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Postscript: Bigger Than Jesus

# From The Desk Of El Editore

I'm quite shocked at this edition of Postscript, there are actually a few serious articles in it to get your teeth stuck into. So take note. But never fear, Postscript retains its awesome new direction under my expert gaze with an article written by a non-OUSGGer, ooo-err.

Well, that Annual Dinner eh! I hope everyone had a drunken and fun time. Erm..... The Punt & Picnic was also good, though I had to leave that one early as well. I'm not doing too well here. Anyway, I'd like to extend my thanks to Gillian and Luke for organising a great weekend's entertainment. Next year will have a lot to live up to.

Finally, I'm sure everyone would like to wish all OUSGGers with e\*\*\*s this term the best of luck. Try to think of this issue as our little aid to your procrastination. And your writing of an article for the final issue of the year as your contribution.

Nick Scroxton (St. Edmund Hall)

#### On the OUSGG menu this week:

Page 04: Posing In Position,

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DEADLINE FOR ISSUE: 384 FRIDAY OF SEVENTH WEEK Trinity Term 2007 (8th June)

# CHAIRS REPORT. 2nd quarter TT07.

Cristal has been getting all fiscal on us!

I am pleased to say that it has been another promising quarter for OUSGG, with general profits rising at 4.1% above inflation.

The OUSGG outside scheme has been the major focus of this term and despite some initial set backs, the main influences being the poor weather and the bugs in the University Parks, participation in these events has been above 90% of current turnaround. This has come from several lucrative cash cows such as the punting which is a regular in Trinity Term, but also a couple of rising stars, the main one being kayaking with the Isis Canoe Club. Unfortunately due to the unexpected growth in this area there was insufficient resources in place to meet the demand and several customers were not able to receive this product. However with the market knowledge that we now hold it is thought that this can be overcome in future. The other major success in the outside scheme was at the start of this financial guarter with the Sports Day. This longevity of this product may unfortunately be tarnished by the actions of one of the major components, we will have to look at replacing the 'Nick' who broke an egg and crashed into a 'Luke', before we continue this line.



There has still been some focus on OUSGG inside, even though this has taken more of a back seat as most resources have been put into OUSGG outside. The Oxford Dive centre produced a new product for OUSGG inside that could steadily increase its market share over the coming financial year, namely Scuba Diving. Turnout for this event was just above 50% but with the positive feedback that has been given by customers, and with a more active marketing campaign I believe that this could grow in the future. There does not seem to be much room for the growth of the F&GPC that despite a good turnout, in a spectacular venue was still boring.

My special thanks go out to the OUSGG Annual Dinner Management Committee, who despite judicious main course planning, made a simple error in their later course choices by not opting for profiteroles. This action has unfortunately meant that one of the committee has been laid off. The event was further tarnished by the actions later in the evening of certain individuals, yet with some careful marketing and a general shift in the focus of the company I feel that the damage to this brand name can be minimised.

As always, my sincere thanks to all members of OUSGG who have helped make this quarter a success. I look forward to taking this company further with you in the future.

Chris Wood Chair

# POSTSCRIPT NEEDS YOU!!

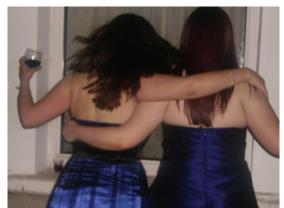
It is traditional that every single member of the group writes one article for the final issue of postscript. So get those creative minds whirring, oil up your laptop keys and get to work. No excuses and what have you! It would also be nice to get as many as possible from our distinguished old members as well.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

At the annual dinner I noticed that Miss Bunce and Miss Horne were similarly attired. They were also willing to pose in a position that was faintly reminiscent. But I can't remember where from. Could you please remind me of when they first did this.

Yours, Anon





# CHAIR-ELECT IS CHANGING

# Oh my God, the editor has actually written a proper article

Further to discussions at the F&GPC, and several other faffs, the way the chair-elects file and book works is to changed as well. Whilst the book is to stay with chair-elect, it is the chair that will write up their own term as objectively as possible. Whilst this means that we do effectively lose a term in the chair-elects book, by getting up to date it was felt this was a worthwhile cause, unless someone really wants to write up both their term and the one before. It was also felt that in order to catch up without the unecessary faff of handing the book round, which has always been the cause of the huge back-log, any unwritten terms are to be typed up and then pasted into the chair-elects book.

