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All aboard!

Cosmo smut!

What you missed at Winter Walking

Winter Walking
The official report, as written by Beth

Spot the difference

How to spot our chair in a crowd

Ten places not to buy a towel in

Abergavenny

Tried and tested by **Jude**

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Senior Member Nicholas Harberd Welcome back to a new term and a new year! And what an eventful one it has been so far, for me at least. Since the last issue of this fine publication I have caught flu (twice), had a root canal and spent three days in a hut with no running water.

For those that were not party to the excitement of Winter Walking, let me explain. Working our way up through the heavily foggy welsh mountainside, onto a (heavy) snow covered road to the hut, it felt like we'd be transported to a fantasy land. At least we made it to the hut without too much incident, unlike poor Alistair, who became a little too familiar with the walls of the area!

We arrive to find a) the car park is on a slope, and covered in snow and thus unusable and b) the cold water isn't running at all. Sadly, we find this out only after using most of the water in the toilets. This state of affairs was entertaining for a while, but by Thursday, and with double the number of people you will forgive me for thinking that it simply wasn't my lucky week. We spent most of Thursday stockpiling water (300 litres of the stuff) – only for it to return that evening!

Despite the problems, I hope everyone who went had a good time on Winter Walking. Now, all we need to do is identify the damn panda-knapper...

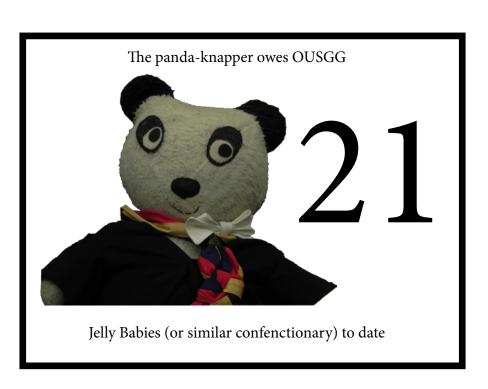
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Chair's Report

It's time to introduce our tame Chairperson. Some say he is fundamentally incapable of making a decent sandwich, and that he can't handle his brandy custard. All we know is...he's called Geoff!

So I forgot to do a Chair's report this week - in fact I just plain forgot I had to do one at all this term. However, apparently [or I sure it would be apparent if I tried to claim it] ignorance is not an excuse. So far we've had one meeting and two NnNs this term - and we even have the NnN mugs now! Erik is sadly still AWOL but we're assured he is still alive, if only we knew where to look. Coming up this term are a number of extra [non Monday events] so if you're interested in Formal followed by pub crawl [that's the formal part] and/or canoeing could you please let me know ASAP so I get a rough idea of numbers. If you also declare what days you can/can't do I can try and fit it around people.

Hopefully the rest of term continues the success of the first meeting, so make sure you don't miss out on the action packed schedule!



We know him only as ... the Chair

Geoff Hall

Chair, St John's College

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Termcard

Monday 2nd Week - Scout Games (Maths Institute, 7pm)

Back to playing silly games outside - please wear outdoors type clothes that you don't mind getting a bit dirty! We'll relocate if the weather is too bad.

Saturday 2nd Week - Film Night (St John's, 7pm)

A relaxing film night - bring your own snacks and the film will be decided on the night!

Monday 3rd Week - Pub Quiz, Cricketers Arms

Pub quiz down near the Iffly sports centre [Extra charge]

Monday 4th Week - Geo Caching (Carfax, 7pm)

Ever fancied hunting for a needle in a haystack? Well now you get to do it! Except it's not a needle, there's no haystack and you sort of have a metal detector.

Saturday 4th Week - Cotswold Marathon (Gloucestershire, 5pm)

A 36 mile overnight hike - minimum team is 3 and at the moment I've only got one person interested.

Monday 5th Week - Oxford Imps (Wheatsheaf, 7pm)

An evening of mirth with the Oxford Imps - turning up on the early side of 7 should ensure we get seats. [Extra charge]

Monday 6th Week - Pioneering (TBC)

6th/7th Week Weekend - Formal followed by pub crawl (St John's, 6:45pm)

Optional formal followed by optional pub crawl - email me to let me know what days are best.

