



**DUSAGG - Durham University Scout and Guide Group
SSAGO Report
Epiphany 2011
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Here's my last club report for DUSAGG, our AGM is looming...

From a night hike round all the bailey college bars to attempting to become the next Robin Hood DUSAGGers this term have been combining their own fun and frolics with preparing for our upcoming big local Scout and Guide event – Outdoor Scoide (similar to Mid Mad, it's a day hike for Scouts and Guides with activity bases along the route). We get the satisfaction of seeing an event go well (hopefully), they get...lost. Occasionally. But that's what it's all about – teaching them scouty/guidey skills and having fun. Preparation so far has included running Guide Skills Day – an extra day to help those who aren't so used to following maps, and Indoor Scout – which is the other half of Outdoor but not so big and (the clue's in the name) indoors.



DUSAGG's bailey 'Night Hike'



Archery at Moor House

We had a successful Burns Night social with masses of haggis, neeps and tatties – extra scottishness was provided by Sean Connery in Dr No. We also had a visit to Stockton campus to meet up with some new faces (as well as a few old ones!).

The term's big event so far was Big Event! DUSAGG went away for the weekend to Leadgate near Consett and enjoyed a walk in some lovely woods - as well as the usual madness and a well-organised quiz incorporating Mock the Week, DUSAGG history trivia and many more. The Crazy Team won.

DUSAGG's new website is really taking off with most sections complete and working well. The quotes and news sections are particularly entertaining with quotes now fully up to date from 1969 onwards, and a new termly news bulletin, DUSAGG 'Shinanagons' (intentional spelling error) - find it at http://www.dur.ac.uk/scout-guide.group/fun_news.php .

All that remains to say is we've still got lots lined up including Shandy's Food ~~Fest~~ Fest (a night of gluttony), Climbing (a night of exercise to work off the gluttony), a Proper Walk (possibly with bivvying/bothying), other assorted socials and the AGM, where our new exec will be elected. The next report will be from a new Secretary/Club Rep so I will just say that it has been fun learning more about SSAGO from a club that generally does its own thing. I'm glad we're attending rallies more (even if it is occasionally just the one member) and I hope that this can continue.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding

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Photos from Big Event – The Quiz and The Walk