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Forget Colin Firth, our very own **Geoffrey Hall** gives an award winning performance. **Flossy Awards** Who won what - the low-down.

Episode 152 of the F&GPC "The Pub Crawl"

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All views expressed in PostScript are those of their authors and do not necessarily represent the views of OUSGG or any affiliated bodies. All content included at the editors whim. First, I must start this editorial with an apology. Once again, I report from a late PostScript. Finals have resulted in a lack of articles, combined with a busy week. However, the belated issue is now ready!

The highlight of this issue is the F&GPC Pub Crawl, of which we have a full report (otherwise known as "minutes"). It was great fun, and certainly improved turn-out and enjoyment. And most importantly, we have a Chair-Elect - in fact a pair, so congratulations to Beth & Tom!

We've been pretty busy this month, which has included trips to see Women's Football, play Aunt Sally, piunting and a Pizza and games evening - impressive for a Trinity Term program! Our thanks go to Paddy for organising our anarchic collective into a coherent program.

I promise to publish the next issue on time - or at least in the same week! However, to do so I need, as is tradition, and article from **everyone**. Even if you do have finals! It doesn't need to be long, or insightful or useful - it can be a picture or a puzzle, a lengthy treatise on your topic of choice or simply some fun & games. So get your thinking caps on!

> Luke Cartey *Editor, Magdalen College*

Termcard

Monday 7th Week - Tom : Angry Birds!

Real life Angry Birds is on the cards this week

Monday 8th Week - TGM, Laura

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.

Chair's Report

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Patrick Unwin

Chair, St John's College

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Episode 152 of the F&GPC "The Pub Crawl"

Meeting opened at 7:30pm, Regents Park JCR Bar

Present: Luke, Shell, James, Beth, Paddy

Apologies: Geoff, Laura, Sarah, Jude, Jack all apologise, and will turn along later.

The official business of this part of the agenda finished with, we then move onto a discussion on the relative number of sexual partners a student at Oxford has. Apparently, it's 5-6, modest compared to the 9-10 average at Glamorgan. Tom arrives mid-discussion, and looks confused. Cheap beer is drunk - much of it by James.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Matters Arising

The sudden influx of members both overflows the capacity at the bar and results in us blocking a fire-exit. Que much reshuffling in.

Meeting re-opened at 8:20pm at the Eagle & Child (after much shuffling at the bar)

Present: Luke, Shell, James, Beth, Paddy, Tom, Jude, Andrew B, Pilly, Laura, Geoff

At this point, I regret giving the general membership of the group, pedantic at the best of times, over half an hour to pick holes in the minutes. Normally, self-preservation, or at least the desire for a short meeting, comes into play. But, still, eight points from a meeting that was only 4 minutes long!

There were a number of matters arising, mostly factual errors, or unactioned actions:

- The meeting was said to have gone on for two hours and four minutes, as I got the hour wrong.
- I can't spell unananaimous...
- The date is wrong?
- We have not yet set up a SSAGO mailing list.
- We have not yet fully implemented our In Touch policy.
- James does not like the fact I blame Apple.
- James points out that people still need CRB checks.
- Paddy has a CRB under someone elses name (I'm not sure this is really a matter arising).

Jude (to Beth, patronisingly): Finish your lemonade.

There is a slight delay, whilst money changes hands. Andrew B is now a member!

The last minutes were probably not approved 6 to 5, although the effect of this is unclear.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Officers Reports

Meeting re-opened at 8:44pm at the Lamb & Flag

Present: Luke, Shell, James, Beth, Paddy, Tom, Jude, Andrew B, Pilly, Laura, Geoff

Chair: Term is going very well. We've had four meetings by four people - Paddy hosted wide games in the University Parks, Pilly held a wide-game, James took us to Aunt Sally, Shell took us punting and we went to the Women's Football. Beth held lots of N'n'N. Luke is (now) organising 5th Week. It's all been quite successful, but we need to improve our singing of the National Anthem.

Chair-Elect: We need to elect one first!

Treasurer: MIA

Secretary: We are probably registered, but still waiting for the official confirmation.

SSAGO: New national exec, but we've not heard from them since they were elected. We have an In Touch policy. Paddy is waiting. Jude's beer is fluffy.

Quartermaster: What little remains of the stores are being moved (to our new flat).

N'n'N: No N'n'N 9th week - perhaps we'll go and see Jude in Christ Church!

Summer Trip: 11 people (who may or may not be both dubious and untrustworthy - or that could be the figure!) have signed up. Jude: "Are you signed up for Paddy Trip?"

Membership Secretary: We have a new member as of half an hour ago.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

Elections

Meeting re-opened at 9:08pm at the St John's Bar

Present: Luke, Shell, James, Beth, Paddy, Tom, Jude, Andrew B, Pilly, Laura, Geoff

Beth proposes a three-way between Geoff & Tom.

