

# Club Reports for Dino Rally

June 2016

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# Aberystwyth



## Club Activity

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## Highlight

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## Summer Plans

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## Local Engagement

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## Awards

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# Bath University Guides and Scouts



## Club Activity

They say time flies when you're having fun, and my goodness the past term with BUGS has demonstrated that. It feels like our tremendous cake social was just yesterday, but it was in fact all that way back in March that BUGS were gluttonously filling ourselves with delightful baked goods to the intoxicating rhythms of JLS. In March we also attended our SU's quiz night, BUGS won nothing but it's the taking part that counts (or so we tell ourselves).

Every year the Bath Scout and Guide districts host a joint weekend event called 'Be Prepared' and volunteers from BUGS were out in their masses at this event. The event was a tremendous success and there's no doubt that BUGS contributed to success of this event, well done BUGS!

### BUGS at Be Prepared

Of course there was an Easter egg hunt around the university campus, which was enjoyed by all, to see us off before Easter holidays.

BUGS were back in full resplendence after the Easter holiday, and made the journey to Bristol for a round of mini golf. A great afternoon was had by all and it was a welcome break from revision. The final event before exams was a very large campfire, which was of course the natural habitat of the BUGS.

Exams happened, and that's something we don't want to be reminded of. But after exams BUGS travelled to Oxford for their annual summer camp which was tremendous and filled with various activities. BUGS all had fun and forgot about the pain of exams.

2016 was a fantastic year for BUGS and there's no reason 2017 won't be equally as incredible.

## Highlight

### Summer Plans

### Local Engagement

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# Birmingham



## Club Activity

Since Winter Rally, BUSAG have been very busy with meetings, socials and other events, albeit less so this term (summer), due to exams. Activities during the latter half of the spring term included a (very rushed) murder mystery game, making pancakes, a trip to Winterbourne House and Gardens, a scouting and guiding quiz, and Easter-themed activities towards the end of term such as construction with crème eggs and an Easter egg hunt around campus, which was a great way to end the term. Although meetings were less frequent in the summer term, they still occurred fortnightly, and activities included scavenger hunts, card games, picnics and pub lunches.

In the latter half of the spring term we had our Annual General Meeting, which was well attended. New members of the committee were elected, with Amy Holt being elected as our new chair. The number of people wanting to take up a role on the committee was larger than expected, and as a result, the society decided to keep the role of camp secretary, and created the new role of publicity officer.

As well as meetings, there have been an array of socials for BUSAGers to take part in! These have included the secretary's cheese and wine night, a night out at Fab (the Guild's weekly club night), and my personal favourite, a Eurovision party. We have also recently had our annual meal, which was held at Zizzi's in Brindley Place, followed by a night out in Birmingham; this was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A couple of days after the annual meal, there was a society trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, to watch the unveiling of the new scout memorial there.

## Highlight

I would say the fact that so many members joined this year! Through this we have been able to create a bigger, better BUSAG

## Summer Plans

As a society we will be attending the Dino Rally in Southampton (complete with a brand new tent!), and so far we have 6 current members who are going.

## Local Engagement

Several of our members are helpers at local scout and guide groups, and we are also in the process of liaising with members of scouting and guiding in the Birmingham area to see if we can get involved in activities at a county level

## Awards

We did not receive any nominations for the guild awards this year, but we are aiming for a nomination next year

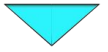
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# Cambridge



## Club Activity

CUSAGC club report June 2016

The new committee took over at the end of last term.

Despite a busy term full of exams, CUSAGC was able to run a full program of activities to provide all members with a much needed break from revision. Following the Easter break we took part in Jambowlree, the international Scouts bowling competition. Great fun was had by all who took part, including one member who had never been bowling before (and yet still scored more than some members with more experience). When the results were published we discovered that we came 7th in the Network age range, I expect that we will enter again next year and see if we can head further up the table.

On Caesarean Sunday, a day where many students took to Cambridge's green spaces with large quantities of alcohol, CUSAGC took a more relaxed and sober way to enjoy the sunshine. We cycled from Cambridge to the village of Grantchester where we spent the evening in the playground, playing on the swings and slides (some of us never grow up!).

Other weekly activities included a kayaking trip, board games evening, pub night and a punting trip, deemed necessary following last year's punt joust where we found that only 2 or 3 of our members were able to punt in a straight line! Our resident kayaker was able bring the standard of punting up to scratch, however judging by the photos some of our members are still not particularly confident in each other's abilities!

