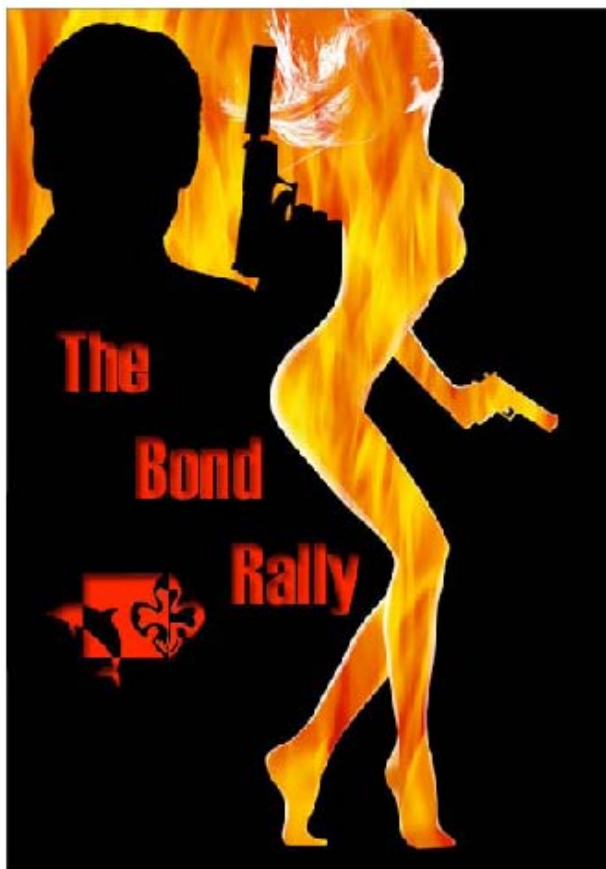


# 007 : The Bond Rally

19 - 21 Nov 2004 : Southampton SSAGO



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# NEWS

## ssago news - Summer 04

**The Hon. Mrs Betty St. Clair Clay CBE  
1917-2004  
Vice President, The Scout Association,  
Vice President (retired), Girlguiding UK**

A Memorial Service to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Betty Clay was held in Wells Cathedral, Somerset on Monday, 12th July 2004 at 2.30pm.

Betty was the youngest daughter of our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Olave Baden-Powell, and in her own life she gave inspiration and encouragement to thousands of Scouts and Guides around the world. She will be fondly remembered.

The Memorial Service was attended by family and friends, and by many people from Scouting and Guiding. The family is being supported in the arrangements by the national offices of The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK.

Ruth Smith attended on behalf of SSAGO. A report will be in the next issue.

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*Contact  
Ruth at:*

*secretary@  
ssago.org.  
uk*

# Meet the new Exec:

## Chair: Simon 'Helmet' Andrews

Simon, also known as 'Helmet' has been a member of SSAGO for many years. Currently studying for a PGCE at UWIC, he is also one of the characters of SSAGO.



Helmet expressed a wish to stay out of the rest of the Exec's way this year, speak freely and a wish to see volunteer work in clubs and at regional level as positive PR for SSAGO as a whole.

E-mail Helmet at:  
chairperson@ssago.org.uk

## Secretary: Ruth Smith

Ruth is also the vice-chair of SLUGS at Leicester. Ruth is responsible for the production of this second rate publication, she also writes all of the minutes and keeps to boys in check! Ruth is a 3rd year Arts Management student at DeMontfort University.



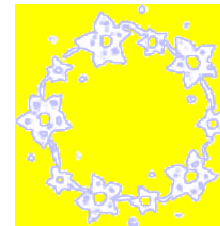
Ruth has recently re-entered the world of Guiding as a Unit Helper with a Rainbow Unit in Leicester.

E-mail Ruth at:  
secretary@ssago.org.uk

## Club Announcements:

Congratulations to all BUSAG members who are graduating, BUSAG and SSAGO wish them luck in the future!

A special mention John Ward, who got a 1st in BA History!



SLUGS would like to congratulate:  
**Phil 'Taff' Coleman** on his pending marriage to fiancée Susan on August 20th. We wish them all the happiness in the world!  
Love Squidgy and  
SLUGS x x

## STOP PRESS! SCOTTISH CLUBS ATTEND SPRING RALLY!

Scottish clubs **St Andrews** and **Aberdeen** both attended the Spring Rally in Lancaster and the Aberdeen contingent had this to report about the experience:

"We received stange looks from people as we strolled towards the station, well we were walking through a blizzard with a lot of camping kit on our backs... we muttered about how warm Lancaster would be. Upon arrival, having marked our spot with the Saltire (Scottish Flag), we were promptly asked why there were 2 bits of bog roll suspended between the trees!

We (with St Andrews) decided to put in a joint Scotland bid for next year's Spring Rally... only one problem, the English clubs were all complaining about the cold, except the weather in Lancaster was truly tropical."

