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YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?!



"Fancy doing the Tour de Trigs next year, Phil?"

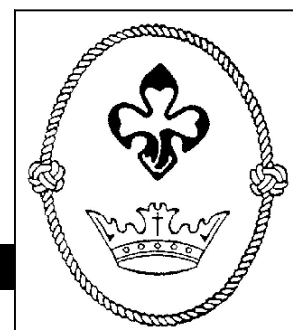
THE EXTENDED TRIP REPORT *Chris Wood brings us Part 2, in all its glory.*

THE ALTERNATIVE TRIP REPORT *Nick Scroxton brings us his exclusive WW commentary.*

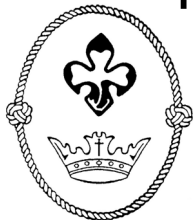
CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENT *Can you contain your excitement?*

CHANGING FACES *Brand new quiz! Fantastic prizes to be won!*

EUROJAM! *Alison Parker gives us her account of being a climbing instructor at Eurojam.*



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WELCOME

EDITORIAL

Welcome to another issue of PostScript – the magazine that ties you to the beating pulse of OUSGG life. Or something like that. Doesn't time fly? Half way through my editorship already – and only 4 issues left!

I'd just like to mention how impressed I am at the number of articles I've received since I started the job – without your input PostScript doesn't happen, so I'm very grateful to those who contribute. Keep sending those articles/photos/quizzes in!

Anyway, time to bring this incoherent rambling that's masquerading as an editorial to a close – goodbye for now!

*Luke Cartey (St. Catherine's)
PostScript Editor*

P.S I apologise for the poor quality of printing in this issue – my printer's on the blink at the moment! You can view all PostScript issues on the website (<http://www.ousgg.org.uk>), so there's no excuse for not attempting the faces quiz on page 5!

P.P.S You all just lost.

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SOFA'S REPORT

Well, half way through the term and most of you haven't run screaming into the night! To quote one obviously unbiased member:

'It's not been a bad term so far, in fact I've quite enjoyed it....'

This member goes on to point out that as a sofa, fittingly enough, most of our planning has actually been done 'on a sofa' – in the ad breaks of *Lost* and *ER*. Which is presumably why our programme has ended up containing survival skills (should you end up finding yourself stranded and needing to build a catapult out of nothing but spaghetti and sellotape [which is probably, in about 8 series' time, what we'll find The Others have been constructing their dastardly machines out of]. And we have ended up having Emergency First Aid. You can even see the link with our *Treasure Hunt* [as in *Island* – geddit?]. Or am I taking things too far??



ANYWAY... It's been enjoyable so far, and although rather random, hopefully those who came enjoyed the challenge evening – it did end up being almost more about sweets than anything else, but this is of course no bad thing. The chocolate game in particular displayed the extremes of the human condition, between Luke's frustration, the vicissitudes of life as some were chosen and some not, Caroline's Brown Owl altruism and skill with the fork and the eventual smile of one man's mission fulfilled as Luke finally got his hands (or at least fork) on the chocolate.

It was also pleasing to see a good turnout for *Grease* last week. It was a great evening, and a great show – and yes, J Harvey enjoyed it too, contrary to the widely-predicted Sewell-like squirming.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the term – First Aid should be a fun and useful evening, then the treasure hunt to test your wit and walking, followed by pancake feast the week afterwards (we won't mention the TGM...). Have fun, and a hearty Good Luck to everyone facing finals / mods / prelims over the next few weeks.

Gillian Bradley (Worcester) & Jonathan Harvey (Oxford Brookes) – Sofa

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

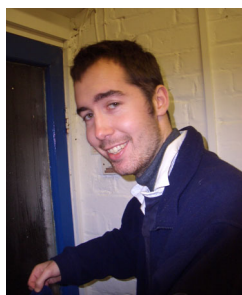
Sir,

I would like to complain about the complete lack of editorial standards in your esteemed publication. In the last issue (*PostScript* 370) you allowed the terrible error of printing my name as "Lulu". I demand an immediate apology for this unacceptable lack of standards

Yours,

Annoyed of Internet officer fame.

[I apologise most profusely for the unacceptable drop in standards. It was all Gillian's fault. – Ed]



Aunt Samina

The OUSGG Agony Aunt

*Embarrassing problem?
E-mail samina@ousgg.org.uk!*

Dear Aunt Samina,
I have a worrying problem. I think I'm getting drawn in to "The T word". Do you, as a founder member of ATF, have any advice on avoiding the dangers of this terrible addiction?

