

# WOODSMOKE

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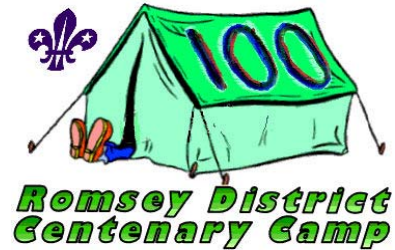
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**Camp Diary of a Cub**  
**By**  
**George Poynter**  
**Aged 8½**



**FRIDAY 23rd**

Some fireworks shown like buzzing bees and homing noises, like a homing missile. Flashing lights like a disco and we played with glowsticks and danced madly in a disco. Went to sleep at 11.30 and a train crossed the railway all night about 20 times and I couldn't get to sleep.

**SATURDAY 24th**

Breakfast at 6.30 and have to wait for breakfast to cook until 7.00. Got to get ready to go canoeing. Bus arrived at 9.15 and we leave to go canoeing. I split into 21st and I was in Camerons group. We finally get to go canoeing and we start paddling like a huge fish. I was in a canoe with Johnny. We crashed a few times but we eventually got the hang of it. We went right the way around Testwood Lake.

When we got back we made some t-shirts and then we went to play football. We played a penalty shoot out and went back to (our sub) camp. We had lunch and had a break for 10 minutes. Next we went on a bouncy castle and did a relay race. Our team won. Then we did 8 year olds against over 8s. We won again. After that we went rock climbing and me and my friend hit the button twice (at the top of the climbing tower) and Cameron hit it once and I climbed it several times more, but I didn't hit the button again.

We went straight to the African drums. We played until tea-time. We learned three different notes.



Next we went to tea and we then got ready to go to the campfire. The fire was shaped like a missile. The wood around it blistered into a glimmering burning fire. We sang fantastic wonderful campfire songs. We also watched little acts from each camping group and they were Curlews, Ravens, Wolves, Bulls and Brownsea Island.

### **SUNDAY 25th**

6.40 start and I had a very good sleep. We had breakfast.

*George was unable to write anymore, as Monday morning dawned unbelievably wet and instead of writing his diary, the*

*time was spent mopping up and getting organised ready to go home early. The heavens had opened during Sunday night, and we all awoke to a flooded site. Many tents were actually pitched in what were now lakes and several people had nothing dry to wear. The Country Show on the next field was cancelled.*

## **CENTENARY CAMP by 3rd ROMSEY SCOUTS**

My favourite activity was air rifle shooting and I did quite well and hit the middle twice. Canoeing was great but I got soaking wet. Thank you for organising it and I hope we can all do it again! - Judith

Centenary camp was really good fun. All the activities were really well organised and the band was awesome. I also really liked all the clothes we were given. The food was very nice, especially the banoffie pie made by the Wolves' cooks. I really liked the camp and I hope they do it again. - Issy

Centenary camp was very fun. All the activities I did were good and the band was awesome! THANK YOU!! - Lizzy

Centenary camp was really enjoyable (despite the weather). The activities (air rifle shooting, canoeing, etc) were really fun and I enjoyed it all. I am looking forward to more enjoyable camps!! - Eleanor

Camp was great fun, the band was good. I had so much fun. The activities were awesome, I hope they do it again. Thank you. - Millie

Romsey District Centenary Camp was an amazing experience, despite the weather. I would really like to thank all the people who made everything possible. My favourite activity was Kayaking - Gr8 fun!!!! The campfire was spectacular (sure I won't see something like that again!) and what a firework display! The magician on Sunday was a great act. The carnival, campfire and opening evening were brill and it was good that so many people took part. Thanks. - Mhairi



I really enjoyed the centenary camp, especially the kayaking, I also enjoyed the air-rifle shooting. I really enjoyed the food - a big "thank you" to the cooks. In our tent we had a spiders nest! - Bertie

Romsey Centenary Camp was really good, I thought the band was awesome and the activities were great! Thank you!

## EXPLORER UPDATE

Twenty four explorers attended the Romsey centenary camp and had a fantastic time. This event was Romsey scouting at its best. Our thanks go to everyone involved in organising it. What a great job JP (John Papworth) and Becky Williams, both explorer leaders, did organising the activities for everyone. My thanks also to all the leaders who helped organise the explorers camping Mike Baxter, Mark Bourne and Susa. This was Susa's first camp as a leader and she very bravely agreed to help with the food and did a great job. We also had explorer leaders running the climbing and canoeing plus



helping with the shooting, thanks to them all

Congratulations to Mark Bourne ESL at Crusaders Explorer Unit based at Baddesley, on achieving his DoE Gold and Queens Scout Award. Mark gave a great presentation of his achievements for the award followed by the presentation of the award from the County Commissioner. Activities he undertook to gain the award included undertaking training to become a BCU Kayak level 2 coach. Mark has the assessment shortly and we all wish him good luck.

