



SSAGO Merchandise - [Add to Order](#) ?

The time has come to part with your hard earned cash and get the latest offerings direct from the SSAGO store. After popular request we welcome two additional items and clothing has seen an overhaul. Read on for more.

What's New?

We now hold stocks of some groovy car stickers for maximum exposure wherever you drive. You may even wish to buy two, one for each side of



your car and at 50p each it's a bobby dazzler of a price! Also stocked is essential round the campfire equipment in the form of a keyring that doubles as a bottle opener the ultimate way to make friends by popping their cap! At a £1 a piece you won't go far wrong either!



Clothing has been overhauled, now on offer are t-shirts (£9), polo shirts (£9) and hoodies (£16) with a colour embroidered SSAGO logo and text on the front left chest. On the reverse of the t-shirts is a full sized colour screen print of the SSAGO logo and 'SSAGO' printed above it. Pins haven't escaped either and are now being resourced in a diamond design with white background and SSAGO logo (£tbc).

Purchasing Merchandise



Merchandise can be purchased online through our shiny, spangly new shop or via order form. For the shop go to www.ssago.org.uk and point your mouse to the 'shop' link on the menu bar at the top. Transactions are handled through Paypal with all costs including postage and packing calculated there and then. There will also be a pre-order form for collection at SSAGO events. Costs are again the same as the web costs excluding the postage and packing for obvious reasons. Order and pre-order is money up front sent with the form.



Merchandise Stocks

We will be holding stocks of all merchandise including clothing in a selection of sizes and black and navy colours, however remember that some items are ordered upon request. All merchandise will be brought to Rally so it will be possible to buy clothing there and then, however to guarantee that you get what you want pre-order is the way forward.

Best regards Mark x



<http://www.ssago.org.uk/shop/>



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NEWS

SSAGO NEWS - FRESHERS 04

Freshers Camp – A quick guide

Fresher Camps were traditionally a chance for the club to meet/get to know the new members. Some clubs now combine with this with other clubs to try and prepare members for a rally. Leicester along with some of the Midland/South Yorkshire clubs are running something like this year. (<http://uk.geocities.com/leicesterslugs/freshers/>)

The site is perhaps the most important part of the event. Ideally it should not be too far away, as you are going to put freshers off (and existing members for that matter) if its 1 or 2 hours away. The transport available should be a consideration in choosing a site, particularly if are relying on buses or trains. It may seem obvious but check in plenty of time with the site warden that the site is actually open, and that you are not going to be overrun by Cubs/Brownies. Although not everyone will want to drink its worth checking that the site is not dry.

A bit of prior planning is important. Firstly check that there is sufficient time from signing up members to the freshers camp. This also allows kit issues and other issues to be resolved before arrival on site. With food try and get one of the old hands to run it who has some experience of cooking for a group. Check in advance about special dietary requirements. Remember everyone should submit a health form, and as you will not know everyone its more important than usual.

Once you've got a site, you can see what activities are possible. Try not to over fill event with activities, and try to find out what the new members want to do. Often the best activities for getting to know each other, are the simple ones such as trust games or simply relaxing in the sun/wind/rain/snow. Also if you have a campfire, remember some of the new members may not be used to the usual SSAGO rally "song book", so try and lead off gently if you are singing. Try and get the new members to set the tone! Above all have fun!

Martin Whelan

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Want to contribute to the next issue?

Contact Ruth at:

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Service of Thanksgiving for the life of The Hon Mrs Betty St Clair Clay, CBE

Wells Cathedral, 12th July 2004



Jeremy Hilderley (Bath Spa SSAGO), James Slocombe (Bath Spa SSAGO), Chief Guide Jenny Leach, SSAGO Secretary Ruth Smith

Betty Clay's Last Message

THANK YOU for all you have given me, your letters, cards and lovely gifts; your cheery welcomes, and above all your gift of friendship which I have valued immensely. Your encouragement has inspired me to follow the lead given to us by my father and mother in the Scout and Guide Movements so that I have tried to do my best to be 'a good guide' - that is: to KNOW the right way, to GO the right way, and to SHOW others the right way.

Together our efforts ARE bringing more joy and peace and prosperity to people world-wide; so I say to you:

GO ON WITH IT!

And may GOD be with you in all your doings.

