

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER the First 1990/91

It all began to go horribly wrong for the Cthulhu Investigators when they discovered the remaindered copy of 'Necronomicon: The Graphic Novel' in Comics Showcase. So graphic if fact that the illustrations were the real thing. Those who made their SAN rolls fled... dodging the firefight as they passed the Traveller Party... through the rampaging hordes of Vikings, at which point the Professor got eaten by a wolf wearing a green ribbon... they lost the Private Eye as they ran through another firefight between a Twilight 2000 team and a group of Cyberpunk street samurai... through the Chaos Wastelands strewn with the victims of the Warhammer Critical Hits Table... past a group of Qabbal Characters who were too busy fighting amongst themselves to notice... into the Lair of the Dragon, from which they emerged bearing a large bottle of antiseptic mouthwash... through the Fantasy Forest where dwelt a unicorn with a large cork stuck on the end of its horn... at last they emerged on the top of a high building only to get thrown over the side by a bunch of Marvel Super Heroes who mistook them for that week's Villains... only a roll of 01 on a d100 could save them now...

At that point the GM woke up - he had a great idea for a scenario.

Well... It's not always like that - serious games have been known to erupt. We, the Cambridge University D&D Society, exist to promote Role-Playing in all its multifarious forms. Since you are reading this, you are probably at least vaguely interested, in which case you are cordially invited to

The Squash

3:00pm, Saturday 13th October
Maitland Room, Downing.

Novices, experienced players and current members are all welcome. We will be handing out refreshments and accepting membership money. A Mega-Traveller bar room brawl has been organised (?) by Tony Jones - anyone is welcome to watch or play.

The Squash will be followed by the first pub meeting of term at 8:00pm at The Granta, Newnham Road. Other pub meetings will be organised later in the term.

What we have to offer...

A 10% DISCOUNT at Games & Puzzles, the only local games stockists. This does not apply in conjunction with credit cards, and they prefer you not to go on Saturdays when it gets busy. This discount is for members only and is not transferable.

THE LIBRARY - We maintain an erratically increasing library of games systems, supplements, modules, magazines, figures & dice. These are available for members to borrow. Deposits will be required but postdated cheques are accepted. There may be some restrictions on the borrowing of rare or out of print items.

VIDEO EVENINGS - We will be holding regular video showings throughout the year. Requests and suggestions welcomed.

LABYRINTHE - Live Role Playing expeditions are arranged to Labyrinth (deep down the bowels of Chislehurst Caves) roughly once a term.

Plus...

Weekly Meetings

The Society organises weekly meetings at which members may try out new or different games systems or play in regular campaigns. Members of the committee are generally to be found at these meetings, in case you have any difficulty contacting them at other times. These meetings usually adjourn to the nearest bar afterwards.

Provisional arrangements have been made to hold these meetings in the Upper Hall at Emmanuel on Tuesdays during Full Term, from 7:00pm to 10:30pm. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 16th October.

Annual Events.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - The only Christmas party with two bar room brawls.

ANNUAL DINNER - Usually held around March. Fancy Dress, Black Tie optional.

VARSIITY MATCH - Played against Oxford. Last year WE WON, and the Broken Sword of Sharda is now safely in our possession for another year. So if you're interested in beating Oxford at something, join us rather than the Boat Club.

RAG DUNGEON - 24 Hr Marathon held in aid of Rag.

PUNT PARTY - The May Week extravaganza.

Wasteland

Those of you who were here last year will remember that the society's magazine, Wasteland, died through lack of material but was put on probation until the 6th week of this term by a vote at the A.G.M. This means that YOU, the society's members, have 6 weeks in which to produce sufficient material (articles or artwork) to constitute a magazine worth putting out. To date we have received nothing except for a Cornflakes advert and the promise of an article from someone at Reading University. Come on you guys, you voted to keep it going.....

If on the other hand, you've just spent all summer writing something for it then please ignore the griping and make your way to the nearest committee member, by whom your efforts will be gladly received.





E.G.M.

Due to their commitment to the ideals of the society, our Vice President and External Officer did not *quite* manage to pass their exams, and are sadly no longer with us. Therefore we shall be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting in order to elect replacements.

This will take place on Tuesday 23rd October, 7:00pm at the start of the weekly meeting in the Upper Hall, Emmanuel. It shouldn't take too long if people turn up in time.

Nominations for the positions of Vice President and External Officer should be given to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary by Sunday 21st. All nominations should be in writing (i.e. not over Phoenix) and be seconded by a member of the society.

