



**SSAGO**  
Student Scout and  
Guide Organisation

## Club report Summer 2010

Club:

Edinburgh

SSAGO Rep:

Edinburgh have been busy busy busy since last rally.

We had our AGM and elected a new President (Emily Pritchard) and Treasurer (Liam Prescott), but kept our old Secretary (Cat Nicol). We then spent ages trying to change the bank account, hampered by our old Treasurer who nobody has seen in months, but eventually managed to get it passed over. We are finally now receiving regular bank statements, which have informed us that we have bugger-all money, which is nice. We also discovered that our absent Treasurer hadn't bothered to pay for anything, even though he had four part-signed cheques in his cheque-book that he could have paid with. We've now managed to pay off all our debts, and have absolutely no money. As we have no money, we have had to shelve ideas of making club badges and whatnot.

Two of us, Emily Pritchard and Liam Prescott, attended the Ugly BUGS Ball in Caernarfon, which was a triumph (am I sucking up enough?), though something of an arduous journey.

We are now over halfway on our 100 Pub Challenge, having visited over 60 pubs as a club since we started in September. However this leaves us with another 40 to go before the GirlGuiding Centenary Finale in October. We intend to get a couple of pub crawls in before then in order to reach our number. We achieved part of our pub numbers through attending many pub quizzes - we have yet to win one because we are stupid. We have also befriended many a strange pub man on our travels.

We had a day trip to North Berwick, when we went to the beach. It only rained a little bit. We also had lunch in a pub, went to a castle and played on some swings. Alex Willat decided it was a good plan to strip down to her swimsuit and swim in the "paddling pool" on North Berwick beach, despite the fact that it was absolutely freezing and only a foot deep. The rest of us paddled a little, then ran away before we got too chilly. We also rolled down a hill.

We went camping in Oban, which was pretty. We visited the museum, the cathedral, the distillery, the beach, the weird folly thing on the hill and a couple of pubs. In the museum we befriended an old man who was keen to tell us everything he knew about Guiding and Scouting in Oban and his ramblings prompted Matt Collier to exclaim "Gee Whiz" in the manner of a character from the Famous Five, and the rest of us struggled to avoid giggling for the rest of the conversation. The distillery was much fun, because we got to drink whisky and learn about chemistry (Matt Collier enjoyed this very much) and Emily Pritchard spent a while trying to convince herself that she did not want to spend £45 on a yummy yummy yummy posh bottle of whisky. The journey was less than ideal, firstly because Jessie O'Shaunessey forgot which weekend it was and didn't meet us to get in the car then didn't answer her phone because she was working, so we left without her and she got the train the following day. Then, due to the train crash between Glasgow and Oban the week before, we couldn't take the normal road (even though the AA website said it was open) and had to take a mental detour, which resulted in a huge amount of Road Rage from Cat Nicol. At the campsite in Oban, we got bitten to death by midges and befriended a small boy who didn't understand why we didn't want to play with him all day. On the way back we went via Inverary, where we looked at the castle and the jail and the maritime museum, but didn't go in any of them because they were absurdly expensive.

We have many plans for the next term, including many visits to pubs before 20.10, 20.10, 20.10. We have organised a fun Fresher's Week event, Pioneering in the Courtyard, and have enlisted the help of a mad old Scout leader, David Roy, who, last time we saw him, made disturbing jokes about his old man sex life. We are also planning a campfire and to do a Penguin badge. We anticipate having an argument with Network however, as last year we allowed them to join us on our Fresher's Week stall and their behaviour was completely unacceptable ("You don't want to join SSAGO, you'd rather join Network", "You don't want to be a Guide, you want to be a Scout" and they took a copy of our mailing list and added everyone on there it to their mailing list), so we're not letting them this year - we don't think they'll be happy with us but they've only themselves to blame.

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