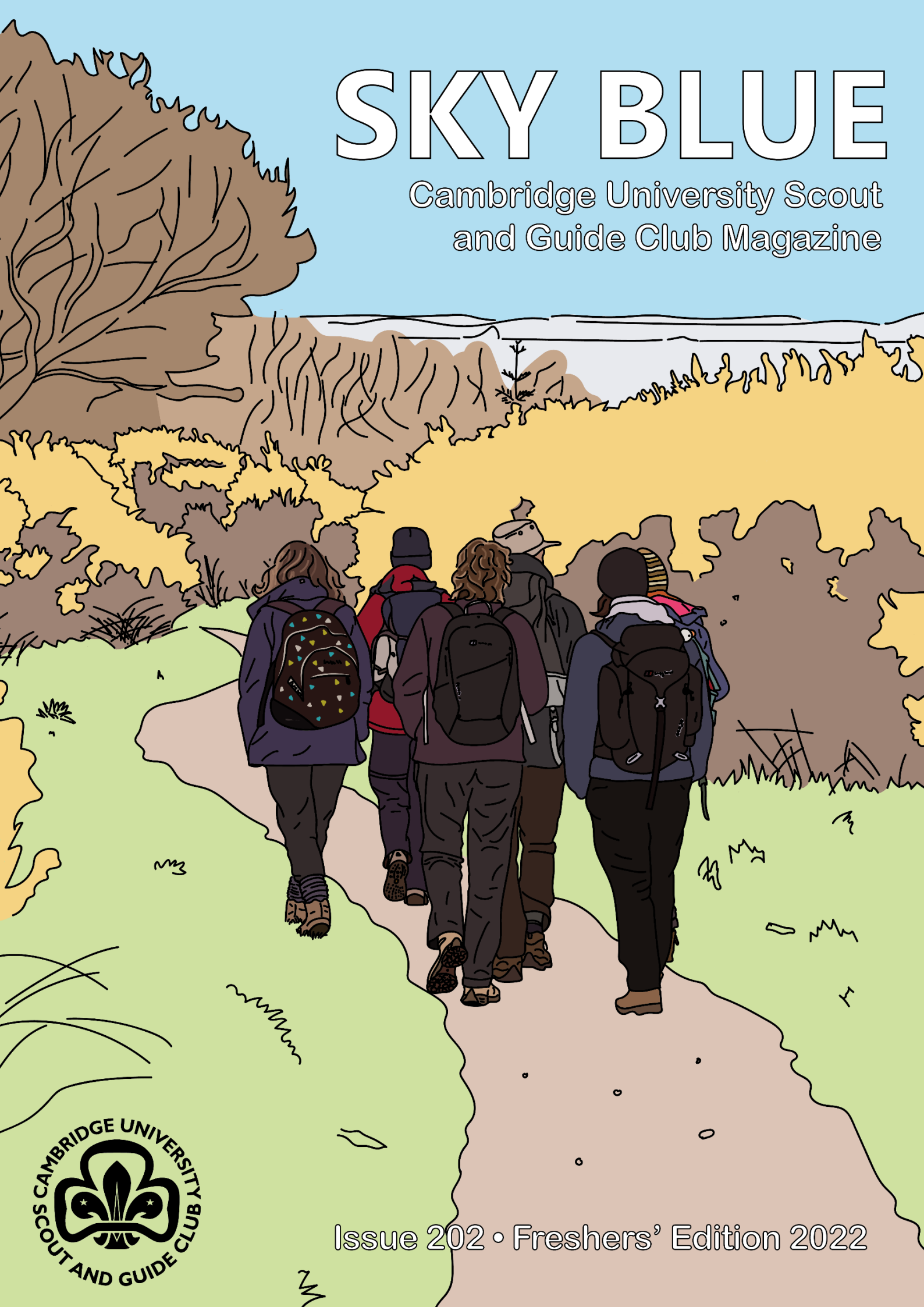


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EDITOR'S WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the 202th issue of Sky Blue!

Having taken over from the previous editor after a great Annual Dinner issue of the magazine (which somehow happened to be published in June, but oh well), I've decided to once again return to publishing Sky Blue twice a year. So, whether you're an old CUSAGCer or a Fresher reading this at our Freshers' Fair stall, sit back and enjoy this summary of the past several months!

