

# OUSGG – Panda Party Pancakes



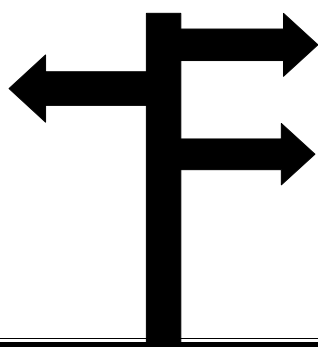
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## The Big 3-6

Our beloved leader had his birthday this week! Eri>| is now 36 [or so consensus says] and doesn't look a day over 10.

Apologies are in order for the delay to this issue. While the fact it's now the 18<sup>th</sup> won't bother you one iota by next year, this is indeed at least a week late by the time you could first see it. Hopefully it won't happen again [this term].

This issue features a little bit of 'own work' – the centre page can be removed and folded to form a novelty term card!

Please note that the 7<sup>th</sup> week meeting is subject to extreme change – it's likely to actually be in 8<sup>th</sup> week in addition to the TGM with another meeting in 7<sup>th</sup> week to replace it.

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# Chair's Report

Since the last issue there's been four Monday meetings and either four or four plus one NnNs! It's now over halfway through the term and no-one has passed away during a meeting yet....

The late evening walk was unfortunately short due to a failure of the chair to check the route would be open at that hour in advance, but the meeting was finished up in the [thankfully warm] pub.

Burn's night was good fun, despite both teams inability to not use the phonetic sound 'aye'. It's worth noting that it can be done, or rather not said as can be seen in this report. Objections will invariably result in more points being removed.



Last Monday was the joint birthday of Eri>| and Phil – many circular, flippable deserts were eaten and there was a close game of Pitch Car. So close, in fact, that to make it fair my car stopped for half a lap to give the others a chance. Turns out they were all ahead of me rather than me being ahead...

Geoffrey Hall  
Chair, Hillary 2010

## What's On?

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Week – Indoor Pioneering  
- 19:30, St John's College
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week – Burn's night  
- 19:30, Museum Road, St John's College
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week – Night Hike  
- 19:00, G&D's, St Aldate's
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week – Cotswold Marathon  
- 17:00, Gloucester
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Week – Pub Quiz  
- 20:00, Royal Oak
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Week – Pancake night / Eri>|'s Birthday Bash  
- 19:30, Magdalen College
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Week – Wide Game  
- 19:00, Carfax Tower
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Week – Ultimate Frisbee  
- 17:00, Iffley Road
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Week – TGM and Food  
- 19:00, Graves Room, St John's College

# Letters to the Editor

A real letter again!!!!

Sir,

I note that our esteemed chair chose one Paddy Unwin as scapegoat for Monday night's evening. Combining this with our elected scapegoat Miss Barton's failure to ensure her team lost the pub quiz, has a coup been made over her position? It is always sad to see a decline in a once great power such as hers. Perhaps it is time to cut our losses and elect a new scapegoat.

Yours,  
Concerned (ex-Teddy Hall)

Apparently both teams actually did OK in the quiz – maybe the elected goat should write in with a rebuttal to this?

## QuoteScript

Luke: I was locked in my room by Prince Philip.

Patrick: I don't take [lifesaving] as seriously as other people.

Patrick: You could all watch Geoff and Laura trying to do it if you want.

Luke: If it'll fit in my mouth it'll fit in your mouth.

James: If its got strings its not worth £500.

Spread around the meetings with a few that I found down the back of the sofa.

# Things that probably shouldn't be competitive

Nick Scroxtton

- Lifesaving (obviously)
- Bigamy
- Taxidermy
- Fire drills
- Microsoft Office 2007
- Tourism
- Crosswords
- Parallel parking



Can you work out which ones are real competitive events? (not, one of these is recognised by the IOC). Answers on a postcard to [icanmakelauracry@ousgg.org.uk](mailto:icanmakelauracry@ousgg.org.uk) (*photo from failblog*)

## Historical origins of Groundhog Day

Wikipedia

An early American reference to Groundhog Day can be found in a diary entry, dated February 5, 1841, of Berks County, Pennsylvania storekeeper James Morris:

Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate.

In Scotland the tradition may also derive from an English poem:

As the light grows longer  
The cold grows stronger  
If Candlemas be fair and bright  
Winter will have another flight  
If Candlemas be cloud and rain  
Winter will be gone and not come again  
A farmer should on Candlemas day  
Have half his corn and half his hay  
On Candlemas day if thorns hang a drop  
You can be sure of a good pea crop

In Alaska, February 2 is observed as Marmot Day rather than Groundhog Day because few groundhogs exist in the state. The holiday was created by a bill passed by the Alaska Legislature in 2009 and signed by then-Governor Sarah Palin that year.