The content is changing too, in order to minimise the crap in the chair-elect's file. Each written up report should include two major paragraphs, the first with a breakdown of how the meeting went (as always written before in the book), how many turned up, why people didn't turn up, the pros and cons of such a meeting etc. All written as objectively as possible. The second paragraph should include all the organisational faff that went on to get the meeting up and running (what used to just be stuffed in the chair-elects file, or more commonly, just forgotten). Things to include include contact details, when to get organised, cost, ease of booking rooms etc etc.

For all terms being caught up with and for all future terms, an electronic copy should be created to provide an online resource/archive, that prospective chair-elects can consult if they are thinking about organising a term but are unsure of where to start.

We also decided that this idea should be mooted first and any further faff, contributions, suggestions for what should be included in each report, whether this change should be a motion, should be discussed on the FAFF email list before I write a more formal article for the next issue.

So if you're an ex-chair who never wrote up the chair-elect's book and feel that your term was never written up either. Could you please endeavour to write up your own term as chair, and possibly your term before if you so wish. And send it nicholas.scroxton(at)seh.ox.ac.uk

# Flossy Awards 2007

Lizzy Horne presents this year's Flossy Awards.

#### **The Early Bird Award - Keith Crothers**

For turning up to Winter Walking the day before everyone else.

#### **Most Interpretive Piece of Solo Mimework - Andrew Freer**

For his unforgettable solo performance of the complete karma sutra during a party game.

#### The Richard Hammond Award for Road Safety - Mark Hawkins

For managing to back his car over the edge at Winter Walking.

#### The Michael Fish Award for Dedication to Traditional Pub Games - Alistair Green

For persuading us all to go and play Aunt Sally outside, in the middle of February, in sub-zero temperatures.

#### Pin-Up of the Year - Christopher Wood

For the assets displayed in his first Chair's Report.

#### The Richard Desmond Award for Publishing - Nicholas Scroxton

In recognition of the direction PostScript has taken under his Editorship.

#### **Academy Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role - Luke Cartey**

For a stunning performance of Titanic.

### The M&S Award for Popular Underwear Design - Michelle Barton

For the infamous OUSGG thongs.

# The Coldwater Creek Award for Services to the Wine Industry - Madeline Bunce and Jennifer Robertson

For their dedication and stamina displayed during unofficial Flashmob socials.

#### NnN Fresher of the Year - Sarah Harvey

For being the only Fresher committed enough to come on a regular basis.

#### **Hardcore Drinker of the Year - Sam Snelson**

For ordering a pint with his brunch the morning after a Flashmob Saturday night.

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to OUSGG - Gillian Bradley**

For her incalculable contribution to OUSGG during the past three years.

## Correction - ?

On page 16 of Issue 382, the quotes should have read "I suppose you have people randomly shoving it at you," and "I was reading about women getting men pregnant by mistake."

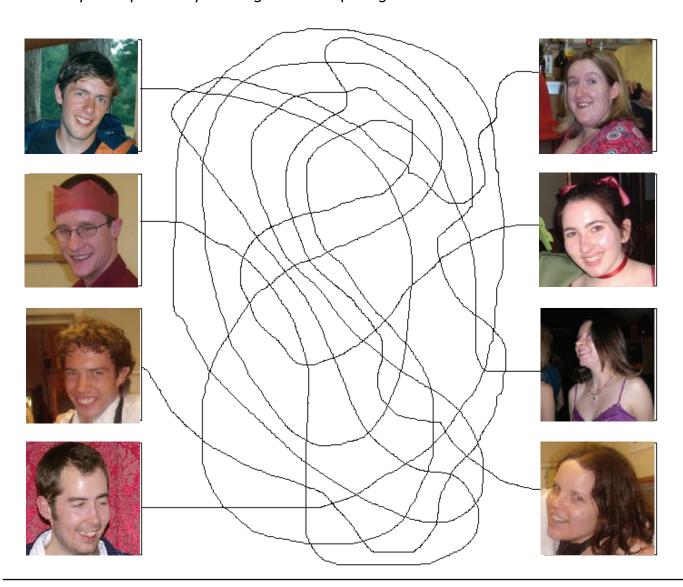
Elizabeth Horne

(Ed- We at Postcript, 7 Ivory Towers, apologise to those mis-quoted, but the quotes published were just as funny)

# A Tangled Web

A special report from outside observer of this year's Annual Dinner:

These 8 OUSGG members are attempting to play a tug of war tournament but all their ropes are tangled up! They decide to all tug on the ropes in turn to work out who's on the other end. Can you help them by working out who's pulling who?



