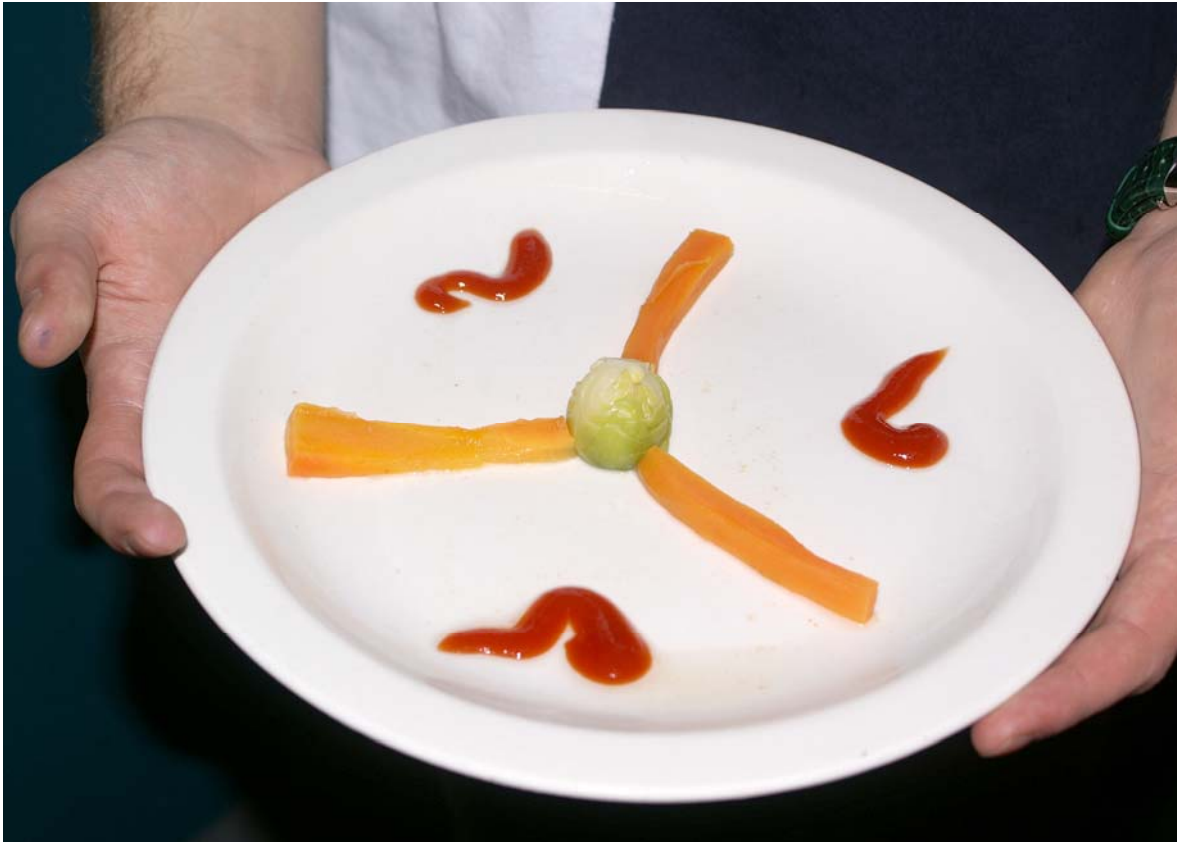


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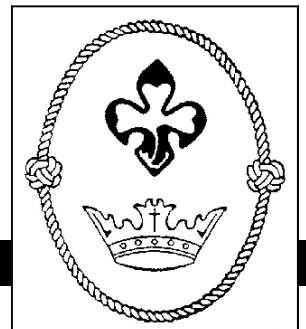
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WELCOME

EDITORIAL

Just a short editorial this issue – you've all been at it again, and this issue is the most crammed packed issue I've produced so far. Despite a disappointing uptake, we have the answers to the "Face Off" quiz posed by Sam in the last issue (Could you correctly guess who you were?). We have the third, and final part, of the Winter Walking report (yes, this one is more than 3 sentences long!). We also have a rally report – so you can all find out about the excitement of the SSAGO AGM.

