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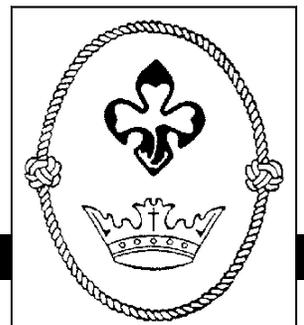
OUSGG A-Z *Gillian Bradley* brings us the traditional Michaelmas Term page filler!

QUOTES *More quotes than you ever thought possible!*

SUMMER TRIP *In pictures!*

FUN & GAMES *New puzzle section to keep you entertained through those boring lectures!*

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WELCOME

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this feature packed issue of **PostScript** - the official thrice-termly publication of the **Oxford University Scout & Guide Group** better known as **OUSGG** (Accept no substitutes!).

If you're already decidedly baffled you can go straight to page 4 and read our informative (and traditional!) **A-Z of OUSGG** AKA "Everything you ever wanted to know about **OUSGG** but couldn't be bothered to ask"!

Others, current (or not so current!) members, need not feel left out - there is a wealth of excitement for all in this issue, including the report on the Summer Trip, interactive (!) puzzles and (of course!) plenty of embarrassing, dodgy and frankly weird quotes (A note for freshers - be careful what you say - it might just get preserved in the pages of **PostScript**!). Don't worry if a lot of this issue makes no sense whatsoever - it makes no sense to me and I'm supposed to be the editor!

Finally, a quick reminder that, by tradition, you remain a "fresher" within the society until you have written an article for our esteemed publication - a terrible fate, I'm sure you'll agree, and one which you won't want to find yourself in!

Luke Cartey (St. Catherine's) - Editor

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello, and welcome the first edition of **PostScript** this year. I'd particularly like to welcome the dozens of freshers who I hope are reading. Thank you for coming to the meeting in first week. It was reassuring to see you hadn't all used pseudonyms when we demanded that you sign up to the email list.

By the time you read this, you'll have had the quiz night, and there'll only be another 6 meetings (then I can relax, and hand over responsibility to the Gillian & Jonathan). This term should be fun, and we have a couple of more unusual meetings as well as the traditions of fireworks and TGM's. The termcard is already obsolete, so I'll be emailing you with the ultra-secret details of where we'll really be each week, as soon as I find out myself.

Now I'll leave you to read the good bits of the newsletter, as soon as I give one more plug for **Winter Walking™**. Even if you can only go on half of the trip (like me) it'll be a great way to start the New Year. Just ask me or Sarah, or email Keith for details.

Andrew Freer (St. John's) - Chair

WINTER WALKING™

Keith Crothers give us the low-down on this years Winter Walking

Here's what you've all been waiting for: The details of the premier OUSGG trip of the year - Winter Walking™.

What:

Winter Walking™ is the first major trip of the OUSGG calendar and takes place over the New Year break. It is an opportunity to forge new friendships, and be present at the formation of new in-jokes.

There are usually people of all walking abilities/inclinations so it doesn't matter if you want to do nothing all day or if you want to do a 20 mile hike or anything in between, there will probably be someone else who wants to do the same.

There will be a party on new year's eve, where you get to see the new year in with your favourite stuffed panda - what more could anyone want?

When:

29th December 2005 - 5th January 2006

Where:

Barrasford Scout Centre - A converted railway station and station masters house situated in the village of Barrasford, 7 miles north of Hexham in the North Tyne Valley. OS Grid Ref: NY 919 736.

Facilities:

There are beds for 27 people in 4 bunk rooms (two of which have en-suite facilities). There is a dining area and separate living area with easy chairs to fall asleep in after a hard day's bumble/expedition. The centre benefits from (guess who's been reading too many estate agent's details) a separate games room, complete with climbing wall, pool table and darts board.

The centre also has electric heating and open fires (for the pyromaniacs).

Price:

All of this for the bargain price of approximately £10 per person per night. A booking form will appear in the next issue.

Any questions just grab Phil (who will be looking after the Winter Walking stuff whilst I'm away) at one of the Monday night meeting or drop me/Phil an e-mail on winterwalking@ousgg.org.uk.

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BACK TO THE EIGHTIES

Leeds Rally

The Leeds rally is taking place on the **4th - 6th November**. It's a great way to meet new people from around the country and a chance to do some great activities, including Climbing, Hiking, Mountain Biking and Backwoods Cooking. Contact the SSAGO rep (Melody James) at ssago@ousgg.org.uk for more details.