Monday 7th Week - Pancakes

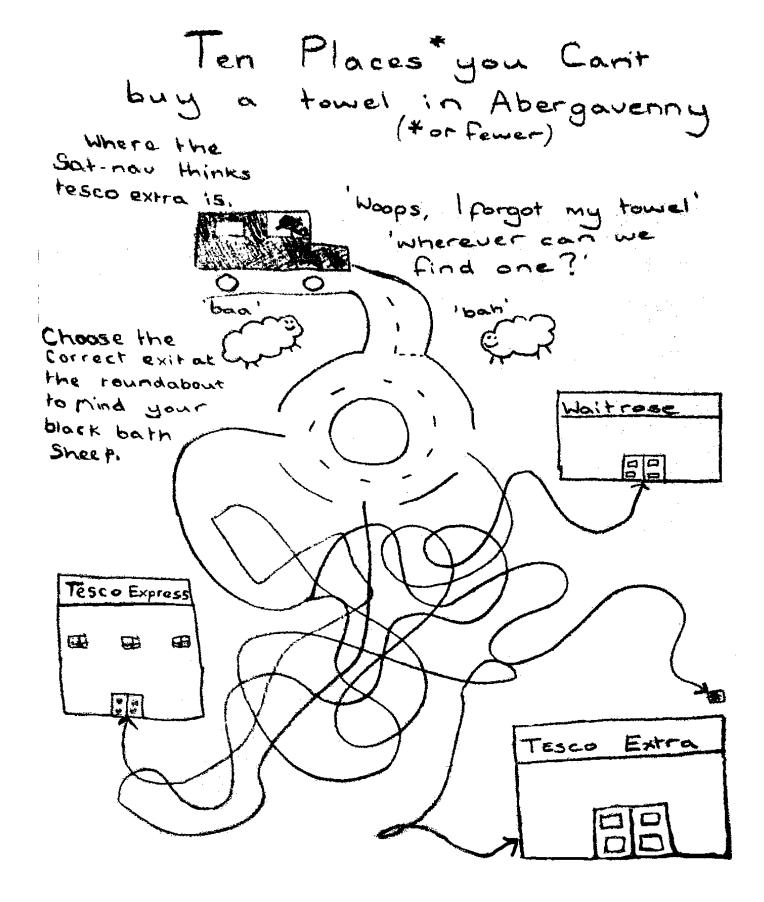
Erik's birthday is again upon us, and yet again it falls on a Monday! How handy. Needless to say, there will be pancakes

Monday 8th Week - TGM and Meal

Termly general meeting followed by food at an as of yet undisclosed location.

8th Week - Oxfordshire Gang Show (All week)

It's the Gang show in 8th week, sadly not on a Monday but if there's interest we could get a group going - I suspect there's a few people already seeing it.



Winter Walking

Beth Kasperczak-Wright is no longer a fresher!

Set the scene:
The Brecon Beacons
In deepest, dark December,
OUSGG went
Walking, walking, –
And now my role,
To remember:

While mountain mist Round reservoir rolls Onto fresh Welsh fen, We climbed Pen y Fan Up through the rocks, And down in forest glen.



THE HAPPANAL TRUST
PEN Y FAN
BSCM

With New Year's Eve
The great food challenge,
Geoff vs. Luke –
Who'd win?
An outright winner
But an unfair fight,
He blamed the custard,
Or brandy therein.





Remember, next,
Psychologise
The non-Freshers'
Freshers induction
(But far be it from me
To give the game away
You must play it
without instruction).

Sleeping bags were stolen
To the tune of
Auld Lang Syne
And I'll not say
Who's fault that was,
But recommend you
Try it, some time.

On a hazy, and lazy
New Year's Day
A leisurely trip
Round the reservoir
(An unfortunate non-starter
In the place name game,
Which transpired
as rather bizarre.)

Game after game Of Digging the Ground, Of Flux, and Carcassonne, If board-games be the... (Something, something) Play on, play on.



Who's a PIG?
And who's a blind dog?
Who can sell an
invisible kilt?
Who can paint the moon?
(Not Shaun) and who
Can see a city built?



Our last full day,
Leaves walking aside,
For Ivor the Engine or Thomas,
The train rattles on
On rickety rails,
And the billowing steam
Rushes onwards.

Hiking and card playing, these things I remember, From a hut in Pontsticill; Bimbling, feasting, And riding a Welsh train, And the walking? Well, It's only half up-hill.

Quotescript

Jude: It's like hibernation but more dead.

Luke: All the single boys.

Luke: I think I'm getting internet withdrawal symptoms.

Phil: I pressed every tap in the boys and hoped I'd get lucky!

James: Geoff! ...errr, I mean Jude!

Luke: Just go through the girls beds one by one.

Paddy: (body parts twister, after Luke's right hand to Paddy's left bum check) That's quite nice actually.

James: (to Phil) That's what happens when you suck instead of blow!

Beth: Sensitive knobs!

Paddy: That's not my sock!

Paddy: Sarah, that's NOT my sock!

Richard: My big stick thing's a bit limp.

Jude: I got a photo just adter it had gone floppy!

