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An Apology

To Jenny H, who returned to her nice flat the day after the Annual Dinner to find that some (as yet unidentified) OUSGger had defiled her walls with evil red wine. Of course, the official line is that it's all Rob's fault anyway...

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SLAMMED!

ANNUAL DINNER TURNS INTO MEXICAN-STYLE FARCE

EDITORIAL

Chris Seward, Jesus

After almost seven years in Oxford, I have to admit that I thought I'd seen everything that OUSGG had to offer. Imagine my surprise then, when I found myself leaving a post-Annual Dinner party during which we'd seen Tequila slammers, manic women and quite possibly a whole host of other stuff that I've forgotten. And no doubt plenty more after I left. This sort of thing never used to happen in my day...



Anyway: to the issue at hand, that being this issue of *PostScript*. After the poor turnout in Issue 328, it's good to see a few more pages this time. I'd especially like to thank Hayley for her (final) article about her time in Graz - she

really has done *PostScript* proud this year with her insightful and regular contributions.

To the future: I know that a whole bunch of you have exams right now, but

I also know from experience that you'll lap-up anything that helps you flange away from the revision. So, with this in mind, we're going to have a little competition. If **every** current member (and a few Oldies too) writes me

an article or makes a submission for the final issue of the year, then I'll award the best three with a fabulous prize each. Let's make the last issue of 2000/2001 one of the biggest and best *PostScripts* ever! Please? Oh go on...

CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Tristam Fenton-May, Keble

Hi again guys, I hope that everyone's having a good term so far. I've certainly enjoyed it. Thanks again to Bill for organising the dinner, and thanks to Rob for supplying the room and Tequila afterwards. Where were you on the Sunday though Rob? Anyway there's still lots of fun left this term! Good luck for everyone who's got exams - and for those of us who are planning on dossing around for the next few weeks don't get sunburnt!



CYA all around

SSAGO RALLY

6th to 8th July 2001

[Jaunty music and silly graphics. Cut to studio. A booming disembodied voice is heard]

Voice: Ladies and Gentlemen... it's Blind Date!
[Audience cheer wildly for 1.2 seconds. Cut to close-up of stage]

Voice: And here is your host... Miss Cilla Black!
[Audience cheer manically for 1.4 seconds. Two members of the audience who only cheer for 1.2 seconds are summarily executed by unseen security guards]

Black (for it is she): 'Ello Chuck. Now, today we've got three lovely lads... *[Cut to seen of three men sitting uncomfortably on stools. One of them is too thin and wearing slacks, one is too fat and wearing shorts, and one is obviously desperate, wearing a suit, and might even be gay]*

Black: ...who all want to go out with this lovely lady

[Enter tall, dominating woman who appears to tower over Cilla. 3.4 million viewers switch over to BBC1]

Black: Darling, what's your first question.

Woman: *[nervously]* How would you spend a hot summer's weekend. And that's to number 1.

1: Naturally, in WALESBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. *[Audience: "Woooo"]*

Woman: *[giggles]* And number 2.

2: I'd go one better - Walesby Forest Scout Camp Site. *[Audience are silent]*

Woman: *[counts on fingers]* And number, er, 3?

3: On the SWEETIE RALLY, natch. From 6th to 8th JULY 2001. *[Audience cheer]*

Woman: Okay, and what would you do there? Number 2.

2: I would RAFT up the respondent river of your love, then with ARCHERY equipment fire Cupid's Arrow at you. *[Audience: "ooooo"]*

3: I'd make little SWEETY CRAFTS and turn green jelly babies into the sinister demons they are, whilst DEFENDING THE HONOUR OF OUSGG AT CRAZY GOLF.

[Remaining 4.7 million viewers commit suicide by choking on their remote controls]

1: I'd CHAT UP TOTTY, which would be you, at the BARN DANCE. Natch.

Woman: So, how would you get there?

3: I'd SEND A DEPOSIT FOR EIGHT POUNDS TO PHIL ALDERTON AT ST PETER'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

1: I would TAKE THE ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF SENDING THE FULL EIGHTEEN POUNDS TO THE SAME ADDRESS, thus avoiding much faffing and causing Phil to be distracted chasing people up for money, causing him to suffer the humiliation of failing PPE prelims.

