

# WOODSMOKE

The Newsletter for Romsey District Scouting

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## SCOUT CAROLS 2008



On the 14th December, I took part in the Cub/Scout Christmas Carol Service as one of the band players. It was at the United Reformed Church in Romsey from 3 to 4 pm. We had one rehearsal on the day before the Carol Service and one rehearsal

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Articles for the next edition to Liz Holloway by **15th Feb 2009** please.

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just before the actual Service. It was a woodwind and brass band, I played the trumpet which I decorated with red tinsel.

The Beavers did a nativity play about a lost sheep and a wise man came to the rescue. Then everyone sang Carols. There were some speeches from the Leaders and after that the Explorers sang a song about the 12 Days of Christmas in 'Cub/Scout style (see below)

At the end I packed up my trumpet and then went to get some mince pies from the church hall but unfortunately they had run out of them.

I had a really good time

*by Matthew Lockhart  
10th Romsey, Sioux Cubs*

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### **THE TWELVE DAYS OF SCOUT CAMP**

On the first day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
A beaver in a marquee

On the second day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the third day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the fourth day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee

On the fifth day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the sixth day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the seventh day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Seven odd socks,  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the eighth day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Eight burnt meals,  
Seven odd socks,  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the ninth day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Nine lost scouts,  
Eight burnt meals,  
Seven odd socks,  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the tenth day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Ten foot high fires,  
Nine lost scouts,  
Eight burnt meals,  
Seven odd socks,  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the eleventh day of scout camp,  
My leader gave to me  
Eleven pints of custard,  
Ten foot high fires,  
Nine lost scouts,  
Eight burnt meals,  
Seven odd socks,  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

On the twelfth day of scout camp  
My leader gave to me  
Twelve legend explorers,  
Eleven pints of custard,  
Ten foot high fires,  
Nine lost scouts,  
Eight burnt meals,  
Seven odd socks,  
Six tonnes of sweets,  
Five muddy Cubs,  
Four blunt penknives,  
Three torn maps,  
Two leaking tents,  
And a Beaver in a marquee.

Written by Romsey District Crusaders Explorers.  
December 2008.

### **CUBS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**

**On Friday 19th December 2008, 10th Romsey Sioux Cub Pack had a joint meeting with 15th Romsey Cub pack for their Christmas party. There were about 60 to 80 cubs that came to have fun.**

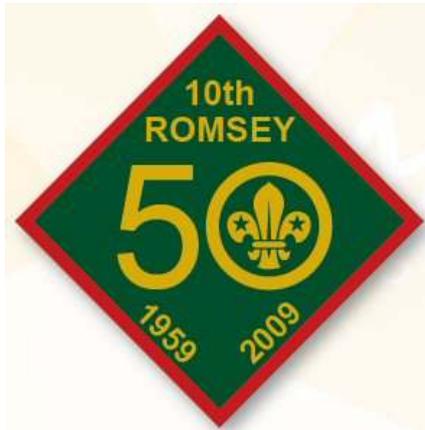
**The food (as usual) was delicious thanks to Cubs and Leaders providing lovely food and drink. There were crisps, pizza, sandwiches, sausage rolls, small sausages, chocolate log and much more.**

**Also the games (that were organized by the leaders and scouts) were great fun. We played snowball fights, and it got messy very quickly. We also played musical cones where you have to walk round the four big cones and when the music stops you have to run to the middle a pick up a small cone. The cub with no cone then sat out.**

**The best part of the party was the food!!**

**We all went home very happy and excited.**

***By George Vincent, 10th Romsey, Sioux Cub***



This year 10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group celebrates 50 years of continuous Scouting.

10th Romsey Scout Group was re-formed in 1959 having originally been founded as 'Woodley & Highwood' in 1926. 'Woodley & Highwood' closed during the Second World War and re-opened as 'Woodley & Braishfield' in the early 1950's

but unfortunately closed again in 1954.

Since re-opening in 1959 with a single Cub Pack of a dozen members, 10th Romsey has gone from strength to strength. This highly successful group now runs; 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs & 2 Scout Troops and also hosts one of the Romsey District Explorer Scout Units. The group currently has a membership of 180 and is the second largest Scout group in Hampshire.

There will be a series of events throughout 2009 to commemorate this anniversary; All sections; Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, will be participating in a Group Camp in May, Current members of the group will be hosting a Reunion Reception for past and present members of the Scout group in the spring of 2009. The group is also looking to collate any photographs and memorabilia from the past years of scouting at 10<sup>th</sup> Romsey as part of the anniversary celebrations.

