



York St John SSAGO Club Report - Summer 2014

Since the last club report we have had some more successful events and meetings, such as pub quizzes, our fundraiser and attending Ball, but we are still finding our feet in terms of running events and getting as many people there as possible. The most successful event was our end of year meal for which 7 members turned up. Even though this is less than half of our members, we were chuffed to see them there!

At the moment, we currently have 14 members registered with SSAGO and had another 2 international members (who have now gone back to America :(), totalling 16 members (which we think is pretty good seeing as we only started in October!). These members all participated in the events at some point during the year but the most we had at one meeting was 8 due to all others having other commitments.

In March we held a cake sale in order to raise funds for both ourselves and York Minster Scout District. As it was our first fundraiser it went okay and we raised a total of £74. We are also getting involved in an event run by SAGGY (Scouts and Girl Guides of York) called Escape. The event takes place in November and is an event during which explorers hike for 24 hours and try to avoid being caught by leaders and their catcher teams. This is the first time we have helped with something like this so hopefully it will be a good experience.

We have been in contact with the local DC for scouts who is interested in creating a really strong connection between the club and the district. The first major event to have come from this is the district is now holding the AGM in July within our Student's Union. - I hope this is going to lead into more connections throughout the district. In terms of guiding, we have not had much luck with finding a contact so that we can set up some members with groups but this is within our plan for next year!

We are currently planning our fresher's fair and programme for next term which hopefully will allow us to attract more members and increase on this year's membership and participation numbers. During Fresher's Fair we are looking at introducing more activities and letting the members choose the events for certain nights - hopefully this will increase attendance at meetings during the next year. These will all be communicated via our facebook group, e-mail, text and our new twitter account (@ysjssago) as some of members thought we were not communicating with them efficiently this year so we have taken measures to overcome this (fingers crossed it works)!