2: *[Chuckles]*. Fools. I would RESPOND BY FRIDAY OF 7TH WEEK (8th June) THUS GUARANTEEING THE DOCUMENTS ARE THERE ON TIME.

Black: Well, you've plenty of choice, but before you decide, here's the sinister voice for a quick reminder.

Voice: Do you pick number 1, who'd only be at a barn dance with a hot toddy. Which is a drink. Or do you pick number 2, who'd - oh, what's the point. You've already decided - this is just filler and a chance for some more contrived innuendo. I will rebel. ALL HAIL THE VOICE! SEND CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "SSAGO Old Gits Rally" to PHIL ALDERTON, ST PETER'S. DEATH TO GAME SHOWS PLAYING ON PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS *[FX: A switch]*. THAT IS ALL.

[The studio explodes amid much screaming. After the dust has settled but whilst the fire is still raging, Cilla Black emerges from the pile of smoldering corpses covered in ash]

Black: I would have gotten away with it if it wasn't for those pesky kids.

[Blackout]

But anyway. If you want to come, inform me either by pigeon post, normal post, and/or email, then get a cheque to me. £18 in full (recommended), £8 if you just want to pay the deposit. We will discuss transport at the next N'n'N, or over email.



Phil Alderton, St Peter's

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LETTERS

Dearest Editor,

Might I be the first to write and express my outrage at the conduct of this term's chairperson? His foolish failure to invite David Irving to an OUSGG meeting has seriously damaged the reputation of our society among the student groups of this esteemed university, perhaps permanently. Does he realise how much publicity his behaviour has deprived us of? If our current chair-elect commits similar actions I will be forced to renew my membership.

I remain, Phil Alderton, St Peter's

MINUTES OF THE 120TH F&GPC MEETING held on 17th May 2001 at 1:15pm in Keble College

Present

Helen Ensor
Tristram Fenton-May
Stephen White
Phil Alderton
Chris Seward
Caroline Berry
Bill Kurau
Natalie Jones
Christina Mowl
Richard Owen
Rob France
Amanda Kerr-Munslow

Apologies

None

Minutes of the last F&GPC

Were passed with no alterations.

Matters arising

Our email address has now changed to ousgg@herald...
Insurance hasn't yet been sorted out; it will be sorted out by Wednesday of 7th week.

Officers' reports

Chair - Tristram

Term is going as planned although there hasn't been much computer talk.

Chair-elect - Christina

She now has the file and intends doing varied and exciting activities for the Freshers, possibly including chocolate.

Treasurer - Richard

Has now got all the bank statements and will sort out insurance.

Secretary - Helen

We're registered with the Proctors.

Membership secretary - Natalie

Needs the file.

SSAGO rep - Phil

The rally is in July and he will put an advert in *PostScript* about it.

Scout & Guide Liaison - Amanda

She keeps getting letters from people who want to come and talk to us. It was decided to let Amanda decide when the best time to invite them was. Also the commissioners are considering having a stall on their own at Freshers Fair. It was decided to try and persuade them to give us some stuff to hand out at Freshers Fair for them. We will also invite some Guiders/Commissioners to the Freshers event.

Postscript Editor - Chris

New issue should be coming out soon. He needs some people to write articles on the annual dinner and punt and picnic.

N 'n' N Organiser - Christina

She still has lots of tea and there are exciting biscuits. We also need a new box for the library.

Quartermaster - Stephen

Not much has happened recently as there wasn't an Easter Activity.

Internet - Richard

He needs the Proctors form off Helen so that he can change the signatures for the account. If anyone finds any mistakes on the website please could they let him know so that they can be changed. We are going to look into the possibility of having the website called ousgg.org.uk. This will be discussed again at the TGM.

Postscript distributor - Natalie

She now has the file and everyone should have *PostScript*.

Annual Dinner organiser - Bill

The annual dinner is this Saturday, 6:30pm at Wadham, please could everyone send him the money asap.

Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 1:45pm

THE END...?

Hayley Thompson

As I write, I'm sitting in the local park, under blue skies and a warm sun, listening to the birds singing and children playing. This, I am told, is called 'summer'. I do know that this is May and as such, the end of my stint here in Graz.

