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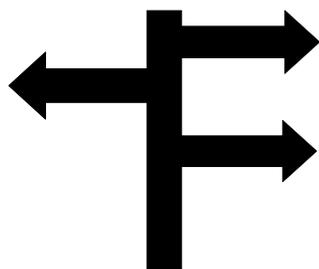
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## Welcome back

by Geoffrey Hall

Welcome back to another year at Oxford – and my attempt at writing a coherent and/or readable publication. Hopefully no-one objects too much to the font as it was my third choice behind both Comic Sans MS (I value my life too much) and Webdings (It seemed a little unfair to make people put effort into reading PS).

The first issue is packed full of articles which almost exclusively arrived after the publication deadline, or in other words after I wrote this bit! I'd like to warn all members that in the event I have to write a sizeable number of articles I can't be held responsible for the content, so be warned...

Finally I'd like to offer the only apology you'll get from me regarding my poor humour. Sorry. So without further ado, I invite you to read on.

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# Chair's Report

What a busy first week it has been - so busy that the Chair is only just getting round to writing his report 48 hours after the PostScript deadline closing! Having had three meetings since the official beginning of term, in amongst "real" work, this first week has definitely been interesting.

First, though - I'd like to welcome all the new members to the society. Hopefully you enjoyed our first week meeting, with the silly games and challenges. I particularly enjoyed the human construction game - seeing OUSGGers attempting to construct a Christmas tree from nothing but themselves was a sight to behold! Perhaps the best entertainment of the night came from the "Protect an egg from a drop game" - the variety of solutions was particularly impressive (I'd never even considered the cake as a protective cushion!)



We have also had a successful NnN, for those intrepid adventurers willing to brave the arduous journey! Once again we will be waiting in the Porter's Lodge at 1:05pm this Thursday, and I'd encourage all freshers to come and join us for a spot of lunch - it is the perfect way to relax after a hard mornings work in the lab/department/listening to lectures/sleeping (delete as appropriate!).

Our final event was the Sunday ramble, which I will not say too much about here - more information on which can be found later on in this issue!

All that's left for me to say is: hope you enjoy the rest of term!

Luke Cartey  
Chair, Michaelmas  
2009

## What's On?

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Week - Quiztastic Freshers' Meeting  
- 20:00, Memorial Room, Worcester College
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week - Sunday Afternoon Ramble  
- 13:00, Carfax Tower
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week - Ready, Steady, Safari Master Cook  
- 19:30, Magdalen College Lodge
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week - Oxford "Tours" Wide Game  
- 19:30, Carfax Tower
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Week - Bonfire Spectacular  
- 19:00, Outside Trinity College Gates
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Week - A Bolt from the Blue  
- 19:30, Morley-Fletcher Room, Worcester College
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Week - Fresher's Activity Day  
- 09:00, TBC
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Week - Night Walk  
- 19:30, G&D's, Little Clarendon Street
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Week - London Trip (TBC)  
- 17:00, St. Clement's
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Week - End of Term Meal  
- 19:00, TBC

# Letters to the Editor

Two letters in this issue, both real (or seemingly so).

Sir,  
The recent changes made to the OUSGG website are impressive, and for the most part greatly enhance its appeal. I am, however, concerned about the webmaster's commitment to the society, given his fatalistic opinions of the likely size of our future membership.

[Insert attached image] [Done. Ed.]

Yours,  
Elizabeth Horne, Brookes

The second letter was more of a postcard, sent from Germany

Dear OUSGG,

I hope you're all well. I'm having a good time in Germany. I managed to get some camping in, in the Alps, while it was still summer. Good luck for Michaelmas, and see you at Winter Walking.

Andrew



It looked a lot like this one in fact.

# A-Z of OUSGG

by James Baker

**Activity Day** - we're having an Activity Day at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre later in term, where we'll be making the most of some of the activities on offer there as well as having some team building type games.

**Bonfire Night** - every year we have a bonfire and fireworks party on the meeting nearest to November 5th. There'll be jacket potatoes, fireworks, marshmallows and plenty more, so come along!

