



# The Fram Post



Spring 2011

Welcome...

Welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of the Fram Post.. We trust you have all had a good Christmas break.

## Group Expansion

There's been lots going on behind the scenes over the past term - in particular we would like to introduce our new Beaver assistants Emma, Jack, Mel, Dianne, Anna and James, new Cub assistants, Sally and Matt, and new Scout assistants Simon and Iain.

The reason we've been so busy building up the Leadership Team is to develop a strong enough base to allow us to open additional sections to meet the demand we see in our waiting lists.

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new Monday Beaver Colony after Christmas. We are now hoping to recruit sufficient additional leaders and helpers to be able to open a second Cub Pack at Easter.

After many years helping the Group Dave Milner will be taking a more back seat role and John will be taking over as Group Scout Leader. In order to facilitate this Claire will be taking over as Scout Leader.



## Hut Development

This term's work around the hut has been rather more behind the scenes, with plans being drawn up to install a new upstairs room in the entrance hall, with storage facilities below.

The group has also received a Big Lottery Grant to purchase a new pair of mess tents which will allow us to take the increasing numbers of Cubs and Scouts away on camp. Hopefully the tents will be delivered early next year.





# Monday Beaver News



Welcome to our brand new Beaver colony!

We hope you've all had a fantastic Christmas, and that our new Beavers are looking forward to joining us at Fram and learning all about Beavers.

## Leaders

Andy Hopkins, who was section leader for our Thursday Beaver colony last term will be taking on the responsibility of setting up and running the new Monday colony.



Andy is currently a postgraduate Social Work student at Durham University, and will be the first point of contact for the Monday's Beavers. Joining him will be new helpers Anna and James, Explorer Scout Ryan and of course the ever valued parent helpers!

## Badges at Home

Just a reminder that if there are any other individual badges you feel you could get (if you swim, play an instrument, look after a pet) then I can provide you with the info or why not go and look at

[www.framscouts.org.uk](http://www.framscouts.org.uk).

## This Term...

This term we have a busy programme of varied and fun activities, from games to crafts to cookery. Through completing the activities Beavers will earn their Global Challenge and Safety badges, to be presented at the end of the term. As well as our Monday meetings, we will be joining up with the Thursday Beavers and other groups in Durham City for District events such as the Entertainment Night, the Bowling competition, Music day and Gang Show.



## Bowling

This year the bowling competition is going to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a prize for the Beaver with the highest score, but the event is more of a friendly event. More details will follow in the new year.

## Gang Show

The District Gang Show will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. This involves each Beaver group performing a short act for the others. It should be an evening of fun and everyone that attends will earn the Creative Activity Badge. This will replace our normal Monday night meeting for that week.



# Monday Beaver's Programme



The Beaver Section runs from 6 until 7pm unless Beavers/parents are informed otherwise.  
There will be games from 5:55 and we will start promptly at 6.

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Welcome Back and Games
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Our Colony – being a Beaver
24 <sup>th</sup> January	No Beavers – instead on Thursday
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>District Entertainers Night</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Global Challenge: Planting and Nature Awareness
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>District Bowling Competition</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Global Challenge: Fair Trade Food
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Global Challenge: Chinese New Year
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term – No meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Founder's Day Service
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Pancakes
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Durham District Music Day</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Safety Badge: Danger! Danger!
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Gangshow Preparation
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No Beavers</b> – Due to Gang Show on Wednesday
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>District Beaver Gang Show</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Beaver Olympics
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Madness!
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Framwellgate Moor Carnival</b>

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# Thursday Beaver News



## Last Term

What a term the Beavers have had! They have successfully participated in health and fitness tasks, learnt some Spanish, brushed up on their world flags, made bonfire cakes and been malteaser bobbing followed by face dunking in flour! They have completed the health and fitness badge and the friendship badge. The panto was a great highlight of the term along with the great district games night we attend at Elvet.



## This Term

This term we will be completing the safety badge and the global badge so be ready for more challenges. We also have a bowling competition coming up, an entertainment night, the infamous gang show and a music day so get practicing.

