

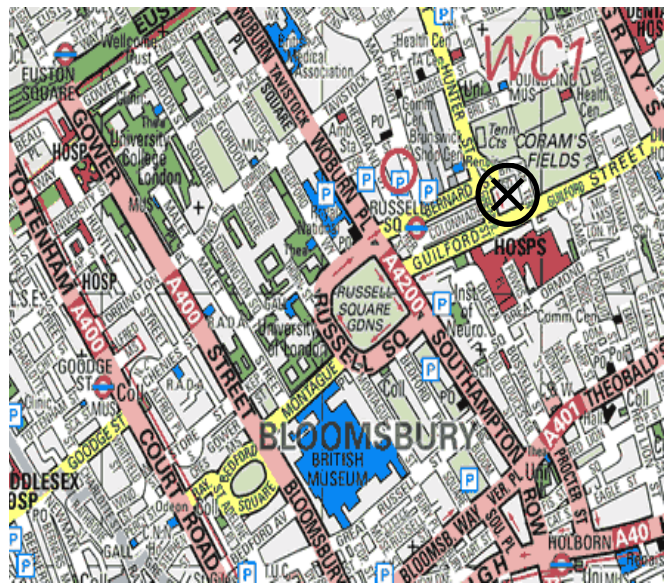
Dr Chong's guide to life in and around IH

'If you're bored of London, you're bored of life' said Dr Johnson 200 years ago! Things have since got bigger and even better. You're now the living at the heart of one of the world's greatest cities - and this is probably your only chance to ever live in such a location, a single flat in this area costing at least £300,000. Your local area, Bloomsbury, is one of London's richest lies the the huge and stunning British Museum. It's a mere 5 minutes walk from IH - but you'll need several hours to explore it. Remember that entry is free, as it is to most major museums and galleries in the UK.

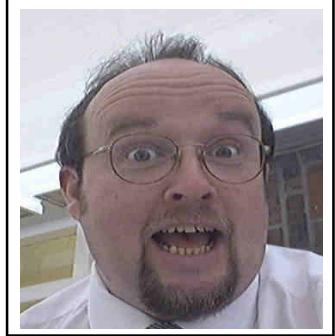
You should take a stroll along Lamb's Conduit St (home to the famous Lamb Pub), or Brewer St in the West End. The Lamb and Flag in Covent Garden is another hidden gem. Time Out, available at reception, is your best guide to what's on. Out weekly. Remember there's so much more beyond London. Try and find time to visit such places as Windsor, Bath, Oxford, Cambridge, Stratford, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Chester, Crewe... The list is endless. Your local supermarket is Safeway in the Brunswick Centre (the huge concrete defecation opposite IH). It's ok, but not exceptional. There's a new Tesco Express nearby.

Try and avoid cutting through the Brunswick Centre after 10pm. In the late evening it attracts disaffected teenagers from local council estates, the homeless, ruffians and other assorted riffraff. On a serious note, please be streetwise, behave, and if you do need help then please don't hesitate to speak to one of the warden's team, one of whom will always be on duty - just ask for them at reception.

Also call reception on ext. 4500 if you have any queries or if there's an emergency. Moving to a strange new place, full of strange new people (and we have some strange people here) is never easy and we all feel lost at some point. Alternatively more than 800 support groups and charities can be accessed by visiting www.ukselfhelp.info



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Who is this man? What has he done with your money?



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WELCOME

A warm welcome to International Hall, your home for the next year.

While you're settling in, unpacking, meeting new people and realising you've forgotten stuff, take a moment to read through the IHTimes and familiarise yourself with what an excellent choice you've made in opting for IH.

And congratulations on getting in. Whether you convinced the Warden with your list of 'interests and hobbies', or through an offer of money, sexual favours and alcohol, or perhaps some threat of blackmail, you have succeeded where many have not.

It's only been a year since IH reopened following a major refurbishment.

Indeed, you've missed out on all the fun!

IH was officially reopened by HRH the Princess Royal in January 2004. She was a little early as building work didn't finish until around July.

But a great deal of work has gone into finishing the hall and you'll find it a great place.

IHTimes is the newspaper of IH, written by residents, and published at least every month (or when we can be bothered to spend all night making stuff up)

Our next editorial meeting is on 10 October in 2N27. We're looking for mischievous, gossip loving comic geniuses...

Always first with the news, or equally happy resorting to cheap jokes, the IH Times brings you the best IH can offer (see past issues on the IH website or by the lifts in the LG).

Notoriously once described as a mere tabloid, we consider ourselves a nail in the head of the IH establishment.

So if you've a problem, have run into trouble, or even if you're happy with IH and want to shout about it, drop us a line at -

ihtimes@internationalhall.com

Welcome aboard Year of 2004-05

TODAY

- Who's Who?
- Cherry Hooker
- The Student Club
- History of IH
- Dr Chong's London Guide
- Start of Year IH Merchandise

List of things to do in your first week at IH

- Go to the IH bar
- Find your College
- Go to your College bar
- Go to ULU's bars
- Meet Dr. Chong
- Email gossip to the IHTimes
- Decide if you like the Brunswick Centre
- Eat at the Bloomsbury Restaurant
- Spend all your money
- Collect your Hall Bill

FIRST IHTIMES EDITORIAL MEETING 04-05

SUNDAY
10 OCTOBER
3PM, 2N27

ALL WELCOME.
PLEASE, WE NEED
NEW STAFF

Don't forget to check out the IH website
www.internationalhall.com

WHO'S WHO?

This week we take a look at the Warden's team.

Warden: Dr Chris Christodoulou. Lecturer in Computer Science at Birkbeck. The boss.



