

As the summer break draws to an end, and we are getting ready to return to Scouting, and the fun packed programme our leaders have prepared for the term ahead, it is lovely to look back to last years Summer Bungle and compare where we are now, to where we were a year ago. Covid imposed Scouting restrictions are hopefully behind us for good, and we have been lucky enough to enjoy a full and fun packed summer term of events across all our sections, culminating in a fabulous Family camp in Dilsothn.

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge **Thank you** to all our leaders and helpers for being so awesome.

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, waterproof coats and trousers. 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.

If you've had a 'sort out' this summer we are always grateful for donations of clean boots and waterproofs. Please pass to your section leader at the start of next term.



Gang Show 2022

As the new term starts, so do the rehearsals for this years Gang Show. For those of you who have not been involved with the Gang Show before (parents too), please speak to some of 'the old timers'. It really is a wonderful opportunity for all, a chance to have fun, learn new skills, and build confidence along the way. I truly can't stress enough the difference it has made to my children's confidence, and their 'I'll give it a go' attitude. The next rehearsals are: Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September, 10–4:00. We would love to see a great turn out, and promise that the end result will be truly fabulous.

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

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 set the account up with.

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.

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](#)

If you have any old Mobile phones – or any other Tech lying around, and you are not sure what to do with it, we have a solution! Our very own Technical Wizard, Kevin, can do all the necessary cleansing and dispose of it safely through a recycling company. Barton Scout Group receive a small monetary thank you for his efforts – and your kind donation.

Section news

Beavers: The Beaver's have had a busy summer term, with Backwoods cooking, fire lighting and Learning Semaphore!!



The Beavers also made catapults as part of their pioneering task, and played space invaders with Harry as their space-ship!

The end of term can only mean one thing

Wet Night!!!!

We hope all our Beavers had a wonderful summer.

See you all very soon x



Cubs: We've had a very exciting and action packed term the past few months! It's the first term without the supervision of our lovely Bex and it's gone very smoothly....mostly. We've had a really varied program of activities including the classics such as first aid and backwoods cooking (not backwards cooking) to ensure lots of badges are handed out, ranging to the less traditional nights of photography, and even an escape room/crystal maze style evening!

A firm favourite of the cubs this term has definitely been the Brand or No Brand night where they had to do a blind taste test to see if they could tell the difference between the big brands and supermarkets own brands. I think the cubs realising they often preferred the cheaper brands is what made this evening stand out, or it may have been all the cake and chocolate!



We even bumped in to an familiar face on our photography trip around the vil- lage — has anyone spotted her.....

We hope you have all had a fun packed summer, and look forward to making many more memories this coming term.



Explorers: Barton Bell-ringing—The explorers have been on an exciting expedition to Barton church to learn a bit more about how to bell ring and the interesting backstory behind it. The comfy and slightly cramped room at the top of the church was filled with explorers and leaders, as we were given a lesson in the art and history of the unique hobby. Our guide (a seasoned bell ringer who has travelled the world ringing bells) explained the complexities of bell ringing. I was surprised with how intricate it is, and how perfect timing and precision is needed to perform it correctly. We then each had a go pulling the colourful strings, and the leaders even got a bit of a tune going! Those unfortunate or brave enough to find themselves on the big bells were occasionally lifted up into the air despite their best efforts. Once everyone had a go we descended back down the tight, steep stairs and out of the church. I hope we didn't disturb the neighbour's too much! Zac



One night we all went and played laser tag at Planet Leisure. It was great fun with our competitive streaks taking over. We were also happy to welcome our newest Explorer, Saffron to the event. We were split in to groups, boys v girls, but the teams very quickly split and it ended up with everyone shooting everyone with Ben claiming overall victory. All of us explorers loved it and the leaders seemed too as well. Robbie

Hiking in Richmond—We started our hike early evening down at Easby Abbey. The weather was clear and quite warm, perfect for walking. We had been tasked with navigating the route from Easby down to Gilling where the walk would end, and we took it in turns to each guide us through certain sections. We climbed up across the fields towards Richmond, and then down to Skeeby where a short Jelly Baby snack was enjoyed. Afterwards, we carried on the walk until we got to the river, at which point we followed it until reaching Gilling. A lovely walk and a chance to chat. Zac