

SHIPDHAM SPITFIRES

BEAVERS

we currently have 9 Beavers who are all very energetic. They have been working on their badges and have recently started their hobbies badge where we are learning tennis skills. The Beavers will be on a sleepover as you read this, it is likely to be their first night away from home so it could be quite challenging. Some of the older Beavers are also working on their blue footprint badge where they have had to make contact with another group and learn the national anthem.

WOLF CUBS

The wolf cubs have been working on various badges including hobbicraft where they learnt to thread a needle and sew, they are currently doing their sportsman badge and their crime prevention badge. we are quite strict with badges and they have to complete all of the tasks to a standard to get their badge. The wolf cubs are currently on a sleepover with the beavers. The wolf cubs are also off to Trimmingham next month to sleep in a log cabin and to complete some extra badges.

SCOUTS

The scouts had a wonderful time at their back to basics camp last summer, no mobile phones were allowed and we didn't even have any running water which was a challenge. We took them to Hunstanton for the day where they went on the wash monster, had a shower before a swim and then had chips on the front before heading back to camp. We have got around 16 scouts which is amazing ranging from age 10 to 14. We will be opening a senior scout section later on in the year as our oldest member will be too old for scouts.

The scouts have completed various badges this year including, first aid, fire fighter and host. we are currently working on 2 air badges and crime prevention.

we have been approached to offer D of E to our members so we will start this from September too.

GENERAL

as a group we have just over 40 members, it is still myself and Kath running the sections with support from Jeremy most weeks, as well as Becky and Shaun when they are free.

myself and Kath attended a first aid course, we have also attended and passed our preliminary training course, next month we are off to near Manchester to complete another course.

Thank you for our grant last year, it was spent as we had hoped, we were able to get a cooker for at camp, bottles for water as well as other bits we needed for camp.

Tracey

Group Scout Master