**Chair** - we elect a new Chair each term, and they're responsible for organising the events for their term. If something goes wrong, it's probably their fault.

**Dodd Bagging** - a sport invented at the 2008/2009 Winter Walking, involving climbing ("bagging") as many Dodds (a type of hill) as you can. If you fancy taking it up, have a look at issue 397 of PostScript in the online archive.

**Erik the Panda** - Erik is the OUSGG mascot, a 35 year old stuffed panda. He normally lives with the N'n'N organiser.

**Faff** - one of the things that OUSGG is best at is the art of faffing, and I'm afraid you too will fall victim to it's dark ways.

**G&D's** - is one of OUSGG's favourite places, and a frequent meeting place. If you want ice cream, bagels, cakes or hot drinks, then G&D's is the place for you.

**Hogan** - Erik may be our main mascot, but some time even he needs a little help with his mascot-ing duties. Hogan carries the banner of being the Annual Dinner mascot.

**In Jokes** - OUSGG has been around a long time, and that means there are a lot of long standing jokes around. Don't worry about them, you'll pick them up eventually - and who knows, maybe you'll start a new one.

**Jaffa Cakes** - if you like Jaffa Cakes, and I'm sure you probably do, then don't leave them lying around when there are OUSGGers about. They won't last long if you do.

**Knapping** - Erik, being such a popular figure, is often subject to panda-knapping attempts by various factions. If you witness one of these attempts taking place, you are legally allowed to use extreme force and any measure necessary to prevent it happening.

**Lunchtime Meetings** - see N'n'N

**Monday** - Monday is an underrated day, often associated with the start of another working week. But now you have something much better to associate with Monday - another OUSGG meeting!

**N'n'N** - see Lunchtime Meetings

**Old Members** - a lot of our members enjoy being part of OUSGG so much, that we can't get rid of them even when they've finished their degree. You're bound to meet a lot of these "old" members at various OUSGG events - see if you can catch 'em all.

**Pancakes** - during Hilary term, we have a pancake party to celebrate Erik's birthday (and pancake day). Bring along as wacky a topping as you can think of, and we'll provide the batter.

**Quotes** - OUSGGers say the funniest things, and we try to keep a record of the stupidest ones for posterity/enjoyment/blackmailing. If you can make it to the end of your Freshers' year with out being quoted, you're doing well.

**Rallies** - as a SSAGO (Student Scout and Guide Organisation) affiliated group, we can go along to SSAGO rallies. Which we do... occasionally. Rallies are basically a chance for groups like us at other universities to get together and have a giant party.

**Summer Trip** - as you may have surmised, Summer Trip is a trip that takes place over summer. It could be to anywhere, to do anything... so watch out for information nearer the time.

**TGMs** - at the end of each term we have a meeting where we elect new committee members and discuss anything that the group needs to vote on. It sounds dull, but we all go out for a meal afterwards so it's worth battling through it. And, chances are, if you're not there you'll be elected.

**Uniform** - we don't wear uniform. Ever. Simple as that.

**Variety** - we try to get as much variety into our meetings as possible. You could almost argue we're a society for very short attention spa... ooh, a squirrel.

**Winter Walking** - as our flagship trip, Winter Walking is an experience not to be missed. Even if you don't want to do any walking, it's worth coming along for the socialising and partying.

**X-rays** - very rarely do we maim someone to the point where they need x-rays. Honest.

**Youlbury** - Youlbury Scout Activity Centre is our local scout campsite, and we go up there a few times a year to do activities, have bonfires, etc...

**Zzzzz** - I'm bored of writing this now, so you must be bored of reading it. Thank goodness there's only 26 letters in our alphabet, and that we don't live in Cambodia (where they have 74).

# Caption Contest

Every issue there will be a new picture to which you, the reader(s) must (or else) submit captions to. The best captions as decided by some as yet undecided but probably fair process will get printed in the next issue.

This week's image:



Captions will (should) be sent to [postsript@ousgg.org.uk](mailto:postsript@ousgg.org.uk) .

## QuoteScript

If you're silly enough to say something innocuous but which could be taken out of context it will no doubt appear here. Beware the quote taker!

