

# NI YW TÎM ABER



## WE ARE TEAM ABER

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# RAG

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The second RAG week held in November was a great success; well done to everyone who took part! A variety of events were run which raised money for great local and national causes. The Harriers running club did a dawn til dusk campus mile relay and ran over 50 miles during the day!

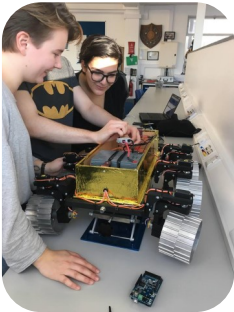
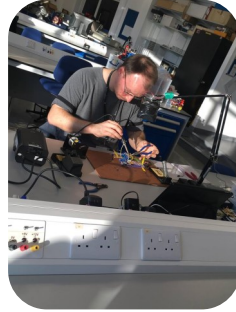
Have a look at the timetable of December RAG events and please come and support your fellow students.

 RAG - RAISE AND GIVE			
NETBALL / PEL-RWYD	'NETBALL 7'S'	02 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	10:00 - 16:30 @ SPORTS CAGE / Y GAWELL CHWARAEON
CURTAIN CALL	'MUSICALS SHOWCASE'	02 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	20:00 - 22:00 @ SU MAIN ROOM / UM PRIF YSTAFELL
SUSTAINABILITY / CYNALADWYEDD	'PAY AS YOU FEEL MEAL - ABER FOOD SURPLUS'	04 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	18:00 @ SU / UM
SUB AQUA	'PUB QUIZ'	04 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	20:00 - 23:00 @ CAMBRIAN
ABER DOGS / ABER CŴN	'GUIDE DOGS MEET AND GREET'	05 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	12:00 - 15:00 @ SU / UM PICTURE HOUSE
SUB AQUA	'SPONSORED RUN INTO THE SEA'	05 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	15:00 @ NORTH BEACH / TRAETH GOOLEDODL
KARATE	'COUNTING THINGS IN THE JAR'	06 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	10:00 - 16:00 @ SU / UM
WOMEN'S RUGBY / RYGBR UNDER MENYWOOD	'SPONSORED BIKE RIDE - LANDS END TO JOAN O' GROATS'	07 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	07:00 - 22:00 @ SU / UM PICTURE HOUSE
NETBALL / PEL-RWYD	'SPONSORED RUN'	08 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	12:00 - 16:00 @ SEAFRONT PROMENADE / Y PROM
CHEERLEADERS / HWBDDAWNSWYR (TARANNAU)	'QUIZ NIGHT'	09 DECEMBER / RHAGFYR	18:00 - 21:00 @ BAR 46

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# ROBOTICS

The Robotics society meet every week on a Wednesday afternoon in the Physics Building. Each member is given a basic robot kit and is tasked with building and making the robot. This task can take all year such is the skill that goes into creating these machines. The finished products come in all shapes and sizes and some are fitted with GPS technology and are able to autonomously follow a given route. The robotics society have also built a robot that has featured on the television programme 'Robot Wars' and the machine still has its war wounds fully visible!



The Robotics Society have been nominated for various STEM awards and do great things to promote STEM in the local community. After their meet up on a Wednesday, they invite local school children in to build robots and teach them the skills needed for this. The children are tasked with making 'sumobots' which, when built, are then programmed to be able to

avoid the white circle around the edge of the 'arena' but to also be able to push the competing robot out. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December the society are holding a Christmas Card Hack for local children to build an Arduino with LEDs which will allow the cards to twinkle like Christmas lights. The majority of the school children that take part in these events are female, which is a huge credit to the society.

If you are interested in joining the society please visit their webpage:

[http://](http://www.students.aberrobotics.club/)

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Following our narrow 3-2 defeat to Bangor at Varsity 2018, AUVC has improved massively to now support 42 regular members, from around the world, playing Volleyball in Aberystwyth! We pride ourselves on our inclusive-

ness and have welcomed and lived up to the expectations of players who have an abundance of experience to individuals who had played once on the beach while on holiday. This year we have attracted, as well as students, new Associate members, and held training sessions equating to four hours a week, while continued to offer both mixed gendered sessions and competitive team sessions. On top of this, we have ran sessions involving whole club social games and 'Give it a Go' Sitting Volleyball. The club shall be hosting Bangor for Varsity 2019 and competing with one Men's Team and one Women's Team, so be sure to come down and see a great spectacle!

So far this term we have enjoyed a brilliant reception from students with our sessions and social nights, including, to name a few, a pub charity quiz raising money for MIND Aberystwyth, military fancy dress and a hilarious challenge social. Unfortunately we are not doing BUCS this year, however have started off our season with some fantastic sets against the Malaysian Society, the first on October 30 2018. AUVC Women showed great discipline in defence to secure a 25-14 winning set, while AUVC Men looked dominant in attack playing together for the first time in a 25-16 win.