I arrived here homeless and knowing nobody. Now I have a wonderful flat that feels like 'home', a great flatmate and several people who wear the 'friend' badge. There have been good times and bad times, times when I have wanted to stay in Austria permanently and times when I could have jumped on a plane home. In the words of Michael Caine's autobiography "What's it all about?"

University set me the task of going to a German speaking country and working for eight months. I thought this would be an extension of Guiding, same horse, different jockey type thing. In the end I was wrong. School has been challenging but never dull. The variety of lessons is amazing, as is the standard of the English. Guiding skills have been useful although I have never had to stand on a chair, waving my arms and shouting HELLO to get people's attention before.

When I came out here I had several aims. The first was to find somewhere to live, which I can now tick off as a success. (The other ones sound silly to other people but were important to me.) Sadly, the others can't be signed off. I wanted to visit all eight areas of Austria and the surrounding countries. I haven't really left Styria but it is so pretty. I wanted to get involved in local Guiding but the meetings clashed with my afternoon school and church.

While some of my aims and ambitions have not been fulfilled, I can say that there are several things that would not have been had I not spent time out here. I have found a fantastic church which has become very important to me and provided me with many friends. I have been involved with an international youth group, learning new cultures and have experienced some amazing food and some that, well, yes. I have also found out that my direction in life is

Five reasons Austria is better than Britain:

1. The food, mmmmmmm ☺
2. The people who are always friendly.
3. The recycling systems that ensure nothing is wasted.
4. The public transport system – on time, cheap, clean, comfortable.
5. The scenery, breathtaking and enchanting.

not heading towards German but towards hospital wards and I have decided to leave university temporarily. I have discovered that I can survive in another country on my own and it has provided greater self-confidence and independence.

I have seen some truly wonderful places and been on some of the best walks. My day at Bärenschützklamm is something I will remember for a long time to come - the beauty, the wonderful weather and the body that ached the day after. I have been up Schökel, the mascot mountain of Graz, using both the cable car and Shank's pony. I have experienced a white world and now a world of blazing sunshine. I also ended up staying in the red light district in Vienna which was both eye opening and terrifying but funny to look back on.

Part of Guiding is to do with doing your 'best'. This can be interpreted in so many different ways. When you turn up at school at 7.30 and they tell you they 'forgot' to tell you there was no lesson, it means keeping calm and polite, even if you do want to scream out loud. When struggling with a difficult situation, made harder by the language barrier, it means persevering. It means making good use of the time you have; helping others; making sure that little brother gets his birthday card on time; convincing parents at home that all is well even when it is raining, you feel homesick and have no idea how to tackle a particular lesson; coping with that homesickness. It has made me realise that all those tenets we learnt and took on board can be applied to anywhere, any time and anybody.

I have two weeks left here now and am busy trying to pack things up and post them home. Friends to say goodbye to, school textbooks to return, bills to pay. I know that when I go home, I can look back fondly on Graz and remember it as one of the best times in my life so far. This may be the end of my time here but the beginning of a whole new chapter. The question is, what will it hold?

Five reasons Britain is better than Austria.:

1. No bureaucracy, nothing has to be done in triplicate.
2. A fair school system.
3. 'Straight away' usually means 'straight away', not 'if I remember'.
4. Um, struggling now. Please fill in own option.
5. OUSGG!

WINTER WALKING

[Black Screen]

Demonic, powerful voice: Just when you thought it was going to be a quiet New Year.

[The word "WINTER", written in bold white type moves onto the screen from the right until it hits the left]

Voice: Just when you thought all had ceased.

[The word "WALKING", written in the same type moves onto the screen from the right]

Voice: OUSGG go mad in the Lake District.

[The numbers "2001/02" move onto the screen from the right]

Crackly female voice, speaking over a bad telephone line: But how can this be? I thought they had all - argh! Argh! Argh!

[Screen clears. Written in bold, white type is the phrase "29th December until the 2nd January". It stays on screen for 5 seconds, then fades out to the voiceover]

Voice: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW. Soon.

THE 82ND ANNUAL DINNER : IN PICTURES

Well: since no-one volunteered to write an article about it, looks like you're just getting some pictures (thanks to Richard's vast internet resource...)



The throng assembles



Gareth receives his "Distinguished Service Certificate"



Up bright and early...



Noga's unusual punting technique



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