



The Fram Post



Winter 2010

Welcome...

Welcome to the Winter 2010 edition of the Fram Post.. I hope you have all had a good relaxing summer break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Bingo Night

Following the success of the beetle drive in March this term we will be holding a bingo night at the scout hall on **Tuesday 16th November** where you can learn your jump and jive (35) from your two little ducks (22). All sections are welcome, including parents so please come along and support this event.

Family Fun at Moor House

Back at the beginning of July we held our family fun evening at Moor House. It was great to see so many of you coming along to support.

It was a great evening and a big thank you to Kay Wigham for sorting out getting the BBQ food and Andrew Lingwood for cooking.

A special well done to Joe Casling who went down the abseil for the first time!!



Beaver Leaders

This term we say good bye to Andy Singleton who has run beavers for the last 3 years as he moves to Glasgow to complete a masters course. Assistant leader Andy Hopkins will take over in September.

Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers



A big thank you to all those of you who brought in Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers . This year we managed to collect record numbers with 6,888 Sainsbury's and 1,020 Tesco vouchers. We have used these to purchase PE and art equipment, including orienteering clippers, double dutch skipping ropes and a new PE bench. Many thanks to all who brought in vouchers, as this is a valuable source of equipment for the group.



Beaver News



Welcome back to Beavers! I hope you've all had a great summer and are ready for the new term! A special well done to everyone who gained the Healthy Eating and Outdoor Challenge badges, well done!

Leader Changes

Last term we said farewell and good luck to Andy Singleton, who has left Durham to take up a Masters course at Glasgow University. Assistant leader Andy Hopkins will be taking over from September. We are also hoping to be joined by new assistant leader Anna, who will bring her own ideas and enthusiasm to Fram.

Upcoming Activities

This term we will be working towards the Friendship Challenge and Health and Fitness Badges. Ideas in the pipeline include making connections with a colony abroad, learning the values of healthy diets and keeping fit, and hopefully learning a few more songs and craft activities!

Beaver Sleepover

The next district organised sleepover is a while away yet, but we are currently in talks with another colony to organise our own event sometime during Autumn term – watch this space!



Parent Helpers

In the past, we have relied on the generous assistant of the Cubs and Scouts leaders to help make up numbers at Beavers. However there is only so long we can ask them to work double shifts, and to continue putting on exciting activities at Beavers (especially if we want to have multiple activities at once or go outside!) we need the help of the parents.

Volunteers will receive full support from the leaders and can commit as much or as little as they like. If you wanted to train up as an assistant leader and run your own activities – excellent! Equally, if you were free once a term to be another pair of hands and help set up games that is also much appreciated – when trying to direct 25 six year olds at once extra help is always welcome!

To express interest, please ask Andy at a session or email on the details below.

Beaver Trips

We're currently looking at organising more trips and days out for Beavers – if any parents have any suggestions (or any connections!) please let us know.!





Beaver Section Programme



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

Subs are currently £14 per month payable by standing order

Date	Day	Event
16 th September	Thursday	Welcome Back / Games
23 rd September	Thursday	Staying Safe!
30 th September	Thursday	Healthy Eating
7 th October	Thursday	Our Community
12th October	Tuesday	Beaver Board Games – Elvet Methodist Church
14 th October	Thursday	No Beavers – instead on Tuesday 12 th at Elvet
21 st October	Thursday	Friendship Badge – Beavers Abroad!
28th October	Thursday	Half Term – No Beavers
4 th November	Thursday	Bonfire Night messy crafts
11 th November	Thursday	Remembrance Day
18 th November	Thursday	Health and Fitness Badge part 1: Getting Active...
25 th November	Thursday	Health and Fitness Badge part 2: ...Staying Fit!
2 nd December	Thursday	Advent Calendars!
7th December	Tuesday	Beaver Carol Concert/Christmas Party – Elvet Methodist Church
9 th December	Thursday	No Beavers – instead on Tuesday 7 th at Elvet
11th December	Saturday	Beavers Pantomime – more details to follow!
16 th December	Thursday	Final session before Christmas!

