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I lost my heart. I buried it too deep under the iron sea.

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Editorial

It was only after finishing the booking of our family holiday to Disneyland Paris that its terrible timing - over a PostScript weekend! - came to light.

What to do? Taking a laptop to Disneyland, and frantically editing the publication while queuing for Thunder Mountain, seemed like a poor idea. Frantically editing the whole thing on Sunday evening, after a weekend of poor nutrition and little sleep, seemed even worse. The only practical solution to this knotty problem seemed to be to delay publication for a few days.

Still, it's worth the wait. With an article on shipping containers, a new column from the mysterious 'PB', the joy of F&GPC minutes and even the excitement of a constitutional amendment, PostScript 386 has something for everyone - not to mention an all-new round of QuoteScript, the chance to order some fantastic OUSGG stash, and your invitation to Winter Walking™ 2007. Of course, if you're not satisfied, you need only turn to the Letters page to find some like-minded views being given an airing.

5th week traditionally brings with it the notorious 5th week blues. With such a plethora of OUSGG activities in the pipeline for the next two weeks these should, hopefully, be minimal - but just in case they aren't, and tequila proves too expensive a means of making yourself happy, why not try out our tried and tested recipe for homemade Baileys? Happiness, and a monumental sugar rush, are practically assured. Please note that mixing it with orange juice is not advised.

Until next time,

Elizabeth Horne, St. Edmund Hall - Editor

The next issue of PostScript will be published on

Monday of 8th Week,

and so the deadline is

Friday of 7th Week.

Articles received after this time will be included at the Editor's discretion, or may be retained for use in future issues.

Chair's Report

Nick Scroton dusts off his showman's hat and goes in for the hard sell.

Fasten your seatbelts, people! It's SHOWTIME!

So, since the last issue we've had a funky wide game playing Cluedo in the city. That pesky Reverend Green, eh? As well as an international film night showcasing the amusing *Goodbye Lenin* and the downright bizarre *Belleville Rendezvous*. Oh yes, and a committee meeting. What fun that was.

You see, it's all very well and good, and a good chance to get to know people, but now the fun begins! By the time you read this we'll have had the bonfire and fireworks, and hopefully no-one will have spent the evening in A&E. Still, the best is yet to come.



In sixth week we have an awesome array of stuff lined up. Our Fairtrade Wine & Chocolate evening, complete with fair-trade Rosé, a trip to the BBC in London to see a live show being recorded and a three legged pub-crawl round the bars of Oxford. Just keep me away from Hertford's legendary Dark Pango! (*No, really – keep him away. Ed*) Plus N'n'N in a room with what has to be the finest views in Oxford. Then there's also the Oxford Imps lined up for seventh week. Don't say I don't spoil you, you lucky, lucky people.

There's also an AGM in eighth week - but the less said about that the better. Seriously though, do come along: it's not that boring and the meal afterwards will be the perfect antidote to all those student Christmas dinners you'll be having by the end of term.

In summary: a feast for the senses, and the stomach!

And that's all the weather.

Nicholas 'El Chair' Scroton, St. Edmund Hall

Inside This Issue

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Everyone knows the best gangs have matching clothing.
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A worrying crop of new quotes to grace the back page.

...and more!

The OUSGG Guide to Shipping Containers

A definitive guide to sea-bound freight, courtesy of **Luke Cartey**.

Sometime ago (Issue 373, to be exact, not that I've been reading back issues), there were discussions about the possibilities of using shipping containers to build a house. Much debate was had, but, alas, the idea was marked down as "the one that got away". That is, until I stumbled upon a veritable treasure trove of information. It turns out that there are a number of different solutions – and the best bit is, you can pick and mix! So I thought I might give a comparative guide for the discerning OUSGGer.



For the Computer Scientist -

I had to begin with my ideal shipping container, didn't I? Perfect for the traveling Computer Scientist, Sun's Project Blackbox provides everything for those of you in need of a data-centre in a hurry. Prices start at a very reasonable \$500,000

Among its many features is the ability to withstand a magnitude 6.7 earthquake - highly useful for middle England, I'm sure you'll agree, as well as capacity for 250 water cooled rack-mounted servers (that's nearly as many as Mike has in his room). However, the rather large Sun logo on the side does tend to make it a target for any thieves in the area (particularly those with convenient lorries).

8/10 – Definitely a winner (who doesn't want 250 servers at their beck and call?), however high cost and the need for a rather large generator make this container imperfect for everyone.



For the Thirsty Hiker -

OUSGG's penchant for tea-shops is well known (woe betide anybody who gets between an OUSGGer and the tea shop), so what better way to furnish your abode than with a fold-out coffee shop?

