



'LEED'ING THE WAY

Welcome from Rally Chair

"Flight Number SR2017 is now ready to depart from gate HD6!

For those of you that don't already know, Leeds Around The World Rally has been a long time in the pipeline. I first had the idea after a few too many cans of 'local beverages' at Wiltz International Scout Centre in Luxembourg midway through our Explorer Belt expedition in Summer 2015.

I quickly managed to get Chris on board, and we started to put together our ideas as to what we thought that the rally would shape up to be like, what activities we could do, where we'd host it, etc.

It's worth remembering that by this point, Leeds had won our bid for ball (#LeedsNorthernLightsBall #BecauseWeHaveALife, just for old times sake!) but hadn't really began planning it yet, so it's not like we didn't already have a national event to host before thinking about our next one!



Having got back to Leeds and started the next academic year, we had a full committee meeting that centred around the fact that we WEREN'T going to bid for Summer Rally, the notes of which are included below. Though slightly disheartened by the fact Around The World Rally wasn't going to be a thing, I accepted defeat and we headed off to Bristol for Feburally.

Needless to say, we all had a few drinks, then Cec realised that no one had bid for summer rally yet at the AGM. I grabbed a piece of paper and jotted down our bid, Chris and I stood up at the AGM and words came out of our mouth (we don't really know what we said, other than that all of SSAGO could come, we'd offer the Yorkshire 3 peaks, and that there would be cake) and the rest is history!

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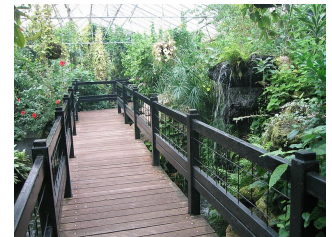
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Now is probably a good time for me to say thanks to Emily and Rachel for everything they've done in organising this rally, they had no idea what I was enlisting them for when we formed the committee...

Over the course of the Rally weekend, we're trying to make everything feel as global as possible (ish, some of it has definitely been an afterthought...) In the kitchen, we've got Willis and Watson (Dumb and Dumber, Thing 1 and Thing 2, whatever you want to call them), *attempting* to knock you up food from a range of different cuisines from English to Mexican. Even if it doesn't seem to be or taste particularly 'international', just pretend it is. It'll make them feel better about themselves and that makes everyone's life a bit easier.

In terms of activities, Chris has worked hard trying to encompass as many different countries into some pretty sick activities as possible. Sledging at snozone? No you're not, you're hammering down the Swiss Alps. Trampolining at Xscape? No you're not, you're base jumping in South Africa. Tropical World? Na, you're wandering through the Amazon seeing a pretty odd collective of animals. By now hopefully you've got my drift on this one, the idea is that every activity can be *very* tenuously linked to somewhere else in the World. If you don't feel like your activity does, then think of a connection and let us know!



We all hope you have an absolutely cracking weekend and enjoy yourselves at Leeds Around the World Rally. We've put a lot of work into it, and we're really excited to see how it goes!"

- Emily Robinson, Leeds Rally Chair

SHOW SOME LOVIN'

Do you love SSAGO as much as we do?
Want everyone to know?
Then why not show it by using our new Facebook frame, the only way to show your SSAGO love at up to 30°! Visit the SSAGO Facebook page to find out more!



**The SSAGO Shop
will be open at:
9pm Friday
5pm Saturday
11am Sunday
(Somewhere really obvious)**



ASTROLOGY



TAURUS: Keep those who make you laugh closer and remember they are to be treasured!

SCORPIO: Stay focused and shoot for the stars, you could make something incredible out of something simple today!



GELOTOLOGY

"My Wife has gone on holiday to the Caribbean"

"Jamaica?"

"Nah, she chose to!"

Why did the manager hire the Australian?

Because he was koala-fied.

ANTHROPOLOGY

(Snaps, Stories and Gossip)



The Oli Bills Fan Club (est. 2017) has ensured maximum recruitment at SSAGO reunion... by covering every piece of reunion merch!

TRAFFICOLOGY

The roads will be busy, recommend arriving by air or sea.

Trains..... will be late. The blame has been placed on leaves, wind, rain, sun.... and everything really.

The Brighthouse to Bradley Wood shuttle misunderstood instructions to leave the EU, and was last spotted flying past Mars in an attempt to re-route satnav.

If you're reading this in paper form congratulations; you made it to rally! Give yourselves a pat on the back, you've probably done better than Aber!

INSPIROLOGY

The winner of SSAGO's "1000 Facebook page likes" competition is Sally Gates with the quote below! Make sure to visit (or send a friend to) the SSAGO shop to claim your prize!

