

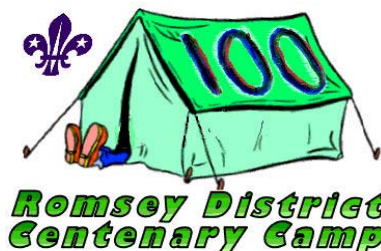
WOODSMOKE

The Newsletter for Romsey District Scouting

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As I prepare this edition for printing, our Centenary Camp is still anticipated with great excitement by all involved, in any way. More than 500 will be camping over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend on Broadlands Park, thanks very much to the generosity of our President, Lord Brabourne. By the time you receive it, it will be just a memory, something that everyone who will have been part of it, in the smallest way, will feel they have contributed to something worthwhile and memorable.

We have another official sponsor, since the last edition and we add our thanks to them, the Rotary Club of Romsey Test, for their very much appreciated support.



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Articles for the next edition to Liz Holloway by **15th June 2008** please.

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ABBEY SPRING CLEAN

On Saturday 3rd May the Scouting and Guiding Organisations in Romsey were invited to help out cleaning parts of Romsey Abbey. Members from 1st Romsey Beavers and Scouts, 1st Romsey Rainbows and 4th Romsey Brownies arrived with great excitement to be greeted by the Verger, Mr Chris Harpham. He allocated various cleaning and gardening jobs around the Abbey and equipped the children with all the tools. 1st Romsey Beavers cleaned statues and polished wood. The Rainbows and Brownies spent their time polishing brass chandeliers and gardening. The Scouts dusted high up in the Abbey attached to safety harnesses.

During the morning the children were visited by Reverend Tim Sledge (our new vicar) and Reverend Tim Harling who thanked them for their hard work. After a busy morning it was made extra special by a visit arranged by the Verger to the Abbey



In the ringing chamber with Chris Harpham, the Verger

self reliant personally and in navigation. Our thanks to John Papworth for coordinating it all.



Still on the DoE front we have 2 golds due for presentation soon to Mark Bourne Explorer Scout Leader Crusaders and Dave Shill new Assistant Explorer Scout Leader Tomahawks (Dave is the guy in the yellow T shirt who did a great job with the marshalling for the St George's Day Parade). Both are active Network members. More details later after their presentations. Congratulations to you both.

Several people remarked to me how many Explorers there were at the St George's Day parade and there was even a comment about how smart they looked. So well done to all the leaders for encouraging them along, they were an excellent advert and for Explorer Scouting in Romsey.

Robin Taylor-Milton
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

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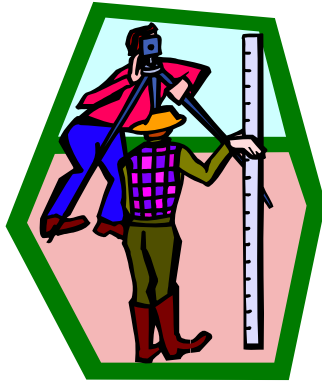
## **New District Headquarters The Dr Peter Community Centre**

The project to redevelop the 1<sup>st</sup> Romsey Group site to create a new headquarters for them, a District headquarters and a much needed community facility has received a financial boost this year, which has given some additional momentum to the project.

The Joan Stainer Trust has undertaken to match fund any sums raised towards the project, which means that any pound earned or donated immediately becomes two pounds towards the project. After a period of quiet progress this has reinvigorated the campaign and we hope to provide much more frequent articles in Woodsmoke in the future.

We are delighted to add that the Coutts Charitable Trust have

also recently donated the sum of £500 to the project, which effectively becomes One Thousand Pounds with the match funding.



The ambition to achieve at last a District Headquarters where the district can hold meetings, training sessions and similar activities moves a step closer. There has also been significant interest from several organisations within the town, who would be interested in the regular use of the facility.

Any donations or offers of help are always appreciated.

### **WELCOME TO NEW LEADERS**

The following new leaders have recently joined the 'team'. We hope you all enjoy your time working with the youngsters and have as much enjoyment as they do.

|                  |                                                             |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anneli Pacheco   | 15th Romsey (North Baddesley)<br>Assistant Cub Scout Leader |
| Rebecca Williams | Romsey District<br>Assistant Explorer Leader                |
| Mark Osborne     | 15th Romsey (North Baddesley)<br>Troop Assistant            |
| Susa Dickerson   | 9th Romsey (West Wellow)<br>Assistant Explorer Leader       |
| John Evans       | 15th Romsey (North Baddesley)<br>Group Scout Leader         |



**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'**

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| <b>Yes, please save a 'Pete' for me!</b>           |                                                                                 |
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| <i>If applicable:</i> Romsey Scout Group & Section | _____                                                                           |
| Quantity required                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bear @ £15.50 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bears @ £31 |
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## District Diary Dates

|             |                                  |               |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>June</b> |                                  |               |
| Sat 7th     | County MDU in Romsey Town Centre |               |
| Sun 8th     | Musketeers AGM/skittles          |               |
| Tues 24th   | Cub Silver Award Pres            | R Town Hall   |
| Sun 29th    | County Cub Day Out               | Paultons Park |
| <b>July</b> |                                  |               |
| Wed 2nd     | Joint District Explorer Activity | Wellow        |
| Fri 4th     | District A.G.M.                  | URC Hall      |
| Thur 10th   | Training Drop In                 | 1st H.O.      |
| 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        |

From:

**ROMSEY OPPORTUNITY  
GROUP**

To: ROMSEY DISTRICT BEAVERS

"I am sorry I cannot be more personal, but we are very grateful for your recent donations to group Funds.



We rely entirely on such monies and on behalf of the Trustees, Staff and Volunteers, I thank you most sincerely.

Yours with Best Wishes

David Whitford  
Hon Treasurer and Trustee"

*Wearing my assistant treasurer hat I am able to confirm that the total sum donated this year to the Romsey Opportunity Group by Romsey District Beavers was £672.38*

*Liz, Editor*