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Editorial

Hello, and welcome to an extra special magazine issue of Shinanagons*. There's a big clue on the front cover as to quite what this issue is going to include – oh yes, AGM information!

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up this term, and this means that you get your chance to be on the exec and have your say in how DUSAGG is run. So, in order to entice you into positions and give you a good understanding as to what we're actually talking about, I have interviewed all of your executive members (and Jasper) and found out what they do, why they do it, and why YOU should do it.

I hope it's fun and informative, I apologise for the sheer amount of text in some places, and I look forward to seeing all the positions filled at the AGM!

Bob x
PR Officer 2009-2011

AGM INFO:

7.30pm Wednesday 23rd February.
Collingwood College.

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POSITIONS

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President

Vincent Sharp



What and Where?: 4th year Mathematician Aidanite

Other Stuff: Canoe Club

Responsibilities

The main thing you probably see me doing is sending out the Presidential email to you each week, and attempting to do a "spiel" at Club Coffee, to give you important information. Other major things the President does are to Chair meetings, exec, AGMs or EGMs, and keep them from wandering off topic. The President should try to keep the exec on track, and help whenever necessary.

Finally, the President is responsible for some basic admin and coordinating the Group's representation at Durham County events such as Confido & St George's Day.

Qualities

This year I have needed to be organised, patient, and have good time management. I have also needed to be assertive to take charge when necessary, yet also able to "take a back seat".

Best bit

"I love it when a plan comes together!" The feeling when *your* society has run or contributed to a fantastic event for other people.

Worst bit

Knowing that it's ultimately your job to pick up the pieces if something goes wrong.



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Secretary

Jennifer Cooke



What and Where?: 4th year Geologist Butlerist

Other Stuff: Coal, Basketball and 6th Durham Guides

You have been DUSAGG Secretary 2 years running. What qualities are important to the job?

You need to be fairly organised and responsible. I'm really not kidding about the organised bit!

What responsibilities does the Secretary have?

There are 2 sides to the job. The SSAGO side - You are DUSAGG's SSAGO rep which involves communication with SSAGO through email, CRBing members and writing reports. The DUSAGG side involves taking minutes at meetings, amongst other things, as well as keeping the routebook and quotes book up to date. It sounds like a lot but it doesn't take up that much time.

What's the best bit?

Being involved and keeping the routebook. It's my baby and I'll be sad to see it go. The quotes are fun too...

And the worst bit?

CRBs - they've changed the system now though so it should be a lot easier!

And finally, what is your favourite quote?

Semi-vintage quote: "If community and youth work were a fragrance it would be vomit" - Ian, 2006. More recent: My own "Can you stop doing me now?" in reference to the huge amount of quotes I produce.

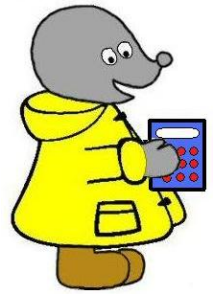


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Treasurer

Kathryn Sweeney



What and Where?: 2nd year Pick and Mix Trevster

Other Stuff: 6th Durham Brownies

What does the treasurer do?

In short – Money! As treasurer you're in charge of the society's money, which basically means you end up pestering people for money a lot and keep the spreadsheet up to date. You also go to the DSU quite often to hand in money/cheques. People often give you receipts so they can get refunds, which also involves going to the DSU. Trust me, you'll be sick of the DSU by the end of the year! You also deal with badges and neckers-you'll be given the supply and people should let you know if they want one.

What's the best bit?

Being in control! You get to pester people rather than being pestered yourself! Plus it's a fairly simple job, as long as you keep everything up to date and deal with things as soon as you can, you can't really go wrong. And the people at the DSU are lovely 😊.

What's the worst bit?

It can get quite stressful at times, especially when dealing with big things like Summer Camp, and when loads of people are trying to give you money/receipts at once. Depending on where you live, it can also be a hassle going to the DSU so often, but whatever your situation is it should be fine.



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Liaisons Officer

Susan Ford



What and Where?: 2nd year Pick and Mix Trevster

Other Stuff: Judo, Choral Society, Guides and Climbing

What does the job entail?

There are two main parts to the role, student recruitment and organising events for local scouts and guides. The student recruitment part is fairly easy, just collecting details from students who want to find groups to help with. There are three competitions throughout the year which are up to you to sort out! MidMad, Outdoor and Indoor, you've probably heard about them by now!

What was the best bit?

Working with people who aren't students! Organising big competitions gives you a real sense of achievement and it's great knowing that you've given so many kids the opportunity to do something fun and worthwhile!

What's the worst bit?

There are certain times of the year when there suddenly seems a lot to do all at once, and it can get pretty stressful at times. But as long as you start planning early enough, and work out when things need to get done by that should get rid of quite a bit of the stress, and there'll always be someone (often someone old!) to help you out and make sure you're ok. I found it pretty scary when I realised I was responsible for over 100 people!



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Social Secretary

Andrew "Shandy" Pridding



What and Where?: 2nd year Pick and Mix Hatfielder

Other Stuff: HCRFC

Fun Facts:

You don't have to be the alcoholic of the group (although it helps...)

