

...love is in the air, everywhere
I look around...

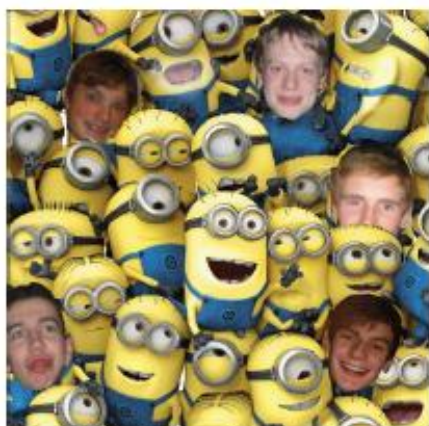
Brick

Contains 80%
of your RDA of
clay

That thing in your pigeon hole that makes you smile...



*When you absolutely positively have to get
somewhere as fast as is mythologically possible*



Despicable Robinson: A-lexicon of diversity

Don't worry, be happy, after all there's lots to be proud of out there in the wide world of Grange Road inspired wonderment:

From airports offering Robinson style flight packages to cartoons clearly inspired by the yellow and blue of Sir David even to Pegasusonian crime fighting partnerships. So why not get comfortable in your favourite college and have a relaxing read.

The Brick is mostly made up, so get down off your high horse and take it lightly, you might even like it.



*Making the ancient world a
safer place was a task of her-
culean proportions*

Inside this week:

- Robinson Roundup
- Plod of the Plodge
- Billy the Brick
- And ~~much~~ some more

Warning:
Paper Cuts operate in this area



Horoscopes - Cause sometimes reason and logic get boring

After his unexpected success last term, Psychic Simon is back again to open the door to the cosmic unknown.



Aries – A new opportunity will present itself to get out of your cramped room and out into (you guessed it) the fresh air. Go for it with reckless abandon.

Taurus – Young man, there's no need to feel down; there's no way the shadows can prove those allegations.

Gemini – Just keep telling yourself they're laughing with you.

Cancer – Unlike last term you feel like your having more of an impact and aren't so easily forgotten, pity it's for all the wrong reasons.

Leo – Your RAG Blind date will be bitterly disappointing. But don't worry, you were just doing it for a laugh, right?

Virgo – Beware a man in a leather jacket who shouts surprise.

Library – A book filled refuge during the exam term.

Scorpio – A new chapter in your journey may be unveiled to you, but beware the sting in the tail.

Sagittarius - Daunting though it may seem, you will feel pulled to go to lectures this term.

Capricorn – Your RAG blind date will be much better than expected.

Aquarius – Happy birthday, send your parents a thanks and well done text.

Pisces - You'll be sick early on Wednesday but recover in time for next Tuesday.

Save the trees you say? Ok, we've made the Brick 33 (and a third) % smaller. Take that climate change!



Robinson Roundup

News you can use while you snooze

The lesser-spotted Bop

A worrying sight for some has been the underwhelming attendance at Bops this term. After speaking to the brains behind the Ent's Team I can report Martyn had this to say, "We can't be certain but we're pretty sure we know why numbers have been down. It's probably due to the MCR spreading rumours about the party room being built on an ancient Indian burial ground, rumours with absolutely no foundation. (It was a modern Indian burial ground.) Anyway don't fear, we have a few things up our sleeves still including a free drinks night, but keep that quiet for now..."

Garden restaurant profit margins being eaten into

Unfortunately another thing that's taken a turn for the worse this term are the takings down below in the garden restaurant. This might be a sign that even with the flaming death trap kitchens college give us they can't assume they'll be able to have it's cake and eat it too.

Curious happenings afoot, or theft?!

A furious Michael McLeod has let it be known that some LGBT black tie dinner posters have gone missing from his pigeon hole. "They can't have just walked away!" He claimed. So either someone's doing some hasty redecorating with formal posters or there's truth to the old saying of, "Get your stuff out of the pigeon holes or it'll walk away itself."

Is the room ballot corrupt...?

No!

Quit RCSA-ing about

An introduction to the makers and shakers of collegiate policy in less than the time it takes to set off a fire alarm, beginning at the top and working down.

