

## Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Society

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### ASNC Committee 2015-2016



Amrit Sidhu-Brar

**Yule Play Officer**

Greetings, all! I am one half of your Yule-Play-producing pair with Eleanor (above/below depending on who Carlos has decided is more important...), which means that we produce/organise/edit/direct/write/generally fret about the annual ASNC-themed Christmas play, a very silly exercise in extremely niche mediaeval humour, usually composed of various hopefully-comedic sketches, ASNaCularly altered songs, and wonderfully awful puns. (I believe some previous offerings are available to watch somewhere on this website.) Do contact us to involve yourself the next one in any way possible – contributions anywhere along the spectrum from "I once made this awful joke we could base a sketch on" to "Here's my full arrangement of my Symphony to Old Irish Toilet Paper for double orchestra, organ and electric triangle" are very much desired, as are your acting skills (lack thereof also entirely welcome).



Basha Wells-Dion

**Chronicler**

Hello everyone! My name is Basha, and I'm a third year at Catz, with an inexplicable interest in dead languages and a soft spot for derpy Irish saints. As secretary of the ASNC society, my job is to document the ramblings of the ASNC committee along with suitable memes. Ask me to demonstrate my squirrel noise, you will not be disappointed.



**Ben Allport**

**Ben Allport Memorial  
Officer for Graduate  
Liasons**

Góðan Daginn, félagar minna! I am Ben Allport, your humble graduate representative! An aged veteran of ASNaC, this is my fifth year in the department, and my, what a ride it's been. It's my job to convey the graduates' needs and desires to the committee, and conversely to convey the needs and desires of the committee to the grads. You got something you need grads for, come to me! I'll make them an offer they can't refuse (beer). On top of my many responsibilities it is also my job to tell undergrads what it was like back in the good ol' days; you think you got it tough? I remember back in my day we used to translate the whole of Beowulf every day before we even had breakfast, and the only materials we took into exams was our axes and our wædbræc (grass undies). Etc. I also draw dragons on the whiteboard on demand, for special occasions, or whenever I'm bored. My interests include Norway, Norwegian and talking about Norway. Do not ask me whether the sagas are an accurate historical source if you have anything to get to in the next 17 hours. If this happens, just shout 'Harald Fairhair united Norway' and I will go away and weep somewhere.



**Carlos Austin-Gonzalez**

**Net gremlin**

Sources claim that Carlos is the child of a Visigothic family hailing from the kingdom of Gallaecia in North-West Hispania, who were called over to the soggy and grey provinces of Britannia to prosylectise to the people the holy secrets of computer programming. He now spends his time trying to learn languages for little other reason than he likes grammar and wishing he could write historical fiction about the Picts instead of writing real analytical essays. Also prone to be excited by any historical culture which produced law-codes, the longer the better.



**Christina Wallace**

**President**

Hwæt's up! Christina is one of the two fierce warriors who make up the ASNaC presidential dream team for this year. She has a lot of responsibilities on her shoulders, but doesn't let this get her down as she comes up with plots for ASNaC hijinks with her co-president, Liam. Christina can often be found reading Icelandic sagas or getting excited about grammar, but when not doing so she makes the most of her free time by hosting a radio show about her favourite films and showcasing their soundtracks. Hailing from the bitter north, one might think Christina would grow used to the strange ways of the south but she takes delight in correcting the way people say 'grass', and as the only Medwardian in her year, she also likes to think that all the walking is preparing her for the great battle at Ragnarq̄c.



Ellie McDonald

**Yule Play Officer**

Hi I'm Ellie and I'm at Peterhouse. I get excited by bagpipes, Russian Vikings and cheese. This year I'm one half of your Yule Play Officer duo (with Amrit). The Yule Play being an annual jumble of sketches and songs performed to the bemusement of innocent Englings and passers-by who hear strange sounds coming from the studio... Let us know if you want to take part!



Eve McCormick

**Gesta Editor**

Hello! I am Eve, first year Corpuscle, actual hobbit and editor of Gesta Asnorum, the bi-annual ASNC magazine! It is there that you will find all manner of amusements harvested from your fellow ASNCs, from Æsir Twitter conversations to Magnus Barelegs on a wrecking ball, and basically my position means I get to read them all first. I am also obliged to warn you: anything you say which becomes hilarious when deprived of its context can, and will, be immortalised as an infamous Gesta quote. I did not choose the helmet.



Hannah Fitzgerald

**Social Secretary**

Hi I'm Hannah and I'm a second year ASNAC at Selwyn. As this year's social sec I'm responsible for organising events and entertainment for throughout the year. Along with our traditional weekly ASNAC pub trips, this year we're hoping to put on a range of get-togethers and socials, ranging from formals to movie nights, picnics to punting. Hope to see you all there!



Julia Hopkin

**Vice President**

A medievalist hailing from the quiet cloisters of Exeter Cathedral (but enticed out by the possibility of Vikings), Julia takes up half of the Vice Presidency, which consists mainly of choosing an evening in Lent Term and feeding as many ASNCs as possible as much food and alcohol as possible with maximum classiness. Her partner in crime is the ever wonderful Claudia and together they will dominate the earth by making lots of lists and tag-teaming phone calls. When not officially studying ASNC, Julia has developed habits of reenacting, getting overexcited about historical jewellery, writing about herself in the 3rd person, and making Viking socks.



Teddie Ferry-Swainson

**Keeper of Coin**

hail and greetings and all that gubbins. the name's teddie, the game's money, and i have nothing else to say that rhymes so let's move on. i'm a second year at queens' and i study exclusively languages, though that doesn't necessarily mean i know anything about them. rad and fabulous: two adjectives everything should aspire to be =]



Liam Waters

**President**

Hailing from the American Midwest, Liam likes to think of himself as one of the Vikings Leifur Eiríksson accidentally left behind. Strangely literate for a raiding ASNaC, Liam endeavors to lead the Committee Alþing along with his comrade in arms, Christina. When not defending his striking accent from the would-be ravishing of his English compatriots, Liam spends his time empathizing with the All-Father's pursuit of ancient wisdom and lamenting the Ashburnham House fire of 1731



Tonicha Upham

**Access Officer**

Hailing from the darkest depths of the Viking-infested North, Tonicha cast aside the comforts of Yorkshire in search of the kind of learning which has not been seen in the North since the Vikings raided Lindisfarne. To that end, she raids journeys round Cambridge in all manner of hat, lest a freak weather incident should render the climes of this city as inhospitable as her hometown, and also to prove to the world that it is possible to look good whilst conquering the South of England. When not raiding the libraries of Cambridge for that wisdom lost to her northern kinsmen in ages past, she keeps an Access-related bee in her bonnet, ponders the meanings of various bits of Old English verse, and thinks fondly of the good old days up North.