# A Stitch In Time

OUSGG are attempting to re-organise the various committee post folders, so that they are up to date, full of relevant information and are actually given to the person with the right committee post. So if you have any folders or information relating to a committee (this includes folders that might have escaped with old members) please could they be returned to Shell as soon as possible so we can sort them out. Queries to michelle.barton(at)seh.ox.ac.uk

What's that coming over the hill? Is it a monster? Why yes it is! Quick, run for your lives, RUN NOW,

# "The Committee Meeting" by Timothy Driscoll

Co-authored by OUSGG
First Performed on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Disclaimer: Any resemblances to real people, places, or events are purely coincidental, and are in no way plagiarised from the Minutes of the last F&GPC...

Whispered off stage: Do you think they'll buy that?

#### **Cast List**

TD (The Secretary)

AG

EH (The Treasurer)

MH

LC (I.T. Support, and Keeper of Biscuits)

SB (Head of Personnel)

GB

CW (Chairperson)

NS (Vice-Chair)

MB (Public Relations Officer)

#### Curtain up at 7.10

Setting: A grand Boardroom, with pictures of cows on the wall. Gathered around a table, centre stage, is our cast apart from CW and NS. They are (mostly) eating ice-cream happily.

EH: Where are they? I need to go in less than an hour

TD: Well, you might as well look through the minutes of the last one while we're waiting. He produces a file.

LC: There's a mistake there.

CW and NS arrive from the right

TD: Well, we might as well get started then.

NS: But I want some ice-cream.

EH: Well, one of you can go, but not both of you or we lose quorum.

The Committee argue about who has to be there for quorum, the difference between SSAGO, SAGLO and SAGGA. In this time, NS sneaks off stage and returns shortly after with his own ice-cream

TD: Shall we get started then? First up's Matters Arising

EH: I've got something. About that Shelter, are we still getting it or not?

NS: Yes, but I haven't got round to buying it yet.

TD: Is that it? Then it's **Reports** now.

CW (Chair): Term's going well

NS (<u>Vice-Chair</u>): I've got about 7 ideas for 8 weeks. Ideas include a trip to the BBC (London), going to see the Imps, and a Pub Crawl as an extra – but I'll have to investigate routes first. I've got a Pipeline, its green and making a gurgling noise.

EH (<u>Treasurer</u>): The Main Account has £488.14, with £15 owed from kayaking, and £50 owed from Events for various reasons.

Events account has £120.12 with £661 from Annual Dinner, £270 from Easter Activity and the £50 to go to Main. As Annual Dinner and Easter Activity have not yet been paid, there's £1013.12

The Pension Fund has £319.49 – Nothing ever happens in this account.

Oh, and I want the accounts for Easter Activity and Annual Dinner.

TD (<u>Secretary</u>): We should be re-registered, but the form was a bit late getting there.

NS is having trouble with his ice-cream.

EH: We're laughing at you, not with you.

TD: Next is the report from <u>SSAGO</u> Head Office. But their rep isn't here and hasn't given a report in.

GB: We need to speak to Andrew to check if we're still getting all the emails from them. The rally is about 3 weeks after the end of term.

TD: Now it's the **Winter Walking Election** put off from the last meeting. We've had Dave and Mike B suggested.

NS: I'll propose

EH: I'll second. I just didn't want to propose

TD: For *Nine hands rise* Abstentions: *One hand* 

Right then, that's Dave and Mike elected.

TD: Any Other Business? I've got something from Caroline about those Staged Badges

GB: Do we really need stages one and two? It'll scare off the new recruits, and most of us are on stage three.

EH: How are we paying for these? Does the group fund them and give them out, or do we get people to pay back for them, like with the neckers?

More discussion, until it's clear the decision has been made that the **members will have to buy them off the Group**, to protect its fragile finances, and that the Committee **nominate Caroline to deal with the matter as she sees fit**, and put forward a final idea at the TGM.

GB: The Library I've got it at the moment, but am retiring soon. Who's going to look after it?

MH: I'm happy to keep it in my house over the summer.

GB: Next year, does it want to stay in one place, or move around with the canteen stuff? It's quite a lot of effort to keep moving it around.