From the hi-tech coffee company, Illy, comes the ultimate in portable coffee shops. Simply press the button and a full coffee shop appears, including coffee making facilities and a toilet(!). Not everything is rosy, though – with only a shockingly limited selection of cakes, and no tea making facilities.

6/10 – The idea is perfect, however the implementation does leave a little to be desired.



For the Drinker -

What if your taste in drinks is a little more alcoholic? Never fear, we have also found the perfect solution for you – the bar in a shipping container! After all, what is more classy than your own bar?

Not only can you have a wide selection of drinks available to you (although a barman is not included), but



when it comes to the next OUSGG trip you just load it on to your low-loader ,and bingo! Portable drinks cabinet. Not quite sure how it fits in with Scout Association guidelines, though.

7/10 – Ideal for the drinking OUSGGer on the go, it can provide a stylish (*ahem*) centre piece to any part at home or on the move.

For the Practical OUSGGer -

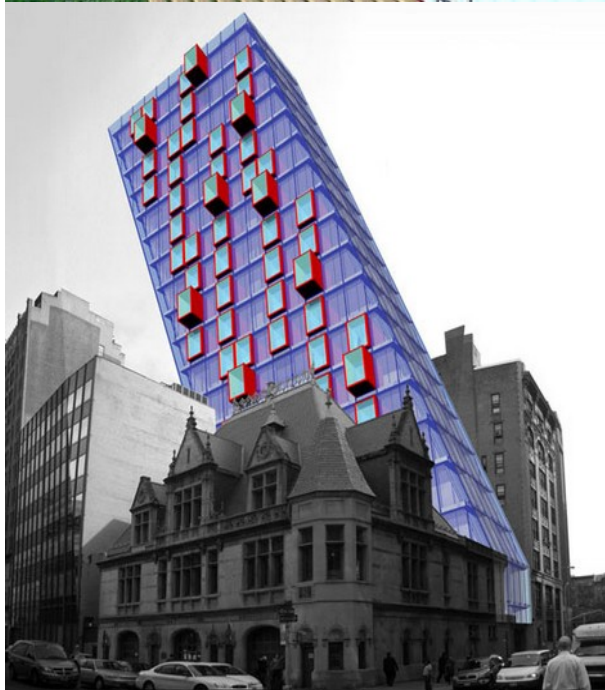
Do you find yourself browsing the previous solutions, shouting “but what about the cost?!” Well, then this is the project for you. Constructed by LOT-EK (<http://www.lot-ek.com/>), this project gives you ultimate flexibility in creating your dream home – allowing you anything from a one bedroom bachelor pad to a five-bedroom mansion! They can even provide you with a shipping container created swimming pool!

LOT-EK have also been employed to develop a set of high-rise apartments in New York out of shipping containers (see left). Ideal for the city dwelling shipping container fancier, for whom space might be a premium.

9/10 – LOT-EK provide the perfect, flexible, cheap solution to the housing problem.

Of course, the best thing about shipping containers is that you can mix and match! Fancy a bit of raw computing power, but need an occasional alcoholic pick-me-up? Go for it!

Submit your best shipping container combinations or designs to iloveshippingcontainers@ousgg.org.uk



Proposed Constitutional Amendment

OUSGG notes that:

1. The 90th Annual Dinner is due to take place next year, in Trinity of 2009.
2. This will be an Anniversary Reunion Dinner, to which Ex-Members of the group shall be invited.

OUSGG believes that:

1. Organising an Annual Dinner is complex.
2. Organising an Anniversary Reunion Dinner will be even more complex.
3. Organisation of the OUSGG 90th Annual Dinner should commence early, so that dates may be given to Members well in advance, the necessary preparations made well in advance, and Ex-Members can be contacted well in advance.

OUSGG resolves to:

1. Allow the election of 5th-year Annual Dinner (Anniversary Reunion Dinner) organisers any time from the Trinity Term TGM three academic years preceding the Dinner.

BRITONS



JOIN WINTER WALKING!
GOD SAVE THE KING

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Winter Walking™ 2007

Chris Wood kicks off the campaign for year's round of New Year excitement.

That time of year has come again. Yes: Ladies and Gentlemen, PostScript is proud to present Winter Walking™ 2007!

Winter Walking™ will be taking place between the 28th of December 2007 and the 4th of January 2008, at Yr Hen Neuadd, Snowdonia. You can find more information at:

http://www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/bethesda/yhn_home.htm

Once again you have been spoilt, and are going to be provided with all sort of mod cons such as a bed, heating, showers, wide screen TV, all the booze you can drink, and live entertainment every night from some of the hottest new talent around.