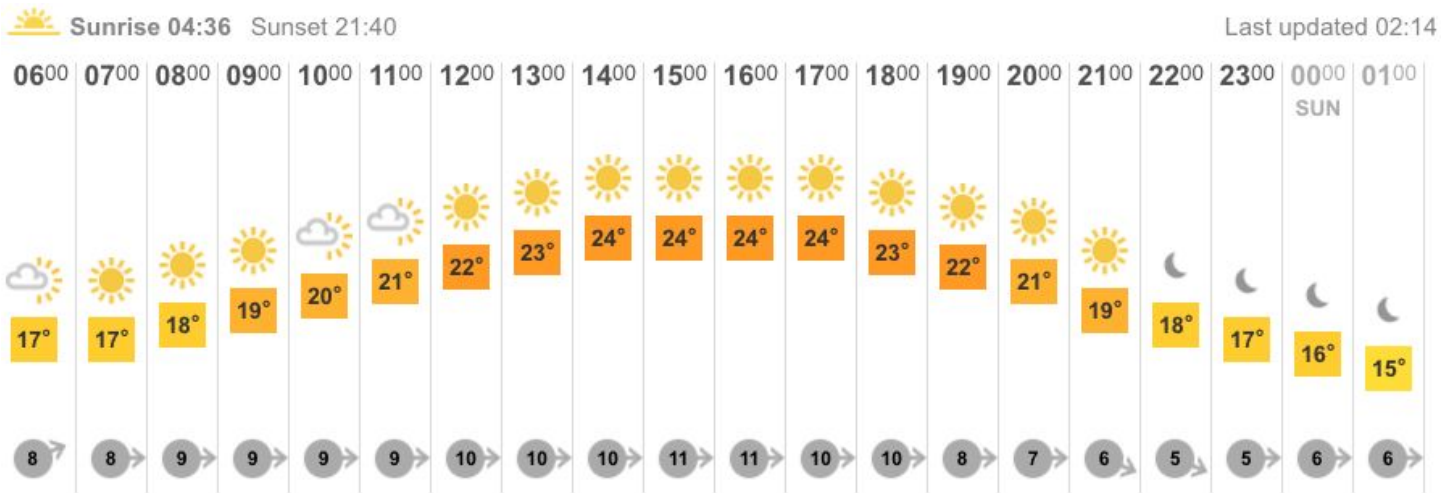


Sally Gates I love the chaos. I love chaos in general. It makes me laugh. And the chaos of watching a couple of hundred people run round chasing cuddly toys or dancing the night away in a ceilidh where the flooring doesn't quite adhere to the ground or making a DJ sweat because he's pulled out all of his most fashionable choons and the crowd are struggling to get beyond lukewarm makes me feel like I've found my people. Keep it up, you glorious lunatics.

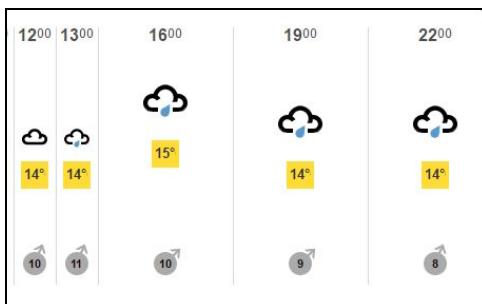
We now have over 1075 likes, but need your help to hit the 1100! Make sure to invite all your SSAGO friends to like the page!



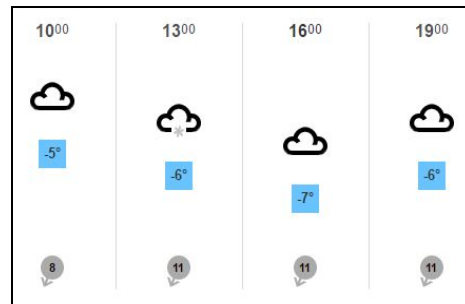
METEOROLOGY (Saturday's Forecast)



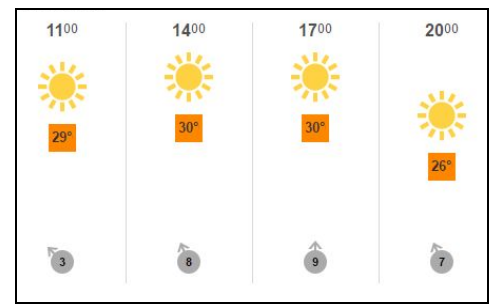
..... BUT for those lucky enough to be sledging, don't forget your Winter wear!



Fort William, Scotland



Norway House, Canada



Barcelona, Spain

RALLY REVEAL - SNAPCHAT FILTER

Hopefully you'll all be able to pick up our Around The World Rally snapchat filter on site! Make sure you send all your snaps over to @nationalSSAGO so we can see what's going on!

**DON'T BE LIKE THIS MUG,
WHO CONFUSED HIS HASH BROWNS WITH OUR HASH TAGS,
#AROUNDTHEWORLDRALLY & #ROBINSONSARMY!**





SSAGO FIVE-O

HUGE CAMP, TOUGH CHALLENGES,
SHINY BADGES!



The Student Scout and Guide Organisation formed in 1967, which makes 2017 it's 50th year! We're celebrating in style with a huge camp, a tough challenge and shiny badge worthy of our Golden Anniversary!