They discuss the house where LC and MH will be living next year, and what gets discussed in the Ladies Loos EH leaves (alone) Left to where "the loos" are situated

TD (to LC as this dies out): So, are you taking it?

LC:Looks like it..

GB: I'll catalogue it, but not before exams.

#### NS: "Everyone must write an article for PostScript"

GB: Local Leader Recruitment

Brief discussion about the problems in the district, and what the Group can do to help

CW: We also need to work on our recruitment (or retainment).

GB: Do we want to try to get them to help pay for a second table at Freshers Fair? I think we should if we can.

CW: But we need to be careful, as local Scouting and Guiding don't get their own. Also, we can't get outsiders to explain who we are — we can barely do that ourselves. GB: Yeah, but we need help manning the stall. This year there weren't half a dozen of us to do three days. And there's Brookes.

EH (to MH): "Good luck manning that"

MH: It'll be right when I can do it(!)" then collapses in a heap as he realises what he said. The Group conclude to put information on local Scouting and Guiding more prominently on their Website for now, and discuss Freshers Fair when we have more information. EH returns from the Left

GB: Angharad has the <u>Gas Cylinders</u>. She doesn't want them, and says she will be throwing them out after this term ends regardless. Do we want them? *More Faff* 

CW: We'll go to collect them, keep 2 or 3, and donate the rest away.

NS (to LC) can I have the Chair-elects book please?

General confusion as the Group realise that no-one knows who has what files, etc. that each person needs due to the regular Cabinet Reshuffles.

TD (one by one): Who has what?

LC: Chair-elects book, PostScript Archive, and the broken stapler (which may be fixable).

MB: Nothing

GB: Annual Dinner, the Library, Kit Order stuff and the stapler which works

CW: Nothing

NS: Chair-elects file, signature book

EH: Treasurers File.

AG: Nothing

CW: All ex-chairs should write up their own term, and we put all of these into the chair-elects book.

LC: Should we have a digital version? It would be easier, and could be accessed by people who are thinking of standing for chair.

GB: Each chair should write about each evening, organising it, how many came and if there's something like Finals causing low turnout. When do we want to have a 'blitz' evening to sort out all the files? We have to do it soon, or there'll be exams and stuff; 9<sup>th</sup> Week, or the beginning of next term? *The Group agree that one should be arranged as soon as possible. Then, realising that they've got through everything, pack up their things and file off Right. During this, TD asks if the minutes were approved and, apart from the typing error, they are.* 

Someone: Who's organising the Punt Joust?

#### Fade to Blackout, 8.15

# **Reviews Of "The Committee Meeting**

Dear Sir,

Yours,

At the F&GPC held on Tuesday a discussion arose about who may or may not be allowed to man the stalls at Fresher's Fair. I can now inform you, courtesy of PostScript 119 (dated 6th Week Trinity 1980) that "proctorial regulations state that only members of the University may staff stalls." I hope this kind of up-to-date, hot-off-the-press information will be useful to your readers.

A procrastinating ex-editor

# **SUMMER TRIP UPDATE:**

Andrew schrijft een andere uitgave van Slechte Vertalingen.

Andrew writes another edition of Bad Translations

Hallo

Hello

Ik wou graag twee bieren, alstublieft.

I'd like two beers, please

Dank u

Thank you

Ik zal in Amsterdam tussen de negende en zeventiende van Augustus zijn.

I will be in Amsterdam between the 9th and 17th of August

Edam wordt achteruit gemaakt

Edam is made backwards

Hulp, ben ik in een kanaal gevallen!

Help, I've fallen in a canal!

Iemand heeft Erik gestolen!

Someone's stolen Erik!

Ik houd van OUSGG beter dan Studentenstam DE Delftsche Zwervers.

I like OUSGG better than the Defltsche Zwervers.

# **QUOTESCRIPT**

#### The Quotes League

The quote league might even be correct this issue – Shell no longer has a split personality problem!

**Andrew**: I'm going to go around and badger people

for dates.

**Nick** (to Chris): You're technically chair.....chair implies some kind of

respect.

**TFM** (on spin the bottle): I did my real grandmother.

**Phil**: It's always Keith between me and Christina

**Phil**: I am God

**Shell**: Jacqui and Michael have gone to trim Caroline's bush.

**Andrew**: It's supposed to be straight but not overly tight...and

I'll write that down if you want me to.

**Mark**: There's too much coordination required for a ham and

pickle sandwich

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**Lizzy**: Is that bottle from the gin dispenser that dispenses hot and cold gin?

