



The case of the missing panda



F&GPC Minutes!

Shortest ever...

Sarah

*Ever wondered how our favourite NnN
organiser works?*

Witness Statements

*We present the official report,
including key witness statements*

The solution

*Andrew bids us to rise up in our
response to the kidnapping of Erik*

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As the panda-knapping mystery continues to baffle the best investigative minds OUSGG has to offer (not very good, admittedly) we have decided to dedicate this issue to the identification of the panda-knapper and the eventual safe recovery of Erik. I think I speak for all the society (bar the 'nappers, of course) when I say this dreadful event has gone on long enough!

Since it's all the rage to solve problems using social methods, we've collected together the key witness statements in the hope that someone, somewhere might be able to piece them together. To help you, we've got the low-down on each of the suspects, plus embarrassing mug-shots, so you can avoid them in the street, lest they steal your lion/monkey/panda/other soft toy.

Not content with merely finding Erik, we have also given serious consideration as to how best to protect him in the future. Andrew's proposed constitutional amendment will go along way to ensure the, quote, "security of the mascot". I'm sure we will all rally round - I know I've got my pitch fork at the ready. Arrgggh!

Luke Cartey

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The panda-knapper owes OUSGG



Jelly Babies (or similar confenctionary) to date

Chair's Report

It's time, once again, to introduce our tame Chairman. Some say he is incapable of pointing north, and that all his clothes are made of CUSAGC mascots. All we know is...he's called Geoff.

I hope term is treating everyone well - maybe you'll avoid the 5th week blues? For the observant among you, you'll see that last time there was a termcard published. It -should- have said "Please note, this IS subject to change". For various [mainly weather contingency plans] reasons things can and will get swapped around a bit - keep an eye on emails!

Also I'll slip in another reminder that next term is open season - contact Paddy [Chair elect] if you have any ideas for something to do and you can claim a week!

Geoff Hall

Chair, St John's College



Chair farming...the future of OUSGG

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Termcard

Monday 5th Week - Pub Quiz (Royal Oak, 7pm)

A rather redundant entry, since I am writing this on Wednesday 5th Week (Arsenal beat Barcelona 2-1), but removing it would leave a vast gap at the bottom of this article, which I would inevitably have to fill with something else. So if I keep whittering on here I can fill the gap nicely, and since no-one ever reads the termcard anyway, I can probably get away with it scot free. If by chance I'm wrong, you can always send me a complaint for the next issue - maybe you'll get a Jelly Baby or something for being so observent.

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.

Quiz time!

Look at the score opposite.

Do you know:

- Which piece this is from?
- How many OUSGGers will twitch if you whistle it within earshot?
- Whether there are any mistakes in the transcription?

STAND (BELLS OUT)

mf

f

MOVE TO FRONT OF STAGE

mf *cresc.* *ff*

Freeze!
(3 seconds)

Whodunnit?

With the panda-knapper still at large, we present the evidence for your perusal.

Andrew Freer

Panda-knapping rating: 2/10

Accuses: Chris/Andrew Wood

Last Defence:

To the best of my knowledge, the last time and place I saw Erik was at Winter Walking 09/10. I haven't seen Erik since, and I haven't seen Chris or Andrew Wood either. Coincidence? You decide.

On the morning of Sunday 2nd January 2011 I was proceeding in the direction of Pontsticill on the Brecon Mountain Railway when I noticed absolutely nothing amiss.

This naturally did not pique my interest and so this account stops rather suddenly.

Shell

Panda-knapping rating: 1/10

Accuses: No-one

Last Defence:

Sunday 2nd January 2011 (10am)
I (not unlike a few others I'm sure) was feeling worst for ware after New Year's Eve. Waking up at 10am I wandered sleepy into the main living area, where a group of early birds were having 'no formal sort of breakfast.' I then proceeded to the kitchen to organise a more formal breakfast whilst tidying up at the same time (see Postscript 415 for how not to make breakfast).

At no point did I enter the girl's bedroom.

Come search our flat if you think I might have Erik.

Jude

Panda-knapping rating: 1/10

Accuses: No-one

Last Defence:

I only went into the girls' room on the last day to turn the panel heater off before we left. I didn't see Erik all week. Furthermore I have carried everything I had at Winter Walking in one small rucksack and a Tesco bag since I left Dol-y-gaer, I don't think Erik would fit in either of these and have filled such space that I have with clothes and shoes.