Gillian: I can play with my own hand, but that might make

me win.

Jude: Why are there fish? Oh, they're sheep!

And the winner is.... Beer Prepared

Congratulations to **Laura Bunce** for her win! Honourable mention goes to **James Baker** for his concept beer "A night on the embossed tiles".



How to make the Perfect Porridge

Shell lets us know how porridge should be made

- 1. Wake up at 10am, and sleepily wander into the kitchen.
- 2. Find a billy that looks vaguely clean.
- 3. Pour in half the packet of oats.
- 4. Cover with a mixture of water and milk, stir once.
- 5. Attempt to make a pot of tea and empty the bins at the same time.
- 6. Serve burnt porridge.

Now for the actual recipe...

- 1. Wake up and smile.
- 2. Choose a suitably sized billy.
- 3. Allow about 50g/1 mug of oats per person (most scout huts have mugs if no kitchen scales).
- 4. Mix each portion of oats with 300ml/2 mugs of milk (water is a good substitute if the pipes are not frozen, and/or milk supplies are low).
- 5. Enlist a porridge stirrer (the most crucial part), a tea maker and a bin person.
- 6. Serve the perfect porridge (golden syrup/sugar/mixed fruit optional)



Phil's latest attempt at his pilots licence hadn't gone well

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

SSAGO Officer to be elected at the end of Trinity.

Proposed by: James Baker Seconded by: Luke Cartey

We propose the following changes so that the position of SSAGO Officer is elected at the end of Trinity term as opposed to Michaelmas term. The clauses below are the updated versions of the clauses.

4.f.i

These officers: Chair-Elect, Scout and Guide liaison Officer, Internet Officer, Lunchtime Meeting Organiser and PostScript Distributor and Annual Dinner Organiser(s) (if not elected in Trinity) shall be elected by ballot at the Michaelmas Term TGM (AGM).

4.f.iii

These officers: Chair-Elect, Secretary, Junior Treasurer, SSAGO Representative, Quartermaster, PostScript Editor Lunchtime Meeting Organiser and Annual Dinner Organiser(s) shall be elected by ballot at the Trinity Term TGM. If necessary, the Ex-Members' Representative shall also be elected at the Trinity Term TGM (see 4.f.15.b).

Jelly Baby Fine update

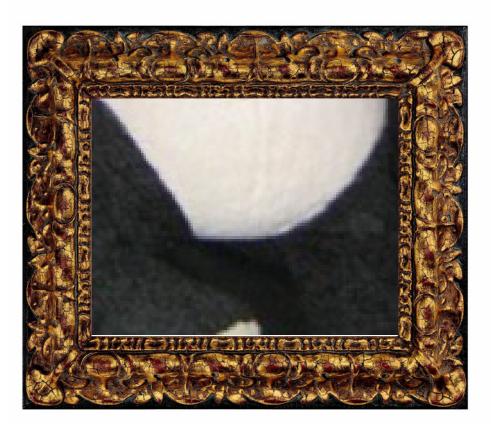
Proposed by: Luke Cartey Seconded by: Michelle Barton

Given the recent panda-knapping of Erik, we feel that the punishment set down in the constitution is clearly not harsh enough to deter would be abducters. We propose the following changes so that the fine is more appropriate in these times of rising inflation - one bag per week. The clause below is the updated version.

7.c

Any member of the Group who knowingly aims to deprive the Group of Eri>|, or who conspires with others (including non-members) to do so, shall be fined by the F&GPC. The level of the fine will be a maximum of one standard bag of jelly babies (or similar value confection) per week that Eri>| is missing, pro-rated.

What you missed: that Winter Walking Cosmo smut in full



CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for thrills, spills and adventure over the New Year? Look no further!

Join us for

Winter Walking™ 2010-2011!



FEATURING

- No water!
- No gas!
- No lock on the toilet cubicle in the ladies loos!
- And now, for a limited time only, no mascot!

You cannot afford to miss out on this special, once in a lifetime opportunity!!

Spot the difference...



How to tell your chair from an imposter:

- 1. Place a bowl of brandy custard in front of him.
- 2. Observe the effects: does he take at least 3 hours to eat it? (Score 3) Does he look nauseated? (Score 3)
- 3. Observe whilst subject makes lunch.
- 4. Does he under or over bake his roll? (Score 1) Does he overfil his sandwich? (Score 1) Does he put too much butter on? (Score 1)
- 5. Observe the subjects hair. Does it have a certain dragged-through-a-hedge-backwards look? (Score 2)

Score

- 1-3 Spy from DUSAGG.
- 3-6 Imposter! Impound at once.
- 6-9 Hmm, suspicious.
- 9-12 That's our chair.