



SPRING 2018

Newsletter

We are excited for this summer, and wanted to say hey!

Can you hear it on the wind? Are you getting cravings for coco, sing song and bog chat?! No? Just me?!

Everyone here at The SSC have been busy bees ensuring that this summer will be the best yet. You won't believe where the magical mystery tour is going this year!!! (Pssst....it's a secret)

As always we love hearing from you guys, if you have any requests for activities or merchandise you want to see then don't hesitate to get in touch.

You're always welcome to the meetings we have too, especially the AGM.



This is your club, as much as it is ours!

We are so excited to see everyone this summer. It's gonna be a humdinger! So get your wellie boots, midge spray, torches and midnight snacks packed and get ready for the best summer ever!

What do we want? STRUAN! When do we want it? NOW!

See you guys soon!
Sophie

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THE SSC OPEN DAY

(in association with the Struan Trust)

12noon to 5pm
Thursday 26th July

Struan Camp Site
By Calvine
Perth and Kinross, PH18 5UE

The SSC 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

11am start
Sunday 11th November

North Merchiston Club
48 Watson Crescent
Edinburgh, EH11 1EP

The SSC 105th Anniversary Dinner!

In November we all got our glad rags on and headed along to Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens to celebrate 105 years of the SSC. The dinner was organised and put together wonderfully by Ellen Andrew.

Though the setting much different from our beloved Struan field we came together swapping our pie and beans for some fine dining.



True to SSC style, important parts were enjoyed on the night such as singsong led by Messers Ian Brown and Lewis Whitelaw. Included amongst the amazing sing song acts were some familiar routines and other some other silly shenanigans. The sing song show closed with a lovely duet from fabulous Martha and Cammy

Gillespie, and of course the closing courses were executed out of tune!

To round the night to a close, a rather clumsy ceilidh with a few slips and falls in turn created a fun filled atmosphere and overall brilliant end to what was a wonderful evening.

Glasgow Branch Reunion Dinner!

In April we were delighted to be able to hold a reunion for the Glasgow Branch at GHK Rugby Club. The evening was very well attended, and enjoyed by all there. They raised an incredible £1025. The funds will be used by the club to purchase a new patrol tent for the summer with the balance to fund a full cost assisted place at Struan. Big shot out to Malcolm Stenhouse and his team who organised the evening. Here are a few words from the man himself...

"There were some legendary names from the past in attendance and Laurence Reid was there too! Terrific representation from Greenock and Oban branches really added to the sense of reunion.

Roddy Forsyth's speech was top drawer, reminding us all just how important SSC was to our generation and will continue to be in the future. Bill Gemmill drawing out his own raffle ticket was a brilliant moment.

A huge thanks to all at GHK for putting on the show. It was an outstanding success."

We are on the hunt for the next branch/ regional dinner for late 2018/early 2019!

Would you be up to the challenge? If you would be up for being the local organiser and assisting our associate member coordinator in making it happen, then please contact associates@thessc.org





Interview with an Associate...

Our Ellen Andrew was fortunate enough to have a chat with our longest serving volunteer Bill Gemmill.

This October marks Bill's 80th year of involvement with the SSC, joining the club at 12 years old.

Do you remember your first camp?

It was in 1945 and it was a weekend Easter camp at Aberfoyle. I first joined the SSC in 1938 when I was 12 years old when I joined the Cleveden Sunday Meeting. There were no camps during the war so when I attended my first camp I was an officer.

Do you remember what your first role as an officer was?

I was camp Banker. I was always camp banker, so it marked beginning of my long financial career with the SSC. I took up the role as Glasgow Sunday Meetings treasurer and then moved onto become the Glasgow branch treasurer and then secretary. In 1968, David Williamson invited me to become treasurer for the Central Council of the SSC and I did that role for 33 years. I gave up most of that post in 2001, but I still do the Associate Section subscriptions.

Did you ever do any other roles at camp?

Portavadie in 1950, I was the quartermaster.

Do you remember what the last time you camped was?

It was a camp at West Linton, around 1955 or 1956. It was not too long after Sandy was born!

