

Spring 2018



Our Bell Boats need a home

Our Bell Boats have been stored at a farm in Eppleby since we got them four years ago and we are hugely grateful to the farmer for his patience. But we are aware that they probably get under his feet from time to time. So, we would love to be able to give him a break!

As you can see they take up quite a bit of space! And they need to be inside so it's a bit of a long shot but someone somewhere may have a space they are just longing to fill!



T shirt amnesty



Do you have one of these lurking in a laundry basket/drawer/cupboard somewhere?

We like to loan them out for trips/sports day etc so if you do we'd love to have it back. Thanks.

Jousting with George

The Cubs had a great time re-creating St George and his shining armour. As you can see, newspaper makes a perfect substitute for all that metal. Well this Knight looks happy enough anyway!



Dates for your diary. Here are the dates for two events you won't want to miss.....

Family Camp 2018

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September.

Look out for booking forms in the near future.

We'll be close to home in Barton again so why not come along and join

Remembrance 2018

Sunday 11th November 2018

Barton Scout Group will be playing a leading part in the village's commemoration of the end of WW1 on 11th November 1918, one hundred years ago.

Watch this space for further details but in the meantime put the date in your diary.

That date again? Sunday 11/11/2018. 10 am onwards.

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We are all VOLUNTEERS doing our best for the young people but we have jobs and families of our own too so please bear with us if we don't respond immediately and please avoid contacting us early/late in the day.

Sleeping over at Beamish

The Scout and Beaver sections have both enjoyed the magic of Beamish overnight by taking advantage of the opportunity to hold a sleepover in the Masonic Hall.

The Beavers visited in November and after a full day exploring the museum, a fish and chip supper, a campfire and sing song in the market place and hot chocolate and biscuits in the café they all went out like a light and slept soundly until 7.30 the next morning!

Exploring in the morning before the museum opened to the public was such fun too!

The Scouts visited in March and were lucky enough to be invited to dress up and take part in the parade through the streets in recognition of the suffragette movement. What a day they had!

I have yet to meet anyone who doesn't love a day at Beamish so this is definitely a trip we will be repeating in the future.



Fund raising made easy.



Barton Scout Group is registered with easyfundraising so you can help us boost our funds every time you shop on line.

It's simple and it won't cost you a penny. All you have to do is go to the easyfundraising website and search for you retailer. You can then shop as normal and we get a % of your spend. What could be simpler!

Or you can download the app on your phone. It does what it says on the tin...raise funds the easy way! And what a great excuse to go shopping!!

Hardcore hiking and arctic adventures!



OK, so arctic might be a little bit of an exaggeration but it was very cold and it did snow a lot! And the conditions were challenging for young children.

Faced with these conditions, some Groups might have cancelled the hike and sleepover at Dalton and Gayles but having assessed the risks we decided that with the correct clothing there was no reason why our hike should not go ahead. In fact it was a great learning experience and a confidence builder for all who took part. Some were reluctant to get kitted out in all the gear but once we got

outside they soon realised that it wasn't just leaders fussing but that they did actually need it! The going was pretty tough in places but everyone made it round and the sense of achievement on our return to the warmth of the hall was palpable!

This photo of a tiny Beaver making her way cautiously across a slippery bridge with the help of a leader sums up what Scouting is all about.....challenging yourself, safe in the knowledge that you can rely on the support of your fellow Scouts.

Getting everyone out through the snow drifts the next day showed our leadership team at it's very best as they just got on with it calmly and all the kids were safely transported to their parents after a great Scouting experience.