This Year's Committee are

<u>President:</u>	Quinton () Carroll,	28 Gostlin, St. Catherine's
<u>Vice-President:</u>	vacant.	
<u>Jr Treas.:</u>	Ginni () Rose,	14 Metcalf Road
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<u>External Officer.</u>	vacant.	

To Players in Quinton's Thursday Warhammer Campaign - this will be continuing at the weekly sessions.

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NEWSLETTER the Second 1990/91

- GM: (drawing a map) *OK, this is the house. Remember that all you have to do is collect the package that the mysterious NPC in black told you about. What do you do?*
- Random Qabbal PC: *I think we should burst in and shoot everyone with my cranequin.*
Space Marine: *I say we take off and nuke the site from orbit. It's the only way to be sure.*
- Dragonquest Courtesan: *I'm going to seduce this small garden ornament.*
- Warhammer Trollslayer: *Grrrrrrr, gerroff.*
AD&D Thief: *I'm going to check this poisoned spring mechanism for traps.*
- GM: *Yes Yes Yes, but seriously, what are you going to do?*
- Random Qabbal PC: *I'm going to burst in and shoot everyone with my cranequin.*
Space Marine: *I say we take off and nuke the site etc. etc.*

At this point, to the GM's great relief, Emmanuel's Upper Hall slid off the edge of the world.

People who have yet to join!

This will be the last newsletter you get out of us without joining. See a member of the Committee or come along to any society event. The weekly meetings are held at 7:00pm on Tuesdays in the Upper Hall at Emma.

Membership costs £5.00 for Life or £3.00 for the faint-hearted (1 Year).

New Additions to the Committee.

At the E.G.M. held on the 23rd October the following were elected to the committee:-

<u>Pete Moore</u> (to be known as The Train)	-	<u>Vice President.</u>
<u>Chris Carr</u> (to be known as Zebedee)	-	<u>External Officer.</u>

For those of you who didn't turn up to vote, you've only got yourselves to blame.

Wasteland

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Time is running out for the society magazine. We still do not have enough material to make up another issue. Articles and artwork will be gratefully received by any committee member. The deadline is Wednesday 20th November. After this date we either have enough material for a magazine, or Wasteland dies. This time for good, with no saving throw and (at this rate) no chance of resurrection. Come on guys, you don't want this on your consciences.....

Reading

Our Role Playing counterparts at Reading University have invited us down on the weekend of 17th/18th November for a random combination of Role Playing and Drinking. Anybody who wants to come should get in touch with one of the committee. Limited transport is available on a first come, first served basis. If demand for transport exceeds that available and anybody wants to make their own way to Reading, then arrangements will be made to rendezvous there before things get underway.

Pub Meeting

The next communal ritual of libation shall be conducted on the unhallowed grounds of Catz Bar. The date shall be Wednesday 7th November, at 7:30pm.

Games & Puzzles Discount

Members please note that the discount offered by Games & Puzzles is subject to certain conditions. Namely:-

- i) The discount is not available on Saturdays.
- ii) The discount is available only for **student** members of the society.
- iii) The discount is available only on production of a current membership card **with the expiry date clearly written on it**. If you do not have an expiry date written on your card then please write it in. Since this applies mainly to life members, this date will be that on which you expect to leave University, but only up to a maximum of **three years** from now.

Photos

Re the photographs from last year's dinner - we have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that we have some photos and they were rather cheaper than we expected. This means that we can refund approximately 40% of the original price. Now for the bad news. They are the wrong photos. That is to say, they *are* photos from last year's dinner but not the ones we specifically ordered.

Unfortunately the photographers got things mixed up and have now ceased trading, so we can't get them replaced.

The photos we do have (and the refund) can be collected from Dave Prince. We have the right number of them, and they're the right size, so it won't have been a complete disaster.....

Christmas Party







This will be held on Saturday 8th December. Details to follow so keep that evening free.

Labyrinthe

Following hot on the heels of the Christmas party will be this term's trip to Labyrinthe. If you want to hit people with rubber swords or shout arcane Words of Power at eccentrically attired monsters, then see Chris Carr. We will be going for a double length dungeon on the morning and afternoon of Sunday 9th Dismember (Oops. Slip of the keyboard). It's currently believed to cost £14 but it may have gone up. Chris should have the precise details.

First timers note that we have a copy of the Labyrinthe rulebook and supplement in the Library.

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NEWSLETTER the Third 1990/91

Once upon a time in a galaxy far, far away, our heroes had got themselves involved in many large and complicated subplots. Having blown these away (who said the pen is mightier than the antimatter missile?) the main plot reared its ugly and radioactive head.

"Right you are facing the evil liche 'Wasteland'" said the G.M.

