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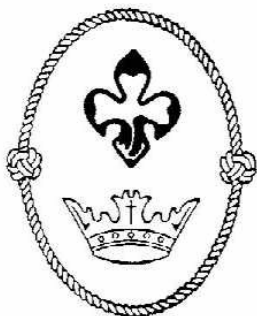
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- ***The F&GPC Minutes, brilliant***
- ***Can any Teddy Hall OUSGGer learn the alphabet—probably not***



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From The Untidy Desk Of The Editor:

Bloody hell its cold. As true autumn weather kicks in in Oxford, with a vengeance, it means it must be time for OUSGG to have a full meeting completely outside. Yes its bonfire night YAY!! A lot of people these days (especially my friends at home) are always complaining about seasons not really existing. But since I spend as much time as possible outside running, rowing, climbing hills, walking to lectures, going on field trips, etc etc. I'd like to remind everyone that all four seasons do still exist, frequently in one day.

The Editor's Spotters Guide To Autumn:

- 1) wearing both a jumper and socks at home with no intention of going out
 - 2) dew
 - 3) conkers
 - 4) it being bloody freezing in the shade but quite pleasant in the sun - but you still need a jumper even if the sky is blue
 - 5) having to go around the house and draw all the curtains cos no-one else is home before dark
 - 6) Thierry Henry wearing gloves
 - 7) leaves falling off trees
 - 8) its dark when you start drinking
- Anyway, have a good week and second half of the term.

Nick Scroxtton
(St. Edmund Hall)

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Postscript: Bag-piping fact into news.

CHAIR'S REPORT: This is almost like a regular slot

Hello! Once again it's time for me to give you a run down of the term so far...

Second week saw us partake in a whole selection of silly games, including old scouting favourites such as the Key Game and eating chocolate with a Knife & Fork. The highlight of the night, though, was seeing Mike dressed as a movement impaired lion – the video is thoroughly entertaining. Perhaps we should find space for it in next year's fresher's presentation?

Third week saw an impressively large turnout spend the evening hunting pieces of card in Oxford City Centre, in a massive wide game. A task which is a lot easier when certain people *cough* Nick *cough* don't move the pieces of card. Still, one team managed to get all the points despite that – and much to his shame it wasn't Nick's! (*Only by splitting up in a morally dubious tactic—Ed*)

Last week was the Safari Supper – three delicious courses, and plenty of walking. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. Thanks to everyone that hosted a course - hope we haven't scared your neighbours *too* much!

We've still got plenty to come this term. Hopefully, you should be reading this during/after a very enjoyable bonfire - and not, say, in a hospital bed after being knocked down by a misplaced rocket! Watch out for e-mails about 6th Week (Archery) and 7th Week (Kettering Gang Show).

See you all soon!

P.S If I don't have a more favourable picture than last week, I'm going to be very upset.

Luke Cartey (St Catherine's College) – Stool (I don't feel I quite live up to a complete chair)



Letters To The Editor: *Take note, words of wisdom aplenty coming up...*

Hello everyone,

A note from your SSAGO representative here (because I'm too disorganised to have written a proper article). It's not too late to book to go on this term's rally. It's 17th-19th of November, near Caernarfon, and it's Blackadder themed. So far, we have one person going. Please contact me if you're interested.

Andrew

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Sir, I was most distressed by the front cover of issue 376. No creature should ever be forced to read the 'Cherwell'. Yours quickly-writing-to-the-United-Nationsly,

P Alderton

Ex-St Peter's

The Alternative A to Z: brought to you by our resident pyromaniac

“Because you’ve got to dispose of the evidence somehow.”

A is for ASH, the inevitable by-product of a good fire. There are two accepted disposal techniques: either scrape it into your ash bucket, wait for it to cool thoroughly and then deposit it into the campsite’s ash bins, or scrape it into your ash bucket, wait for it to cool thoroughly and then head off into the woods under cover of darkness to scatter the ashes over a wide area. Watch out for bear traps.

B is for BONFIRE, the best kind of fire you can have; coincidentally, it’s also the largest kind of fire you build and ignite without being taken to court. All bonfires start life as well planned, orderly constructions. This lasts for about five minutes after they’re lit. If you’re going to bake potatoes in a bonfire be sure to put them on the upwind side of the blaze (see EYEBROWS).