Hope to see you all on Easter Activity!

*Luke Cartey (St. Catherine's)
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Flossy the Sheep says:

Each year it's my job to come up with awards for current members of OUSGG, which are given out at the annual dinner.

If you have any nominations for awards and recipients, please e-mail me at flossy@ousgg.org.uk with your suggestions.



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SOFA'S REPORT

The term's finally finished. Yay! In best Oscars style, there are lots of people we need to thank for making sure the term actually happened – friends, family, gophers and the people who wrote this chairs report in the pub on Sunday lunchtime. Thankyou to you all, and good luck to Hannah!

Gillian Bradley (Worcester) & Jonathan Harvey (Oxford Brookes) – Sofa

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have held a subscription to your journal for many (base-five counting) years. I have frequently enjoyed your amusing "quotes" section. However, I find that you may be planning, in your next issue, to "quote" myself for something never said. I would consider this a shocking lapse in journalistic standards, and if you go ahead and publish said "quote", I may be forced to cancel my subscription. I do hope that this once-fine journal does not go the way of the so-called "gutter press" in printing scurrilous and false accusations, but instead, that you maintain the high standards set by your predecessors.

Yours faithfully,

Disgusted of Surrey

I was, indeed, planning to print the aforementioned quote. However, my poor memory has lead to the quote being lost to the mystery of time.

RALLY REPORT

Andrew Freer reports on the rally.

This term's SSAGO rally was held on 17th-19th February. From OUSGG, Luke, Andrew, Mark and Alison were in attendance (Alison wearing both her LUUSAG and OUSGG neckers).

Luke and I set off from Oxford station at 5pm on Friday, just in time for the rush hour traffic. Nevertheless, we reached Barnt Green, near Birmingham, without too much trouble. Once we'd registered, we carefully pitched our tents at the side of the field, so we could find our tents, and wouldn't be passed by every other person going to their tents. Then we noticed that we'd pitched on the side nearest the campfire, meaning our plan had completely backfired.

Friday night was taken up mostly by people arriving, getting set up, and drifting down to the campfire. I learned a few songs that were much ruder than any of the ones sung at my scout troop. Unfortunately, the large number of people and the likelihoos of loud "singing" meant we had to have our

campfire on top of four oil-drum barbecues, rather than the usual circle, which is rather near to the neighbours. Still, 'Medic' Mike Dixon managed to get a good blaze going.

On Saturday morning, we were awoken by some of the rally staff, with wooden spoons and pan lids, and a megaphone siren that sounded like a dying animal. They were very keen.

Morning activities were a choice of SSAGO reps' meeting or incident hike. It being freezing cold, I chose the relative warmth of the meeting.

I'm told the hike was good. It had the old familiar game of recognising foodstuffs while blindfolded. (Remember hot chocolate mix and Branston, Tristam?) Since this was the chocolate rally, everything was chocolate coated, including chilli, garlic, and some less identifiable things.

Lunch was eaten together, before we all split up again for afternoon activities. Luke, Mark and Alison all went on the walk, while I went climbing.

The climbing wall was rather good. We went on the indoor one because some people were complaining at the cold. We later found out that we made the right choice, as the indoor wall had more of a range of difficulty. After the climbing, we went orienteering on site. This mostly consisted of a gentle stroll around the campsite, stopping occasionally to punch holes in a card.

After dinner, we hung around in the dining hall. I was catching up with Helen and other CUSAGCers, and we were all hiding from the cold (have I mentioned it was freezing cold?) It turns out this was a good plan, as there was more chocolate cake going spare than Luke, myself and the ‘tabs’ combined could get through!

The costume competition and barn dance were a big success, though I have to say that I never thought the “mysteries of the East” evoked by Turkish Delight adverts included hirsute belly-dancers. There’s an image that will stay with me for a long time. In the end OUSGG failed to enter the competition, as our sorry excuse for a “Trio” would have just been embarrassing next to some of the impressive costumes on display.

