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Editorial

Wow! My first PostScript editorial... and I'm at a loss for words. Damn - not the best start to my editorship, I'll admit, but things can only get better, right?!

I guess a good place to start would be to say thanks to Lizzy for her excellent work as editor last year, and apologise in advance for the inevitable drop in standards when it comes to anything vaguely grammar related (I'm a Physicist, I don't do much of this whole "writing" thing).

A huge welcome is in order as well to any Freshers reading PostScript for the first time. Don't be put off by it - in time, I'm sure you'll come to love our quirky newsletter as much as the experienced OUSGGers do.

As seems to be the tradition, I've redesigned PostScript for the new year. Naturally, any feedback on the redesign is welcome (though I do reserve the right to ignore it completely).

I think that pretty much covers everything for now. Don't forget to submit your articles for publication - I'll be keeping an eye on those members who try to weasel out of it, and you'll be sorry...

MWA HA HA HA



Chair's Report

OK, so here's my first chair's report and I have absolutely no idea what to say! So I'll start by welcoming back all the current members and all the freshers who've turned up and been enthusiastic! Hopefully this term and all your time in OUSGG will exceed expectations! (And now I'm sounding like a holiday questionnaire so I'll stop and let you know what's going on this term!)

By the time you read this we'll have played a Monopoly wide game around the city but we've still got a lot lined up this term! This includes a Halloween themed film night, our annual bonfire and fireworks at the local campsite, 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' and the opportunity to take part in a two hour archery session on Sunday of 5th or 6th week. We're also finishing up the term with a Big Bang! (Sorry I couldn't help the pun).

We've got our usual lunchtime meetings every Thursday with an excess of chocolate cake as well as being hosted in the best college [*That's debatable, Ed.*] in Oxford... hope to see lots of you there next week!



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The alphabet according to OUSGG. Essential reading for any Freshers out there... or any OUSGGers who have lost their memory recently.

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Winter Walking (pg 10)

Say good bye to 2008 with style with this year's Winter Walking in the Lake District.

What's Happening?

Monday, Week 1: Fresher's Meeting (St Peter's College, 2000)

Monday, Week 2: Monopoly Wide Game (Meet at Carfax Tower, 1930)

Monday, Week 3: Film Night (St Peter's College, 1930)

Monday, Week 4: Bonfire and Fireworks (Meet at St Aldates Church, 1900)

Monday, Week 5: Ready Steady Cook! (To Be Confirmed, 1900)

Monday, Week 6: Ice Skating (Meet at Carfax Tower, 2015)

Monday, Week 7: Oxford Imps (Wheatsheaf, 1930)

Monday, Week 8: AGM and The Big Bang (To Be Confirmed, 1900)

The Alphabet according to OUSGG

recited by Jude Owens



A is for An Abridged OUSGG Alphabet, as it is Monday morning (read 2 pm) and I'm not entirely sure when the deadline is [*the Friday before publication, Ed.*] or if I actually agreed to write this. **A is also for Annual Dinner**, which frankly involved much too much faffing for a dress (which was wonderful so it was all okay in the end), but is the “*Posh black tie event held once a year to celebrate another successful three terms, which under university statutes all university clubs must hold.*” (Sneakily stolen from Phil’s OUSGG alphabet from the dark ages when the alphabet appeared to only go up to O).

B is for Burning. This happens mainly on Bonfire night, up at Youlbury when we all go up in a rather exciting minibus and burn stuff and have **Baked Potatoes** (which also begins with B). **C is for Cheques**, that you pay for membership and such like with. Fact: I had never opened my cheque book before I joined OUSGG. **C is also for Constitution**, ask Phil, or Tim...

D is for Drying Room. Things never happen in the drying room, just drying, and anoraks. **E is for Easter Activity** which is at Easter. Unfortunately Brookes doesn't have Easter, but I believe they have fun in a camping type way. **F is for Faff**, which clogs up my inbox. **F is also for Fresher**, what I'm not (because I really wrote an article on Winter Walking last January. Because I totally did. Honest!).

