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It's bright on the outside.
The bright love the dark side, I know.

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Editorial

Thank you all for bearing with the delayed publication of this issue of PostScript.

Exams are no fun, and come with various associated problems such as increasingly erratic sleeping hours, heightened stress levels and the compulsion to substitute Coke Zero for all other forms of liquid nourishment - although I'm told that the last one is slightly less common. Editing PostScript, although considerably less stressful than a Final and having the added bonus of being possible to accomplish in my own room, wearing normal clothing and having the option to get up, wander around, sing loudly and eat if the fancy takes me, is still a time-consuming activity, and one I am thankful I was able to postpone until the aftermath.

Still, having spent my past week in full-on exam exam mode, this issue contains very little in the way of filler, and is correspondingly short as a result.

Not that it really bothers me. The next issue will be my last - sadly - but is bound to be spectacular, since every member is required to submit an article of some kind. And that really does mean *all* of you - regardless of the proximity of your exams.

Come on - it doesn't take long at all, and it's better to write nonsense for PostScript than for the examiners.

Elizabeth Horne, St. Edmund Hall - Editor

The next issue of PostScript will be published on

Monday of 8th Week,

and so the deadline is

Friday of 7th Week.

Articles received after this time will be included at the Editor's discretion, or may be retained for use in future issues.

Chair's Report

Timothy Driscoll reviews events.

Another PostScript, another Chair's report. We've been busy since the last issue, with the Annual Dinner, Punt and Picnic, Aunt Sally, Wychwood, Astronomy, and of course the 143rd F&GPC, all taking up valuable time you could be spending revising for those dreaded exams – or is that the other way around?

Turnout has been variable, with the group all but vanishing in fourth week, but those who have come along seem to have enjoyed themselves.

Aunt Sally was well attended, despite following on from the hectic Annual Dinner weekend (which was very enjoyable) and we learned some interesting lessons – not least that Americans seem to be very good at this game.

Fourth week had two meetings: the joint session with Wychwood where they taught us the basics of swordplay (first lesson: if you ever did any fencing, forget it all) and another attempt at the astronomy session on Monday, as the weather was nice. Just a shame no-one turned up for that.

Fifth week was a wide game based on the group's activities from the past year. Thankfully, not many of the post-it notes got blown away, and most people seemed to remember what we did this year with a little prompting from the clues. Just be glad I didn't post any all the way up Cowley.

Hopefully you're reading this at the quiz night replacing the trip to go and see a garden show. That means I remembered to send out the email detailing the change of plans. The show might still be on, depending on how many people want to go when I try organising it through Faff instead. Next week will be punting, and then we'll have another TGM in 8th, though I might not be there due to exams starting the next morning.

Timothy Driscoll, Oriel

Inside This Issue

Three years' worth of work split up into six final papers.

- **F&PGC Minutes**
Another light-speed meeting, for your viewing pleasure.
- **Something**
Apparently better than nothing.
- **Beer**
A nostalgic look at industry infighting.

...and more!



Flossy the Sheep Awards 2008

Michelle Barton brings us this year's Flossy Awards.

Luke Cartey – The Nestlé Smarties Children's Book Prize
For his chilling teashop adventures.

Elizabeth Horne – The Ernst Stavro Blofeld Prize for World Domination
For having been Chair and Postscript Editor simultaneously.

Richard Owen – The Prodigal Son Award
For his return to OUSGG.

Alistair Green – The TomTom Award for Navigation
For directing games on Winter Walking and Easter Activity.

Michael Howe – The Six Sigma Award for Secretarial Excellence
For the shortest F&GPC ever!

Sarah Harvey – The George Cross Award for Bravery
For daring the facilities with the risk of being boiled alive on Easter Activity.

Judith Owens – Hardcore Drinker of the Year
For drinking brandy in the drying room at 5am!

Nicholas Scropton – Headhunter of the Year
For an extremely successful Freshers campaign.

Christopher Wood – Larger Lout of the Year
Yes, larger! For abusing a pint of beer.

Gillian Bradley – Miss OUSGG 2008

James Baker – Winter Walking Fresher of the Year

Angela Comana – The International Dancing on Ice Award

The OUSGG Cocktail Book

This week: alcopops.

There's more to alcopops than a quick vodka hit coupled with a heady sugar rush.

You will need: 1 Archers Aqua past its best before date
 Healthy sense of misadventure

Drink the Archers aqua.

Actually, on second thoughts, there really isn't anything more to them.



Something

James Baker rounds off his trilogy of abstracts.

“Everybody’s looking for something” ~ Eurythmics

“I’m looking for something, baby!” ~ Dreamgirls

“I’ve been looking for something all my life” ~ Vonda Shepard

So, it would seem that - if the wonderful world of music is to be believed - something is an awkward little bugger to catch. Indeed, it would seem that some people have spent their lives on the quest to find it. Kind of a holy grail, if you will.

Of course, before we can join the quest to find something, we need to know what something is... which could be a bit of a problem, seeing as my dictionary defines it as “a thing that is unspecified or unknown”. How are we supposed to find an unspecified thing?

Man has spent an eternity pondering this question, and will probably spend another good few eternities (with perhaps a splash of forever and a side of perpetuity) pondering it. So I’m afraid if you came to this issue of PostScript looking for answers (I know I regularly do), then you won’t find them in this article at least.

