

**Autumn  
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The Official Newsletter of 1st Barton Scout Group

# The Barton Bungle

## Congratulations Mr & Mrs Brookes



On 25th June our wonderful Cub leader, Bex, and our very own helper extraordinaire, Sam, were married on the edge of Ullswater. Huge Congratulations to you both and we all wish you all the very best for a future filled with fun, laughter and love.

### 1st Barton Scouts Annual Bike Ride

This years ride took place on 10th & 11th July. Only one family managed the whole 65 miles with the bragging rights going to the Denning family. Not only did all 4 of them complete the ride from Newcastle to Melsonby, they also raised over £500 in sponsorship for a charity close to their heart, CAFOD. Well done Team Denning—particularly Cub George and Scout Eva.



On Sunday they were joined by various other members of the Barton Scouts Family. A huge WELL DONE goes to cub Leo Martin who completed the final 30 miles.

After more than 30 years of involvement with 1st Barton Scouts we are all sorry to say goodbye to Aunty Wiz.

Over the years Aunty Wiz has been a wonderful Beaver Helper (amongst many other roles such as treasurer and chief food provider), to over 500 children. Amazing doesn't come close.

A HUGE Thank you Aunty Wiz from all at 1st Barton Scouts—past and present. We wish you a very Happy Retirement xx



## Parent Portal and Subs

We use an online system called Online Scout Manager to keep records of our young people. Some parts of those records, such as badge progress, are available for parents to view. Others, such as contact details and Gift Aid declarations are available for parents to update. We'd love it if you could take the time to drop in there and make sure everything is up to date, particularly email addresses. We get a surprising number of bounced emails. A link to Parent Portal can be found at the bottom of our website, [bartonscouts.co.uk](http://bartonscouts.co.uk)

You will have originally accessed Parent Portal when you set up subs, but if you forgot your password you can reset it on the home page of Parent Portal using the email address you

On the subject of subs, they are charged at £120 per year, split into 12 equal payments of £10. There are a few people out there who have still not clicked the link to set up subs. If you are having trouble, get in touch and we will sort it out. **Be aware that if you do sign up late, the system will immediately take all back payments owed.**

No young person will be denied scouting on the grounds of money. Just get in touch and we will arrange something with you. Failing to sign up for subs is not the best way to handle payment problems. We'd also ask that if you are withdrawing your young person from scouting that you get in touch with your section leader before cancelling your DD. We can do this promptly and it's nicer all round if we don't say our goodbyes via the banking system.

Another half term of fun completed, and as always a huge thank you to all the leaders and helpers for all their efforts and giving our young people some great experiences. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the AGM—and huge congratulations to everyone who made their promises in front of their troop, and the wider Barton Scouts family.

**Remembrance Parade**  
**Sunday 14th November**  
**10:15 Village Hall**

**Smart Uniform and Poppy please**

All members of Barton Scout Group are expected to attend. Family members are also welcome.



**Waiting list**

We have had lots of enquiries to join Beavers & have had to turn quite a few children away. If your child has younger siblings or you know of young children who would like to join then please fill in the form on our website: [Joining – 1st Barton Scout Group](http://Joining – 1st Barton Scout Group)  
[bartonscouts.co.uk](http://bartonscouts.co.uk)

A heartfelt **Thank you** to the Cockin Trust for their generous £150 donation towards some new outdoor equipment.  
It is very much appreciated.

We have a great team of Leaders, and a lovely bunch of Young Leaders, but additional help is always gratefully received!

If you would like to get more involved with Barton Scout Group—on a regular basis, or when you see something on the programme you think you will be able to help with (or even enjoy yourself), please (please) have a word with your Group Leader. Thank you

**Barton Boot Exchange**

We all know our children's feet grow faster than we can keep up with, and it's particularly galling shelling out for new hiking boots after one wear of the old ones.....Fortunately we have the solution!

Contact Catherine on 07786 955116 to see if we have your required size in stock. We also have a selection of airbeds and waterproof coats and trousers.

Donations of clean boots are gratefully received, and if you would like to make a small financial donation you will also have the warm glow of knowing you are helping fund our activities & keeping our costs down.



# Troop news

**Explorers:** The Explorer Unit has taken a few steps forward in the last couple of months, and the group is really starting to take some shape. At the AGM last week Hannah, Natalie and Robbie were invested in to the First Moon Explorers, our first 'proper' members for some years. We hope to see the remaining members of the group invested soon.



Last weekend we organised a camp in the field at Melsonby. It went really well and it was a great opportunity for us all to get together. A huge thank you to the leaders who gave up their Friday night—and spent it under canvas—so we could enjoy our first camp.



We have all enjoyed going to Scouts on a Thursday night to give a helping hand—and have some fun too! Its great to see the Scouts having a fabulous time and learning new skills.

We hope to get more activities off the ground soon, and maybe even gain a few more Explorers too.

This half Term has been amazing, lets hope the next one is just as good.

Robbie

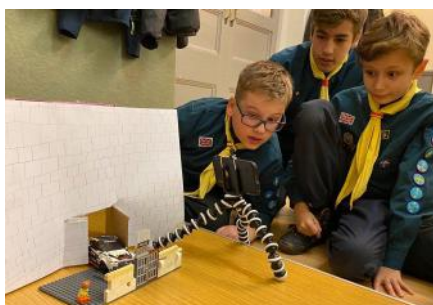


**Scouts:** Are we missing combing the globe in search of an evil genius to thwart their dastardly plans of world domination!? Nah.....We've done that, been there, evil genius behind bars and the scouts are back to what they do best, getting dirty, wet, learning new skills and generally having fun!

We have gradually moved the previously split groups back together as the COVID restrictions allowed, which was a welcome sight of 30 odd kids stood around the campfire as 'socially distanced' as you can get them! There's nothing that comes close dangling a marshmallow on the end of a stick over the glowing embers of a wood fire and having a chat to your mates. Memories are built like this.



As the nights have drawn in after the summer break, we've moved back into the to familiar ground in the village hall. Who doesn't want a bar of soap intricately carved in the shape of a lacrosse stick, or a model of a garish Space Marine on their mantelpiece? No, well, we're adding the creative talent of stop-motion movie making to list of their expertise, so be prepared to sit through some blockbuster short films on our youtube channel in the coming weeks. [Barton Scouts - YouTube](#)



## Cubs: Here is our troop news from some of our Cubs.....

I enjoy doing the water slide, doing games and helping others to learn. I like the different variety of games and the fun things we do. Henry T



This term we have mainly been in the hall. We have done lots of different things like gaming night that was fun and I enjoyed Mario 64. We also did not tying, that was fun. Repairing punctures for our cycling badge too. One night we took our own things and told the other Cubs how to do the stuff we did. The best I think was the campfire, there was loads of fun games to do. Those are the things I have enjoyed. Henry A



**Beavers:** Beavers have loved being back in the hall playing lots of old favourite games - Ladders, Sharks under the parachute & good old tig amongst others.

What was your favourite game? Let us know on our Facebook page! [1st Barton Scout Group - Home | Facebook](#)



They've also been working hard as a team to complete badges. It was sad saying goodbye to old friends but we enjoyed finally being able to invest our new Beavers at the AGM.

