

WOODSMOKE

The Newsletter for Romsey District Scouting

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BARN DANCE



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inc SUPPER

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SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

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

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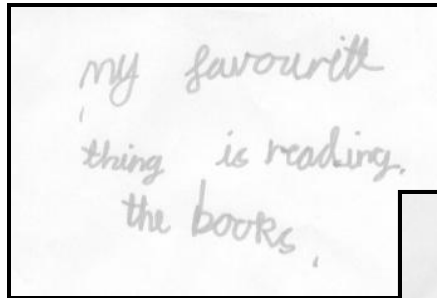
FUN AT BEAVERS

10th Romsey Sequoia Beavers were asked to write about and draw the things they enjoyed at Beavers.

Games were popular particularly the snowball fight with paper snowballs, and having the skittle alley out at our 'Bring a Friend' Afternoon. Some Beavers liked quieter activities such as making junk models or looking at the collection of old Beaver and Cub annuals.

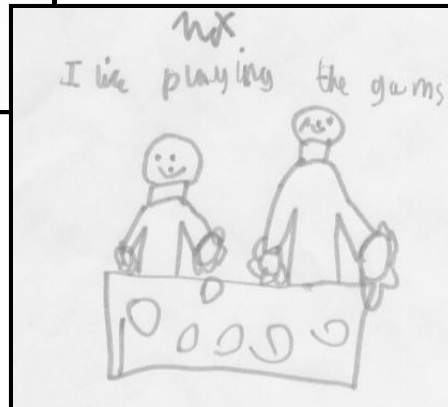
At the beginning of term Thomas's parents organised an evening of science experiments - circuits, magnets, static and firing a rocket with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, and at the end of term Oliver's dad told them about the time he spent in Norway and brought along a reindeer hide and antlers to show them.

Here are some of their words and pictures.

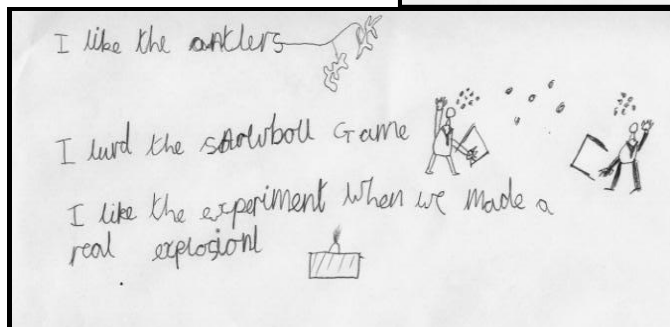


Callum wrote ↑

Max drew the snowball fight ↓



Christian liked it all! ↓



I enjoy Junk ~~art~~ modelling
because I like Art

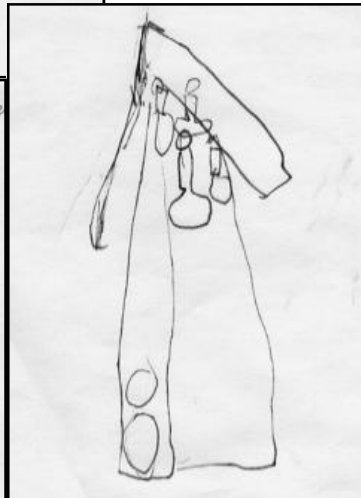
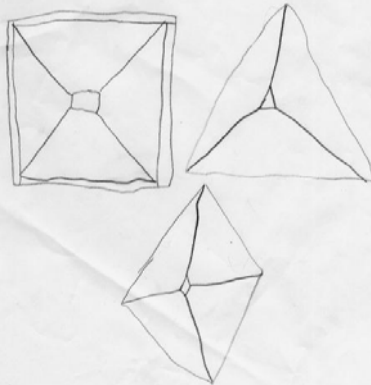


Lewis liked
Modelling ←

Thomas drew the
skittle alley as he
liked bowling ↓

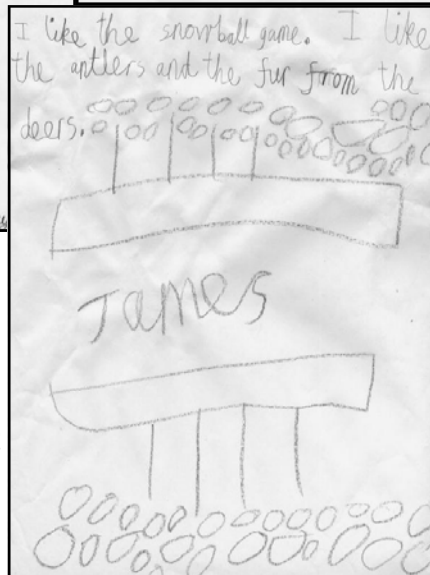
By Lewis 10th Sequoia

I enjoyed blowing bubbles through shapes
because it was interesting to look at when
I put my finger through the bubble.