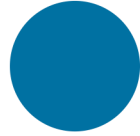


# YBALL

Sets were exchanged again on November 11 2018 with AUVC Women improving on their attack and winning their first set 25-16, and AUVC Men continue to improve with their first set win scoring 25-13. There was enough time to enjoy a heated set played against the two AUVC teams and after the Women had taken a lead of 24-16, the Men fought back to secure the bragging rights in training after winning the game 25-27. One of our Associate Members, Sylvester, was on hand as he is always with assisting training to referee the game and our thanks extend to him and the Malaysian Society for kicking our season off to a flying start!

Looking forward to the coming weeks and Semester Two, AUVC shall be hosting a Christmas cracker afternoon of volleyball for members to enter teams and compete in festive jumpers before we all say farewell for Christmas following our Christmas meal! We are currently organising a tournament with Bangor and Edge Hill University for after exams, which is possibly extending to a joint Easter tour in France, while training shall begin to focus on the all-important Varsity and introducing members to Beach Volleyball ready for BUCS Beach Tournament.

For more information you can find AUVC on Facebook: Clwb Pêl-Foli Prifysgol Aberystwyth University Volleyball Club, on the Aberystwyth University Students Union webpage, or contacting Tom Carter – Head Coach at [toc16@aber.ac.uk](mailto:toc16@aber.ac.uk)



One chilly week in November, Tickled Pink encouraged various student groups to pose (tastefully) naked for their annual Naked Calendar. The photos were taken at Aberystwyth



Rugby Club by local photographer, Keith Morris, who Tickled Pink have worked with for the last six years.



The shoot took place over two days and twelve student groups took part. The brave volunteers were introduced to representatives from Tickled Pink and then Keith who asked them to get into position fully clothed so that the best angle for the photo could be found. When everyone was happy with the pose, the students stripped off and

the photo was taken. This ensured that the volunteers were naked for the shortest possible amount of time.

The photos were then sent to the Tickled Pink committee who looked through them all and chose the ones that would appear in the calendar and 150 were printed. It is hoped that over £1000 will be made from the sale of the calendars.





# PINK

Tickled Pink hold various other fundraising events over the year including bake sales, Race for Life and a huge Glitter Party in Why Not with all of the money raised split between Coppafeel and Breast Cancer Care. So far this year, Aberystwyth Tickled Pink have raised £1800 for these charities which is the highest amount raised by any Tickled Pink Society in the UK!

Tickled Pink would like to thank all of the people who took part in the making of the calendar and they look forward to seeing you at their future events.



# ABERYSTWYTH CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Aberystwyth Conservation Volunteers get active in the countryside every weekend of term!

Our weekend tasks are at various local nature reserves and we undertake different activities such as coppicing, scrub clearance, dry stone walling and many more. We work with a wide range of organisations including, National Trust, RSPB and County Council. Tasks are a great way to explore the Aberystwyth area and gain practical conservation experience. We also work in Penglais woods which is located just across the road from the main university campus, to conserve and improve the accessibility of the land by maintaining and creating footpaths.

During the week we hold socials every Tuesday night with themes such as photo- challenges, and pub quizzes.

Previous experience not necessary and everyone is welcome!

Find out more about the tasks and socials by checking our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AberystwythConservationVolunteers/>)





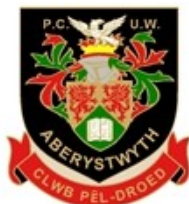


# BUCS UPDATE

This month has been very up and down in regards to BUCS fixtures... There has been a variety of hard defeats and nail biting close losses, however there are also some big wins to shout about for Team Aber. Teams worth mentioning include: Men's Basketball who are very comfortably sitting at the top of their league table, plus Men's Football, Squash and Tennis who are all in Runner Up positions in their league (with just 1 point distance between them and the top spot). Men's Rugby Union have also seen some success this month in the BUCS Conference Cup; beating USW 1<sup>st</sup> team on 21.11 to secure them a spot in the Quarter Finals in February! Why not look out for some of these teams' fixtures on a Wednesday afternoon?

Team Aber would love your support at BUCS fixtures, to really give them that extra motivation we all need to win matches. Every week, we at the SU publish BUCS details (times and venues) on our website, facebook and also in the window of the Opportunities Office, so why not check out who's playing at home each week, and use your free Wednesday afternoon to show your support for our dedicated sports teams? We are all one big #Team Aber after all.