Still on the DoE theme we have just held another DoE bronze training expedition in the New Forest attended by 8 explorers in 2 teams from Lockerley, Tomahawks and Crusaders. All the teams got on well and are looking forward to their final expedition in the Purbecks in September, having honed their pack weight down a bit!

*Robin Taylor-Milton*  
*District Explorer Scout Commissioner*

## Scouting on Show

Do you have any interesting scouting items you would be willing to show others? There will be an exhibition in King John's House starting next month to show off 100 years of Romsey Scouting. If you have any items, old or new, about Scouting that you would lend for the exhibition please contact David or Claire Sutton. Pictures, books, badges, film, uniform, camping equipment; indeed anything of interest. Please support this excellent way of promoting Scouting.

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### AN INSIDER VIEW of 'the' CAMP

I went along as an adult supporter to help with cooking and all that entails. We arrived on Thursday to get tents pitched and ourselves organised, although most of this was done on Friday. The youngsters were not due to arrive until after they had eaten on Friday evening, and we were all ready, well in advance. Nearly 500 would be camping in all, with a further 100 beavers arriving for the day on Sunday.

Some activities were organised for them that evening, and the climax was a fantastic firework display, which couldn't start until it was almost dark. The first evening at camp is traditionally sleepless. It's a different environment for everyone and the youngsters find this particularly exciting when you are in a tent, in a field, with your mates, and parents aren't anywhere nearby.

Saturday was initially grey, dry and very windy but activities were arranged for everyone on a very organised rotational basis, with consideration given also to the ages of the participants. Some of the activities were organised off-site - i.e. canoeing, golf but most were shipped in - music making in many forms, for different ages, conservation, rifle shooting, archery, circus skills, quad biking, trek carting, firelighting, an assault course, T-shirt painting, DJ-ing, scuba diving etc and every morning at 7am, tai chi, for all to start the day right.

Saturday evening was campfire time – no camp, however un-traditional, would be complete without a campfire – and this was some fire! Aided by the wind and lots of dry pallets, it was a fire to remember, followed by singing and sketches.

Sunday dawned damp and drear, and the Beavers arrived for the day, full of excitement. The first activities were curtailed a little, but the rain soon stopped and the rest of the day just got better and better. Visitors were invited to arrive by 5.30ish, but many came earlier, so they could take a good look at what was on offer and then have tea and cake in the super-big marquee. It was a splendid afternoon and all the guests were enthusiastic in their praise of a super camp on a wonderful site.

Sunday evening was carnival time, which worked brilliantly followed by a superb entertainer, the D.C investing 'Pete Bear' as a Beaver and then a live concert—the band performing covers of lots of famous songs which got everyone 'bopping'. The Beavers went home before the end - exhausted, dragging their feet - having had a wonderful day.

Monday – it rained and most went home early. Some of the tentage had to be taken down wet, in the rain, but we were very lucky, that we were able to leave some up, until it was drier – some didn't come down until the following weekend. Thank you Broadlands.

The key organiser of this extravaganza was Claire Sutton (who has lived and breathed Centenary Camp for months) with the activities procured by Becky Williams and John Papworth, entertainments organised by Kirsty Holdsworth and Andrew Pudney, and the all important services were in the capable hands of Simon Pethick. There were also many, many helpers, without whom the camp could not have happened and our thanks go to you all. We would also like to thank our sponsors – **Bradbeers, Paultons, Roke, Romsey Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Romsey Test, Waitrose and Nicholas Zorab**. A very big thank you also to **Broadlands**, who allowed us to camp in their back garden and tolerated the noise we made.

This was a very special, non-traditional camp, an occasion to be remembered by all.

## BILLY BEAVER'S HISTORY

"I started on my travels in July 2007 when I came over from Minnesota, America and went to Waterlooville. I was happy in my new home, but missed travelling so I asked if I could pack my bag. I have been told that there are other Beavers and so I want to meet them and see what they do". Billy Since that date Billy has been visiting districts in Hampshire, he was passed on to Romsey from Rotherfield in a pub car park in Hursley on a Sunday morning! He is due to visit Petersfield District next month, however his travelling arrangements have not been made yet.

### BILLY BEAVER VISITS 10<sup>th</sup> ROMSEY MAPLE AND SEQUOIA COLONYS

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Maple Colony Beavers visited Romsey to do some map work. We had previously done some simple map work at our Headquarters and then went to Romsey where beavers were asked to work out a route around the town and to find a variety of different buildings and using the key on the map to find out when they were built. Many of the buildings in Romsey including Romsey Abbey were built before 1600. In the photograph you can see Billy giving his expert advice. We finished the evening at the Memorial Park where they all enjoyed fun and games in the play area.



