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BRITISH RALLY CONTINUES!

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With the festivities of Friday night continuing well into Saturday morning, it seemed there was little break in the celebrations before Saturday truly began. Participants were treated to a hearty full English breakfast with cups of tea a-plenty before eagerly boarding the coaches to Sheffield (carts and horses were sadly unavailable) - some a little too eagerly, as one coach managed to leave without its designated member of staff! Thankfully, being SSAGO, the time spent waiting for staff members to arrive on the other end was well spent, with an impromptu game of human "guess who" amusing passers by.

Once all the coaches materialized, rally-goers took part in a city-wide monopoly game which led them to several interesting sights within Sheffield. This led to some rather amusing photos, plenty of which can be found on the rally Facebook pages! Following this, it was time for the afternoon activities. With a wide range to choose from, including several hikes/explorations of the Peak District (some involved alpacas, others did not), a day at the swimming pool, visits to local museums, indoor climbing and a mouth-watering THREE pub crawls, there was much to choose from. The fun didn't stop there; back at site there was tense competition as SSAGO's first ever Bake Off competition took place, resulting in several creations that even Mary Berry herself would be proud of.

In the evening, SSAGO-ers were hailed back to site with a fantastic Ceilidh in the marquee. This was made extra interesting by the creases in the carpet leading to many a caught toe and several humorous falls! Thankfully it was all taken in good spirit, and with renditions of famous songs reimagined and played on the banjo in between dances everyone had a great time. Naturally a SSAGO rally would not be right without a fancy dress competition, and this spring's entries did not disappoint. Ranging from Harry Potter to GBBO to an EU flag to extremely long and impossible-to-pronounce Welsh towns, it really was a best of British array. After much deliberation, the band members judged Liverpool SSAGO to be the winning entry with their fantastic display of Alice in Wonderland characters. Their prize? A whole night sleeping in a tent. For those feeling the need for a quieter evening, a knitting workshop took place - proving to be very popular, with the leaders even running out of knitting needles at times! There was also, of course, a roaring campfire, with songs being sung long into the night, drawing Sunday in with somewhat tuneful melodies and plenty of good old-fashioned cheer. A very British end to a very British day!



Horoscopes



Taurus: One shall get in a queue today.



Cancer: It's still not looking good for you.

Gossip Column



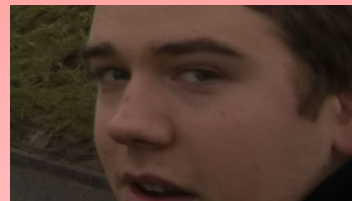
The great debate over which BUGS group was created first caused more controversy than the "scone or "scone" debate

SSAGOer shouts "Here's a big wave" whilst waving to the wave machine

Butternut Squash is the new courgette

People with 1:50 scale ratio maps should not be trusted!

Knitting needles in demand



"I don't like being in pictures"

- Edwin, Lancaster

Don't worry Edwin—we won't do anything embarrassing with this picture!

The Results

There's no bananas in the sky, in the sky. There's no bananas in the sky, in the sky. There's a sun and a moon and a...

Great big apple pie





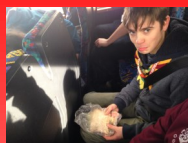
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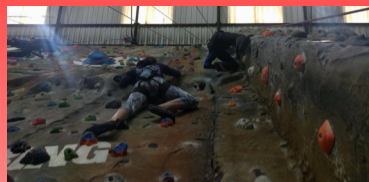
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Hall of Fame



Liam from Southampton liked his deconstructed Cottage Pie so much that he decided to do the same with his sandwich!



Climbing pros at The Foundry.



Andrew for driving the minibus (a lot!)



Last night's campfire



Aber SSAGO for finally making it to rally yesterday despite 4 breakdowns.

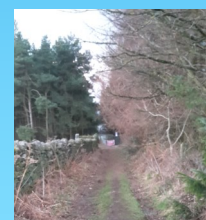
Mark (Solent's mascot) and Phillipa (Southampton's mascot) went on a date! Phil (Dolphin) declined to comment.

Hall of Shame

Some Irish rovers got onto coach A with the hope of finding a seat. Upon finding there were none left they turned around to leave just as the coach departed. They then had to spend the rest of the journey on the floor.



Closed footpath foils alpaca plans to get back to campsite!



Souma Zarrouki (Martinatam Dutch Contingent) fell asleep on the pub crawl



Sharman from Aber texted a friend "I'm just off to blow John"

She meant Blue John... We hope!

WINNERS!



Star Baker from The Great SSAGO Bake Off



Liverpool SSAGO stepped through the looking glass with their wonderful 'Alice in Wonderland' themed fancy dress.

SPOTTED IN SHEFFIELD



Charlotte from Southampton glimpsed a familiar sight on the way to Sheffield; Jesters! (Southampton Jesters - sticky cheap nightclub, Sheffield Jesters - fancy dress shop).

