

# WOODSMOKE

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## TOWN CENTRE SCOUTS CARNIVAL

1st Romsey Scout Group took part in the Romsey Carnival on Sunday 22nd July. Our Float was entitled "The Adams Family Hall of Horror", which made reference to our Scout Hut and the Appeal set up for The Dr. Peter Project. Members of the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from 1st dressed up as extended members of the Adams Family and the Leaders were the "Grown ups". Uncle Vester and his relations were there to be seen! Our Lorry was very kindly lent to us by Hildon Water and it was decorated



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

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by Leaders and Parents on the morning of the Parade. We all had great fun and furiously made plans to enter again next year.

This week, 2nd- 6th August, we have a Group Camp at Butchers Coppice in Bournemouth. The Cubs and Scouts are camping for the 5 days and the Beavers are joining them on the Monday evening for one night in the Hut at the camp. On Tuesday 5th, we are going to the Bovington Tank Museum.

After all this the Leaders will need a long holiday!

*Jane O'Brien, Beaver Leader*

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## Pulborough Trophy 2008

Twelve teams from Romsey District Scouts and Guides met at Lockerley on 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June to take part in the annual Pulborough Trophy Patrol Camping Competition.

The rain held off just long enough for the Judges/Leader team to set out the pitches in the dry on the Friday afternoon. Judging starts on Saturday morning, with inspection of site layout and general camping techniques, including tentage and food storage. The first judged meal is Saturday lunch. Judges also scrutinise the Patrols menus and programme of activities. There was some excellent food cooked by a number of patrols during the weekend.

This years camp included a campfire on the Saturday evening, lead by Martyn Blake, assisted by various other leaders. There were a few points during the campfire which "We're singing in the rain" really summed up!

The Iain Grainger Pioneering Trophy challenge this year was to build a gateway over 3m length. There were some really excellent entries and overall 6<sup>th</sup> Romsey took the trophy for their superb design.

The Pulborough Trophy itself was won by 4<sup>th</sup> (Bramshaw), with Lockerley Guides (Personality Pirates) coming second with the Guide Trophy and 6<sup>th</sup> (Won Patrol) winning the Pulborough Staff. Both 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Romsey will be entering the Emlyn



County Camping competition in September.

Congratulations are due to all the teams who took part – and particularly to the many Scouts who had never camped before, let alone entered the Pulborough Trophy!

The weekend couldn't have happened without a huge number of people. Thanks are due to the leaders and judges who gave up all or parts of their weekend to sit in a very damp field: Sarah Beaman (with Richard and Kathleen!) doing scoring, Mel James, Tris Harris, Jean Beauchamp, John Heagren, Tina Elliott, Claire Sutton, Judith Houghton, Sheila Caine, Randall McKay, Becky Williams, John Papworth, Mitch, Sarah Scrase, Andrew Smith, John & Paul Stevens, Martyn Blake and Robin Taylor-Milton.

Thanks also go to the Sirl Troop Catering Team, for keeping the Judges fed and watered: Andrew Pudney, Martyn Blake and Dom Bolton. The various leaders and parents who helped their Scouts transport, pitch and strike all the equipment are also owed a very big vote of thanks. Finally, thanks to Lockerley Scout Group for allowing us to use their field again this year! (Apologies if I've forgotten anybody!)

We're looking forward to next year's event already!!

*Mike Baxter*

## A NEW DIMENSION IN ROMSEY

Garmin have very kindly donated a number of GPS receivers to 15th Romsey Scouts. The units are being made available for loan to any group within the Romsey District. There are three models available, all have a basic map loaded but can also have more detailed local maps downloaded onto them. The units can be borrowed for general navigation practise, expeditions, badgework or Geocaching ([www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)). For those not familiar with using GPS receivers, a training event is being put together that will get you up to speed. Anyone wishing to borrow a unit for familiarisation is welcome to do so.



If anyone has any further questions, or wishes to book a unit or number of

units, please contact:

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## CENTENARY CUB SECTION REUNION

Saturday, 6th September 2008  
10th Romsey Scout Headquarters, Braishfield Road  
7.30 pm  
Open to all adults who have ever been involved  
Details from: Jean Beauchamp

DR PETER COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Grand Dinner, Auction of Promises and  
Cabaret.**

**Sat 8th Nov 2008  
7.30 for 8pm  
Crosfield Hall, Romsey**

**Black Tie or Lounge Suit  
Carrages at 11.30pm**

**£25**

**Tickets from Romsey Tourest Office or  
Terry Hamer 02380 736620**

Several pledges/items for auction have already been donated (e.g. 1 weeks holiday in a 3 bedroomed cottage in the Lake District; A champagne dinner for 2 at Ennios, Southampton; A family pass for Intech, Winchester etc) Further suitable pledges, auction items, letters of promise, vouchers for the auction would be gratefully received. Please contact Terry Hamer.

