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*Phil's desperate desire for a pilots licence had taken a turn
for the worse...*

Recipes

*James and Shell provide
useful recipes for NnN*

150th F&GPC: As it happened!
A match report

Bombs away!

Editors A-Z

*What happens when you fail to
submit your articles on time.*

In-Joke A to Z

*Lizzy Horne brings us up-to-date on
the latest OUSGG In-Jokes.*

Bombs away!

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It's been great to see so many new faces over the last few weeks; some of whom I may only remember by their "murder mystery" names! I hope everyone has enjoyed a packed term so far - kudos to James.

On the topic of events, I'm writing this just after the OUSGG trip to the Imperial War Museum in London. For those that haven't been it's both vast and fascinating, with more exhibits than we could possibly look round in a day - and best of all it's free! Many thanks go to Phil for organising the trip.

Meanwhile, in this issue of PostScript, don't miss the F&GPC minutes (I can feel your excitement already), Jude's now infamous Reading story (in cartoon form) and a whole host of culinary tips for a certain NnN organiser...

And remember - PostScript doesn't run without you, so submit those articles. I'd love to have a bumper 16 page issue next time!

Luke Cartey

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Chair's Report

Michaelmas term is now well under way, and it's good to see so many people still coming along and - dare I say it - even enjoying themselves.

Since the last issue of PostScript, we've ran around Oxford playing a Wide Game, we've failed miserably at solving a murder and saving the world in our Murder Mystery evening, we've seen Oxford United beat Northampton 3-1, and we broke with tradition and survived the Fireworks evening without hitting anyone with a rogue firework.



Our dapper chair

And the next few weeks are just as busy, kicking off with an attempt to recreate the famous Skoda advert in Luke and Shell's flat. We're also going Bouldering, doing an African music workshop featuring a 10 person Xylophone, and there's of course our end of term dinner at Atomic Burger.

There's also a SSAGO rally on the 26th-28th November. If anyone is interested in going, they need to get in touch with me as soon as possible!

That's all for now, I'll leave you to enjoy the rest of PostScript!

James Baker

Chair, New College

Termcard

Still to come this term:

Monday 5th Week - Skoda Night

Remember that advert where they build a car out of cake and jelly? Well, now's your chance to go one better. Bring a couple of packets of sweet (we'll provide some basic 'materials'), and see what creations you can come up with. And, of course, all creations will be eaten afterwards.

Monday 6th Week - Bouldering

After all that cake that was eaten at the Skoda Night, we thought we ought to do something physical to burn it all off. So we'll be heading to the nearby Climbing Centre for a spot of bouldering. No experience is required - we'll have people there to show you how it's done and to give you some advice.

Monday 7th Week - African Music Workshop

Join us as we learn to play some African music on a giant (4m) Ugandan xylophone, panpipes, drums and more. You don't need to have any musical experience at all as there'll be someone there to show us what to do. The workshop will last around an hour, and we'll probably head to a pub afterwards to get some food.

Monday 8th Week - AGM and Meal

Our AGM (which isn't as dull as it may sound), followed by a meal at Atomic Burger where we shall eat, drink and celebrate the end of term!

150th F&GPC: As it happened

The minutes of the 150th F&GPC; possibly I've been watching too much football...

Squad List

02 James Baker (Chair, SSAGO Rep)

01 Luke Cartey (Secretary, Membership Secretary, PostScript Editor)

09 Jack Sobey (Treasurer, SAGLO)

05 Michelle Barton (Quartermaster)

11 Geoffrey Hall (Chair-Elect)

13 Laura Bunce

17 Sarah Cousins

Match Preview

The last meeting was very efficient - 9 minutes - and this meeting is unlikely to beat that, give the necessity of discussing Annual Dinner. Caroline Berry apologises for being out of the squad.

As it happened

1817: Kick off

1819: Minutes of 149th F&GPC approved. James attempts to approve the minutes of the 148th F&GPC in absentia - Luke objects.

1821: Slow start to the ~~game~~ meeting. Chair's Report has been delayed as Luke refuses to be secretary whilst there is food on the table.