Since our previous issue, we have had a Trip Over Easter which proved to be great fun, an exam term with lunches, crafts, Punt Joust (which sadly no one covered, despite it being the anniversary of the Punt Joust rules), as well as a busy summer, during which some CUSAGCers were busy making friends with a bull mascot, while others were left still pondering on the Law degree they just graduated with. And, to finish off the summer in a great way, CUSAGC attended their first SSAGO camp in a while! But I will let you read about all this for yourself in the coming pages.

Also, let me use this space to thank all the people who contributed to the magazine, as well as pressure everyone else to write something, no matter how silly. I'm always looking for new content to add, so just email me anything you might find suitable, and let's make the next issue the best one so far!

Mara Postolache

P.S. I hope you enjoy the back cover, which I left as a fun colouring exercise for the reader!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR:

I've only been chair for a term, but I'm already mastering the art of delegation and found a lot more time to do other work. I'm looking forward to a year of someone else organising everything so I can just turn up to everything and have fun. My only job has been to write weekly emails, giving me the opportunity to do some anagramming for an entertaining tidbit at the end of each email.

As chair I haven't done much yet, but I'm looking forward to an exciting year of CUSAGC to come, and would like to thank the rest of the committee for making that happen.

Will Vinnicombe

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

Since last publication at annual dinner, we had an excellent second half of Lent term. Will organised some great activities for us including our traditional pancake day pancakes, and an insane week at the end of term with forward, post forward drinks, post forward minibus cleaning & pub trip, and crashing the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band's end of term ceilidh (thanks to our large intersection of membership!).

Over Easter term we reduced our activities a bit to allow everyone to get their revision done, alternating CUSAGC lunches and activities weekly. However, we still saw a fantastic turnout for everything we put on! Clearly CUSAGCers will take any opportunity to avoid their revision... We went punting, pioneering, swimming which turned into biscuit decorating, and had a craft night which evolved into a very late night campfire song marathon in my kitchen.

Once exams were finished we had a great time celebrating with a meal in a restaurant (followed by a pub, followed by spoons), making friendship bracelets in Sidney Sussex gardens, a pub quiz (which we came 6th in!), and of course the annual punt joust! A great many sparrings were had, and people's performances went up and down, but we may perhaps all agree that despite his excellent punting skills, Andrew's jousting skills were not at their peak that day! The barbeque was scuppered by some rain, but thankfully Emma Crickmore's kitchen was close by, and so we were able to eat our mounds of sausages and halloumi whilst staying lovely and dry.

Emma Campbell

TREASURER:

We now have lovely new shiny bank accounts with Metro bank! Complete with online banking as well! We still need to do the switch to move over things from the HSBC accounts and close them, but I am happy to report that progress is being made and the saga should be over by Marathon.

Emma Campbell

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (AAC):

I decided back in February that not turning up to CUSAGC AGM was a safe way to not end up on committee. Apparently, this is not a fool proof mechanism. And despite the fact that I have done nothing at all as AAC so far (having taken over at the end of Easter term) the former holder of the role decided that it was my job to write this report.

Since the previous issue of Sky Blue was written we haven't been all that adventurous on account of it being exam term, other than our Trip Over Easter when we headed to Beer on the south coast for a weekend break from revision. This provided us with an opportunity for plenty of adventures – outdoor, aquatic, culinary and otherwise – read the article later in this issue to find out more!

Rachel Angus

QUARTERMASTER (QM):

It is very important that the chair remembers to book the weather for service events. Whilst sunny weather is also nice for teams and helpers on the day, it means far less post event cleaning for the QM. After the very wet weather on Forward I've been drying stuff and working out what needs cleaning. I spent a fun hour in my garden carefully wiping a tarpaulin with vinegar to try and get rid of mould on it. Our traffic cones also went on an unauthorised excursion from the store room across to the playground and have now been safely returned.

Emma Crickmore

SECRETARY:

Being secretary and Sky Blue Editor is perhaps a great combo, as committee meetings are a great source of quotes, so the *embellished* minutes were a great inspiration on the last page of this magazine. Also, the minutes have greatly improved my typing speed, so thanks! Besides that, I have finally understood how the membership system works, so now I am looking forward to welcoming new members to CUSAGC.

Mara Postolache



TOE 2022

From 1st – 3rd April CUSAGC embarked on our Trip Over Easter, which saw us head down to Beer on the Devonshire coast. We stayed in the YHA, which is a lovely old building with a view down to the sea.

