

Full Committee Meeting
Saturday 15th February
The Bear Rally, Oaks in Charnwood Campsite
Loughborough, The Midlands.

Meeting Start: 10.00 am

1. People Present:

Martin Whelan – Chair
Hannah Watts – Secretary
Graham Johnson – Treasurer
Susie Howells – Members Officer
James Child – Publicity

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| Stephen – Leeds | Marcus – Sheffield | Nicki – Bristol |
| Ella – Lancaster | Linda – Warwick | Andy – Cardiff |
| Ruth – Leicester | John – Birmingham | Helen – Nottingham |
| Phil – Slugs | Allie – Bath | Liz – Indie (Sussex) |
| Nicholas - Indie | Helen - Southampton | Tom - LufBra |
| Helen – Manchester | Hayley - Northampton | Andrew – Indie (Hull) |
| Hannah - UCE | | |

No apologies were received

2. Martin

Welcomed all present.

Explained his visit to HQ in December to discuss problems at the ULALA rally and subsequent formal complaint. As a result all activities must be completed under joint activity rules. If there is no rule HQ must be contacted. Banned activities of either association are not allowed in SSAGO e.g. Paintballing or Laserquest. The need for home contacts was reinforced. If members go away for more than 4 nights a permission to camp form must be submitted. A rally counts as a large-scale event and needs special permission from GGUK and SA. The permission is site specific. If a non-ssago member is present at a rally they must be invited by the ssago chair or rally chair, and then only if they are a former member. How to run a rally will be updated. There will be new common rules for everyone over 18 soon.

Martin apologised for his time out over the year and thanked the exec. WE now have a prettier website, a copy of ssago news and 2 articles in Scouting.

3. Susie

Ensured everyone had received a registration form.

4. James – ULALA

The complaint received was not the fault of the organisers. The relevant parties were emailed. More than 200 people attended and it went all right.

5. Graham

Thanked James for his ULALA organisation and requested that any bad feeling regarding the event was put aside.

6. OUSGG – The cost of the Oxford Rally 4th - 6th July

The camping costs are high but a higher price would benefit everyone and they wished that no one would be put off by the price. Will be discussed at AGM.

7. Simon – Bear Rally

Requested to know if everyone was having fun and wished to inform the meeting that he had slept in the close proximity of 7 females the night before.

8. AGM and Constitution

As soon after 10am as possible tomorrow. Agenda is available.

A final draft of the constitution is available. It will be proposed tomorrow Martin hoped it would be passed. Honorary membership has been added. Martin informed the reps about the exec positions and the 2 non-elected roles. All rally bids and Nominations to be in by 9am.

9. Queries

a. a. The new Scout programme and SSAGO

There have been concerns raised about Networks in unions. It is the choice of the club and it should be a democratic decision. There is an issue with the involvement of the Guides.

Linda (Warwick): Joint SSAGO and Network events would run under Joint rules as discussed.

Tristan (Oxford): Enquired about the policy of Networks and Rallies. It would be possible to attend a rally if a Network represented a union. Local Nets could be invited but resources must be taken into account.

Tom (Scogui): If someone could afford £20 to join the Network then they could afford £2 for SSAGO.

10. AOB:

Graham wished to explain the financial situation. On 7-2-02 it was £1345.63 in the current account and £4030.31 in the business one. This is for loans to rallies and the development fund. At the close of the financial year there was -£525.85 however this money is in next years account. We lost money on the SSAGO holiday.

A member asked Graham why he appeared to be sporting representations of female anatomy. He assured those present that all would be revealed later in the weekend.

James wished to inform members that he was trying to redesign the posters and that he would willing give away what was in the back of his van. He also has Moot posters.

SAGGA cost £4 to join. It is the Grad version of SSAGO. Sarah Norton is it's representative.

Minibus drivers were reminded to hand their forms in.

CRB would be explained (again) at the AGM.

Martin wished everyone to know he now had to cook lunch. Ahhhhhhhhhh

Meeting Closed: 11.12 am

Next Meeting: AGM.

Bath University Guides & Scouts

Well here is what we've been up to since our visit to Yorkshire:-

In December we went to a Ceilidh (yep that's a barn dance with a few more steps) in Bristol where we managed to get the hang of every dance (well nearly) and even managed to confuse some of the other dancers by changing sex partway through a dance! A week later we met up with UBGas for a friendly game of Quasar.