Haydn drew the frame which
made unusually shaped
bubbles ↑

James drew the snowball fight
→



. . . *First Aid Courses*



Romsey District Scouts, in association with the British Red Cross, run a range of First Aid Courses for leaders and young people. The aim is to educate them in emergency procedures, so they know what to do in such a situation. We also offer training in Casualty Simulation and training to help young people become peer educators.

First Response (6 Hours)

Incident management, unconsciousness, CPR, bleeding, burns, fractures and medical conditions

No Certificate—attendance certificate only

Free to Hants Scouters. £12 to all others

Refresher available, if attended in previous 3 years by attending morning session until 1300, cost is £5.

Practical First Aid (14 Hours)

For outdoor activities suitable for BCU, WGL, ML etc

Incident management, Unconsciousness, CPR, major injuries, (bleeding & shock, burns, fractures—upper & lower spinal I jury and head injury), minor injuries and medical conditions.

Red Cross Certificate valid for 3 years

£40 (one day upgrade course)

Candidates need to have completed first response and been assessed on unconsciousness, CPR, bleeding and burns before attending the second day of this course.

Standard First Aid (28 Hours)

Covers most conditions listed in first aid manual.

Red Cross Certificate valid for 3 years

£70 (three day upgrade course)

Candidates need to have completed first response and been assessed on unconsciousness, CPR, bleeding and burns before attending the second day of this course.

Youth First Aid Module 2 (Residential weekend)

This is a weekend for Scouts to gain their **Emergency Aid (stage 5)**

Badge. The course is highly practical and includes casualty simulation, videos, interactive quizzes etc.

Red Cross certificate valid for 3 years

£ 2 6
accommodation, food
course is subsidised.



Cost includes
and certificate. This

COURSE DATES 2008

First Response 09.30 – 16.30

Sun 27/1/08 Andover
Sun 10/2/08 Romsey
Sat 17/5/08 Romsey
Sun 6/7/08 Romsey
Sat 4/10/08 Romsey

Practical First Aid

Sun 27/1/08 OR
Sun 10/2/08 (see above)
PLUS UPGRADE DAY
Sun 17/2/08 0900-1800
Venue TBA

(other dates may become available – contact for info)

Standard First Aid

9/4/08 0900 – 1700 Romsey

(other dates may become available – contact for info)

Scout Emergency Aid

21 – 23/11/08 Weekend
TBA

Bookings can be made by sending your name and contact details by email to mk.baxter@virgin.net, by telephone on (07979) 334679 or by post. Online booking will be available from early 2008 on our website. Cheques should be made payable to “Romsey District Scouts” and joining instructions will be emailed or posted out at least 1 week before the course com-

It's **100** all over again!



Now that we have finished celebrating 100 years since B-P started Scouting with the camp on Brownsea Island, now is the time to start the real celebration! The earliest trace we have of Scouting in Romsey goes back to 1908 which just shows how quick Romsonians were to join in the latest fashion. It is still going strong, so now is the year to celebrate 100 years of Romsey Scouting. The District Team are busy preparing a packed programme of excitement to mark this occasion and if you have any good ideas or want to help organise anything please speak to a member of the District Team.

Among other events it is planned to hold an exhibition of Scouting in Romsey over the century and if you have any photographs, books, uniforms, badges, records or other memorabilia that you would loan for the exhibition please contact David or Claire Sutton with details.