President – Favourite Leader or Head of State:	William Wallace, he put the English in their place
Vice President – You have to put a body part in a vice, what is it:	Elbow Skin
Chair person – Favourite sitting activity:	That question is unconstitutional
Welfare Officer – Welfare or funfair:	Well I do like the big dipper
Men's Officer – Is there anything else we can call you:	The Blender, cause if you get close I'll turn you into a pas
Women's Officer – Favourite heroine:	Esmeralda, she was determined and her goat wasn't half b
Catering and Amenities Officer – Favourite Chef:	Delia Smith, nice pans
Academic Affairs Officer – Any cademic advice:	Eat a banana everyday
Ethnic Minorities Officer – Favourite Mancunian minority:	The educated
Overseas Officer – Favourite country:	The Philippines, home of 28 branches of Robinsons Mall
LGBT – Is it true LGBT stands for liars get burnt trousers:	Well they do say liar, liar, pants on fire
Treasurer – Indiana Jones or Lara Croft:	It's gotta be Indiana, what he can do with that whip....
Ents – Favourite Band:	Elastic
Green – All this global warming's really a myth isn't it:	Well, of the record, yeah. But it gets me a job.
Computer– If you were a computer which would you be:	Babbage's Analytical Engine, you can crank my handle a day...
Access – So...emm... hows things in the world of access:	Well I'm thinking of diverting the access fund to the Jacu Common Room fund.
Secretary – You can't spell secretary without secret, so tell us one:	I don't like jelly... I love it!



Groovy Look-a-likes

Fudge kitchen review:
Generally gluten free

In fact this week you even get two sets for your optical pleasure. Two're always better than one- think weetabix, shoes, and Wayne's World One and Two.



Ginger, glasses wearing sci-fi fan



Overly confident, man of mystery



Clumsy, quiet slap stick genius



A world renowned tv/film/cartoon/book/theatrical character



Quote of the week:

"You going to clean up my balls now?"
- First Year Natsci (probably an Alex)



How to make friends (*WARNING: May alienate people*)



-Megan 'Fast becoming a regular contributor' Kennedy

New term- new start. Many of you will have walked back up the red brick path with this mantra on the mind. It's perfectly normal to return with an improved work ethic. A complete wardrobe and music overhaul is pretty standard, too (fingers crossed- I can't wait to give people the lowdown on my new love for underground dubstep acts like The Magnetic Men! In my jeggings!).

These adjustments are all well and good but could prove to be futile, because the thing is, it's probably not you that needs to change. Look around you next time you sit in the canteen- look at the dead eyes that attempt to return your gaze. Your 'friends' aren't looking quite so fresh and interesting this time around, are they? You might initially feel bad, but it's in your best interests to stand up, put away your tray (helps out the cleaners) and never look back. Get a takeaway container if you haven't yet finished your meal. Or, if this seems a tad extreme, follow the advice below on how best to subtly integrate with a small selection of Robinson's finest.

Geography: Money can't buy you friends. Shiny things, however, can buy you a geographer's trust.

Law: Litter your discourse with law-based jargon such as 'all drinks will be fined!' or 'I propose that we look down on all other subjects!' or 'Adin, that's illegal in 49 American states! Stop it! Stop it now!'

NatSci: Call yourself Alex. You'll soon enough feel the gravitational pull of their vortex of nonentity.

Medicine: Your body is a temple; a temple that medics wish to feverishly locate the arteries of. Prostituting the occasional limb will give them company and you an insight into how the body works. Drugs as well if you're lucky.

Veterinary Medicine: See 'Medicine'. Probably of less use to them but they might appreciate the sentiment. And give you drugs.

MML: Based on the one I've seen, French films are stylish but boring. Therefore sitting in the cafe studying a telephone directory with disguised torment will reel in the language students. A beret might speed up the process.

PPS: In the spirit of Robinson's famed apathy, whenever talk turns to politics shrug nonchalantly and say non-committal phrases like 'Thatcher's Britain', 'damn Commies' or '... and this is why I vote-BNP-UKIP'.

Want to make your society, club, event, or personal proclamation known to literally tens of students but don't want to clog up their inboxes, then why not announce it here on the proverbial mountain top that is The Brick page 5.

For example:



Jelly Society – the Valentines e Vent

Come along to the Jelly Common Room on at 7.00pm Saturday 12th February for some topically themed supercalorific fun with the fruity benefit of at least (part of) one of your five a day.

Enjoy last year? Want to see a film of it?

Well believe it or not most films start off life as books so why not get involved with the (presumably 3rd year) **Year Book**. Your year group will be as grateful as they were when they got rescued out of the pool all those years ago by some heroic/foolish/possibly suspect admissions officers.



Green Week

It's approaching faster than a partially biodegradable plastic bag caught in the wind. Apparently there's going to be films, garden tours, sunshine, and a charity boxing match between hard hitting environmental heavyweights 'Two Jags' Prescott and Jeremy Clarkson. (There might also be some free, ethically sourced food on the go.)