**Lizzy**: I'm having difficulty, I'm eyeing up the talent.

**Mark**: Why were there potatoes and carrots in the NnN box?

**Luke**: I thought they were biscuits.

Luke: I've definitely never danced naked around a burning effigy of Erik. Well, not

burning, anyway.

**Lizzy:** I think I might get a new facebook photo – you know, the full monty...

**Chris:** Have you not had ladies thighs talking to you?

**Chris:** I keeping getting ones about ways to enlarge my genitals.

**Nick**: They've been quite slack recently.

And some bonus quotes from various points this year...

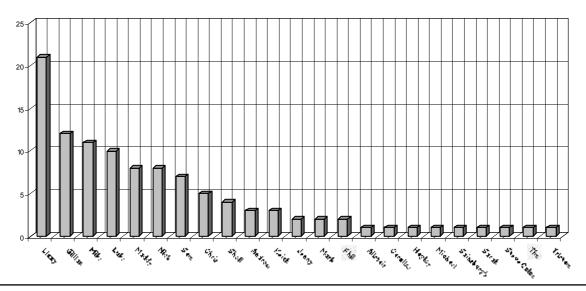
**Lizzy**: Sorry, I'm just thinking dirty thoughts about directors.

**Michael**: I had to sit on a wet patch.

**Mike**: That's why I put my trousers back on.

**Keith**: You need to get her tired enough so that she doesn't notice when you collapse

on top of her.



# **Everybody's Free (To Wear Sub Fusc)**

OUSGG and Postscript would like to wish everyone with  $e^{***}$ s this term good luck. Especially those with  $F^{****}$ S.

Ladies and gentlemen of the class of 2006: wear sub fusc. If I could offer you one tip for Finals, sub fusc would be it. The wearing of sub fusc is a required by the Proctors, whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own inane ramblings. I will regurgitate these ramblings now.

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth. Oh never mind. You will not enjoy the power and beauty of your youth until you've finished. But trust me - in a few weeks you'll look back and realise in a way you can't grasp now how much time you spent revising and how tedious it really was.

You are not as dim as you imagine.

Don't panic about Finals. Or panic, but know that panicing is as effective as trying to write essays by starting a Mexican wave in Schools. The real troubles are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind, like leaving a tenner in your pocket while getting trashed.

Do one thing every exam that scares you. Write.

Don't be reckless with your answers, don't put up with examiners who are reckless in setting questions.

Revise.

Don't waste your time on jealousy. Some people are clever, some people are not so clever. The exams are long and in the end, they're only with a couple of hundred people out of the entire population.

Remember questions you managed to answer. Forget the blunders. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Keep your good luck cards, throw away your exam papers.

#### Breathe.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know which questions to answer. Some of the cleverest people I know didn't know at 21 which questions to answer. Some of the tutors I know still don't.

Get plenty of sleep.

Be kind to your brain. You'll miss it when it's gone.

Maybe you'll pass, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll get a first, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll become a Jobseeker, maybe you'll join the SCR. Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your answers are half chance. So are everybody else's.

Enjoy your alcohol. Drink it every way you can. Don't be afraid of it, Or of what other people think of it. It's the greatest substance you'll ever abuse.

Write, even if you have nowhere to do it but your exam desk. Read the questions, even if you don't answer them. Do not read other people's answers. They will only get you sent down.

Get to know your tutors. You never know when they'll buy you drinks.

Be nice to older people doing your subject. They're the best source of answers to questions and the people most likely to buy you champagne when you finish.

Understand that knowledge comes and goes, but with a few facts you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps of knowledge and understanding because the closer you get, the more questions you can answer.

Lie on the quad once, but leave before it makes you brown.

Sit in the JCR once, but leave before the Simpsons comes on.

Punt.

Accept certain inalienable truths: scholars will have sleeves, exhibitioners will be bitter and you, too, will finish, and when you do, you'll fantasize that when you sat Finals, examiners were reasonable, questions were answerable and people prepared properly for their exams. Prepare properly for your exams.

Don't mess too much with your gown, or by the time you've finished you won't be able to sell it second hand.

Be careful whose revision classes you attend, but be patient with those that give them. Revision classes are a form of nostalgia.

Giving them is a way of fishing past papers from the filing cabinet, dusting them off, tippexing over the hard parts and presenting them as something useful.

But trust me on the sub fusc.