**Bede University Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FAHSS) Newsletter**



*Featured Photography – the Sociology Department Welcome Week Mixer*

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! to our very first Faculty newsletter – designed to connect, inform, and celebrate the diverse community what makes up our Faculty.

Our Faculty is a shining hub of scholarship, creativity, and innovation. As some people have joked, it is not the place where hope goes to die. This newsletter, using the latest software from 1997, aims to spotlight the excitingness of FAHSS in a way that doesn't make anyone feel inadequate or jealous by sharing some of the more mundane news about the people who make our school what it is.

# Let's get those cameras rolling!

# Hit it!

## This issue will feature:

- **Faculty news and announcements**
- **Faculty Spotlights – Have a Cuppa With…**

- **Events**
- **Pets of the FAHSS**

## The Scary Feelings Share Box

Due to cuts to the counselling service, the Faculty will shortly be opening a Scary Feelings Share Box for students. The box will be located in the Student Space near the Professional Services toilets. The idea is that any student who needs to share their scary feelings can go inside the box and record their scary feelings. Its use is not policed or surveilled.

If you have feelings you would like to share, please go inside the Scary Feelings Share Box and record them.

## FAHSS colleagues in top 2% of scientists in the world

We are delighted to announced that 2% of our staff are in the top 50% of the most cited academics worldwide. Congratulations to those in the Top 2 per cent list!

**Faculty Spotlights – Have a Cuppa With…**




This week, it's our very popular Dean of Hospitality at Bede, Roland Waring.

**What's your drink of choice Roland?** Mine's a nice black coffee, two shots, extra hot. None of that matcha rubbish that the young un's are drinking these days. Tastes like milky grass. I banned it from Jesmond College Café and Bar when I took over.

**Ooh, that sounds lovely. Well, tell us about your job. What is it you do and stuff?**

I oversee the management and running of all the catering on campus. I'd say it's probably the most difficult and important job at the university. If people don't have anything to eat or drink, they'd all turn into rampaging cannibals and the university would quickly become a bloodbath.

**Ooh spooky! Well, tell us about what a typical day is like for you.**

I get into Jesmond College Café and Bar and have to personally taste all the different beverages and sandwiches each day, to ensure they are of a high quality. I also have to make lots of important phone calls. On my phone. I also make sure that students don't hog up the place by working on their laptops or trying to conduct their little meetings about their projects. Honestly, they're everywhere, like vermin. We had to close the toilets off because they kept using them. Sorry, I'm a bit jittery this morning.

**Yes, you seem to have the sniffles. Hope you haven't caught freshe'rs flu lol! Well, enough about work, what kinds of hobbies do you have?**

Watching television. I love programmes like Google Box, Strictly Come Dancing and Bake Off. Don't get me wrong. I can be quite choosy though. The wife was watching this thing called RuPaul's Drag Race the other day and I made her turn it right off. We're not having that in our house I said. And besides, some of those queens just aren't trying. When Valentina refused to take off her mask, she deserved to be eliminated. Oh, and I also like pies.

**Wonderful. Do you have any plans for the future?** Not really.

**Pet of the Week**

This week our Pet of the Week is Sooky, a British short-haired pussycat, owned by our very own Dr Bella Marley.




This week it's my gorgeous little girl Sooky, who is a six-year-old British Shorthair. Isn't she beautiful? ❤️

Sooky came into my life about four years ago, when I was going through a bit of a difficult time. A friend suggested that having someone to look after might help, and I found Sooky through a lovely lady in Sunderland who was looking to rehome her. I drove over that very afternoon and we haven't looked back since!

Sooky is quite an independent little lady. She doesn't particularly like being picked up or cuddled, and if I try to kiss her she sometimes gives me a little swipe with her paw! But that's absolutely fine. I've learnt that you can't make someone love you in the way you want them to, however much you try. And she does occasionally come and sit next to me on the sofa, which is lovely.

She's also very particular about her food and will sometimes refuse to eat something she's been perfectly happy with for months. I've learnt not to take it personally! We all have our little moods, don't we?

Her favourite place is the living room window, although she can't see very much through it these days because of all my posters! Sometimes I wonder if she misses being able to look outside, but I like to think she's happy with what we've got and I know she supports all the important causes I believe in.

She's been such a comfort to me, especially in the evenings when the house can feel a bit quiet. I don't know what I'd do without her. Anyway, that's my Sooky! Give your furry friends an extra cuddle from me tonight! 🐾💕

## That’s a Wrap!

Thank you for reading the FAHSS newsletter!

This newsletter is built for our diverse academic community—and we want to hear from you! If we don’t get enough articles then we’ll have to postpone the next newsletter until we do.

Submit your ideas to Deirdre Pook for a chance to be featured in our next edition.

Stay tuned for more updates, and spotlights from across our Faculty.