Just FYI, you know?

# A Study in Subfusc - Part Two

Timothy Driscoll

Aidan had been against calling the police, maintaining that the woggle was just misplaced, and had it been anyone else Erik might have agreed. But Aidan had always been meticulously careful with his things, so if he thought he put it in the safe then it had been locked in, with good odds the lock had been changed. No, if it was missing and no-one else admitted to moving it, then it was stolen.

Still, he'd done it. The two scouts were waiting in the main car park when the police officers arrived in an unmarked car. Old Toby was a little affronted at this, since he'd not been told anything about what happened the previous night. Nor had anyone else yet, the police had been quite firm about that. In any case Aidan didn't want this to get out. He was only a few weeks into the job, which was far too short a time to start losing priceless heirlooms.

Only two officers had come – it helped keep things low-key, and Faffingham-on-Thames was far too small a place to spare any more. The first out of the car, taller and fuller in figure, marched up to Aidan and introduced himself.

"Good morning sir, I'm Detective Inspector Thomas, highest ranking officer in the village. Not that that's saying much, but we want you to know that we're taking this seriously. My companion is Detective Constable, she's young, but very talented. If I could ask you to take us to the scene of the incident?"

"Of course. We're down at Site 5, if you know the place. It's this way." Aidan and the Inspector walked off down the path, Erik running to keep up. Very soon he was caught up by the younger officer, who'd been talking to Toby.

"If you could answer a few questions for me, sir?"

"Certainly, umm... I'm sorry, what was your name? I only heard 'Det. Constable'"

"That *is* my name," responded the girl. "Detective Jane Constable."

"Oh."

"Yeah, I get that a lot... Is it valuable, this woggle thing?"

"Probably. I'm certain Aidan would pay whatever he could to get it back."

"But could you sell it?"

"Don't think so. There can't be much of a market, except perhaps some scouting museums. And they'd probably give it back if asked."

"And nothing like a ransom note?"

"No. Aidan still thinks he misplaced it." By now they'd reached the Great Fork, where the track to Site E split off the main path.

"This whole thing seems strange though – I was in Scouts for a while when I was younger, but I don't remember ever hearing anything about any Chief Scout's Woggle."

"You wouldn't have done. It's not something they like to make a big deal of. I hadn't heard of it until this morning." They trudged along for a while longer in silence.

"It couldn't be an inside job, could it?" the policewoman asked.

"Possibly. I know Aidan wouldn't do it, and I doubt either of the other two would. But even if they did, why here and why now? After all, it's not as if they'd be lacking in opportunity."

They finally reached the Stone Hut, where Aidan and Inspector Thomas were waiting. Inside, Rotherton had left a note saying that they'd gone to get breakfast and



(somewhat reproachfully) that he'd tidied the papers back into the safe. Inspector Thomas was less than pleased at this interference of the crime scene, but conceded that he'd been the one saying to hush it all up. While Aidan went to get the others, Erik stood back and watched the two officers in action.

They were both good at their job, that was obvious. Rather than starting at the safe, Thomas left Constable to photograph the room while he wandered around the outside of the building. The Tent had one main room, and a few smaller ones along one wall leading to two bedrooms and a kitchen in the middle, where the safe was. And to utilise the plumbing, the toilet block backed on to the other side of those walls.

Thankfully, Det. Constable was quite happy to explain what she was doing and why she was doing it, telling Erik that paying attention to the layout of the room and where things were located could often yield something of interest. Also, it helped to get a conviction if you had visual evidence of the layout. Erik couldn't help think that this sounded an awful lot like something Sargent Johnson would say in 'Shameless Plug'.

"Do you mind, Detective? The panda could be a suspect, after all." criticised Thomas as he returned, along with Aidan who had brought Helen, Rotherton, and Dan Sullivan with him.

"No, I trust Erik absolutely." said Aidan. "In any case, he has an alibi. He's a stuffed panda. With all the rain last night, he'd have traipsed mud everywhere. The rest of us have been taking our shoes off as we enter, but Erik doesn't have that option. Oh, and he can't reach."

"I'm sorry. Suspect for what? And who are you?" said Helen.

"My woggle got stolen last night. These two are from Faffingham's police station, they're investigating it." Aidan replied, putting his arm around her. "And technically, I suppose we're all suspects."

"Your *woggle*?" asked Dan. "Don't be ridiculous. Who'd want to steal a woggle? This is some kind of joke, right?"