SSAGO 50th Birthday Badge

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, every paid member of SSAGO is entitled to 1 free gold SSAGO Birthday badge!

Make sure you claim yours online from the SSAGO shop, purchase SSAGO merchandise, and collect it all from the National SSAGO shop here at Rally!



SSAGO Reunion

To celebrate 50 years sees a SSAGO camp unlike any other, bringing together past and present SSAGO and SAGGA members for one massive activity camp and reunion!

Book online and invite along old club members too!

SSAGO Anniversary Challenge Badge

This challenge badge is designed to celebrate all things SSAGO and is split into 5 sections: History, Adventure, Social, Community and Future!

Will you complete the challenge?

To find out more, head along to
anniversary.ssago.org






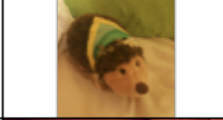



THE SUPER SIMPLE MANUAL TO MASCOT KIDNAPPING

Mascot ‘stealing’ or ‘kidnapping’ on rally is suppose to be fun and funny, and it is as long as we remember the few SSAGO Mascot Kidnapping guidelines!

1. Kidnappable mascots on Leeds Rally are only those that are listed below and overleaf; they can be kidnapped and held for forfeit.
2. Non-Kidnappable mascots are either historically important to the club, worth a significant amount of money or are fragile. These mascots are not allowed to be stolen under any circumstances.
3. The hosting club's Kidnappable mascots are non-kidnappable for the duration of the Rally.
4. Mascots can be kidnapped at any time during a SSAGO event as long as it doesn't involve any criminal acts.
5. A mascot may not be forcefully taken from a person looking after it. It may only be taken if the mascot is left unattended or if handed over to someone accidentally.
6. Mascots can be kept by the kidnapping club or individual until the next opening/closing ceremony of a National SSAGO Rally, whichever is sooner. The return of the mascot is dependent on the owning club doing a forfeit.
7. If the mascot is recovered (under the same rules as point 4) before the next opening/closing ceremony, then they shall be exempt from forfeit.
8. National SSAGO Chair has the final say in any disputes, but with this guide there shouldn't be any!

(Paraphrased from the “SSAGO Mascot Kidnapping” policy”... yes it exists. #adulting)

SSAGO Exec Mascots (Non-Kidnappable)		
Mascot	Owner	Photo
Brian Van Beaver	Chair (Joshua Smith)	
Rex	Secretary (Lauren Whittaker)	
Money Bunny	Treasurer (Frances Milroy)	
Harold Hedge	Members Officer (Anona Mann)	
Percival Platypus	Publicity Officer (James Frith)	

NEW SSAGO Assistant Mascots (KIDNAPPABLE)		
Mascot	Owner	Photo
Wiggle the Mouse	Webmaster (Oliver Bills)	
Hogwarts the Warthog	SAGGA Rep (Laura Payne)	
Maurice the Do-Do	International (Beatrice Phanjoo)	
Agnes Baden-Owl	Archivist (Larah Korrison)	
Ralph Reindeer	Notifications (Vicky Sanderson)	



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SSAGO Club Mascots

Club	KIDNAPPABLE	Non-Kidnappable	Mascot Picture	Club	KIDNAPPABLE	Non-Kidnappable	Mascot Picture
 Aberystwyth Student Scout and Guide Organisation	Idris the Dragon (middle)	Mary the Badger (left) James the Sheep (right)		 Loughborough		SCOGUI Bear	
 Bangor University Guides and Scouts	Boris. Jr			 Manchester	The Ciara.		
 Bath University Guides and Scouts	Wurzel			 Nottingham	Floozy Duck		
 Birmingham	Scarface			 Oxford University Scout and Guide Group		Erik the Panda	
 Cardiff SSAGS	Fredlet	Small, and growing, army of knitted fish		 Plymouth University Guides and Scouts	Olave (right)	Oscar (left)	
 Durham	Mole			 Sheffield Hallam Students Union Guides & Scouts	Flopsy (girly rabbit with pretty pink bows)	Rampant, Peter, Neil, Colin, R.O.N	
 Hull				 Solent SSAGO	Mark the Shark		
 Indie	Indiana, a one eye alien teddy bear			 Southampton SSAGO	Phillipa (female dolphin)	Phil and Rob	
 Keele SSAGO	Scruffy the squirrel, also known as Gazza			 University of Bristol Guides and Scouts	Norbert (right)	Herbert III (left)	
 Lancaster	ShiT's babies, small red pom-pom spiders	ShiT (Tim around children), big red woollen spider		 University of Sheffield	Pornograbee, Wednesday, Moon Bee, Phoebee and Gwenyn	Bertie, Grandfather Bee and Sheep Bee	
 Leeds	Oscar Tentpole			 UWE Bristol	Derek and Dottie, Penelope and Pippi	Graham (largest penguin)	
 Leicester	Squidgina (more reddy coloured)	Squidgy		 Wolves SSAGO	Thor!	Rampant	
 Liverpool University SSAGO	SuperLambana called Boris						