For more information on BUCS, visit our website: <https://www.abersu.co.uk/teamaber/sports/bucs/>



# GERMAN SOCIETY



AU German Society looks to encourage the study of German language and culture. We run weekly relaxed coffee meetups, Kaffee und Kuchen (coffee and cake) where we get together every Wednesday around 4pm! It's a pleasant, friendly, informal environment for practicing your German. Not that you have to as all are welcome, non-speakers included! We typically run our socials on

Thursdays and they range from themed socials around town, society German cinema nights, German board game nights, and the occasional Stammtisch get-together!

We offer a casual and informal environment in which you can improve your spoken and written German. There are plenty of experienced speakers and natives happy to help you along!

We run a Duolingo School where you can participate and compete with your fellow members in improving your German - we occasionally run competitions through this platform so it's good to get involved! We distribute learning materials to all our members, including flash cards, vocabulary lists, interesting TV programmes and news articles so you've got plenty of things to check out in your free time!

We also curate multiple collaborative Spotify playlists - big into German pop, metal or rap? We have a playlist for that!

Around exam time we do group get-togethers in the library and in learning areas for informal group study.

Please direct any enquiries, requests or questions to [scty130@aber.ac.uk](mailto:scty130@aber.ac.uk).

# ABER 7S 4TH-5TH MAY 2019



THE biggest Rugby 7s tournament in Wales is back again, and coming to a Blaendolau Fields near you on May Day Bank Holiday weekend... Registration for Aber7s is opening nice and early this year, on Monday 3rd December to give everyone plenty of time to get organised. Both men's and women's teams of up to 15 people per squad can enter Aber7s, for a total price of £290. Similarly to last year, teams will be split into leagues dependant on their squad's playing experience – Premier, Intermediate and Social.

This really is one of the biggest and most enjoyed weekend of the year for students and locals alike, so don't miss out! More information (including registering a team) can be found here [www.abersu.co.uk/aber7s](http://www.abersu.co.uk/aber7s) or alternatively email [leg13@aber.ac.uk](mailto:leg13@aber.ac.uk) with any questions.





# OH! WHAT'S



## THE BIG MEETING

**3rd December**

We've called our AGM 'The Big Meeting' this year to help students recognise its importance. Every registered student is automatically a member of the SU and can attend, speak and vote in the meeting.



**3rd December**

Aber 7s registration opens.

# OCCURRING?

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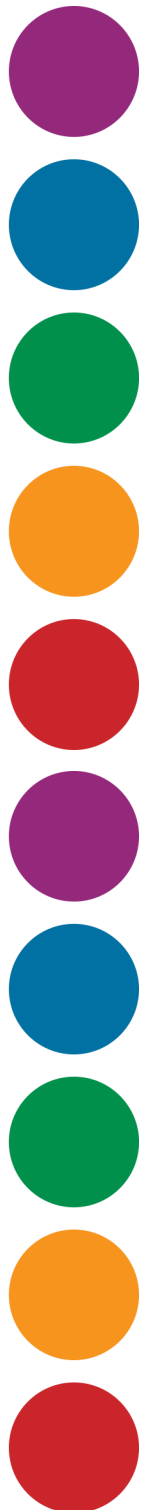
**2nd - 9TH December**

See What your Clubs and Societies are doing to raise money for great causes!



**1st Jan**


Standing opens - Officer Elections







# USEFUL DATES



**3RD DECEMBER: Aber 7's Registration Opens**

**1ST JANUARY: Standing Opens (Officer Elections)**



**25TH JANUARY: Superteams Registration Opens**

**10TH FEBRUARY: Sports and Societies Zone**



**22ND-24TH FEBRUARY: Women's Superteams**

**26TH FEBRUARY: Standing Closes (Officer Elections)**



**1ST-3RD MARCH: Men's Superteams**

**7TH MARCH: Sports and Societies Zone**



**11TH-15TH MARCH: Voting (Officer Elections)**

**25TH MARCH: Standing Opens (Clubs and Socs By-Elections)**




**30TH MARCH: Varsity**

**3RD APRIL: Sports Awards**



**5TH APRIL: Societies Awards**

**7TH APRIL: Standing Closes (Clubs and Socs By-Elections)**



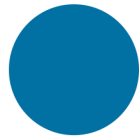
**29TH APRIL-3RD MAY: Voting (Clubs and Socs By-Elections)**



**4TH-5TH MAY: Aber 7's**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
FROM THE OPPORTUNITIES TEAM**



## YOUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

Does your club or society have something interesting planned this month? Completed in a brilliant BUCS Fixture? Think your society or club should be next month's In Focus? Have something you want to share?

If so, please get in touch with Becca, [rlb12@aber.ac.uk](mailto:rlb12@aber.ac.uk)

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