Once Exams were out of the way we held our annual "Great Escape", traditionally a weekend camp however this year we held a day hike due to poor availability of camp sites at prices that students could afford! The plan was originally to get the train to Ely, walk a circular route, and then return on the train. The plan was changed slightly when we reached the confluence between the rivers Cam and Great Ouse where we decided to continue following the Cam in to Cambridge, extending the walk to approximately 18 miles.

On the 11th of June CUSAGCers old and new were invited to our president's house for a garden party to celebrate his 55th year with the club. All of those in attendance were treated to a wide range of food and drink (just don't mention the Iced tea...) and, as this was a Scout/Guide event, a camp fire! Ex members were able to catch up with what the club has been up to as well as reminisce about their time in CUSAGC.

Our final event for this term was our annual Punt Joust which, for the first time in recent history, we opened up to SSAGO members to take part in. It was an early start for our QM who was at the clubs stores at 0900 (having got home from a ball at 0500), however it turns out that falling off a punt in to the river is a pretty good wakeup call! Participants from CUSAGC, Cardiff SSAGS, and PLUGS jousted against each other with everyone ending up in the water at some point! We hope to invite SSAGO clubs back again next year to experience this one of a kind event so watch this space!

## Highlight

CUSAGC are happy to be getting involved with national SSAGO events again following a 2 year hiatus. 2 current members and 3 fogies attended the Northern Lights Ball, and 3 members will be at the Dino Rally this weekend. We hope that we continue having success with our recruitment in to the club next year and thus have a greater presence at national events.

## Summer Plans

There are no big events planned for this summer. The QM and other members who are staying near Cambridge will make the most of the break by sorting through the club stores and repairing/retiring some of our tents.

## Local Engagement

Individual members of CUSAGC have continued to be involved within various scout and guide groups in Cambridge. The club continues to run two service events each year (Marathon and FORWARD incident hikes) which take place in November and March

# Cardiff SSAGS



## Club Activity

Since our last Rally, SSAGS have done a wide range of things in attempts to avoid the impending doom of exams - this includes but is not limited to:

Stargazing, a charity shop crawl, walking, the entertainer badge, origami, geocaching, and a trip to a dessert parlour!

We gained a member this semester, became a gold tier society, Elli got her Queen's Scout Award, and Chloe and Lauren got their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards!

We've also now (by and large) gone through our handover, with fresh faces now on the exec!

Just before Dino Rally, we have just been to Criccieth, staying in a cottage, and had an amazing walk up Snowdon, with clouds only being a pesk on the way down!

## Highlight

## Summer Plans

## Local Engagement

# Exeter



## Club Activity

The term started with the election of our new committee and the usual handover process. Although we've had a quiet term with most members busy with exams, we celebrated the end of term in style with our annual SAGE Week. This featured the so-called 'firehouse challenge', where we ate large amounts of pizza as possible at the Old Firehouse restaurant here in Exeter and earned new blanket badges; a trip to Paington Zoo, a trip to the beach, snack pimping of a giant Jammy Dodger, a geocaching event, an overnight hike and of course our end of term dinners, where we gave out 'society awards' and awarded Sarah Baker lifetime membership of SAGE. Two members were in the SSAGO staff contingent at Avon Jamboree, and one member attended Dino Rally.

## Highlight

Highlight for this year was hosting the SW freshers camp all the way back in October - shout out to the committee members that made it happen!

## Summer Plans

Unfortunately not! Back in action in September though :)

## Local Engagement

Several members are leaders at local packs (and we've just recruited one more member who joined the society for DofE, and is now planning to become a club leader!). In addition, two members were on the staff team at Avon Jamboree.

## Awards

nope

## Suggestions

nope

## Picture





# Keele SSAGO



## Club Activity

This semester we have been very busy; we have run many different activities including an Easter egg hunt and ready steady cook. We elected a new president and secretary in April with the position of Treasurer remaining open which will hopefully be filled next year. The handover process was not the smoothest as we have effectively have a new committee so there was a lot of information to be passed over. However, we are looking forward to next year, with the new committee bringing fresh ideas to the running of the society.

## Highlight

The Midland Freshers Camp would have to be the club's highlight, it was the first SSAGO event that the club had attended and it was great to meet people from other SSAGOs. The Easter Egg Hunt would have to be the best event we had as a society.

## Summer Plans

A couple of our members will be attending 'Festival' which is a network camp on the 1st-3rd July in Coventry. Unfortunately, we will be unable to attend Dino Rally this weekend due to work commitments but, we look forward to attending more Rallies next year.

## Local Engagement

We are working to achieve better connections with local Scouting and Guiding groups in the area; some members are leaders either at uni or at home. Hopefully next year we can become more involved in volunteering in the area.

## Awards

Unfortunately not.

