

BRISTOL

Here's what we've been up to over the last term....

SUMMER TERM 2000

Kohoutek: 1-day service event for younger scouts and guides. Approx 300 young people came to take part in 30 fun bases ending with a campfire.

Annual Dinner: After Kohoutek, about 30 current and past members turned up to take over a local BYO wine restaurant. It was a huge event, lasting till 3am.

Summer Camp: 5 days at Longridge scout boating centre, Marlow. Activities included Canoeing, climbing, abseiling, walking, rifle shooting, assault course and a 1-day Canadian canoeing expedition. And we had really nice weather.

AUTUMN TERM 2000

Fresh: Despite our stall being stuck in the most awkward, far away corner of the Union we signed up 12 new members and so far we've seen 9 of them.

Ready Steady Cook: About 10 people came to this: We split into 2 teams; each bought a random collection of food, which the opposing team had to turn into a meal (and eat). Local Service Event: GAS members helped with renovations on a local Sea Scout HQ.

Unicorn: 3 Day Service event: 120 young people aged 10 - 16, from around the county, took part in a night hike with various activities at bases around the course. The weather was appalling but all participants enjoyed themselves. The club had about 25 members there, including a good turnout from new members.

THE REST OF THIS TERM...

Also on our programme this term are: Climbing, Making toffee apples, Kayaking, Video night, Christmas Dinner, Squoggle Bosh, Kite Flying, Quiz.....

CARDIFF

We started the year with a very successful Fresher's' Fayre, recruiting a total of 46 members, many of them new. We also helped on the Scout and Guide stall at Companies Fayre and held an afternoon with both the Local Scout and Guide leaders for our new members. Since then we have held typical meetings including a pub-crawl, skittles evening and indoor climbing. We have also attended a fashion show for the new Scout Uniforms. The highlight so far of the term has been our Fresher's' Camp, where 23 of us stayed in a Scout Lodge in the Breacon Beacons. There we played a variety of team building games, went on a short walk and visited Dan Yr Ogof Showcaves. Feedback from the camp was very positive and we feel that it has helped the society to bond (some more than others!!!).

DURHAM (DUSAGG)

We have some new fresher's, which is good, and Fresher's camp was well attended. We are doing lots of exciting things, including overnight blind-drop without maps, dry slope skiing, letterboxing, bowling, orienteering etc. DUSAGG also has a new event on this term - an overnight incident hike for ventures, rangers and other adult leaders including SSAGO, so come along on 25th November if you want a laugh. Oh yes, and we're holding a rally!

HULL (SHAGS)

Since the last rally, SHAGS have a new executive for the coming year. President is Sheila McCreary, Secretary is Amanda Sawyer (also SSAGO Rep) and the Treasurer is Andrew Kemp. Over summer we organised the programme for the coming term and societies bazaar. We lost quite a few members last year to graduation, so it was important that we had a good societies bazaar. Recruitment didn't go as well as we had hoped, but it was the same for all societies present. Our first event was a pub-crawl on 11th October, which went well although turn out could have been better. Then we went to a pub quiz on 23rd October where people managed to miss us, despite our rather prominent SHAGS t-shirts. The events haven't been that well attended, which we have worked out is due to people having other commitments on the same night. We hope to remedy this soon, although there is never going to be a perfect night for everyone. Things are going quite well, we hope to create links with other SSAGO clubs in the north, a few changes need to be made, but hopefully we have a good year ahead of us.

LEEDS (LUUSAG)

We have a similar number of members as in previous years (16) however there have been more coming to events although not in any large number. Events that we have done include the weekly pub lunch; a board games evening; a few pub quizzes; a theatre trip; a night hike and by the time this is read a games and bonfire (with N.W. bonfire food!) event for local scouts. Planned events include climbing, a walk in the Dales or Peak District and a ghost walk in York which there will be invites for the other regional SSAGO clubs.