"OK guys, where's the NBC suits? And pass me the owners manual for the Z-Meson Gun." ordered the fearless paladin, having just realised that by some quirk of die rolling that his +5 Holy Avenger didn't work in a vacuum.

"I want to kill it!" said the marine leaning out of the air lock with his gauss rifle.

"No, me! It's my turn!" shouted the psychotic Jedi.

"You killed it last time. I want a go." complained the giant slayer.

The party continued squabbling, the G.M. sighed, and the plot died of boredom.

Christmas Party

This is it, the event that you've been waiting for all term, and guess what..... especially for you we've made it into two events to be held on Saturday 8th December; the Christmas Dungeon and the Christmas Party.

The dungeon will be a regular session for irregular games, held in the afternoon between 12:00 and 17:00. in the Party Room, Downing. Anyone who wants to run something at this please let us know in advance.

The party will be held after the dungeon at 19:00 - 23:00 in the Ramsden Room, Catz.. This will require a ticket, purchased in advance because Pete Moore will be on the door (well the remains of it). The price is £3 and this will get you minced pies, mulled wine and the choice between a Twilight 2000 firefight and a Qabbal drug den brawl. Tickets are available from Ginni or Dave Prince at or before the next Pub Meeting.

Pub Meeting

In our alternative guise as the League of Unfettered Inebriation we shall be meeting on Wednesday 5th December at 19:30 in Catz Bar.

Labyrinth

Your hardworking external officer has received a very pleasant and encouraging reply from these nice rubber-sworded people. The cost of a double length adventure on Sunday 9th Dec is still only £14. The two catches are that there must be a minimum of ten of us and the

money has to be in a week early, so the money must be in to Chris Carr by Friday 30th November. Pete Garner (the organiser) says that he's paying a G.M. to write a double adventure specially for us for that day, so it sounds good. Any queries email CC112 or drop in and see Chris personally.

Weekly Meetings

There is a problem with the weekly meeting scheduled for Tuesday 4th December. We don't have the room at Emma. Due to excessive rooms charges elsewhere, we can't get anywhere else. We suggest that G.M.s and players arrange to play elsewhere. Those who can't contact their party in time should meet in Catz bar at 19:00 to sort this out. We should be back to normal for next term.

One-Offs

Following issues raised at the A.G.M. last year regarding the nature of our gaming sessions, we want to arrange an evening of one-off scenarios. The idea is to give members an opportunity to experience something different, rather than tie themselves down to the same old campaigns, week in, week out. We also hope that this will encourage some of our less active members to come along to the weekly sessions.

In an unheard of move, we, the committee, have decided to try and organise something along these lines, for the third weekly session of next term. We hope that current G.M.s will be willing to suspend their campaigns for one week and run something different either in their own system, or if they prefer, in another.

Anyone else who wants to run something is very welcome to do so and the more people who come along to try things out, the better.

We would like to advertise this beforehand in the first or second Newsletter of next, so please could prospective G.M.s send details (i.e. system, preferable number of players, anticipated style of play, etc.) to Dave Prince <DKP10> or Iain Walker.

Varsity Match

This year's earth shattering slugfest between the powers of Light and Dark (guess which one we are) has been arranged for the weekend of the 9th and 10th of February. It is being hosted by Oxford this year and they have chosen the AD&D system (surprise surprise). If you are interested in representing the powers of D-oops... er, that is our wonderful society then give your name to Chris Carr. We will be holding selection dungeons at the first and second sessions of next term to choose the lucky (?) team. Any member of the society is eligible except those who have represented us before. More of this in the next Newsletter.

Games & Puzzles Discount

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Reading

Many Thanks to those who came along (Matt and Doug) and helped us wipe the floor with them. We won the AD&D dungeon crawling tournament, the game of Kingmaker and the (in)consequential 1920's gangster card game. Also many orders of magnitude more thanks to

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the Pres for driving us there and the JT for letting us use her car.

Video Evenings

We would like to arrange a video evening or two for next term, but we have yet to find a suitable room. Is there anybody out there who knows of a room, equipped with TV and VCR, that would be available to us? If so please let us know. Also, requests for actual films would be welcome, otherwise Iain is liable to choose them all...

Library

Suggestions are now being taken for what we should spend our money on (note suggestions should be sent to Quinton so don't try anything silly). Please could you also include reasons for your suggestions, "I want to try out CyberPunk and you haven't got it" is fine, that's what we're here for, but "I've got CyberPunk and I think it's so fantastic that other members should know about it" is more informative. We will also consider things like source books on medieval weaponry and castles. Will everyone who has anything on loan please see Quinton before the end of term.

Wasteland



Note

If anybody out there has Quinton's Labyrinthe Handbook, *he wants it back*.