Laura

Panda-knapping rating: 1/10

Accuses: No-one

Last Defence:

I have no idea where I last saw Erik other than that it was some point at Winter Walking. I'm constantly forgetting where things are (I call to witness anyone who has waiting for me to locate keys / money / ID / bod card before going somewhere), so this vagueness shouldn't be taken as a sign of guilt! Despite my 'meat-girl' status on the Sunday, I wasn't staying in the girls' bedroom, so I didn't really have an opportunity to steal poor Erik. And I didn't put my own luggage in Andrew's car for a lift home, so someone would have spotted him. Finally, I giggle far too much to be able to get away with a panda-knapping. Competitive lifesaving.

Key Witness Statements

Beth

Panda-knapping rating: 3/10

Accuses: Gillian (probably)

Last Defence:

Motive – What motive? Panda-knapping, so I've heard, most usually occurs between Old members, of which I, quite categorically, am not. I was enlisted as Panda-keeper my first night, after which I believe responsibility reverted back to Sarah, but even so, my brief spell is surely enough to convince people I

wouldn't want to take him. Also, call it treason, blasphemy, what you will, but I don't really get the whole Erik thing anyway. Sure, he's a mascot, but really, guys, he's a stuffed toy. Don't really get much thrill out of hiding him under my bed anyway.

Means – Sure, I had the means. I slept in the room where he was being kept the whole time: he was on my bed for at least two of the nights. I went home in Roger's car, and there sure was a lot of crap in the back of that car. A big, fat panda could easily have slipped inside without anyone noticing... But I'm quite sure he didn't. And if he did, well I didn't put him there. And I didn't see anyone put him there.

Opportunity – The morning of disappearance as I remember it: Not having slept well all week, I woke up way before Lizzy and Sam left, and was awake but not up while Lizzy packed and left. On her vacated bed lay Erik, where he remained (I believe) until we went out. Of this I was 100% certain of this at the time; now I'm maybe only 80% sure. Most of us went on a train ride, with no Erik; Gillian did not. When we got back Erik was gone (I should know, I checked – twice). So was Gillian. If we conclude that Erik disappeared that morning, my alibi is the train ride, ergo no opportunity.

There is always the possibility someone hid him that morning, before we left for said train ride, and took him home when we vacated the hut... I thought I saw him on Lizzy's empty bed before we went on the train, but I don't know that that was directly before we left.

James

Panda-knapping rating: 3/10

Accuses: No-one

Last Defence:

As for my alibi, I was on the train home when he disappeared, albeit with Lizzy and Sam. Unless he was unceremoniously crammed at the bottom of either of their bags though (and it would have to be crammed, you know how light they don't travel!), he was still there when I left.

Key Suspects

Lizzy & Sam

Accuses: Gillian (strongly)

Possible: Motive

Alias: The dangerous duo.

Last Defence:

Sam: I ain't seen nuthin'

Lizzy: I also ain't seen nuthin'

Conclusion: Evidence since the panda-knapping has been pointing their way, however Beth's witness statement does provide an alibi. A rubbish last defence, though.

Panda-knapping rating: 9/10



Gillian

Accuses: Lizzy & Sam

Form: Has previously stolen Erik on a multiple occasions. Part of a family of well known knappers.

Accomplices: Could use her vast network to pass on Erik. Possible locations include Cumbria.

Possible Motive: To collect every soft toy on the planet, creating an army of dodgy looking giraffes and pandas with Erik at the head.

Last Defence:

Well, I don't know what to say really. I could just stick to 'it wasn't me and I didn't do it'. Anyway, my flat is definitely a panda-free zone*, and it was definitely Lizzy!

*for a given definition of panda-free equating to no pandas called Erik, but not necessarily meaning no pandas of other names.

Conclusion: She had the means, the motive and the opportunity. What more could you want?

Panda-knapping rating: 9/10



Richard

Accuses: No-one

Form: None

Alias: The mimic

Possible Motive: He's a DUSAGGer, what more do you expect?

Last Defence:

I was never a member of the nazi party! I had nothing to do with the war! I didn't even know there was a war on. We lived in the back. Right across from Switzerland. All ve ever heard vas yodelling.

[He yodels a bit to prove his point] What do you want?? I never saw Erik at winter walking.

Conclusion: Despite his obvious motives, and cunning form of disguise - mimicking our chair! - he was unlikely to have had the oppurtunity in the girls bedroom.

