

## Section Reports: Drake Cub Pack 2017/18

The Drake Cub pack continues to be a busy one, run by David, Donna, Vicky and myself as leaders and joined by Jamie as our young leader. We said good bye to Josh who left to join the Navy and who had been our young leader over the last few years. We were also joined by William during the Spring term who was volunteering as part of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. We typically have around twenty-one Cubs in the pack. During the year, we have continued to make use of our Facebook page to share information and to keep everyone updated.



The highlight of the year is always camp. This year, we camped again with the Beavers from Ontario and Michigan. The camp ran for two nights in May at the Scout Camp site in Woodhouse Park, Gloucestershire. We took more than 40 children as well as around 20 adults. The Cubs and adults got to experience abseiling or wall climbing, crate stacking and rifle shooting and new to us tomahawk throwing! Our thanks to the leaders and parents who supported this event.

In July, we held our annual Fun Day at Bowmoor. Due to heavy rain on the Friday night being forecast we cancelled the camping and just ran the day on the Saturday with an early breakfast cooked by some 'keen' adult volunteers! Over seventy members of the Group enjoyed sailing and a range of land-based activities. Our thanks to the Scouts and Explorers and their leaders and everyone else who supported and helped to run the weekend.



Finally, in September, we arranged our own Drake Pack Indian Tribal 'Back to Basics' camp at Cranham, Gloucestershire. With no hot water and no electricity, we were really back to basics. During the weekend the Cubs made rope, built camp fires, made bows and arrows, learnt about tracking and made trails, created and sailed boats with night lights and generally had a great time. Once again thank you to the leaders and parents who helped.

During the year, the section took part in several district events.

In June we took part in the annual JOTT and along with 17th Swindon we hiked around Highworth.

In January, we organised another successful Swindon North Ten Pin Bowling evening for the local Cubs and also in January five Cubs took



part in the District Scrap Heap Challenge. With a Star Wars theme our Cubs came 2nd - well done!



In April, four Cubs took part in the annual chess competition organised by Swindon Ridgway District. 1st Swindon Drake pack were unbeaten winning 17 out of 20 games and drawing 3 and so achieved a brilliant 1st place – well done team 1st Swindon. Thank you to all of the parents who supported these events.

Our weekly meetings continue to be very active as we work towards completing challenge badges. The Cubs have taken part in various activities and highlights include a visit to Tesco, visit by the Hindu Temple, visit to St Andrews church and our Christmas Party at ATB Skate Park.

Each week Cubs needs planning and organising I would like to thank David, Donna, Vicky, Josh and Jamie along with the parents who have all helped over the past year. We are looking forward to the next twelve months, which following a joint Drake and Beaver camp in May at Woodhouse Park will include our Fun Day in July, District Camp in September and a Drake Pack camp at Hill End residential site in October.

Each year we nominate a Cub to receive the Cub of the year award. This year we looked for a Cub who has good attendance, has helped others and has shown a keen interest in taking part. When the leadership team discussed we all agreed that Kyle should be awarded this. Well done Kyle.

Here's to another fantastic year in Scouting!

Carl, David, Donna, Vicky and Jamie

**Drake Cub Leadership Team**