Then it came the time for Avon Scouts to publicise the new Scout program so a representative (that would be me) was sent to ensure that SSAGO and BUGS were known in the county of Avon. I shined my shoes and travelled to Bristol where I smiled and said in as many different ways as I could think of "SSAGO is wonderful" and I also made people eat scores of sandwiches.

Before Christmas we had an evening where copious amounts of mince pies were both made and eaten and then Webster took some of us out for the day to the Wye valley. We celebrated Christmas in style in February with an Italian meal and several evenings this term have been spent playing silly games, making and drinking cocktails and preparing costumes for the Bear Rally. We have also spent an evening emulating Blue Peter using paint, tissue paper, newspapers and wallpaper paste, I'm yet to see the results!

Plans for the rest of this year include the traditional egg rolling, a treasure hunt in London and a walking weekend.

See you all at the Bear rally

Allie

The University of Birmingham Scouts and Guides [BUSAG]

BUSAG seems not to have lost too many Freshers (so far) and it's pretty much business as usual. Apart from our 'feature' events we always have many larks at our weekly lunchtime meetings – ideal for eating, gossip, insults and sometimes a bit of planning! At the end of last term we went Laser-Questing with UCE, and sampled the culinary delights of various members in their varied dwellings during our Progressive Meal. We finished off by attempting to seem cultured by going to the University Carol Service, some even attempting to sing (but the effort was too much so we had to go to the pub afterwards!).

Over New Year, some of us went for a long weekend with our Past Members to Snowdonia, which was rather chilly, and there were varying levels of interest in, and actual ability to, walk to the summit of Snowdon in slightly dubious conditions, as well as the usual pottering around in tea-shops and outdoorsy places. So with the New Year welcomed in by partying, drinks and silly games (mostly induced by the drink) the spring term started.

Our first activity the public entertainment that is ice-skating, as usual some people were good and some were, well, not quite so good. Although the Christopher Dean's amidst our ranks found this hilarious, strangely enough the less proficient didn't quite see the funny side until after reflection once the cuts, bruises and damage to one's pride had healed.

One evening went to a pub, (well there is a surprise) but not just any pub –oh no! This pub trip involved a train ride and walk to a Pie Factory (and a crawl and a train ride

back we think, no one can seem to remember) – a pub specialising a particular kind of food, where we found out just how much some members could eat! Due to a lack of planning, and DofE poaching all our members, a visit to a comedy club was abandoned in favour of going to the cinema to see ‘Chicago’ and do our own chorus line on the platform of Five Ways Station. Yet we have not forgotten DofE daring to have their meeting on the night we picked, especially after the conflict at Freshers’ Fair (their stand was better than ours), so let the hostilities commence! Lastly, we had the perennial ‘favourite’ that is Ready Steady Cook (with an interesting soup, and something which looked rather intriguing. John asked whether it was made from dog food and Steve called it a ‘Hash Cake’, one only hopes this was a slip of the tongue); and of course the next big thing is the Loughborough Rally to which we are taking a mighty 11 members! So after being badly let down by the weather in Leeds, especially after some had packed their bathing costumes and sun tan, we are hoping for better in February.

Coming soon we have our Annual Meal, which we hold once a year surprisingly, and the AGM. So with cunning plans, deviousness, vote rigging and fiendish double crossing it should be something interesting to look forward to.

Steve Streatfield (and to a greatly lesser extent John Ward)

Cambridge Report

CUSAGC is entering its 50th year with one of the highlights of the year being our Renunion where CUSAGCers from across the generations will be heading back to their student roots. Unfortunately our current chair and social secretary are not going to attend because they seem to think throwing confetti is much more important - so good luck to Simon and Catherine!

At Christmas 5 CUSAGCers were to be found in the dust of Thailand. They managed to leave unscathed but then one fell foul of a sand dune in the UAE and nearly broke her nose as she Colin McRaed her 4wd. Though I doubt it'll get mentioned in Scouting!

The rest of CUSAGC invaded a bunkhouse in the Lakes and went for winter walkies the weather, wine and wingeing (i mean discussion) were all in plentiful supply.

This term sees the usual, Formal Halls, Photo Orienteering and general social events of the term. Forward is our big service event and is being run at the beginning of March.

For easter CUSAGC are hoping to joining the SSAGO contingent at the National Netwrok event in the Lakes.

