will be conducted. The training day will have all expenses paid, including a private 3-course lunch and evening welcome drinks.

Following the training session the University Managers will be supported, led and remotely managed by the Student Research Manager who will keep in regular contact to ensure the University Managers have all the resources necessary to tackle the tasks set.

The tasks can be completed around the student's own personal schedule of lectures, extracurricular activities and social engagements. Additionally, all tasks will be completed between **September 2015** and **March 2015**, which means final year exams will not be impeded upon.

The main tasks conducted throughout the year include:

- Orchestrating a series of paid research groups with final year students to review graduate recruitment materials;
- Promoting and managing signups to our generously paid online surveys;
- Recruiting a team of 14 - 45 students to work as interviewers for The Times Final Year Student Survey (team size depends on the size of your university);
- Organising and leading a training session;
- Managing the Times Final Year Student Survey on campus to ensure the team reaches the target, delivering the representative sample we need;
- Producing a handover report for next years University Managers.

To find full details of the role, and to apply, please visit the following link: http://www.finalyearstudentsurvey.co.uk/current_vacancies.php

Applications entail submitting a CV and answering three, short questions. All applications are taken on a first-come first-served basis and recruitment will close once a suitable candidate has been found.

Any questions relating to the role can be directed to applications@highfliers.co.uk.

Recruiting now: Project Manager for The First Year Student Survey

Duration: May 2015 (total of approximately 10 hours work)

Salary: £200 total - £15-20 per hour

Time Commitment: 10 hours total

Skills Developed: Project management (including time and people management), developing professional relationships, communicating with peers and university staff, adhering to deadlines and hitting targets

Careers: This form of employment has transferable skills that can be used for any future career. The role will be hugely beneficial for graduate applications and interviews as it will provide examples of working autonomously, leading and managing a large team of peers and using initiative to complete tasks and hit targets.

Role: The Project Manager for The First Year Student Survey is an opportunity to stand out from the crowd in the graduate job market. You will part of a team of 15 - one Project Manager from 15 top universities in the UK - each of whom is responsible for conducting and completing a vital research task at their individual university.

The chosen University Managers will be invited to our London office at the end of April for a half days training to demonstrate how the task will be conducted. The training day will have be all expenses paid, including lunch and welcome drinks.

Following the training session the Project Manager will be supported, led and remotely managed by the Student Promotions Manager who will keep in regular contact to ensure the Project Manager has all resources necessary to tackle the task set.

The task can be completed around the student's own personal schedule of lectures, extracurricular activities and social engagements. Additionally, all tasks will be completed by the end of the summer term, meaning the summer break will be left completely free.

The tasks conducted throughout the short period include:

- Attending a half days training session at the end of April
- Conduct 25 short, one-to-one, face-to-face electronic questionnaires with first year peers before the end of the summer term
- Complete a short handover report

To find full details of the role, and to apply, please visit the following link:

http://www.firstyearstudentsurvey.co.uk/current_vacancies.php

Applications entail submitting a CV and answering three simple, short questions. All applications are taken on a first-come first-served basis and recruitment will close once a suitable candidate has been found.

Any questions relating to the role can be directed to applications@highfliers.co.uk.

Reach Cambridge—Summer Job Opportunities

Supervisor - 3 weeks in July and/or 2 or 3 weeks in August

We welcome applications from everyone but are particularly looking for male candidates.

The Job: Supervisor of international students aged 14–18.

The Dates: 28th June – 18th July and/or 25th July – 15th August and/or 2nd August - 15th August.

NB: *There will be 1 or 2 days prior to the course start dates dedicated to staff training*

The Pay: £250 per week

The Free Stuff: Free accommodation in a Cambridge college; free breakfast & dinner.

The Perks: Weekend excursions across the UK including places such as London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Brighton and Oxford plus more, cinema and theatre trips, access to sports facilities and equipment.

The ideal applicant would have experience of working with teenagers, a good knowledge of Cambridge city, and would be outgoing, hard-working and reliable. Supervisory staff are also expected to have the skills necessary to organise fun, inclusive and educational activities on campus and around Cambridge.

More information about the summer school programmes can be found at www.reachcambridge.com

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should download an application form from <http://www.reachcambridge.com/supervisor-recruitment-2015> and send a completed copy, along with a CV, to Flossie Waite at flossie@reachcambridge.com by **30th April**. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications ASAP as interview spaces are limited. Successful candidates will then be contacted for interview; interviews will take place the week beginning **4th May**.

Job offers will be dependent on a reference and you will also be required to undergo a DBS check.

Free Science and Society Evening

EMBL-EBI are pleased to invite you to 'Pandemic! The global threat of deadly diseases' – an evening of talks and discussion about the worldwide spread of infectious diseases. The current Ebola crisis has brought the risk of a global pandemic to the forefront of people's minds, following in the footsteps of other recent epidemics such as bird flu. Yet do we, in Britain, genuinely need to be concerned that these outbreaks taking place in other parts of the world might reach our shores? What can scientific research do to help us in the fight against infectious diseases?

Join three experts working in pathogen evolution, genetics and immunology who will give their perspectives on the threat of pandemics, followed by a lively debate.

The event takes place at the Cambridge Union on Wednesday 3 June and is free and open to all. For more information and to sign up for an email reminder, please see: <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/about/events/science-and-society-2015>

COGGLES One Hour Humorous Play

COGGLES - The Cambridge Old Graduates and Graduands Light Entertainment Society is putting on a humorous 1 hour play which we take to old people's homes. We are taking theatre to those who do not normally get a chance to see it, and we have even written the play as well.