C is for CAMPFIRE, a kind of mini-bonfire suitable only for roasting marshmallows. Rousing campfire ditties may be sung around them, but only once the marshmallows run out.

D is for DAMP, the arch-nemesis of fire enthusiasts everywhere. Damp wood does not burn until it’s been dried, and you can’t dry damp wood without a fire already going. See WOODING

E is for EYEBROWS, the things you lose frequently if you play around with fire too much. Painful and slow to re-grow, and re-grow, and re-grow...

F is for FIRE! Oh lovely fire, how I adore you.

G is for GREEN WOOD, nasty living wood that doesn’t burn, but rather hides in your fire like a viper until it starts emitting thick clouds of choking grey smoke, making it impossible to get near enough the fire to move the damn thing off. Little ‘uns (Guides between the ages of 10 and 12) throw these onto fires with alarming regularity, until they become Seconds and the task of removing greenwood passes to them.

H is for HELL. According to Dante, the denizens of circles VI and VIII - heretics, hypocritical clergymen, barrators and fraudulent counsellors - will spend their time in hell being burned. Myself, I’m aiming for circles VII or II: I’ve always liked trees, and the foul weather of Hell can’t be worse than the some of the field trips I’ve been on.

I is for INFLAMMABLE. Means the same as flammable. No, neither do I.

K is for KEROSENE, the cheat’s way of enlarging a blaze. Kerosene is nasty stuff: you have to pour and run, because it flares up so very quickly, and the smoke smells terrible. You can burn just about anything by dosing it in kerosene first: damp wood, garden rubbish, plastic, rice pudding, the bodies of your former enemies...

L is for LARD, the quintessential campsite cooking fat. If you end up with too much of it in your frying pan you can pour the excess onto the fire beneath the grill, as long as you’re ready for the towering flames that will come shooting up almost instantly. My record’s about 3’ 6”.

M is for MATCHES, essential kit for all occasions. You never know when they might come in handy, and in a survival situation – well, you wouldn’t want to eat it raw, would you?

N is for NICK. Nick has an uncanny ability to attract fireworks. Don’t sit near him (see EYEBROWS).

O is for OXYGEN. Fire needs it to live; so do you. I hope.

P is for PAN FIRE. “Get that thing off the fire, put the lid over it, for God’s sake don’t let the leaders see it, and whatever you do, don’t put it down on the grass!” is the traditional cry upon espying a pan fire. Following experimentation (see EYEBROWS) I can confirm that throwing water over a pan fire is a very bad idea, but if you still mean to eat the pan’s contents then throwing soil is a worse one.

Q is for THE ENEMY. ‘Nuff said.

S is for SPITTING on the ashes of your fire: good for one free wish! As per usual, ix-nay on the wishing for more wishes; no substitutions, exchanges or refunds.

T is for TINDER, the dry, easily ignitable material you use to start off your fire. Don't use damp tinder: it only leads to heartache, and salmonella.

W is for WOODING, the lost art of collecting wood. Learning to tell damp wood from dry wood, and green wood from dead wood, is a skill that only comes with practise, and even the most experienced of us can get it wrong if it's frickin' *winter* and none of the trees have leaves, and how was I supposed to know it was live at the tips when it looked dead at the trunk? And it was only one tree, when all's said and done...

Never take wood from the ground. It will be damp. It doesn't matter if it looks and feels dry: trust me, inside it will be damp.

X is for XPLOSIVES. Not a good idea to try and burn these (see EYEBROWS). Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament with them, and in doing so unwittingly created the best excuse for a bonfire this side of Pandemonium.

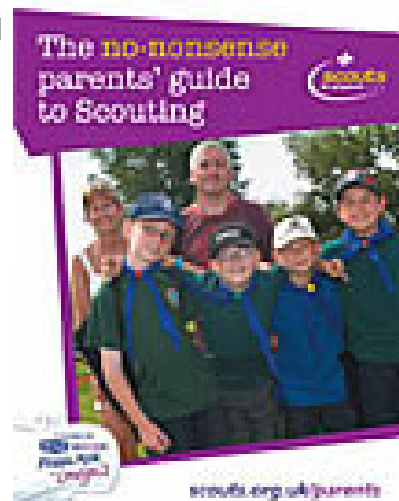
Z is for ZUGZWANG, a situation in which no matter what course of action you take, you cannot possibly win: any tutorial.