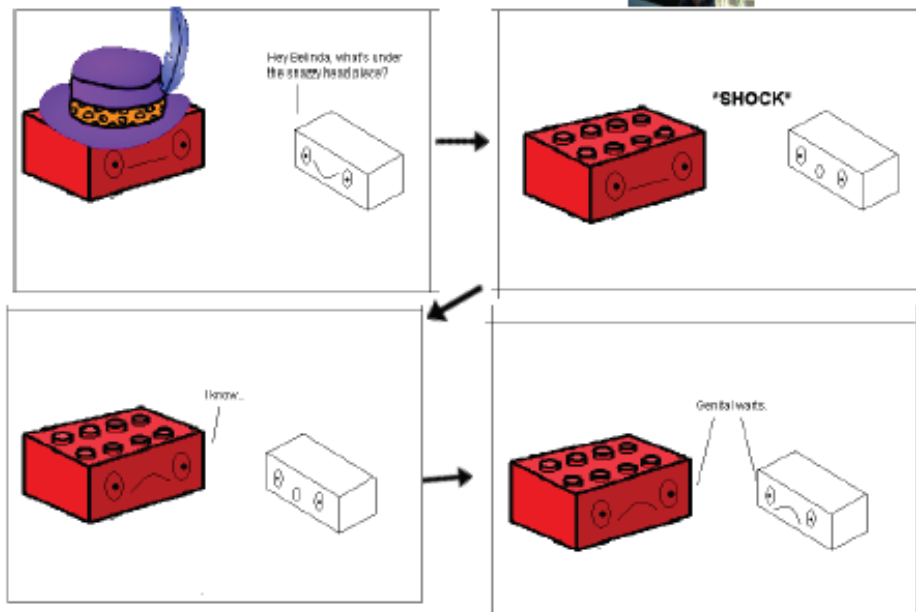
You can't keep him down, it's the ever-present Robbie the Brick in



Robbie the Brick and the Welfare Issue

- Bryn 'Based on true events' Pickering

(Arrows added following confusion over last issue)



So Cambridge terms are pretty hectic, so hectic maybe you've forgotten all of last year. Well then you are in luck because right here we have the *imaginatively* aptly named

Look back on 2010, the year that was:

- We had that massive eruption in Iceland which kind of messed up everything, except Kerry Katona's endorsement deal.
- Not to be out done BP soon found themselves spewing too. Precious black gold covered the Gulf of Mexico, and somehow Barack ended up getting blamed – those rednecks never change.
- In happier news there was the first international vuvuzela world championship in South Africa which they managed to coordinate with the football.
- And let's not forget the other big sporting event of the year – The Winter Olympics, home of ice dancing, where grown men can watch teenagers in leotards and get away with it.

Following positive feedback it's the return of the picture-o-meter for those too busy to read or too lazy to try.



The perfect brick-fast read to start your day in a positive way



Kitchen Watch
Week 3 -

Don't worry they're still here

Some say more happened in 2010, others say this article has already been milked for all it's worth, either way let's finish with a question. What was your best moment of 2010? Email answers to fpfl2@cam.ac.uk.

Short story of the week:

Spotted a guy bravely sporting some white shorts the other day in town, maybe this'll signal an upturn in the winter weather.

Presidential Diary – Brought to you by Quikquid.com



Got the presidential pyjamas of Duncan at the handover formal, they're surprisingly smug though they do have a faint aroma of cinnamon and horseradish.



Wicked Leaks

Plod of the Plodge - The Diaries



Extracts exclusively serialised in your favourite college 'news' letter

APR 1 Request for issue of tasers to porters turned down by Dinance Committee due to cost. Bugger!!

May 30 Briefing meeting on kettling strategies on campus, all in agreement and contingency plans to be put in place. - couldnt get agreement on use of riot shields, wimps!!

OCT 4 Still waiting to hear back from NC on coalition proposals on control orders - htink we can introduce limited access to facebook, hostelryes, Rev and Life during quiet period and any time I fancy a bit of peace.

DEC 8 Requested additional surveillance of Formal Hall, Bops and toilets by Chapel - bloody medium term budget!!

NOV 5 Suggestion to Security Committee that individuals who frequently attend illegal staircase parties are tagged to reduce illicit gatherings. - might be getting somewhere just bloody cost again!

JAN 15 Proposed 23.00 curfew for students to reduce inconvenience to resident fellows - seemed to go down well! - forgot about the library silly bugger!

FEB 2 Watched ashes to ashes again charge up the quatro !!

It's February, that means it's Six Nations time, but instead of that let's have a look at what's been happening closer to Grange Road (arts students may look away now):

Piracy on a very un-cam river

Saturday's Newnham shortcourse races were memorable for two main reasons; the 'exciting' river conditions - akin to the climax of The Perfect Storm, - and the treacherous actions of 'Binsonite Steve Fuller'. Seemingly oblivious to the waves his actions would create he took to the river in what is rumoured to have been a Catz boat. Decked out in Robinson stash he was quick to point out that he was still loyal to the blue and yellow, "These claims of



treachery and betrayal won't hold any water." However, it remains to be seen whether he will be able to regain the trust that can only form between men who wear lycra together.