If you have been a member of the 10th and would like to come along to the Reunion Reception, or if you have anything memories, photographs or memorabilia which you would be happy for the group to make use of, please contact; Carolyn Finch, Chairman of 10<sup>th</sup> Romsey Scout Group via telephone on 01794 511135, email [carolynafinch@ntlworld.com](mailto:carolynafinch@ntlworld.com) or by mail addressed to Carolyn Finch, Chairman, 10<sup>th</sup> Romsey Scout Group, Braishfield Road, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 0PB.

### SUPPORTERS CLUB WINNERS 2008

Month	Prize	Amount (£)	Ticket No	Winner
January	1st	25	80	Mrs S Caine
January	2nd	15	32	Mrs J Record
February	1st	25	54	Mr J Westbrook
February	2nd	15	10	Mr P Wyatt
March	1st	25	48	Mrs K Pethick
March	2nd	15	28	Mr I Moore
April	1st	25	35	Mrs S Edwards
April	2nd	15	105	Mr L Herbert
May	1st	25	62	Mr F Gibbs
May	2nd	15	46	Mrs A Little
June	1st	250	107	10th Romsey Cubs
June	2nd	125	82	Miss J Mansbridge
July	1st	25	50	Mrs A Oliver
July	2nd	15	66	10th Romsey Scouts
August	1st	25	82	Miss J Mansbridge
August	2nd	15	114	Prof H Maddick
September	1st	25	6	G W Mason
September	2nd	15	101	P Bourne
October	1st	25	90	R Taylor-Milton
October	2nd	15	114	Prof H Maddick
November	1st	25	20	KPE Bryant
November	2nd	15	66	10th Romsey Scouts
December	1st	25	50	Mrs A Oliver
December	2nd	15	59	Mr M Tubb



Thank you to Alan Willsher for organising this for us. If any of our readers would like to also become members, please contact him on 01794 514763 (alan@willsher.com) - he will be more than happy to hear from you. Membership costs £12 per year per number and you stand more chance of winning than you do the National Lottery or Premium Bonds!

**DISTRICT GANG SHOW**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> CROSFIELD HALL ROMSEY**  
**START TIME 7.00PM**

Each group has been asked to provide a 10 minute slot in the show, two 5 minute slots would be good whether it is Beavers / Cubs or Scouts. Explorers or Network. If the younger sections are involved I will organise them to be on in the first half. Tickets will be on sale very soon c/o your GSL.

I still need help;

Can you play the piano to accompany a few acts & the Finale?

Can you help with the Lighting?

Can you help with the Music, CDs etc?

Can you help with the Sound?

Volunteer to be stage crew?

Would you help save cost by devising a poster to put up in your HQ for parents to see?

**This has the promise to be a GREAT SHOW**  
**So let's show the people of Romsey what we can do.**

This event is for the youngsters to do their bit in raising money for the Dr Peter Community Centre & for them to have a good time & earn lots of Badges.

If you require any information, please contact me:

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Our annual GPS night hike trophy was based at Pinsent campsite near Winchester, with the route being over Farley Mount. We invited older scouts again to aid the progression from Scouts to Explorers. Unfortunately our weather booking got lost and it was both wet and cold, (aah, character building I hear you say) fine for the walkers not so good for leaders gradually turning blue on bases. Many thanks to the many Explorer Leaders who helped. We had 5 teams again and Tomahawks won again, so congratulations to them. (see picture on page 4 of the winning team).

Great news on explorer numbers, which are remaining buoyant at Crusaders (based at Baddesley), Tomahawks (based at Woodley) and Lockerley all having around 25 or more. Numbers are growing too at

Apaches (based at Wellow), although we still need an Explorer Leader for this unit. Finally on this score we have just reopened an Explorer unit based at Nursling and Rownhams. This unit will be led by Stan (Michael Stanley) a leader from Totton assisted by Fudge and others. Stan has helped in Romsey before and you may have met him as the electrician at the Romsey Centenary camp. Welcome to Romsey proper Stan and thanks to the 21<sup>st</sup> group for supporting this new unit. Our other new unit based at 1st Romsey, is really taking off, I invested them all in December.

Our Romsey District Network have been a real support in helping me and Susa (AESL) run the Apaches explorer unit. Thanks very much folks - you are appreciated

Congratulations go from us all to John Papworth (JP), Explorer Leader at Tomahawks and Becky Williams Explorer Leader Young Leaders, who got married in November at Romsey Abbey. We had an excellent turn out from John's Explorers outside the Abbey, and it was a really great day. They are now getting used to being called Mr and Mrs Papworth although I think Becky is still in charge!