TELL US YOUR STORIES!

We want to know what you've been getting up to! Send your stories, gossip and pictures to : report.ssago.org

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CHAIR



Joshua Smith

Southampton SSAGO

Three Things:

As SSAGO Chair I would give every member a voice, use this to improve our national events and assemble a team of enthusiastic people to deal with the mess that is SSAGO policy. I would make Reps representative to give every club a say regardless of whether or not they could make Rally, and produce a four year plan for SSAGO to add some much needed continuity between Execs.

Meaning of SSAGO:

I went to Southampton University yet now have friends all round the country! This is what SSAGO does, it brings Scouts and Guides together and provides us with fantastic opportunities to socialise, learn new things and share experiences together.

Interesting Fact:

I've been part of a scientific study my entire life.

Crayon:

I would be fuschia, as fuschia is the ultimate shade of pink! Just look at my hoodie!



Emily Robinson

Leeds

Three Things:

Having been highly involved with Leeds, GYSSAGO and organising local/national events, I know how best to deal with situations and how things work in terms of organisation.

Make sure policy/factsheet documents are easier to understand and representative of how SSAGO actually operates.

Encourage and support clubs in similar areas to do more together, eg travelling to events and completing TSA/GG expeditions/awards.

Meaning of SSAGO:

SSAGO has been a large part of my life since 2014. As Leeds does not have an active network, SSAGO has provided a way for me to continue scouting. As well as this, it has provided a way in which I can meet people from other universities and understand more about how the movement works.

Interesting Fact:

I taught the DoFE some basic British Sign Language - then spilled champagne over him...

Crayon:

A 'purple mountains majesty' crayola. Purple is a warm, hard to dislike colour, I love the mountains, and Her Majesty is one of my fave people.



George Womald-Kelly

Indie

Three Things:

I'm running for democratic election on an anti-democratic ticket. Time and time again, rule by committee has been proven a catastrophic mistake. No longer. Concentration of power into a single executive would allow the following to be brought into effect unopposed:

Standard Beverage Baseline: all alcoholic drinks must be (a) beer, (b) cask conditioned (c) formed of English hops and (d) sit below 5.0% ABV.

Standard meeting protocol: it's recognised that the lower ranks will still require meetings from time to time. These will be limited to <21 minutes.

Standard Hygiene Baseline: all showers must conform to minimum heat levels, flowrate and cleanliness. Hot tubs recommended.

Crayon:

If one question could epitomise everything that's wrong with National SSAGO, this would be it. Get a grip, pull yourself together, and elect me.



Owen Jones

**University of Bristol
Guides and Scouts**

Three Things:

* Keep improving relationships - we've made good headway with Scouting, we need to keep trying to achieve the same with Guiding, however unresponsive they are..

* Superfluous policy - we have lots, a large amount of it is outdated now, chopping this down would make things easier (/less confusing) for everyone

* Get to know more clubs - my favourite thing about SSAGO has been getting to meet people from new clubs, as chair I'd like to promote more club integration-ary things.

Meaning of SSAGO:

A chance to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and have a jolly good time.

Interesting Fact:

I once spent 20 hours sat next to Cat Nichol on a plane without going crazy.

Crayon:

A bright fluorescent one, cause everyone in SSAGO seems to love that.



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SECRETARY



Matthew Bowden

UWE Bristol

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<http://vote.ssago.org/elections/manifesto/21>



Larah Korrisson

UWE Bristol

Three things:

- 1) Engage SSAGO In it's national and local history
- 2) Write awesome minutes, although that depends how well people can read music
- 3) Publish minutes as soon as possible after meetings

Meaning of SSAGO:

Friendship, fun and and connecting with like minded people

Interesting Fact:

I ran before I walked... See you can do it!

What crayon would you be and why:

Green, because I enjoy hikes and it reminds me of grass



Lauren Whittaker

Southampton SSAGO

Three Things:

My enthusiasm will help SSAGO to go from strength to strength. I am really keen to get involved with everything!

My minutes are Oliver Bills approved from experience as being secretary on various committees.

As secretary I am to improve communications between the National Exec and club reps.

Meaning of SSAGO:

I love it, I love it, I love it!!

Interesting Fact:

I stole a mascot within an hour of my first rally.

What crayon would you be and why:

Red because I own a large number of red SSAGO related clothing.



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TREASURER



Elly Wightman

Plymouth University Guides and Scouts

Three Things:

1. Not have to fight with HSBC.
2. To get pretty committee clothing.
3. I would like everyone to not stress about money.

Meaning of SSAGO:

Life. Friends. Memories. Cold feet. Witan. German sausage. Long reps. Oli Oli Oli Bills Bills Bills. Cat Nichol. Jonny Brown.