THIS PAGE MAY BE USED AS AN EMERGENCY
FIRELIGHTER IF NEEDED.



Don't Say I Didn't Warn You: *promotional material from Gilwell Park.*
Its really riveting stuff...

In the last week of October, Beaver and Cub Leaders across the UK were sent eight copies of the no-nonsense parents' guide to Scouting. Produced in association with St Ivel, the guides are intended to help Leaders with the recruitment of parents either as occasional helpers or as warranted Leaders. The resource contains a six-page folder for parents, which includes important information about Scouting, contact details, volunteering information and most importantly a form for them to record their skills and time availability. Also included in the pack is a Leaders' guide, which contains tips and ideas on how to use the resource, and a CD packed with useful templates, contact forms and case studies. Research showed that it would be most effective to start this work with the Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Sections. However, any Leader can purchase packs of eight, with one Leaders' guide, from the Scout Information Centre for £4 to cover postage and packing. To purchase the packs please call 0845 300 1818 or order through the Information Centre Catalogue on www.scouts.org.uk/scoutbase, quoting the code: PGUIDE. You may also wish to visit the new website for parents - www.scouts.org.uk/parents which is packed full of information about Scouting, an A-Z of Scouting terms and case studies about volunteering.



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Natalie Tomlinson

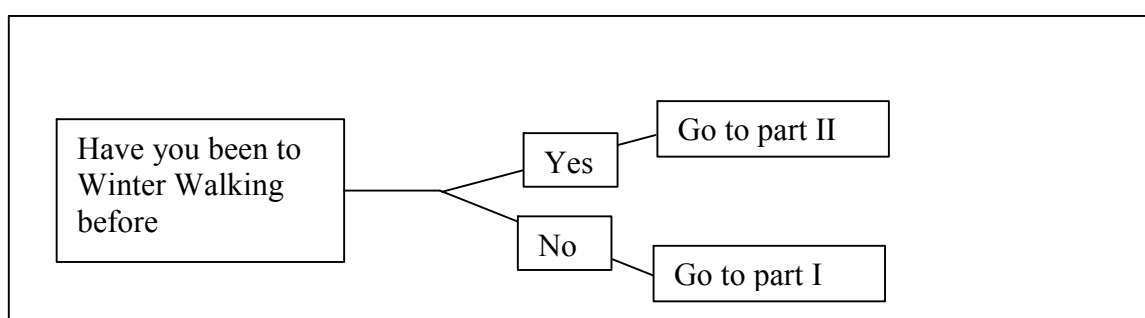
There, That'll teach you to not send me enough articles.

Winter Walking (TM)

Chris Wood files a report dangerously close to deadline (again!). In fact the deadline is long gone. Some people eh!:

I have decided that this article should be really two articles, so as I can't find our editor at the moment (I'm downstairs –Ed) I have taken it upon myself to make an executive decision and just go for it, so I am proud(ish) to present to you Winter Walking 2006 part I and II. Now I know that you all have loads of tutorials to do work for so I won't force you to read both the articles instead I have come up with a cunning way of helping you to choose which one to select. If you don't trust me then ignore the following advice, otherwise go to the patented Chris Wood Wheel of Choice.

The Wheel of Choice. [ed: it's a flow diagram not a wheel] (What the.. – Real Ed)



Part I

Are you tired of spending New Year at home, eating the leftover bits of turkey, whilst sitting in a half circle with your various deranged neighbours and relatives who refuse to return to their own houses until they have thoroughly ruined your entire Christmas holiday, whilst staring at the TV waiting for Big Ben to bong, or alternatively wearing 'hilarious' fancy dress (which, by the time you remember to go the fancy dress shop, will consist of lederhosen as all the decent stuff will have been long gone) and pay £20 to enter some seedy nightclub full of drunken sixteen year olds with fake documents and sugar rushes from too many Breezers, and be charged £3 a half-pint for some ghastly bottled American lager which will probably end up smashed over your head when you inadvertently eyeball somebody else's sister.