1822: Food has been finished, James goes for his report.

1822: Chair's Report: The term is going ok. We got quite a few freshers for the Freshers' Meeting in first week and the Wide Game in second week, but they were mostly different. We also so different freshers on third week. We got a very good turn-out for the bonfire. We've still got the Skoda evening, Bouldering, African Music Workshop and the AGM to come.

1824: Chair Elect Report: The pipeline is gold with purple stripes and sparkly bits, and sounds a bit rumbly. Geoff has some ideas for next term, including canoeing, stage fighting, a "Scrabble" wide-game and the traditional pancakes.

1826: Treasurer Report: We have money. At the end of November we will have no money, as we are due to pay the Winter Walking balance (£770). Luke will request a deposit of £15 per person from those coming on Winter Walking to cover some of that.

1827: The current account contains **£766.35**, meanwhile in a completely unsurprising turn of events the events account contains **£397.75** and the old members account contains **£319.49**.

1829: Shell suggests checking the events account balance with the bank - since that figure is what we should have.

1830: Secretarys Report: We are possibly registered. Still awaiting conformation.

1831: A short delay as there is debate over whether the Membership Secretary is allowed to give a report, since they had been missed off the original agenda. Luke argues the constitution only allows officers reports to be

added before the meeting begins. James overrules, probably rightly given the SSAGO rep is supposed to give a report anyway.

1832: Whilst a hurried inspection of the constitution is taking place, a suggestion is made to play constitution lottery, where a random constitution from the constitution file is used for each section of the agenda. Jack thinks the proctors may not appreciate this idea. James is still rather keen.

1835: SSAGO Rep Report: We've sent in a club report. Lots of advertising for the silly hats rally. SSAGO have also been nagging about nights away notification forms. Luke will check with James about which forms we need to fill in for Winter Walking.

1837: Membership Secretary Report: (given under duress) There are some members, estimated at twenty, with six new, four old and ten current. Real figures turn out to be nineteen members, with six old, four new and nine current. Ah well, that's what happens when the report is given under duress.

1840: SAGLO Report: We have some freshers interested in become Scout Leaders.

1843: No **Motions**, so we'll move straight on to **Any Other Business**.

1844: Annual Dinner: Luke reports, on Jonathans behalf, that the annual dinner is currently booked for Friday 6th May at LMH. However, there is a major issue with cost - the dinner is £49 a head plus £270 room hire (so £62 a head for 20 people). All agreed that this cost was too high - nobody present (or that those present had discussed it with) was willing to pay that much.

1846: Based on discussions with current/new/old membership the committee agrees that the dinner should be no more expensive than last year - £42 a head drinking, £35 a head non-drinking.

1846: Suggestions were made as to how we could bring the price down at LMH - asking for a cheaper room or cheaper menu, not having pre-dinner drinks, fewer drinks, bringing our own wine and negotiating on price. Jack suggested that we can subsidise the meal by £100-£150 this year, but points out that this isn't sustainable.

1847: Sarah is taken off injured.

1848: Additionally, Luke, James and Geoff will investigate their colleges to see if they can do that date cheaper.

1849: It is agreed that the deadline for finding a college should be Monday 8th Week, at the AGM. If a college can not be found, restaurants and other venues in Oxford should be investigated. The committee noted that a venue should be found that allows it to remain a black-tie event.

1850: In the future, Annual Dinner organisers might need more flexibility over dates - it is increasingly difficult to find venues in Trinity. However, we should consider the knock-on effect this may have on the Punt & Picnic. Most of the old members prefer a Saturday to a Friday night; this is again becoming increasingly difficult.

1851: Officers files: Luke notes that officers files are increasingly bulky and unwieldy; a lot of them contain interesting, but no longer useful stuff. Additionally, there's a lot of items, particularly in the library, that should be moved on or gotten rid of (out-dated maps for example).

1853: It is decided that all officers should check their files; send any items of historical interest for the society to the Bod, sell or pass to members any items of worth but no longer relevant to the day to day running of the society (e.g old maps) and clear out any accumulated rubbish.

1854: James is keen to have more officers files on the web; each officer should ensure any posts have a web-copy.