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NEWSLETTER the Fourth 1990/91

Once more into the breach.....(?)

Once more into the breaching charges.

You've had well over a fortnight to recover from the new years party (I have & I just can't wait until they publish the photos). Another term and another chance to see how many nights each week you can save your planet /universe/bank account

Weekly Meetings

Due to a random fluke of organisation, the weekly meetings will continue this term exactly as last term. 19:00, Tuesdays in the Upper Hall, Emma.

Labyrinthe

Last term's trip to Labyrinthe was a success and we will be organising another for the end of this term.

One-Offs

So far we have had an encouraging response to the 'one-offs' sessions to be held at the 3rd weekly meeting (5th February). Anyone wanting to run a scenario should let us know at or before the 2nd weekly meeting this term. Prospective players should come to the start of this meeting to sign up for a game so that the GMs have a week to prepare.

Pub Meeting

The Eater of Souls Appreciation Society will convene on the evening of Thursday 24th January in Catz Bar at 19:30.

Annual Dinner

Question: Do you like to eat?
Question: Do you like to drink?
Question: Do you like dressing up in silly costumes?

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes then you don't want to miss this term's most prestigious social event:-

**The Cambridge University
Dungeons & Dragons Society
Annual Dinner**

The dress code is Costumes or Black (Tie optional). It will be happening just before the end of term, further details to follow.

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		Zebedee	

Varsity Match

As stated in the last newsletter, this will take place on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of February. Oxford are hosting it and have chosen AD&D (Yes, you remember. *That* one). Selection (if there are more than half a dozen of you willing to sacrifice a weekend for the glory of the society. By the way there's this wonderful pub in the middle of Oxford with several real ales and scrumpy on draught) will now be held at the one-offs session, so volunteers should let us know at or before the 2nd session and sign up for one of the scenarios that have a selecting committee member involved.

Any member of the society is eligible except those who have represented us before.

Travel costs will be subsidised by the society.

Rag Dungeon

In case you hadn't already noticed, this is rag term. we will be holding a 24 hour role playing session to raise money for charity during the first weekend in March. So get your diary out and note this down. More precise details will be included in newsletter the fifth.

Library

By the time this newsletter reaches you we shall have been and bought lots of lovely new items for the library. We still have some money left though so if you should happen to find anything else worth having please don't hesitate to contact us.

Games & Puzzles Discount

Just a little reminder about membership cards.

No expiry date => No discount

Membership List 1990/91

<u>CHRIST'S</u> David Humphries Shane Murphy Joel Goldsetin Clive Jones Gareth Rees Lional Lopez-Welsch Antony Booth S. Ridzuan Robert Daniels	<u>GIRTON</u> Gary Collier John Tothill Andrew Cook Tim Stanton Ben Stewart Tim Fitzmourice Simon Beale David Mosedale Bryn Edmondson Richard Owen	<u>PETERHOUSE</u> J. Merry P. Dastoor Dave Prince S. Holmes Simon Pick Edward Carter Jonathan Appleby Paul Roberts Neil Walker	<u>TRINITY</u> D. Reay Dave McNally Tomaz Slivnik R Dearnaley R Alcock D Menzies-Gow J Dyer B Brunswick Simon Granleese Jonathan Mcaleese Gareth Mcaleese Stephen Postlewhite
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<u>CORPUS CHRISTI</u> Dimitris Aperghis		<u>ST CATZ</u> P. J. Francis Simon Billows Quinton Carroll Vo Voong	<u>AHEC</u> David Townsend Paul Curtis Luke Millichap Tim <something> Andrew Davies
<u>DARWIN</u> Rosie Jones	<u>KING'S</u> Ben Davis 325 Yad Clayton 250 Matthew Nesbit 665 David Wright Anthony Huggett	<u>ST JOHN'S</u> H. Walters J. D. King David W. Williams Jiten Samani D. Bester Robert Downham Richard Holloway Robert Matthews Matthew Reid Roger Moore Mark Bramley	<u>REAL WORLD</u> A Baker I Drylie Michael Abbott Tony Jones Danny Banks John Dallman Mike Whitaker Jane Crofts Jim Wall Ginni Rose Rhodri James R Hunt Steve Deas Tony Mitton Matt Johns Dave Eagles Clive Dixon Alex Tingle Matt Fitzgerald O. Smith Matthew Sweet Chuck Specor Paul De Benders Sally Thompson N. A. Dalton-Brown
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		<u>SIDNEY SUSSEX</u> Gary Savage Tim Morely Alexander Jones	

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NEWSLETTER the Fifth 1990/91

How many presidents does it take to change a light-bulb?
How many vice presidents does it take to change a light-bulb?
How many secretaries does it take to change a light-bulb?
How many junior treasurers does it take to change a light-bulb?
How many assistant secretaries does it take to change a light-bulb?
How many external officers does it take to change a light-bulb?
How many committee members does it take to write a newsletter?