G is for Guides, people with umbrellas who show you round places. Not to be confused with fat Scouts who steal too much sofa space. **H is for Hogan**, apparently he's the Annual Dinner Mascot, although someone failed to bring him last year... **I and J are for In Jokes** about shipping containers and motorways. Don't worry, nobody else gets them either.

M is for Motorways (see above), which is your favourite? **N is for N'n'N** on Thursday lunchtimes. You bring your sandwiches, we'll provide the juice and biscuits. **O is for OUSGG**. That's us... and you. We're a lovely lot really. Also see **Old Members**, who are Former members of OUSGG who have left **Oxford** but remain in touch, unlike the rest of OUSGG who are just really old, but can't seem to leave Oxford. **P is for Pancakes**. We meet up and have pancakes for Erik's birthday, in March(ish)? Erik also had a half birthday on summer trip where naughty Pancakes were made from an imaginary recipe. **Q is for Quote**, which happens every time I open my mouth. **Q is also for Quartermaster** who is in charge of the stores. We may or may not have one.

T is for Trips. Like Easter Activity, but in the Summer and Winter. Walking and tea shops often feature prominently. **X is for X-rays**. Which frequently follow injuries that magically appear not to happen on OUSGG trips (unless you're Shell's feet). You also have X-ray type things in airports where suspicious OUSGG types get stopped and searched. **Y is for Youlbury**, where burning takes place. It is awkward to get to by bus, unless it's a minibus driven by a friendly OUSGGER.

Summer Trip Special



Luke
Skipper



Shell
First Mate



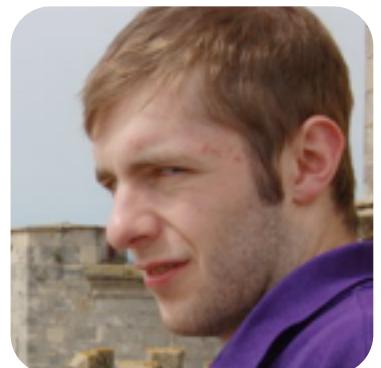
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Chief Buoy



Tim
Under Buoy



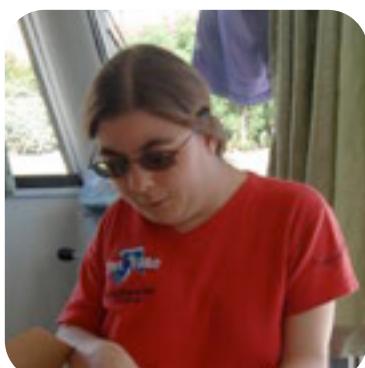
Alistair
Under Buoy



Roger
Under Buoy



Sarah
Master Chef



Caroline
*OUSGG Ambassador
for France*



Jude
*Chief Button Pusher &
Cabin Girl*

Summer Trip 2008

as told by **Tim Driscoll**

This summer, OUSGG migrated to the South of France. After an early start (meeting at Stansted airport at 7.30), we spent most of the first day travelling to our new home in Narbonne. Carcassonne was the first stop on the way, and provided us with our first chance to sample French cuisine, and to find out how much of the language we had forgotten. We also went for our first excursion, a search for Carcassonne citadel, before catching the train to Narbonne.



The next morning saw the group divided into two camps – the early and the late risers. After the former returned from a trip to the supermarket (via a tourist information office), we were visited by someone from the boat office, who took us for our (short) maiden voyage. After that, we stocked up on supplies and set off once more.

After an eventful first day's sailing, we got the hang of the boat and found ourselves being much quicker in the locks and smoother on the open canal. We then continued on our way up to the junction with the Canal de Midi, where we found a stream to go swimming in (swimming in the canal is not recommended). For the first time in the voyage we had a choice of which way to head. We decided to take the detour to Beziers (as we had nearly a week to go about two days upstream), turned around and set off again.