You can either drive there or get the train or bus to Bangor. 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. 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 just stay for whatever times you like. Payment will be taken at the end of the camp, so don't worry about paying right away.

All you have to do is fill in the form below. Send your replies to Michael Bedington, St Peters College.

Name:

College:

E-mail:

Mobile Number:

I will be arriving by: Train ☐ Car (see below) ☐ Bike ☐ I don't know ☐

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): ☐

Special Dietary Requirements:

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

Minutes of the 141st Oxford University Scout and Guide Group

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Held on Wednesday 24th October 2007, 18:42 in G&D's, St Aldate's

Present: Nicholas Scroxtton (NS) (Chair), Chris Wood (CW) (Annual Dinner), Elizabeth Horne (EH) (SSAGO, Chair-Elect, PostScript), Michael Howe (MH) (Secretary), Sarah Harvey (SH) (Treasurer), Luke Cartey (LC) (Internet Officer), Timothy Driscoll (TD), Michelle Barton (SB) (Membership Secretary)

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising: The shelter has been purchased. EH did receive the Easter Activity and Annual Dinner accounts. The gas cylinders have still not been collected, CW is to email again.

Reports: **Chair:** Good start to the term. Had fewer freshers than maybe expected, but they seem more keen. There is a termcard change - the Sunday trip to seeing a show being recorded has been moved to Thursday of 6th week (and a different show). OUSGG will not be entering a team to the CUSAGC Marathon Challenge, "because we're ill".

Chair-Elect: Term is being planned. Pipeline is the colour of heartache, and silent.

Treasurer: The ex-members account contains £319.49. The signatories are all sorted.

Secretary: Should be re-registered, although haven't heard anything back yet. When the form is returned, should be handed on to LC to renew Internet details.

SSAGO: The rally is the weekend of 6th week, but no-one is going on it. Need to get freshers to commit to being members before the (unspecified) SSAGO deadline.

Membership Secretary: We have members. We have no CRB checks, but there are plans to do them.

Internet Officer: The Internet is still there.

Motions: There were no motions, but there was discussion about a non-existent motion.

Any Other Business: **SSAGO Old Members' Fee:** The constitution states that the SSAGO fee is a separate fee to the Old Members' fee. The insurance is Scout insurance, not SSAGO insurance, so this is not an issue. Thus, old members may participate in activities such as trips.

Printing Costs: Printing Freshers' leaflets, etc. cost £105, and could have been done much cheaper. The society can't afford to do this consistently. In future, asking members/old members for assistance (via the mailing lists, for example) would be a good move. This would be useful information to have in the chair's file, if one existed. There was some discussion about whether this could be put on the website, perhaps using a wiki.

90th Annual Dinner Organiser: Sarah's name was said. She seemed nervous. Everyone stopped to point and stare at TJ, who entered G&D's. It was suggested that a constitutional amendment should be organised, proposing that the organiser for every 5-year dinner should be elected early. It was generally agreed that people need to know in advance, although CW thinks that "the start of May" is fine for now, and giving a more precise date closer to the time is ok. The rest of the group thinks that someone should be elected just to say the date. People who have organised it before say that it needs to be started early, and people need to be given time to get into the job (1-3 months was suggested). Various old members have offered to help with the organisation, if there is a current member as organiser. It is traditional to have a ceilidh at 5-year dinners. A constitutional amendment to elect the AD organiser up to 3 terms in advance of the normal election time for major (5-year) dinners will be put forward at the coming AGM. It will be published in the next PostScript.

PostScript Back Issues: Chris Seward noted that some issues of PostScript are missing from the Bod, despite him having provided them. LC has the PS archive, along with a list of which issues are missing. He will locate the issues, or will pass them on to EH. SH has PS distributor's things still, including an excess of PostScripts. She should check if they exist in the archive and email the lists to see whether anyone wants them. If it's certain that they aren't needed, then she could consider getting rid of them.

Year in OUSGG: Chris Seward needs reports on the "Year in OUSGG" for the years 2005/6 and 2006/7. TD has been working on one, and is happy to finish it and do the other too. He will submit it to Faff first.

Membership Lists: Chris Seward wanted copies of membership lists, which have now been sent to him.

Whispy: Whispy should be returned to CUSAGC. Giving him to Sam Snelson is a possibility, but is unlikely to result in the duck returning to the group particularly soon. EH is going to Cambridge at the end of the term. EH is mandated to take Whispy back to CUSAGC at that point.