1855: Luke owes James ice-cream, for organising an F&GPC on his birthday, so James declares the meeting closed. The fans celebrate.

Match Report

Not a stunning time, but respectable. Match rating: 6/10.

Editors A to Z

Lizzy promised me an article; unfortunately she failed to deliver on time (she did deliver late, see the next page over). So I have provided you with the Editors A-Z for your amusement.

Annoying people – Who fail to submit their Articles on time (*cough* Lizzy *cough*).

Bonfire pictures – Impossible to print (sadly).

Chair's Report – Almost never submitted on time, and always either too short or too long for the designated space.

Deadlines – Useful and productive when adhered to by contributors. Optional for editors (see *Geoff*).

Eight or Twelve – The editors ultimate dilemma - too much for eight pages, not enough for twelve!

F&GPC – That superb filler of pages; the minutes of the Faff & General Pedantry Committee. Not only is it easy to type set, it fills at least two pages and you can play around with the formatting.

G Geoff – Last years editor. Won an award for punctual PostScript editing.

Hard-to-print pictures – Our quality photocopying facilities leave-something to be desired on the picture front.

Input – from you (yes, I'm running out of ideas).

James – People who submit this in annoying Mac formats should be taken out and shot.

Killing time – It's amazing what members will do to avoid real work – writing a PostScript article, for example.

Late – PostScript, perpetually.

Members – Remember – you're a fresher until you've had an article printed in PostScript!

N'n'N – Chance for the editor to bully the membership for articles only a day before the deadline.

Old members – We do love them, being a source of excellent and most entertain articles written in an attempt to keep up with Oxford! Just do a graduate course instead!

Photocopying – *vereee-chunk* *squeee* *vereee-chunk* *squeee* becomes music to your ears.

Quotescript – Distinguishing the unprintable from the merely silly has been perfected to an art by editors throught the years.

Random – PostScript is nothing if not random.

Stacks – Where PostScript is sent when it is received by the Bod (see *Wide Audience*). If you're bored one day, try requesting an old copy.

Typesetting – Considered optional by some editors.

Universal Shipping Containers – Alright, you’ve caught me out slipping this under the cover. But shipping containers have featured in a surprising number of articles over the years!

Variety – If PostScript were a performance, we’d be a variety show. But not one of the naff ones...

Wide Audience – A variety of people receive PostScript, including new, current and old members, the Bodleian Library and the Chief Scout!

Xerces – Persian king between 486 to 465 BC. And a validating XML parser. See, PostScript is full of useful facts...

Yonks – That’s how long PostScript has been running for! We have copies back to the 70’s, and PostScript itself is much older.

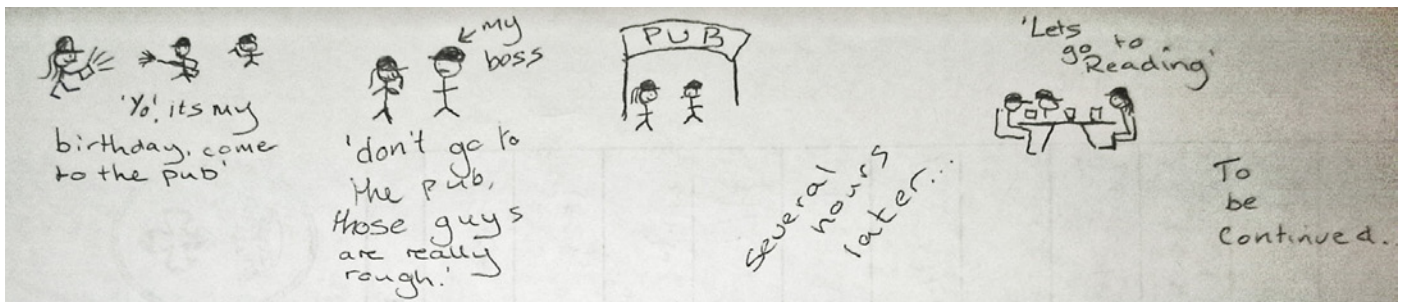
Z-A – The editors ultimate full-back when the articles run dry!