# Lancaster



## Club Activity

### WHAT HAVE WE DONE?!

The summer term for LSSAGO has been – as usual – a busy and exciting one! We began by welcoming in a new executive committee: full of as much enthusiasm and charisma and as the old (partially because 4 of the 5 members were in the old...)

As usual our weekly socials have included a pub quiz; a film and pizza night; and a summer term special of a barbeque – with the added bonus of the enthralling task of pitching tents to count pegs and check waterproofing! In addition, we partook in a fantastical game of Dungeons and Dragons at our termly board games social. This is something we are keen to continue – provided a few of us figure out how to actually play first!

Aside from our traditional socials, we have enjoyed some more creative pastimes. First, we completed the “Top Secret Badge”. One week, we followed arrows and clues to race to a top secret location (clue: it was a bar). The next, we were solving Kim Kardashian’s murder at Miley Cyrus’ birthday fancy dress party. Which of the bizarre group of celebrities could it have been? One thing is for sure, you haven’t lived until you’ve imagined Beyoncé in a massive Rubik’s Cube outfit trying to fit into Miley Cyrus’s tiny bathroom!

Easter Games Night also held some compelling tasks as we created egg dioramas like no other; found some well-hidden eggs; and beat out the other imposter Easter bunnies to deliver our eggs. We also returned to our favourite pub quiz – stumbling in bloated and content as it was the final destination of our Pudding Plod.

It was finally time to say some goodbyes over food (as all good socials should contain food somehow) at our Leavers Meal. We will be losing some very committed members at the end of this year (one of whom has returned each year for six years!) and we ensured to give them a good seeing off.

We rejoiced as our executive committee evolved over the term with the election of another 14% - a new Social Secretary! Though, seemingly, far more elation occurred at the installation of a “President’s Hat”. Our new Social Sec led us through our final social of the term: Outdoor Games. Where our nostalgia for primary school sports’ days met a love of Harry Potter, and a keen interest in making ourselves look a bit silly! Through sack, skipping, and egg and spoon races; we

hopped, skipped and... balanced(?) our way to victory. The deciding round was, of course, Quidditch. Several confused players, a banged head and a black eye later... we collapsed in a bar to call it a day!

Finally, we have just returned from our annual Summer Camp. This year it was held at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe. We enjoyed a day at Bowland Wild Boar Park – filled with cooing over lots of baby animals and a few sneaky goes on play equipment definitely not designed for adult bodies in denial. As well as our trip, we wandered into Clitheroe for shops and a look round the castle, and completed our days with good old SSAGO-style campfires.

### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!

As we reach this time of year, we look to the summer which (although we might not all be together) will be as jam-packed as always. Shi T – our beloved mascot – will be taking trips abroad to France for Roverway and, of course, Germany for Witan. Meanwhile, in good old Blighty, our members will continue to volunteer on camps and events for the organisations we so love.

Thanks for reading!!

## Highlight

## Summer Plans

## Local Engagement

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# Leeds



## Club Activity

Post Feb rally - all the fun with the minibus getting a bit of a scratch.. It took far too long to sort out a scratch and far too much money too, not fun...

BUT after this was sorted out for Founder's day we had a lovely curry! Who doesn't love a good curry?! Then our Give It A Go Campfire at Hunter's Greave Scout Campsite - wet wood doesn't lead to an easy fire, but well worth the warmth! Trampolining at Jump-Arena with "flipping" good fun! (see what I did there). Then all the super awesome party fun Leeds Northern Lights Ball times! Post ball relaxing included our AGM and committee handover and a BBQ! The BBQ was great and caused food babies all round, but occurred the day after the 3 good days of sunshine and involved some soggy bread..

## Highlight

Trampolining at Jump Arena, so much fun between jumping, gymnastics, dodgeball and flipping into a foam pit! It was flipping great! (Caution pun fully intended)

## Summer Plans

Early June: Reunion Camp for all current and former LUUSAG members at Hunter's Greave Scout Campsite, Leeds. Lots of fire and fun with cracking weather! Yes we get good weather in the north!!

Mid June: A summer camp to Switzerland and all its lovely mountainous glory!

## Local Engagement

Contributed to various Scouting and Guiding groups, some with one or two members, others fully ran by LUUSAG members. Chris the lovely SSAGO Rep, or average SSAGO rep, went to a Scouting District Meeting after being invited by the DC!