I think most people in the SSC have an older officer or leader that they look up to. Is there anyone in the SSC you looked up to?

Yes - well Stanley Nairne for one. His sing songs and epilogues were fantastic. Willie Boyd, he was the founder of the Glasgow Sunday Meetings. Donald Steele of Greenock. Also David Williamson and Derek Proudfoot. Derek was the meetings leader of Broomhill before he moved to Dundee and I succeeded him as Broomhill leader.

Do you have any specific memory of camp that you could say was your favourite?

No, that is too difficult. It is the atmosphere of the camps, that is what I enjoyed the most. I do remember however, when I first joined the annual subscription for the SSC was 12.5p (or half a crown) and I had to get it from my father in order to be able to pay it.

We thank you for all you have done for The SSC Bill, and for all your continue to do! One can only aspire to give as much time to The SSC as you have!



Assisted Places Fundraising 2018

Throughout the year volunteers, friends, family and campers fund raise for our Assisted Places Fund (APF) which exist because we believe that everyone should have the chance to come to camp and experience the magic of Struan regardless of their circumstance. Money should be no barrier to joining our community and we work hard to make sure that we can be as inclusive as possible.

Our fund is there help people, so if you know of a young person, an organisation, a youth group or charity that could benefit from the assistance we are able to provide please get in touch with our office.

Additionally, if you are interested in running a fundraiser for our APF, or would simply like information on the fund please email our office at office@thessc.org.



New Faces!

We are delighted to announce that we have some new faces on our wonderful team. They are now 'ONE OF US'. Alice has joined us as our office administrator, and she is great. If she emails you (I'm sure she will at some point) be sure to say hey! Maria has joined us in a development role. She has loads of exciting ideas for the club and we are delighted to have her on board. Just in case you are concerned about their relevant skills and qualifications, we have asked them what we thought would be your most burning questions:



What is your name?

Alice!

What is your role?

I am the SSC Administrator.

Where are you from?

I am from Biggar, South Lanarkshire. It is famous for ice cream and puppets!

Do you have a guilty pleasure?

Keeping Up with the Kardashians, but it's okay because I watch it ironically.

What is your favourite way of cooking a potato?

I like to mash potatoes with butter, cheese and spring onions (it's called champ and it's amazing).

Tell us a joke!

What's made of brass, and, sounds like Tom Jones? Trombones.



What is your name?

Maria!

What is your role?

I am the SSC Development Officer.

Where are you from?

Málaga on the Costa Del Sol in Spain!

What is your favourite song to sing in the shower?

I sing everywhere and all the time but my favourite song is 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'.

Do you have a favourite Harry Potter character?

I do not follow Harry Potter, but I love magic and do magic with my wand when I am out camping!

If you were allowed only 3 things to take with you to a desert island, what would those be?

My cat, a time machine and a lovely friend!

We need your help!

General Data Protection Regulation

We are sure you have heard in the news and from many other organisations and bodies about the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on 25 May 2018.

Due the nature of the way The SSC has been run, and due to the fact we are 106 years old, we are aware that many people may still hold old SSC records. May this be old camping lists, or old membership data, we would be grateful if you would get in touch to advise us what it is you have.



If you can check your garages, your lofts and your filing cabinets and any other nook or cranny where you might be storing a few old boxes marked 'SSC'.

If you hold any SSC data (whether that be in hardcopy or electronically) or if you have any questions please email **associates@thessc.org** with the subject 'SSC DATA.' We are grateful for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Professional Expertise: Accounting/PR

The SSC Management Committee are always looking for assistance, and appreciate any time anyone can give to the club using their current or former professional expertise.

If you have time to spare, whether in retirement or in your evenings or weekends to assist the SSC Management Committee please get in touch with us. We are grateful for any support, no matter the task!



At the present time we would be interested in hearing from people with accounting experience and those who have experience or connections in the field of PR and/or Media.

If you would be interested in helping out or have any questions about what might be involved please email **chair@thessc.org**. Sophie would be delighted to hear from you.

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