



# 1<sup>st</sup> Goxhill & Barrow Scout Group News

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## Beaver Colony

The Beavers spent some very worthwhile time raising £150 for leukaemia just before the summer by doing a sponsored alphabet hunt. Well done to all of them!

The Beavers have lots of activities lined up before Christmas involving arts and crafts. They will also be sending postcards to their home addresses and investigating exactly what happens to items that are sent by post! The Beaver section is always on the look out for anyone who would be prepared to give an hour of their time either weekly or on a rota basis, if you would like to help please contact the Group Secretary on the number above.

## Cubs Section

The Cubs have been very busy with badge work this term. The Chef's badge involved learning about safety and hygiene in the kitchen and discussing why we need to eat a balanced diet. An eventful evening was spent cooking a two course meal; the pizza's were delicious although ginger crunch was a little messy!

The Cubs have also sponsored a Guide Dog for the Blind and just before the summer break we had a very enjoyable visit from a guide dog and his trainer who explained the training they have to go through before they become fully qualified! The puppy we have sponsored is called Duggie, he is a black Labrador and we will be receiving photographs and updates of

how he is getting on as he is put through his paces.

A sleepover at the hut is planned for November and then a Christmas party in December to finish off before Christmas.

Looking forward into the New Year we will be taking part in a District PGL Activity weekend in March which all of us (including the Leaders) are really looking forward to!

## Scouts Section

1<sup>st</sup> Goxhill & Barrow Scout section has continued to expand with over forty scouts attending on a regular basis. Since returning to Scouts after the summer break we have concentrated on basic Scouting skills at our weekly meetings. These will be put to the test in November with a winter camp in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Twenty of our Scouts have had the opportunity to be involved with a local off road motorcycle club and have all proved to be very proficient bikers! For those who prefer the sound of singing birds to motor engines then between November and March there will be several weekends spent with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust doing Maintenance work at their local reserves.

In the New Year we will start forging closer links with other local groups. Several trips away have been planned with Barton Scouts and Goxhill Girl Guides and other Scout troops north of the Humber are interested in organising joint events.

The Scouts remain as active as ever.

## Explorer Section

The 1st Goxhill and Barrow Explorer section is regarded as the best local Explorer section and has approximately twelve regular members with both young men and women from the age of fourteen to eighteen years. The group continue to meet on a Friday evening at the Scout Hut in New Holland between 19.00 - 21.00 and use the evening both as a social evening and to brush up on the outdoor and practical skills required for activities away from the hut. This provides a real mix of activities and includes but is not limited to camping, hiking and watersports, climbing, squash and also bowling, ice skating and first aid. The young adults who attend are the ones who drive the ideas for how they aim to fill their own time with something worthwhile.

The group are linked to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and aim to undertake some community and environmental programmes to contribute to the area that they live and would welcome ideas from outside the group. As a group of honest responsible young people they are also committed to fund raising and would welcome the opportunity from any organisation or company to be able to raise some funds for the group perhaps helping out for a day or two.

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