

The Quacker

Summer Rally 2018

Issue 01



Quack! Welcome to The Jarman Centre which is home to Summer Rally, this has been 18 months or so of work from when you picked us at Best of British Rally and it's been a fun experience of running our first rally!

We're hoping that this rally is really something unique, it may be the third Duck Rally held in Cambridge since SSAGO was started but we still have lots of ducks up our sleeves to make this special. Later today everyone on rally will have the chance to spend some time in Cambridge when we move the whole camp there for activities, lunch and ceilidh.

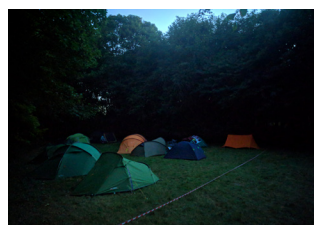
We've pulled in a wide range of activities from water sports to escape rooms, vineyards to pub golf and even the unusual Cambridge Tradition of punt jousting. We're looking forward to seeing how the exec fair at lunch time! I'd really like to thank 2nd St Ives Sea Scouts for their support in the water activities provisions.

In reality this couldn't have happened without a team effort, Oli our treasurer has done a great job in keeping the money in order and saying how many ducks can be bought, Caroline and Elli have been planning the duck-friendly menu with special thanks to Elli for stepping in quite late into the planning, Ed has sorted the coaches and logistics which have been especially complicated and Matt (who can't even be here) has helped with activities.

We've managed to do all of this scattered around the UK, our first meeting was the only one where we were all in the same room (excluding Elli who wasn't even part of CUSAGC then!) and meetings taking place in Cumbria, in a random pub in Norfolk and while out in kayaks. Hopefully the rest of the committee don't see me as living up to my ducktator title that much...

Finally I'd like to thank Patricia and Toni-Ann who manage the site and have been great to us throughout the booking, especially with how many of you are here this weekend and those of you using the additional nights this is one of the largest and most complicated bookings they've had to deal with. CUSAGC have worked very closely with the site in the past and two areas of the site are named after us and we're hoping rally goes a long way to improve the site in future. I'll just leave on a few words from our mascots. Quack, Quack Quack, Quack, Quack Quack Quack

Tom, The Ducktator



Duck Tales

A brave scout group lent CUSAGC their brand new, never used minibus!

The same minibus has already been crashed, but by the people delivering it, not SSAGO!

Members of SSAGO seen having to talk to each other and socialise due to lack of mobile and WiFi signal

Car park tetris enjoyed by all, especially Southampton's 29-point turn. It's only going to get worse!

Starting campfire songs before 23:00 doesn't work, when the response to "is everyone happy" was... nothing.

Unlike previous Rallies, for the first time, the fire was burning before people arrived on site

Oli from PLUGS almost used the shower as a toilet.

Southampton forgot a single but crucial tent pole. Again.

The Bristol rivalry continues with SAGUWE's mascot in Bristol's hands, after it was delisted from EBay due to trafficking concerns.

CUSAGC have big plans for the ducks post-Rally...

Melissa has at least one SSAGO admirer, but she'd like more.

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Duck Jokes

Q: What do you call a bird that can fix anything? A: Duck Tape.

Q: What do you call a duck with fangs? A: Count Duckula!

Q: Where did the duck go when he was sick? A: To the ducktor!

Q: Did you hear about the duck who thought he was a squirrel? A: It was one tough nut to quack.

Q: What do you call a duck that steals? A: A robber ducky.

HUGS INCOMPETENT AT INCOMPETENCE: Sheffield HUGS weren't able to bring the spoon of incompetence to camp because they locked it in their house after posting the keys through the letter box! Whoops!

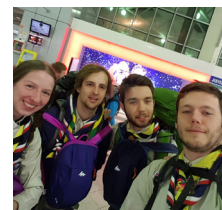
DUCKTATOR VS. DICTATOR: There will be a grand punt jousting challenge between the Dictator (Joshua Smith) and the Ducktator (Thomas Webster) on Saturday. Place your bets on who you think will win at: <https://ssago.org/battle>



HOW MUCH FOOD CAN YOU FIT IN A CAR? The Rally Committee discovered the issues of ending up with more shopping than they had car space, having to persuade someone to give up their doctors appointment and take the remaining 2/3's of the shopping to site!

READY TO GET HIGH? Morning activities may involve getting high, grass and chronophage (whatever that is...)

SHEFFIELD STINGS ARE ON THEIR WAY! After finishing their Explorer Belt, the second half of Sheffield StinGS are still making their way to Rally from Budapest! Commitment!



CUTLERY CUP

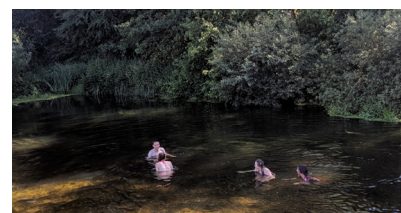
Whilst the Exec haven't been able to come to a decision due to so many amazing candidates for the cutlery cup, the Scout Association representative arriving tomorrow will be helping to make the final decision. Congratulations to all those nominated and thanks for all the great submissions.



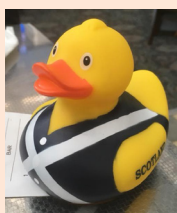
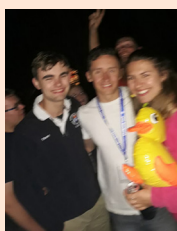
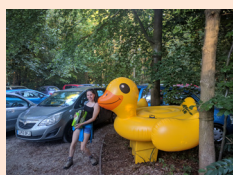
BEST TENT ON CAMP AWARD: The best tent on camp award has to go to UOBGAS for their fully set up patrol tent, and getting ready for the site anniversary challenge!

DUCK CAPTURE: Found a duck from another club that they're supposed to be guarding? Take them to the Exec! Lost your Duck? You'd better hope your duck fishing skills are good...

PRE-RALLY EXCITEMENT: Those who came for Pre-Rally had a great time exploring Cambridge, exploring the forest, swimming in the river and enjoying the peace before everyone else turned up. "Do they have to come?"



Duck Spotting



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