Nick: "The corridor in Hugh's is a lot less fun now"

Lizzy: "Mmm, that's a good corridor"

Luke: "You'll know I'll go down there"

Geoff: "Yeah it's quite good, you can come and have a fiddle if you want"

Sadly that's it for this issue, but with at least 6 meetings until the next issue who knows what could happen?

# Summer Trip

by Nick Scroxtton

*Nick Scroxtton ends his life as a current member in the way he started it: by writing a trip report for a trip he never went on!*

*Dutifully typed by Luke from James' notebook having been scribed by Nick..*

According to Vodafone, this year's summer trip was in France, which either means that Vodafone is some kind of time travelling device, which would be both incredible and at the same time annoying when your texts didn't arrive for days. Kind of like being on Orange, but that's beside the point. OUSGGers thought they were in Dover. Unfortunately, the UKPA declined to comment, so perhaps we will never know the truth.

What sketchy reports we do have involve a castle, possibly Dover Castle, but then you never can be sure, look at Leeds Castle. There was a man in red tights, which excited the female members of the group, and nearly prompted a riot, until the tea-shop was opened and order was restored to the galaxy or something like that. There were cakes, which is pretty much the same thing, right?

Some members decided to throw culture into the trip. The response of the rest of the group at this point was to flee underground into the tunnels, best place for them in my opinion. Mike just looked at sea a lot, and I mean really a lot, actually one *hell* of a lot. Perhaps more than is healthy.

Regular OUSGG trip goers will know that when there is sea and Shell is within a few miles distance, the force of attraction between the two becomes so great that no known force in the world, not even the man in red tights, could keep them apart. And so there was a trip to the beach.



Accommodation was tent shaped, but not actually tents, because that would imply that pegs were involved, which they were not. Thank god the winds aren't that strong. In fact it was quite sunny. And at the end, everybody paired off.\* Christina got the man in red tights, lucky girl, but Maddy didn't mind, she had a rather juicy issue of Cosmo.

THE END!

\* And went their separate ways.

*Footnote: As with my first article for OUSGG, some thirty-five odd issues ago, I seem to have developed a knack of writing summer trip reports for trips I haven't been on. And that's how I finish my last articles as a current member. See ya around! Adios Amigos.*

## Summer Trip Mark 2

by Nick Scroxtton

During the long vac, a number of the OUSGG members went somewhere with water for a period lasting between 3 and 14 days, it could well have been the Norfolk Broads but you really can't tell these days. They might have had a good time, but judging by the quotes, weird is probably the more suitable adjective. Having hired two (or so) boats the period of time was spent leisurely trying to race/crash/capsize/board/hijack them.

Highlights include someone filming someone called Sam (I don't quite know who he is but apparently it's his fault) wearing a newspaper hat and clutching a bunch of flowers while rocking backwards and forwards.

Apparently this was whilst sober. I'm not sure if I believe that. To see if the editor reads this I'll try to slip something in at this point in the middle about Jaffa Cakes being biscuits **[CAKES!!!-Ed]**[*That's a different Ed Ed.*]. Some more vintage cinema was taken of someone's crotch, maybe Sam again. In-jokes were created/destroyed and agonisingly continued all (insert period of time here), some of which may well continue to this day. At one point people played with balloons. Gillian undoubtedly threatened/tried to pour some kind of liquid over someone/everyone's head, as she has a tendency to do, and also managed to knock up an incredible rate of five quotes an hour at times. Luke ate a lot

*Also not on summer trip.*



and was even to be found gnawing on the boat during a particularly long and snack-less afternoon. Even Erik was there, which was nice. And Hamish, who got threatened with being thrown into the water so many times it's not even worth counting. Of course it wouldn't be OUSGG without a hefty amount of faffing, and even that occasionally bordered on unhealthy amounts of serious faffage. These trips should come with a health/sanity warning.

They also went to Yarmouth, where there was sand.

Written by a Fresher (not any more!) who wasn't there (thank God).