Visit the website at:
www.leeds.ssagorally.org.uk/

A-Z OF OUSGG

Gillian Bradley gives us the traditional A-Z, minus a few letters! Hopefully OUSGG should make more sense after this, but I wouldn't guarantee it!

AGM/TGM – Annual/termly general meeting. Generally a time to catch up on sleep before going out for a meal. The AGM is at the end of Michaelmas, so start thinking of an excuse not to be there now.

Annual Dinner – This happens annually, and is a (black tie) dinner. It's usually followed by the after dinner party. Some people might even remember it the next day.

Black Forest Gateau – You should remember to only eat your own black forest gateau or you may upset its rightful owner.

Chair – A high up position in a university – not something most of us aspire to. Also the person who organizes the term's activities – at the minute that's Andrew.

Coconuts – These can be used for all sorts of purposes, although mostly making parrots. It should be noted that they are easier to break open with a mud weight than with a two inch saw blade.

Committee – These people run OUSGG (see the first page). Anyone can be on the committee and generally the skill is in finding a reason why you shouldn't have a post.

Deadline – Actually I've no idea what one of these is (and hopefully nor does the editor [*Don't worry, I've passed two already and it's only the first issue* – Ed]), but it gives me a D word.

Erik, Pirate Captain – Our mascot. A stuffed panda dressed in sub-fusc and the terror of the high seas. Currently residing in an undisclosed area of Bristol due to an unforeseen accident (see *Knapping*).

Easter Activity – The trip we go on in the Easter vac - last year we went to Wales. It provides a great opportunity to do silly things and try not to think about f***** and p*****.

Ex-Members – People who left OUSGG years ago and are old enough to be our parents. [*And in some cases are our parents, eh Gillian?* – Ed] We invite them to the *Annual Dinner* every 5 years. (See *Old Members*.)

F&GPC – Faff and General Pedantry Committee [*Finances and General Purpose Committee, I think you'll find!* – Ed] – try and avoid unless your work is extremely boring (personally I've never been to one and it hasn't done me any harm).

Faff – Something the group does a lot of (some might say too much but I can't see how that could be possible).

Film Night – We get together on a Friday or Saturday night to watch a DVD somewhere, usually followed by silly games (see *Mafia*).

Fresher – In some circles these are first years at university – in OUSGG you will remain fresher only until you write an article for *PostScript*.

G – $6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2\text{kg}^{-2}$ – This is entirely relevant to OUSGG. I just haven't worked out how yet.

Hogan – A stuffed koala who is our Annual Dinner mascot, and as such is only seen once a year.

In Jokes – We have lots of these. Some members are even old enough to remember how they originated.

Jaffa Cakes – Something the spellchecker doesn't seem to like which is entirely understandable. They are a very overrated biscuit [*Cake! Not biscuit!* – Ed] type substance which certain members of the group have a disturbing addiction to.

Knapping – This happens to all sorts of things in OUSGG, mostly pandas (well, Erik), but also pot plants, flags, monkeys, parrots – anything that will sit still for long enough really.

Luke – Well he seems to hold about half the committee posts, so it's as well to know who he is if only to make sure he's not trying to take over the society.

Mail-list – How we find out what's going on in OUSGG. There are two: the low-traffic members list which actually tells you what you need to know, and the high-traffic faff list which has gossip and all the intricate details of university minibus insurance.

Mafia – Game where you get to kill people. If in doubt, kill Gareth and blame it on Sam. Note: probability has NO place in Mafia.

Mud – There was lots of this on *Winter Walking* last year, and although it has many good points it does tend to upset the drivers as they find the mud still in their cars a year later. This makes it a good reason not to hold Winter Walking in southern wildernesses like the Peak District.

Name Game – This is a game of many variations. Pretend you know which is which by giving them a number and a variation eg. version 23b, Swedish rules.

Navigating – Something some members of the group are very bad at, but which I personally am an expert in.

N'n'N – Happens on a Thursday lunchtime and has done since the dark ages. We bring sandwiches, but tea and biscuits are provided. This term it's in Sarah's room on St Aldate's, so come and join us for faff and gossip.

Old Members – People who have left Oxford but still keep in touch and come to some events. Not to be confused with ageing current members.

OUSGG – The esteemed society that produced this publication. Now 86 years old.

OUSGGer – A member of OUSGG. Also known as 'a pedant'.

Piracy – There was a lot of this on this year's *Summer Trip*, what with the captain being taken hostage. Midnight raids and ransom notes

ensued and we eventually learned that bin liners make far better Jolly Rogers than empty beer bottles do.