Quotescript

James: Why’s Phoebe small?
Luke: That’s her name...

The Infamous Reading Story

*As bought to us by **Jude**. Don’t worry, it’s not supposed to make sense...*



Letters

Sir,

Every time someone uses brackets [in place of parentheses] in non-technical text, God kills a kitten.

LH

The OUSGG In-Joke A to Z

*Not all issues are filled with A-Z's, I promise! But **Lizzy** thought an alternative A to Z might help you navigate the complex world of the OUSGG In-Joke.*

A is for the afterparty after the Annual Dinner, known to range from the drunkenly sedate to the scandalously riotous.

B is for incredibly strong brandy custard, traditionally served at with the pudding at the OUSGG Winter Walking Christmas dinner.

C is for the OUSGG Cocktail Book, an ongoing project cataloging only the most innovative of OUSGG's colourful alcoholic creations (PostScripts passim). Previous creations include the Cheeky Vimto Lite, the G&C, and the Cider Espresso.

D is for the drying room, in which absolutely nothing has ever happened.

E is for the eating contests which routinely crop up between some of our more competitive male members. Tactical employment of brandy custard (see B) has been known to be the deciding factor.

F is for the Flashmob, a shadowy cabal of old members whose rituals remain cloaked in secrecy, save for the fact that they involve large quantities of rosé.

G is for Gillian, old member and heavy influence on the society, who holds the distinction of being the most quoted OUSGGER of all time.

H is for Hogan, the Annual Dinner mascot always to be found at the epicentre of drunken debauchery.

I is for Ice-Cream Crawl, an alternative to the more traditional bar crawl piloted earlier this year.

J is for Jaffa Cakes, for which some members of OUSGG harbor a bizarre obsession.

K is for a kiddies' play area in the New Forest, site of the Great Bark War of 2007, in which many lives – and much dignity – was lost.

L is for the ladies loos, hub of OUSGG's sophisticated gossip network.

M is for the Man in Red Tights, inevitably found at any medieval tourist attraction.

P is for the Probability Argument, a famous last defense employable in the game of Mafia.

Q is for Queens; specifically, Luke's Queens. Has anyone seen them? If not, he may have to perform an audit.

R is for research papers, highly academic treatises published in PostScript advancing various spheres of knowledge, such as quotation trends (Horne & Other, 2007), pancake batter (Scroxtion, 2008), and genetic tampering (Horne & Merridew, 2008), all available through the PostScript online archive.

S is for the OUSGG Scapegoat, responsible for anything that goes wrong. An elected position.

T is for Tautologist, everyone's favourite word game!

U is for Under The Table, a trip game that involves one person making the titular relocation to beneath the table and grabbing peoples' knees.

Vis for vacation trips, the most common breeding ground for in-jokes

Wis for Whispy the Duck, the Cambridge SSAGO mascot who a large number of the older OUSGG members have slept with at some point following a highly successful kidnap operation several years ago.

Xis for the extension I managed to blag for this article.

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6 Sandwich Making Tips

(Certified for use by N'n'N organisers) or at least that's what James says!



Perfectly filled.

1. If using part-baked rolls or baguettes, ensure that they are fully cooked. Under cooked products result in a lack of structural integrity.

2. Once a sufficient base for the sandwich has been found, ensure that it is cut in a way such that the integrity of the base isn't weakened. A neat cut made by a sharp knife is recommended, preferably along the side of the baguette.

3. Copious amounts of butter aren't required, and may cause the sandwich to go soggy if the baguette is still warm. Soggy baguettes suffer from a severely weakened structure.

4. Don't overload the sandwich with fillings. Whilst a full-baguette is perhaps desirable in culinary terms, overloading may result in critical failure of the sandwich.

5. When eating the sandwich, make sure it is fully supported. The middle of the sandwich is the weakest part, and liable to sag and suffer failure if not properly supported.

6. If in doubt, ask for advice from a more experienced sandwich maker who will be more than happy to dispense constructive criticism and direction.