I think it’s safe to say that SSAGO in general are hardly suffering from gender insecurities. Aside from the aforementioned belly-dancers, the lady who loves Milk Tray, and several very tall cowgirls accompanying the Milky Bar Kid, we also had a scattergun approach to who should dance which part. Early on, Alison was dancing the Dashing White Sergeant with Luke and me (No, that’s not Lulu and Andi-poo), when we encountered an all male trio, leaving the only woman of six people dancing the male part! The barn dance was followed by another campfire, and more lewd songs. Some conflict existed between different factions around the fire, who couldn’t quite agree on tempo, key, verse, or even which song we were singing at times.

On Sunday morning, the AGM was held. I’ve avoided putting you off with too many details of the reps’ meeting, but it was mostly repeated for everyone else’s benefit on Sunday, so here’s where you find out what’s been going on in a summary of both meetings. I can’t promise it will be as thrilling as F&GPC minutes.

As well as the members of SSAGO and SAGGA, the reps’ meeting was attended by Anna Massey of Girl Guiding UK and Adrian Ray of The Scout Association. The publicity officer’s report mentioned that an article about us has been submitted to Scouting Magazine. A new website is currently being

tested. It should have various snazzy features, such as an interactive club map and a calendar of events, so we can organise inter-club meetings more easily. The organisation is also going to buy some credit card sized flyers to distribute at fairs. These will hopefully be put into pockets and found later, rather than into the usual carrier bags of flyers where they get ignored. They will be blank on the back for details, or Welsh, to be added. They cost £90 per 10,000, and are available for clubs to buy.

Hayley Goldman gave the members’ report, including a list of valuable and unstealable mascots (which Erik is obviously on). The hope is that people will be more likely to bring mascots if they’re protected.

Jennie Macdougall reports that we’re about £7 up from last year, and that “Paypal is doing well”

Nick gave the chair’s report. He apologised for the EGM last term, but promises that after the AGM, all should be quiet on the constitution change front. Policy documents, which require less effort to change, should help this. He’s glad to say the SSAGO is currently working very well with GGUK and TSA, and hopes his successor will keep this up.

In future events: The SSAGO Ball is coming, as is the Nottingham “Pirates of the Caribbean vs. Robin Hood” Rally (sadly no ninjas, and no fire). The website is not up yet though.

Four policy documents were voted in at the reps’ meeting, covering subjects such as accounting for national events, activities and behaviour, and reporting of accidents and incidents. The latter is something the Exec, Adrian and Anna all want to stress. They want to know about any serious accidents ASAP (requiring medical attention).

The document on activities and behaviour gives SSAGO more powers to suspend individuals or groups for unreasonable and/or dangerous behaviour. We need to complete an Adult Activity card and, if applicable, a Nights Away Notification form before relevant events. The document also means that to be covered by insurance, we now need only follow POR, rather than Guiding activity guidelines. The exception is that any activity banned by either group is still banned for SSAGO groups. This includes laser-quest and banana-boating, for example.

At this point I’ve run out of time, and possibly space, so here’s where I confess we snuck out of the AGM early to catch our train, leaving the whole thing not quite concluded...

WINTER WALKING

Chris Wood finally finishes the Winter Walking report!

Well the title is a bit of a lie – I can't think of much to add to the previous two WW articles, I mean I could have possibly expanded on a few points but by doing so I would have gone into far too much detail and bored you all silly (sillier in Gillian's case). So this Winter Walking article is going to be a trip report for Easter activity.



This year's Easter Activity took place in the South, not just the

Stoke-on-Trent kind of south, really south in wild savage lands, I mean you won't believe how south it was. I didn't even know you could get that far south; it's almost mind-boggling to think that such a far South exists. It's still doing my head in. Were talking near Oxford kind of South which is ridiculously far South when compared to St Helens which as we all know, is as far south as any reasonable person can expect to go. Anyway this was possibly a ploy by the southerners of OUSGG to piss off the far superior northerners, but they didn't get away with it, as they were unable to significantly increase the probability of snow. And due to the lack of snow there was not much donning of a wide variety of different coloured hats

