

Aberdeen

Aberdeen have been enjoying the aftermath of the first ever annual Woggles and AGM with the new committee now in place.

Aberystwyth

Much coffee and cake as usual – it got the group through dissertations and exams! AGM and 2nd Birthday party – we carried on the tradition of a sleepover in the Scout hut for this special occasion; Space hop – as the departing president Gareth (joined by other graduating committee members Sarah and Steph) was challenged to space hop from the bandstand to the bottom of Constitution Hill and along the seafront, which he completed with the help of new president Will; Membership currently stands at £2 for the moment and is due to increase to £3/4 over the coming years; Next meeting: 18th November.

Bangor

Hello from bugs, Were still here, live and kicking. Bugs has been very interactive from the last rally. In activities with other SSAGO clubs. We have been visited by SSAGS, STINGS AND UEA. They have joined us on many trips including a trip to Llandudno to the beach/ town followed by a cinema and pizza, which turned into a camping weekend at Rowen where much fun, large fires, and interesting wood collecting (some rather interesting ways of getting wood down hills!!!), Bugs attended the SSAGO ball in Cardiff deciding to make it into a full weekend trip (seen as we had to travel so far down – with another interesting bugs train journey).

We had a brilliant time having eight members there, all been classy drinking pints in ball gowns. We had brilliant shopping trips to Chester and Cheshire oaks at the end of the semester after exams for celebration and Notts rally fancy dress shopping, which were great fun and some interesting buys. We have kept up with our weekly meetings have alternate weeks in the pub and craft nights including glass painting, flag making etc.

We had an amazing weekend down in south Wales attending the Wye River Cruise, where we had 6 paddlers all completing the 32 miles, having a lovely sunny weekend Bugs attended the awards evening in style this year. – gaining, where we got most community based club award Been in north Wales it wouldn't be right not to do lots of walking and climbing. So we have been on many climbs all over centring around Betos and the ogwin valley. Which were great fun. Many walks have been undertaken in rain and shine to places like swallow falls and Holy Head (an extremely wet day – all involved looking like drowned rats by the end of it. As an end of term/end of year evening we held a progressive dinner moving around Bangor. This was a brilliant success and well attended which was ended by watching top gear while eating Archers trifle – very yummy. Where the hand over from the old to the new exec took place. (Jon = chief, Amy = Sec, Rae = treasure) Bugs had had a successful year, with membership up, taking part in and attending all SSAGO (I think) and many Network events.

And looks forward to carrying this on next year under the new committee We hope to see you all up in north Wales for Bangor rally (which is been sorted and confirmed at the min) which will be taking place on the 17th – 19th November 2006, themed black adder so start thinking up costumes. We hope to see you all there for an amazing weekend.

Bath

Since Easter, BUGS have been busy doing all sorts of stuff, finishing off with our end-of-term BBQ. A new exec has been elected, and they're looking forward to doing more activities, attending more rallies and working with local Scouting/Guiding. We've got lot of stuff planned for the next academic year - starting with signing up loads of freshers at the societies fair. Sorry we couldn't make it to Nottingham - see you in the autumn.

Bath Spa

What a weird and wacky year we've had! While London tube maps may be useful for getting around, we found another use for them, by creating a quiz based on the names. Where do you have to wait amongst the flowers? Kew ('Queue') Gardens of course! We all got very confused trying to figure out the answers. We then had the challenge of transporting an egg unbroken the furthest across a room and it certainly made for some innovative results! Natalie, Mike and Annabel constructed a stylish, state of the art roadster (aka the SSAGO-mobile) with a box and tin can wheels, whilst Dan and Joanne created a rocket with a parachute on top (aka S1)! Both the eggs survived, but S1 won the distance battle, even when it skidded across the table and smashed into a cupboard!

The Bath half marathon called again, and there we were stood on Pultney Road to hand out drinks to the runners in what proved to be an exhausting but fulfilling day. Watching 10,000 marathon runners come over the hill is definitely something that we won't forget, or the inevitable water fights with the Scouts that followed after!

