



HUGS BEST OF BRITISH RALLY 2017

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THE BEST OF THE BEST OF BRITISH RALLY!



Throw-back to HUGS' 2014 Pancake Night, a society night like any other but with the creation of an idea; an idea that would develop and inspire. That night we discussed the theme, Saturday activities, and then these elaborate plans were put aside and saved. 2 years later at SAGUWE Feb-U-Rally we gathered the courage and went for it! And won!

FRIDAY

Well before the members started to arrive, the staff were on site preparing for the arrival of groups. The marquee was slowly being erected under the leadership of Sherlock Badger Whiskers (their dog) and staff tents started popping up close-by. The food, enough to feed the 250, began to arrive too, though a little puncture hindering progress till a helpful postman aided logistics in true British fashion. 6pm saw the first attendees arriving on-site with deconstructed cottage pie being served up for dinner. As the clocks struck midnight a coach load of SAGUWE, BUGS, PLUGS, Cardiff and UOBGAS completing our expected arrivals for the night, unfortunately Aber SSAGO were having minibus troubles and ended up camping out in their minibus.

SATURDAY

The morning rays saw the picturesque view of the Peaks District from where Glenbrook is cosily situated. The teams spread far and wide across the city centre to fulfil the quest of the best group photos during morning activities.

Following a quick dash around the city came the afternoon activities that comprised of Ponds Forge Swimming, The Foundry Climbing, local museums and 3 different pub crawls! We saw multiple activities off into the wider reaches of the peaks with a variety of hikes, the Blue John Caverns, and a SSAGO-Guaranteed British Bake Off on-site that Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood would be proud of!

In the evening everyone enjoyed a banjo-fronted ceilidh in the massive marquee that could easily fit all those who wanted to take part - although the flooring had other plans causing many entertaining falls throughout! No SSAGO Saturday would be complete without the fancy dress competition that saw the full cast of Alice in Wonderland, Harry Potter, Great British Bake Off, an EU Flag and an impossibly long and tricky to pronounce Welsh Town. As the ceilidh wound down people either made their way to a more successful fire than Friday night for an evening of sing song around the campfire, while others made their way back upstairs for a relaxing knitting workshop hosted by the Sheffield Hallam Knit-like-your-Nanna Society.

SUNDAY

Round came the day of the AGM, as our campers rose from their beds they were greeted by a sausage English Breakfast. The SSAGO Reps disappeared off to their meeting while more sleepy campers arrived for breakfast. Soon it was time for the Closing Ceremony and the presentation of the various SSAGO awards. The Spoon of Incompetence went to Southampton for the car with tents arriving 2 ½ hours later than the minibus, even though they left at the same time, The pub crawl mascot when to Frances from Plymouth for scaring Teddy the Dog at the Royal Standard and the pink Elephant awarded to the member for behaving most like a Brownie went to Oli from Plymouth for well... being Oli.

After the SSAGO group photo everyone wandered into the marquee for the AGM to review the year's events, elect a new exec, to propose upcoming events and of course, to play bingo.

The end of the AGM called the end to the Best of British Rally, not before a round of Happy Birthday for HUGS President Callum, who turned 22 on the Saturday. And with that the members of SSAGO packed up and returned to their respected corners of the British Isles and the continent after a lovely weekend away.

-Lewis Hull, Rally Chair

Gossip Column



Bath are red hot

Blue John is actually Blue Yellow

Ember, the dating app for SSAGO: Coming Soon

Lauren and Tom

Coffee rumoured to be in the baked beans on Sunday morning for maximum alertness during the AGM

Manchester love air horns

Josh may be more of a dictator than Womble

Cat lifts a manhole

Lettuce isn't always lettuce

#Hoho is officially off

Quote of the Day

"My year on the exec is all about taking back control, just not for the membership."

-Joshua Smith

Survey Results



Aber claim victory against Nottingham in a closely fought battle to fill in a survey



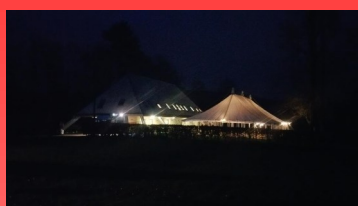
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SSAGO's Favourite Things

From the feedback form we found out that SSAGO's favourite things from the Best of British rally were:



1. The marquee



2. The Ceilidh

Spelling Bee

The many spellings of Ceilidh by SSAGO on the feedback form. Turns out SSAGO can spell as well as they can dance! Points for effort goes to the following:

