



Cubs Help for Heroes

The Cubs recently raised money for Help the Heroes by dancing the Waka Waka for a whole hour! Apparently you can repeat the music "more times that I cared to count" in that time! They all joined in with great enthusiasm and raised £450 in the process. The following week they visited Phoenix House rehab centre in Catterick Garrison where they learned about the work of the charity and presented their cheque.



It's all about the outfit.
The pink mini-skirt is vital!

Baking for Help the Heroes

One of the Cubs decided that she wanted to show extra support so with the help of her Mum, Christine she baked a selection of cakes and sold them to friends and neighbours. I have it on good authority from one of her customers that they were extra tasty!

And she raised £100.50 which is fantastic achievement!

Here she is with some of her cakes.

Well done Natalie.



It's winter.....bring a coat.....and wear it home too!

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Explorers

For various reasons, Sam and Mark have recently found it increasingly difficult to give the time, energy and commitment required to run a busy and lively Explorer Scout Unit.

As you know, all the leaders at Barton Scout Group are committed to working hard to offer the young people the very best Scouting experience possible.

To enable the team to come together and continue to offer a challenging, exciting and balanced programme of activities to the Explorer age group, and to support Sam and Mark, it is necessary to make some changes to the way the unit is run.

So, from January, Explorers will meet on Thursday night from 7.30pm to 9pm. They will join with Scouts at the beginning and end of the evening but the two sections will separate for activities during the evening.

I hope all the Explorers will continue to attend and enjoy the great opportunities that Scouting has to offer.

The first meeting of 2017 will therefore be Thursday 5th January 7.30pm – 9pm at Barton Village Hall

Family camp 2017.....you won't want to miss it!!

Regular Bungle readers will remember that 2017 will mark Barton Scout Group's 40th Birthday. As part of our celebrations we are pleased to be able to tell you that Mr Vaux has kindly agreed to allow us to hold our Family Camp at Brettanby Manor.

Brettanby has been the site of many activities over the years so it's fitting that it should be at the centre of our celebrations. Sunday will include a special service in the Church lead by Reverend Jenni Lane, followed by a BBQ at the campsite for all past and present members of the Group and anyone from the local community who would like to join us to mark our anniversary.

So, put the date in your diary now! Friday 9th to Sunday 11th June.

Gang show feedback

Many thanks to those who responded to my request for your thoughts about Gang Show 2017. Although I received a very small number of replies, your input was interesting and helpful.

The general feeling was that half term would not be good time due to family holidays and also one parent pointed out that this is an opportunity for children to rest and catch their breath. The week before half term was suggested but after some consideration by leaders we realised that this would give us 2 fewer weeks to prepare.....and believe me, we need all the time we can get!!

80% stated that although it is a tiring and intense time, it is only for one week every other year. They felt that in view of the value of the show in terms of enjoyment, confidence building, community inclusion etc, that is a price well worth paying!

So, we are going to stick to plan A!

The dates for Gang Show 2017 therefore are Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th November.

Changed your phone number lately? Don't forget to let us know. If we don't have up to date contact details we can't get in touch with you. You won't get info and reminders which is can be inconvenient but more importantly we can't get hold of you if your child is ill or injured.

Remembrance 2016



Thank you and well done to all who turned out for Remembrance Parade and to those who took part in this year's presentation in the church. We have received many compliments since, regarding behaviour and general turn out. Our contribution to the community on Remembrance Sunday is an important part of what we do and it's great to see virtually all of the young people taking part.

15 year service award for Auntie Wiz.

Congratulations and thank you to Auntie Wiz who received a certificate and badge in recognition of 15 years' service to Scouting.



Beavers' day out at Beamish

As we all know, there is no such thing as a dull day out at Beamish. Our annual Beaver trip in October was great fun as always. We sampled home made crumble in the farm house and joined in the dancing at the barn. We had a ride on the carousel and went down the mine.



Oh, and we had our photo taken too! What fun!

Explorers' Summer Camp

The week started off with a bus journey, lasting around 4 hours, from Barton to Cornell campsite in Wales. The bus journey was not too tedious, as there was regular pit-stops and lots of sing-song along the route.

When we arrived it was pouring with rain and rather cold, this, however, did not hinder our setting up of the tents and Marquee, as these were quickly erected and we escaped the ever-worsening rain and wind in no time at all. The weather during the week started off quite cold, the sun broke on the second day, however it remained cool throughout the week.

During the week we took part in a range of activities including bouncing on trampolines, paint balling, Segway's, the park (Amy) and hiking. Not to mention the fascinating Welsh slate museum, which included a slate splitting demonstration - a feast for the eyes.

Several times during the week we headed to the beach and took part in paddling, rounders and sunbathing, this was particularly enjoyable, as these were some of the nicest pieces of weather we had during the whole week, although many people received large quantities of sunburn.

Food was served every night in the marquee, with the exception of one night in which we cooked for ourselves, and had spaghetti, tomato sauce and garlic bread, finished up with some sticky toffee pudding, dinner was often followed by Uno, Bang, or general chit-chat, before everyone headed to bed, usually around 11 o'clock.

At the end of the week, we packed up and headed home, the journey was relatively quick, we arrived at the storage place relatively quickly, unpacked and headed for home. The week, in summary, was lots of fun, action packed, and very enjoyable.

Josh Smith

Scouts' summer camp

The Scouts were invited to join Scouts from Whitby and Bedale for a water activity camp at Scaling Dam and Kettleness Scout centre. Nine of them took up the challenge and had a fantastic week of sailing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, wind-surfing, Bell-Boating and open canoeing.