Life on the boat was a bit cramped, particularly in the rain when we couldn't go outside, but mostly pleasant. We ate well, with French breads and cheeses most days, wines in the evening and interesting teas. Evening meals included the roast chicken dinner with an improvised white-wine sauce and a kind of sausage casserole, in addition to the more staple student fare of pasta.

We reached Beziers easily enough, and spent an afternoon wandering around the small town. We visited the Cathédrale Saint-Nazaire, which has a very impressive alter and a fantastic view from the tower. We then got lost on the way back to the boat, as the tourist maps we had lead us over a river and off the page. Still, this allowed the sight-seeing group to meet up with those who went shopping, so that worked out ok. We finally managed to find our way back to the boat (which was at the Fonseranes series of seven locks, which cover a 21-metre change in height) where we ate a belated lunch, turned around and set off again towards Trebes.

These few days saw us break the boat, (fortunately at the only other office of the boat



company between our start and end points), find somewhere to do a free wine-tasting session, and navigate our way through manned locks (the ones so far being automated).

We eventually reached Trebes on the Saturday, and decided to spend the afternoon in one last attempt to see the citadel at Carcassonne, catching a bus which took us a couple of streets away from our goal. The citadel is unlike any castle I've seen in Britain, the narrow streets of the walled city filled with shops selling all manner of souvenirs and touristy things before you got to the castle proper, and giving the place a much more lively feeling than its cousins. The main keep was less spectacular, although it was saved somewhat by the tour of the castle walls.



We returned to Trebes, and started to clean up the boat ready for its return the following morning, before going out for a meal to celebrate the final night. Then it was early to bed, before another long day of travelling to get home.

À La Carte Summer Trip

cooked up by **Michelle Barton**

Day	The Plan	The Results
Sunday	French bread, ham and eggs	Vegetable pasta bolognese
Monday	Shepherd's pie	Roast dinner
Tuesday	Pasta bake	Hot pasta salad avec Sarah and Shell's Tuesday Surprise Sauce
Wednesday	Crepes	Naughty Pancakes
Thursday	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Sweet and Sour Pork
Friday	Casserole	Cassoulet
Saturday	Trattoria Napoli	Le Moulin du Trèbes



Guess That Station!

Can you name the European train station where these cousins of Erik were spotted?

Send your answers to postscript@ousgg.org.uk - there'll be a prize for the first correct answer!

Punt Jousting

contested by James Baker

Punting has long been a traditional past time in Oxford. And in Cambridge for that matter. Why we find the prospect of struggling to avoid the banks whilst pushing ourselves along with a giant stick attractive, we may never know - but regardless, Oxford without punting would be like Apple Crumble without custard.

Long before punting came about though, there was the noble sport of jousting. What could be more fun than riding at break neck speeds with a pointy stick at someone else who is also riding at break neck speeds with a pointy stick, and trying to knock them off their horse?

At first glance, these two activities - punting and jousting - seem to have very little to do with each other. Which is probably why they've become a quintessential part of the OUSGG calendar, with the annual OUSGG vs. CUSAGC (our Cambridge equivalents) punt joust.

The premise is simple. Take two punts, two teams, two people from each team and two padded sticks. Then punt at each other and try to knock the jouster from the other team into the water without falling in yourself.

The 2008 punt jousting match took place in Cambridge, just after the end of Trinity Term. Based purely on style, the OUSGG team far out shone their opponents by turning up with a team kit. Compared to CUSAGC's mismatch of t-shirts and tops, our matching OUSGG Punt Jousting Team t-shirts struck fear into the heart of our rivals...

Unfortunately, they weren't put off as after five intense rounds of battling on the water (watched by a couple of curious tourists) the score stood at two rounds a piece, with one draw. We decided to settle the match with a tie break round. Both teams put in their best punters and jousters, and it was decided that it would be best of three passes.



Punt Jousting The Past 3 Years	
2008	Cambridge 2-2 Oxford
2007	Cambridge 3-4 Oxford
2006	Cambridge 1.5-5.5 Oxford

Three passes later however, and things were still tied with neither Oxford nor Cambridge managing to dunk the other. Rather than keep on fighting what seemed to be an evenly matched battle, it was agreed that we'd call the match a draw and get on with the post-match BBQ instead.

