

BATH (BUGS)

BUGS held 2 joint events with Bristol SSAGO before Christmas, skating at Bristol rink and a game of quasar in Bath. For the quasar game, the local Link group joined us too. Two-day trips to local sights such as Glastonbury, Wells and Stonehenge were made. A new and successful idea for our programme. A committee has been established for the "A BUGS life" rally to be held in Nov. 2001. Mince pies were made, carols were sung and a barn dance was attended.

BRISTOL (UBGAS)

Here is a summary of what UBGAS have been up to during the past two terms:

AUTUMN 2000

Fresh We signed up 12 new members at our freshers fair. We also had a 'freshers fun day', which involved a treasure trail into town from halls followed by lots of food.

Ready Steady Cook: 2 teams each bought £5 worth of food, which the opposing team then had to turn into a meal.

Service Event for Sea Scouts, Renovations on local sea scout HQ.

Unicorn: 3-day service event involving a night hike for 120 young people from around the county. About 25 members of UBGAS came. All the participants enjoyed themselves, despite appalling weather conditions.

Rally: 8 members went to the Great North East rally.

Climbing Continuation of the club's adventurous theme. At a local climbing wall, with instruction. Quasar at Bath Bristol beat Bath 2 games to 1.

Pub Quiz A team from GAS came third place in the quiz at a local pub and will definitely win next time. Christmas Dinner Around 30 members, past and present went to Xmas dinner, at a local church hall.

SPRING TERM 2001

So far this term we have had a pudding party, Beer & Pool and been climbing again. Activities planned for the rest of term include hiking, boating, pancakes, archery, going to Cardiff rally, ICC (international cooking competition - service event).

CAMBRIDGE (CUSAGC)

As ever, CUSAGC has had a hectic few months, enjoying both major and less extended events. Highlights have included the club's annual winter expedition, which this year took CUSAGC to Scotland. Various activities were organised and everyone had a great time, despite having to relocate youth hostel twice due to burst pipes!

On the service side, CUSAGC assisted its President clean out and reline a local village school pond; everyone got very wet and talk of water snakes and leaches made some rather uneasy!

Nevertheless, the task was completed and the school now has a much improved wildlife area. Smaller events have included the inevitable cinema trips, the organisation of a Cub quiz, and even a lawn bowls session!

CUSAGC goes from strength to strength, with membership now running to over 60; we continue to recruit people from both within and without the university. The club's AGM recently took place at which the officers for next year's committee were elected; Jennie Taylor will be Chair for 2001–2002. CUSAGC's relations with SSAGO were also cemented, with the AGM ratifying the proposals for increased involvement, which had been discussed at last year's Special General Meeting (SGM). CUSAGC now has a new post, SSAGO Liaison Officer (SLO), and Catharine Fairfield will be taking on this responsibility.

CUSAGC is set for another successful year.

CANTERBURY (CS GAS)

This term has seen the re-launch of UKC GAS as CS GAS (Canterbury Students Guides and Scouts). This means that we are open to all further education institutions in Canterbury, not just the university. To celebrate this we have started wearing orange t-shirts, and Gav has made us a beautiful website (www.su.ukc.ac.uk/societies/gas/). We have weekly orange t-shirt wearing socials in the pub, and we try to do at least one other activity a week as well. We are planning a weekend camp near the end of term and also have several events helping in local scouting.

CARDIFF

Cardiff SSAGS have had a busy time since Durham Rally. Much effort has been focused on the organisation of our Rally. However, we have maintained weekly social events including a pub quiz, bowling, games evening, and a visit to Comedy Club. Our Christmas meal was the biggest yet, with 27 members enjoying an evening at Bar Med and then on to a club. We also provided service teams for the local Gang Show and Miskin Scout Campsite. Exec members also attended a County Guide Christmas Carol Service at Llandaff Cathedral. Spring term events have ranged from a Carry On Video Night getting us in the mood for our Rally to Dry slope skiing lessons. A Ready Steady Cook competition is also being organised with a local Venture unit. Future events planned include Ice Skating, Day Hike, St David's Day Photo Challenge and many food orientated evenings, as they are extremely popular with our members!!!

HULL (SHAGS)

Mostly we have been having difficulty in encouraging attendance, as this year's first years are very uninvolved in this and other societies that I am involved in. We have been interrupted by Christmas followed by 3 weeks of exams, which means that we have only just started back and can now plan up until Easter, which we are in the process of doing. We are going to go to Happy Hour at the Union, but we are waiting for ideas beyond that.

LOUGHBOROUGH (SCOGUI)

We have come back to University for the most exciting time of year, Christmas exams! Since last report, we have done many things. We had a cheese and wine evening with quiz questions at our Secretary's house. Mini pioneering saw the "creative" side of our members whilst the Beacon walk tested their endurance. A couple of socials even gave us chance to relax.

