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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF 1ST BARTON SCOUT GROUP

The Barton Bungle

Thank you Tracy!

As you all know by now, Tracy made the very difficult decision at the end of last term to step down and take a break from Scouting.

Tracy joined Barton Scout Group initially as a parent helper more years ago than I care to remember, later taking over as Cub Leader about ten years ago.

Tracy made a significant contribution to the Group as a whole and to the Cub section in particular. Her commitment and hard work was second to none whether she was scrubbing the egg pan at camp or sorting out the Cub paperwork. Her attention to detail and willingness to muck in with any job that needed doing made her a valued member of our leadership team.

Thank you Tracy for all your hard work, your sense of humour and of course your friendship over the past ten years or so.



To contact us:

Don't forget that we all have full time jobs and families of our own so please bear with us if we don't respond immediately.

Whenever we run activities we send detailed information on permission forms and kit-lists so before you phone or text us have another look at the info or check the website. There is a good chance the answer is there somewhere.

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Cubs win County Quiz competition

As you know, 2015 had it's ups and downs so it was great to finish off the year on a high note with a win for the Cubs at the County Quiz competition in December.

Given that this competition involved in excess of 120 Cub packs from around our County this was a fantastic achievement so well done to our team which consisted of 3 brother and sister combinations: Neive and Zak, Catherine and Andrew and James and Hannah.



New Leaders

We are delighted to welcome 5 new adults to our leadership team. Jo Smith has joined us “off the street” as Assistant Cub Leader. She has no previous Scouting experience but has thrown herself into all our activities with great enthusiasm so will learn the ropes very quickly.

The others, Bex Hornby, Josh Stark, Cara Websdale and Kieren Marshall have all been with us through the various sections and have all completed 4 years as Young Leaders.

All five are busy tackling their leader training modules and are a great asset to the Group.



Family Camp 2016

This year’s Family Camp will be a special “party edition” to celebrate 30 years of Beaver Scouts. Saturday will be full day of activities which will include lots of fun, Scouty stuff as usual. Look out for some new stuff this year!

Sunday will be party time! Lots of big party games followed by a traditional “jelly and ice-cream” party tea. (at lunchtime!)

Obviously we’d like as many Beavers to take part as possible but the activities will appeal to all age groups so don’t be put off just because you are not a Beaver!

The date is **24th to 26th June**, the location is **Thornton Watlass Hall**, so put that date in your diary now and look out for booking forms coming your way very soon.

Remembrance Parade 2015

Not quite the turnout we are used to or expect but the weather wasn't exactly inviting and some were too tired after a full week treading the boards! Those who turned up were as smart and well behaved as ever.



Leaders cycle 210 miles as tribute to Malcolm

Bike ride 2015 was a joyous journey of 210 miles through some absolutely spectacular country side between Edinburgh and Newcastle.

Unlike the past few years when we have faced extremes of temperatures ranging from snow and ice in 2012 to unrelenting sunshine in 2013, the weather was wonderfully average for once! Spirits remained high throughout the weekend and all of us completed the trip relatively comfortably.

Thank you to everyone who supported us. Between us we raised a very respectable sum of around £1500 which was donated to The Stroke Association in memory of Malcolm.

Next year's ride is already in the planning stage and will follow The Way of the Roses between Morecambe and Bridlington. The date is 1st to 3rd July so why not get training now and join us? If I can do it, anyone can!!



Gang Show 2015

Despite some last minutes problems that threatened to derail this year's Gang Show we were more determined than ever that "the show must go on" and go on it did! What a blast!

The kids really rose to the challenge and turned in probably the best performance so far. Although the number of youngsters involved was slightly smaller than past shows, the energy and enthusiasm of those who did take part was second to none. Explorers, Caitie, Holly and Isaac and the older Scouts, Lucy, Megan, Eliza, Kate, Ed, Will and Harvey deserve a special mention. They took all the last minute changes and extra parts in their stride and were quite literally all over the place on the night. Well done!

But, of course, the Gang Show is the ultimate team challenge and everyone had to pull together as never before to pull it off. Thanks to everyone who was involved in any way no matter how large or small. We couldn't have done it without you.

But of course, the most important thing is that the kids who took part had a fantastic week and a truly memorable experience which hopefully left them with a sense of achievement and the confidence to realise that they can step out of their comfort zone and turn their hand to anything if they put their mind to it!

As you know, the show was dedicated to the memory of Malcolm Rickaby. The raffle raised an amazing £1109.36 which has been donated to The Stroke Association in his memory. Ticket sales raised a profit of just over £700 which will go to Scout Group funds. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who supported the show and for all your support and patience during rehearsals.

If you haven't ordered your DVD yet, don't miss out. Just complete the order form enclosed and return it to your section leader.

Explorers' Survival Camp

Half Moon Explorers took part in a survival camp in September. This camp was a little different from past years as it was with in woodland but in a field in the middle of nowhere.

This presented a few challenges for the group including somewhere to sleep! (the leaders were not kind enough to give them tents). To solve this we erected a new style hammock system made from pioneering poles, wooden pegs and lots of rope-work! Cooking all took place on the Rickaby stove (patent pending). The Explorers enjoyed a variety of activities including making our own balance beam, trying to learn to play American football, campfires and most importantly a good laugh. Looking forward to next years already.

By Sam Brookes.