"I knew it. Something just *had* to go wrong."
"How many hit points does it have?"
"Change it into *what*?"
"I want a receipt for the old one."
"You mean you can't see in the dark..?"
"I dunno. Buy a copy of En Guard?"
Two actually. Here it is.

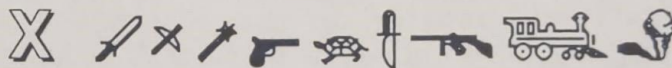
Annual Dinner

You are hereby summoned to partake of a feast most esoteric and sublime. Featuring the Arcane Ritual of the Extra Vegetable. The venue will be the Upper Hall of Peterhouse on the evening of the 12th March.

Tickets will be the eminently reasonable price of £19, and are available from Dougal at the weekly meeting on the 19th or from the Blue Cat at any other time until the 26th. Note this is a provisional price - it may

actually be reduced, in which case a refund will be made. A vegetairan option is also available, please let us know if you want this and your choice of mead or wine when you buy your ticket.

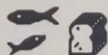
The dress code is Costumes or Black (Tie optional), but no *real* weapons will be tolerated:-



Get the picture?

MENU

Smoked Mackerel, Brown Bread and Lemon,



Duckling in Orange Sauce,



Mead,



Crème Brulée,



Coffee, Mead and Dessert.



Mead, White Wine and Mead



Weekly Meetings

There is a problem with the weekly meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26th February. We don't have the room at Emma. If you can't make it to the session on the 19th and can't contact your party, we suggest that you meet in Catz bar at 19:00 on the 26th, to sort out an alternative venue. We should be back to normal for the week after.

One-Offs

Thanks to those people who turned up and/or ran the games.

What did you think?

Was it worth while?

Do you want another?

Direct your comments at your local committee member.

Pub Meeting

The Absolutely Nothing Whatsoever to do with the Rugby Club at the Other Table Society will muster on the evening of Thursday 21st February in Catz Bar at 19:30.

Labyrinth

The next trip is set for Sunday 3rd March. Contact Zebedee (email CC112) as soon as possible. There are 6 places remaining and the cost is £14.

Varsity Match

This was to have happened on the 9th February but snow stopped play. We hope to be going on 2nd March although this is subject to confirmation from the OURPS.

The team is

Chris Coward	Pete Moore
Matt Nesbit	Paul Roberts
Vo Voong	Iain Walker

with **Harvey Maycock** being our D.M.

Travel arrangements will be as before unless you are told otherwise.

Rag Dungeon

Due to the inclement weather that rescheduled the varsity match for us, the Rag Dungeon has been displaced to the second weekend of March - to wit, the 9th and 10th.

If you want to take part then you should go and see The Train to put your name down and collect a sponsorship form.

If you're willing to run something, please let him know and give him some brief details.

Also if anybody is willing to let us ~~trash~~ use their room please could you give us details like size, number of chairs, tables and coffee mugs, number of irate neighbours, number of miles to the nearest toilet, presence of kette, coffee maker, hot plate, microwave, music system etc.

Suggestions

At last years A.G.M., one of the points raised was that some members felt that not enough was done to help new members feel welcome and integrate into the society during the first term. If anyone feels that this is still the case please let us know and don't hesitate to make any suggestions for improvements.

Membership Errata

Apologies to members from Fitzwilliam who were mysteriously absorbed by Emma in the membership list. We deny all knowledge of any attempted takeover bid between the two colleges. "I was there and I saw it didn't happen."

Our stalwarts at Fitzwilliam are:-

Matthew Freestone,
Harvey Maycock,
Philip Hurst,
Martin Fay.

Matt Nesbit only has one T.

Andrew Davies is no longer a member of A.H.E.C. but has now graduated to being part of the real world.

Was there anything else we got wrong?

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NEWSLETTER the Sixth 1990/91

On Demonology in a Caring Society

Ic'stan stood back and surveyed the room carefully. Nothing broke the silence as he carefully checked that the hours of preparation had been carried out perfectly. On the marble floor in front of him was his warding pentacle, its outline traced in blood and rare herbs. Finally with conviction he took his place at the large lizard shaped lectern, and began. The ward glowed faintly and then burst into a small wall of flame. The room slowly darkened as the light was drawn into the bubble held within the shimmering bounds of the ward.