Betty Clay



Being the smallest City in England, Wells was a pleasant setting for the service of thanksgiving for the life of Betty Clay, the youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. She was the Vice-Chairperson of both Guide and Scout Associations and offered many years of dedicated service to both movements.

Before the service began, the Somerset City was awash with Scout and Guide uniforms. The cathedral is huge; the rows of neckerchiefs seen from the back of the church were an amazing sight. A truly massive congregation had arrived, & 3 SSAGO members were a part of it. The service itself was simple. Betty will be sorely missed.

After the service Ruth (SSAGO Secretary), Jeremy (Bath Spa SSAGO) and myself were invited to tea with the Chief Guide and the Chief Scout. They were surprised yet pleased that SSAGO had made an appearance. We too were pleased we could show our last respects.

James Slocombe
Chairperson, Bath Spa SSAGO



Jeremy Hilderley (Bath Spa SSAGO), James Slocombe (Bath Spa SSAGO), Chief Scout George Purdy, CBE, SSAGO Secretary Ruth Smith

SSAGO do DofE

A special congratulations to all members of SSAGO who have successfully completed any of their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards this year.

A special mention to the 10 members of Bath Spa SSAGO who completed their GOLD DofE walks during the Summer holidays. (8 of whom are shown below)



IF YOU OR ANYONE FROM YOUR CLUB HAS COMPLETED A WALK OR AN AWARD - PLEASE LET US KNOW & SEND US A PICCIE!

News from Birmingham.....

BUSAG has been having great fun this last term, and into the summer. Despite missing the summer rally (as it unfortunately clashed with Birmingham's Graduation Ball) we have still managed to get in plenty of camping with a week of walking, local visits and loads of other fun in Ilkley, Yorkshire) and we have just returned from a weekend in Snowdonia where we enjoyed a trip up Snowdon. Though not all of us walked, with some of us preferring the scenic view from the train, we all enjoyed a piece of cake at the top, despite the view of only about 10yards. Three of our members also attended Birmingham's County Scout camp (the first for 17 years) as leaders with local groups (and in one case as the entertainment for a few hundred excited Beavers). Despite only having quite a small active membership we are still having a great time and we are all looking forward to another fun filled year starting in September.

Mark Soames
BUSAG Liaison Officer

SSAGO Oddities

Ever wondered what that thing passed around at the end of rallies is, or why we have a challenge plate half named after the leader of Libya read on.

Sir Hesley Wood

Back in 1956 SSAGO did not exist, but Intervarsity a vaguely similar organisation for universities and some "special" college such as Loughborough which had quasi-university status. Intervarsity used to have one big rally a year last 7-10 days in the summer, with a strong service element as well as visiting the local area. During the

Conference, a benefactor donated a small sum of money (10 guineas) and a piece of carved antelope horn. The aforementioned Antelope had been shot by a Sir Harold West near the Nile. Manchester were tasked with the job of buying or making a suitable box to display it in, within budget, a task which took until 1960! It acquired its name due to the venue of the 1956 rally, Hesley Wood which is just north of Sheffield and now the HQ of South Yorkshire Scouts.

Initially it used to sit at the left hand of the Chairman during meetings, but at some point possibly in the mid 1970s this ceased. Instead it became something that was passed from rally to rally. At times it has been lost, and one club even had the stupidity to steal in the early 1990s, but for the last few years every rally organiser has had the pleasure of it for three months.

Martin Whelan

Next time on SSAGO oddities... the Gaddaffy Duck Plate!



After the Great Welsh Rally, Hesley currently looks like this!! What will Southampton do with it next.....? Watch this space!