"Since you're feeling so vocal, perhaps you'd like to come and talk to us first?" pressed the Inspector, clearly feeling that he was losing control of things.

"I take it this explains the mess we found this morning." asked Rotherton. "And the fish."

"Fish?"

"I found a dead fish under one of the piles of paperwork. Quite recently dead too. I'm afraid I threw it in the bin." He went round to the bin and pulled out a large crimson fish.

"Doesn't the caretaker here keep fish?" asked Inspector Thomas of his subordinate, "he's known for taking them for walks round the village. This certainly looks like one of his."

"I did see him walking away when I came back yesterday evening," admitted Dan. "He looked like he was heading back to his cabin in a hurry. I just figured he'd been up to his pond."

"You're not seriously suggesting Toby did it?" Aidan protested.

"Why not? There's his opportunity." continued the Inspector, in spite of Aidan. "And he's the caretaker, so he's bound to have a spare set of keys. That gives him the means... All right. We'll have to bring him in to the station for questioning. Then we'll find out if he had any motive. Less than ideal circumstances though. Very well, I'll take him back to the station, and send the other car out here to join you Constable. I want you to stay here and take statements from all of these people. Including the panda."

And find out if anyone else on the site saw or heard anything that might lead to a conviction.”

The inspector strode off towards Toby's cabin.

“Do you really think that Toby - ” Helen began.

“Sorry, but I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you not to talk to each other about this.” interrupted the Detective. “We need to know what *you* saw, not what you think you saw because other people have mentioned things already. If you could all just wait in here? I need you to stay out of the kitchen, and not compromise the crime scene.”

Erik, waiting in his corner of the main hall ran things through in his head. He was certain that Toby hadn't done it, although he couldn't put his finger on why, and got the impression that the Constable agreed. But she had to work within the chain of command.

Well then... It was up to him to get to the bottom of this.

To be continued....

## Easter Activity 2010

**When?** Friday 9th April - Tuesday 13th April (weekend after Easter and the middle weekend of the school holidays)

**Where?** Nine Ashes campsite, Bodmin, Cornwall  
(<http://cornwallscouts.net/NineAshes.aspx>)

**How?** The nearest train station is Bodmin Parkway, which is on the main train line, so from Oxford its just one change at Reading.

**Who?** CUSAGG will be joining us this year for their Trip Over Easter.

**Cost?** £10 per night

If you want to come along send an email to [michelle.barton@seh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:michelle.barton@seh.ox.ac.uk) and let me know when and how you're arriving, lifts can possibly be arranged!

## Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposer: James Baker

Secunder: Michelle Barton

We propose the amendment of the following clause, where the *emphasis* represents the appended text:

4.f.vi.4.a

The Secretary shall deal with the correspondence and general administrative duties of the Group, including liaising with the Senior Member(s) and Proctors, as well as maintenance of this constitution. *This shall include collecting correspondence from the OUSU Offices on a regular basis, and not less than once a fortnight during term time.*



# 148th F&GPC Minutes

## Present

Geoff Hall (Chair)  
James Baker (Secretary)  
Michelle Barton (Treasurer)  
Laura Bunce  
Luke Cartey  
Tim Driscoll  
Elizabeth Horne  
Richard Owen  
Jude Owens

## Apologies

None received.

*Meeting opened at 1816, 1st February 2010.*

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 147th F&GPC were approved by those present.

## Matters Arising

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

## Officer Reports

### **Chair - Geoff Hall**

Term hasn't been too bad so far - we've had a meeting every week. We have had two new members join us this term, and hopefully they'll come back. Ultimate Frisbee (7th week) is likely to be at a weekend, but a definite date hasn't yet been set.

### **Chair Elect - Elizabeth Horne**

Next term is looking good. There have only been a few replies to the Rocky Horror Show; if you'd like to come get in touch with EH.

MB: Who is the sofa? We elected MB last AGM but later realised she couldn't hold the post as she is also Treasurer.

EH: We'll deal with this in AOB

There will be punting next term, and the term is going to be a fantastic lollapalooza. EH is very excited about the term.

### **Secretary - James Baker**

We're re-registered with the Proctors.

### **Treasurer - Michelle Barton**

The accounts are as follows:

- Current Account - £931.07
- Old Member's Account - £319.49
- Events Account - £347.75

- Savings Account - £671.27

We will change the signatories on the Savings Account later in the meeting. LC owes around £14 for Winter Walking, and £225 for Summer Trip [Summer Trip was subsequently paid for].

### **SSAGO - Elizabeth Horne**

We are now registered with SSAGO. Currently there are five people on the Southampton Rally so far - it's going to be a lollapalooza of a rally. If anyone wishes to submit SSAGO Exec nominations, they should do so to EH.