Winter walking is an annual OUSGG event that takes place over the New Year and as you may have guessed by the title involves walking. As the group contains all sorts of people there are all sorts of walks from long days climbing up mountains to short strolls to the nearest tea shop (or pub – depending on who is leading), but you can be certain there is definitely something for everyone. This year's walk is going to be held at Cornel campsite in Snowdonia national park, where we will be staying in a converted farmhouse, full of all sorts of mod-cons like heating and showers so you will be in for a real treat. One of the many highlights of the week is on New Years eve where we welcomes in the 100th year of scouting with a slap up meal and a party until the wee hours of the morning. But if you are thinking that it is all fun and games then you would be right. When we aren't walking or having 5 star meals then we fill the time with witty banter and silly (yet ridiculously fun) games. Now if you feel the urge to just run up there straight away to start the fun early then you have qualified to read part II, otherwise before you progress then you have to talk to any member of OUSGG who has been so you can find out just how awesome Winter Walking actually is.

Part II

Winter Walking will taking place between 29/12/06 and 04/01/07, at Cornel campsite, Snowdonia (<http://www.cornelscouts.org.uk/>).

You can either drive there or get the train or bus to Llandudno or Conwy (there is at least 1 train an hour going along this route from Chester but you will have to work out your own route there and then you will get picked up / dropped off at the station).

The cost will be approximately £10 per night, so if you don't want to stay for the whole period of the camp then you can come over whatever times you like. Payment will be taken at the end of the camp so don't worry about paying me right away.

Now just fill in the form below.

Name: _____

College: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Number: _____

How you getting there: Train ☐ Car ☐ Bike ☐ Other ☐

I will be driving and am prepared to allow other members of OUSGG to sit in my car and get taken to random places in N. Wales (you will get paid mileage): ☐

Dietary Requirements – and if anyone writes food here then you will be sleeping in the lake: (not like you've ever done that—Ed) _____

Anything that you want to tell me that may be helpful regarding the camp: _____

Replies To Chris Wood (St. Edmund Hall)

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F&GPC Minutes The Termly Highlight Of Postsript Is Back:

Minutes of the 138th Finance and General Purposes Committee
3rd November 2006

Meeting Opened at 8.15

Present:

Luke Cartey – Chair
Michael Howe
Elizabeth Horne – Treasurer
Andrew Freer – SSAGO
Gillian Bradley – NnN
Alistair Green – Chair elect
Timothy Driscoll – Secretary
Apologies
Christopher Wood
Nicholas Scroxtton – Postsript Editor

Approval of Minutes

No minutes – can't approve them.
Moved to TGM

Matters arising

- Need to approve minutes

Officer Reports

Chair

Term has gone well so far. We have lots of Freshers, and no-one
has reported getting **food poisoning from the
Safari Supper** (yet).

There's been trouble with getting a venue for archery in 6th week.
Bonfire night on Monday, someone needs to go up early to set up
and start on the potatoes.

Fresher's ramble tomorrow- we're expecting two of them to turn up.
We need to book a room for the 8th week TGM.

Chair-elect

Is open to suggestions. Andrew suggests doing ju-jitsu/judo or
some other martial art.

Erik's birthday is in 6th week.

Alistair knows the head of the Oxford Sirens cheerleading squad.

Andrew wants to know how much it will cost to get Gillian in a mini-skirt.

Gillian wants to know how long Andrew wants to live for. Andrew says he's more likely to wear one than Gillian, prompting her to propose that it should only be the men who do.

We don't have easy access to liquid nitrogen, so ice-cream making is out. **Lizzy thinks we should buy a**

canister of Nitrous Oxide. Snooker?

The pipeline is extremely long and purple.

Treasurer

Doesn't know how much money we've got. Luke gives these figures: Current: We have £244.85 in theory, and £294.85 in practice (due to Sam not cashing cheques) Andrew is owed £50 this term, and £30 for last years fireworks.

We also have £2.41 from Monday in current.

Events: £128.12. Should be £158.50

Ex-members: £319.49

Lizzy wants membership fees.

Winter Walking has taken £150 from the current account, Summer Trip has £50

Signatures changed – haven't heard anything so probably OK.

Secretary

Gillian doesn't know who the secretary is.

Haven't had confirmation from Proctors, as forms were sent out from clubs committee late.

SSAGO

Rally booking is open, they didn't let us know again. Andrew wishes they would.

17th-19th November (end of 6th week). Mark is going, but it doesn't look like anyone else will. Gillian says it's too cold, too far away and she doesn't have Andrews time.

Lizzy would like it minuted that she hates Andrew.

Gillian hates Luke (so does Mike)

Luke hates Gillian and Mike

Gillian hates Mike.