Leader Contact Details

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District Cub Camp

District cub camp this year is going to be held at Dilston Scout campsite between Hexham and Corbridge. The camp will run from the 24th – 26th September. During the weekend we'll have a fun packed programme of events, taking part in activities with cubs from around the Durham City district.

The cubs will be sleeping in patrol tents with 5 or 6 others from Fram. We'll also be visiting a Roman fort.

Date for your diary

Our indoor camp this year will be from the 18th – 20th March at Powburn Adventure Centre near Alnwick, so make sure you keep this weekend free!



Community Challenge

This term we will be working towards our community challenge badge. As part of this we will be organising a joint evening with 3rd Washington Cubs.

We are going to them as they have a bigger hall to fit everyone in! They meet at Oxclose Village Primary School, Washington. (Postcode NE38 0LA) . We will be going for their normal meeting time of 5.30pm – 7pm.



To gain the Community Challenge Badge Cubs will need to ensure then attend 3 out of the 4 evenings.

Cub Prize

Well done to Luke Smiles who won the Cub Prize this term.



Cub Section Programme



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

Subs are currently set at £14 per month payable by standing order.

Date	Day	Event
14 th September	Tuesday	Welcome Back Games Night
21 st September	Tuesday	Scouting Skills
24-26 th September	Friday - Sunday	District Cub Camp – Dilston
28 th September	Tuesday	Fire Station Visit (Community Challenge)
5 th October	Tuesday	Road Safety Night
12 th October	Tuesday	Joint Meeting (Community Challenge) @ Oxclose Village Primary School 5.30pm – 7.00pm
19 th October	Tuesday	Wide Games – Moor House
26th October	Tuesday	Half Term – No Meeting
2 nd November	Tuesday	Bonfire Night
9 th November	Tuesday	Home Safety Badge (Community Challenge)
16 th November	Tuesday	Bingo night – Time TBC
23 rd November	Tuesday	Emergency Aid (Community Challenge)
30 th November	Tuesday	Fram Winter Olympics
7 th December	Tuesday	Christmas Fun!
14 th December	Tuesday	Christmas Party

Leader Contact Details



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Summer Camp

In the first week of the summer holidays eight Scouts and three leaders headed off for Scout Summer Camp at Helme Memorial Activity Centre in Littledale near Lancaster. Despite the wet weather the Scouts took part in lots of adventurous activities including bouldering, archery, assault courses, climbing a telegraph pole, a high ropes Gladiator Challenge and summiting Helme Crag in the Lake District. The Scouts did all their own cooking on open fires and even baked their own bread very successfully in a camp oven.

As a result of this the Scouts who attended have all gained their 'camp cook' badge and many of them also completed their Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges. A great time was had by all and we look forward to more camps and adventurous activities in the coming term.