The number of the group was to fluctuate and change throughout the week as people came and went. The trip dates ranged from 11th March until mid April so people were in confusion as to the week they were supposed to arrive, so if

anyone did turn up at a different time, please submit your report to Luke for the next edition of Postscript. Also as it was not decided where the trip was being held people didn't know which train to catch or motorway to use so it is quite possible that there was another Easter activity going on in a different part of the country (presumably up North – I mean if I hadn't turned left onto the motorway I would never have known that this part of the country existed. And it was a good job the car had a full tank of petrol because they seem to use a funny currency down south where by everything costs far more than it should do and I would not have been able to get home to write you this report, so we would all be at a loss. Lets take sandwiches for an example. Harveys charge you £4.20 for a large breakfast bap (*bap, n. (bhap) dialect and colloquial. Intr. Barm*), whereas up North Kath's Bakery charge a mere £1.60 for the same meal. That is a price difference of 262.5%.



Anyway as the car was sufficiently full of petrol I made it far south, seriously far south, I mean you won't believe how south it was. I didn't even know you could get that far south; it's almost mind-boggling to think that such a far South exists. It's still doing my head in. Were talking near Oxford kind of South which is ridiculously far South when compared to St Helens which as we all know, is as far south as any reasonable person can expect to go.)

So as I briefly mentioned above the numbers fluctuated and changed throughout the week ranging from one to a maximum of one. A brief appearance was made by Eri>| who, unfortunately appeared when the other member of *OUSGG* was out so the numbers didn't increase. Eri>| stayed for a while to drink tea and eat Jaffa Cakes (whilst browsing through the most recent edition of *Cosmopoliton*). He then left just as the other *OUSGG*er returned – hence there was actually only one member there at any time, but due to the remarkable timing there was never less than one.

On the trip there was a fair amount of faffing (for a formal definition write to Aunt Samina or refer to *Postscript Edition 370* pg.5.) as to what activities should take place and when, but the faffing was interrupted once by a *DECISION!!!* The decision was to play mafia and having decided that the Jack of Hearts should signify the mafia, the card was dealt. Unfortunately the evil swine that was the mafia outsmarted the cream of MI5 and won the game. Obviously, even though Sam was not there, he was the mafia but after rigorous interrogation the

detective decided that the probability he was the mafia was so low that it had to have been someone else. After this act of cunning another activity needed to be decided and this resulted in more faffing. The faffing was a long and drawn out process that took quite some time, days possibly even weeks, it all blurred into one and became so heated that everything else was forgotten. Food was left uneaten and beds unslept in, this was serious faffing – comparable to the question of whether a jaffa is a cake or biscuit (a decision was reached and recorded at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year of the 11th century, and formally included in the treaty of Versailles). [Ed. After this the trip report writer became tired so went to bed for a bit. He then woke all refreshed but couldn't remember what he had written so the next bit may ramble a little, and a few events may have been missed out of the report.] So we all went home. The trip was amazing, possibly the best Easter Activity to take place this year, I mean seriously amazing, not slightly amazing but totally, 110%, back of the net amazing.

The end.

Chris Wood 25/02/2006.

The letters in bold form an anagram of a popular phrase or saying. Anyone who solves it will win a prize. Answers on a postcard pided to Chris Wood, St Edmund Hall, Queens Lane Oxford, OX1 4AR. Also I can't vouch for the correctness of the letters picked I may have missed out a few or got an extra one in. Have a go though.

FACE OFF - RESULTS

Samina Snelson puts you out of your misery.

Well after a disappointing response, it's time to declare the winners. Out of the three entries I received, we have a tie between the combined Alison-Jenny collective and Andrew, both with the thoroughly pathetic total of one correct pairing. Alison and Jenny correctly recognised the uncanny similarities between Andrew and the famous aviator Wilbur Wright, whilst Andrew got the blatantly obvious connection between Michael and Bill Gates. Meanwhile Alistair was the only other person brave enough to risk insulting the membership of *OUSGG*. But don't worry Alistair, I promise not to tell Jacqui whom you thought she resembled! (As long as the cheque's in the post).

I'm very surprised that more people didn't give it a go and that those that did didn't spot some of the really obvious ones. The similarities, for instance, between Gillian and the eminent author George RR Martin are plain for all to see, as are the links between Lulu and Emma Watson, or Jonathan and Saddam Hussein. Anyway, here are the answers in full to set your minds at ease. If you want to try it yourself you can find the program I used to put the quiz together at www.myheritage.com.