Caleih
Chalie
Cielidh
Celeidh
Ceildh
Caileigh
Cayleigh



Sharman's Puns

- This rally rocks
- My sediments exactly
- Don't take my rocks for granted
- Getting stoned tonight

THE ADVENTURES OF ABER SSAGO

Aber SSAGO set off in a minibus and a car. The car got to Hope on time, the minibus after 4 breakdowns already, spent the night in Welshpool. It was very un-comfortable, everyone got very little sleep. Everyone was glad that there was some 'hope from hope' as many people offered to help out. Saturday morning some members got a 3-month old VW golf from the mechanics wife to get to Sheffield, and got to their activities on time (just!), the committee and three members trudged on in the minibus only for it to break down yet again just outside Chester! After getting hold another car and a van all made it to rally after just **20 hours** of travel.

Now for the return...

Everything went smoothly. Except for the van which broke down twice, the second time was an hours drive out of Aberystwyth. After a long wait the van and it's two passengers were safely towed back to Aber. All safely home by midnight on Sunday.

A Summary

On the minibus:

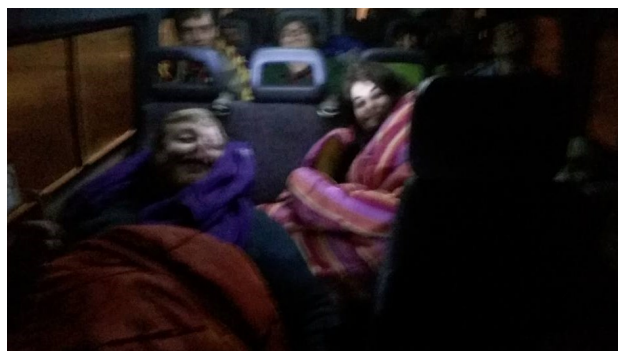
- 2 Electrical faults.
- 1 drive belt broken

On a car:

- 1 broken wing mirror.

On the Van:

- 2 breakdowns - suspected fuel contamination.



Happy campers?

It was the journey from hell!

But hey we still managed to rescue SLUGS minibus from a ditch!

A huge thanks go out to the Aber SSAGO committee who worked tirelessly to ensure all members got to and back from rally safely.

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CHAIR-ELECT

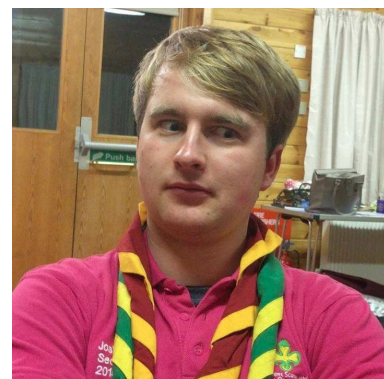
Hello SSAGO!

I'm looking forward to working with you all over the next year to make SSAGO even better! Thank you to everyone for taking part in the AGM today, those who ran and congratulations to everyone who won.

While Rally is still fresh in your mind please head over to <http://rally.ssago.org/feedback> and let us know how the weekend went, so we can use your feedback to make future events even better!

Finally, thank you to Sheffield for putting on a great weekend, I don't think I broke anyone in the ceilidh! You can all sleep now...

- Joshua Smith





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Hall of Fame



Rod and Caroline from Bath play twister at 6am



Shout out to Sheffield Hallam Knit-like-your-Nanna Society for being awesome.



Team Tennant for winning Monopoly Run



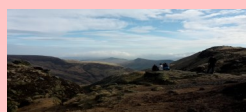
Some people sat in a pub on an activity where they visit many pubs



The SSAGO Exec and the TSA had an exciting meeting, with great things to come!



SSAGO gained 3 mascots, one for the Dutch, Irish and TSA



View from the top of Kinderscout

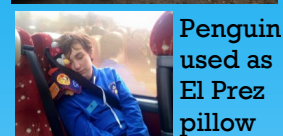
First SSAGO Exec-elect selfie. Note the smiles of the fresh faces, and the grim realisation of Josh who knows what he's getting himself in for! Hey Lloyd.

Hall of Shame

SLUGS minibus gets stuck in the mud, rescued by Aber



An Irish Rover gets cold feet after leaving socks in a sleeping bag he borrowed



Penguin used as El Prez pillow

Jane Neal (Manchester) was suffering from Jet Lag after travelling all the way from France. Approx time difference 1 hour...

Lloyd forgot Harold the Hedgehog again and he's still mouldy (Harold, not Lloyd)



Josh warming up on Friday night. Apparently the gas was quite dangerous...

People who use paper plates on rally

Anyone who didn't submit a story this weekend to report.ssago.org

REUNION TEAM LEADERS



There is 1 week left to apply for a role as a Team Leader for SSAGO Reunion!