PostScript – A thrice-termly newsletter containing up to date news and insightful articles relevant to the group. It is entirely written by the members, or possibly the editor.

Pot Plant – Some members of the group like hugging these, others prefer holding them to ransom.

Punt & Picnic – This happens the day after the *Annual Dinner*. We have a picnic, then we go punting, and hopefully it's a nice dry day.

Quotes – When perfectly innocent comments are misinterpreted they are written down and saved for your embarrassment at a later date. Moral: think before you say anything. (NB. It isn't normally recommended to write quotes on legs, since this doesn't provide a very permanent record.)

Rally – Every term one of the *SSAGO* clubs organizes a weekend camp that all the others come to. OUSGG organized a Monopoly themed rally two years ago and this term's rally is being run by Leeds with an 80's theme.

Sam – Old member. If anything goes wrong it will undoubtedly be his fault.

SSAGO – The Student Scout and Guide Organisation. This is a national group to which OUSGG is affiliated. They organize *rallies*.

Stores – Contrary to popular belief these do actually exist and can be accessed. The quartermaster looks after the OUSGG kit that is kept in them (mostly food from the last century).

Summer Trip – This is fairly self explanatory – we go on a trip during the long vac. Last summer it was boating in the Norfolk Broads, and you can see the pictures of our nautical adventures on page 9.

TAFF – Tabs Are For Flying, the Oxford society for theatre technicians. TAFF is a nice friendly society full of lovely people, who will happily set

their mascot on Erik if the anti-TAFF faction rears its ugly head again.

Ultimate violet – 707, very nice colour, quite similar to uv light.

Vari-light – Mwahahaha – see how TAFF can even take over the A-Z if you make me do it?

Website – We have one at <http://www.ousgg.org.uk/>. It tells you more than you could ever want to know about OUSGG and also has an up-to-date termcard, old *PostScripts* and photos of past trips.

Winter Walking – What we do in the Christmas vac. It consists of walking, oddly enough, sometimes up mountains and more often to tea

shops or pubs. This year it will be near Hexham in Northumberland so there should be lots of snow (see *mud*) due to it being properly northern and remote.

X-rated – Nothing in OUSGG is X-rated, or not that I would know anything about anyway. *[Nor I –Ed/*

Youlbury – Scout campsite near Oxford where we will have bonfire night in 4th week.

Zebra – They are cute, and are the same colours as pandas, so are therefore highly appropriate to the group. (And quite frankly if you're still reading this now you must have saved it for the TGM.)

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

It was with some distress that I received the following letter. I claim partial responsibility for losing Erik but call on your readers' goodwill to help solve the dilemma we now face.

Yours, with concern,
Erik's entrusted keeper (Ex)

PS



QUOTE-ME-HAPPY

We've all been embarrassingly quotable over the Summer Vac – I had over 150 quotes to choose from!

- Sam:** Has anyone seen my Waggle Dance?
- Gillian:** Who's Nelson?
- Phil:** We need rubber gloves, water and a freezer...
- Andrew (during Mafia):** So, we have Sam nominated for looking like a helicopter
- Phil:** I think there's a market for holy underwear.
- Phil (about Sam):** Well he does look like action man, now you come to think of it...
- Keith:** Oh the joys of the mechanical love angel!
- Jonathan:** At the risk of being quoted, try not to smack them in the face with your arse.
- Gillian:** I lost again.
- Galley Door:** Damn you!
- Sam:** Everyone knows dandruff makes food taste nicer, anyway!

And just to show you that I am a fair and equal editor...

- Luke:** Maybe he got assassinated before he became president.

Quotes League Table

Phil	4
Gillian	3
Sam	3
Andrew	2
Jonathan	2
Keith	2
Alison	1
Caroline	1
Galley Door	1
Jacqui	1
Luke	1
Maddy	1

Includes "Quote Mix & Match" from Page 10

Some of you may have seen "QuoteScript" on the website – for those that haven't it is a database of all those embarrassing quotes you wished you'd never said! It has now been extended to include the quotes that never made it – so don't think you got away with that quote!

Visit it at <http://www.ousgg.org.uk>

THE ALTERNATIVE SUMMER ACTIVITY

Way back when dinosaurs ruled the earth, two Freshers joined OUSGG. Then, a year later, they were joined by another. Together these three drifted through life, ate copious quantities of ice cream and made every effort to avoid any form of exercise, especially cycling to Monday night meetings. Then, one of the Freshers met their soul mate in the group. After several years together, one proposed to the other at Winter Walking and thus the Alternative Summer Activity 2005 was born.