Tragic in Techie-land

Aunt Samina replies:

The dangers of the 'T word' cannot be overstated and to anyone reading this who thankfully hasn't been corrupted, I can strongly recommend having nothing to do with it, or with those who associate with it. To the author of this letter I suggest at least a three month period of fasting and self-flagellation to ensure purity of spirit.

Dear Aunt Samina,
My tutor thinks I should write about the theoretical conflict between normative and rational choice institutionalism instead of writing PostScript articles. What should I do?
Heresthetically confused, Ambridge

Aunt Samina replies:

Tutors have a tendency to say these sorts of things, obviously not having been introduced to the true academic worth contained within the pages of PostScript, but don't pay too much attention. After all, if you listen to him you may finish your course and be able to leave Oxford and we both know you don't want that.

Dear Aunt Samina,
When it comes to playing the game, I'm a complete loser. Can you help me?
Yours, Unremittingly Unforgetful of Oxon.

Aunt Samina replies:

*First off, DAMN YOU!!
Secondly, I've spent quite a bit of time looking into this problem and am pleased to be able to tell you the solution to all your problems will shortly be arriving, in mallet form, wielded by Gillian.*

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following amendment to the OUSGG constitution will be moved at the next Termly General Meeting of the group, on Monday 6th March 2006.

To 4 f. vi. 1 (Scout and Guide Liaison Officer) add the following:
“

b If no candidate is found for the position of Scout and Guide Liaison Officer by the Michaelmas Term TGM (AGM) then the duties of Scout and Guide Liaison Officer shall be carried out by the Membership Secretary. In this case, the position will be re-presented for election in Hilary and, if necessary, Trinity Term with the officer then elected to serve until the end of the following Michaelmas Term.
“

Proposed by Sarah Berman

Seconded by Andrew Freer


CHANGING FACES

Samina Snelson brings us a brand new quiz.


Roll up, roll up, come see the challenge I here set before ye for your edification and amusement. A challenge so fiendish that it would confound the very devil and set the angels to weeping. A puzzle next to which even the Gordian Knot would resemble the toy of a child. Come test your mettle against this, my little puzzle, and a box of Jaffa cakes will be provided to the winner.

Basically, with the help of a website, I've compared the faces of some of the members of OUSGG with those of a database of celebrities, each photograph shown is a result of this comparison and the percentage below them gives an idea of how good the match is (as a guideline the site suggests that a match of over 80% means the two could be the same person). The OUSGGers I used were: Phil, Andrew, Keith, Hayley, Roger, Michael, Luke, Chris W, Gillian, Jonathan, Jacqui and Alistair. All you have to do is decide which OUSGGER goes with which celebrity and send your answers to samina@ousgg.org.uk. The first person to submit the correct answers will win a pack of Jaffa cakes (if you can prise them from Luke) and if not there will be a prize for the highest score.

Match the person to the face!



Ivan Lendl

0  100 (72%)

Gender: All 



Hugo Weaving

0  100 (69%)


Gender: All 




Bill Gates


0  100 (65%)


Gender: All 




Saddam Hussein


0  100 (52%)


Gender: All 




Cate Blanchett


0  100 (68%)

Gender: All 



Marco van Basten

0  100 (70%)

Gender: All 



Liza Minnelli

0  100 (60%)

Gender: All 



George R. R. Martin

0  100 (60%)


Gender: All 




Kurt Cobain


0  100 (69%)

Gender: All 



Emma Watson

0  100 (64%)


Gender: All 



Wilbur Wright

0  100 (70%)

Gender: All 



Keanu Reeves

0  100 (57%)

Gender: All 

Minutes of the 136th Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Held at 7:30 PM on 9th February 2006 at the Royal Oak.

Present:

Gillian Bradley & Jonathan Harvey (Sofa)
 Luke Cartey (Treasurer, Postscript Editor & Internet Officer)
 Caroline Berry
 Philip Alderton
 Alistair Green (Secretary)
 Sarah Berman (Membership Secretary)
 Jacqueline Bradley
 Andrew Freer (SSAGO Representative and Quartermaster)

Apologies:

Hannah Mycock (Chair-Elect)
 Michael Ramsden

Meeting started at 19:42.

Approval of Minutes

Unanimously approved.