**Pete Bear's Diary – My Adventures with 3<sup>rd</sup> Romsey Scouts**



I went on summer camp with 3<sup>rd</sup> Romsey Scouts and I did lots of activities with them. On one day I helped chop some wood with an axe, and then climbed up a really high tree, which was fun. Another day I sat in a bivvie with my new bear friend Byron and my new froggie friend Ribbit and then I sat in a natural bivvie, which I

really liked. Afterwards I went on a monkey bridge and a swing boat, made by the Scouts and a Leader. I also shot an air rifle, which was amazing! Then I played lots of wide games and saw the Romsey DC! On the last night, I slept in a bivvie with Byron, Ribbit and some of my other new friends, which was an unforgettable experience for a bear like me!

*Translated into English by Mhairi Cameron and Kathleen Beaman*

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**SPACE DAY REPORT** by Mhairi Cameron

It was Tuesday, 5 August 2008 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Romsey Scouts woke up to their third day of Summer Camp with excitement of what would happen throughout the day.

After breakfast a Space Scientist, Chris Shaw, arrived and set up many challenges to do with Space. This day was to help all the Scouts on the camp gain their Astronautics Badge and become the only Troop in the District to have that badge.

There were nine challenges to complete including setting off a rocket whilst wearing moon boots, a blind trail and making a moon buggy.

We also had space food for lunch and dinner, which was enjoyed by all the Scouts (and Leaders). The highlight of the day was actually launching a rocket that we had made – they went about 250+ feet into the air, amazing!



Finally, I found it an interesting experience and I wouldn't mind doing some of the challenges again. Also, I would like to thank Chris for coming along and helping us gain our badge.

### **VPs CAN AND DO CAMP!**

Vice Presidents, I understand, do not normally go to camp, but when invited to do so by 3<sup>rd</sup> Romsey (Braishfield) Troop I did not follow tradition but willingly signed up a bit of practical scouting. Their chosen site was Pinsent, the Winchester District site, on Weeke Down just outside the city. It was to be a 'Back to Basics' camp and perhaps I was asked for my ability to chop wood and fetch water, or it may have been for some help in pioneering! Whichever, it was a pleasure to be invited and to be reminded of my own days running a troop.

We started the week with some pioneering and built a monkey bridge. Unfortunately Pinsent does not have a large crevasse running through the site with a raging river at the bottom full of crocodiles, so instead we built the bridge over a thick patch of brambles and stinging nettles to discourage anyone from falling off. The following day we built a two-person swing boat that was really cool and worked fabulously. It kept many scouts happy during the week. We also built the first rotary clothes line I have seen in camp. It was just a shame that it rarely stopped raining long enough to use it!



Backwoods Day was next. All meals were cooked on open fires without utensils and everyone built bivouacs to sleep in that night. The cod in newspaper was very tasty, accompanied by vegetable kebabs and followed by chocolate stuffed bananas heated in foil.

Next was Space Day. We did astronaut training, rocket building, moon walking, built a moon buggy. And the highlight was rocket launching with the rockets going about 350 feet into the air.

At about 10.30 the following morning the patrols set off on an all-day incident hike. Navigating their own way around the countryside with map and compass they came across various incidents with which they had to deal, challenging their ingenuity, leadership and teamwork. I was put in charge of a base where they were challenged to recover a set of dangerous chemicals and render them safe.

I had to leave camp on the Thursday for a family commitment, but the scouts went on to take part in shooting and swimming before their week was over. From comments made to me by the scouts they all had a great camp, and I was certainly pleased to be invited and to remind myself that I still enjoy it after all these years.

*David Sutton, Vice President*

### **The Chief's Scout Silver Award Presentation**

On Tuesday 24th June in the packed Council Chamber of Romsey Town Hall, thirty seven Cubs from Packs throughout Romsey District received their Certificates for having achieved the highest award in the Cub Scout Section—The Chief Scout's Silver Award.

There were parents, grand-parents, friends, head teachers and leaders of the recipients to see the Cubs presented with this award, which they had worked so hard to gain. The Challenges each Cub had to complete were:

#### **Promise; Creativity; Community; Fitness; Global; Outdoors**

Thank you to the Romsey Town Mayor, Karen Dunleavy for presenting each Cub with their certificate. After the presentations, the Mayor commented on the hard work each Cub had put into gain the Award. Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs, Janice Waterman thanked the Mayor for coming along and to the Head Teachers, Leaders and Parents, who had all played a part in encouraging the Cubs to gain this award. The District Commissioner, Darren Reed commended the Cubs in all they had achieved.