Andrew has received membership form from SSAGO. Has passed it on to the membership secretary (himself)

Membership Secretary

Has taken a while to get going. Should start getting membership forms in next week. SSAGO form needs to be completed by end of term.

SAGLO

Has minutes from Oxfordshire guiding meeting if anyone's interested. Lizzy says they are great fun

Quartermaster

We have no useable rope. Lizzy offers her chain.

We also have **no use for rope.**

Andrew will have a car at the end of term – it may be worth getting stuff from TFM and AFM.

Annual dinner

Hasn't done anything yet, but will soon

Summer Trip

Is going through accounts. **Lizzy would like to express her enthusiasm for getting them.**

Next one should be arranged earlier, so more people will come. It was booked around 4th week this year.

Will be the centenary next year – could make things interesting. Big SSAGO rally

Luke says we have the best neckers. We're not sure where to get more of them.

NnN

Is happening. It needs to be somewhere else in 8th week. Mike may be able to do it.

Internet

Is still there.

Andrew would like to get some hemp rope and pioneering poles

Motions

To give Michael Howe the post of "NnN minion"

Proposed: Michael Howe.

Seconded: Luke Cartey

Is this going to be an official post transferred at the end of term?

Gillian would like to change it so Mike is her minion. **He says he will if she keeps feeding him.**

Move to Vote

For: unanimous.

Lizzy says that Nick would probably disagree. He wasn't there so it doesn't count. (Accusations—Ed)

Motion Passed

Games Box

Motion stands unsteadily with the aid of prosthetics and cardboard in one corner. Alistair donates a pack of cards

We need to decide a budget and what to get. **Gillian**

wonders if this is a good idea. Andrew objects to it being a good idea, but agrees with the motion. Who should have it – don't decide.

Maybe £30-£40. Want enough for a good choice. Lizzy says that £40 should be enough for a decent choice. Where to get the box from – we want a decent one.

Try Staples. Want one easy to carry round

To get:

Dice, counters, money, The Big Idea, blank cards, Munchkin, Chez Geek (original version for these two). Things from Cheap-ass games

(Kill Dr. Lucky, Devil Bunnny), **Paranoia.**

Look again next term. Buy box later too.

Motion: Andrew to look up games we want and tell Caroline. He is to buy a box at a later date.

For: Unanimous

A. O. B

The issue of the CUSAGC duck. Lizzy has sent a copy of postscript to CUSAGC. Andrew wants to know what happens if they don't pay.

Lizzy will take Maddy and Sam to changeover. **Where should we hang the duck** – Carfax?

Meeting Closed at 9.15

QUOTESCRIPT: *A range of highly disturbing quotes this issue – we clearly need to clean up our act!*

Keith: What's wrong with an erection specialist? We use them all the time!

Gillian: Groyne's are good for sitting on.

Mike: Was that about molesting giraffes?

Keith: How do you sex cuddly toys?

Sam: All I remember about this is the nookie.

Luke: I seem to grab everyone's knees as I go round the corner...it tends only to be the girls, though.

Gillian: He wants to come and play with me...

Lizzy: As soon as you get in the jumper goes in the...dishwasher!

Sam: If it hasn't got any rape by animals, it can't be good.

Maddy: Ducks don't breastfeed.

Sam (to Caroline): I might need your services...to get to sleep tomorrow night.

Maddy: How dare you use our duck as a sex object!

Jenny: It's for my personal use.

Nick: Am I doing it geology style?

Lizzy: I did it with my mum.

Sarah (about OUSGG): I don't know who they all are, but I don't trust them.

Lizzy (to Maddy): You're retiring from the game?

Nick (about Maddy & Lizzy in the toilets): What we need is for someone to go in there and take photos of them.

Lizzy (to Gillian): Get on the table! Show us some leg!

Jenny (about her school children): We're lucky if we get trousers and shirts on.

Maddy (to Lizzy): I took my jumper off so you keep your bow on.

Mike: No, I've got a handbag.

Lizzy: Maddy and I had a very good session in the toilets.

Gillian: I didn't come that night.

Luke: We were independently getting sticky... I was all hyper afterwards.

