

DUSAGG - Durham University Scout and Guide Group SSAGO Report Michaelmas 2010 Club Rep: Jennifer Cooke

Well, DUSAGG are back, so what have we been up to? The fresher's fire was a big crowd puller, 24 people turned up for warmth, marshmallows and dodgy singing. We got a good few freshers signed up to keep the madness going and events attendance has been pretty good. No huge disasters to report although a new record was set on fresher's camp (this year in York) for lateness of dinner – 10:35pm on Friday night and we finally sat down to pasta bake!



Photo: The epic rope swing made by Susan and Jasper on freshers camp.

Our biggest event this term was, as always, Midnight Madness. Susan (our Liaisons Officer) did a fantastic job in organising everything and making sure everyone was happy with what they needed to do. A Viking theme brought in some imaginative challenges for the

Explorers and Rangers including a longboat run and navigation using 'constellations' created by drilling little holes in catering-sized bean cans and dropping in a light beacon. The people that wanted got sleep, the people that didn't didn't, and everyone had a pretty good time. Bring on next year!

A further highlight was our 'college night hike' – a walk around all the Durham colleges where we somehow always seem to end up in the bar...This year we incorporated Stockton campus which, judging from the stories about a random man in a pub, was a success! Other events so far have included blind drop (our own clue-solving team night hike – a real hike this time) and wine and toastie night.

Photo: Fun with sparklers on Bonfire Night



Coming up we have our Christmas meal which promises to be a great night and Safari Supper, always fun. The Club Coffee secret santa social will see DUSAGG clearing out poundland in an attempt to get the randomest gift (previous hits have included a stick on moustache kit, a tiny pool table set and an ex-library book). We have 1 member attending rally this weekend (slightly better than our previous record of...none), hopefully Rachel will feel at home with you all! Some of our older members will be attending DOGs New Year, our graduate group's annual camp over new year, to catch up with those who have just graduated as well as much older people! DOGs (DUSAGG Old Gits) are 10 this year so it's going to be an extra-special new year in Weardale.

Photos: Busy Freshers Fire and Jen with the DUSAGG stand at the Freshers Fair