Once again we proved that Bath Spa SSAGO make a good bowling team when we all trekked off to Bowlplex to strut our stuff! A new bowling star shone in Laura, who despite being the worst bowler to start deviously made a big comeback to steal the game! There's nothing like a good barbeque. And unfortunately, our barbeque plan was nothing like it. Our fantastic (!) planning saw us choosing possibly the wettest week in May, making our barbeque a bit, well, damp. After invading Emma's house, much to the bemusement of her housemates, Chris and Annabel took over the oven to cook some of the 40 burgers and sausages, and chicken kebabs. Despite being stuck inside, it was still a great laugh and a fantastic end to our year.

Birmingham

Birmingham's spring term was dominated by our Chocolate Rally, in terms of delivering the event, then sorting out the finances and other outstanding bits and bobs. The weekend seemed particularly chaotic from the staff's point of view, but we got a lot of positive feedback, so thanks to everyone who came as a rallygoer or as a member of staff. We also held our AGM, where we talked about our unfortunate failure to retain any freshers at all this year. On a more cheerful note, we held our formal Annual Meal, somewhat bemusing some of the other patrons.

The summer term has been quiet because of the dreaded exams, but we've met up with UCE for a treasure hunt, had a teddy bears picnic, watched Eurovision in our union bar dressed in black tie, camped near the Malverns and provided marshals for two local 'Race for Life' events. Over the summer, we'll be camping down near the New Forest and Brownsea Island and preparing for

Freshers. As usual, more detailed reports of what we've been up to can be found at:
<http://students/bugs.bham.ac.uk/busag>

Bristol

No report received.

Cambridge

This has been a busy term for CUSAGC in amongst the hectic exams including TOE, BREAM/ CUBAA, human chess and the installation of the new committee following the AGM and annual dinner.

TOE is a regular occasion consisting of a week away in a bunkhouse during the Easter holidays and this year it took place at Leyburn Camping Barn near Wensleydale where many a walk and adventure was participated in. Other adventurous activities undertaken have included night hikes, cycle rides and the Great Escape, a weekend of activities after exams at Norwich which included a spot of burying in the sand!!

Our links with the local Scout and Guide units grow ever stronger and we have organised several activities for them including Forward and BREAM/ CuBAA. Forward consists of a 10 mile hike in Cambridgeshire for Scouts and Guides with five manned checkpoints with a different challenge at each. The importance of doughnuts for sustenance was duly noted on this excursion. BREAM/ CuBAA was an activity morning and afternoon organised for the younger members, Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies and Cubs with Barbeques playing a prominent role in maintaining happy CUSAGCers.

We have also had plenty of entertaining activities to keep us occupied, including attending our local beer festival, punting, board games, scavenger hunts, films, desserts and cocktails, and with events such as punt jousting, a garden party, sailing and orienteering lined up, the term will by no means end on a low!

Cardiff

SSAGS has had a fairly busy term as usual, with highlights including a trip to the local comedy club, a Cluedo-themed pub crawl and, of course, hosting the SSAGO ball. We received some strange looks, pub-crawling around Cardiff dressed as Cluedo characters and trying to solve our own 'Welshified' version of the game (I think Charlotte Church dunnit, but it became harder to remember the further round the course we got!). However, we kept our heads own at the comedy club, and had an enjoyable evening without drawing attention to ourselves (always a first time for everything).

Hosting the ball was an experience for the club, and the ball committee did a fantastic job. We put our own mark on the ball by persuading/forcing most of the attending club members to wear something bright orange (either cummerbund and bow tie or corsage), which certainly made a statement, although not one that's likely to hit the Paris catwalks just yet.

After Easter, events quietened down in the run-up to the exams, and we've enjoyed curry, ice-cream and drinks in the pub, as well as electing a new Exec.