Matters Arising

Andrew: As decided at the last F&GPC, the old receipts have been taken out of stores. However they have not been destroyed yet as St John's College shredder is broken. Jacqui says that she might be able to shred them at work.

Sarah: There was no evidence found for Old Members' membership fees going up, so Old Members who have paid too much have been offered either a refund or a discount on Winter Walking. We will decide at the end of the term what we are doing about next year.

Officers' Reports:

Chair

Well, it seems to be going OK. Nobody's died. Plans for the rest of the term: First Aid next week.

Pancakes will probably be in Gillian's kitchen. No room is booked for the TGM yet. Phil suggests a "safari" TGM. Sarah offered to book a room in Queen's if required. Andrew thinks we could hold both the meeting and the meal in The Big Bang.

Chair-Elect

As yet, partly due to my own ineptitude and hectic lifestyle, and partly due to only just having got the book (though I still don't actually have it, as it has been abducted to be written up some more), plans for next term are sadly lacking.

Thus far, definite plans are that the TGM and Dinner will be in 8th week, and 7th week will be croquet run, organised and generally-sorted-out-so-that-I-don't-have-to-worry by Roger.

The other plans that are being considered are:

- Wine tasting
- Bat walk (once I work out which of the 6 or so websites/organisations/people I'm meant to consult to find out if we actually have bats anywhere sensible, and dependent on being about to borrow a bat-o-meter type thing.
- Raft building, if we can borrow wood and rope and barrels and get them to Port Meadow
- Improvised Comedy workshop (run by Sarah's friend) if everyone doesn't just cringe in horror at the thought.

The pipeline is in the early stages of construction, and is purple/lilac with green accentuations.

Treasurer

Current account balance £817.06 (=1010lots1lots1 in base 5)

Equipment fund £186.43, going up by about £40 per year.

Events account £86.74, which is the same as it was before Winter Walking.

I am re-writing the treasurer's file to update it.

Secretary

We are registered with the Proctors.

The minutes of the Trinity Term 2005 TGM, which we were supposed to be approving at this meeting, have still not been found. **Action:** Alistair to ask Hayley and Roger if they have them.

SSAGO Rep

I have the folder; I haven't read it because I've got other stuff to do and the Internet is still in existence. There are three of us going to the Chocolate Rally, and I am going to the Reps' Meeting - yay!

There is an amendment to the amendment which will be brought up at the meeting on Sunday. Keith has asked me to raise the point that it doesn't properly amount to an amendment to the amendment. The issue is that we were dropping a clause that said we would gain approval from the Scout & Guiding Associations before changing the constitution - and since we didn't get approval to make this change, the change was not made and so we can't change it back! The Scout & Guiding Associations have raised the issue, and they don't approve of the clause being dropped. So the amendment is to go through all the changes we made last time, with the exception that we are no longer *not* seeking the approval of the Scouting & Guiding Associations. Therefore, Keith has asked me to point out that it is not actually an amendment, only an *adjustment* to the amendment.

We could have had postal votes, but it's too late now.

Action: Don't volunteer to run a rally!

Any Other Business

Possible Abolition Of Scout & Guide Liaison Officer's Post:

Combining it with Membership Secretary makes sense. We should add a link and email address on our web site. There should still be a separate email address for the SaGLO.

It could possibly be a separate post which goes to the Membership Secretary if no-one else volunteers. But

this could make recruiting a Membership Secretary harder.

Action: Sarah to draft a constitutional amendment. Keep the post, but the Membership Secretary will take it by default if no-one else volunteers. Normally the SaGLO will be elected at Michaelmas, but they may be elected at any TGM if the post is unfilled.

Account of OUSGG's activities in 2004-5:

Chris Seward wants one for the ex-members' newsletter.

Sarah suggests that the Secretary should do it every year.

Action: Write this into the secretary's file (unanimously approved). Alistair to write it this year.

Phil has lost the game.

Jacqui suggests that current members should get the Ex-Members' newsletter too. Consider writing up the period from Hilary to Hilary instead of an academic year in future.

Luke wants to be Michaelmas Term chair!

Gillian: Beth (a visiting American student) has paid £5 for 1 term's membership - is this OK? Unanimous yes.

Action: Sarah to issue Beth with a membership form.

Jacqui wants to suggest a joint event with local scouts / guides via [Faff] list.

Andrew suggests a safari supper on a Friday or Saturday - email [Faff].