We have an exciting year planned for Romsey Explorers—Activities planned include:

Joint activities for all units at new unit based at 1<sup>st</sup> Romsey , and at Bramshaw.

Brecons trip

Joint activities for all units Pushball competition, and river crossing

Suisse trip social weekend and Suisse trip itself to Kandersteg in the summer, 32 explorers from Romsey are attending

County explorer camp

Many of you may not be aware that the District Executive performs the function of the Group Executive for all the District Explorer Units. We are very grateful for their support over the last year and special thanks to the 2 District Chairmen and Graham Hollier who does a tremendous job keeping our finances in order. A difficult job as I am not very good with that sort of thing. Recently I gave him a whole bucket of change from our bag packing, raising money for the Suisse trip which he cheerfully bagged and counted. This turned out to be over nearly £850, a great effort by the Explorers and Graham.



Thanks to everyone for your support for explorers, one of the great things about Romsey District when compared to others I have worked in is the camaraderie amongst all the adults in uniform and supporters, long may it continue. Sorry I cannot thank you all individually here.

A very happy Scouting New Year to you all and especially to all the Explorer leaders.

*Robin Taylor-Milton DESC*



**SEXTANT TROPHY 2009**

**(17—18 JANUARY)**

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the teams who took part for their enthusiasm and effort, especially after the stormy weather they'd endured the previous night and it was good to see all that rain hadn't dampened their spirits.

All teams put in a good performance but there's only ever one winner and this year it took a really superb effort from 3rd Romsey Ashanti to see off a very good 14th Winchester team and they should be proud of their excellent performance. The full results standings are as follows:-

- 1st with 460pts = 3rd Romsey Ashanti
- 2nd with 354pts = 14th Winchester "Kool Kids" patrol
- 3rd with 231pts = 21st Romsey "Stags" Patrol
- 4th with 227pts = 21st Romsey "Panthers" Patrol
- 5th with 225pts = 6th Romsey Lockerley
- 6th with 198pts = 10th Romsey "Team 1" Patrol
- 7th with 193pts = 21st Romsey "Cobras" Patrol

A special mention must go to 10th Romsey Sirl who put in a great performance even though they could only compete on half the route because they had to leave camp early for other commitments but they would surely have finished in a strong position had they competed the full event. Also, the prize for most improved team has to go to 14th Winchester "Win-sey" Patrol who after a tricky start were really doing very well towards the end - so a big cheer to those guys.

Thanks again and well done all teams.

*Andrew Smith*

### News from Oz

Paul Herbert, an ex scout from 10th Romsey, visited Romsey, in Australia earlier this year, and sent back some photographs, where Romsey looks decidedly different! The town grew up in the latter part of the 19th Century and by 1901 was a fertile farming district, specialising in potatoes and dairying. The thriving township included industries such as a butter factory and livestock market and was the centre for the Shire of Romsey. Many historic buildings survive, including the original Shire Office on the banks of the creek, the Mechanics Institute and Churches.

Today, residents are more likely to be commuters or hobby farmers. The town is well equipped for modern living, with a medical centre, shops, schools, kindergartens, sporting facilities, a voluntary fire brigade, Scouts & Guides and a mobile library service.



1st Romsey Scout Headquarters.

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*Congratulations*

to:

Jacob, Matthew, Oliver and Max  
for achieving their Chief Scout Bronze Award

Good Luck in Cubs from  
All of your friends at 4<sup>th</sup> Romsey.



### District Diary Dates

|                 |                     |            |                |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Feb</b>      |                     |            |                |
| Sat 7th         | Mod 4 Training      |            | 1st H.O.       |
| Tues 10th       | Beaver Leader Mtg   |            |                |
| Thur 12th       | District exec       | 7.45       |                |
| Sat 21st        | District Barn Dance | 7.30—11.00 | Crosfield Hall |
| Sun 22nd        | Founders Day        | 3.00 pm    | URC Romsey     |
| Mon 23rd        | Training Drop In    | 7.30.....  | 1st H.O.       |
| Wed 25th        | Scout Team Mtg      |            | Red Cross      |
| <b>March</b>    |                     |            |                |
| Tues 24th       | Mod 3 training      | 7.00.....  | 1st H.O.       |
| Fri/Sat 27/28th | Gang Show           | 7.00       | Crosfield Hall |

# COME TO THE BARN DANCE



£10  
inc SUPPER

## CROSFIELD HALL

**7.30—11.30 pm**

# SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY

### TICKETS FROM

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