**Aberdeen, SSAGO**

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## CAPTION COMPETITION

SUMMER '04

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## Treasurer:

### Mark Glendinning

Mark (aka Cherrymonster) is currently researching for a PhD in GeoEnvironmental engineering at Cardiff University. Mark is chairing the Great Welsh Rally Committee and is the webmaster for Cardiff SSAGS. Mark will mostly be writing cheques this year and sorting out new merchandise lines for SSAGO.



E-mail Mark at:  
treas@ssago.org.uk



## Members Officer:

### 'Medic' Mike Dixon

Mike inherits the members officer role in the turbulent time of CRB and membership restructuring. We wish him luck! Mike is a medical student at the University of Birmingham

E-mail Mike at: members@ssago.org.uk

## Publicity Officer:

### Marcus Coupe

Marcus is 3rd Year Chemical Engineering at Sheffield. Marcus is currently redesigning the SSAGO leaflets and posters... coming soon! Publicity this year will be boosted by a regularly updated website and word of mouth to units and through movement publications.

E-mail Marcus at:  
publicity@ssago.org.uk



**Scottish clubs... at  
a Rally?  
Get used to it!  
The Scottish  
Rally 2005  
coming soon.....**



## **SSAGO Constitutional Change**

The SSAGO Executive Committee has proposed the following constitutional change to be adopted at the Special Conference or EGM at the Great Welsh Rally at 9am Sunday 18th July 2004:

“3.4 Disclosure checks

a) Membership for individuals joining SSAGO or any affiliated club is conditional on completing a Criminal Records Bureau (or Scottish equivalent) check through the Scout Association

b) All members joining SSAGO and affiliated clubs should complete a Scout Association Criminal Records Bureau (or Scottish equivalent) check following the procedure outlines in the guidelines for SSAGO clubs produced by The Scout Association

c) Members of the Scout Association and/or Girl Guiding UK who have previously been checked are required to undertake a new CRB check on joining SSAGO as stipulated in 3.4b”

## **BUSAG help 2500 women raise money for Cancer Research UK**

A couple of weeks ago, we received an email asking for help with 'Race for Life', the annual event held all over the country for women to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The sports group who normally support this had dropped out at the last minute.

As so many people are affected by cancer, we made the decision that our club would offer to help. Out of our 20 active members, we managed to have 14 attend the event. We arrived at 4.30pm and helped with all the setting up. The women began arriving at 6pm, and we had our briefing to explain what would happen.

Once the race started, we manned the finish line and handed out all the freebies from the sponsors, as well as the medals. Some of our other members were acting as Marshals elsewhere on the 5km course.

After everyone had finished, we stayed to help pack everything away and left about 10.15pm. Our club hadn't done anything like this before, but we all had a really good time, and have hopefully helped the women raise a lot of money.

***Sarah Dowson***  
***BUSAG Chair***

**Has your club helped at local community  
events or with charity work? Let the exec  
know - positive marketing for SSAGO!**

## SOUTHAMPTON SSAGO INNOVATE!

Southampton SSAGO were approached by Girlguiding UK and asked to run a workshop on SSAGO at it's 2004 forum for young women – Innovate. As we at Southampton never miss the opportunity to publicise SSAGO (and 2 of us were going to Innovate anyway) this July, we packed our bags full of posters and leaflets and headed off to Winchester for a weekend full of hard-core discussion of association issues. However when I got there and discovered Friday night involved silly games and alcohol, I realised it was going to be a fun weekend after all.

Saturday morning's 'association workshops' allowed all of us young guiders to give our views (or vent our spleen) on a range of issues including GGUKs recruitment leaflets, attitudes to students and centenary celebrations. After a great lunch with lots of pudding (to implement the unwritten rule that all Guiders should be 'big boned') it was time for 'personal development'. Now I always thought personal development involved staying in bed watching This Morning, but apparently not. Workshops included salsa dancing, basic sign language, body shop makeovers and ultimate Frisbee. I took part in a workshop with the rather risqué name of 'suck, squeeze, bang and blow'. And no, it wasn't about a drunken encounter with a random at a SSAGO rally, it was about cars! As (according to a mechanic named Tony) 'suck, squeeze, bang and blow' is how an engine works.

SSAGO was part of a more informal session where Guider's had the chance to find out about a range of topics including The British Youth Council, International Opportunities and (most importantly) SSAGO. Although unfortunately our old publicity materials looked a little shabby compared to some of the other group's glossy posters (really need those new SSAGO publicity leaflets!) we made up for it by enthusiastically publicising SSAGO to anyone and everyone and persuading/press ganging every Guider going to uni next year to join.

Saturday was rounded off with Morris dancing (yes, Morris dancing!), a disco and even more alcohol. Sunday involved more workshops, more pudding and a guest speaker. Innovate was a fabulous opportunity not only to publicise SSAGO to Guider's from all over the UK, but also GGUKs top brass. It was a great chance for young Guider's to air their views on association policy and the only formal way the views of our age group are presented to CHQ. Most importantly the workshops were interesting and the activities were great fun. Innovate was obviously a lot tamer than a SSAGO rally, but if you're a Guider and aged 16-26, I'd highly recommend you go to the next Innovate, if only for the pudding!