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Beavers from Maple and Sequoia Colonies held a sleepover and of course Billy was invited. He was very excited at the camp fire and sang loudly and joined in with all the actions.

Just like the Beavers he was very well behaved and slept all night. The sun was shining and we all enjoyed breakfast outside. Can you see how clean his teeth are? That's because we took part in a tooth cleaning challenge and all had to clean our teeth for 2 minutes. Well done Billy We hope you enjoyed your visit.



## LOST PROPERTY

Would you believe that so many people could leave the District Centenary Camp with less kit than they brought? However, we couldn't leave it in the field, so the District are now holding the following useful items which someone must be missing. If any of it is yours please contact David Sutton (01794 502817) and claim it back

Disney mug "Lady and the Tramp"  
Mug "Hugging you is what I do best"  
Mug "BBC Children in Need"  
Sport Relief plastic water bottle  
Army green plastic water bottle  
Customs & Excise plastic water bottle  
Pair of "Boombastic zip-up trainers with initials "J.R."  
Pink/white hand towel  
Orange linen t-towel "Donkeys"  
White/blue t-towel  
Woollen hat with embroidered monkey  
Cap "100% trouble"  
Cap "Kuwait Police"  
Cap "Marwell Zoo"  
Cap "Scouts. Be Prepared"  
Cap "New York motif"  
St Christopher medallion on fine silver chain  
Saints fleece - small size  
Yellow towel labelled "FS 4<sup>th</sup> Romsey"  
Ben Sherman navy fleece labelled "Stokes"  
Debenhams red T-shirt with design  
Pale blue Centenary Camp T-shirt  
Knobbly navy fleece by Tyrwhitt  
Yellow camp necker  
Nike navy hoodie top  
Stainless steel table knife  
Gelert day sack containing Hildon water bottle, blue towel labelled "H.M. Stokes" Book "Life, the Universe and everything" by Douglas Adams, navy t-shirt,

PLEASE....PLEASE....PLEASE.... Label everything you take to camp, ideally with name and group.



**In celebration of 100 years of Scouting in Romsey**

## **'Pete' Bear**

**A limited edition  
commemorative bear**



**In addition to the Scout logo seen on our sample, 'Pete' will also have the words 'Romsey' and '1908-2008' printed on his left paw. The purple ribbon will also be printed with Scout arrowheads in white.**

**Each bear will have a uniquely numbered 'membership card' – so he's a real collectors item!**

**'Pete' is available at the great price of just £15.50!!**

**If we have enough pre-orders, we may have our first batch of 'Pete's available in the summer and we will contact you to arrange collection or delivery of your order. Otherwise, all orders will be available towards the end of the year.**

**Last order date: 30th September 2008 (in time for a UK Christmas delivery!)**

**To pre-order your 'Pete' bear, please complete the order form below and send it with payment to Mrs Sarah Beaman at: Meade Cottage, Wigley, Ower, Romsey SO51 6AF**

**Please make cheques payable to 'Romsey District Scouts'**

<b>Yes, please save a 'Pete' for me!</b>	
Your name	_____
Your address	_____
	_____
	_____ Postcode _____
Telephone Numbers	_____
<i>If applicable:</i> Romsey Scout Group & Section	_____
Quantity required	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 bear @ £15.50 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bears @ £31
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Quantity
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<b>ADMIN USE ONLY</b>	
Payment received:	___/___/08    Amount received    £ _____
Bear Number:	_____    Delivered/Collected    ___/___/08



## District Diary Dates

<b>July</b>		
Wed 2nd	Joint District Explorer Activity	Wellow
Fri 4th	District A.G.M.	URC Hall
Sun 6th	Mayor's Picnic          Noon onwards	Memorial Park
Thur 10th	Training Drop In	1st H.Q.
Sat 26th	Romsey Town carnival	
<b>Sept</b>		
Tues 2nd	Back to school	
Sat 6th	District Cub Leaders Reunion	
Sat 13th	Romsey Show	
Fri 19th	Training Drop In      4—7.30 pm	6th HQ
Tues 30th	All Leaders Meeting	1st HQ
<b>Oct</b>		
Sat 4th	Diggers Day	
Sat 25th	Training Drop in (3/6) 9.30 .....	9th H.Q.
Sat 25th	District Quiz	10th H.Q.

## LOST SCARFFIE



I lost Scarffie on camp (Centenary Camp). Please look out for him. If you find him please phone Mummy on 023 8081 4295

Love  
Kathleen Beaman  
Age 6½

*Transcript of the letter I received from Kathleen, soon after camp. Scarffie has still not been found. If you have seen him, please let Sarah Beaman (Mummy) know.*  
Liz (Editor)