ANSWERS



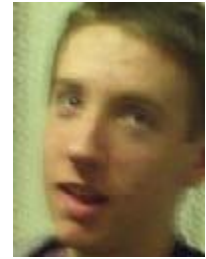
Hugo Weaving – Phil



Bill Gates - Michael



Saddam Hussein – Jonathan



Cate Blanchett – Chris W



Marco Van Basten – Keith



Liza Minnelli - Hayley



George R.R. Martin – Gillian



Kurt Cobain – Alistair



Emma Watson – Luke



Wilbur Wright – Andrew



Keanu Reeves – Jacqui



Ivan Lendl - Roger

FRACTURE REPAIR KIT

Hayley Thompson brings us news of a vital new piece of walking equipment.

As the discussions about Easter Activity heat up and destinations and activities are discussed, I felt it prudent to pass on some first aid advice I received recently. I'm sure you will agree it is an absolute necessity for any OUSGG holiday or outdoor event.

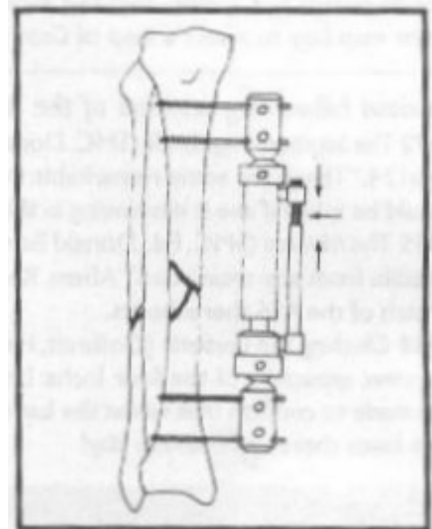
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THE BOLT-ON FRACTURE REPAIR KIT

Don't let that broken leg spoil your day on the hill!

Mountain bikers carry repair kits to meet almost every eventuality: now the Bolt-On Fracture Repair Kit gives you, the hill-walker, that same confidence! Here's what to do with that inconvenient compound fracture of tibia and fibula when you're miles from anywhere:

- *Tidy up the fracture site.* Pluck away any heather or grass from protruding bone ends. Wipe off excess mud. Save any loose bits of bone in a sealed container. ("Tupperware" salt or sugar containers are ideal for this purpose.)
- *Get the bone ends back in line.* Attach one end of the **Bolt-On Traction Device** to a handy tree or rock. Fix the other end to your boot, just like a crampon strap! ("Step-in" fittings available on request.) Now *pull!* Push firmly over the fracture site with the thumbs of both hands to help realign the bones. (A little grinding and bleeding is normal at this point, but you should stop if any "spurting" occurs.)
- *Check the result.* Are both your legs roughly the same length? Do both your feet point in the same direction? If not, try again.
- *Begin the repair.* Find the battery-powered drill and the quarter-inch bit, and assemble. Check the diagram, and drill a hole in the tibia (the "shin-bone") below the level of the break. Try to use a single, smooth motion for this: some discomfort (or "pain") is likely as you penetrate the skin and bony covering, and speed will help you to avoid losing consciousness at all-important point. Now remove the drill-bit, set it aside carefully in a clean place (you will need it again!), and fit one of the threaded quarter-inch rods into the drill chuck. Screw it into the hole you have just prepared, using short, sharp bursts of drill power. (*Do not* force the drill at any time: this could "explode" the bone and make your repair more difficult.)
- *Fit the other three rods in the same way.* Add one more rod below the break and two above it, lined up neatly along the shin-bone, as shown on the diagram. If you make a mistake, don't worry: the drill has enough stored power to make at least twenty attempts!
- *Add the support strut.* Undo all the locking points on the **Bolt-On Support Strut** with the Allen key provided. Slip it over the ends of the four rods. Make one last check on leg length and foot position, and then tighten all the nuts. (There are sixteen: don't forget any!)
- *Now try out your repaired leg!* Walk up and down a little to get the feel of it. Inevitably, you'll find that it doesn't feel entirely "normal" to you. But don't fiddle with it just yet: take a few more paces, and you'll probably get right back into your usual walking rhythm. If you *do* find yourself walking in circles, or unable to lift the foot high enough to clear small obstacles, then sit down, loosen off the strut, and readjust the fracture until it feels more "comfortable".