Durham

This term DUSAGG have been very busy, despite exams, with events, social activities and activities for local Scouts and Guides. During the Easter holidays DUSAGG had great fun building and running an ambitious base (a giant Jacob's ladder built in the trees) at Durham Scout County's Geoffrey Gordon Cup for Explorers in Kielder Forest Northumberland. During the term we have also run the County Outward Bound selection day for Explorers and will be providing security and activities for a Beaver and Cub Fun Day.

Social activities this term have included a food crawl (visiting a different pub for each course of a meal), takeaway night, film night, and a picnic in Durham's botanical gardens. We have also been out and about trying our hand at climbing, white water rafting, and walking. A huge campfire was certainly the way to celebrate the end of exams! Club coffee on a Tuesday lunchtime, where everyone has a chance to find out what is happening in the year ahead, and Pub Thing on a Sunday have continued successfully throughout the term.

The three weeks after exams are packed with DUSAGG activities, with the highlight of this term being Summer Camp. 19 of us travelled to Thornthwaite in North Yorkshire for 6 days camping in patrol tents and having fun. We enjoyed glorious weather and spent time walking, visiting Brimham rocks for some climbing, Harrogate and Fountain's Abbey for some culture, pioneering, wide game and of course sitting round the campfire!

Still to come we will be having a BBQ, going for a full day walking in the Durham Pennines, and celebrating Midsummer by watching the sun set, and later rise again, on the beach along with food and games. Final preparations are currently being made for DUSAGG's summer trip to the Lake District, where 16 DUSAGGers will have a go at a variety of activities, staying in a variety of places throughout the week. The weekend will then see 3 DUSAGG teams enter the Sunderland District Mountain Activities Advisors Challenge Hike – an expedition style competition over 2 days. Good luck!

Edge Hill

No report received

Exeter

No report received

Glamorgan

No report received

Hull

No report received

Keele

No report received

Lancaster

We have had a fairly successful term, being able to hold meetings nearly every week, despite the attendance numbers falling as its exam season, though a core of members has remained strong. Members have attended all the rallies held this year, and several are attending the Nottingham rally. We are currently in the build-up to Summer Camp which we intend to get as many people to attend as possible as it's after everyone has finished their exams so a full weekend away can be had.

Following that work will begin on fresher's camp planning for the start of next year. At last we have access to the portercabins on campus, giving us proper storage for all the camping equipment we own and will increase the security of the items in question. As always we are attempting to get involved with the local networks and encourage inter group activities.

Leeds

The Scout and Guide Society of Leeds has been winding down since the Easter break. Apparently our members have been far too busy with silly things like University work etc etc to get any decent activities going. That said, we have met up (mostly in the pub) on a regular basis in the last few weeks but hopefully they'll be more to tell next year...

Leicester

This term has been a quiet one for SLUGS, one for quiet contemplation, revision, and most of all sensible drinking (or so we tell people)!!! The new exec has now taken the reigns and hopes to build upon the strong foundations laid down by previous exec so a big thanks to Rich, Fi and Edd for all their work last year, although I must remember to ask them where the 8 sets of inflatable boobs and blue glitter wigs came from!!! Since handover we have been able to boast being the largest contingent at the splendid ball hosted by Cardiff, and are now able to boast being the largest club booked onto Nottingham Rally (besides Nottingham). Activities have been lacking this term due to busy exam periods, although we will be back on form for next year.

We are now planning our biggest ever fresher recruitment campaign for next year, and believe pegs and chocolate may well be the way forward! (Any other ideas please send them in on a postcard). The club is also looking forward to attending Joint Freshers' Camp again next year, this time being held at Ullesthorpe Scout Campsite.

Liverpool

Once again this term the SLAGS have been out and about taking part in various activities from cinema and cooking meals to pancakes and pub quizzes. We have elected a new committee for next year but also taken time out to relax down at the beach, and a few of our number went to see the Rocky Horror Show (producing some interesting photos).

Several members attended the SSAGO ball, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves and this term we have taken part in a few network activities, attending the national network gathering at great tower and the pub scout festival in Coventry as well as going climbing with network (sort of) and helping out at their AGM. In the near future some SLAGS will be helping out at Chamberee and/or Charnwood.

