

As the title suggests, this isn't a 'normal' edition of our Newsletter. Inside you will not find our usual round up of news – that will come towards the end of term, but you will hear about two special and exciting events we have planned for 2022.

GANG SHOW 2022

After having to postpone our 2021 Gang Show, we are delighted to confirm that preparations are well on the way for Gang Show 2022. The show will run early November, but as you can imagine there is a lot of work to do before curtains up!

We know that there will be a lot of you who are new to Gang Show, and maybe even a little bit scared at the thought of 'putting on a show'. Barton Gang Show is like no other (though I am sure every Scout Group says the same!). There is no need to be scared, and as always, we will do everything we can to make joining in as easy as possible.

- Everyone who wants to take part can. No auditions!
- Nobody will be forced to perform
- We're happy to have people come and try a few rehearsals before they make their mind up. It's fun
- Talk to some of the 'old timers' – our Cubs and Scouts! They are the ones best placed to tell you just how brilliant being part of the Barton Scouts Gang Show is
- Let us know ASAP if you decide it's not for you/your child. Don't leave us hanging. There will be no hard feelings

There is no denying that taking part in the Gang Show is a huge commitment – for everyone involved (including all the leaders as well as you, the parents). But what a brilliant opportunity it is, one that not many young people have the chance to experience. To watch the children develop new skills and grow in confidence is wonderful – but we don't need to tell you that!

Gang Show Timetable

This info is coming out early to allow all of us to plan ahead. Not everyone will be asked to attend all rehearsals. We'll probably split each one by section. More details later in the year.

It's fine to miss some rehearsals and still take part, but we ask that you attend as many as you can. Just don't miss too many and expect to be at the front of the stage on show week.

Date	Time	Section	Session Details/Notes
Saturday 16th July	10-4	TBC	Intro for all - individual section times to follow
Sunday 17th July	10-4	TBC	Intro for all - individual section times to follow
Saturday 10th September	10-4	TBC	Individual section times to follow
Sunday 11th September	10-4	TBC	Individual section times to follow
Saturday 24th September	10-4	TBC	Individual section times to follow
Sunday 25th September	10-4	TBC	Individual section times to follow
Saturday 15th October	10-4	TBC	Individual section times to follow
Sunday 16th October	10-4	TBC	Individual section times to follow
Sunday 23rd October	10-4	TBC	1st Sunday of half term
Monday 24th October	6pm-9pm	TBC	Monday of half term
Sunday 30th October	12-4	All	Full run - All
Monday 31st October	6pm-9pm	All	Dress Rehearsal - All
Shows			
Wednesday 2nd November	6pm-9pm	All	Performance
Thursday 3rd November	6pm-9pm	All	Performance
Friday 4th November	6pm-9pm	All	Performance
Saturday 5th November	1pm-4pm	All	Matinee Performance
Saturday 6th November	5pm-9pm	All	Performance

Show week is very busy, with 9pm finishes most evenings. To help out, Beavers can be collected at the interval, but they're welcome to stay to the finale.

If you decide that Gang Show is for you, you can start getting your costume together:

- Plain black trousers
- Plain black long-sleeved t-shirt
- Black socks
- Black pumps (like your old school PE shoes!)
- White short-sleeved t-shirt

All of these things can usually be bought at Boyes or Primark, but start early, there's competition for these things later in the year – and don't forget to label everything with your name! We can't stress the need for PLAIN things enough. UV lights pick up every logo and stripe.....!

It takes a lot of effort to put this together (leaders will do around 70 hours of rehearsing and performing for the show), on top of planning and costume/prop making, so please bear with us if we run a little early or late. We'll do our very best to keep you up to date.

Tickets will go on sale when we come back in September and things really get going.

As always, if you have any questions, please come and speak to us.



Family Camp 2022

I feel like a broken record, but after a couple of years absence, Family Camp is back. As the title suggests, this is the chance for all you Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to bring your family to join in the fun and find out what 'scout camp' is all about.

We have managed to secure exclusive use of Dilston Scout Campsite near Hexham, **Friday 8th to Sunday 10th July**. We've had some great family camps there in the past. The site is a huge flat field with a river running through the site. Fingers crossed the weather is on our side and we can make the most of the water – but for the 'glampers' among you, you will be pleased to hear there are hot showers and even plumbed toilets!

Cost will be around £30 per person for the weekend – the same for both children and adults. Children under the age of 6 can join us for £10 each. This includes a fun packed schedule as well as all your meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

All adults staying overnight will need to be DBS checked by us. We will be in touch after you book to start the process.

Sorry – No camper vans or caravans on site. There's a small car park you may be able to camp in but if it's full, the overflow car park is off site and not a nice place to camp.

We have a limited number of tents we can loan out. Please just ask.

Unaccompanied scouts can come along. They can sleep in our patrol tents. Scouts who attend with their family can also join them (room permitting).

Explorer Scouts can also come along unaccompanied. They can choose to join us on the camp crew (running activities and keeping the site going) at a discounted price (TBC).

We've confirmed with the site, but unfortunately dogs are not allowed on site.

Bookings will open as soon as we can get a form online and payments set up.

