



Club Report

Period: Spring to Summer Term 2014

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1. Committee Activities:

Since the election of a full committee (8 members) we have been busy identifying in which direction the club should be heading. Our Chair, Rob has been busy visiting the Union almost every week in order to address issues that our club faces such as the insurance policies and child protection. Due to our interaction the Union has had cause to change a number of its policies and clarify on a number of points.

The Union has been trying to bring all of its finances in house which has the potential to cause issues for SCOGUI. Up till now all of our own money has been held in a bank account with Santander however due to a miss understanding when setting up some newer societies accounts they have started to incur charges on those accounts. The Union has been running a pilot scheme for the new system which SCOGUI have not been part of, and we will try to keep our bank account (and therefore our cheque book) as it allows us to function. Another battle which we faced was that Santander stopped taking cheques over the counter, so after much pestering Catherine Ashton (Permanent Societies Running Person) ordered a paying in card which SCOGUI have access to. It is thanks to Rob and help from the previous Chair Tom Chapman that we have this. Our new publicity officer has been busy looking at the possibility of a new logo and we are currently holding a referendum. After being faced with an eviction notice our QM has cleared out the garage and since refilled it after a few visits to the council and the union. We are currently looking to elect a new Vice Chair as the current one has had an offer of a year abroad and the Liaisons Officer has been busy chasing up DBS checks as well as trying to improve links with local Guide and Scout Groups.

2. Tuesday Activities:

This term we have done a wide variety of Tuesday activities including Campfire cooking, Extreme camping and a whole night of making paper aeroplanes. As it has been exam season we have not done as many challenging activities as in the past but we have been preparing for Freshers next year by making our promo video. One evening we did pioneering from large scale tripods and slack lines to tiny desk size Newton's cradles. Not to mention the awesome light painting pictures we did before Easter. This term we have also seen a number of our members graduate and as is traditional this term we held SCOGUI Graduation where those leaving us were recognised and those who had done something particularly memorable during the year were given an award. Overall it has been a busy term and we will continue our activities over Summer with our Summer Camp and our Seaside Camp.

3. Special Events:

A couple of special Events took place this term, Night Hike, Annual Dinner and Camping Barn.

Night Hike: An event organised by the Liaisons Officer for local scout and guide groups. This year the

planning was slightly last minute however the event went off well. We had around 80 participants take part and complete 5 bases. Although a few people managed to miss a base or two they seemed to enjoy it. Annual Dinner (A chance for current members to meet and catch up with past members) was a quiet affair compared with last year which was our 60th Birthday. None the less it was well received and well run by KJ Duncumb our current Secretary.

Camping Barn took place in the Peak District where we stayed at Tansley Wood Scout Campsite and spent a weekend relaxing before the exams truly began. This event was well organised by Katie Rushton and we all enjoyed the Dalek Cake which was produced by Anna.

4. Community Events:

A number of our members are still helping out with local units and we have been approached on a couple of occasions for help with events and with Leaders. Notably this term we provided a few helpers for the Jubilee Beaver day run by the local district.

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