London

SLIC is ok, not much to tell. all been busy with uni and work. have not been able to meet up for a while.

Loughborough

This Term has mainly been the new committee settling into their respective roles, although we have run a successful Night Hike for the local Scouts and Guides and organised First Aid training for club members. Well, this term started with the annual AGM and a (nearly) fresh committee taking over the reins, and the annual Scout and Guide Night Hike, so expertly organised by Daz, an event which seems to be gaining popularity every year. Amongst the other activities which we ran this term were old favourites like the Progressive Supper and Ice Skating along with newer activities like the photo scavenger hunt and some secret rally events (ssh!). Even some activities from the dusty realms of Scogui history were brought back (Rock on!)

Other things that went well for us over the past months was the First Aid training offered by the Red Cross and the many Scogui members who helped out at the local events and camps, although disappointingly the Scogui ran Activity day fell through due to lack of interest, next year maybe? One last thing, we hope to see you all at the Down Under Rally in the spring! You bring your shorts and we'll (attempt) to provide the sun!

Manchester

Since the last rally we've built up to our AGM, made pancakes, dressed up and danced the night away (at the SSAGO ball) drunk lots of alcohol, hunted for eggs and had quiet nights in the pub trying to forget about exams. After lots of organising our own AGM went off without any hitches and a new exec has been appointed for the coming year. It was then the Easter hols. After these we had a few relaxing nights as assignment deadlines and exams were looming so a couple of cokes were had in our new haunt the Bowling Green.

After exams we set off on our annual camp Expo. We took over a campsite just outside Leeds, with a day at the sea side paddling and playing in sand we went to Scarborough, had a relaxing day in York, had a day on the campsite fashioning all sorts and then had an afternoon shopping in Leeds. The Camp was finished with the usual curry and we all went our separate ways until Nottingham and the new academic year.

Newcastle

No report was received.

Nottingham

This term SNoGS have been up to many things, from watching the varsity Ice Hockey match, to a few days walking in the Lakes, which resulted in some very painful Sunburn for a few of us. Our term culminated with a trip to Thorpe Park, and a BBQ to round off the year. And before anyone asks, it's Dave's round.

Oxford

This term was chaired by Hannah Mycock, with lunchtime meetings hosted by Nick Scroxtton and the Teddy Hall trio. In First week, we went to the pub for a traditional Oxfordshire game Aunt Sally, this is based around trying to throw wooden sticks the size of table-legs to knock a wooden dolly off a pedestal. A great time was had by all (thanks to some careful dodging) except Hannah, who decided to have a quick nap before going to the meeting and was very embarrassed the next day. Second week was improv comedy, led by a member of the Oxford imps. In Third week, we were taken round Shot over country park by a ranger from the council, who gave us a very interesting tour.

In Fourth week, we drove a minibus up to Stratford to see Julius Caesar. The theatre techies in the group were very impressed by the effects. After a pizza and video night in Fifth week, the meetings tended towards the Oxford stereotypes, as we went punting, and played croquet. The end-of-term TGM was rather quiet, as many of the group had exams, but it apparently went well.

Also, this term was the Annual Dinner, held at Pembroke, and followed by the traditional punt and picnic. Erik the Panda is very well and has fully recovered from his "kidnapping" over the summer and autumn term.

Reading

No report received

Sheffield

We have not a huge amount of stuff since last rally. We've had AGM, new committee being as follows: Katie Goldsmith (Chair), Rob Watts (Sec), Rich Wain (Treasurer) and Sarah Wright (Rep). We have had a BBQ in a park, been in plenty of pubs, our website has just died (yet again) so I can't remember what was on the programme, we went to an Italian for end of term thing (followed by pub), at least twice I have been the only one to turn up (woop)- though I have a feeling it was three times, but not sure what the third one was, hmmm.... where has my brain gone?? tum ti tum- we've done more than this... oooo we went to Fuzz (people got drunk to rock) aaaand we went bowling maybe??