CRB: Sarah needs to sort this out - 7th week? Will arrange mutually convenient time with network lady.

Andrew: Does anyone want to play squash? Luke says yes.

Meeting closed at 20:21.

WINTER WALKING

Part 2! Now **twice** as long!

The trip involved a lot of walking along a 3ft high wall. Sam was always the mafia. It was improbable.

The Alternative Winter Walking

Nick Scroxtton is worried about getting typecast.

This year's winter walking took place up in the North, not just the Watford kind of north, really north in wild savage lands, I mean you won't believe how north it was. I didn't even know you could get that far north; it's almost mind-boggling to think that such a far North exists. It's still doing my head in. Were talking near Scotland kind of north which is ridiculously far north when compared to Kettering which as we all know, is as far north as any reasonable person can expect to go. Anyway this was possibly a ploy by the northerners of *OUSGG* to piss off the far superior southerners, but they managed to get away with it by significantly increasing the probability of snow. And much snow there was too (some of the time anyway)

resulting in the frequent donning of a wide variety of differently coloured hats.



Snow and Silly Hats!

The number of the group was to fluctuate and change throughout the week as people came and went. One significant return being the previously panda-knapped Eri|, who was returned to the group and there was much rejoicing and no need for those penguin suits bought two weeks previously.

Walks were entertaining in that walking kind of way, apparently visiting Hadrian's wall at some point, and filled with minor detours, major detours and occasionally some following of the right route. Michael's navigation technique of pointing in random directions was largely ignored. Eri| didn't join in these though, he was simply content to read *Cosmo*, whilst the group hiked over hills and then went to the playground as is commonplace on many an *OUSGG* trek.

The evenings were spent attempting to cook (which was steamy to say the least), though the huge quantity of food brought was even more than Luke could manage, rumour has it he's still making his way through the spaghetti at N&N meetings. Also there was much cuddling of everyone's favourite panda, playing cards and various other games and of course, not forgetting that old *OUSGG* favourite; wrestling with Gillian. Chris ditched the moose that he had grown out of his head and instead attempted to transfigure himself into a teapot, with hilarious consequences.

They also went to Yarmouth, where there was sand.

By Nick Scroxtton (*who lives in Surrey*)

EUROJAM!

Alison Parker explains what she did last summer.

Mark has already written about his experience on the Eurojam, build, so I thought I should eventually get round at adding my own experiences about working there as a climbing instructor.

I was instructing as part of the European Scout Jamboree "Eurojam" which was held in Chelmsford (on the V festival site) in August 2005. Our team of thirty were actually based at Gilwell Park, Scouting HQ, about 20 miles away. This meant that every day, one thousand 11-18 year olds were bussed onto the site and rotated round various activities, one of which was the "mountain zone". There were five activities on the zone – climbing, abseiling, bouldering (traversing), caving (in an artificial cave system made of straw bales) and rolling wall. As instructors we took turns to instruct all these activities, as well as harnessing and helmeting (definitely the worst job).

With about 200 kids coming through every hour it often felt more like "batch processing" than climbing, but as with all instructing, there were some great moments – seeing the terrified child get to the top or abseil over the edge, sharing

stories with people from all over the world, bantering with the other instructors to make the kids laugh.



With all the kids being bussed in every morning, it meant that they were all bussed



out again at 5.30pm, leaving us free to spend the evenings as we liked. Highlights included the high ropes course, which mostly involved climbing to the top of a wobbly pole and jumping off, and playing around of the abseil tower- crucifix abseils are a lot harder than the marines make them look!

None of the car-free, alcohol-free zones of the main site, although we were allowed to go there occasionally including for "Celebrate Europe Day" and the closing ceremony. It was amazing to look round the eight thousand strong crowd and think, "every single one of these kids has come and climbed in our zone!".

Overall it was a much better experience than I had hoped – I made loads of good friends who I'm still in touch with (including two from DUSAGG) and experienced the "international camp thing" for a fraction of the price of the IST (we were technically "Locally Recruited Volunteers") and without having to clean a single toilet. And more importantly we got superior food.



“THAT’S NEVER A QUOTE!”

Luke: *(about Gillian)* It was one in the morning, she was desperate!

Luke: I can do straight. I just can’t do anything else.

Jonathan: *(about Phil)* He actually called me Andrew, but he thought he called me Jacqui.

Phil: I don’t think Gillian knows how to cope when men lie down in front of her.

