

# **SRCF AGM Lent 2015**

## **Chair's Report**

### **Easter 2014**

The Garden Party, held in Wychfield Gardens, Trinity Hall, enjoyed a combination of good weather and plenty of pizza (Perfect Pizza were once again negotiable on price). Attendance was a little lower than hoped, possibly due to the late announcement due to trouble finding a venue, but a good time those was had by those who were there.

We thank OpenMarket for their generous sponsorship and attendance of the Garden Party.

We also received generous donations of hard disks from Ian Abel and Retrosnub (via Malcolm Scott).

### **Michaelmas 2014**

Our stall at the Societies Fair was focussed on recruiting new sysadmin and committee talent, rather than users or societies.

The new location in a marquee on Parker's Piece allows us a bit more space than previous years and caused no problems.

We opted to stick with pen and paper for signups, and distributed small A5 leaflets advertising the welcome social.

The welcome social, in the Tower Room, Selwyn College, was advertised as a chance to meet the sysadmin team and express interest in helping out the SRCF. It was very well attended and many new faces approached us interested in volunteering. These people have been invited to our subsequent hack days through the year, and made sysadmins when deemed appropriate.

### **Lent 2015**

The AGM is the only significant event planned for this term.

### **Membership**

The current membership stands at 2910 users, 8292 members, and 1012 society accounts (1771 including orphaned).

This represents a significant increase of ~400 users and ~100 active societies on last year.

Clearly the SRCF is still an important part of the University of Cambridge student experience.

However, we note these numbers are slightly inflated due to our still-in-progress changes in our user purge policy.

### **Future**

After discussions with our Senior Treasurer (and UIS senior staff member) the executive have decided that our new user policy will now be that user accounts are cancelled only when uncontactable by email. This means that if users update their email addresses they may retain SRCF access even when graduated. We are still working on the necessary Terms of Service update and changes to sysadmin workflow, but this represents an interesting change to the SRCF's services.

Later this year the CUSU offices are moving out of the New Museums site. This will affect our servers in the CUSU machine room; and the executive will keep an eye on the situation. It is also worth noting that our racks are currently completely full.

We have not had a UIS Machine Room Tour due to the move to the new West Cambridge datacentre but now that the move is almost done, should be looking to organise one.

Despite many discussions, this year's committee failed to order any SRCF-branded stash; something to be picked up by next year's committee perhaps. There was also some talk of revamping our branding but no significant progress has been made.

There were no controversial policy violations or similar which the committee had to make a decision on.

Overall, I am quite happy with the health of the SRCF, though as always more volunteers – especially people standing for committee positions today – will help us achieve even more next year.

Finally I'd like to thank our committee, our sysadmins, and all our active members for all their work for the SRCF, and hope that we have benefited you as well.