Panda-knapping rating: 5/10



Case Notes

A tricky case. With only circumstantial evidence available, it is hard to be definite about what oc-cured on that fateful morning. Beth's witness statement, plus the evidence provided by James on his daring raid point towards a Gillian capture, possibly followed by a trip either to Cumbria or deeper into Rugby if facebook is to be trusted. However, evidence since the heist has also been in favour of a Lizzy/Sam duo capture. The knapping e-mails have a definite Lizzy/Sam style, and they remain one of the few people with the oppurtunity. And being old members, they have motive.

Whoever has Erik, all we can hope is that he is returned soon, safe and sound.

Case remains open...for now.

Quotescript

Jude: Screw the vegetarians.

Jude: Gillian, are you nothing?

Sarah

Laura identifies why Sarah is so elusive.

Some observant members of OUSGG may have noticed that, while Sarah is this term's N'n'N host (despite using certain other peoples' kitchen and cupboard space), and has even been spotted on Winter Walking, she is very rarely to be seen at an actual Monday meeting. Let's examine this trend by looking at which thing rate most highly to her. This data has been carefully compiled using pair comparisons and trying to ignore the fact that the relationships aren't really transitive:

Sarah's hierarchy

Daddy (when at home)
Kempo ~ Lifesaving (at home)
Daddy (when in Oxford)
Penguins
Geoff
Glee
Chips
Laura
Butterflies
Pizza ~ OUSGG
Burger (when hungry)
Paddy
Burger (when not hungry)
Compsci (*Ed why is this not higher?*)
Lifesaving (in Oxford)
Sewage
Maths

Since Kempo is also scheduled on a Monday evening, we have our answer.

Note Geoff only rates so highly because he will help with pure maths problem sheets the night before a tutorial

Second note There is no obvious reason that Paddy comes so low down...

151st F&GPC Minutes

A record breaking 4 minute F&GPC. Shame it took over an hour to become quorate...

Meeting opened at 20:42 (only an hour late, and after invading Sarah's remove to acquire a fifth person. She was sort of awake...)

Present

Luke (Secretary, PostScript, Membership Secretary and ad-hoc Annual Dinner Organiser)

Geoff (Chair, Easter Activity Organiser)

Paddy (Chair-Elect)

Sarah (Asleep)

Shell (Quartermaster)

Apologies

James (SSAGO Rep)

Mike (Internet Officer)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last F&GPC were approved unanimously (and Sarah).

Officers Reports

Chair: Good stuff so far. We saw some new people at the start of term, but we've not had so many later on.

Chair-Elect: So far James has claimed a week in the anarchic collective. Luke and Geoff have promised to organise a week each. The pipeline is the colour of green snot and sounds like a snuffle.

Secretary: We're registered with the proctors.

Treasurer: As of the 10/12/2010 we had £195.81 in the main account - although that was after paying for Winter Walking and before receiving money. The events account has £397.51 and the old members account has £319.49. We have also re-insured.

SSAGO Rep: We've been asked to produce an InTouch policy, which we have done. As part of this, we will need the next of kin information for all SSAGO registered members. We've been asked to ensure all members of SSAGO have CRB's, which we are in the process of doing (ed: if you haven't got a form and you need one, ask James!). There are rallies and stuff happening, but no one has showed any interest in them (partly because I haven't bothered to tell people about them - see the SSAGO Mailing List item). We are in the process of setting up an optional SSAGO mailing list, to which all SSAGO registered members will be subscribed, so that the SSAGO officer can pass on the relevant information.

Internet Officers Report: I apologise. The internet is still there, unless you're trying to use my wireless at home,

when the chances are it is in fact not there. For which I blame Apple.

Motions

F&GPC Pub Crawl Motion:

OUSGG notes that:

- F&GPC's can suffer from poor attendance.
- F&GPC's require a minimum number of eligible members to attend
- Pub crawls are fun, and people turn up to fun things

OUSGG proposes that:

- The next F&GPC (Trinity 2011, assuming one isn't called before then) be held in a series of pubs, with a change of location between each section of the F&GPC (e.g. Officer Reports, Motions, Any Other Business). Attending members will be required to drink a drink (soft or alcoholic) in each location.
- In said meeting, everyone must drink whenever the constitution is mentioned.

Proposal was passed unanimously.

Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 22:46. Everyone rejoiced, then went for dinner.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Security of the Mascot

Proposed by: Andrew Freer

Seconded by: Erik T Panda

We propose the following change to ensure the protection of the mascot against panda-napping. The clause below is the updated version of the clause.

7.b

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free Mascot, the right of the N'n'N host to keep and arm Bears, shall not be infringed.