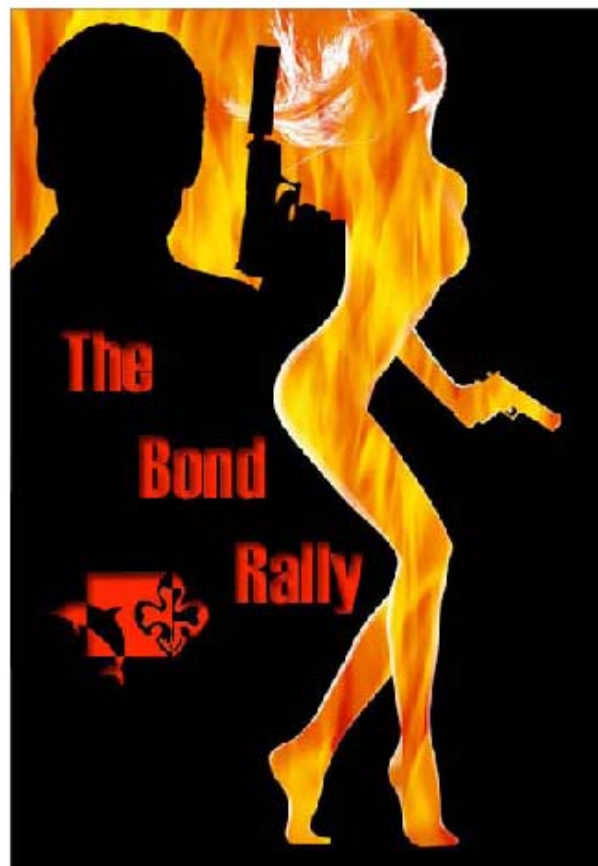


007 : The Bond Rally

19 - 21 Nov 2004 : Southampton SSAGO



SOUTHAMPTON SSAGO CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A WEEKEND OF TOP SECRET EVENTS AND THE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION



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The Great Welsh Rally - 16th - 18th July 2004



Rally from the other side.....

Feb, 2003, a rainy service station, somewhere in the midlands, an innocent fresher (ha!) blurts the immortal words... "We should do a rally!" With my Ginsters pasty cascading out of the sides of my mouth I realised that this fresher had had just consigned Cardiff SSAGS to a year and a bit of blood, sweat, tears and Monty Python. Ladies and Gentleman that Fresher was me. As a punishment I got the job of Rally Secretary, 18 months down the line Rally is over and I am still sat at my computer working on rally. The Great Welsh Rally for those of us privileged enough to be



staff started on Thursday, key collection, tea drinking (learning that Panad was North Welsh for Cuppa) and establishing that Mark was doing too much (swiftly christened supervisor syndrome) were the first objectives of the afternoon. The remainder of the Thursday was spent running around like headless monkeys finishing the rally badges, picking up radios, collecting kit from friendly local Scout Groups, buying beer for staff (priorities!) and generally trying to alleviate as much of the pressure from our pending crazy Friday. It was all going well, however, at this point it became apparent that transport for GWR was jinxed. We had already had Minibus issues (thanks to Soton for their bus and driver). But things were going from the sublime to the ridiculous. Our illustrious rally chairman and Mr. Creosote (Tom Morris) were towing the marquee to site when their trailer had a blow out on the motorway an epic five minutes from site. Two hours later they arrived wet and worn with a trailer (and Marquee) loaded on a flat bed rescue truck. It was calculated that this one minor incident cost Rally about 15 man-hours. Mark never went home that night, meaning that I didn't get the booking software or any of the other rally paperwork, Tom never got his shopping lists, Mark smelled (he slept in his clothes! - minger), shopping on the Friday should have been at 9am, but it was nearer 3pm, we had to detour to Barry (on the way to Toys R Us!) to pick up a wheel, the list is endless. To cap it all on Friday afternoon we know of three people who broke down en route to Cardiff. If at this point I could offer any advice to people who are running a rally, it is this... Make sure all vehicles have a spare wheel (which holds air preferably), get breakdown cover, if you can find any virgins then sacrifice them to Hermes do anything and everything you can to ensure that you are covered. An Army marches on its stomach but rally functions on its transport. GWR was a success (well we didn't kill anyone so hardly an abject failure) but it is amazing how one small thing has a knock on effect that can cause a major headache. The only thing causing a headache on rally usually is the beer. If rally organisers nail transport, hopefully it will stay that way.

Nick Varney - GWR Secretary



16-18th July saw SSAGO descend upon Misken Mill Scout Village, Nr Llantrissant for the Great Welsh Rally! The weekend will be remembered for the odd weather of the Sunday morning... bright sunshine at the sand dunes at Merthyr Mawr for silly games, only to return to the site and a HUGE rainstorm!

This is the best rally I've been to since I joined SSAGO 2 years ago. But how did they do it?



A big thank you must go to the GWR organising team at both Cardiff and Bangor, with special mention to Mark, Nick and Dizzy! May we see many more joint Welsh activities between these new friends!