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# Leicester

## Club Activity

Since Bristol Rally in February SLUGS have been up to a wide variety of things! We've gone to a pub quiz or two and even won one. SLUGS have also branched out a little running our first bar crawl for a couple of years with challenges based on various Beaver badges including communication (for best tweets) and teamwork. Other weekly meetings have also included a SLUGS Olympics, a trip to Bradgate Park as well as the compulsory film and food nights. SLUGS have also been bag packing this semester raising £250 to help with the running costs of the society.

## Highlight

This year has also been an impressive year for Leicester with a record number of people attending a SSAGO event since Simon joined in 2007. We had an impressive 12 members attending UWE's Rally and 11 partying in Leeds.

## Summer Plans

## Local Engagement

## Awards

In addition to this we were also nominated for Common Interest Group of the Year at the Leicester Student Union Awards. Unfortunately we lost but the fact we were nominated is an area of pride for the outgoing committee.

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# Loughborough

## Club Activity



### 1. Committee Changes

Voted in new committee at the scogui agm in February, following the ssago agm.

New committee is as follows:

Chair: Frances Stephens

Vice Chair: Giyeun Ma

Treasurer: Laura Mallinson

Secretary: Umber Zareen

Quartermaster: Will Farrar

Publicity Officer: Alex Hawkins

Freshers Rep: Toni Ibronki

Liaisons: Unfilled

The University is trying to bring in Online Elections held on a certain date, SCOGUI was one of two societies to still use a paper ballot. The reason for this is cited as making it easier for the societies officer to input the data, and get all the committee with the correct positions.

The reason we gave was because we needed to tie our elections in with the SSAGO elections (we have it in our constitution that we need to have our elections after the SSAGO ones – this is to avoid clashes of committees with people on national and as representatives in their own club committees.) We suspect that they will continue to encourage us to go online. It is felt that this should not be an issue as long as we can set the dates. For simplicity we may have to revert to a paper ballot to ensure our constitution is met. A consultation and vote on the future of this will be proposed at the SGM in October.

### 2. Tuesday Activities

Of course this term we have continued to undertake Tuesday Activities aiming to make them as varied as possible to attract and retain members. Some of the highlights of this period have been:

- Ant's Aqueducts: Challenge to make aqueducts out of newspaper and sticky tape, this had very good results.
- Ready Steady Cook : All of the random food was brought by members and then we divided into two teams to cook a selection of random culinary delights: Melon and bacon; cockles, noodles, day lily, bacon and tomato ragout; melon, biscuit and condensed milk castles.
- Vegetable Musical Instruments: every had a go at making a trombone out of a carrot, and a bell pepper. The trick is you need a brass player to produce a rather good tune.
- Axes and skills night: A couple of local explorers came to a Tuesday night and ran a skills night for the club to show the safe care and use of the SCOGUI fire making equipment.
- Light Painting: Fun using as many different ways of making lights and using long exposure cameras to make pretty pictures.
- Silly Games: A must of every term to help with the relaxation around exam time.

There are many other nights but this has been just a small selection of the highlights of the term.

On the 12th Jan 2016 we did have an incident where one of our members fell over and broke his ankle. This resulted in a trip to hospital and the member requiring surgery. A full incident report was submitted to the Students Union and to the SSAGO Secretary. Following on from this the member has made a good recovery and has finished all his hospital appointments. No further action required.

### 3. Special Events

Since November we have run Night hike ; Christmas dinner; camping barn; program selling and festival clean up.

- Night Hike: This was run at Sutton Bonnington (on the 5th – 6th March) for all the Loughborough scouts and guides. We had 45 participants and 45 leaders and organisers. The event went well and there no incidents. It has been decided where the next night hike will be run and a person has been identified to supervise the next Night Hike. They were involved in the organisation of this one.

- Christmas dinner: a smaller event than usual held at Goodlives in Loughborough Town Centre. It was good and enjoyed by all.

- Camping barn: 4 members went to Camping Barn on the 13th – 15th May 2016, held at John's Lee Wood Campsite. It was a relaxing Camp, completed with lots of work on skills and of course a hike. We had a good fire and enjoyed many a game.

- Program selling: We have attended a number of events – Historic Cars, Superbikes, Cholmondeley Power and Speed, and British Touring Cars (Donnington) where we have sold programmes. Depending on availability of the driver we have either driven or taken the bus. We have a number of other programme sellings planned – F1 at Silverstone, Game Fair at Ragley Hall and Moto GP (Donnington)

Paperwork has been lax regarding the stuff needed for the Union and this has been addressed. The Vice Chair has been given guidance and since she has gone home for Summer, responsibilities have been handed over to Laura Mallinson.

- Download Festival clean up- we got stuff!!!!!! 6 members went to help Ethical Festival to salvage kit from Download Festival. This year we went to get kit for local groups and not much for SCOGUI as we have plenty of kit now. Kit will be sent to the Loughborough Town Explorers, and group of Fire Cadets and 10th (Baxtergate) Loughborough Guides.

