



# Once Upon a Ball Newsletter

Thursday 14th April

Issue 3

## Ball is about to begin!

Hello and welcome to the final Newsletter ahead of Once Upon a Ball!

Booking was open for around 5 weeks and we were simply blown away by the number of you who have booked on. OUaB is now the biggest SSAGO Ball of all time, surpassing the previous record of 171 held by Bath Masked Ball in 2017. To show you how far Balls have come, the first SSAGO Ball in Manchester in 2004 had just 58 people attend. We're so pleased to see so many people are ready to return to the formal Ball. There's also so many plus ones and guests coming along on and we can't wait to introduce you to SSAGO! It was especially nice to be able to wave the late fee and we hope that was helpful to some of you.

It's an incredibly exciting time for us as a committee as we count down to the event. The final two weeks will be spent organising tables, decorations and other little sweet treats for you all. We plan to have a committee weekend together because there's so much to do (and because all the decorations won't fit into one car!).

To get you excited for the event Cesca has created a wonderful activity book full of things to do. All the activities are based on fairy tales and fables and are suitable for all ages. They range from the creative, such as making your own dragon, to the sciencey, growing your own magic beanstalk, to the explorative, like finding your own enchanted castle!

There will be a final piece of communication from us about the event nearer the magic day, but in the meantime please take a quick read through here to familiarise yourself with what's going on ahead of the weekend.

See you at Ball!

**Georgina, Reuben, Larah, Maria, Simon and Francesca**

## Pre-event Gathering

We're delighted to confirm that our Pre-event Gathering will be at The Squirrel, Keele SU at 4:45pm before Ball.

The SU is opposite Keele Hall and the Squirrel is on the first floor. The bar will be open and there's plenty of space to chill and chat



## Jacks Magic Beans

Jack sold his old cow Daisy at the market for beans. Due to inflation, he got a lot more beans than the 5 he had expected!

But how many beans did Jack receive?

Take a guess on the night for 50p and you can win the whole jar!



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CUTLERY CUP ♦ COMMITTEE COLANDER

The SSAGO Awards will be happening at Ball. There are two main awards, The Cutlery Cup, awarded to one member who has shown particular dedication to SSAGO, Scouting and/or Guiding, and the Committee Colander, awarded to any SSAGO committee who have had success as a team. There are also some further commendations which you can read for yourself online. Please take the time to think about members who you think might be suitable for an award and nominate them at the website below.

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

## Menu Face-off!

### Starter

Tomato Soup - 75%

Melon - 25%

### Main

Roast Beef - 78%

Wellington - 22%

### Dessert

Chocolate Brownie - 70%

Crumble - 30%



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## Ball Throwback Aber Does ABBA Ball 13th April 2019



## THE HAPPILY EVER AFTER PARTY

Suggest songs for the After Party at  
[ball.ssago.org/pages/song-requests](http://ball.ssago.org/pages/song-requests)



## Once Upon a Ball in numbers

We sold **270 badges** to our guests

**25 clubs** are attending

The committee have had **16 meetings**

The 'site visit' was a **260 mile** round trip

Loughbrorough have **91%** of their  
members attending

**Contact the Committee**

Just email

**[ball@ssago.org](mailto:ball@ssago.org)**

What do frog princes like to  
eat with their hamburgers?  
French flies.