Scouts cooking competition



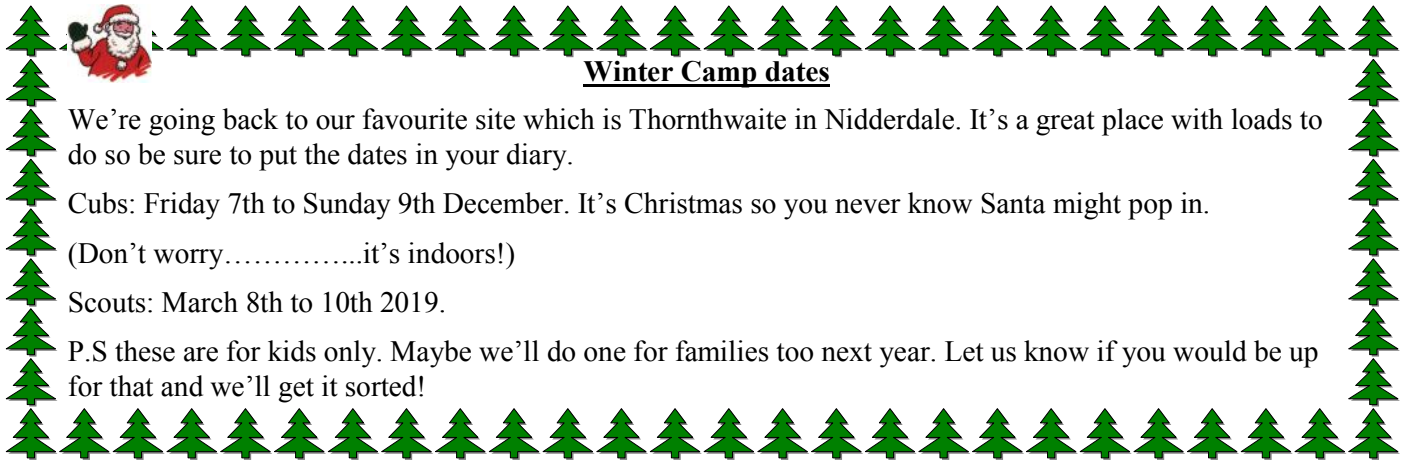
Well done and huge congratulations to team Robbie and Jack and to team Molly and Diana who took first and second place respectively in this year's District Cooking competition. What a great achievement.

Brass monkey hike....another win for Barton!

The brass monkey hike takes place every year in February and is so called to reflect the conditions at that time of year.

Teams from all over the District tackled a distance of 16km with a number of incidents to deal with on the way round as well as demonstrating their ability to navigate. Well done the this year's winners. None other than Half Moon Explorers!





Winter Camp dates

We're going back to our favourite site which is Thornthwaite in Nidderdale. It's a great place with loads to do so be sure to put the dates in your diary.

Cubs: Friday 7th to Sunday 9th December. It's Christmas so you never know Santa might pop in.

(Don't worry.....it's indoors!)

Scouts: March 8th to 10th 2019.

P.S these are for kids only. Maybe we'll do one for families too next year. Let us know if you would be up for that and we'll get it sorted!

Barton Scout Group is full!

Currently all sections are full to bursting and we have a long list of children who are waiting for a space. Unfortunately for many of them the chance of making it to the top of the list is slim. Realistically the only way to be sure of a place is to join the list at least a couple of years before your 6th birthday.

So, for now, we are closing our waiting list to children who are already 6 and advising anyone who contacts us to try other Scout Groups in the area.

For those of you lucky enough to have a place, we ask that you treat it with respect and let us know if you can't attend for any reason. We reserve the right to remove children who fail to attend for 3 weeks without notice or whose attendance is infrequent without notice.

Grand day out on the NYMR

After a slightly shaky start when the coach turned up 35 minutes late, our day on the North York Moors Railway was a big success.

Despite the late start we made it to Pickering station just in time to catch the train to Goathland. Once there we climbed the hill to have a look down over the station before heading into the village where we took over the children's play area for a play and lunch.

Our walk to Grosmont was a pleasant bumble in the sunshine arriving just in time to see a steam train leave the station. An ice cream and a visit to the gift shop later and we were on our way to Whitby for fish and chips and the coach home. All in all a grand day out Yorkshire style.