It was generally agreed that the SSAGO rally website sucks.

### **Easter Activity - Michelle Barton**

If you are interested in going, then e-mail MB. It's booked at Nine Ashes campsite in Bodmin, between 9th-13th April and will be £10 per person per night. We are going with CUSAGC, so need to put in a good showing. There is no kitchen in the building we've rented, but we've rented a kitchen separately in a different building.

LC: Is gas and electric included in the cost?

MB: I will check.

There are activities on site that we can book on arrival. The campsite is on the main train line, so is easy to get to.

EH: There'll be lots of CUSAGGers on the SSAGO rally, so the rally is a good place to get to know them before EA.

### **Annual Dinner - Michelle Barton**

Will check soon with Christ Church that it is still ok. Discussion of details with JB will take place at some other time. The Annual Dinner is on the 30th April. Another e-mail will be going out soon.

RO: Will LC be able to get us in to Magdalen on the Saturday for May Morning festivities?

LC: Yes, I'll try.

EH: If we're planning on staying up all night, everyone should bring a change of clothes.

## Motions

### **OUSU Post Motion - Proposed by JB**

OUSU has the facility to accept mail for OUSGG and keep it for one of us to pick up. This would save us having to change the addresses on accounts, insurance and similar things every year. In the past, changing the addresses has been a lot of hassle and has caused problems. Only one person can collect the mail from OUSU.

It is proposed we ask OUSU to accept our mail for us, and that we change the addresses to the OUSU offices.

RO: How much does it cost? JB: It is free

EH: Would we be able to collect mail during the vacation

JB: We can collect mail during office hours, but I don't know if that includes during the vacation. JB to find out.

It was agreed that the job of collecting mail should be associated with a committee position. Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer were proposed as possible positions, and the general consensus was that it should be the role of the Secretary.

Voted to postpone motion until TGM so that JB could find out whether we will be able to receive mail during the vacations, and so that a constitutional amendment can be submitted that requires the secretary to check the OUSU offices for mail regularly.

### **Savings Account Motion - Proposed by MB**

We need to change the signatories on the Savings Account as none of the current signatories are current members. The Secretary and Treasurer need to be signatories, and we can have up to two extra signatories. Three witnesses are needed to change the signatories.

It was agreed that GH and LC should be signatories, as well as JB (Secretary) and MB (Treasurer).

It was agreed to sign the form now, but postpone submitting it until we have sorted out sending post to OUSU.

### Any Other Business

#### **Gangshow - JB**

I've been asked to advertise the Oxford Gangshow, which is running between 9th-13th March (Tues-Sat 8th week).

There wasn't much interest in going. JO says if one or two people want to come, they could go as extra adult helpers with her Brownies.

#### **Chair Elect**

We need to elect a new Chair Elect to Sofa with EH, as MB was elected at the TGM but can't be Chair and Treasurer. The Chair Elect can't be Secretary or Treasurer, and must be a current member of Oxford University.

Luke volunteers to be the Chair (Sofa) Elect. Everyone votes in favour of this.

#### **Winter Walking Thank You - MB**

MB presented JB with a hat to add to his collection as a thank you gift for helping to organise Winter Walking. JB dons the hat.

#### **Sponsor Phil - EH**

Phil is marching a half marathon for charity in full civil war battle dress, and we should all sponsor him. Details have previously gone out by e-mail, or ask Phil.

#### **Brookes Minibus - JO**

We currently don't have a minibus driver in the society. Anyone over the age of 21 with a driving license can apply to drive the Brookes Minibus. JO can't remember the price of the training, but it might be worth considering.

*Meeting Closed 1940, 1st February 2010.*

## **The OUSGG 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> week)

Christ Church College

Pre-dinner drinks: 7.30pm

Dinner: 8pm

### **MENU**

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP  
WITH SEARED SCALLOP AND CAJUN SPICED PUMPKIN SEEDS  
*V = (BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP  
WITH SEARED TOFU AND CAJUN SPICED PUMPKIN SEEDS)*

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CHAR-GRILLED CHICKEN SUPREME  
WITH TOMATO RISOTTO AND PARMESAN CRISPS  
*V = (CHARGRILLED ASPARAGUS AND VEGETABLES WITH HUMAS, PESTO, TOMATO RISOTTO AND  
PARMASAN CRISPS)*

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LEMON TART WITH RASPBERRY SMOOTHIE AND PINK GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGE SORBET

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COFFEE AND MINTS

Tickets: £35 (non-drinking), £41 (drinking)

Punt and picnic: £6