#### 4. Other Stuff

- Union Constitution: SCOGUI went through and made a number of grammatical and spelling changes to it. This was appreciated and it was voted through at the Societies AGM.

- Container – we have a container!!!!!! Will replace garage storage. Its blue. Dodgy foundations?

Space has been found behind the Union for SCOGUI to have a shipping Container. This was confirmed at the beginning of May. Discussion was then raised to sort out a base for it and ensure the site was suitable. The container was ordered on 1st June. It arrived on site at 16:20 on the 15th June. It cost £2256. This is partially funded (£1000) by the students Union. SCOGUI have paid the rest. SCOGUI will be sorting out the movement of kit and shelving in September the week before term starts. We also intend to Sign Write it in September.

- Membership nos. : We currently have around 15 members who turn up regularly but we are losing a number this year hence our publicity campaign needs to be particularly active this year.

- STASH- pain in the proverbial to sort, got it now. Committee stash is pink! It was suggested that the person on the other end of our go outdoors e-mails needs to be creatively dispatched due to the fact that 108 e-mails were sent to him before we got an answer. The palava regarding stash continued as the place where the stash was being printed was filled with propane gas by the workshop next door, hence we had to wait for this to be vented before the t-shirts could be finished.

5. In summary SCOGUI has been as busy as usual. We are still undertaking a fun and diverse range of activities to keep members interested. It has been a mad two terms and many good memories have been made this year, (as well as the chair's hair turning brown – she's blond)

## Highlight

## Summer Plans

## Local Engagement



# Manchester



## Club Activity

Weekly socials have continued throughout the term. We held a joint camp with the newly formed Liverpool SSAGO after Easter, which was very successful. The new committee has taken over and is carrying on the business of the club for the coming year.

## Highlight

Our summer camp was an excellent week as ever. Despite some less than desirable weather we had an excellent week. The highlight of the camp would have to be our paddling pool, which surely is an inspired decision and now a required item of camp kit.

## Summer Plans

We have been away for the week prior to rally, travelling to Youlbury Scout Activity Centre before coming down to Bournemouth for rally. This was a most successful week. In addition, a contingent from Manchester will be attending Witan in August, which we look forward to greatly.

## Local Engagement

We continue to see a number of our members act as leaders for local groups, although we haven't as a club been involved in the running of any events recently.

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# Manchester

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## Summer Plans

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## Local Engagement

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## Awards

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# Newcastle University Student Scout and Guide Group



## Club Activity

In May we elected a new committee at our AGM in Flares and voted to allow Northumbria University students to join the group. As we are a relatively new group, we began having socials around once a month from January so that members could get to know each other and make plans to develop the group further.

## Highlight

Getting to know members of the Durham group through Midmad and Outdoor.

## Summer Plans

Unfortunately not due to problems with the accounts.

## Local Engagement

All members that want to volunteer with a group are and we plan to run an event for local Guiding/Scouting groups next academic year when we gain more members.

## Awards

No.

## Suggestions

No.



# Nottingham

## Club Activity

We were quite active before the exam season started with bamboo catapults, a film night, games night and the much-anticipated cocktail crawl which was eventful to say the least!

Since the exam season finished we have been on our summer camp to Eaton Vale in Norwich where we had some lovely weather and many people got rather burnt on our day trip canoeing the Norfolk Broads. We also did onsite activities where we crate stacked and glass sledged to varying success.

With term coming to an end here in Nottingham we are looking forward to the summer ahead and the scouting and guiding activities our members are taking part in, including trips to Finland's Jamboree Roihu, our Alumni camp and much more.

## Highlight

Our highlight of the academic year... How can you ask us to pick just one?!

## Summer Plans

We are off to Roihu - the Finnish Jamboree at the end of July! We will also have our Alumni reunion camp (for current and old members) in August

## Local Engagement

Throughout the year, we have placed students into local units of both Scouting and Guiding, using the links which we have built up over many years previous and continue to keep strong links. We have also been invited to hold stalls at local Scouting events in the coming year.

## Awards

Our President Amy was also highly commended for an SU award for individual contribution to a society and we are very proud of her for that.

## Suggestions

(n.b. We had previously submitted our club report via email several times weeks ago - we didn't realise the system had changed)

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# Plymouth University Guides and Scouts



## Club Activity

We have had a lot of really fun socials this we have gone bowling, had some epic fancy dress socials and played some games in the rain on the hoe. We were unfortunately unable to hold a summer/handover camp as every campsite in a twenty mile radius was booked so instead we had an end of year meal which was lots of fun.