DURHAM SANCTUARY

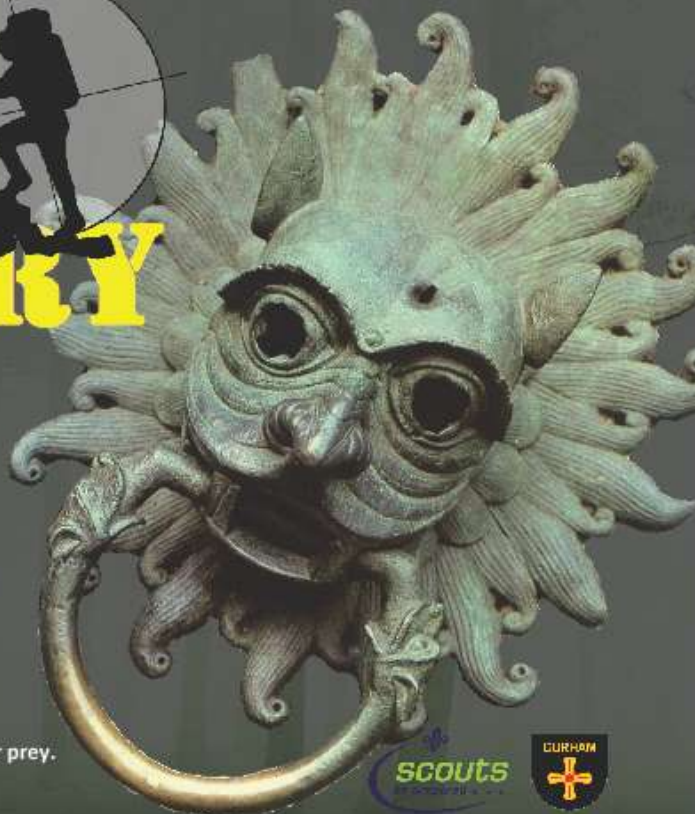


Centuries ago when fugitives fled from justice, if they could reach the huge doors of Durham Cathedral and grasp the great knocker they could claim Sanctuary...

Scouts and Explorers will be taken to a secret location to start their journey to Sanctuary.

An hour later the upholders of justice (Leaders) will be told, the last known location of the fugitives, and they will venture off to catch their prey.

Can the fugitives hide and plan their way around the upholders of justice or will the rule of law prevail?



For more details rules and how to register please go to

Saturday 30th October 2010

www.durhamsanctuary.org.uk

The Scout section runs every Friday evening, 7pm to 9pm meeting at the Scout hut unless the program says elsewhere. Subs are currently set at £14 per month payable by standing order.

Date	Day	Event
10 th September	Friday	Games Night
17 th September	Friday	Promise Challenge
24 th September	Friday	PL activity night (to be planned by Patrol Leaders)
1 st -3 rd October	Fri day – Sunday	County Canoe Camp – Moor House
8 th October	Friday	Night Hike
15 th October	Friday	PL activity night (to be planned by Patrol Leaders)
16 th October	Saturday	District 5-a-side Football, Belmont, 12.30-4pm
22 nd October	Friday	Collectors evening
29 th October	Friday	Half term - no meeting
30 th October	Saturday	Sanctuary Wide Game – organised by Fram Scouts
5 th November	Friday	Bonfire Night
9 th November	Tuesday	District Swimming Gala, Aykley Heads 6.15-8.30pm
12 th November	Friday	PL activity night (to be planned by Patrol Leaders)
13 th -14 th November	Saturday – Sunday	Cycle Camp
19 th November	Friday	St. John's Ambulance 1 st aid course (must attend all 3 weeks)
23 rd November	Tuesday	District Wide Game
26 th November	Friday	St. John's Ambulance 1 st aid course (must attend all 3 weeks)
3 rd December	Friday	St. John's Ambulance 1 st aid course (must attend all 3 weeks)
10 th December	Friday	Indoor climbing
17 th December	Friday	Xmas party

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For the most up-to-date version of the program please log on to the website www.framscouts.org.uk



Group News



Hut development

It's been another busy term at the Hut. Following the replacement of the entrance hall roof (paid for with help from the County Durham Foundation) and the re-felting of the main hall roof (paid for with help from awards for All) work on the entrance hall has begun. The ceiling has been removed and we have also had a brand new front door fitted (thanks go to Andrew Price for fitting this). A new store for pioneering poles and canoes has been built round the back of the hut and a new path has also been laid round the side of the hut to help improve access.

By the time the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts start back for the summer the kitchen we've been donated (thanks to Graeme and Paul) will have been professionally fitted (thanks to Tony).



Projects for this term

There is still some work left to finish off the kitchen, including tiling behind the units, moving plug sockets and laying new flooring. With a bit of luck the toilet in the entrance hall will be fully refurbished over the course of the next term - time and volunteers permitting.

This term we also need to finish replacing the guttering, so if you're good up a ladder please email hut@framscouts.org.uk

The great majority of work at the hut is carried out by volunteers giving their time for free. Without their help we would not be able to enjoy the facilities that we have - thank you.



Group Executive Committee

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