Most of us roadtripped down in Will's iconic Berlingo to a playlist of Simon and Garfunkel, Queen and ABBA. Despite a failed Google Maps "shortcut" at Stonehenge which only succeeded in sending us into a long diversion round a housing estate and then back to the queue on the A303, we eventually arrived in Beer. During our adventures, the earlier arrivals had explored the seafront and had a little photoshoot with Whimsy.

"Ooh, I've never done 60 on a single-track lane before..."

our responsible driver



We then headed down to the beach and found that the sea was VERY cold, being the start of April. The braver contingent of CUSAGCers present had a good old swim (and appeared to quite enjoy it), whilst some of us got out after a pretty brisk dip and sunbathed on the pebbles to warm up in the baking 15 degrees sunshine.

"Towels are waterproof"

a 3rd year Cambridge engineer

The subsequent delegation sent to *quickly* shop for food was somewhat delayed by a debate about whether to buy real chillies for the bean chilli, given that Will didn't like chilli – I reckoned chilli powder would give enough chilli flavour in the chilli, but Andrew insisted chilli without chillies was not chilli, which did in the end lead to the purchase of chillies.

We cooked said bean chilli with (non-drained) rice for dinner, followed by the classic Scout camp dessert of cheap chocolate swiss roll and not-*quite*-exploded microwaved custard. Having "planned" the next day's walk (i.e., looked at the coast path on the OS map and said "yep, we'll walk along that") we were all so exhausted from having done really not very much that we headed to bed.

"Can I sleep on top of you, as it were"

Rachel (to Emma Campbell, when allocating bunk beds)

Quotes from the CUSAGC Kitchen:

"Oh, so that's why there's a load of coke in the back of our shelf!"

QM, examining the communal food storage

"Herbs and spices are literally the same thing. Cumin's not a spice because it's not spicy.

Checkmate liberals."

Andrew, Friday's head chef

"I don't know what cumin is"

Will



On Saturday morning we had a cooked breakfast, complete with a veritable ocean of baked beans. We began our walk with the 2 miles along the beach to Seaton, where we found England's oldest standing concrete bridge which very much excited our resident civil engineer.

We then hit the cliff path, and Will flew his drone up to take some dramatic videos of CUSAGCers walking in the beautiful scenery (which sadly aren't compatible with a print copy of Sky Blue). Lunch was eaten in a lovely little woodland in which Mara and Emma Campbell found some wild garlic to add to their sandwiches, and there was an entertaining discussion about half-forgotten campfire songs (which included a demonstration of the action song Marilyn Monroe for the forgetful Guides and unenlightened Scouts in the party).



We walked the cliff path for about 8 miles in total, as far as Lyme Regis where we stopped for a well-earned rest and an ice cream by the seafront. A very cheeky seagull came and ambushed the happy party, shocking us all by taking Emma Campbell's scoop of ice cream clean off the top of the cone in her hand. We then took a leisurely wander along the beach and looked for fish and shrimps in the rockpools, before Andrew and I headed off to the local treasure trove of a second hand bookshop where we found and then bought an old copy of Scouting for Boys, some of which made for amusing reading later in the evening...

Having got the bus back to Seaton, we visited Tesco again and walked back over the hill to Beer with our bags full of potatoes. We had bangers and mash for dinner, including an entire pot of gravy granules worth of gravy – because what should I have done with a leftover 1/3 of a pot of Ahh Bisto, other than make more gravy? The evening's entertainment was a trip to the Barrel of Beer pub, which was full of locals, and the £3.85 pints were very much appreciated. With the non-drinking contingent having left earlier in the evening, the rest of us returned around midnight and did some stargazing on the way back up the hill. Back in the hostel lounge, we all shared chocolate cake for Emma Crickmore's birthday before heading to bed.

"William, are you even remotely familiar with Linux naming standards??!!"

Andrew, four pints in



Next morning, having been woken up by several very strong cups of PG tips, we had a breakfast of leftover mash and pea fritters and leftover bean chilli. Due to a combination of sore knees, slight hangovers, and sleep deprivation we decided against the 6 mile walk we'd planned. Instead, we drove to the little National Trust woodland at Salcombe Hill, where we had a picnic and went for a wander to enjoy the coastal view. Those with motivation and functional limbs went for a walk round the valley whilst the rest of us sat and sang campfire songs on the hillside before we all packed into cars and headed off home. I look forward to seeing everyone at CTW in the winter for another weekend of CUSAGC adventure!