## Highlight

PLUGS have had a fun final term. We were nominated for society of the year and I was nominated for president of the year. We were very proud of this as not only were we shortlisted to the top five out of 120+ societies but we are one of the smallest societies in the student union.

## Summer Plans

## Local Engagement



# Portsmouth

## Club Activity

This year Portsmouth SSAGO (PUGS) have been doing our best to have a range of activities this year and to meet on a weekly basis. This year we had a grand total of 23 members!! While we are still a smaller group, our numbers remain on a slow increase, something we are looking at kick-starting for next year.

As for activities, we have tried to merge student and scouting activities to cater for everyone's tastes. These range from pub crawls and helping cubs, to clubbing and Play Zone. An activity was going to the newly opened trampoline centre, where there are trampolines covering the floor and you just jump around.

## Highlight

The Christmas meal was a well-received event, it was at our resident pub and we had a great turnout with lots of lovely food.

## Summer Plans

We are going to Dino Rally, RAAAAAAAAAAAAWWWWWWWWW

## Local Engagement

Two of our members got involved with a local cub group and the society helped run some nights. We are looking to do more like it.

## Awards

Each year we apply for a grant from our union to help our society grow and cater for the increasing number of people who need equipment. This year we got 2 new tents, a 2 and 3 berth. This was to replace our leaking 3 berth, something the fresher's didn't like too much, and to allow us to take smaller groups camping if required, as the next smallest was a 5 berth which was not fun to be in with 2 people.

## Suggestions

Nope



# Reading

## Club Activity

Run a pub crawl social alongside the uni's Mountaineering Society and Loddon Network, we also did the union's pub quiz a couple of times. We ended the term with an end of year BBQ. The hand over process took place immediately as the new committee was a re-jigged version of the old one with the addition of a first year as the new secretary.

## Highlight

For the first time we attended a Rally at Cardiff and then had members attend both Bristol and Dino rally's later on in the year. This was a great success when compared to previous form.

## Summer Plans

Sadly none at the moment however we are looking at the possibility of attending Intense toward the end of the summer holiday

## Local Engagement

As a product of the Network re-boot we have been introduced to Loddon (Cerberus) Network who have just started and are looking at what we can do with them. Also a good number of our members have begun or continued to help out at the local scout and guide units.

## Awards

Nope.

# Sheffield Hallam Students Union Guides & Scouts



## Club Activity

We started off the term by having a social of a bar crawl, where we started off near uni and made it through many pubs as possible before admitting defeat and ended up in bed with pizza. We then had two competitive events of Bowling and a Photo challenge. Then an impressive 9 of us headed up to Leeds for ball!! We had our AGM at the beginning of April where we managed to have people apply for President, Sectary, and Membership Rep, as a result of not filling all the positions we will be having to have another vote at the begging of next term. Handover shortly followed with the new committee plus Anna having a meeting with the union to sign documents, followed by yummy food. We also had a walk in the peaks and a climbing night with help from two fellow Stings. The end of year meal went down a treat with all you can eat food followed by a wander to the pub after for a few good bye drinks. During the exam/end of term time, we had a board games night and pub lunch to allow people to relax for an hour or two before hitting the books again. Then an impressive 10 of us attended our unis society ball.

## Highlight

Our Parachute drop event had one of the largest turn outs all year, and was enjoyed a lot by everyone that took park. We also had a really good turnout at SSAGO events this year at Rally's and Ball.

As well as a new committee we also introduced R.O.N our new Mascot and he's become much loved by members and all his fellow mascots.

## Summer Plans

Other than attending Dino rally, HUGS has no summer plans!

A few individuals are helping out at Gilwell 24.

## Local Engagement

There are a handful of members that help to lead at local Scout/Guide groups.

## Awards

Other than winning the group fancy dress competition at Feburally, HUGS also won Society of the Month award in February.

## Suggestions

Make this document easier to insert a dinosaur thing so we don't flop on the SSAGO guarantee made by the new sectary during our AGM. (it can be found on the picture it was the only possible way!!)

But on a serious note, a welcome pack with guidelines for new committee, as well as a guide for rally as the rally committee were unsure where to start.

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# Solent SSAGO



## Club Activity

This spring term has been jam-packed with SSAGO excitement for Solent University. In February we attended the volunteering fayre and saw our membership increase once again. Event-wise there has been a wide range of socials for our members to enjoy ranging from our standard pub meets to beach parties to ski slope donutting. In March we held a joint games night social for Southampton SSAGO which was popular. We also ventured into the heart of the New forest for our first ever camp, which was really successful and lots of fun. We went geocaching (otherwise known as getting lost in the New Forest), did pioneering, whittled some homemade bows and arrows, played Frisbee golf and of course spent the evening around a campfire!