LEICESTER (SLUGS)

During the summer we planned the most extensive and exciting programme yet attempted by the club. We had a successful fresher's fair (although numbers are down on last year). We have been running regular social evenings in a local pub on a weekly basis and have already been on camp. On camp we did archery, climbing, designed a T- shirt, as well as all the usual shenanigans of a camp. We are hoping to keep improving the club over the rest of the year.

LOUGHBOROUGH (SCOGUI)

This year, we have gained 12 enthusiastic freshers (even if they were surprised by our recruitment sandwich boards). We hope that the freshers will provide a secure and fun-filled future for the club. On top of that, the club has now got about 30 members with about 20 being active. We have spent the last few weeks welcoming the freshers with a few events such as pub-crawls, silly games (a very

amusing evening!!) and an overnight camp. Plenty of the old crowd are back again and are enjoying the joys of student life (but not the work load!). We have a full program arranged for this term with some activities including our annual walk up Beacon Hill and Mini-Pioneering. We are hoping that next term we can do more activities with Nottingham or Leicester and perhaps doing First Aid Training and/or Community work.

Our website has been updated and now looking better than before: (www-lsu.lboro.ac.uk/clubsocscogui/)

At the moment we have a problem with minibus drivers as they are few and far between. The union are not be very helpful with it either. Unfortunately, our treasurer stood down and so the position will be re-elected at our Semesterly General Meeting on Tuesday 31st October as will fresher's rep and vice chair.

MANCHESTER (MANSSAGO)

Since the Bristol rally a lot has happened in the life of Manchester SSAGO. Most notably a very successful summer expo in East Sussex, and a superb end of year party on the theme of Grease. A nearly completely new committee has seen a great start to the new year, where activities such as a freshers' meal, Ready, Steady, Cook, bowling, a scavenger hunt and laser quest have attracted a regular group of newcomers. Before Christmas we are planning on doing climbing, hiking, going to Southport for the night, and greyhound racing.

SHEFFIELD (STINGS)

The fresher's fair went quite well, although not as many people signed up for the society as we expected. Since the fresher's fair we have had a bowling social, so that everyone could get to know each other. That was very successful. We are hoping to plan another social before the Rally. This was supposed to be a walk in the Peak District, but unfortunately due to bad weather this could not go ahead. At the moment we have 4 committee members and 4 other members. 5 of us will be attending the Autumn Rally.

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton SSAGO has been gradually building up. A new committee was formed in May and around 30 indicated interest at the Bun fight (Fresher's' Fair) in October. We've a busy term planned, although some of the events planned for the start of term fell through for one reason or another (usually due to the Student Union!). We were optimistic that things could only get better! They have and we've now had some successful fun events. Being a newish group, we've had the enjoyable experience of trying to set everything up from scratch near enough. WE'VE GOT A NECKER! It will be officially unveiled at the Durham Rally, but yes, we've chosen colours and had some made. It's what we think is a very tasteful dark red/gold combo. See you all in Durham!

TYNELINK

-Tynelink have about 25 members this year.

-About 5 or 6 of our members went to Mexico for the moot over the summer, and some of our new members were there too. So we've got loads of people who were in Mexico.

-Obviously we've been busy planning a Rally.

-According to our programme for the term, we're alcoholics, as even though we have a good range of activities

(Wet & Wild water park, Christmas Dinner, Video nights etc), they all seem to involve the Strawberry Pub. I don't know when you got sent the last report. Nor anything else about Mexico. So that's about all that I've got to put in this report.

WARWICK

During the summer term, we continued with our weekly activities. We went bowling, which was more successful for some than others! We also went to our Wednesday student union event known as decadence, to which we wore our club neckers. We had a practice campfire in preparation for the Earlsdon District Millennium Camp, which we ran a campfire for. We also had a barbecue and in true British style it rained! Two members attended the CUSAGC rally, and on returning we held our summer camp at a local Scout campsite. We are currently preparing for fresher's fayre and are in the process of putting together a database of local Scout and Guide groups so as to inform members of where they can help out locally.