

Silwood Park Student Union Council Report
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Events:

Following the completion of the works on the fire alarms in the Manor House there have been a number of events organised for this term, in some cases jointly with the wardens. These include Winter Cocktails, Chinese New Year celebrations, and a Burns Night Ceilidh. Attendance has been between 50-60 people on each occasion (roughly two-thirds of the people living on campus).

Christmas:

Our Silwood Christmas celebrations went well as always, with the Silwood Revue (a pantomime written/organised by the students) on the Thursday evening and a fun-run on the Friday morning (limited turnout as it was cold and raining). Together the two events raised roughly £80 to donate to the Special Needs School run by the Disability Trust in Sunningdale.

Clubs:

Our clubs are continuing with their activities. The chickens took in another 30 rescue hens (after the fox got in), therefore needing two more sheds to house them all and to replace the fence round the enclosure (to stop the fox getting in again). The allotments club have been organising their greenhouse and are aiming to relocate the site of the allotments. Football club has been active again this term with 10-15 people going to Harlington each week to play. The climbing club continues to grow, with larger numbers of climbers going to the wall in Guildford each week. There is an active dive club, collaborating with the South Ken club. 4 students wanting to learn to dive from scratch have successfully completed all theory and swimming pool training. 4 others with previous diving experience are involved in furthering their training.

Tours:

There are a number of weekend trips being planned by Silwood clubs. Over the New Year period, there was a trip to Snowdonia organised by Silwood Escape Club, staying in the Imperial Mountain Hut. A return trip is planned for mid May. The photography club is organising a trip to the Jurassic coast in February. This year, for the first time (at least in a while), Silwood has applied for tours funding for a number of trips; these include a climbing trip (to France), another Photography trip, a Natural History Society trip (to the Peak District), a diving club trip, and an escape club trip. There has been a lot on interest so far, with roughly 20 students expected to attend each.

Finance:

Silwood Exec has completed their budget submission for next year.

Website:

We have updated the Silwood Park website (<http://union.ic.ac.uk/silwoodpark/>)

Elections:

The Silwood Union holds its elections in October, as the majority of students at Silwood are on one year courses.