Winter Walking: Dave Keiller (DK) is not going, despite being half the organisational team, and it is uncertain whether Mike Bedington (MB) will be going. SH is going, cross Lizzy's heart and hope to die. As DK and MB had not organised anything, CW has now booked somewhere. This is in Snowdonia, near the location of last year's WW, because they did not book in time, although the place was initially contacted by DK. Currently, there are suggested deadlines for when things should be done; these should be formalised. The organiser must also be someone who's prepared to phone people, rather than just emailing them. EH wants to resort to cannibalism to save money on trip budget. TD must come on a trip by the end of his time in Oxford.

Meeting close: The meeting was closed at 19:27.



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TABLES TURN FOR FLESH FLASHING BUNCE.

Another week in Hollywood and yet another scandal surrounding actress **MADELINE BUNCE**. The latest incident happened outside the illustrious Big Bang in Jericho, when Bunce showed all to the waiting paparazzi.

The actress arrived at the celeb hang out at around 8pm, but it was clear as she was getting out of the car that she was heavily intoxicated. She then proceeded to flash several photographers as well as a few unsuspecting members of the public. After the incident she was quickly rushed into the restaurant by members of her entourage.

Bunce's spokesperson later said that "She wasn't drunk at all, her dress just got caught in the car door. It could happen to any of us."

This is a far cry from the innocent girl who only last April forced film directors to call in a body double for all the scenes of a sexual nature in her first blockbuster "Save the last Kiss".

And who has caused this downward spiral? Well, PB can only blame the new company that the star has fallen in with, most notably the latest member of the hit British show Hollyoaks, Shelliot T. S. Barton.

The pair became firm friends after meeting in Cambridge, where Bunce was researching for a new role playing a school teacher. Here the two partied away the night in the University town's hottest venue, The Lay-By. Rumours about that night are still hot news in gossip columns. Although it is not known exactly what happened to forge the bond between the two, several stories have arisen involving a duck and a set of keys. One can only wonder.



Artist's Impresion

Stay tuned for breaking news on Bunce's ongoing attempts to portray a kinder, gentler image. And, now that public exposure is the sexy, hot new publicity strategy, other celebs said to be considering flashing their anatomy for the cameras include Star Jones, Martha Stewart and Samantha Snelson.

The OUSGG Cocktail Book

This week: DIY Baileys. How can you resist?

The perfect thing for the cash-strapped OUSGGER in a hurry!

You will need:

- Cheap vodka
- Condensed milk
- Instant coffee
- Chocolate Nesquik (optional)
- Healthy sense of misadventure

Dissolve the instant coffee grounds in hot water to make a strong coffee solution. Combine with the rest of the ingredients, adding vodka to taste. Chill. Best served in a shot glass, with a gallon of water on hand to combat the overpowering sweetness.



Stash!

Yes, it's that time again. **Michelle Barton** heroically offers to deal with the stash order for the second year in a row.

Lizzy and I are putting together an order for OUSGG related stash. We'll be ordering from Shirtworks, whose catalogue of stash and prices can be viewed at www.shirtworks.co.uk/catalogue.asp Just about anything can be ordered and embellished with one of our three lovely logos, including t-shirts, fleeces, and the ever-popular rugby shirts and hoodies.

There are three options for the OUSGG logo shown below:



Embroidered



Embroidered,
w/'Oxford University Scout & Guide Group'



Screen Printed,
w/Erik the Panda logo on reverse

We have to order a minimum order of 10 items before they'll agree to screen print for us. Screen printing can only be done in white, because otherwise Erik looks most peculiar.

We're hoping to get stash in time for Winter Walking, so if you're interested in ordering anything, please let us know by **Thursday 6th Week** - that's 15th November, for people in the real world. Email michelle.barton@seh.ox.ac.uk with what you want, including size and which of the three motifs above, so we can wander off and confirm that it's possible.

Also, if anybody is interested in extra-special stash, there is a selection of both guys and girls underwear, which I can personally recommend (well, if you're a girl, at least). Check it out by selecting the 'Promotional' option on the website above!

Letters

There was a knock, a ring, and then they came through the door - but the birds were silent, and it was late in the afternoon.

Unreadable Stripe

Sir,

Boo illegible PostScript articles! Hooray beer!

Yours,
Homesick, SEH

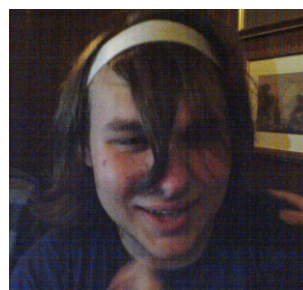
As an Ex-Treasurer, Mr. Cartey's unnatural desire to imitate other people is not in itself out of the ordinary - but I believe this may be the first time a former holder of the position has attempted to impersonate someone outside the group. Should we be worried?