After that, it was time to head home - smelling slightly of the river Cam, but content that at least we hadn't lost (or rather, that Cambridge hadn't won).

Until next year Cambridge...

Winter Walking

advertised by **Nick Scroxton**

Possibly the highlight of the OUSGG calendar, Winter Walking is but two and a half months away. This year we're heading off to the Lake District for our annual week of hill-walking, tea-shop visiting, large dinners, larger volumes of alcohol and much merriment.

For those of you who don't know, Winter Walking is for everybody, not just those who climb hills for fun! There'll be groups of walkers heading out for all day multi-peak bagging, ridge walking, occasional scrambling kind of stuff; groups for those who prefer a gentler paced walk but still with an upward trajectory; and groups for those who prefer downhill walks by rivers and lakes and such. Most walks involve trying out the local tea-shops at the end of the day. And there'll be a day or two visiting the local attractions when (or should that be if?) it's wet, and Shell may drag us to the beach one day too. Shell likes beaches.



But that's not all, every evening there'll be mountains of food to eat, games to play and alcohol to be drunk (for those who so wish) to while away those long winter evenings. Because you never can have too much turkey and Christmas pudding, on New Year's Eve we have a big Christmas dinner complete with all the trimmings and welcome the New Year in in style. All in all, it's a great week away and is thoroughly recommended and is much more fun than a week at home combined with overpriced clubs on New Year's.

This year we'll be located a third of the way up Hellvellyn (or two-thirds of the way down if you prefer to think of it that way) at a fully equipped hostel complete with drying room, heaters and other such mod-cons as beds and a kitchen. We have the place to ourselves and it's pretty easy to get to being located on the eastern side of the lakes. The trip runs from the 29th of December to the 5th of January, both Mondays, and you can come for as little or long as you like.

Get in touch if you want to know more (nicholas.scroxton@seh.ox.ac.uk), or would like to come. There may even be an exciting form to fill out next issue. Finally, a huge thanks to those who helped with the accommodation deposit over the summer, it was much appreciated.

The OUSGG Word Search

C	N	Y	P	U	N	T	J	O	U	S	T	I	N	G	Z	L	O	B	M
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O	U	B	C	B	H	X	I	J	L	Q	O	H	W	B	U	T	L	S	R

Can you find all 14 of the words hidden in the grid above?

Easter Activity
Erik
Guide
Hogan
NnN
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Oxford

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Punt Jousting
Quote
Scout
Summer Trip
University
Winter Walking

300 Issues Ago...

PostScript was first published before any of the current OUSGG members were born. So let's head back in time and read the Editorial for Issue 94...

The production of an 8th week copy is a break from tradition. This term's editions have also reflected the tradition-breaking activities of the editor; 'though to what extent I do not know. I can only edit articles that I receive: Thus, Chris Drake's letter which suggests that Postscript has become boring is in many ways an accurate reflection of the truth. The nature of Postscript is reliant upon the copy the editor receives. I cannot write it all myself!

Future dynamic, witty and inspirational copy to me by Sun of 0th week (or Monday if posted) at either Hertford or 8 The Crescent, Newhaven, East Sussex.

Steve Lewitt.

QuoteScript

OUSGG has long had a tradition of misinterpreting even the most innocent of comments. This box is a homage to that fact, and will be recording the top OUSGG quotes for posterity and to fill up space.

So if you here a quote that you think qualifies, send it to postscript@ousgg.org.uk

The Best of Trinity 2008

(Stamping Feet) WHERE ARE MY QUEENS!?
Luke Cartey

There's not much at this end, but as you move down it gets more intese.

Lizzy Horne

I'm full... for the third time in my OUSGG career.

Luke Cartey

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The next issue of PostScript will be published on **Monday 10th November**.

Please submit your articles by **Friday 7th November**.