## Thank you

As we are starting the new Beaver section, Andy is leaving to run them so we have to say a big thank you for all his help he has given to enabled Beavers on Thursdays to run smoothly. Thanks!

## New Leader

Over the last term, Anna Chamberlain - Webber has been helping Andy run Beavers. As Andy is moving to run Beavers on Monday, Anna is going to take the lead! A huge thank you to Anna for taking on this role and we wish her luck.



## New Helpers!

The Beavers' enthusiasm and energy this term has meant that the group has maintained its great atmosphere and the new helpers Dianne, Mel, Jack, Emma, Anna and Ryan have been greatly received. Many thanks to all the parents who have supported us this term and helped run the action packed sessions. We look forward to your continued support in the New Year.





# Thursday Beaver's Programme



The Beaver Section runs from 6 until 7pm unless Beavers/parents are informed otherwise.

Date	Event
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Welcome Back and Games
20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Our Colony</b> – being a Beaver
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>District Entertainers Night</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Safety in the Country
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>District Bowling Competition</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Global Challenge:</b> Fair Trade Food
17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Global Challenge:</b> Chinese New Year
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term – No meeting
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Founder's Day Service</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	No Beavers – instead on Monday
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Pancake Day
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Durham District Music Day</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Safety Badge: Danger! Danger!
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### *District Cub Camp - Dilston*

Back at the end of September seventeen Fram Cubs headed to Dilston near Hexham for District Cub Camp. Despite being rather chilly we, walked to Corbridge Roman Fort, played wide games, learnt to skim pebbles and even built spaghetti towers! Everyone had a good time but we all wish it had been a little warmer!



### *Busy Last Term*

Over the last term, the Cubs have earned their Road Safety, Home Safety and Emergency Aid Badges. They also went to visit 3<sup>rd</sup> Washington Cubs and went to the Fire Station as well as camp!

The Six prize this term went to the Red six and the Cub Prize for attendance, enthusiasm and earning six points went to Ciaran Kelly. Well done!

### *Powburn Indoor camp*

After having had a chilly camp in September we are planning to hold an indoor cub camp at Powburn Scout Centre in Northumberland from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Last year's camp at West Hall was a great success so we hope to have a good time again. During the weekend we'll have a fun packed programme of activities ranging from walking, camp craft to games.

The accommodation is indoors with bunk beds. The weekend will cost £35. This is a non refundable deposit. Please return the form to Cubs ASAP.

### *New Assistant leaders*

We would like to welcome our two new Cub helpers, Sally and Matt.





# Cub Section Programme



This runs from 6.45 until 8pm unless Cubs/parents are informed otherwise.

Date	Day	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Welcome Back Games Night
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Home Badges
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Scottish Burns Night
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Tuesday	Wide Games – Moor House
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Saturday	District Bowling
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	Pancake Night
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	Founders Day Night
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Tuesday	<b>Half Term – No Meeting</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Tuesday	Mother’s Day (Artist badge 1 of 2)
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	District Wide Games – Moor House
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	Art Evening (Artist badge 2 of 2)
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday - Sunday	<b>Powburn Indoor Camp</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Tuesday	Crate Stacking /Grass sledging – Moor House
TBC	Saturday	District Cub Football
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	Computer Badge – Durham Library
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday	Quiz Night
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday	Easter Fun!

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## Last Term

September to December was a busy term for the Scouts. Activities have included the cycle camp, a St. John Ambulance first aid course, patrol leaders running their own program and the very successful Sanctuary wide game run by 1<sup>st</sup> Fram for Scouts and Explorers from all over the County and beyond!

## Scouts is Growing!

The Scout Troop has grown massively over the last year and we now have 31 Scouts and a small waiting list. We look forward to welcoming those moving up from Cubs in the New Year.

## Sanctuary

On the 30<sup>th</sup> October we ran a wide game called Sanctuary. A special congratulations goes to our team from Fram who won! (See picture of them below) Well done!



## New Leaders

We have had a change in the Scout leadership team as John has become our Group Scout Leader. Claire has taken over as Scout Leader aided by David, Richard and Adam. We would like to say a big welcome to our two new leaders Iain and Simon.

