

## Churchill Life 2010-11: JCR President's Column

Churchill has evolved since opening in 1959 - the Junior Common Room is no longer filled with armchairs and newspapers but is now replaced by a table tennis table and a projector. Blocks M-R, dubbed the 'New Blocks', were added in the '80s, along with the Hexagon, a room of the aforementioned shape, that now houses a Queen Anne snooker table. In the summer holidays of 2011, the Holmes – the building in which the D-Day landings were planned – was completely refurbished, turning it in to the most glamorous and spacious student accommodation around.



Churchill houses around 360 undergraduate residents and boasts the largest quad, Junior Common Room (JCR) and dining room, the quietest and leafiest location, and a famously friendly reputation. This Churchill spirit is evident and can be seen all around the Hall from our lively and newly revamped bar, to the noble efforts of our enthusiastic sports teams, entered annually into the Bristol intramural sports leagues.



Aside from sports, the JCR Committee put together a great number of events over the past year: with everything from hypnotist shows to Scottish dancing, formal dinners, club nights, pub quizzes, a flute recital, and of course the end-of-exams garden party. But the highlight of every year is the extravagant annual ball. We decided upon a Valentine's masquerade ball this time around. After a good few months of planning the ground floor of Churchill's main building was finally transformed into a unrecognizable space. It was an enormous success and just one of the many events that pulls Churchill together to make it the welcoming place to live today, as it always has been.

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