You get to organise the stuff you actually want to do

Socials are always the things people remember about the year before

What I do:

Organise the cool events like Night Hike, Meals, SPODS birthday, Midsummer Social - no need to actually have to deal with little sprogs (scouts and guides) if you don't want to

Run and make tea/coffe/eprovide biscuits for Club Coffee!

Worst Bit:

The looks on people's faces when they taste the cup of coffee you just made them



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Event Pictures



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Events Secretary

Bethany Holmes



What and Where?: 2nd year Arts Aidanite

Other Stuff: Church, Kayaking and Beavers

So what does Events Sec actually do then?

The Events Sec runs all the 'Events' for DUSAGG. Some events, like campfires, Blind Drop and termly camps, are run every year, but some are new, for example: I've taken DUSAGG kayaking and tobogganing this year.

How many camps are there to organise?

There's a 5 day one after exams, Summer Camp, and two weeked ones, Freshers Camp and Big Event.

What's the best bit of the job?

Getting to organise lots of fun stuff, and giving DUSAGG a good time! Camping, fires, ice skating, tobogganing, hiking, archery – the list goes on and the possibilities are endless!

What's the worst bit of the job?

The responsibility of getting it right! It's a lot of fun, but also a lot of work, but don't worry too much as there will always be people to help you out. (I had a LOT of help!)

So why should I want to be Events Sec?

Because in my view it's the best job on Exec – you get to organise great activities, learn lots of skills, practice time management and other such valuable things! Plus, whatever happens, DUSAGG will manage to have a good time regardless of what happens, so just go for it!

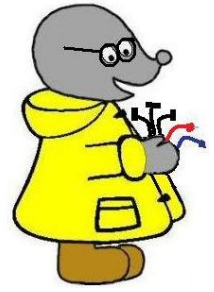


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PR Officer

“Bob” Bindley



What and Where?: 4th year Geophysicist Wood
Other Stuff: CCWAFC and 6th Durham Rainbows

What does the PR Officer do?

The main job of the PR Officer is the website, and the mailing lists. We've got a brand new website, so it should just be keeping it up-to-date and trying not to make a mess of it! As part of this, you also get to check the DUSAGG e-mail which is fun, being nosey :P

You'd also be in charge of sending anything to national Guiding or Scouting magazines, and making the Shinanagons, if you fancy it!

What's the best bit?

I've LOVED playing with the website, learning some code. I also have had lots of fun making Shinanagons, but that's not compulsory!

What's the worst bit?

Typing all the names up for the mailing list at the beginning of the year! It's sooo tedious.

What's your favourite bit of code?

Info.push("TICKER!") – it makes the ticker at the top of the webpage work! It's my favourite bit of the website!



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Quartermaster*

Ruth Whelan



What and Where?: 2nd Year Pick and Mix HildBeder
Other Stuff: Brownies

What does the Quatermaster do?

The role of the QM is to organise the storage and upkeep of DUSAGG's group equipment. You do not need to have somewhere to store the equipment yourself (although it does help), but you do need to be able to persuade someone to store it for you if not! You need to replace any equipment which has been used up or lost, and also make sure that the equipment is in working order.

The role does not take up large amounts of time, other than sorting out the equipment before and after events.

Specialist knowledge of how to look after the equipment isn't really needed, as we don't have anything too technical (other than the radios), as long as you don't mind finding out what to do if something needs doing.

What's the best bit?

Being in charge of the radios!

What's the worst bit?

Cleaning equipment and putting it away after camps and events

* Actually written by Jessica Beck!

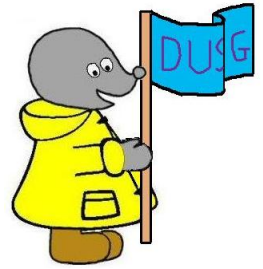


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Freshers Fair

Co-ord*

Jasper Jackson



What and Where?: 3rd Year NatSci Gentleman of Castle

Other Stuff: Judo

What does the Freshers Fair Co-ordinator do?

Unsurprisingly, the Freshers Fair Co-ordinator co-ordinates the freshers fair! Basically that means booking the table, getting all the info together to give out to freshers, putting together a rota of DUSAGGers to man the stall, and generally knowing what's going on in the first two days of the new term!

What's the best bit?

Being technically a non-executive officer means you only have to go to 2 exec meetings all year, and you can do everything over the summer when you'd be bored anyway! Great for someone who wants to get involved but doesn't have a whole lot of time.

What's the worst bit?

Typing up the names for the mailing list# if the Spod doesn't want to do it!

* Actually written by Bob!