This will be a great chance to gain some good experience, make some new friends and contribute to potentially one of the largest events SSAGO has held in recent times.

In order to make this event something spectacular, we are currently looking for keen and enthusiastic people who would be interested in taking up the roles of team leader and helping to organise this event.

If you might be interested in volunteering as a team leader, we are looking for people in the following roles: Activities/Programme, Catering, Communications/Media, Entertainment, Facilities, Finance, Health and Safety, Logistics and Secretary.

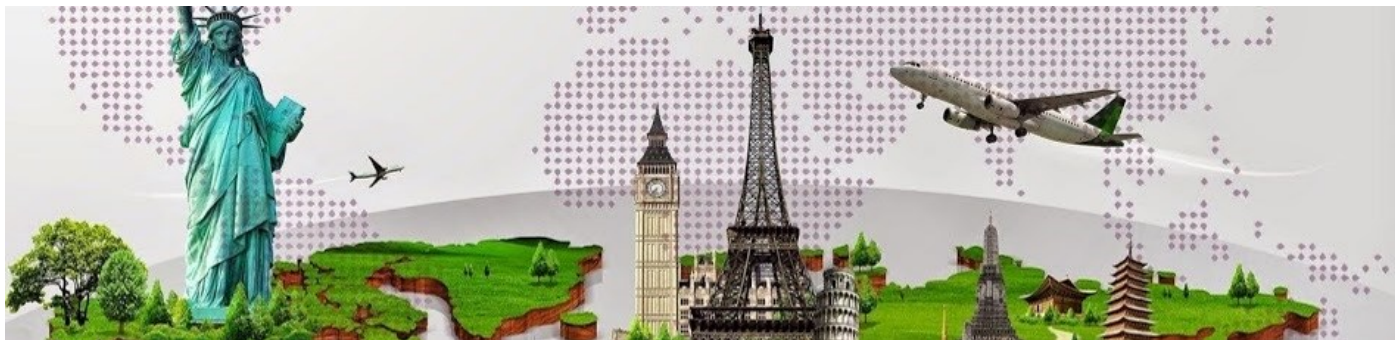
If you'd be interested in applying or in finding out more, you can do so online at <http://reunion.bookings.ssago.org>



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DESTINATION: LEEDS AROUND THE WORLD RALLY



Passports and boarding passes at the ready, it's almost time to make your way to the departure gate and set off for Leeds Around The World Rally! The location has been confirmed as Bradley Wood Scout campsite, and the journey dates are 16-18th June 2017. Final details (such as the badge design and website) will be released soon, but in the meantime here's some inside news from our committee to tide you over...

Here at Leeds rally, we've really tried to keep the food to an international theme. Your stomach will travel through Mexico, America, Italy, France, Chile and more in just one amazing, action-packed weekend! While the food may have certain Yorkshire twists, it'll introduce you to some of the best cuisines the world has to offer. And also Hallam's baked beans. Also, in time honoured LUUSAG tradition, we have certain quality standards to attain. Mainly along the lines of "crackin' food innit" and "as long as you have food, don't ask how much we've drunk" (Watson & Willis, 2017).

We've got a plethora of amazing activities planned, they might not be out of this world, like at SSAGO Associates Space Rally, but they sure are good! Fancy some traditional scouting/guiding? Then we've got some absolutely cracking hikes planned, including the Yorkshire Three Peaks and also Ilkley Moor (Hats optional, trousers (or any other lower body garments) required!)* For those wanting other lighthearted strolls in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, Geocaching is also on offer!

To continue SSAGO and general student tradition, there is the Otley Run, the largest pub crawl in the world ** As well as this behemoth of a pub crawl, there will be a spoons crawl for those on tighter budgets. Alongside this there will be a Real Ale pub crawl, visiting the sites of Leeds including the oldest pub in Leeds, which is older than America – see how it ties in with the theme: around the world!!

For adrenaline junkies, there is the chance to explore new heights through trampolining and rock climbing. For those wanting some super awesome activities, there are several activities at the world renowned Xscape!**, historical trips back through time at the Royal Armouries, and a trip for creative enthusiasts to Pot Spot. For those wanting to travel all around the globe**, Tropical World houses botanicals, animals, fish and avian from all four corners of the Earth in one awesome location, including a really cute family of Meerkats!

So see you at summer rally for a truly awesome global adventure!

* No guarantee on the flight direction of water fowl.

** Well, in Leeds, which is like the world right?!

Emily Robinson - Chair, Emma Watson - Catering, Chris Mann - Activities

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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