YiSaG

Pam

Cardiff Club Report Spring 2003 – Loughborough Rally

SSAGS has once again been unbelievably active since the last rally in Leeds which about 17 of our members attended. There has been the usual plethora of events – pub meetings, a pool night and nights out in the Union as well as the more varied ideas. Coming up we are attempting to run our own ‘Scrapheap Challenge’, a games night (the old scout variety not sports!!) and a fundraising quiz night.

On the activity front we are doing exceptionally well this term with not only a well attended Winter Camp in Chepstow but also climbing trips, a skiing afternoon and hopes of carrying out a bit of site service at one of the local Scout sites. Over the summer there are members off to Norjam (as organised by our own fair Social sec.), Norway (organised by one of our members) and several smaller events.

SSAGS continues to play a large part in Guiding and Scouting around Cardiff with many members acting as leaders, helpers and advisors within the County/Division. Further afield we are forging links with Swansea’s SSAGO with future joint events planned, initially a trip to their famous Mumbles Mile. Our members are also keen International players and Christmas saw two of them off gallivanting around the world. Let us just hope that all this activity continues for the rest of the year.

Durham University Scout And Guide Group

Term Report – February 2003

Since the last report.... DUSAGG have tried (and failed) to get lost in the Durham countryside on Blind drop, gone wet *and* wild in Newcastle (well, near Newcastle), enjoyed lots of food and socials, gone go-karting, rounding off last term with a cinema trip and Christmas dinner. Some people made the journey down to Leeds for the SSAGO Rally, and by all accounts, had a good time.

The beginning of this term has seen letterboxing (nothing to do with Royal Mail), a gentle walk, pizza and Big Event – an overnight at Ashness bridge. A new experience for DUSAGG occurred when we actually won the pub quiz! Another new experience of Re-freshers fayre was more disappointing.

In terms of liasons events, DUSAGG (always keen to help and play with radios), have helped at a beaver and cub chillout day and Confido (a county scout camp). Midnight madness this year was entered by many scout and explorer teams, including one from outside the Durham area. We are already starting to think about Outdoor Scout and Indoor Scout/Morson Trophy – incident hikes for local scouts / guides, (without a hike, in the case of Indoor Scout/Morson Trophy).

We won’t see you at the rally as it’s Frostie that weekend – a county cub camp where we’ll be on the security team. AGM is fast approaching, so a sparkly new exec will take over soon!

ere's Lancaster SSAGOs club report for you:

After attending our first rally last term we were all exhausted but we had enjoyed a new experience. It was good to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Since then we've been to the Carleton (a night club in Morecambe) in Scout and Guide fancy dress- we certainly drew attention to ourselves! Another social we did was playing aeroball- that was good fun!

We had a Christmas meal at the end of term at one of the local pubs. Many members came and we ate, drunk and were merry. After the meal we went on to a club and danced the night away!

After an enjoyable Christmas break, the university had organised a 'Re-Fresher's' Fair on Wednesday of the first week of this term so we went along and managed to get a few new members. Our first social was a post-Christmas party (we were gonna have it before Christmas but everyone was too busy). We played silly children's party games such as pass the parcel, musical statues, piñata and then twister later on when we'd drunk a bit more!

Our second social was a town bar crawl. Our social sec had cleverly ensured that we would all get VERY drunk by drawing up a golf bar crawl. We went to loads of bars (and walked round the whole of Lancaster whilst we were doing it!) and drunk disgusting combinations of alcohol. After spending a fortune we all went on to a club to drink a little more!

During our third social this term, we all brought along our CRB forms in order to get them checked by the local Scout District Commissioner. We then went on to play board games!

One of our priorities this term was to get our own t-shirts and hoodies, so we've put an order in so hopefully we'll have them for this rally!! We've got loads more things fun things planned for this term!!!!

Thanks
Nicky (Lancaster SSAGO rep)

Hi,
I won this time, right?

SLUGS report:

Everyone will be pleased to hear that SLUGS have now recovered from sleep deprivation and wrinkly fingers due to excessive washing up at the rally, and are now back to normal (or as normal as we get!).

We have discovered a new love of Italian food and Indian samosas to accompany our enthusiasm for alcohol, which has led to a couple of rather notorious nights!

Many of our members now regularly compete in a local pub quiz, and whilst we are yet to win, we have come close a few (ok, two) times.

