

the Shínanagons* of

DUSAGG

Durham University Scout and Guide Group

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*Intentional spelling error.

Editorial

Well here we are. The first DUSAGG Shinanagons*. Inspired by SSAGO News. Designed to be better than SSAGO News. More content than SSAGO News. Generally, this is the stuff you need to be reading! Or. I'm bored and can't be bothered to read up on Seismic Oceanography – you decide!

As this is the first one, it's all written by me. It took me approximately an hour and a half. Including all the formatting. It's not amazing, lets be honest. But it can be in the future! E-mail things to put in. Gossip, quotes, anything and everything! I look forward to receiving your input (intentional).

Bob

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Quote of the Week:

"Wow it's got so big!" - Jen Cooke (who else) at Club Coffee

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Website Relunched!

The start of the new term found the start of something else new too – a new website, AND a new presidential e-mail! The new website is up and running fairly smoothly, a few things need tweaking here and there but generally a complete success! The e-mail is coming together, and may potentially be changed again reports suggest. It looks rubbish on Chrome, but it seems to generally be working well.

Highlights of the website:

- The ticker (the bit that goes round at the top!)
- The random quotes function!
- The ticker!
- The old moles in the archives!
- Did I mention the ticker?!

If you find any problems with the website/e-mail or would like something added or taken off, or would just like to chat, please e-mail Bob on spod@dusagg.org.uk.

Bob reserves the right to ignore stupid e-mails.



Lauren- You're HIRED!

As all years start, this one started too – the annual hunt for freshers. This year appears to have been fairly successful, with a number even sticking out MidMad (and enjoying it – see later on!)

Our EGM came and went, with RON being personified by a pair of condoms, and Andy husting for him (I'm not sure what this says about Andy.). Lauren, a maths student from Hatfield, however, successfully fended off RON (who lost his billionth election running) and was declared First Year Representative.

Since her election, she has attended one exec meeting and placed a stash order. SWEET!

If you have anything to say to Lauren, preferably if you're a first year and have comments about DUSAGG, or want to talk to her about Stash, please e-mail firstyear@dusagg.org.uk



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General Events!

As usual, DUSAGG have had their many and varied array of events:

Toboganning

Was free.
Nuff Said.

Bonfire Night

Sparkled!

Cinema Trip

Was less of a trip to the cinema and more of a trip to Hild Bede Film Soc. But was fun anyway!

Freshers Fire

Was very populated!
Consisted of terrible singing and lots of fire.

Wine and Toasties

Was held in the crazy house.

College Night Hike

Included an epic trip to Stockton! Was good to see so many people out!

Freshers Camp

Held at York and even contained Freshers!!

Blind Drop

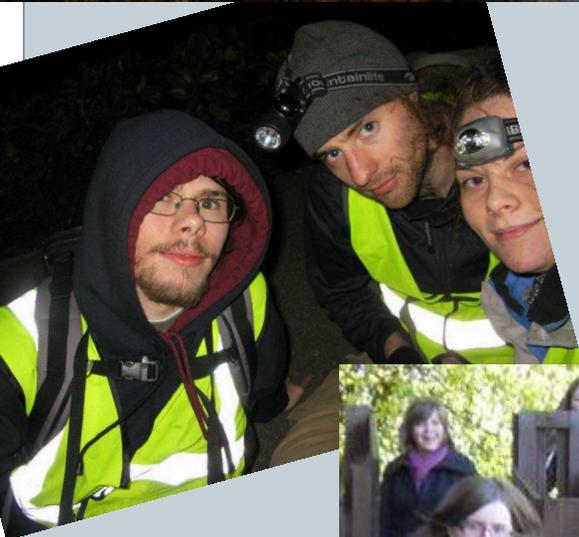
Well – I haven't heard that anyone died. A success!



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Photo Stop!



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MidMad A Terrible Concept *

DUSAGG have brought shame upon themselves this year. The annual incident night hike, Midnight Madness, ran on the night of the 20th November 2010 and DUSAGG were declared to have misled participants.

Groups turned up unaware that they must walk a WHOLE 18 km, through muddy, boggy terrain, in the rain. DUSAGG had NOT walked this route in the rain and so were unaware at the trauma that they were putting the explorers and rangers through.

The participants were also not informed that they must walk this distance without the aid of their leaders, but with a *map* and *compass*.

The final knife in the coffin of DUSAGG was that they failed to explain that Midnight Madness actually occurs in the *dark!*

Our source, who, for confidentiality reasons, must remain anonymous, says:

"Midnight Madness is a terrible concept. It should be run during the day... if at all." #

* This entire article is a piss take.
MidMad was awesome. YAY SUSAN.
Actual quote from evaluation form.



Classifieds

Missing

NOT BOB'S COAT!

Obituaries

A belated thought and prayer goes out to the Spod Stick. It served many a spod with good deeds, but, alas, could not withstand the piñata. We will remember you.

Lonely Hearts

Sheep seeking similar companion. Enjoys hikes, scouting and “fun” activities. Contact 2663243 for good times.

For sale

Meat produce, locally known as bacon.

£1 a pack.

Contact the DUSAGG house, plenty in stock!



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Gossip and Problems



Roger's Banter*

MidMad saw plenty of loving going on, with reception staff flirting outrageously (mostly just because there was nothing else to do!)

There was also some snuggling going on on the bus!

There have also been rumours of the latest DUSAGG couple being formed. Watch this space!

•Gossip must be based on at least 10% fact.

Ask Mole

Dear Mr Mole,

The old DUSAGGers keep talking about things that I just don't understand. I don't want to ask silly questions, but I feel so out of the loop! Please help – FresherAnon

FresherAnon,

Don't be scared to ask. They were freshers once too and even the fourth years still remember what it's like. I can't say the same for Chris though – he's really old.



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Puzzle Page



camp chainsaw
clubcoffee custard
dusagg fresher
guide guideskills
indoor midmad
mole outdoor
pubthing roger
scout spod
tent vanilla
wolfie

Are you smarter than a Rainbow?:

1. What birthday did Guiding celebrate this year?
2. Who started Scouting?
3. What are Rainbows called in South Africa?
4. Name the bonus track on Scouting for Girls' debut album
5. What's the Scout symbol called?

Answers on a postcard (literally, through internal mail please [to my actual name!])