Beowulf: Everything's Gonna Be alright - It even has a dragon in it!

Audition times - Saturday 25th April 1:30pm-3:30pm - Christ's College Music Room Sunday 26th April 1-3pm - ADC Theatre Dressing Room 2

If you cannot make these times, email Dan at [dc586 \(at cam.ac.uk\)](mailto:dc586@cam.ac.uk)

How it works? This is a show designed for GRADUATES, PhD STUDENTS, and anyone else (including some undergrads as well!) in Cambridge who are not doing exams in the last week of May and first week of June. All rehearsals and shows will be either in the evening, or at weekends, and there will be an easy, chilled-out rehearsal schedule (with hopefully plenty of pub-meets after them as well!). Anyone is welcome to audition, and we will try and take as many people as possible (as we have written the show, we can always add in more parts)

Where do we perform? We perform at old people homes, particularly in those where they would struggle to get to a theatre to see a show. They really do enjoy it - last year we went to Fulbourn Hospital, Epworth Court, PHAB and Ditton Court. All these shows will again be at work-friendly times of evenings and weekends. We also then in May Week (on the last Saturday) put on a student show, where all our friends and families come and see it.

We would love you to join us, and no experience is needed. If you have any questions or cannot make the auditions, don't hesitate to email Dan at [dc586 \(at cam.ac.uk\)](mailto:dc586@cam.ac.uk) (or Miffy at rwm41). Thank you

Directions to audition rooms. Christ's College Music Room - go through college to the Yusuf Hamied Centre (go to far right hand corner of first court, keeping left in second court, and down the right hand edge of first court leaning right), and then down the stairs and straight forward into the music practice room.

ADC Theatre Dressing Room 2 - Go to main theatre entrance, and don't go through it. Instead go to the right, into the yard, following the chalk signs. When you reach the outer door, try opening it, but if you cannot get in, ring doorbell and someone will let you in.

EY Actuarial Insights Evening 27th April

If you come from a Maths, Science, Engineering or Economics background and would like to find out about careers in actuarial work, you might be interested in this EY evening event in Cambridge. Here are the details:

EY are hosting an Actuarial Insights Evening on 27th April at 6pm in Cambridge.

The purpose of this event is to provide an overview of the work performed by actuaries and the actuarial profession.

The event will involve:

- Introduction into the actuarial profession
- Profiles of members of the EY actuarial department
- Some examples of the types of work actuaries do
- Food and drinks.

Please email Rob Smith (rsmith31@uk.ey.com) and Ben Grainger (bgrainger@uk.ey.com) to book a place. There are only 25 places available and they will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Paid Psychology Study on Downing Site: £8 - £12 for one hour

I am a PhD student in the Department of Psychiatry, recruiting participants for a study investigating how personality differences in the general population may be associated with different learning styles. I have slots available in April and May.

If you would like to take part, you will be invited to come to the BCNI on Downing Site (in the centre of town – see map <https://map.cam.ac.uk/Downing+Site#52.202092,0.122472,17>) for a single visit lasting approximately one hour. During the visit, you will fill out some questionnaires on your experiences and behaviour, and play a computerised learning task.

You will be reimbursed £8 for your time, and in addition to this you will have the opportunity to also win some extra money on the task (up to a maximum of £4).

If you are interested in participating, or if you would like to know more information, please contact myself, Juliet Griffin, at jdg48@cam.ac.uk

CHaOS Summer Roadshow

Hello!

Hope everyone had a great Easter vacation - if you're ready for some healthy procrastination and want to start planning your summer then look no further, as CHaOS Summer Roadshow sign up is now open! <http://www.chaossience.org.uk/tour-signup-2015>.

Our Summer Roadshow (affectionately also called Summer Tour) takes place from the first week of July and will run for 5 weeks, with an extra week mid-August. We pack up our hands-on science experiments along with camping equipment and volunteers in a few vehicles and tour around schools, public events and Scout jamborees across the UK (exact locations can be found on the sign-up form). Food (including lots of BBQs!), accommodation during tour and travel expenses to join tour are all covered by CHaOS. More details on tour can be found at http://www.chaossience.org.uk/demonstrator/roadshow_overview.

Tour is a lot of fun and a great way to spend a week or so in the summer (we don't expect anyone to do all 6 weeks! Anything from a weekend to a couple of weeks is usual). We hope to see you there!

** Sign-up is now open at: <http://www.chaossience.org.uk/tour-signup-2015>

** Please indicate all dates you are available for - flexibility is greatly appreciated! In addition, if you are 21+/23+ with a full, clean license and happy to drive an MPV/van respectively then please indicate that on the sign-up too. If you're not sure about driving a larger vehicle, then this year we are hoping to have a couple of driving practice sessions with the van and MPV after exams this year, which you can sign up for on the form as well.

We are aiming to email out your tour allocation dates in week 2/3 of Easter term. If you have any more questions feel free to email us at contact@chaossience.org.uk :)

Cheers,

Jess & Sarah

CHaOS Co-Presidents 2014-5

St Edmund's May Ball Employment

Employment for 2015 St Edmund's May Ball is now open. Come and work for us, you will participate in the creation of the extraordinary May Ball night and at the same time, you can take away some valuable work experience! We are looking to recruit enthusiastic, hard-working and responsible people to join our team. Want a ticket but is put off by the price? Why not work the first half and get a discounted ticket for the second half? Or instead, you can work for the second half and get a FREE ticket to the first half!

Do not hesitate and Apply now at <http://mayball.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/site/pages/global/workers.php>