Caution: We do not recommend using the **Bolt-On** for more than a single day in the hills. The rods can seriously damage bivvy-bags or down sleeping-bags if used for overnight camping. If the bone is still "bendy" after six weeks, seek the advice of your GP (Remember to take those spare bits of bone with you to the surgery!)

Ask for details of our other Bolt-On products: the Double-Leg Kit, the Forearm Kit and the Skull Plating Kit (mirror included)!

THE LITTLE BOOK OF FAFF

Jonathan Harvey brings us excerpt 2 of his long awaited book.

Brownian Motion Faff

The author apologises in advance to all those readers with even a passing knowledge of science/physics. I would only say that the author has not consulted for two good reasons: 1 that any clarifications / corrections will not only advance his knowledge with minimal effort on his own part, but 2 such correspondence will greatly advance the cause of *faff*.

The Brownian motion faff is one of the most basic yet uncontrolled varieties of *faff*, ubiquitous yet poorly described. It is derived from the concept of Brownian motion in physics, where particles are continually in motion (the precise amount and type depending on their state), moving in apparently random directions. So might OUSGG be described in its natural state, with various members moving in apparently random directions, absorbed in their own particular *faff*. Even when apparently solid and immobile, particles are still constantly moving within their restrictions. Anyone who has ever sat next to an incorrigible fidgeting OUSGGER like, for example, Luke on a long journey will instantly see how this translates to the society...

As part of Brownian motion, changing the conditions, such as temperature or pressure, will cause changes in the speed of the particles. The application of this principle to OUSGG is less reliable, in that an increase in external pressure (such as “we’re leaving in 5 minutes!”) will *sometimes* lead to the various *faffing* members speeding up, moving more wildly and crashing into each other more often (but without necessarily leading to greater productivity). However, sometimes such pressure will have no visible effect on the speed and urgency of *faffers* – in this case, the greatest effect will be seen in the rising boiler pressure of the organiser...

Spider Faff

1. So called after its characteristic shape – all *faffers* start in a central position. At a particular signal (e.g. “be back here in 20 minutes”), all *faffers* scatter in different directions, each to *faff* in their own way. By its very nature, of course, the *faffers* will almost certainly not be back for the time specified.

2. So called after its association with a particular style of goalkeeping in school football. In this configuration, when playing a ‘spider-goalie’, any member of the team can become the goalie at a given moment, but only one person may be the goalie at that given moment. So, if there is a particular job to be *faffed* over, one OUSGGER may *faff* over it, then be replaced by another, and so on, with only one (or maybe two) members *faffing* on this task. This *faff* has a similarity to the **Relay faff**, but should not be confused with it – the ‘spider faff’ involving one central task, whereas the **Relay faff** potentially involving at least as many *faffing* reasons as *faffers*...

“!”

Luke: Gillian with anything (vaguely kind of) hard and long is a dangerous combination.

Jacqui: Do you practise getting them run over or paralysed?

Phil: Am I holding the thing right, Keith?

Phil (*about his thing holding*): I haven't had any complaints.

Michael: You're rolling her onto her face.

Gillian: It depends if I can get off that night.

Gillian: Happy Birthday, in case I forget to come.

Phil: Please do.

Jacqui: You've got to have a saucy one, if you know what I mean.

Keith: Perhaps Anneka Rice will turn up.

Phil: Oh goody!

Phil: I can remember where I was when S Club broke up.

Phil (*about the Labour Party*): Once you've been burned by one lover, you don't go back again.

Phil: "I keep on fouling my balls"

Jonathan: I can get hot whatever the temperature.

Nick: I just can't do it on somebody else's limb.

Andrew: Scratching my head normally does it for me.

Phil: Highlands – cheap flights or suicide...sleeper trains!

Gillian: I get confused with all these men...

Roger: So what we're saying is that Gillian sleeps with animals.