Interesting Fact:

I have an odd number of ribs.

What crayon would you be and why:

Teal - it's my favourite colour.



Matt McAuley

Plymouth University Guides and Scouts

Three Things:

I would like to set up an account with a food service, as this would reduce cost, and they will deliver it to site.

I would like to support small clubs to become more active in SSAGO.

I also want to set up a emergency kit, for people who forget kit to rally.

Meaning of SSAGO:

SSAGO is an organisation of like-minded people who enjoy the values of Scouts and guides.

Interesting Fact:

Within Scouts and Explores I have learnt the skill of being able to uproot trees while on camp.

What crayon would you be and why:

A bright orange or yellow crayon, as it matches my neon hats you will see my wearing at SSAGO



Frances Milroy

Plymouth University Guides and Scouts

Three Things:

Promote the Dev fund and make it clearer about what you can apply for by giving examples of past applications

To propose that a small amount of SSAGO-owned camping equipment could be loaned to new clubs for their first year to help them get set up initially, These tents could also be used to help international clubs such as the visiting Irish Rover contingent.

I will count well and have fun

Meaning of SSAGO:

If I hadn't joined SSAGO I probably wouldn't still be a member of GG, SSAGO really does help keep students involved in both organisations meaning they will hopefully come back to it after uni, through SSAGO I've made lifelong friends and my uni experience would not have been anywhere near as enjoyable if SSAGO had not been a part of it.

Interesting Fact:

I'm vegan

What crayon would you be and why:

A wax crayon because I can easily adapt to different situations. I would also be green and yellow, to promote ssago wherever I go.



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PUBLICITY



Harrison Galgut

Indie

Three Things:

Within my role as publicity officer I would create a professional working environment to allow clubs to take advantage of the media teams to create unique media for each club.

Meaning of SSAGO:

SSAGO to me represents opportunities for members! Within media this is the chance for real world experience working for a national Organisations. This allows our members to gain vital experience.

Interesting Fact:

I spent my summer working in TV learning a craft so I could help SSAGO create better media and I am currently working on a feature film.

What crayon would you be and why:

Magenta because it's a very special colour that only appears in the 64 box with the sharpener.



Melissa Roberts

Aberystwyth

Three Things:

I would like to continue communications with GGUK/TSA to get SSAGO out on their social media platform, I want to improve the resources available at a club level and work on a template document that can be adapted to suit a variety of publicity situations.

Meaning of SSAGO:

Good friends, laughter, a few drinks, good camps and a generally great bunch of people.

Interesting Fact:

I managed to make a lumpy cocktail at last rally... despite being a bartender ????

What crayon would you be and why:

Outrageous Orange - the colour of my hands after chopping all the butternut squash for dinner last night!



James Frith

UWE Bristol

Three Things:

Rally radio on SSAGO.FM! - Keeping those stuck at home in the loop and a great way to record the mayhem!

Club promotional video templates! - Pick a song, send in some photos and video clips, tailor made to your club!

"What is SSAGO?" - Talk open to all at Gilwell Reunion!

Meaning of SSAGO:

SSAGO means so much to me, as it was through SAGUWE I met my girlfriend Kate, and I have fought my whole time as a student to keep the club alive... including restarting the club from scratch in my second year! Since then we've gone from strength to strength, and I'd now like the opportunity to bring that passion to SSAGO!

Interesting Fact:

I hold a joint world record for most people dressed as Star Trek characters, and I once cycled from Bristol to Wales just for fish and chips!

What crayon would you be and why:

Green and yellow of course!



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MEMBERS OFFICER



Danielle Rhodes

Leeds

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<http://vote.ssago.org/elections/manifesto/29>



Anona Mann

*Sheffield Hallam Students Union
Guides and Scouts*

Three Things:

I really care about SSAGO and want to make pretty things! To help to make it a more integrated group of people, allowing more joint events though out the year out side national events.

Meaning of SSAGO:

A group of people that act like a family, they are kinda everything to me!

Interesting Fact:

I can sometimes be louder than the annunciation device.

What crayon would you be and why:

I would be a glittery turquoise crayon, because gliter is the best! and turquoise is always a useful colour because can be used in all different situations and is a mix of colours so fits in in many places, and crayons are also awesome.



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**DON'T FORGET
THE EVENTS!**

SPRING RALLY 2018



Witan in a Weekend
(London European Rally)

Proposed by: Young
Goats

SPRING BALL 2018



The Yule Ball Ball

Proposed by: Scouts
and Guides UWE, Bristol

SUMMER RALLY 2018



Rally the People

Proposed by:
Manchester SSAGO



CUSAGC Duck Rally

Proposed by: CUSAGC

AUTUMN RALLY 2018



Lancaster Fantasy Rally

Proposed by:
Lancaster SSAGO



Messy Massey Rally

Proposed by: Rob
Massey