Then he began the terrible ritual of summoning. Slowly he read from the thick grimoire, each syllable causing the ward to flicker in brightness. Then as his mind made the link, an embryonic point of darkness formed in the heart of the bubble. Slowly it grew and in its heart a form materialised. Then with a faint sigh the entire bubble filled and became jet black. For a few seconds the darkness held and nothing could be seen in the ward. Then it cleared and Ic'stan prepared for the sight of Rigellan the Lord of despair.

As the mists cleared, Ic'stan gasped in horror at the sight before him. The candle light flickered uncertainly upon an apparition wearing a creased grey suit and beneath the grey hair, those terribly friendly grey eyes... The man smiled quietly at Ic'stan with infinite patience, whilst Ic'stan nearly fainted. Trying to regain some composure Ic'stan desperately asked, "Are you Rigellan, Demon Lord of Despair, master of mighty death and terrible despair, the great 100 armed warrior, general of the 1000 immortal DIY fanatics?"

"Yes", replied the small man simply. "Who else do you think would come to my summoning?"

"Er, well I thought you would be... well, slightly bigger", stammered Ic'stan.

"You were expecting tentacles and mouths, were you? Well it's just so formal, it's just not in vogue I'm afraid. It's all so damned inconvenient, I only appear like that on really special occasions. Imagine trying to sit comfortably without tripping over yourself!"

"Oh!", said Ic'stan relaxing. "Are ye able to see the lives and destinies of all men? Are ye not all seeing and hearing? I seek your powers of insight, Great Lord!"

"Yes, yes man. Get on with it. You could at least have provided a chair in here."

"I beseech thee Lord to answer my question. " Ic'stan paused as if for effect and then a faintly sheepish look passed over his face. "Please, please tell me what did I do after those eight pints at the CUDADS pub meeting last night?"

Matt Nesbit.

Weekly Meetings

There will be no meeting on Tuesday 12th March. We had intended to hold the Annual Dinner on this date, but we're not. For those of you that hadn't heard, it's on Thursday 14th March instead. What we are doing on Tuesday is holding a

Pub Meeting.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of the Corner Nearest the Bar will conspire on the evening of Tuesday 12th March in Catz Bar (in the corner) at 19:30.

Varsity Match

Over and done with at last.

What do you mean, who won?

Due to a couple of last minute substitutions, the final team was (quorate)

Dougal
Matt Nesbit
Vo Voong

The Train
Florence
The CCSWNS

with **Harvey Maycock** being our D.M. Those players who didn't turn up should report for immediate termination.

Our Oxford G.M. (who wrote the scenario) decided to dump our brave Viking band in Ravenloft and leave us to find our own way out. We escaped. Oxford didn't. The final result, however, was very close. to whit two points.

We do of course wish to avoid triumphalism and feel very strongly that we should remember the dead on both sides...

Rag Dungeon

The final(ish) arrangements for this are as follows:-

Games to be held on Friday 8th to Saturday 9th, 8pm to 8pm. The actual locations will depend on which game you're playing in. There are currently three to choose from:-

1) Marvel Super Heroes, G.M.ed by Tony Jones and The Train. Location 5 Gresham Road.

2) The much publicised Living Steel, G.M.ed by Martin Fay and someone else (?). Location Matt Nesbit's room, Kings, A staircase.

3) GURPS, G.M.ed by Alex Jones. Location to be arranged.

If you want to take part then you should go and see The Train to put your name down and collect a sponsorship form.

Membership Errata

Matt Nesbit only had one T to start with, but people are always getting it wrong so he's not complaining about the publicity.

Matt Fitzgerald has complained about being classed as part of the Real World. We would like to rectify this error. Matt Fitzgerald is purely imaginary (the accounts did themselves last year). Actually he is now part of Imperial College, London.

Much the same point applies to Alex Tingle who is now studying at Birmingham University.

Anything else?

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NEWSLETTER the Seventh 1990/91

In the beginning was the header, and the header was without form and void. And the Secretary and Assistant Secretary looked upon the header and said "Let there be text".

And there was text. And the Secretary and Assistant Secretary looked upon the text and saw that it wasn't really all that good but at least it filled the space.

Weekly Meetings.

Because of exams, lack of available space, etc. there will be no officially organised weekly meetings this term with one exception. On Tuesday 7th May we are going to hold another session of one-off games.

The venue will be the Upper Hall at Emmanuel, the time 19:00, as per usual.

Anyone interested in running or playing should let the committee know by the pub meeting on the 30th April (see below). In fact it would be nice if people could turn up at the pub meeting to sign up for the scenario of their choice (just as we did last time) so that the GMs know how many players to cater for.