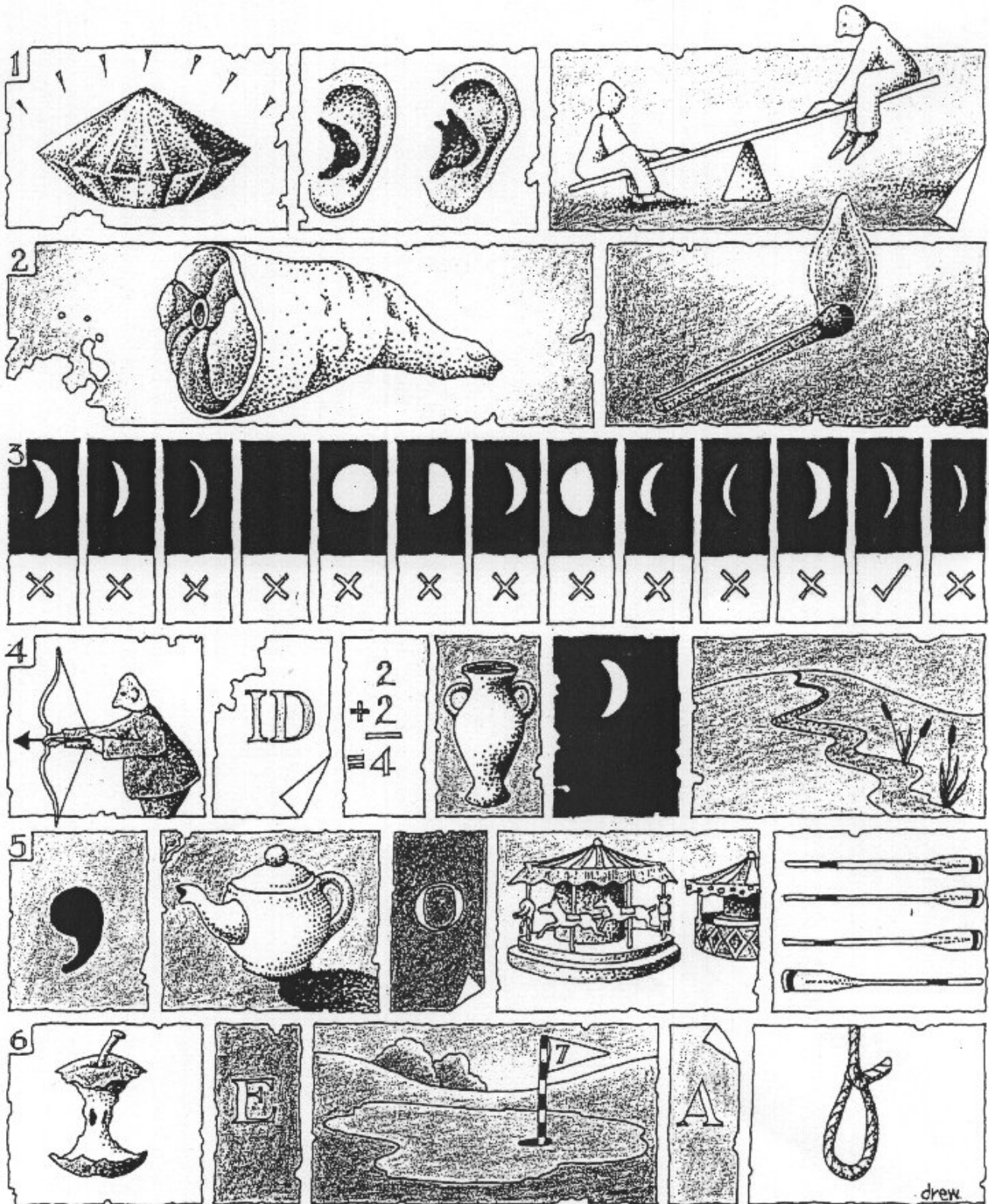
Gillian: Horse racing is good once you get to know the horses better...

The Quotes League

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The Plays of William Shakespeare

Michael Ramsden has set us a little puzzle. Below, there are 6 plays by the bard, written in code. All you have to do is tell him what the plays are. Happy hunting!



WHERE'S ERIK?

Last issue Erik visited the OUP:



But can you tell where he's been this week?



SO LONG

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