Rachel Angus, AAC



TOE: CAPTION THIS



Suggestions addressed to
Rachel Angus, Emmanuel College

YOUR FAVOURITE SCOUTING & GUIDING GAMES VS TORTIOUS LIABILITY

Anyone who has been a member of Scouts or Guides will undoubtedly be able to recall at least one game which involved some risk of injury. Indeed, the perils of our favourite games are what made them so enjoyable. However, as a boring law graduate, I will now assess the tortious liability that could arise in these games. For those who are already baffled as to the meaning of tortious liability, I suggest revisiting the previous Sky Blue edition.

(Disclaimer – this attempt at a humorous article is in no way purporting to be legal advice).

TWISTER

This parachute game that was fondly recalled by several CUSAGCers on our group chat may be a vessel for the commission of false imprisonment. This arises upon the unlawful constraint of another's freedom of movement; a Brownie who is stuck in the middle of a twisted parachute may find their freedom of movement restricted. Nevertheless, it is posited that the restraint here is merely partial, which is insufficient (*Bird v Jones*). Although *Walker v Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis* states that temporary restraint beyond everyday conduct can be total restraint, the case can be distinguished as there the claimant was completely blocked by a police officer, albeit only for a minimal time. Here the Brownie could easily stand up or call for the game to end, so is only partially restrained.

WINK MURDER

A personal favourite of mine, it is submitted that the tort established in *Wilkinson v Downton* could be applicable here, arising where the tortfeasor wilfully does an act calculated to cause physical harm to the plaintiff. Clearly, winking at the claimant, leading to their "murder", could fulfil this definition. An obvious first hurdle is that the murder is fictional. Moreover, there is justification for the action, as such "murders" are unfortunately necessary to render the game enjoyable, the "murderer" consequently not intending to cause distress (see *Rhodes v OPO*). Finally, in my experience psychiatric harm was never caused by the game; even mere distress is dubious! (*Wong v Parkside Health NHS Trust*).

LADDERS

Here the most obvious tort which could arise is a battery, which is a form of trespass to the person. Either stepping on another's hands or tripping over another's legs would involve the direct application of force to another; this tort is actionable without proof of any damage if such force occurs (confirmed in *Collins v Wilcock*). Nevertheless, the aforementioned acts would not be intentional; the entire point of ladders being to step in between the legs. As mere negligence is insufficient, a battery would not occur (*Letang v Cooper*).

SHARKS

The version of sharks discussed here is reminiscent of British Bull Dog, supposedly involving however only a tag of a player rather than a rugby tackle. Potentially, an assault could occur due to the shark's threatening demeanour in the middle of the room, perhaps causing the participants to apprehend the immediate infliction of force through a tag (*Stephens v Myers*). This would be intentional, as the shark intends for players to be wary of crossing the room, allowing participants to be cornered and tagged. However, Leaders need not fear, as the conclusion to this article will demonstrate how tortious liability is negated.

SHOE BOMB

Interestingly, here the torts of wrongful interference with goods, rather than the person, are relevant. This requires research from me, explaining the relative sparsity of this section. The tort of conversion arises where one wrongfully interferes with the personal property of another, which could arise where a member mistakenly appropriates the shoe of another. However, any claim would be defeated as such interference would only be temporary, ending upon cessation of the game (*Fouldes v Willoughby*).

CONCLUSION

Overall, it is evident that any attempt to bring a claim in tort for actions occurring in our favourite Guiding and Scouting games will almost certainly fail. I could have saved you time in reading this article, as this conclusion can easily be reached without the above examination. The answer is not necessarily the age of the children, as the law of tort contains no general defence of infancy (*Gorely v Codd*), although I contend that the age could play a factor in deciding intention. Conversely, for the torts that involve interference with the person, there would most likely be implied consent for children from Brownies onwards, based on their awareness of the actions necessary for the game to be completed, or their from knowledge from previous games (*Blake v Galloway*).

Thus, having already spared you the worries of a negligence claim in the previous edition, be assured that you can safely proceed with these cherished games as usual.