4 of our members are looking forward to attending Dino Rally this weekend.

## Highlight

## Summer Plans

## Local Engagement

## Awards

We ended the term on a high by winning the 'Best Newcomer Society' SU award.

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# Southampton SSAGO



## Club Activity

Shortly after rally we headed off to winter camp where despite challenging and icy conditions we all made it to the top of Snowdon, a feat we were all very proud of. The next day most of us opted for a quieter day meeting up with Bangor in the morning then heading to the welsh mountain zoo before heading back on the long journey home!

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Following this we had our annual cocktail party and had good fun making sock monkeys. A couple of Southampton members went to ball but most of us chose to have a more active weekend joining up with Hampshire network as they invaded playzone. We had a number of SSAGO members joining up with network to attend IOW revolution and this might be something we want to look into attending as a club in the future.

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After the Easter Holidays we held our EGM, electing Faye to the vacant position of Guide Liaison and electing our international committee for our trip next year (because with rally over soon we don't want to be without any working groups!), Work has already begun preparing for this with questionnaires about location and activities being circulated and a current quest to find an activities coordinator.

Socials always begin to slow down at this time of year with exams looming but we managed to make and sell some mugs for a small profit at our students union (Who's name change from SUSU (Southampton university student's union) to Us. (Union Southampton.) has been the main talk of the last term). As well as walks, quiz and curry, BBQs and a picnic. With rally right around the corner there was no time to sit back after exams were over and we were straight off to Bournemouth planning the treasure hunt. We then just managed to squeeze in a pub crawl and committee meeting before heading to summer camp (needless to say it was a couple of hectic days!)

We (hopefully) managed to make summer camp a nice combination of action packed and relaxing, interspersing out days with onsite days on the Isle of Wight. Due to other commitments it was a fairly small camp Southamptonwise with only 15 members attending, but this did mean that we fitted nicely in one minibus (although even with a roof rack it was rather packed on the way there and back!). We stayed at corf campsite and once we had all the tents up we went to get the food shop which everyone seemed to be keen to come on. Having organised the kitchen into chilled, ambient food, ambient non-food and ambient nibbly nobally (we had a lot of nibbly nobbies at the site) we finished the day with chicken Korma and a campfire including a nice rendition of bob the builders big fish little fish leading on to Nail in the wall- bish bash bosh it become the shout of the camp. Day 2 and we started off with a ride on the steam trains followed by the old tube trains that form the "main line" on the island. Having arrived at shanklin it was time for a treasure hunt which after getting a bit lost everyone seemed to enjoy, back on the trains and tonight was corn beef hash before campfire number 2. A walk to the needles was the order of day 3 and the views and weather were spectacular though we were a bit tired following this and after the efforts of mince hotpot and camp doughnuts it was just few games before bed. But we made up for the lack of campfire the next day, having one going all day whilst we cooked cheese and ham puff followed by pizza. Final full day and we made it count with a trip to carisbrooke castle and a BBQ on the beach before returning for the biggest campfire yet as we tried to get in all the practise ready for rally. Then it was time to head home once the tents were down and we spent a bit of time at fort victoria playing werewolf (if in doubt kill Karen she's seemed to be a werewolf most of the time). Back to Southampton and final preparations for rally time!

## Highlight

summer camp

## Summer Plans

not currently aside witan we're hoping to organise some things in the coming weeks

## Local Engagement

a number of members as unit leaders and helpers. We had a large number of members at district camp and have been trying to maintain good links with the local Network and senior section

## Suggestions

I don't like this form it break everything up and makes it much more formal and not like a nice story as we always wrote it before. Also a bit more notice on reps agenda would be helpful so it can be discussed with members not attending rally. National exec seem much more friendly and approachable than a few years ago though which is nice

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# SSAGO UEA



## Club Activity

This term we were approved as a society by our student union! We've formulated a committee and we have begun to discuss our ideas and plans ready for the next academic year. We officially launch as a society from September, and so will have more to talk about next year!

## Highlight

Being approved as a society and getting started! We're all very excited to bring SSAGO to UEA next term.

## Summer Plans

We don't have anything planned as a club this summer as we've not yet got our members registered! Our President Sophie is on a Girl Scout Camp in America and it looks like she's having a fabulous time!

## Local Engagement

Several of our committee members are involved with units in Norwich, and we hope to get involved as a club with local Guiding and Scouting as we launch!

