



Barton St David

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Den Building.

Cubs outdoor session

December 2020

GSL introduction

One of the disadvantages of lockdowns is that it's difficult to share what our different sections have been doing.

The last 12 months have challenged everyone but our Group has tried its best to continue to support its members, young and old. That is what we are here for.

This gives me an opportunity to thank everyone yet again for their support and shout about what we do. If we can do this in lockdown then when we can get back to face to face outdoors it's going to be amazing.

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Learning to Zoom!

I'd like to bet that no Scout Leader ever started Scouts to run virtual sessions. We are fortunate though that the Scout Association has provided us with a Zoom Pro Subscription which means that we are able to run sessions safely.

We had a cautious start, dipping our toes in the water. Now there is a lot of laughter, fun and learning happening and the feedback from youngsters and parents has been great. We don't always remember to take photos of what we do via zoom but this is what we have done via zoom and other virtual events

Pizzas, agility, disability, Chinese New Year, RSPB Bird Watch, National Winter Camp, grid refs, Aircraft, maps and stars, route mapping, soap carving, OS Quiz, Origami, Haiku, Taskmaster, Kim's Game, knots, bees and werewolves, tracking man eaters, sewing, star gazing, campfire songs, escape room, recycling, digital citizen, books and art, fire making and card making for the local care home, photography, Virtual camps, moon gazing, cookery, St Andrew's, pioneering and more.

We also went to Peter Duncan's Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, with tickets bought for us by County Scouts. Oh yes they did!



Seasonal Nature art Two reindeer.
December 2020.





Socially distanced scavenger hunt

Whole Group Strava* Challenge

Whether you are on the waiting list, in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers or a Leader, Cat Barr has come up with this skill-developing challenge for you. We want you to use Strava or an equivalent to mark one or more of the letters in

Barton St David Scout Group.

You'll have to look at the map and search for likely routes, start recording at the appropriate point and then send in your completed letters to Cat at

bartonbeavers@gmail.com

This is a great activity for the whole family to do a bit of research in our local area, get out and about and maybe a little bit of competitiveness will creep in too?

You might also like to post them on our Facebook page too to keep everyone up to date on progress. And we will be using the results in our publicity too. So it's a win win!

*Strava is an app that's free to download but there are others that can map your walk / ride etc.

As an example this is the map of the Scouts beneficent walk last year. Not a letter but I did think it looked like an elephant!



Chief Scouts Awards and other badges

Congratulations to:
Naomi Allen and Iris Landrigan who achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze

Alfie Moore-Read, Daniel Shields and Bryony Medwell who achieved their Chief Scout's Silver.

Oliver Lee and Laurie Gilroy who achieved their Chief Scout's Gold

And brilliant work by all to achieve:
92 Beaver Badges
93 Cub Badges and
76 Scout badges in 2020 - 2021

Our new logo?

How useful is this? First it's a logo and then you can use it to clean yourself in the shower!





Soap Carving

Who knew that soap carving was a thing? Well if you're stuck for an activity when you get all the family together for Christmas 2021 (fingers crossed then try this. It is so therapeutic and all you need is a bar of soap and a something to carve with like a table knife.



Kamala Harris and Joe Biden.

Owl

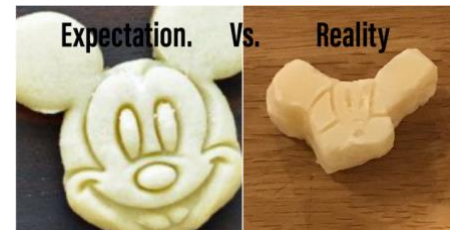
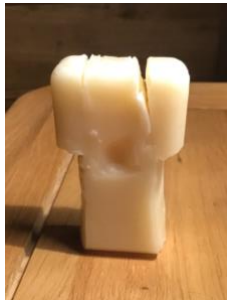
Bottle of beer

Chess Castle

Flower

Voodoo face

Just love this expectation vs reality



St George's Big Weekend Camp

23rd – 25th April
2021



In 2020 our Group attended two virtual camps. One was the hugely successful Somerset Virtual Camp in May where we had the most exceptional weather and our participants got lots of badgework. There were amazing activities to build a model boat, cook, build flagpoles, make things with paracord, den making, tent pitching, and much more. Later on the year there was the National Virtual Camp where Bear Grylls spoke to us all and another large range of activities.

St George's Day is an important one for our all Scout Groups and so it's wonderful to hear that there is an exciting Big Weekend planned to celebrate it. You are invited to pitch a tent in the garden, put up a shelter or build a den in the house. Again, this is for all sections and any on our waiting list also. And of course family members even if they are not technically a Scout!

A huge virtual campsite will be created on www.somersetscouts.org.uk and this time there will be eight zones, full of activities and challenges for all ages. Volunteers are already developing and preparing videos for many of the activities that will be on offer. There will also be live streamed events via facebook.com/SomersetScouts/ during the weekend, a whole county promise renewal and a campfire - with lots of guest appearances.

On Sunday, there will be a link up with Scoutadelic for their Togetherness 2021 Global Online St George's Day event.

Face to face meetings 2020













We enjoyed our face to face meetings for all sections in autumn 2020 and are looking forward to doing some more soon.





















It wasn't easy to get covid-secure status for our outdoor meetings but in the end it was just a case of working through things step by step. All parents and leaders were consulted on the plans which we later got approved by District.

And away we went. We are so lucky to be able to have sessions at Orchard Park Farm and this is where we found that socially distanced activities were the easiest to plan.

Beavers were first off the mark (aren't they always?) and were able to meet until autumn half term when the dark and the next restrictions got the better of them. They had a great programme though and their mud face art was a wonder to behold. The other sections met several times and activities included making kites on a day that turned out to be a tornado!

2020 Mini Gallery. For more see our Facebook Page

Virtual Camps 2020			
			
Flagpole 1	Flagpole 2	Cooking over a fire	Paracord activity
			
Campsites in Keinton, Barton, Baltonsborough and Butleigh			
			
Firelighting	Mud sculpture 1	Mud sculpture 2	Mud sculpture 3

			
Cooking over a fire	Nasa Moon Watch	Pioneering	Pioneering
			
Crow pose – National Virtual Camp	Before lockdowns - Wormery	Before lockdowns - Bugs	Before lockdowns – Wells Cathedral and games
			
Making kites	Firelighting	Great Beaver zoom bake off	Before lockdowns - Bees
Our last big meeting before lockdown. The amazing Mr G and his fantastic science evening.			
			
Our glamorous assistant	Hands on science	Everyone engrossed	Science was such fun
			
Shooting Cubs and Scouts with a bin!	Giant bubbles	Safety glasses required!	