How it should be done

Why you should come to Winter Walking this year

Because you love Hill-Walking

An entire week of days spent on the hill, summiting the most exciting mountains in the UK, in glorious cool crisp weather (sometimes), followed by a pint or two of English ale.



In the peak district in metres of snow (09/10)



Above a temperature inversion on Hellvellyn (08/09)

Because you don't like Hill Walking

Trips to tea-rooms, short walks around lakes and to see waterfalls and excursions to local museums. Holidays aren't about hideous, knackered death marches in the rain, they're about having fun, and recovering from hangovers.



Because you like Hill Walking

Leisurely walks up that local hill to enjoy fine views but back in time for hot chocolate and cake is what relaxing walking should be about.



On the beach in Anglesey (07/08)

Just because

Fun and games in the evening, good food, good wine (erm?) and good company. OUSGG's Winter Walking is a fantastic trip.

6 Squish Making Tips

*(Also certified for use by N'nN organisers) or at least that's what **Shell** says!*

Follow these simple steps to create the perfect beverage to complement the perfect sandwich:

1. Select an NnN mug (*Rather than, say, a 1.5 pint jug. Two mugs are also acceptable - Ed*), preferably one that looks as though it's been washed this term (*With fairy liquid - Ed*).
2. Decide on a flavour of squish, purple or orange varieties are usually available (*One flavour only? - Ed*); the exact choice will depend on the contents of the sandwich (see page 9).
3. Pour two finger measurements of squish into the mug; this may need to be modified if double concentrated squish has been purchased.
4. Luke is probably the most experienced squish maker to advise on the exact quantities, but it is best to pour for yourself unless you particularly enjoy removing squish stains from clothes.
5. Using the nearest tap, ideally one designated as drinking water dilute the squish, taking care not to overfill the mug.
6. And finally.... Enjoy!

Once the basic beverage making techniques have been mastered, hot drinks (tea) can be attempted.



*Proper Squash – almost as important to the OUSGGers diet
as the Jaffa Cake*



Scropton-Cartey Events, purveyors of the finest bespoke Winter Walking Trips¹ are pleased to announce an exciting new venture in deepest darkest Wales for your pleasure and enjoyment.

This carefully crafted trip to the Brecon Beacons in south Wales will commence on Tuesday the 28th of December 2010 and run for seven nights until the morning of Tuesday the 4th of January 2011. The trip is once again, sure to be the highlight of the OUSGG calendar.

Highlights of this once in a year experience include:

Hill-walking at a variety of levels to suit all needs



Excursions to some of the finest Tea-Rooms in the Breacons



The only fifty-fifty Brandy and custard mix known to man



A drying room



OUSGG's finest Christmas Dinner and New Year's Eve celebrations



Central heating, hot showers and a wood-burning stove

To secure your place please pay heed to the following recommendations:

One: Reply to Mr. Cartey, by the 3rd of December, with your intended dates for being at Winter Walking², we request that you include:

- * Dates of arrival and departures (with approximate time of arrival where known)*
- * Your intended mode of transport. Guests are kindly advised that the nearest station is at Merthyr Tidsfil, a personalised taxi service with chauffeur is provided.*
- * Any dietary requirements*

Two: Pay your £15 deposit (that will either be subtracted from the final amount you pay, or returned if you don't come). Cheques payable to OUSGG and sent to Luke Cartey, Magdalen College, High Street, Oxford OX1 4AU.

Three: Turn up.

Projected costs are £15 per person per night, lodging in bunk-beds, with all meals included. Guests are requested to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and tea-towel, along with all necessary personal effects, and of course alcoholic refreshments. Hiking Boots are strongly recommended.

Guests are also advised that there will be severe rail engineering works in the Reading area throughout the New Year Period. Alternative routes are recommended. Lifts to and from Oxford may be available, dependant on attending personnel.

We regret to inform you that Mr. Scropton esq. will not be partaking in this year's ventures due to the lack of suitable Ocean Liner departing from Australia in time³.



¹ WinterWalking -08/09 and 09/10 if you don't believe us.

² You can always change these later, we need a vague idea of how many people we are expecting and when.

³ Insert shipping container joke here