SSAGO NEWS

Autumn 2010



Welcome to the latest and greatest SSAGO News!



CLUB NEWS

What's happening around the country?



DUSAGG

Durham University have had a great turn with many fresher's signing up to become part of the madness.

Highlights of their term included their Fresher's Bonfire where 24 people turned up for warmth, marshmallows and bad singing.

Some of the clubs older members are planning on attending the groups graduate new years camp which will be extra special as DOG (DUSAGG Old Gits) will be celebrating their 10th anniversary.



Have had a Back to Brownies evening with lots of silly games and party food as well as renewing their promise at 20:10 20/10/2010

BANGOR BUGS

Have been experimenting with the program participating in murder mystery night and a Halloween disco



Whether it's rock stars, sporting heroes, fictional movie

characters or characters from stories and myths of old, we want SSAGO to bring their legends to experience the Capital city of Wales.

> Islwyn Campsite 18th – 20th February 2010

SAGE

Have been on a monopoly challenge visiting some sites around Exeter!.

BATH BUGS

Have been on a sausage walk and the university fireworks

LUUSAG

Guiding members of LUUSAG attended the Leeds County Handover event. As well as meeting Liz Burnley, and not disgracing ourselves too much with the balloons, we were very proud to witness one of our members Lauren being presented with her Queen's Guide Award by the Chief Guide herself, a very special event.

You are invited to



SSWIGS AWARD

Derek's big night out



On the 17th of November Derek, SSWIGS mascot, received a 'Special Service' award from West Glamorgan Guiding. He received this award on behalf of all the SSWIGS that helped out at a number of different events over the year to celebrate the Centenary of Guiding. Members of SSWIGS have always played an active role in helping out in the local community but took a even stronger one this year with activities ranging from helping out at units, helping at the Division Thinking Day event and finally ending with taking photos, blowing up balloons, putting up a marquee and handing out cakes at the Vision event that took place on the 20th of October.

It was great to win this award and Derek had a great evening. He could not wait to dress up for the event and have his photo taken. He would like to thank everyone in West Glamorgan Guiding and would also like to say how very proud he is of all the SSWIGS that volunteered their time to help at all these events. He's like to raise a glass to all and cannot wait for the next 100 years of Guiding.

Leeds Ball 2-11 26th March, 2011 Marriott Hotel, Leeds

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SAGGA

What to do when you leave Uni?

I remember fondly my time as a SSAGO member – endless pub lunches in Leeds, trips in minibuses to rallies up and down the country but also the fun and friendship involved. Leaving Uni left me in a state of shock in many ways, as SSAGO doesn't need decaying ex-students refusing to admit their time is up in all reality!

SAGGA suffers from it's perception as much as any adult organisation does. For example, how many SSAGO members are members of the Trefoil Guild or the old Scout Fellowship? That doesn't mean to say there is nothing they can get out of those organisations and SAGGA is just the same. Yes there are old

people as members, but when you bear in mind that SSAGO gave birth to SAGGA it reminds you that nearly all of them went to rallies, drank too much and got up to all sorts of things as students too.

Remind yourself how you arrived at your first Rally – probably you went as part of a bigger group, so at least you knew someone to talk to before you got to know others. SAGGA should be no different, so if there are a group of you all leaving Uni together there is no reason why you can't form your own grouping and carry on having fun together. It would be fantastic to have a Great Welsh SAGGA group, and maybe even a Mighty Mighty Leeds one too – the challenge is there for you to come across, become part of SAGGA and continue the great times that you have in SSAGO.

There was room for a lad from Leeds with a dodgy taste in hats, the ability to ad lib 30+ verses to obscure songs at campfires and absolutely no interest in knitting in SAGGA. If I can do it, so can you!

James Child . SAGGA Registrar Ex-Mighty Mighty LUUSAG '00-'04 & SSAGO Chair '03-'04 registrar@sagga.org.uk

JOTERIFFIC!

Bugs go global

Earlier in October, the radio waves around the world were crackling with the sound of Scouts and Guides across the world chatting and laughing in this year's Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and BUGS were there to join in.

Working with a local amateur radio society (Porthmadog and District Amateur Radio Society) to host a JOTA station in a university common room, we invited local Guides and Scouts to take part in various activities. From learning their phonetic alphabet and (with the help of Rebecca Todd) their promises in sign language, to talking with Scouts and Guides in countries like Switzerland and Portugal everyone had a fantastic time. The big kids got to have fun too and we all had the chance to have a chat on the radios and learn a little about how they worked and, with the possibility of talking to the International Space Station, a few of us stayed overnight. (No luck though, they must have been asleep)!

During the event a number of Guides and Scouts gained their respective communicators badge, two scouts went on to prepare for the first stage of their radio license and one radio operator had such a good time he decided to help out at his local scout group!