The Quotes League

=1. Gillian	7
=1. Mike	7
=1. Sam	7
4. Lizzy	5
5. Luke	4
=6. Maddy	3
=6. Nick	3
=8. Chris	2
=8. Jenny	2
=8. Keith	2
=11. Alistair	1
=11. Caroline	1
=11. Sarah	1

Gillian: What's that look for?

Mike: Sam's having fun with his girls.

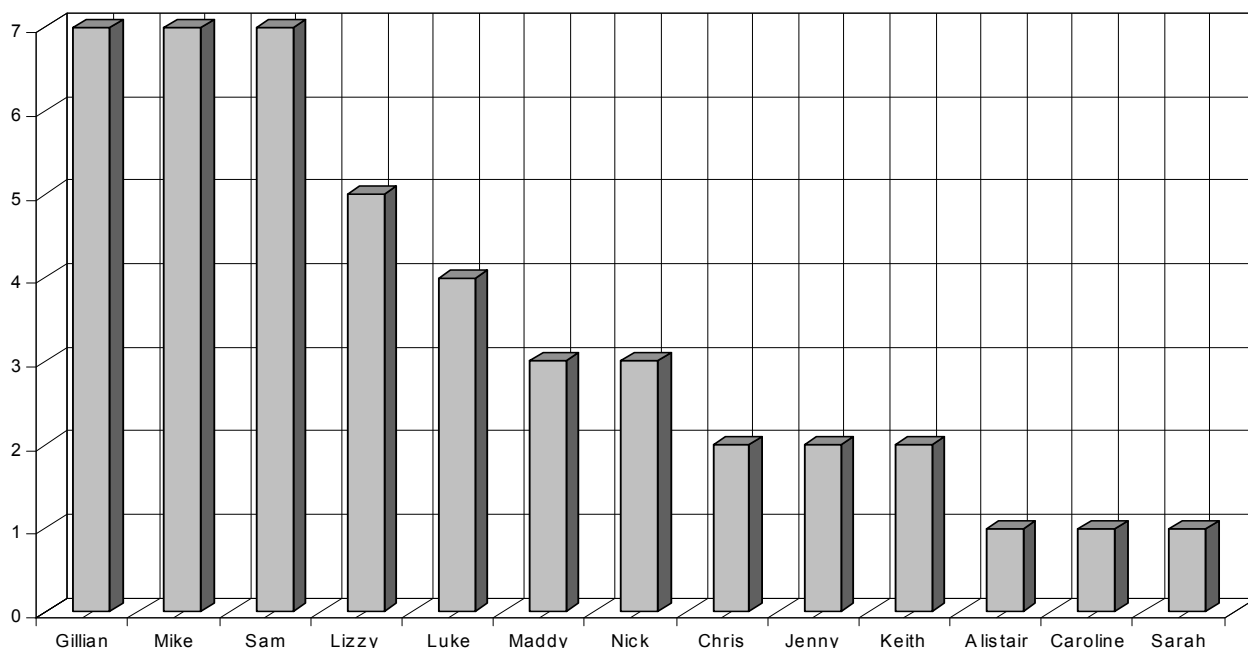
Gillian: Chris has a thing for ducks, does he?

Chris: No comment.

Mike (to Lizzy): There are boats you'll fit in.

Nick (surreptitiously): Hi. Yeah. I've got the stuff...

Chris: You've got my wispy.



From Our Own Correspondant

More news from outside the Ring Road, if such a place exists:

A dispatch from your very own entirely unelected, important-sounding-title-lovin' 'Varsity Liaison Officer'

Last weekend I found myself sat in a rickety tent, on the edge of a muddy bridal path for hours and hours. We had already done our life stories. The situation was dire. We had each been rationed 3 Jaffa Cakes (for the entire day!!!) and we had already eaten all the spare chocolate bars. I was so bored I was beginning to think I was going to need to eat the packet of Banoffee Pie biscuits stashed in my rucksack. Could anything now save me from eating my way to an early, and square, grave? Yes. I was asked what the differences were between Oxford and Cambridge. Below are some of my wise reflections:

1. Cambridge is much much, oh so many times, colder. It is permanently February the 19th.

There was more to my thinking, but I must stop faffing around in the computer room and get on with designing a Fun Fractions Game. So you will have to wait for the next installment with breath that is baited.

Maddy Bunce

Where Was Erik?

The answer, of course, was up St. Mary's Tower.



Spot The Difference: One of them is Lizzy, the other Maddy.

