

BRISTOL REPORT

As another term has flown by, Bristol SAG has managed yet another hectic and varied programme. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend 'Salford 82' for it clashed with our Annual Dinner. The dinner was well attended with Delwyn Cox of 'Coarse Scouter' fame giving a very entertaining after-dinner speech. The dinner culminated with a presentation of a 'Coarse Scouts Certificate', for he could not understand a word of our recent 'SAG rag'. (Are we the only club to receive both a John Sweet 'Lunatic Fringe' Certificate and a 'Coarse Scouter' Certificate)?

Our two Country Competitions for Scouts and Guides proved very successful. At 'Kahoutek' (a campsite incident Exercise for Scouts and Guides upto 14 years of age) we got soaked and had colds for a week: "Unicorn", a night exercise for Scouts and Rangers aged 14-16, was a little drier. Other events this term included a walking weekend in Mid Wales (and for three it was nearly a walk back from Wales - my car broke down); a Call-My-Bluff Evening; a visit to see the Musical 'Annie'; and a talk to Venture Scouts and Rangers about University Life.

Finally, a word of warning to all those thinking of attending the Loughbrough Rally: BRISTOL IS COMING!

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Dean Martin once said "a mans not drunk if he can lay on the floor without holding on"

CAMBRIDGE - REMEMBER CUSAGC?

Unknown to the majority of SSAGO members, the Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club not only exists, but is probably the most active club about. (How arrogant! ED).

Because there is so much going on, most members feel no need to look further afield for other activities. This has made the club insular and uninterested in SSAGO. With so much going on the club could, if it wished, be able to put a great deal into SSAGO.

For the last two years contact has been almost lost, and with the present third year being very small, almost no one has had any contact with SSAGO at all. Many false ideas have now surfaced, 'all they're interested in, is badges and uniforms', 'you'll find them all wandering around in shorts'.

This year three of us attended Salford's rally and amongst the delegation there were two first years, this means that there will be people who know a little about SSAGO for the next two years.

I personally am going to try to restore interest and will be pushing the idea that another Camrally is organised, it could be pretty difficult.

HULL

Now, into it's second year since been reformed the club has increased it's membership to 54. This years programme has been varied but chiefly based upon forming links with local Scouts and Guides. The first term saw the starting of the Hull University Scout and Guide Club challenge with several teams of local scouts competing for a shield in an incident night hike on a cold night in November. The holding of a cheese and wine evening late on in the barn proved to be well attended and enjoyed by one and all. Other events included wide games, night hikes, a stage make demonstration and a quiz with local rangers and venture the result of which has been withdrawn from publication.

CLUB REPORTS

LIVERPOOL

An action-packed term just completed, including the election of a new SSAGO rep. so this could be the last 'Lillington-ego-trip' as it has come to be known in the club.

Back in the snows of Christmas, seven intrepid members trecked off to the Peak District. Soon to be known as seven dwarfs, they slithered between Youth Hostels, throwing snow balls and rescuing stranded lorries from ice-bound lanes.

First big event of the team was a return visit to Salford. We took a minibus full this time (not just 2 like before!) and had a very enjoyable games evening in the union bar. We dominated the monopoly, but were severely beaten at Tiddly winks - which was supposed to be our strong point!

We spent about 100 man-hours this term working for the local community association - building flower beds and planting them up. It's part of a project to restore a derelict cemetery to a more useful state, and we raised some money by sponsorship at the same time. It also got us our photo in the Liverpool Echo.

We appeared in the 'Echo' a second time during Rag Week (Panto) when an enthusiastic group of 30 members raised £3200. This was by far the best Society total, we were only beaten by a hall of residence with 300 residents.

In February, we visited the university cottage at Deiniolen, Snowdonia, and had a good weekend hill-walking, climbing and abseiling. Our best navigators got lost in the mist once but the weather was mostly good, with some magnificent sunsets. We met some of Bangor S/E for a Saturday evening drink, and they

visited the cottage on Sunday.

Two weeks later was the event of the year - Salford Rally in the Lake District. To show that Mersey '81 was not an exception, 6 of us camped, but we were blessed with much better weather, a wide range of activities, a disco, camp fire, orienteering course and non-stop entertainment from the Glasgow contingent. Congratulations to Salford on running an excellent rally, and coping with the vast numbers who came.

Other events this term have included singing with 'The Spinners' in a L'pool folk club, a visit to the Royal Philharmonic Hall, a St. David's Day party, with our own band, orienteering and a visit to a fire station. Term ended with the AGM, attended by over 50 members, who passed a new constitution, and elected our first female president for some years. The evening was nicely rounded off by a treasure hunt - visiting 7 of L'pool's finest hostelryes, and planning events to come.

SALFORD REPORT

The Spring Term got off to a good start with a visit to the Folk Club at a local pub. Both the songs and the ale went down very well. We had yet another joint meeting with Liverpool S & G, with them coming over to Salford for a board games evening. This time they managed to outnumber us, but we made up for this by thrashing them at tiddlywinks!

Excursions always prove popular and this time we had a trip (jointly with the Physics Soc) to Windscale to have a look round the research laboratories of the Atomic Energy Authority and the Calder Reactor of British Nuclear Fuels. This was a very interesting visit and I am sure convinced anyone who had any doubts about the safety of nuclear power.

Other activities this term have included ten pin bowling, an international cooking evening, the termly sports evening and an annual dinner.