What we have for you so far:-

Twilight 2000 - Dougal.

Champions - The Train.

Nightlife - The CCSWNS

GURPS (Conan) - The Blue Cat.

But what about the on-going campaigns, you cry? Well, this is something that GMs and players are going to have to arrange for themselves. In the interests of facilitating this, we suggest that you all turn up at the first

Pub Meeting

where dates, times and venues can be arranged to your mutual satisfaction.

Yes, due to the lack of regular weekly meetings, we have decided to have (semi-) regular pub meetings instead. All arranged in advance too! The next instalments of The Continuing Five Year Mission to Boldly Drink what no Man has Drunk Before will be held at 19:30 in Catz Bar on the following dates:-

Tuesday 30th April,

**Tuesday 14th May and
Tuesday 21st May.**

Think you can handle that?

Labyrinth.

Zebedee has had half a dozen requests for another trip sometime this term, after the exams.

We already have an established mid-level party but if there is enough additional interest, we are more than willing to organise a second low-level adventure at the same time.

The suggested date for this is Saturday 8th or Sunday 9th June. This may be changed if inconvenient for the majority of those interested.

The deadline for signing up is the Pub Meeting on the 14th May. Contact Zebedee at 46 Lensfield Road or by email to CC112.

Dinner Photos.

The proofs of the photographs from the Annual Dinner are now available for perusal in Dougal's room in Catz. Copies are available in 12 x 8 size with the following options:-

Unmounted £4.75

Mounted and Crested £8.75

Mounted, Crested
and Named £11.90

Frames cost extra and are available in:-

Black £8.15

Natural (i.e. wooden) £7.30

The deadline for your orders will be (you guessed it) the Pub Meeting on the 14th May.

Punt Party?

Some members have suggested that we should hold a Fancy Dress Garden Party some time this term. This seems a nice idea, but the consensus within the committee is that the society does not really have the time or resources to organise both a garden party and the Punt Party this term.

What we'd really like to know is:-

What do you want?

So let us know by or at the Pub Meeting on the 30th April. We need to know this early because if we're having a Punt Party, we need to start looking for punts as soon as possible. This is because we can no longer book punts in advance from Scudamore's, and so punts will have to be booked from those colleges who possess their own.

This will have to be done early, and we will need volunteers to track down, seize and defend said college punts (or indeed *any* punts that can be booked in advance).

Either way, we intend to hold the chosen event on either the 16th or the 23rd June.

Now, if we're holding a Punt Party, then the exact date will depend upon who can book punts and on which day they can get them.

Of course, if it turns out that we can't get any punts at all, then we'll be holding the Garden Party anyway.

Does any of this make sense? All should become clearer come the next pub meeting newsletter.

A.G.M.

We're planning to hold this year's Annual General Meeting after the exams (so don't go away, will you?). The date is provisionally set for the afternoon of the Friday 14th June. With a bit of luck we will be holding it in either the Ramsden room or the Rushmore room at Catz.

More news to follow.

Varsity Match Scandal.

Transport money is still outstanding from the following:-

Harvey Maycock (a.k.a. the Luridpink Death)

Vo Voong

The Train.

Settle your accounts with The Blue Cat soon guys.

Rag Dungeon.

Many thanks to those who took part, especially the long suffering/insufferable (delete where not applicable) GMs. Now we want the money. Send it as soon as possible to The Train (who will then give it to the junior treasurer, won't he?).

Martin Fay has been elected to the Sam Peckinpah Chair of Applied GMing for managing to kill off all but one of his party. (Fair's fair though, he did wait 'till the end).

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The Tuesday Warhammer run by Dougal will be continuing this term. He'll be in touch. The Tuesday GURPS run by The Blue Cat will also be continuing, starting on Monday 29th in Florence's room (7 St. Peter's Terrace) at 19:00 ish.

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NEWSLETTER the Eighth 1990/91

Once a year those who reside upon the highest seats summon forth a loathsome creature. A creature so powerful that it cannot be banished except by the passage of time. Forthwith they set this creature upon their followers and apprentices to test their strength and skill. To succeed, the creature must be bound (into separate bundles, clearly marked by section) by quotation from arcane texts and application of the rituals described therein. Those who fail are sent down to another place and are rarely seen again.

Friends, this time is upon us again. We remember those who have passed beyond and the lessons they taught us. Few of our society have gained the necessary experience to ward the creature (usually three successive bindings) and this will be the last you hear from us as we go underground to prepare.

So fare you well and we'll see you on the other side.

Weekly Meetings.

Thanks to those who ran games for the 1-Off session on the 7th, and thanks to those who turned up to play them. It was well worth repeating. We think.