# Swansea University Guides and Scouts



## Club Activity

Since our 2015/16 AGM where our new Committee was elected, we have celebrated St Patrick's Day with an Irish themed social event, we have linked with a local business in order to provide an evening of cocktail making and tasting and we have held our Annual Summer Camp at Silver Cross Scout Camp. At this camp, we took part in Tomahawking and Archery and had plenty of bonfires and other activities throughout the weekend. This was also where the handover took place. Throughout the term, we have also offered regular meetings with members in our Campus coffee shop/pub to relax, especially during the lead up to exams.

## Highlight

The highlight has to be the successful Summer Camp in which our handover took place. Although slightly damp, it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The activities that were provided by the Campsite were enjoyed by all participants and it was a great opportunity to get to know all the members and relax after a busy year.

## Summer Plans

N/A

## Local Engagement

Over half our society members now work, as leaders, with local Scout and Girl Guiding groups to ensure they are supported and can still operate and provide young people with great opportunities.

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# University of Bristol Guides and Scouts



## Club Activity

Our newly formed club has been up to so many bits and bobs across the year! We have done many adventurous things such as orienteering with the university orienteering club, scavenger hunts, penny hikes and geocaching across Clifton Downs. SAGUWE has been an amazing help this year, inviting our smaller group to a Burns night celebration, Airhop trampolining and even pitting their wits against ours in an incredibly heated pub quiz. Many of our members have joined them at such camps as feburally and the recent Avon Jamboree. To end the year we had a great feast at our BBQ on The Downs which provided a perfect way to wind down at the end of the year.

As for handover, we had our AGM on the 14th of April where we elected our new committee and discussed matters related to future camps and how to ensure the well-being of our members at events.

## Highlight

Definitely gaining official membership to SSAGO! There were many ups and downs when producing this society and to have a core group of members attending most events is brilliant.

A personal favourite event was geocaching. It was lovely and sunny. The group worked together efficiently to solve the puzzles and navigate the field and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, the laughs and turning their tongues odd colours during a well sought after ice cream break.

## Summer Plans

Some of our members are looking forward to joining SAGUWE at Dino-rally in Southampton this weekend. Our society has built some strong bonds with their members and are looking forward to making more memories with them.

Our committee are already planning what to do next year to gain new members and plan amazing events so I'm sure a good portion of the summer will be spent making banners and posters to awe freshers.

## Local Engagement

We have many members who help at local guides and scouts groups across Bristol. Both our local division contacts have been great at matching up members with groups who need volunteers and hopefully we will be able to provide more volunteers next year.

An event that gave us great recognition from the local scouts and guides community was the Avon Jamboree. Our members ran a quidditch stand with SAGUWE and SAGE where they spent hours in the sun, running match after match with good spirit and a lot of laughs.

## Awards

In the space of a few months our society was reborn and gained both recognition from national SSAGO and the student union for Bristol University. It took a lot of work from the previous committee who have set high standards for events and commitment to the society.

## Suggestions

At the moment we have no issues.

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# University of Sheffield



## Club Activity

hopefully fix this for next year we have decided to review our publicity material and to try to get new flags, banners, leaflet and business cards. This will hopefully help with publicity and getting noticed and will help get new members.

After this we cracked on with regular weekly activities including These activities included bowling, mini pioneering, stop motion animation (you may have seen our Chicken/Bee run video) and climbing. We also did some joint events with Hallam and have decided to try to strengthen our bonds with them next year and do many more joint activities.

At Easter we did our annual walking weekend. We decided to go to the peak district and climb Kinder Scout. We were also joined by a few old members of stings. Bit of advice don't climb Kinder Scout, it's very muddy, very VERY muddy. Like you spend half the day at least knee deep in thick mud and peat bog. It is ridiculous how muddy it is up there. See the picture below. Still great fun though and would thoroughly recommend (ignore earlier bit about not doing it). And it didn't snow unlike the previous two years.

After Easter we had AGM and elected a new committee. Our new publicity officer is useless and doesn't know how to use social media, the internet, or technology in general. Our new secretary is very short and annoying. We have a new position of quarter master. Our president is loved by everyone. And our new treasurer and SSAGO rep is amazing, Handsome and brilliant at his job.

Once we had a new committee we did several activities including a film night involving a lot of minions and we tried to organize archery as we've got a member who has been trained to run archery for years and he's leaving this year. We didn't manage it and it's become a running joke that we will eventually (i.e. never) do archery. We finished the year of with a BBQ which being in summer you would assume the weather would be good. We were wrong and ended up with an inside BBQ but there was lots of food so everybody was happy

## Highlight

### Summer Plans

### Local Engagement

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