

Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club Autumn Rally Report

Since the last club report to SSAGO, Cambridge has been up to plenty of activities.

First on the list this term was the university fresher's fair. A windy and rainy couple of days saw the advantages of a patrol tent over a gazebo, and hopefully allowed us to recruit a few keen new members. Next on the getting them engaged list was the Freshers' squash, a Cambridge term for basically a welcome night. After a few drinks and nibbles, it was off out around Cambridge for a treasurer hunt, before finishing the night in a pub.

The Freshers' hike saw us head North of Cambridge to Fen Ditton, walking along the river for the first half of the walk before heading round in a loop, stopping in a very pleasant pub along the way. The weather held off for us, and we even managed to get back before dark (just!).

The rest of term has been filled with a variety of fun events, including a cheese and wine event where we help new members to find a local scouting or guiding unit to help at, a pre-Halloween film night and punting.

Meanwhile, the chair and social secretary were busy organising one of the main events in the CUSAGC calendar: Marathon. This is a 26 checkpoint incident hike for over 14s in Scouting and Guiding, including leaders teams, with 4 of the checkpoints being manned with a difficult challenge for the participants. The event went off with great success, despite the weather attempting to put a downer on the event. All that remains is returning the hopefully now dried and cleaned tentage!

Looking ahead, we have a couple of end of term events: a progressive meal and the end of term committee meeting. Plans are also being put in place for the clubs winter trip, a few days walking (probably in the peak district) around New Year.