Pub Meeting

If this missive reaches you in time, here is just a reminder that the Ancient Illuminated Lodge of the Hermetic Order of Drinkers, Sippers, Quaffers and Allied Trades will be gathered within the Portals of Catz bar at 19:30 on Tuesday 21st May. Please remember to bring an apron and a trowel (it's the only practical way to drink an Eater of Souls, after all).

Labyrinth.

Sufficient interest has been expressed for Zebedee to organise a trip for a single mid-level party. The proposed date for this is Sunday 9th June. See Zebedee himself for further details (the price etc.).

Video Evening.

We're hoping to arrange a showing of videos in the week after the exams (we thought it was about time - we haven't had one this year). We intend to show

Erik the Viking

The Princess Bride

and, if we can get the room for long enough, or if we can't get one of the above,

Excalibur

Sound O.K.?

The venue will be the Castlereagh (sp?) room, St. John's and Wednesday 19th June.

Punt Party

The consensus at the Pub Meeting on the 30th was that we should go ahead and have a Punt Party. So we will.

The proposed date for this momentous occasion is Sunday 16th June, from 13:00 to 18:00. The idea is to start off from Scudamore's and then punt in a Grantchester-wards direction, eat there and then punt back in an appropriately satiated and leisurely fashion. The Society will be providing the food (included in the price of the ticket - see below), but you will have to provide your own drink. We suggest that people meet beforehand in the Mill (just beside Scudamore's) from 11:00 onwards, so that we can set off as soon as we have the punts assembled.

Tickets are available from Dougal at Catz, at the following prices:-

Members £5

Non-Members £6

At the moment we have 30 tickets available (or will have, just as soon as they're printed), since to date we can only be sure of getting 5 punts. However, if more than 30 people want to come along, we shall do our best to obtain a 6th punt.

Deadline for the purchasing of tickets for the Punt Party is the 2nd June.

A.G.M.

Originally we were going to hold this year's Annual General Meeting on the afternoon of Friday 14th June, but some of our members, to wit the ones who actually work for a living, objected that they wouldn't be able to attend. So we considered moving it to the evening of the 14th, whereupon some of our university members, to wit the ones who *don't* work for a living, objected that they had lots and lots of other May Weeky things to do on that (and indeed

most other) May Week evenings.

So what we're going to do is this:-

The A.G.M. is still going to be held on Friday 14th June, but we are very cunningly going to position it **mid-way** between afternoon and evening. Ideally, people should arrive from 16:30 onwards, so that we can get started at 17:00. This should allow people in the Real World to get away from work in time, and also allow those with evening engagements to get away again before their entire social life collapses.

The venue for the A.G.M. will be the Robert Gardener Room at Emmanuel, although this is subject to confirmation.

Business for A.G.M.

Motions will be discussed. If anyone thinks that there is some point which the Society urgently needs to discuss, then the motion must be submitted in writing, and must be dated and seconded, and signed by both proposer and seconder. So far, we have two motions to be presented to the A.G.M.:-

1. That the name of the Society to be changed. We want to decide on this in principle first, and then take a vote on the new name.

2. That we introduce a new system for electing the Committee, and write it into the Society's Constitution. This new system will involve a single ballot to elect *all* members of the new Committee, rather than separate ballots to elect each particular post. The actual posts that the new committee members will actually hold will then depend on their stated preference, and the position in which they came in the ballot itself.

If this second motion is passed then the main business at the Meeting, to whit The Election of Next Year's Committee, will be

conducted according to the new system. If it is not, then we stick with the old system of electing candidates to individual posts.

DO NOT PANIC

This will all make perfect sense on the day. But if you want to stand for next year's committee, then please read the following:-

Elections

Any member of the society is eligible to stand, although it is not recommended that you do so if you aren't actually going to be here next year (does happen, you know). Nominations must be in writing, and must be dated and seconded, and signed by both proposer and seconder. You can nominate yourself, if you like.

Candidates should list, in order of preference, the positions within the new Committee that they would like to hold, e.g., Secretary, Assistant Secretary, External Officer, or President, Vice-President, Junior Treasurer etc. This assumes that the new voting system *will* be accepted, and should enable the members to gain *some* idea of the actual shape of the Committee they are about to unleash.

If the new voting system is rejected, and we stick to the old system of candidates standing for particular posts, then the candidate's first preference will be taken as the post for which he or she wishes to stand.

This way the candidates themselves needn't worry about the fact that the voting system is currently undecided - it's just the people organising the elections who have to work out what the hell's going on...

Nominations and motions for the A.G.M. must be presented to either Dougal or Florence by midnight of Wednesday 12th June.

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