

**Summer
2021**

Welcome back

Where to start, welcome back to face to face scouting, welcome back to the Bungle and welcome back sunshine!

What a year it has been.

For the eagle-eyed among us you will have noticed that this is the first Bungle we have had for quite a while. It was another of those 1001 jobs that Jane used to rattle off when no one was watching. As we have not had a Bungle since Jane retired from 1st Barton Scout Group, we have not had the opportunity to put in writing a collective



The Official Newsletter of 1st Barton Scout Group

The Barton Bungle



Thank You

What you did for our Scout Group during the 20+ years you spent with us is immeasurable, and from all the children, young people, family and friends you have helped, and most importantly had fun with, we can not thank you enough. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Chris—Mr Jane. Always there with a smile and strong pair of hands to help and support you in every way. Enjoy your retirement, but remember.....we know where you live. x



Breaking
News



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the Postponement of the 2021 Gang Show. The decision has not been taken lightly, and has been discussed at length by both the leaders and parents at our recent Exec Meetings. The over-riding feeling was with all the uncertainty we have faced over the last 12 months it was better for us to postpone the Gang Show for 12 months. It was felt that we are only just getting back in to the swing of meeting Face to Face, and not yet meeting inside. In order to put on the type of show 1st Barton Scout Group are famous for, rehearsals would need to start fairly soon. It would be so dis-heartening for everyone involved if we put in all the extra practice and hard work for the event to be pulled at the last minute due to tighter social restrictions. We are hopeful that by this time next year we will be as back to normal as we possibly can be, and we will put on a show to remember. Quite possibly the biggest event to be effected by Covid19.

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: It is with great pleasure that we announce the resurrection of the Half Moon Explorers. Its delayed return (due to Covid—surprise surprise) has seen a healthy uptake in Explorer Scouts pulling together to get the section up and running after a couple of years of inactivity. The 'how, where and when' is still



being ironed out, but they have put together a cracking list of activities to have a go at before the term ends.

If you are an ex-scout who would like to know more, please get in touch with Anth, Gav, Kevin or Rich, and they will happily let you know where the next meeting is so you can come along and see for yourself what its all about.

Scouts: As we started the year we managed to maintain our ambition of hosting an online scouting event each week. For those parents who wondered what their children were getting up to.....

Skribble - an online multiplayer Pictionary guessing game; Treasure hunt with the help of scoutadelic - hunting for spies scattered across the globe; Harry Potter themed escape room; Catchphrase; Robbie's Quiz and Ordnance Survey Call My Bluff to name just a few! As leaders it was lovely to hear parents enjoying some of these events with their children, and the leaders certainly enjoyed their Monday night "practice/planning" sessions!

The buzz at the Melsonby field was tangible as we resumed face to face scouting. We split into two groups and have enjoyed some great activities...



A huge thank you to the scouts for consistently showing up for zoom scouting - we know it's not the best way to "do" scouting but your enthusiasm really was what kept the leaders going through the winter!

As we start the Summer term we are still scouting outside in two groups, but we are hopeful that we will be back to one troop in the near future.

Rich



Cubs: After a winter of 'Cubs on Zoom' we are having so much fun being back face to face. Splitting our troop in to 2 groups for the start of the term, we have enjoyed shelter building, fire lighting, backwoods cooking and played wide games in the woods. Since we came back after half term we have loved being back together as one troop again. We have welcomed back Christine and Esther as additional helpers and have had offers of parent help - which have been greatly received. To be honest I think they enjoy it as much as the Cubs!

Bex x



FIRE LIGHTING



FRISBEE GOLF



SLEEPOVER MUG CAKES



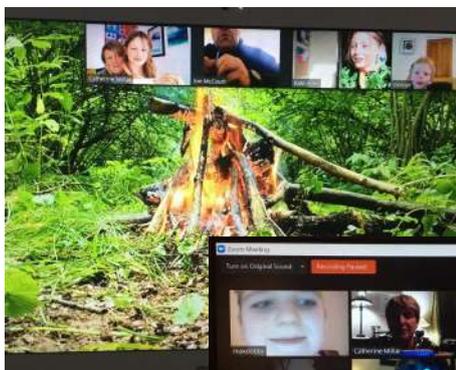
WIDE GAMES



PLAYING GAMES WITH CUBS IN BULGARIA VIA ZOOM

Beavers: Barton Beavers have loved getting back together & getting to know new friends, though it's meant a lot of new names for us to learn!

Covid has meant we have had to wait to invest our new Beavers until we were back face-to-face - there were so many we ran out of neckers but fortunately Jon had a spare one or two with him.



We've been busy making the most of being outdoors and have been den building, playing 'What's the Time, Mr Wolf?' & hide & seek as well as cooking on campfires and helping Catherine keep her garden tidy for the Gardener's badge.

Nothing like a bit of child labour!

Catherine x