The Cubs then received a standing ovation from all who were present in the hall.

Thank you to the District Team for serving refreshments to everyone and clearing away afterwards. While this was going on, the Mayor signed all the certificates for the Cubs, with cameras photographing the proceedings from everywhere in the hall.

Billy Andrews	Jordan Barnes
Joseph Baverstock-Poppy	Cameron Beale
Billy Belcher	Max Bishop
Thomas Brent	Jordan Bravery
John Comer	James Creed
Jack Donovan	William Donovan
Max Evans	Peter Evans
Alex Fearn	Hannah Gravenor
Douglas Hardman	William Hill
Tom Hutson	Nick Jarvis
Daniel Kibbey	Matthew Kyle Henney
Zoe Lee	Alex Lockhart
Daniel Pope	Quantae Ramdin
Eddie Reynolds	Joseph Rickard
Jarrold Rimondi	Harry Rymer
Sarah-Jane Smith	Harry Smith
David Spanner	Zack Stevens
Jonathan Stokes	Harry Talbot
Alexander Weeks	

*Jacky Betteridge, DCSL*



## HAMPTWORTH GROUP CAMP

On Friday 2nd May the Cubs, Scouts and Guides went to Hamptworth Group Camp. When we arrived all the tents were set up. Shere Khan & Akela got us in a circle and told us what tents we were going to sleep in. There were 3 tents for the boys and 1 tent for the girls. I was sleeping in a tent with Harry, who was our leader, Oliver J, Joshua and Austin. The guide leader and the scout leader told us some of the rules like if you are a Cub you were not allowed to light a match. Another rule was if you had a fire going there should be a fire bucket and a burn bucket. One more rule was you were not allowed in the tool box.

We were then put in groups and they were called packs. The pack leaders would give us tasks to do for example to collect fire wood. When it was night time we had a jacket potato for supper, it was lovely. When it was time for us to go to bed we had a feast of sweets.

During the camp the Beavers and Brownies came in the afternoon we did lots of fun activities with them. My favourite bit of camp was the Ariel runway, it was really fast. The Scouts made it and helped us have a go.

The food was really good all weekend, we ate loads of lovely stuff. Adam, our pack leader also made a good breakfast!

When Monday came, we were all really tired, and wet as it started to rain. We helped pack away before our parents came to collect us. We were all really smelly and dirty!

Thank you to everyone who made it such a fun time, I'm looking forward to next years.

*Steven Dade, Lockerley Cub Pack*

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**DISTRICT QUIZ**

**10th ROMSEY HEADQUARTERS**

**SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER**

**7.15 START**

**£10 per head for a 2 course supper  
AND a fun evening**

**Contact David Sutton on R 502817  
We look forward to seeing YOU there**



**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>Sept</b>		
Tues 2nd	Back to school	
Sat 6th	District Cub Leaders Reunion 7.30	10th H.Q.
Sat 13th	Romsey Show	
Sun 14th	Kayaking Fun Day	Lakeside
Fri 19th	Training Drop In 4—7.30 pm	6th HQ
Sat 27th	Hayling Island Experience	
W/e 27/28	Survival Skills	Pinsent
Tues 30th	All Leaders Meeting	1st HQ
<b>Oct</b>		
Sat 4th	Diggers Day	
Tues 21st	Dist Explorer Leaders 7.30 pm	10th H.Q.
Sat 25th	Training Drop in (3/6) 9.30 .....	9th H.Q.
Sat 25th	District Quiz	10th H.Q.
<b>Nov</b>		
Sat 1st	County Ball	Rose Bowl
Sat 8th	District HQ Dinner & Auction	Crosfield Hall
Sun 9th	Remembrance day	
Mon 17th	Training Drop In (Mod 1)	11th H.Q.
W/e 21/23	PLs Training	Lyons Copse

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT BADGE SECRETARY**

A large and varied collection of out-of-date Scouting badges has accumulated. The badges are available for purchase at 10p each.

Proceeds will go to the Dr. Peter Community Centre Project.

Contact Barbara Knight 01794-513929

#### ~~~~~ **ROMSEY DISTRICT CENTENARY CAMP**

A further generous donation towards this camp has been received. We thank Southampton Container Terminals very much for their support and generosity.

Thank you