We, as always, strive to do better.

cya at the rally,
Phil

Phil Coleman
SLUGS Chairman

Loughborough - SCOGUI

Well, what can I say? Apart from various trips to my favourite pub in Loughborough for skittles and our Christmas meal, we seem to have been fairly busy doing exams and the such-like, not to mention squeezing an improbably high number of students into a bedroom to watch the Rocky Horror Picture Show (with pizza). We've still got most of our members, so the club's pretty healthy, and I believe there was even an unofficial SCOGUI trip to Scarborough over the new year, and another time we escaped Loughborough (no it's nice really - it's Brum you have to escape) to Wisbech thanks to the lovely Warwick lasses (and lads).

Oh, and then we've been organising a rally as well (for those that hadn't noticed). I hope it's a good one.

Tom Martin, SCOGUI Liaison Bear

OUSGG Club report

We had an adventurous end to the term with both a night hike and a climbing evening featuring in our program. Our winter walking trip over New Year was possibly less adventurous, with the winter weather living up to the name of the trip, but the walking being less prominent! But I think a good time was had by all, exploring the delights of Bingley and surrounding area. New Year's Eve was made especially enjoyable by an impressive fireworks display put on by the people staying in the hut next to ours.

Our first meeting this term was a chance to catch up with those people who hadn't joined us at winter walking and to play amusing games, many of which were games enjoyed by brownies! Next meeting saw us visiting a swimming pool in Didcot that has more to offer in the way of slides and waves than local Oxford pools. Additionally there has been an increase of social events, including pub crawls, a ceilidh and a safari supper – a five course meal spread throughout Oxford. Also some of our members travelled up to Northampton to take part in the challenge evening that was organised. For the rest of the term we look forward to an evening of 'Signals' (Chinese whispers)

over 100's of metres – so I'm told) and the celebration of our mascot Erik the Pandas birthday – or as it is really, an excuse for us to eat loads of pancakes.

Finally plans for the Oxford Monopoly Rally are well under way. So remember keep 4th-6th July free and come to the Monopoly Rally!

Southampton SSAGO report

This term has been good, even though everyone's been stressing over exams. But we have got a number of activities planned for when they finish.

This term's activities are;

cinema trip - gangs of new york, very gory

indoor ski centre - we'll try not to break any bones

playzone - we'll pretend we're 5 again and play in the ball pool,

assault course and slides

pancake making evening - should be a laugh

video and pizza night - nuf said

curry and clubbing night - or clubbing then curry

And of course the Loughborough rally. At the moment we're taking 9 people and lots of blankets!

Our AGM is this term, so we'll have to elect a new committee from all the eager volunteers i.e. - see who we can bully into taking over!

In summary, the aims of this term are much the same as they are every term, do lots of activities and have lots of fun!

UCE SSAGG

Since September we have acquired several new members in our nutty scout and guide group who now actively participate in various activities and social events.

We meet every Tuesday night in one of the uni pubs to drink and chat, with the occasional moment of serious committee business if entirely necessary!

Last term saw us going to Quazar (which proved to be very competitive!), having a Christmas party where we played some very suspicious games, and attended the uni Snowball where we all looked very glam indeed! We also took a trip to the other side of town to spend the evening mingling with BUSAG in their union night club and got to know them much better.

We are still a very small club (creme de la creme!) but have been lucky enough to have the continued support of BUSAG and UCE Walking and Climbing Club who participated in some of the above events.

We look forward to this semester as we have plans to go bowling, ice skating, have a pizza and film evening and possibly undertake a service project.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL!!!!

Hannah Jennings (ssago rep - UCE).

Warwick:

As always we have seen slightly fewer members this term as people get busier and have exams and other distractions. We have continued to meet "on a weekly basis as a group of friends with a shared interest in Scouting and Guiding" as it says on our website. Socials this term have included a campfire, a trip to the Kenilworth Gang Show and a couple of bar socials.

By attending Le Rally and both Challenge evenings this year we have continued to meet members of SSAGO from around the country.

This term's joint camp with Loughborough Scogui was a great success - we stayed near Wisbech in Cambridgeshire and visited the seaside town of Hunstanton (where we went paddling in the sea!) as well as the Nene Valley Railway, once we'd all found it!

Future plans include helping to raise money for a local Gude unit which has just been started and as yet has no funding.