Phil: I’ve got no balls, what do I do?
[Find some, I think Phil - Ed]

Phil: You expect me to do something in a straight manor?

Andrew: Single 200 is 200 isn’t it?

Jacqui: Jonathan’s got a better wrist action.

Gillian: Erik was dirty before I started...

Gillian: *(on the topic of German porn)* I prefer mine to be British!

Caroline: My carrots are the wrong way up!

Caroline: It doesn’t help if you read 2’s as 5’s.

Caroline: *(to Andrew)* I’m rather disturbed by your huge pile

Gillian: It won’t come out!

Gillian: I swear that getting it back in is harder.

Phil: (on why he didn’t come and watch Grease) BBC 4 had a funeral night.

Andrew: (reading from the Signature Book) 3rd Week, Trinity 2001...

Phil: That was the one I missed.

Phil: My tutor recommended I read a book last week

Roger: What a novel idea!

Andrew: *(to Lizzie about Erik)* You’re looking up his gown?

Andrew: Apparently, I have a terrible taste in men.

The Quotes League

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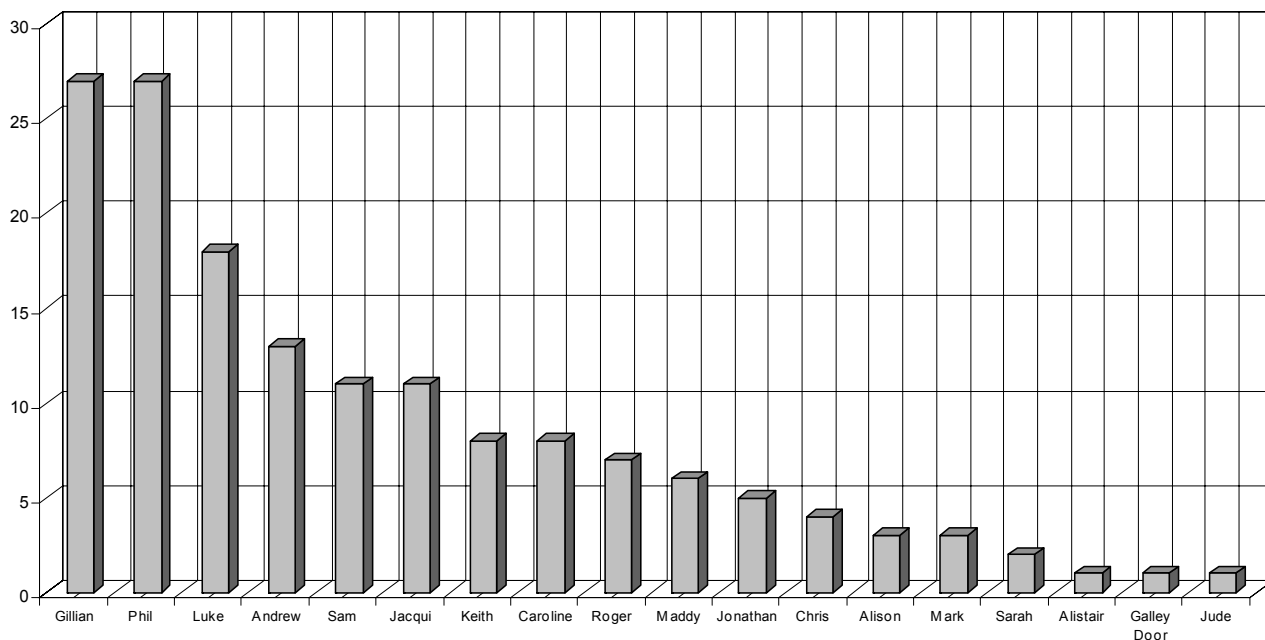
Andrew: Can I have some squash please?
Luke: It's in the toilet.

Luke: I think this knob does something.

Keith: I'm not perverted.

Phil: In the course of an hour and a half, I scored.

Gillian: I can't spell in capitals!



Visit <http://www.ousgg.org.uk> for more embarrassing quotes.

PS

WINTER WALKING PICTURES

If anybody has any pictures from Winter Walking, or indeed any other OUSGG activity, I would quite like them for use in PostScript and on the website. Photos etc. can be e-mailed to me at justaboutanything@ousgg.org.uk. Thanks!