We also had a fun night when Nottingham and Leicester joined us for one of our meetings at our union. This was a team building session and included walking around the union in a conga line blindfolded. Most of us opted not to step into the Union for a few weeks afterwards!

Christmas shopping and culture found some of us descending on Leicester to the museum, pubs (obviously – but we had SLUGS show us all the best joints in town) and then hunting for gifts for loved ones. To end the term, we had our annual Christmas meal at one of the local pubs and the food was delicious and everyone looked gorgeous. To welcome everyone back from the Christmas holidays, we went to Leicester Mega-Bowl Centre to socialise and vent our pre-exam tension.

We have a full program arranged for this term yet again with activities including 3-legged pub-crawls, pancake night (we have to have this since it's Shrove Tuesday), and letterboxing to name just a few. For more information on this term's activity visit our website: (www-lsu.lboro.ac.uk/clubsocscogui/)

For weekend activities, we are arranging a night hike for the local Scouts and Guides around our local campsite (where we held the Loughborough Rally). We are also planning to go to a Camping Barn in March, but the place is yet to be decided.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 6th March and all the committee will stand down (except for Fresher's Rep as this is elected at our Semesterly General Meeting) and elections will take place.

MANCHESTER (MANSSAGO)

Since the Durham rally, Manchester SSAGO has continued to run a variety of weekly activities, which are normally well attended. We have also had a very successful Christmas Meal attended by both past and present members. Our winter camp on Lake Windermere was also a huge success, and great fun was had by all. A lot of people turned up for our Blind Drop, where we were left somewhere in the Peak District at night, with a map and told to find our way to a specific location. By the end of term we are hoping to go and see the Manchester Storm ice hockey team play as well as going shooting. A number MANSSAGO have also decided to participate in the fund-raising Bogel Stroll, which involves walking 55 miles in 24 hours.

NOTTINGHAM (SNoGS)

Things have been going well since the last rally; we've continued with the weekly activities, highlights have been Jeremy's very muddy night hike in Walesby forest, the Christmas meal and the much anticipated trip to Lazerquest.

Last term we went down to Loughborough for their Challenge evening with Leicester, everyone had a laugh, although mostly at our own expense, after being led in a blindfold conga through the students union bars. Following that, just a couple of weeks ago, we were visited by the girls from SCOGUI, which provided the ideal excuse for a post-exam clubbing night.

That brings us up to date, at the rally. This year Gareth made us break with tradition and actually wear fancy dress for the barn dance. We haven't attempted fancy dress for as long as I can remember, so please try not to laugh at us too much!

OXFORD (OUSGG)

Another successful year for ousgg, in which we went from Snowdonia, via the Cotswolds, to Kandersteg (albeit not during the same trip). Certainly, if you have never been to Kandersteg you do not know what you are missing: we tried everything from walking on the Alps to teaching English campfire songs to other visitors. Aside from our numerous trips outside of the confines of Oxford, our weekly meetings have ranged from our annual punt, a night ringing bells, a great trip to Kandersteg, a chance to hit each other with swords, to being able to say that OUSGG has, quite literally, gone to the dogs. Did we say how good Kandersteg was?

SOUTHAMPTON

The first real term is over! Since the last report went in, Southampton have attended a fireworks display with a local Venture Unit, bowled, helped with, or rather intended to help with, a Ranger Night Hike (it was cancelled by the Rangers during the afternoon) so we had a short circular route from the car parked in the pub car park to the pub instead. Five of us attended travelled to the Durham Rally and a week later five of us joined Warwick SSAGO for a campfire in the New Forest. This term has started late due to semesterisation at the University, and we're hoping to go walking, climbing, pancakes and try archery when the term does start.

TYNELINK

The past twelve months have seen TyneLINK being involved in a number of different activities. Whilst the majority of these were of a social nature, we were able to be of service at Newcastle County's Thinking Day Event and also co-ordinated and ran an activity day for local Scouts and Guides. The Unit was a little on the inactive side between Easter and summer due to a variety of course and work commitments. Four of our members joined the UK Contingent to the Mexico Moot in July and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. A new academic year saw new members joining our ranks and our programme was kicked off in the traditional way of a City Walls pub-crawl! Our November rally experience was marred only by the disappearance of our mascot. Alan was only a young star and had been enjoying life to the full before he was kidnapped and brutally harmed (by the way he is irreplaceable as Ikea have stopped making them).

Since the Rally, we have enjoyed pizza and videos, evenings in pubs and a Unit Christmas meal. Plans for the next few weeks include horse riding, Wet and Wild water park and hopefully a unit camp.