

DUSAGG - Durham University Scout and Guide Group SSAGO Report Summer 2010

DUSAGG's 2010 Summer Term combined revision alternatives with post-exam fun, not forgetting our two weekly socials Club Coffee and Pub Thing. The new exec stepped up to fulfil their roles well and we look forward to recruiting many new freshers next year.

We kayaked on the Wear with the help of our canoe club contacts, held an afternoon barbecue and games and travelled to Stockton to involve members from the other campus. During exams we held a film and takeaway evening (film: Up, takeout: pizza, company: enjoyable) and finished them with a fire which attracted some new potential members and continued well into the night (half 2ish!?).

Our annual Summer Camp was held at Silverwood campsite near Barnsley where the weather 'improved at the end' but didn't dampen our spirits! We ventured into Sheffield and the Peak District for hikes and shenanigans and finished with a Magic Roundabout night hike. Members also enjoyed the Magna science centre and the national Coal Mining Museum (Jen and Sam went down the mine, it was very exciting).

The post-exam good weather was made full advantage of, especially for Mole's Picnic (and unofficial birthday) in the Botanic Gardens, as well as Midsummer Social which this year was held on a beach – nearly everyone made it an all-nighter (apart from drivers who needed sleep!) and the sunrise in the morning was beautiful. A trip to Newcastle and the Life Centre's Doctor Who exhibition was not particularly well-attended but enjoyed by those who went nonetheless!

This term's meal was dubbed DUSAGG's Last Stand as we said goodbye to many of our members who graduate this year (the current graduating year having been a bumper crop of freshers). Hopefully we will be able to recruit many new freshers to keep the society going in the coming years! Jasper, our new Freshers Fair Coordinator, has a number of ideas to help with this (although we may not go so far as to dress first years up as Mole...yet).

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