Looks like a cross of Chris De Burgh and Dudley Moore. His PhD thesis was about 'The Temporal Noisy-Leaky Integrator Artificial Neuron Model and its Applications'. Must be very, very clever.

Vice Warden: Dr Derrick Chong. Senior Lecturer in Management at Royal Holloway. Easily spotted in his red trousers and pink tie, our Canadian VW is legendary for his stand up comedy. Loved by all.



Vice Warden: Dr Michael Hand. Lecturer in education at Institute of Education. His fiancée says he'd like to be known as a 'young thrusting academic' of the Institute of Education, but that really his most notable feature is looking like Morrissey when he takes off his glasses...



Senior Members



Tim Oliver (LSE) - The English gentleman who hails from the mean streets of Crewe via Liverpool, but now spends most of his time in the House of Lords. Wouldn't be seen dead without his shirt & tie.

Rashmi Singh (LSE) The vivacious Indian who researches suicide terrorism. Rashmi has 101 different jobs. Doesn't take any shit - you have been warned.



Vladimir Aleksic (Kings) The Serbian PhD student, personal trainer and exercise fanatic who also works as a receptionist. Says he finds yoga a stimulating experience because it makes him stiff.



Saeed Zeydabadi-Nejad (SOAS) Iranian-Australian Saeed lives with his fiancée Emmanuela. He's a film student and understandably a very big film buff.



Antonis Houry (Imp.) The Cypriot who's been a resident in IH since time began. A student of quantitative finance, Antonis also runs the IH Website and enjoys tennis. Always on his mobile phone.



Ameet Ambarkhane (SOP). Cricket loving Indian pharmacist with a flare for Indian fashion and Indian movies. All round Indian gent.



Suet Ping Kee (UCL) Our quiet but fiery flamenco dancing chemical engineer from Malaysia.



Next issue - the IH Cleaners!

IH HISTORY

Looking back over the hall's Year Books one discovers a hall that for 42 years has been full of life, parties, fun and the downright unbelievable.

Take for example the hall's Scandinavian Au-Pairs (this is no joke) who until the early 90s lived in the now demolished X-Block. In exchange for free accommodation and a chance to improve their English the au-pairs served breakfast and performed other 'household and menial tasks'. Breakfast must have been well attended.

Or the residents who contributed to 'Rainbow', the Hall's now defunct cultural and poetry journal. They gave their best, but having read their best they are perhaps best forgotten.

Such was the reputation of IH and it's Scandinavian au-pairs that Mick Jagger is rumoured to have moved in while studying at LSE in '63. This rumour is completely, utterly, without a shadow of a doubt, totally, cross-my-heart, 100% true. At least, we like to believe so.



Many though wonder why Jagger would have lived here as it's true to say that while the hall has always been a fun place to live, it has sometimes been known for being less plush than other halls and had some 'problems'.

Take for example the infamous cockroach infestation of the early 90s which was so bad the hot chocolate machine stopped working when it became blocked with them. This was solved and the hot chocolate machine now works fine. [*erm, the cockroaches are also gone. Ed.*]

So it was with much relief that in 2002-03 IH underwent a much needed refurbishment and was given 'premium rate' facilities.

Concern that the renewed hall would fail to keep alive it's time-honoured tradition of fun were squashed by last year's experiences...

And where would life in IH be without the IHTimes? A pillar of IH society since the 1970s/80s, we are proud to continue a tradition of inane jokes, useless advice, and inevitably pissing off the Bursar, Warden, Club, Senate House and every clique and weirdo in the Hall.

THE HALL CLUB

Each year IH residents elect a new club to represent them and organise events.

Elections take place in September/October. Details of how to put yourself forward for election will appear on notice boards in the near future. Each resident has a vote and a right to stand.

Hustings will take place in the bar and the IHTimes will give the candidates for President a chance to present their policies in a special election edition.

Remember you each pay a part of your hall fees towards the club and it is therefore in your interest to ensure the money is well spent on parties, equipment, events and not wasted.

IH Parties usually take place at Halloween, Christmas, Valentines and at the end of the year in Summer.

New from the IH Merchandise Collection!

START OF YEAR OFFERS

FRAMED COPY OF YOUR HALL CARD PICTURE £70.

Admire the gifted photographic skills of the reception staff who caught your look of confusion and bewilderment on the first day.

IH OFFICIAL COAT HANGER - £15
How many of you forgot to bring them?

SIXTH FLOOR IH PENT HOUSE FLAT
Includes Scandinavian au pair, swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, spectacular views, and a window you can fully open. £1,500,000

IH MAP (£15)

Find your way about IH. Includes the location of Cherry Hooker's Boudoir.

THE BEST IH PARTY ALBUM IN THE WORLD EVER MEGAMIX PART 2!
£63.50. Including these smash hits:

Andrew Clare and the Bursar's Chorus - Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (your hall fees)
Security Guard Andy - Super Trouper
3rd Floor West Wing - West End Girls
I am the One and Only - **Derrick Chong**
Maintenance Man Brad - Everything I do, I do it for you

Cherry Hooker *Agony Aunt Extraordinaire*

Cherry, If God made sex, it's good, right? So when we go to heaven, will we be able to have sex? More of a theological question, not a problem. Vicar Bingo.

Vicar, I find the argument that because God made something it must ergo 'be good' and therefore we should anticipate lots of it in heaven somewhat ill conceived. If we accept that logic, we could apply it, for example, to head lice. God made head lice, therefore they are good and we should all look forward to being infested in heaven. The same reasoning could be applied to diseases, tooth decay or flatulence. Stupid.



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