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NEXT ISSUE

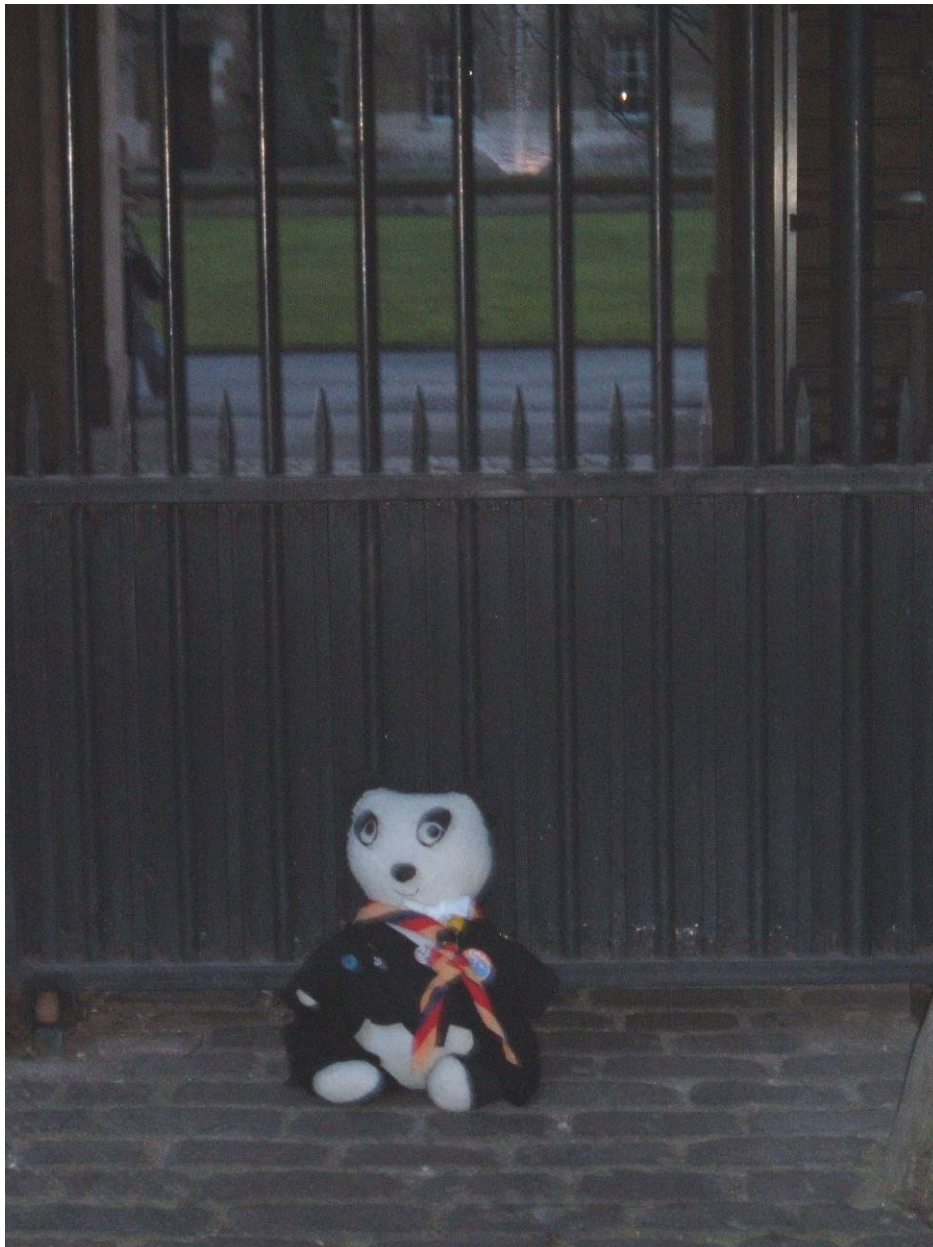
The Chocolate Rally – I'm sure Andrew will write us a rally report!

Winter Walking – Part 3! This one might even be more than two lines long!

PS

WHERE'S ERIK?

I was talking with Erik the other day, and he says he misses going traveling. Personally, I think he has a touch of the Stockholm Syndrome, but we decided to see a bit of the city. Where were we when this photo was taken?



SO LONG

The next issue of PostScript will be published on:

MONDAY 8th WEEK (Monday 6th March, 2006)

And therefore the deadline will be:

FRIDAY 7th WEEK (Friday 3rd March, 2006)

