

Winter 2018



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF 1ST BARTON SCOUT GROUP

The Barton Bungle

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Remembrance 2018

Barton Scout Group played a central role in the Centenary Commemorations and the Remembrance Parade on 11th November. As usual our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers were exemplary and made us all very proud. Very nearly 100% were present, smart and impeccably behaved. They lead the congregation through the village and provided a guard of honour for them entering the church.

The wooden poppies made by the children and displayed at the hall attracted many admirers including a bus full of passengers who all got out to take photos.....including the driver! The curry lunch cooked and served by our leaders was widely praised and made a tasty, warming addition on a cold day.

It was lovely to see the youngsters taking a central role in such an important community event. Well done to all involved.



Nowhere for the readers to sit.....except the floor!



Getting in touch with us:

Please remember we are all volunteers. We have full time jobs and families of our own so please bear with us if we don't reply immediately and please avoid contacting us late at night or early in the morning.

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Scouts: Gavin Ions 07977 550060

Explorers: Mark Hornby 07749 246453

Family Camp 2018



Anth set up a cleverly designed rocket to ignite the fire.

Mums and dads helping with operation clear up!



Rockets, space invaders, alien hunting, climbing wall, giant wrecking ball and lots more. Mums and dads joined in with great enthusiasm, several of them even taking a soaking in vinegar and bicarb in their stride! Anth's rocket-ignited campfire, plenty of good food and a space themed fancy dress competition all added to the fun!

Adult volunteers needed

We have a great team of leaders and a lovely bunch of kids but we can only stretch ourselves so far!

As a leader or helper there are so many opportunities to have fun, get involved in all sorts of activities, make new friends, learn new skills and get to know some great kids.

The pay isn't good but the rewards are priceless. If you would like to know more, please get in touch.

Gang Show 2019

Yes, it's 2019 which can only mean one thing...it's a Gang Show year.

Preparations are already under way, scripts written, dances taking shape and costumes planned.

You will find a list of dates of rehearsals and performances with this edition of the Bungle.

Please make a note of these in your diary and do your best to attend as many rehearsals as possible.

Everyone is welcome to take part...we don't care if you can't sing or dance.....just get stuck in and have some fun!

Well done to Cub Leader Bex Hornby who was runner up in North Yorkshire County Scouts photo competition with this stunning picture taken in The Lake District. We all reckon it should have been the winner, what do you think?



Bike Ride 2019

About 15 years ago a couple of us grabbed our best trainers, and a couple of ham sandwiches and cycled from coast to coast on our rickety old bikes! And so, the annual Barton Bike Ride was born. Every year since then we have tackled various routes gathering loads of memories and anecdotes along the way. It's a chance for leaders and parents to get together for a fun weekend with a bit of a bike ride thrown in.

This year we are going back to an old favourite, the Barton-Whitby-York-Barton run over three days 12th to 14th July. All abilities are welcome. It's a chance to set yourself a bit of a challenge with plenty of support from your fellow riders and back up from the Barton/Davenport team bus! We even arrange practice rides on Monday evenings during Cubs.

Just give me a shout if you would like more information. 07964552186

The boring admin stuff

With 100 or so children on our books, there is a lot of admin going on in the background so, here are one or two things you can do to help keep things running smoothly and minimise the potential for problems.

1. Always send forms/money etc in a sealed, named envelope. Thrusting a couple of notes or a cheque into our hands while we are trying to run activities is a recipe for disaster. Better still pay by BACS: 20-59-43 acc 33090205
2. Let us know if your child can't make a meeting. It's good manners and helps keep planning on track.
3. Be sure to keep your contact details up to date and keep an eye out for emails/text messages. We rely on technology to keep you informed but that won't work if our messages can't find you!
4. Keep your subs DD up to date so that our funds come in regularly so that we can continue to provide great activities.
5. Make sure coats have a name in them! We regularly take a bundle of coats to the charity shop because they are unclaimed and unnamed! This is a terrible waste of your money and our time and can so easily be avoided with the aid of a marker pen and two minutes of your time.

Thank you for your support.

A Beaver was very disgruntled when we had to cancel our night at Kiplin because our personal lives got in the way. He was very surprised to hear that we don't get paid to be leaders! We are all volunteers with jobs/families/problems just like you. Anything that decreases the potential for problems means we can use our time to run more fun activities for the youngsters.



Ypres 2018

35 members of Barton Scout Group recently spent 3 days in Ypres in Belgium. We visited In Flanders Field Museum, Sanctuary Wood Museum and Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Essex Farm Field Hospital and Cemetery and the Coming World Art Installation. We took part in the Last Post Ceremony at The Menin Gate and laid 2 wreaths, one on behalf of Barton Scout Group and the other on behalf of Barton Village in memory of the men from Barton who fell in the Great War. These were laid by a Beaver and a Cub respectively with a leader and an Explorer escorting them. The silence as the last notes of The Last Post died away was very emotional and walking across the road to lay the wreath to the sound of a male voice choir singing "As I survey the wondrous cross" was something I will never forget.

We also had time to explore the town of Ypres, take in the fantastic views from the big wheel and check out the chocolate shops!

It was an incredible experience and one I doubt the youngsters will forget in a hurry. It was obvious that they were moved by the sheer scale and horror of all the things they saw but they also took the time to enjoy the trip and enjoy the time together as Scouts. We kept a note of the various comments we overheard. The most poignant was probably that from an 8 year old Cub who remarked at Tyne Cot cemetery "It's like that other place, it just goes on and on. There are no words"

A slideshow of some of the many pictures we took on the trip was shown on Remembrance Sunday and it's fair to say that most who saw it found it very moving. Here are a few pictures to give you a feel for the trip. It is available on youtube. Just type in Barton Scouts to find it.



Our Hotel



The Menin Gate by night



Jack looking at the wreaths at the Menin Gate



Molly with the name of her Great Great Grandfather at Tyne Cot Cemetery



The Menin Gate by day



Graves at Tyne Cot Cemetery