

Queen's Scout Award



The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award available to Scouts and represents the culmination of continued commitment and effort over a prolonged period. Candidates must complete a wide range of activities which challenge their determination and commitment. So we are delighted and proud that 1st Barton Scout Group has produced the second Queen's Scout in the District for nearly 20 years. (The first was Sam last year, also a member of our Scout Group!)

Cara Websdale received the award from County representative John McGrath.



In April she travelled to Windsor to join another 700 or so Queen's Scout from all over the country for the National St George's Day parade in April 2016.

Congratulations Cara and well done!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF 1ST BARTON SCOUT GROUP

The Barton Bungle

Barton Scout Group AGM 2016

This is your chance to find out what we've been up to, what we spend your money on and what we plan for the year ahead.

Thursday 29th September 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Scouts will show a presentation of their summer camp, new Beavers will make their Beaver Scout Promise and leader Darren Rickaby will receive his 5 year service award.

So, we'd love to see you there to support them.

Getting in touch:

Please remember we all have full time jobs and families of our own so please bear with us if we don't respond immediately. We respectfully ask that you respect our personal lives and avoid contacting us late at night or early in the morning. Thank you.

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Cubs: Christine Chilton 07799 707677

Scouts: Gavin Ions 07977 550060

Explorers: Mark Hornby 07749 246453

Bell Boat helm course

Judging by the sign up rate to the many and varied activities we offer here at Barton Scout Group, our parents have faith in the leaders to deliver adventurous activities safely and effectively.

Scout leaders are not people who are born with an inbuilt ability to do this!! No, we have to train and take assessments to gain the necessary skills and qualifications.



And so it came about that 10 of your dedicated leaders were out and about on the River Ure in our Bell-Boats earlier in the year! They had plenty of fun and they enjoyed the sweets, hip flasks and bad jokes which were all in evidence. But, well done to them for putting in the time and effort to ensure that they are qualified to dedicate a few more weekends to give the kids the chance to get out and about and have a great Scouting experience! And I'm sure Jo and Chris MEANT to explore the river from bank to bank and it was nothing to do with the fact that steering a Bell-Boat in a straight line is more difficult than it looks!



St Georges Parade

Thank you and well done to all those who attended St Georges Parade in Richmond this year. In particular our colour party, Sophie, Diana and Molly were complimented on their smart turnout and impeccable flag bearing.

And well done to Cara and Kate. Reading out loud in front of a large congregation isn't easy but they both rose to the challenge and did a grand job.



Gang Show 2017

Yes, I know, it may seem a long way off but the time will fly by and it will be upon us before we know what is what!

Preparations are already underway but I need your views re dates. Please read and respond to the enclosed letter. Thank you

What's this badge and where does it go?

So your Beaver/Cub/Scout has arrived home proudly grasping yet another badge and you have no idea what it represents or where it goes on their uniform?

Or, you have painstakingly stitched a badge onto their uniform only for them to arrive home with it in their pocket because it was in the wrong place?

The Scout Association app called "My Badges" which is available for iPhone and Android is a handy little tool which can help. It contains everything you need to know about badges, how to gain them and where to wear them.



The Patron's Lunch.

Our patron, the Queen, turned 90 this year and as part of the celebrations invited representatives of the 600 charities of which she is patron, to lunch in The Mall on Sunday June 12th. And what a party it was! The atmosphere was fantastic! Despite heavy rain in the morning, spirits were high. The sun came out for the parade in the afternoon and along with around 2000 others I

was proud to parade through the streets of London to help her celebrate. What an experience! Cameras were not allowed during the parade itself but here are a couple of snaps of the preparations "backstage"



(And no, apparently his head does not go to the top of his hat!)

Remembrance Parade

Sunday 13th November.

10.15am at the village hall

Smart uniform

All members of Barton Scout Group
are expected to attend

Thank you for your thank yous!

After various camps and at the end of term we often receive cards, letter and gifts from kids and parents saying thank you.

We do what we do because we love it and we enjoy spending time with the kids but we really, really appreciate the lovely messages we receive so thank you for saying thank you!

It means a lot to know that what we are doing is making a real difference to young lives and that our efforts are appreciated by their parents.

Thank you!

Beavers celebrate their 30th Birthday at Family Camp 2016



The pictures tell the story!
Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun over the weekend.

And massive thanks to Barton leaders who worked so hard not only over the weekend but in the weeks running up to the camp. It was the biggest camp we have attempted so far but I think we pulled it off!

Next year Barton Scout Group will be 40 years old.....I feel another party coming on.....Watch out for dates and details.....oh and I still have the plastic cake so be ready to keep your eyes peeled!

