

Hello! And welcome to our second Barton Community Band newsletter!

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First of all, a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had an enjoyable and festive Christmas with your nearest and dearest. Since we last wrote in October, we have taken part in the Remembrance Day community parade, and in November and December, the band played at various locations, entertaining the crowds with festive Christmas music. A new venue to us was the Museums quarter in Hull. A fabulous venue, friendly staff who really looked after us, and an appreciative audience. We also held our annual Christmas Concert in St Mary's church in December, what a great audience you all were!! We received some wonderful feedback and are delighted that you once again enjoyed our programme of music.

Spot Light On Feature

Name—Emily

Emily plays tenor horn in both the training band and also the adult band. Emily says that she enjoys sitting with the more experienced players, it's great to pick up hints and tips. Emily has pretty much been a member of the band since birth, as she's lost count of all the years dressed up in various costumes and forced to stand in the freezing cold collecting at Christmas while her mum played with the band! Following a recruitment day Emily officially joined the Youth Band in 2018. Since then, Emily has played for the Community Band in the Remembrance Day Parade in 2019 and again in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Emily's favourite music is a popular band march, 'Slaidburn' and she tells us that one of her band highlights was the zoom quizzes we had during Covid! The rest of the band all remembers her famous 'Peter' round!! Away from the band room, Emily is a talented dancer and is part of the seniors group with the Skelton School of Dance. Emily also helps support the local drama community group: S B Players, as she plays a couple of 'ghosts' in the Barton Ghost Walk.

Emily's big mission this year is to raise lots of money to enable her to participate in the Borneo World Challenge in 2025. On this expedition Emily and other students will be helping to build schools as well as participating in some conservation projects. Emily and the team will also be learning about a more sustainable way of living, understanding the world and our place in it through service learning opportunities overseas, partnering with local communities and environmental initiatives. This will allow the students to gain a unique insight to some of the worlds most significant issues. Emily told us that the total needed is £4,295 per student and to date she has already raised over £600. There is still a way to go and we would like to help support Emily to reach her target. Please see below the QR code, which will take you to her fundraising page where donations can be made. GOOD LUCK EMILY! Your band family are really proud of you for undertaking this challenge!



We do hope you're enjoying our new website which can be found at www.bartoncommunityband.co.uk This has been updated with our photo gallery and some fabulous pictures from the Christmas concert. We also have a YouTube channel: [Bartoncommunityband](https://www.youtube.com/channel/Bartoncommunityband) where you will be able to hear some of our recent music. More will be added to our channel in the future.

We have some fabulous performances lined up already for this new year, dates are publicised on our website, so please keep checking back as this is continually updated as new events are added.

We currently have some vacancies for seats in our adult band, as well as places in our training band available on all instruments. We are always welcoming to new members, both adults and youth, so if you are interested, then please get in touch and come along for a blow, shake, rattle or hit!!

You can contact the band secretary via email for further information on joining the band or to book us for a performance at your venue. You can email Stuart at secretary.bartoncommunityband@gmail.com or via the contact page on our website.



Fundraiser by Kay Peck:
Emily's Borneo Expedition
www.gofundme.com