The Alternative Summer Activity, or ASA if you will, took place in Bolton. A sunny place, a happy place and blinking miles from where the other two lived. A fourth member was added to the group to make a trio of bridesmaids and one fair bride. For many months, these four, aided by a mother, pounded the streets of Bolton, Preston, London, Banbury - indeed almost every town between Lancashire and Kent - looking for the dresses. In a quiet shop in Bolton, two dresses were found for the bride's three attendants, with enough sparkle and cunning to create three princesses. In true OUSGG style, much faff was had but also much fun in the run up to the ASA 2005.

The day of the ASA dawned clear and sunny, if you were up early enough. After a breakfast that would have killed a normal man, the three bridesmaids traveled to ASA HQ for the final transformation. The bride looked beautiful, radiant and glowing. A magnificent car in Oxford blue transported us all to the church where a dashing groom was waiting. A large proportion of OUSGG turned up en masse for a joyful reunion with our beloved mascot Erik. The service was lovely with some rousing singing and a small amount of ferreting for tissues by the majority of the congregation, and certainly the bridesmaids. A rather soggy photograph session followed before people drove through the Lancashire hills to the wedding reception.

It would be possible to rhapsodise about Stanley House for hours; such luxury has not been known in OUSGG circles for a long while.

(Winter Walking organiser, take note - we only stay at places with flat screen televisions, under floor heating and lots of sheep *inside* the venue). A superior meal was served, people toasted and thanked and more photographs taken. The evening entertainment was a ceilidh, with spirited dancing and wild enthusiasm from all concerned. It should be noted that the bride and groom smiled and laughed all evening and it was a joy to behold. The Cumberland Basket claimed another victim and the two southern bridesmaids were spirited off to A&E in the dark, in full bridesmaid regalia. When asked if they'd ever been to the hospital before, they were unsure as to which town they were in and where it was on a map. They should perhaps be thrown out of OUSGG for such scandalous behaviour.

Meanwhile, back at ASA 2005, a wicked scheme was hatched. One member of OUSGG, in a downright despicable manner, stole Erik while his designated keeper was being x-rayed, prodded and given a pair of crutches. OUSGG seemed to be having too much fun to notice his disappearance. It seems a shame that Erik missed the end of a good evening.

To all who made it to the wedding, a big thank you for making it such an enjoyable day. To my fellow OUSGG bridesmaid (although she prefers the word 'princess') thank you for making a trip to A&E so enjoyable. To the bride and groom, thank you so much. It was a wonderful day, a fun 18 months in the faffing and a marvelous day to look back on.

And so, dear readers, there follows a cautionary note. Firstly, look carefully at the other OUSGG members - you may end up spending more time with them than you currently might expect. This may be a very good thing. It may be very, very bad. Secondly, trust no one with Erik.

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[Removed From Web Edition – Ed]