**Helen Fagbemi**

## MANSSAGO



I remember catching the train in Leeds clutching my suit cover and a bag of crisps on a day where it was raining upwards and the station smelt like Medic Mike's shoes (sorry mate...). After a rather boring train journey we arrived in Manchester and (relying on my "it's down the hill and turn right next to the big shop" from Hayley) we soon found the hotel.

My room had a lovely view of a palm beach (if you were there, you will know what I mean. If you weren't - ask someone who was...) and no air-con. I was lucky to have a key for my door unlike some who had to get hold of the desk porter to unlock their rooms for them. Personally it made it fun, but then again I always have had an odd sense of humour!

My memories of the ball tend to go into a bleary mess from here onwards, probably due to the influx of alcohol into my system. I vaguely remember Gerald (Leeds) saying he was gagging for it and that when I had to do my speech I almost offended people by accusing Hayley of falling out of her dress (she wasn't) and being misheard about saying Martin was sexy (I didn't!). After that the ball was in full swing until \_\_\_ am (fill in the appropriate time as to when you went to bed!) and seemed to be enjoyed by all there. I say seemed as I was fairly drunk at this time!

The next morning saw most of us stagger out of the hotel hungover. I know I spent quite a while on intra-venous caffeine in the local Starbucks trying to become normal before going on th flight simulator at the Science Museum, but thats just me!!!

The ball was a brilliant experience and for many was a great way to end our time in SSAGO. Many who were at the ball will not be at another SSAGO event due to moving on in life and (dare I say it) starting full time work. Farewell to them all (they know who they are) and we hope to see them all soon. Didn't someone say something about a reunion...

**James Child**

## SSAGO Club Histories

*There has been a certain amount of discussion on the website forum about the histories of our clubs. Here, Martin Whelan offers some helpful tips on how to begin researching your club history. (The full article can be viewed at [www.ssago.org.uk](http://www.ssago.org.uk))*

Researching the history of your club will require some of you to first re-learn the skills associated with social sciences and humanities, namely the importance of supporting evidence and an inquisitive mind. It can be frustrating particularly if your club has had long periods of inactivity, but persist.

Where to start?

- \* Existing members – most clubs can boast a couple of post-graduate, or long in the tooth undergraduates who have may have links with people further back, who have links to people further back and so on. At Loughborough this took us back to circa 1985 without much trouble. Try posting a message on the SSAGO Forum, because some of your former members may be postgraduates elsewhere now.
- \* Union – try speaking to the people that you are affiliated to, which will usually be a Student Union, Association or Guild. Do they hold any historic records, but the chances are if there are any you will already have.
- \* University/college – A number of clubs have in the past deposited information with the library at their institution. This is usually kept in reference or special collections, and likely to be restricted access. You may find that as the technical owners of the material you are allowed to remove materials, but you need to check with the librarians.
- \* Local Scouts/Guides – Try asking the local Districts, Divisions, Counties, Area etc. The chances are that if even your club is not a long standing one, there will be graduates in the local Scout and Guide community who may be able to help. From experience they are likely to be a lot more helpful than HQ, because unless information was specifically deposited with either the Scout or Guide Association they will not have anything on you.
- \* Wider Scouting/Guiding – Try posting a message on the [Uk.rec.Scouting](mailto:Uk.rec.Scouting) newsgroup, but make sure you check to the group etiquette before you post. Scoutsreunited is worth trying as I put all the clubs which I thought had ever existed on in late 2002. Friendsreunited is a possibility but unless they explicitly state they are a Scout or Guide in their post, proceed with caution.

**Martin Whelan**

# SSAGO FRESHER'S 2004

## Fresher's Camps 2004

For those of you don't already host one, I'd strongly suggest thinking about having a Freshers' Camp - you get to know your new freshers, and vica-versa, whilst also preparing freshers for the forthcoming November rally. The idea of the JFC (joint freshers' camp) is hardly new, with previous efforts between SLUGS and SCOGUI being 'memorable' occasions. It was during the Warwick rally, that Craig from UCE spent an afternoon chatting with Jenny SLUGS, and a UCE-SLUGS camp was proposed. At the first meeting of the new SLUGS committee it was suggested that we should also invite other clubs such as SNOGS, STINGS & Warwick - with these clubs replying, and an initial club of 5 ready for October. Despite claims that we're trying to run a mini-rally, we hope that we can give our members (old & new) a memorable experience, and give our freshers a good first impression of SSAGO (because we all know that won't last!)

Will the 5 survive the coming months - or will clubs bow out due to problems such as transport?

Keep updated - <http://uk.geocities.com/leicesterslugs/freshers>

**Jonathan Ellison**  
**SLUGS Chair**

Going to University?

[www.ssago.org.uk](http://www.ssago.org.uk)

