

closely fought York Come Dancing

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Clockwise from left; *Nouse* editor Henry James Foy and Harriet Waghorn dance the rumba; Comedy Soc secretary Miranda Thomas and Luke Malkin dance a very physical tango; YUSU Services and Finance Officer Matt Burton part way through an impressive Viennese Waltz; contestants applaud winning couple, Tom Flynn and Rosie Portas

RAG week aiming for record total after dance success

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HAVING RAISED over £20,000 for its beneficiaries last year, RAG is hoping to beat the record with an ambitious programme of events this RAG week.

With something going on every day this week, RAG week began on Sunday with the hugely successful York Come Dancing competition in the Courtyard, and Wall Street Crash in the newly refurbished Yates yesterday. Tonight is the Spring Term Viking Raid and Wednesday sees the creation of a charity shop in Vanbrugh Stalls and a special edition of the Shambles in V/045. On Thursday there is the ever-popular Blagathon, the charity auction from 8pm in Derwent bar, with prizes including dates from college chairs

to meals in town, and on Friday night there will be an event across campus in every college.

Saturday is the annual parade day, and with a total shut down of the city centre, York sees the University out in force to raise as much money as possible for charity. With a theme of 'York Through The Ages,' each college will dress up as a chosen decade and parade through the city with collection buckets. Including special guests and a stage of live performances, the parade is always popular amongst students for its lively atmosphere. The week closes on the Saturday evening, with a club event – RAG Love – in the Courtyard where there will be a chance for student to win further prizes, including bottles of champagne, bar tabs and tickets

RAG President, Helen Adams, expressed her support and excitement about this year's RAG week: "We hope this year's RAG week will reach even more students than before as we're working with Fusion, the Shambles, DanceSport and other societies and groups to



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Last year's RAG parade raised a record donation total of over £3,500

combine the message of RAG with already popular events," she said. "We're embracing Valentines Day on Saturday night at the Courtyard, and it should be a great away to celebrate the success of the parade

and wrap up the week."

Student Development and Charities Officer, Jamie Tyler, echoed Adams' enthusiasm and praised the work done by RAG Week Coordinators, Zach Pepper and Gabriella de Ferry.

"So much effort and hard work has gone into organising it," he said. "It gives us the opportunity to raise thousands for our beneficiaries in really fun and innovative ways, and this year will see some classic events along with a lot of new ones too. I'm really looking forward to the week and hope everyone's hard work pays off."

Tickets for events during RAG week, are available from Your:Shop and online at www.yusu.org/rag. A 'RAG week ticket' with access to all events is also available.

With additional reporting by Gabriella de Ferry

for details and event tickets go to... www.yusu.org/rag

<p>Sunday</p> <p><i>York Come Dancing</i> @ the COURTYARD</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>WALL STREET CRASH @ yates'</p> <p>COMEDY @ the COURTYARD</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>VIKING Raid</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>rag week wednesday @ Shambles</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>BLAGATHON @ derwent bar</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>COLLEGE rag & ACROSS CAMPUS</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>rag & PARADE</p> <p>rag LOVE CO @ the COURTYARD</p>
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