:os (boring and unoriginal but certainly a possibility) I know I said we haven't done a huge amount since last rally- but we've done more than this!

We have got T-shirts, YAY!!! (Thanks Ian) We had a camp- didn't go off to a best start, but we got to find out how great the guys at Hesley Wood are (and how horrid the people of Chapelton are), we also got to stay in the best hut on the campsite and paid less than we originally were going to (for the shack n field) and the two guys that this incident involved, certainly were very proud of their injuries, so it wasn't all that bad(well it could have been a lot worse).

We went to Apex Challenge, 3 teams (one of which mostly consisted of Lancaster SSAGO members- but I'm sure Jane made a brilliant contribution). They came 2nd, 4th and 10th, and I'm very impressed!! (with the turn out and the scores- 7 StinGS at one event- amazing!) Ooooo we have a new tent- its HUGE! It's only 6 man but we could easily fit like 10 people in it. Unfortunately, we haven't as yet been able to use it- due to staying in a hut and then it accidentally ended up in Staines- whoopsie, but it certainly went on an adventure- lucky tent!! (poking out of the back of a spitfire- whilst the driver was drunk and dressed as a devil- and I think I'll say bye bye now and stop talking about what I do on Sunday mornings!! :p)

Southampton

We have been having our regular meetings at the pub along with additional activities such as rock climbing, geocaching and bowling. We have a beach BBQ planned and are having a camp to Dorset area including a visit to Brownsea Island. Unfortunately, a few activities have had to be cancelled due to members all being busy with exams, dissertations etc.

St Andrew's

We have, as usual, been busy in St Andrews recently. I'm currently all excited as our brand new, never been seen before hoodies turned up on my doorstep yesterday. (See Jennie for a sneak preview – she promises me she'll be wearing it whatever the heat!) Apart from sorting out club clothing, since February we have also: Made junk models (and photographed them 'eating' a variety of things and people!); made and raced with the obligatory pancakes; had heated discussions on 'Issues and Nibbles' night, courtesy of our resident member of the Uni debate team; spent a day laying a floor at a local campsite; relived our childhood with old kid's TV shows; dyed ourselves various colours while we were supposed to be making sweets; done a scavenger hunt; run meetings for Guides and Rainbows as part of our 'Leader's Night Off' initiative; and finished off with an indoor BBQ (the beach isn't so appealing in the rain).

All in all a pretty good term I think, though I have to thank Phil and Vice (Jen) for taking over for a bit as I was needed at home, so – thankyou!

St Martin's

No report received.

Surrey

This term we have not done all that much as everyone has been busy with coursework and exams, however we have managed to meet up for a drink a couple of times and enjoyed a barbeque at the

end of term. We also helped at a guiding division craft day, this involved playing games and singing with lots of brownies which seemed to enjoy it.

Swansea

The club has seen 2 very successful evenings this term trying a couple of activities by chance to establish whether they were worth doing. One was Bingo, which although we only had a very minor win was extremely good fun. A free evening, free membership (watch out we will be back) and free dabbers! The other was Chi Gung, energy work with elements of Tai Chi in it. This was enjoyed by all and another session will definitely be arranged for next term.

Our AGM took place just before Easter where the full committee was elected. We cooked some very yummy welsh cakes and had a little bit of an Irish themed pub quiz to celebrate St. David's Day and St. Patrick's Day. Cardiff SSAGS joined us for the return of the Easter Egg Hunt, which involved forfeits to win prizes...downing pints, dressing as the Easter bunny and making jigsaws without using your hands.

Swansea's first Easter Camp was a great success, full turnout achieved. We visited Silvercross Campsite, our local scout site. It is basic yet extremely friendly and plenty to do onsite in the form of archery, orienteering, climbing, abseiling, air rifle shooting and pioneering. Kate got very muddy (well she is small and thus an easy target). There are also plenty of dry pallets for huge campfires, yep, there may only be 7 of us but you definitely could hear us that weekend.