## Cycle Camp

9 Scouts completed their cyclist badge last term. The cycle camp weekend took us from Durham to Stanhope and back again, a total of over 40 miles!



## This term!

Lots of new activities are on offer this term as well as a few favourites. Our winter camp will be the County run *Frostie* – lets hope it's not too cold! There will also be the opportunity for some of the Scouts to take part in the District walking weekend. The Mayor of Durham has invited Fram Scouts to an evening looking around the Town Hall and we've got a Formula 1 track designer coming in to give a short talk and help the Scouts make their own dragsters.

The Scout section runs every Friday evening, 7pm to 9pm meeting at the Scout Hut unless the programme says elsewhere.

Date	Day	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	Games Night
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	'Learn the Ropes!'
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Friday	Climbing/Mini Pioneering (Split troop)
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	Climbing/Mini Pioneering (Split troop)
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	Go Motorsport
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Saturday	District Bowling 10am – 12:30pm Sunderland Bowl
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday	Indoor Scouting Competition
11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Sat - Sun	Frostie Fun Day – Moor House
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	District Swimming Gala
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	PL led DIY Night
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	Oil Rig Experience (during day) Town Hall Tour 6:30 – 8:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	Founders Day Service
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	Wide Game – Great High Wood
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday	Outdoor Scout Competition
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	PL led Kenya Night
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday	District Music Day
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	CSI Mystery Night
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri - Sun	District Youth Hostel Weekend – Helmsley
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	Librarian Badge – Durham University Library
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Friday	Falconry Night
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday	PL Led Night
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday	Egg Night
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Sunday	Framwellgate Carnival



On the last weekend in October over 100 Scouts and their leaders took part in the first Durham SANCTUARY event organised by the leaders and supporters of 1<sup>st</sup> Framwellgate Moor Scout Group. SANCTUARY is a serious wide game pitching Scouts and Explorers against their Leaders in a battle of cunning and stealth.

Teams were taken by bus to a secret location, they were then released into the countryside and had 8 hours to navigate their way to the finish. An hour later the Catchers (Leaders) were let loose trying to catch the teams before they could get to the finish and claim SANCTUARY.

The event was a great success with participants from as far afield as Redcar and Gateshead. We were very proud that the overall winning team were 'Dynamite' from 1<sup>st</sup> Framwellgate Moor.

Thanks go to everyone who helped make the event a success and we look forward to making SANCTUARY an annual fixture in the Scout calendar.



## Bingo Night

Back in November, we ran our group Bingo Night. A big thanks to Gordon Hunter who helped organise and run the night. It was enjoyed by all those who attended!

## Logo Competition

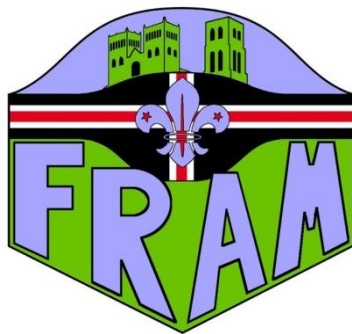
At the Bingo Night we announced the winners to the logo competitions.

Beavers Winner – Theo Glover

Cubs Winner – Alex Gibb

Scouts Winner – Alex Whitham

Well done to all who entered, it was great to see everyone's different ideas. After having looked at these David Baker has put everyone's ideas together and formed these which are still under development.



## Sainsbury's Active Kids

Once again this year, we will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We did really well with these last year so hope to do as well this year. They start in February so please get collecting!

## A Trip to Kenya!

Over the summer Richard and I helped at the 13th World Scout Moot in Kenya as members of the International Service Team. A World Moot is the equivalent of a Jamboree for 18-25 year olds. Kenya is especially important to Scouting as it is where Baden Powell chose to spend his final days and is buried at Nyeri. One of the opportunities given to all members of the Moot was to visit this site. We helped out with UK Community Project which was based at this site. When we started it was a fairly empty husk, we did a lot of painting to make it look more attractive and also created them a couple of display boards. We also did some work outside the main building. This included repainting their flag poles and replacing a metal gate, which had been stolen, with a wooden one and replacing another wooden gate which had rotted. It was a great trip which I look forward to telling everyone about.

David Baker