Ellie Ripley

CUSAGC DOES AMALGAM



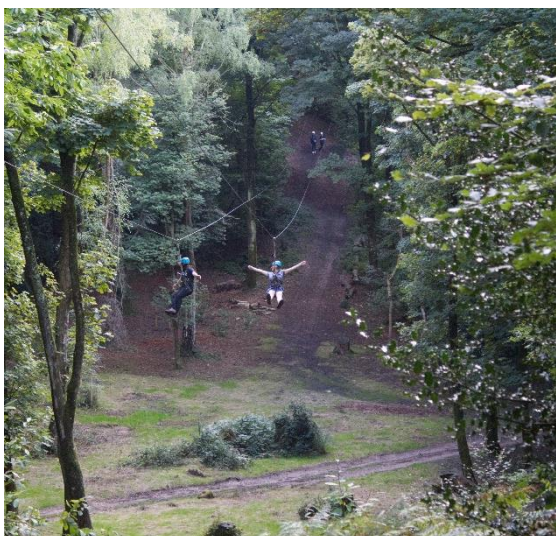
The Cambridge group photo, with past and present CUSAGCers. 3 previous CUSAGCers were present – Eli, Tom, and Bob.

In September 4 CUSAGCers travelled to Paccar Scout Camp for Amalgam, the 2022 SSAGO reunion camp for. We joined 167 other participants for a weekend of both adventurous and classic camp activities. Indeed, the weekend was filled with references to SSAGO history. For example, all of the meals provided had been served at previous SSAGO events, including 3 from Duck Rally (the Cambridge Rally).

My weekend commenced with a passage on a minibus from Manchester along with other Northern SSAGOers. Despite the long journey, it was fantastic not to be the only Northerner in the group for once, and to mingle with SSAGOers from the better half of the country. We also passed the time with a classic karaoke session – I was able to demonstrate my out of tune soprano with “Take on Me”.



Finally I arrived at 11:30pm and joined my fellow CUSAGCers by the campfire. Plenty of classic campfire songs were entertained throughout the weekend, as well as more modern alternatives such as our Mamma Mia and Les Misérables medleys. We also learnt that “*inappropriate songs*” after midnight does in fact include some very inappropriate songs, some which I do not dare repeat. I finally called it a night at 2:30am and retreated to the humongous family sized tent provided by Will, which allowed a slightly more luxurious camping experience. We could sleep free of muddy boots and bags crammed in corners, as the tent contained an entire separate porch area!



The remainder of the weekend was filled with other exciting activities. Whilst Emma was running Geocaching, the rest of us completed the Amalgame, solving puzzles around the campsite. There was also the opportunity to learn more about SSAGO's history and SAGGA (the group for Graduates). Apparently not content with the many steps I had done around the campsite, I joined several games of Rounders and Frisbee. Despite my initial success in achieving a Round, I was subsequently stumped out by a child, indicating that it was time for me to retreat and join the others for some board games.

Will and I also did both the Quick Drop and the Zipwire. The former involved stepping off the edge of a 10m platform, designed to feel like freefalling. Despite being the designated first aider, Will was the only member to nearly sustain proper injury when the rope uncurled around his neck. We managed to undertake 8 turns on the zipwire, showing our dedication by quickly climbing up a hill after each go. Being able to land correctly only 1/8 times shows that my balance has in no way improved since CTW...

Being blindfolded for a more exhilarating Quick Drop



The Closing Ceremony

Overall, despite all the jokes levelled at Cambridge by other SSAGOers, it was a very enjoyable weekend. On a more serious, albeit slightly cheesy note, the camp reminded me of why I am part of Girlguiding. Like most Girlguiding camps, all the people I met were incredibly friendly, welcoming me warmly to the SSAGO traditions. It was lovely to again spend a weekend away from technology, enjoying the scenery and outdoor activities. It is thus a shame that this was the first, and potentially only, SSAGO camp that I have experienced.

Ellie Ripley

WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSSES, ANOTHER OPENS SOMEWHERE ELSE...

This summer I was meant to be going to the World Scout Moot in Ireland but unfortunately in July 2021 the organisers decided to cancel it. Around the same time some members of SSAGO were discussing volunteering at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham so I also decided to apply. I was invited to an interview in November 2021 and in May, I finally got a role offer in the accreditation team. This involved checking people's ID and printing out their pass to allow them access to their venues. Their accreditation database was much more intuitive to use than GO!