A BBQ on the beach finished off socials before exams. A couple of us were thrown in the sea! This week sees our end of year social, a Pirate themed pub crawl, should be a great night.

UCE (University Central England – 2007 changed to Birmingham City University)

The now award winning UCESSAGG have had a busy term with exciting activities including looking at fish, going on Birmingham's big wheel and many other social activities.

The summer term started with our AGM where it was decided where the new exec was decided and other issues were discussed, which was made a lot more enjoyable with lots of cake. We have had lots of fun socials including going to sea life centre, going on Birmingham's Wheel, a pizza and DVD night and bowling. Our last social will be our annual meal. Our university held a sports and societies awards ceremony in our union bar. We were lucky enough to be awarded with the Community excellence award for our contribution towards the Birmingham rally and helping at local units. We were awarded with a trophy and certificate which we are proud of.

UCN

NUSAG has been busy trying to start up a new club which is proving harder than we first thought! Since the last meeting NUSAG has been busy revamping and trying to establish itself in the university and the Northampton District. We have been fortunate to have established good connections in the union, with support from the president and community volunteers team. We have also developed strong connections, and received a lot of support from Scouting in Northampton.

We have done various poster drops and volunteers fairs but to no avail. However, this has not stopped our motivation. We have been camping and prepared an action packed programme which involves shared meetings with network. We are also looking forward to going to the Midlands Region Freshers Camp!

We would also like to formally introduce NUSAG's new mascot 'Norris'. Norris is a small, yet fat, white (for how much longer?) cow, with black hooves and adorned with his own NUSAG necker. And yes, he is stealable, but he's only a baby so please folks...be nice to him!!

UEA

Since the last rally we have celebrated Thinking Day / Founders Day with some brownie-style games. We got pancake mix everywhere on Shove Tuesday. Some of us went on the Monopoly Run and we came 12th (highest placed SSAGO group...) but not all of us braved the cold on the Saturday night and opted to go home! We held a Fairtrade fondue in Fairtrade fortnight for which the Co-op gave us a £20 voucher. The fondue was to thank people who had organised the rest of the events in the fortnight, raising awareness of Fairtrade products. At the International Party we got out our face paints and made up the UEA's rock gospel choir as cats with time against us before their performance. We had fun roller skating the week after, despite being shown up by all the other people at the rink. Some local Guiders organised a quiz night and we did appallingly... We ended term with a campfire in rubbish weather. During the exam period we've been subdued although a few of us helped out at a local Girlguiding activity day. How do you explain SSAGO to Rainbows??

UWE

SAGUWE have had a quiet year with the majority of our meetings held before the Winter Holidays. We are hoping that this year's influx of freshers will yield some leaders as our exec is currently lacking.

Warwick

Warwick SSAGO's term has resembled the new James Bond film to some extent- we started off with a new face, there were repeated drinking sessions, but a completely different ending.

Having said that, there have been some really memorable moments this term. These have included Nick getting the highest score of the night in the whole bowling alley (well, for about half an hour!) and the whole of SSAGO proving that perhaps a certain level of intellect is required to join, as our two teams came in equal place in the Warwick's charity pub quiz. Unfortunately, we have not had the chance to take part in a wide variety of activities this term, since members' exams have been spread across a long period. However, it has allowed our new exec to settle in and they've taken to their new roles well.

On a wider scale, our members have continued to play their role in local Scouting and Guiding, including some members helping with the Warwickshire Area Gang Show back in March. We were also represented well by our dear mascot Buggar (OK, and Nick, Cerys and Michelle) at the SSAGO ball in April. And that's not to mention that Michelle has just been elected to the national exec,

which is good news for us, especially since she can now try and fiddle a few figures in our favour....maybe?!

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our annual summer camp in Derbyshire, where we plan to spend four days under canvas, drinking, walking and relaxing. We are also planning to attend the university's picnic Gala Concert to end SSAGO's 2005-6 year on a really high note.