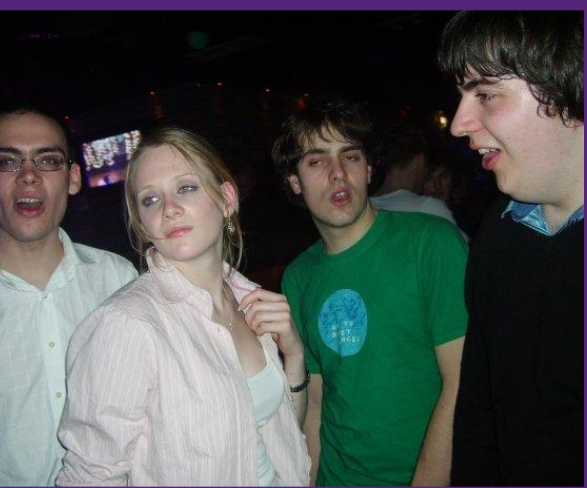
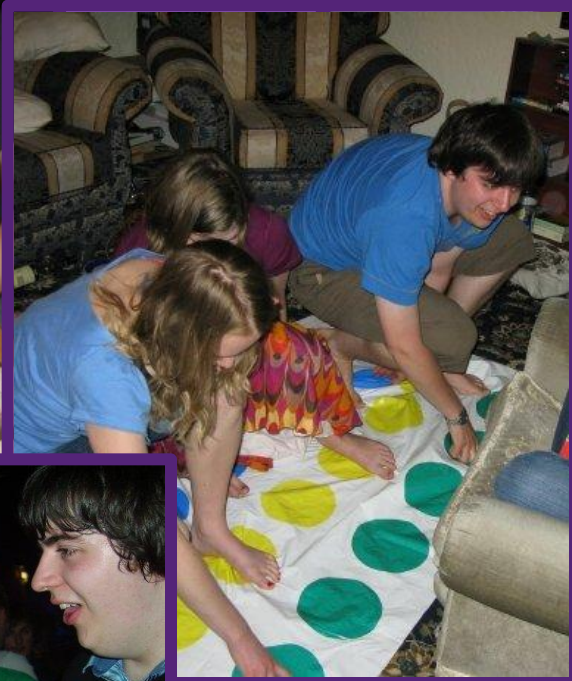
I really hate those mailing lists!



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Social Pictures!



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FAQS

What's the commitment required?

Obviously this depends on your role, some take up more time than others, but as you've seen, most people do plenty of other stuff as well as their DUSAGG roles (some even manage to do a degree!) so don't worry about it taking up too much of your time. Exec meetings are about 3 a term, and there's no requirement to attend any events/socials (although it sometimes helps if you're meant to be running them!)

Do I need any previous experience?

Not really! A bit of background knowledge always helps, but we all know that not everyone comes into university knowing exactly how to run a week's camp for 20 students, or what <br \> means. The exec are all there to support each other, and there's also the rest of the society, and a load of ex DUSAGGers (DOGs) who are just dying to help out and be allowed to relive the glory days!

FAQS

How do I get one of these awesome positions?

First, I suggest you speak to the person who's doing the job now, check it's what you want, and that you think you'd be able to do it. Then you need to find two DUSAGGers and get them to *propose* and *second* you. You and the two DUSAGGers need to sign a piece of paper which says your name and the position you want, and that needs to be with Jen Cooke by **Sunday 20th February**.

What if someone else wants the same position?

In the interest of democracy, we *love* competition. Don't be scared to run against someone! It makes for a more entertaining AGM, and a better society overall. If you win, awesome; if you lose, try again next year!

Motions

What's a motion?

A motion is a "proposal for action" according to google. These can be sensible, for example a request for a change in the constitution wording. They can be silly, for example to name the DUSAGG inflatable boat. Or they can be utterly ridiculous, for example to make the exec wear party hats all day. They get stuff done in DUSAGG, and provide some light relief.

How do I put a motion to the AGM?

Firstly, have a chat with someone about it. If it's serious, then I'd suggest Vince; if it's stupid, I'd suggest chatting to me or Jen Cooke. As with the position nominations, you will need a *proposer* (this would be you) and a *seconder* (this will probably be the person you chat to), and you will need to get the motion to Jen Cooke by **Sunday 20th February**.

Motions have the format:

"This society notes:...

This society believes:...

This society resolves:..."

Check out last years minutes on the website for clues!

Past Exec Members

If you have any questions, but can't get hold of the relevant person, or they smell really bad, then here's a list of who else has been in the relevant positions:

President: Vincent Sharp, *Naomi Foster*, Bob

Secretary: Jennifer Cooke, Jessica Beck

Treasurer: Kathryn Sweeney, Rachel Gilley, *Naomi Foster*

Liaisons Officer: Susan Ford, Vincent Sharp, *Carly*

Events Sec: Beth Holmes, *Carly*, Andy Bottrill

Social Sec: Shandy Pridding, *Jennifer "Bugs" Burrows*, Jennifer Cooke

PR Officer: Bob, *Gareth Clay*

Quartermaster: Ruth Whelan, Jessica Beck, Sam Hollings

Freshers Fair Co-ord: Jasper Jackson, *Julie Fisher*, *Jennifer "Bugs" Burrows*

Names in *italics* are people who have graduated and left Durham or are on years abroad (Julie), and so you might not know them! Or they are just so old you'll never know who they are (Gareth)!!



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Any Questions?

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