Yours,
Worried of Oxford

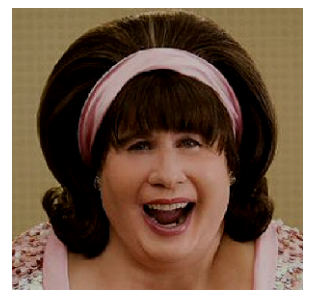
Lookalike

Sir,

While enjoying a quiet drink with fellow members of OUSGG some weeks ago, I noticed with concern that one of our more prominent members appears to be undergoing something of an identity crisis - see accompanying photos.



Cartey



Travolta

Spot the Difference

If you can't find all of them, there's no way you'll ever qualify for your Observer interest badge.

Dear Madam,

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In the last issue, I found (with a number to shame even Luke) 4,035.9 individual errors per page (on average) - a truly immense number. I strongly recommend that the active members in the group call an emergency general meeting to have you replaced as Postscript Editor on several grounds: That you seem incapable of doing the Job, four one; four another I'm not overly convinced by these new-fangled designs and fonts you seem to have incorporated.

While design is subjective - and it's not really down to me to judge - the 10, 12 and 22 editor associated errors in Sarah's, Chris's and Andrew's articles respectively, should mean I have some support when the motion is presented. Those of us on the wrong end of your cack-handed editing will no doubt stick together.

Yours in disappointment (and I'm sure I'm not the only one),

Sam

Flat 5, 3-16 Disgruntled Street

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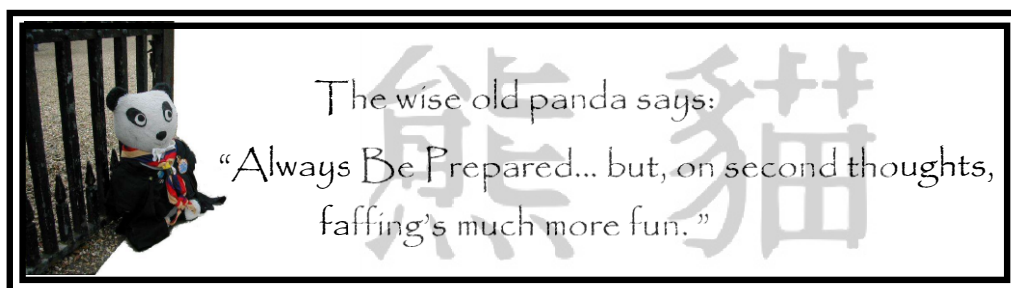
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Erik's Ancient Chinese Wisdom

Alistair Green brings us more valuable life lessons.



Scribble these dates into the margin of a dull set of lecture notes:

Monday of 6th: Fairtrade Wine & Chocolate evening, 7:30. Meet at Oriel College Lodge.

Monday of 7th: Oxford Imps, The Wheatsheaf, off the High. Meet at 7pm, performance at 8pm.

Monday of 8th Week: AGM and Curry, 7.30. Meet at Oriel College Lodge.

QuoteScript

Direct from Luke Cartey's notebook of doom*

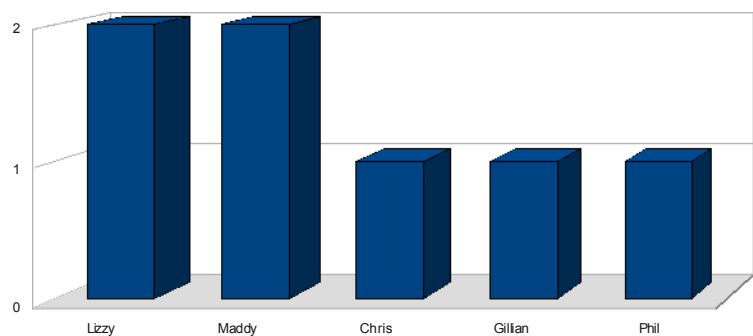
Maddy: I *may* have pushed him against the wall and straddled him.

Maddy: It was like family pole-dance fun.

Chris (to Nick): I carry a photo of you in the womb.

Phil: I'm not discussing my rental price. Well, not in public.

1. Lizzy - 2 quotes
2. Maddy - 2 quotes
3. Chris - 1 quote
4. Gillian - 1 quote
5. Phil - 1 quote



A completely unexpected set of characters there, then...

* Warning: Not all quotes may have been written down in the notebook of doom.
Always check with your supplier before ordering.

Other Events

Thursday of 6th Week: "Would I Lie To You?" Filming. Meet at Gloucester Green Coach Station.
Time TBC.

Saturday of 6th: Freshers' Bar Crawl, 8pm, starting at St. Edmund Hall college bar.