Even so, not knowing what we’re looking for shouldn’t stop us looking - should it? I feel that this article is becoming a bit too philosophical, so in an effort to save both mine and your brain power for looming exams, I’ll skip to the answer, which is no.

Then where should we look for something? Well, we should start by looking at anything (see Article 1 of this series), and then - if we don’t find the answer in the bottom of a can - we could move on to looking at everything. What we definitely shouldn’t do is look at nothing (see Article 2 of this series) - for therein lies a common mistake, as nothing is often conceived to be the opposite of something.

However, this isn’t true as nothing isn’t the opposite of something, it is the antithesis of everything. And what we definitely don’t want to do is get involved with any antitheses by mistake. That would be a terrible and tragic mistake. Just last year an antithesis claimed the lives of 7 valiant OUSGG-ers looking for something. (The whole thing was hushed up though, so you may not have heard about it)

In conclusion then, never stop looking for something and don’t go looking for nothing. And if you find anything, let me know and we’ll split the reward money. That, my fellow things, is the end.

Nearly the end. That last line should have said nearly the end. If it were really the end, then this paragraph wouldn’t exist - but obviously it does, so it couldn’t have been the end. Stopping the article at that last paragraph would have been like walking out of the cinema before the credits have finished - and we wouldn’t want to do that, would we? If we did that, we might miss the outtakes. Although I’m sorry to inform you that, just like most of the films you stay to watch right to the end of, this article has no outtakes.

Good news! This really is the end of the article. And not only that, it’s also the end of my series of articles on various things. I bet you’re all glad to hear that. Just before I go though, I’ve hidden a little something in this article. Can you find it?

Minutes of the 143rd F&GPC

6:30pm, Thursday 15th February 2008), St Aldate's G&D's

Present

Michael Howe (Secretary)

Christopher Wood (Annual Dinner Organiser)

Timothy Driscoll (Chair)

Sarah Harvey (Treasurer, Chair-Elect & 90th Annual Dinner Organiser)

Michelle Barton (Summer Trip Organiser)

Luke Cartey (Summer Trip Organiser)

Meeting start: 18:47

Approval Of Minutes

The minutes were approved, especially the double-sided printing.

Matters Arising

PostScript back issues had not yet been printed, but should hopefully be sorted at the end of term.

Reports

Chair

Term is happening, although some bits have been less successful than hoped - 3 people turned up to the Wychwood Warriors session, and only 1 to the astronomy session. Still to come are the wide game (5th week), garden show (probably Twelfth Night (6th week), punting and the TGM.

Chair-Elect

There are ideas, although the whole term is not yet planned. The pipeline is spotty.

Treasurer

The Old Members account has #319.49. The main account has #413.32 (plus #262.40 to come). The events account currently contains the Annual Dinner money, but that is being paid out as appropriate.

Secretary

The registration form has been sent off to the Proctors.

SSAGO

Nothing to report.

Annual Dinner

It happened, is finished, sorted, enjoyed.

Winter Walking

<fx:ominous noise> "Mnwuuuh uh"

90th Annual Dinner

Already started looking for locations, so far two colleges have said no. Wolfson looked good, but the last one was there.

Summer Trip

Happening: "yay". Going to the South of France, 9 people currently, still space on the boat for more. All present bar Chris Wood are going (Chris will be in Africa).

Motions

None.

AOB

Erik was stolen, but has now been returned. It was decided that it was not worth attempting to fine anyone. People would like a Termcard for the rest of term (and also the website updated). Year in OUSGG should be distributed to current members. Potential Annual Dinner Afterparty location next year (MB, NS, CW, EH+ non-member's house) has been lost, so the location is unclear.

Meeting close: 19:00

Beer

Chris Wood recounts one of his fondest beer-related memories.

Last weekend the small German town of Paderborn was transformed from the quiet 18th century market town that it usually is into one of Europe's busiest tourist destinations. Hundreds of thousands of people flocked there for a four day Bierfest. And I was one of those tourists.

I actually won a ticket there from a promotion that Becks were running, so got to fly first class from Heathrow to Dusseldorf. On the flight home I was privileged to be sat very close to several presidents of some of the worlds biggest breweries.

When the stewardess came around to offer in-flight refreshments the first passenger she offered a drink to was Valentin Diez Morodo, the Vice President of the Modelo Group who make Corona. He said, "I would like a glass of the worlds finest beer, a Corona".

The passenger next to him, Patrick Stokes, CEO of Anheuser-Busch Companies producers of Budweiser leaned over and said, "I want a glass of the best beer in the world, the King of Beers, a Budweiser".

On the next row the first gentleman who just happened to be sat there was John Foster and he asked for "A glass of the only beer worth drinking, a pint of Fosters".

I was starting to notice a trend occurring, so when the waitress approached Alain de Waele, my host for the weekend and the President of Becks, I was shocked when he ordered a Coke.

I leaned over to him and asked why he wasn't having a Becks and his reply was, "Well I figured if no one else has ordered a beer then neither would I."

Mention these dates in your last exam paper:

Monday of 7th Week: Punting, leaving from Magdalen Bridge. 7pm.

Monday of 8th Week: TGM and Termly Dinner. TBC.



Other Events

Sunday of 9th Week: CUSAGC Punt Joust, Cambridge. Travel details TBC.

For full details of upcoming meetings and events, visit our website at www.ousgg.org.uk.