All my shifts were spent at the NEC. We mostly sorted out contractors as well as the lovely people from Solihull Council. However, we did get to distribute the passes for some of the celebrities involved in the Sport Relief All Star Games – turns out our manager fancies one of them and was disappointed when someone else got to give "her future husband" his pass! Being in an office and away from most other volunteers meant you had plenty of time to bond with your fellow members of the A-team. During one particularly quiet shift we happened to have 2 customers appear at once which led to us having a rather silly race to see who produce the finished pass first. By the end of my shifts I could do the whole process from printed paper to laminated pass with lanyard clipped on with my eyes closed. All the laminating I had to do for Forward clearly helped.

Our Balti Orange uniform was very distinctive and apparently made you the source of all knowledge. One day as I was getting the train to my shift I was approached by 2 members of the Uganda team who needed help to get to New Street station then on the train to get to London. My flat-mate and fellow volunteer had also arrived by this point and happened to also be needing their train so took to them to their platform. I also became a photographer on a few occasions as well as getting very good at directing people to the ticket office.

If you ever have the chance to volunteer at a big sporting event, I'd thoroughly recommend it. During my interview, I used a lot of my experiences from Guiding discussing how I turned up to run my Brownie Pack each week, took on the responsibility of doing the accounts and recording our programme activities. Being in the Commonwealth Collective felt like being part of a 14,000 strong family not unlike Scouting and Guiding. Indeed, I heard of quite a few Guiders/Scouters in the Collective and even within my 10 person team there was a Cub leader. You could always sit down next to another volunteer on your meal break or journey and they'd be happy to discuss roles or experience. The obsession with mascots was also the same, everyone wanted a hug and a photo with Perry the Bull! The ability to adapt yourself to whatever needs doing will come in useful as well as your problem-solving skills; how do you keep doors open without a door stop, use the ribbon from the lanyard bundles to tie the doors onto the railings!



Initially I was disappointed that the Moot was cancelled but the shutting of that door opened another that led me to the Commonwealth Games. I'm sure one day I'll make it to a Moot or Jamboree abroad but now I'm grateful for the amazing experience of volunteering at another type of large international event.

Emma Crickmore

GOLDEN QUOTES

"I was voted CUSAGC punch bag at the last AGM"

Andrew

"Colin has quite a big bottom"

Emma Crickmore, admiring our AGM caterpillar cake

"Humans are actually the stuff of nightmares"

Andrew

"Unlike many things which are illegal, that's also wrong"

Andrew

"Tell them trousers down to ankles first"

Will

"R: Can you give me an approximate grid reference

G: Ummm... no

R: Ok, what can you see around you

G: There's a field with some horses

R: I'm sorry my map's the same as yours, it doesn't show horses

G: Ah ok... there's some sheep"

Rachel and a lost team of Guides on Forward

"Don't go for them in Freshers week. The week after Freshers week on the other hand..."

Andrew, on sharking

"If Newnham was a milk..."

Andrew

"It's never a sane decision to stab yourself (with a pencil)"

Jonah, on exam dispensations

"I'm very much enjoying being ticklish right now. I can tickle myself and it's great fun"

Matthew, out of absolutely nowhere

"A guide is meant to be a sister to all guides, and a nightmare to all men"

Andrew

"It's windier at sea so you can go faster!"

Will, on open water sailing round the Iberian peninsula to avoid getting visas

"I'm genuinely considering calling a child cementite"

Kitty

"Do you have handcuffs in your car? Or perhaps I shouldn't ask that..."

Andrew, to Will

"Someone mentioned wanting to see the toe photos! So here they are :))"

Emma, to the groupchat

"I wouldn't have safe sex on the beach as a child"

Ellie, referencing a mocktail

"I don't believe in the internet"

Andrew

"Yellow is the colour of the mentally unstable"

Emma Campbell

"Can you just lock the under 18s away?"

Will

"So if anyone wants a barbeque which will be entirely fuelled by Forward Health forms..."

Emma Crickmore

"That's good, teach them capitalism young!"

Emma Campbell, on other Emma's brownie game

"I swear the proportion of gay people in guiding is much higher than usual."

Emma Crickmore

"The only things that were injured were my knees, my tights and my self-confidence."

Rachel

"Will, I have come to this meeting having drunk 3 glasses of prosecco and 3 glasses of wine. But it's fine, I did a risk assessment for riding the bike here, and decided I'm good to cycle."

Rachel

CUSAGC WORDSEARCH

Contained in the grid below are 20 words related to CUSAGC. They can be in any direction including backwards and diagonally.

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