*In case you missed it the first time, this was Nick's original article from Issue 368. Next issue - Nick's report from his trip to the moon?? (Probably not given the comment at the end of the previous article).*

# Freshers' ramble

by ????

*OUSGG went for a nice Sunday afternoon ramble. However, things started becoming a bit strange...*

In our grand OUSGG voyage to **Azerbaijan** in a **fire-engine** towed by a **lion**, going via **Blackbird Leys**, we saw **two rocks**. **Mike's Sister's Tutor (possibly)** crashed his **boat** into the rocks, as he was eating **chips**, having **drunk the bar dry**, having been chased by a **feral haggis** riding **three horses** across the **water**.

*Note: Story may not reflect actual events of walk. All similarities to real-life are purely coincidence and in no way should be taken as fact. Except the bit about drinking the bar dry, that possibly happened (although, as total consumption between 7 people was 1 pint, I'm not sure that really counts for anything).*



## Post Exam stress relief

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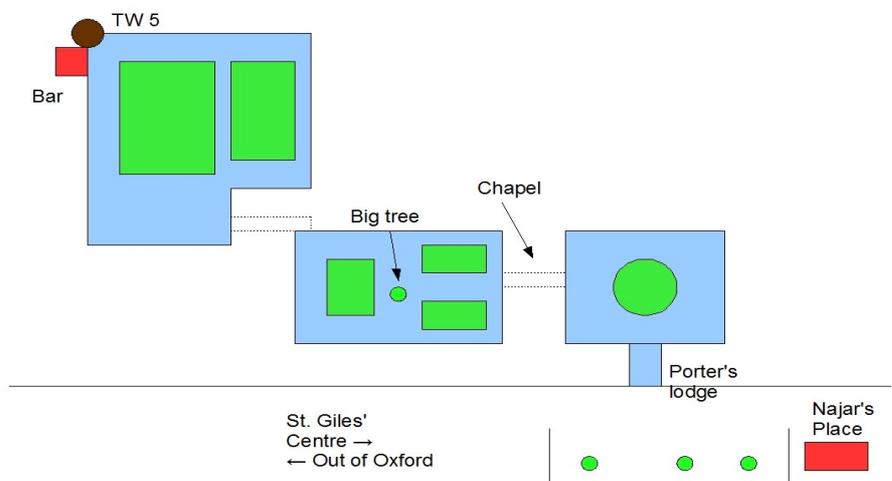
# N'n'N

A brief N'n'N report to fill a few inches. N'n'N happened last Thursday, as predicted by the term card. Judging by the washing up yet to be done [Ed. Bah, students] 9 people turned up. Also, judging by the consumption of one large Easter Egg, some, if not all, of those 9 people like chocolate.

Everyone is more than welcome at the next N'n'N (next Thursday) or at any N'n'N this term (all Thursday(notice a pattern?)) to bring their lunch, enjoy witty banter, have a drink and hopefully even the odd biscuit. N'n'N is hosted in St. John's College, Thomas White quad, Staircase 5 Room 23. To find it, follow these directions that someone left unguarded on a train:

Enter St. John's through the main porters lodge, located on St Giles' next to Najar's Place. Take a left in the first quad [Front quad] and under the clock, past the chapel. Continue ahead into North Quad, until you get to the big tree in the middle of the quad. Bear right and go down a small passage in the top right corner, past Domestic stores and the offices.

When you leave the passageway turn right and walk down the left hand side of the lawn, until you just pass the college bar. In the corner is a large pillar like thing, the back of which is the entrance to staircase 5. Head up to the top floor and follow signs for room 23.



## Classifieds

<p><b>WANTED</b></p> <p>Ten pounds, last seen in the OUSGG bank account. Any ideas where it might be? Contact the treasurer with any details of its whereabouts.</p>	<p><b>OFFER</b></p> <p>Nick Scroxtton, one careful owner. Free to a good home. Comes with a degree in blagging. No refunds!</p>	<p><b>WANTED</b></p> <p>Articles for the next issue of PostScript. All articles included, will arrange collection. Contact the editor. For more information, see Page 1.</p>
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# FRESHERS' ACTIVITY DAY

Saturday 5th Week  
14th November