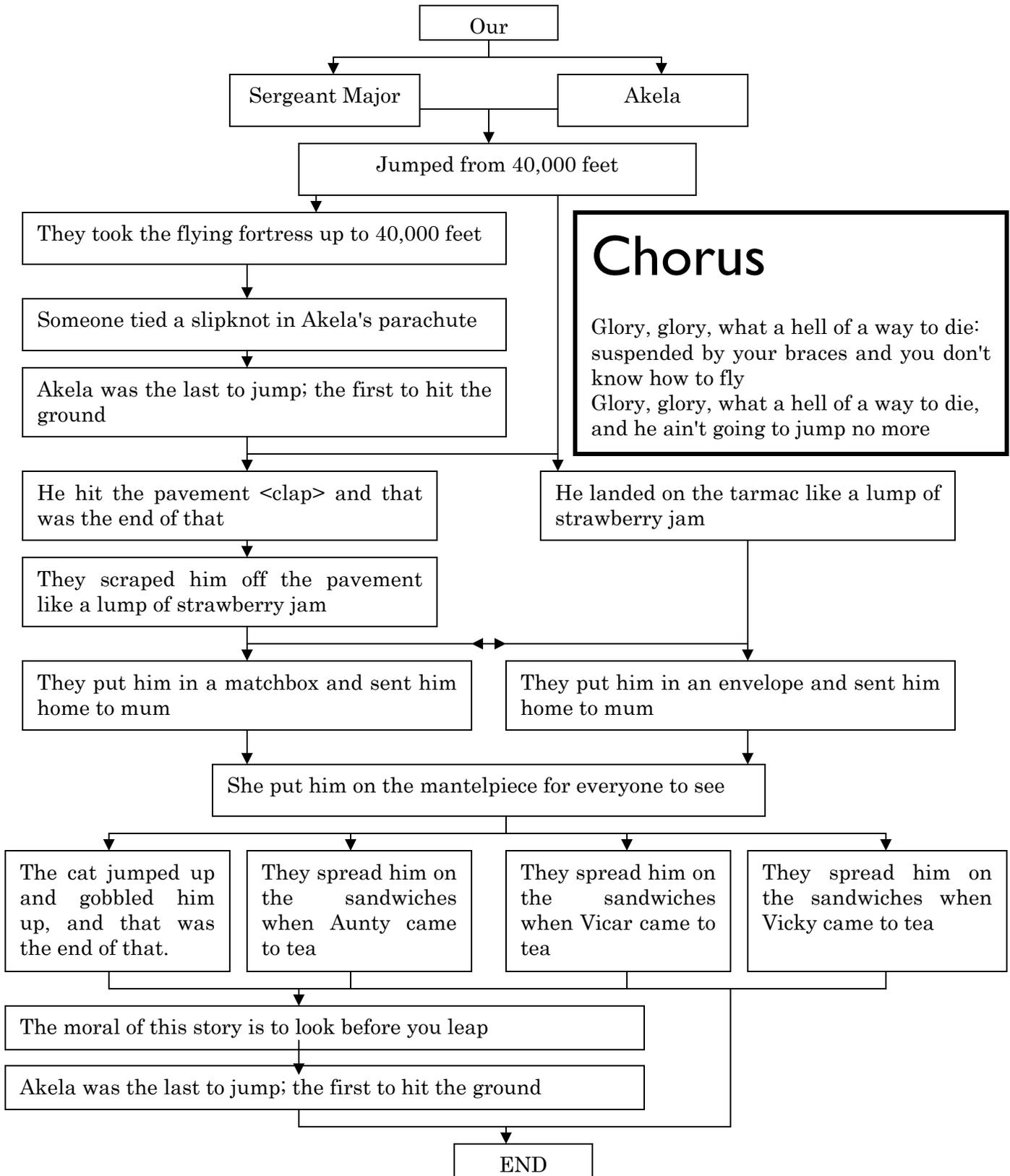
SUMMER TRIP

*In pictures! (I'll try and pretend I believe that a (small) picture montage makes up for the lack of article from **Andrew**, which I'm sure he'll correct for next issue.)*



GLORY, GLORY

Andrew Freer still hasn't written the Summer Trip article. But he has been faffing...



Next Issue: either the complete Yogi Bear, or The Obscene Publications Acts (1959) and (1964).

QUOTE MIX & MATCH

Oh dear... we've been at it again. But can you guess who said what? Match the quotes to the names & send them into

postscript@ousgg.org.uk. The most entertaining "links" might get published next issue!

Jonathan

Will someone assist me with smaller fingers?

Gillian

I'd rather not do mouth-to-mouth on someone who's just had a hot curry.

Andrew

Jesus is particularly evil.

Keith

I'm such a crap parent.

Sam

If you're feeling left out Keith we can go for a session later.

Jacqui

If I'm choosing a man, I choose one that looks like a Granddad.

Alison

There are more bits of women that don't fit.

Maddy

Grab the big bit and twist it.

Phil

Curses! My secret's out. I am the illigitement *[sic]* child of Erik and an OUSGG member.

Caroline

(to Jenny) We're going to get nice and cosy...not for the first time!

ERIK OUT & ABOUT AGAIN

That cheeky scamp Erik has been out and about again –this time doing Karaoke at a pub in Great Yarmouth!

Where will he get to next?[Bristol, possibly]



Photograph courtesy of *Phil Alderton*.

PS

SUDOKU!

It's everywhere else, it had to arrive here! **Andrew Freer** gives us a bit of a puzzler.

You can't have missed this year's big craze. It's the hottest thing since chess problems! You may have seen it in Decimal, Dodecimal and Hexadecimal, but now, **PostScript** brings you...

Binary Sudoku!

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[“Dunce’s Hats” awarded next issue to those who fail to complete it – Ed]

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SO LONG...

All that's left for me to do is say a big “Thank You” to all those that contributed to this issue, one way or another, and also to you, the reader. Until next time!

The next issue of PostScript will be published on:

MONDAY 5th WEEK (Monday 7th November, 2005)

And therefore the deadline will be:

FRIDAY 4th WEEK (Friday 4th November, 2005)



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