Tom & Beth are proposed for Chair-Elect.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Motions

Meeting re-opened at 9:53pm at the Far From the Madding Crowd

Present: Luke, Shell, James, Beth, Paddy, Tom, Jude, Andrew B, Pilly, Laura, Geoff

There are none.

Sarah & Jack arrive. Jude is really drunk. My nails get painted. Remember: correlation is not causation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

Some faffing ensues when we find our next port of call, The Four Candles, is rather full.

Any Other Business

Meeting re-opened at 10:46pm at the Swan & Castle

Present: Luke, Shell, James, Beth (eventually, when we remember to tell her which pub to go to), Paddy, Tom, Jude, Andrew B, Pilly, Laura, Geoff, Jack, Sarah

The author takes no responsibility for any translation errors at this point. He also apologises for any semblance of coherence in the following statements.

- 14 days last Wednesday Oxford Network are going puting, everyone is welcome.
- And everyone should come to Jude's Birthday Party.
- "How many times have Paddy & Sarah..." (must be at least 5 or 6)
- We have an early nomination for Treasurer Geoff.
- Paddy has no expenses.
- Geoff is rubbish.
- Geoff is rubbish. (It's minuted twice, I must have thought it was important)

The Chair's Speech

As Paddy was skiving off from his OUSGG duty, **Geoff** provided us with some post-dinner entertainment. But being a Computer Scientist (and a general awkward bugger), he decided to encode 16 Abba references in the process. Can you spot them all?

C The day before you came, Paddy, our current chair, issued an SOS for someone to take over his role as speechmaker for this, our 92nd Annual Dinner. I soon came under attack to step forward and 'volunteer' for this.

A lot has happened since our last summer trip. Almost an entire year has passed, for one. Once again no-one called Cassandra or Elaine signed up for the mailing list, but we had to move on.

Winter Walking was again a success. We went to a wonderful little converted railway station in the Brecon Beacons. Upon arrival we were sent immediately back down the valley to go and buy Tesco's entire stock of bottled water as there wasn't any water for the loo. If it wasn't for the nights without water, however, the place would have been almost perfect. Climbing up Pen-y-Fan in the mist was like entering a dream world, or perhaps more of a bad dream when we found a crashed plane. Luckily it was an old wreck and some investigation later found that the pilot had walked away unhurt.

As usual the name of the game on everyone's lips was Psychologist and we were lucky enough to be able to play it twice as we had a lot of fresher's with us. This year we also got to spend the day on a railway rather than stuck in traffic in a cramped car!

Hillary Term passed without incident. There were many competitive events where things sometimes got a little out of hand, especially with the construction challenges. Lucky the first rule which I forgot to tell people was that the winner takes it all apart again, so however you look at it the chair came out on top.

Trinity Term finally saw us convince Beth and Paddy to become one of us in the sense that they took up positions – Chair and N'n'N respectively. It also saw Easter Activity, where we went for a day's walk to the village of Imber. Imber was abandoned in 1943 to allow American soldiers to practice urban assaults before D-Day, and despite it being so long since it was last inhabited it still seemed to sport 3 full village car parks!

I didn't really know what to say in this speech, so I hope it was something along those line. Paddy, if you've snuck in the back you owe me one, and if you haven't, then that is possibly the least veiled reference to an Abba song in this speech – there were 16 in total if anyone wants to try and name them. I've got a copy of the speech written down here.

double dream feet[sic]

Flossy Awards

James reports on the Flossy's at the Annual Dinner. Congratulations (or should that be commiserations) to the winners!

Pointing the Finger Award Lizzy Horne & Gillian Bradley

The Black Spot Unawarded / Unknown Thief

Moriarty Award for Criminal Masterminding Beth Wright

> Gareth's Special Award Roger Cotes

Bird's Custard Award for Over Indulgence Geoff Hall

Bill Oddie Award for Avian Identification Sarah Cousins

Lord Nelson Award for Power Napping Sarah Harvey

May Day Tribute Award for Bridge Jumping Andrew Freer

> Repeat Offender Award Laura Bunce

Babyliss Award for Creative Toasting Michelle Barton

Jamie Oliver Award for Flipping Brilliance Tom Ahle

Dave Lamb Award for Dinner Hosting Luke Cartey

Unbeknonst the Flossy, there was also one final special award: James Baker - Dedication Award

Honourable Mentions:

Michael Howe - Vichy France Award for Collaboration with the Enemy Sean Marcum - Phileas Fogg Award for Intrepid Travellings Nick Scroxton - Bear Grylls Award for Living Rough