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HEAR ABOUT EVEREST

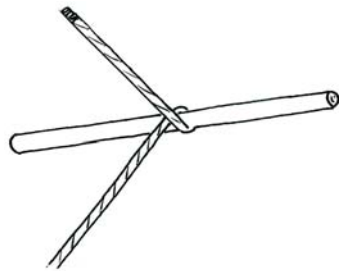
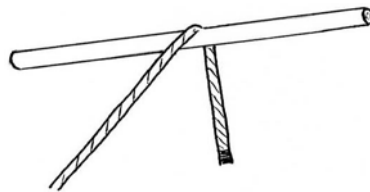
Members of the 'Sky High Team' are coming to 6th Romsey, Lockerely on Monday, 11th February to talk about their experiences and their climb of Everest in Scouting's Centenary year. Come along at 7pm—it's a very interesting presentation for **ALL** ages. Everyone is welcome. The cost is £2.00 per head, so come if you can. I found it fascinating.

Knots & Lashings - An occasional series

The Clove Hitch

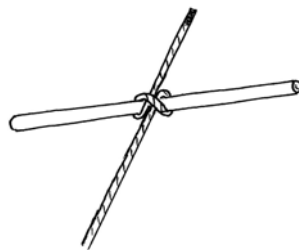
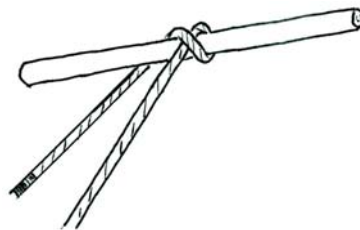
A hitch is a knot to attach a rope to a spar, and the clove hitch is one of the most common used for this purpose, although not necessarily the best. It is easy to tie and can even be done one-handed (a challenge for you to try). It is best used in the middle of a rope so that both ends are under tension, and if used at the end of a rope it is wise to leave a long end to guard against it coming undone.

Start by holding the standing part in your left hand and placing a long end over the spar to which the knot is to be attached.



Drop the end over the spar and reach under with your right hand to bring the end back up and over the spar again. As you cross the spar again, also cross to the left going over the first turn. ◀

Move the standing part to your right hand. Now reach under with your left hand and bring the end back up. ▶



Pass the end under the crossed over turn. Move the parts of the hitch up close together because part of its strength comes from friction between the turns. Now pull tight. ◀

Many people get this hitch wrong because they do not change hands in the middle. It is important that the end starts off on the right of the standing part and after the first turn is on the left of the standing part. Changing hands forces you to do it right.

If you are left-handed you can change all the instructions round.

This hitch is also commonly used as the start of many lashings.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

I felt that not too many members may know John Stevens very well and thought it might be helpful to us all if we knew a bit about him—he'll have to work at getting to know us, as there's no quick answer to that.

Liz, Editor

John's Bit:

Greetings; as some of you will know I have recently taken over from David Sutton as District Chairman on a temporary basis.

As someone from Southampton and latterly with strong connections to the Rownhams and Nursling Group, most of you in the District have probably never heard of me.

So by way of introduction I thought I would share a short autobiography with you.

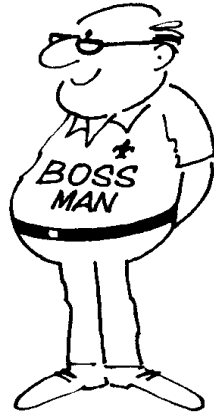
I was born in Southampton on the day the Korean War ended. At the age of seven I was the first member of my family to join the Scout movement when I became a cub. My pack was the 10th Southampton (Avenue), which sadly no longer exists; I was in tawny six and my Akela was Betty Morris. I wasn't an outstanding Cub; I still can't do a somersault and I only got three proficiency badges. If she is still alive I think Betty would be astonished to discover that I was acting District Chairman.

When I went up to Scouts, my first Scoutmaster was Mr Gailbrath, a dour Scots Bank Manager who always wore a kilt. My next Leader was Dave Marks who was a major influence in my development. Leaders should never underestimate the impact they can have on the members of their section. Dave organised a summer camp at Buckfast in 1966, for five of the ten days it rained solidly but I grew up during that camp and came home a completely different person. When I talk about character building it's not just a cliché, I have experienced it and benefited from it.

I left the Group as a Troop Leader, I started to go to the new "Mark 5" Venture Unit but they seemed more interested in girls and home-made beer, so I didn't stay. I was a bit naive in those days!

Work, marriage, four years in Southend and children meant I had little contact with Scouting in the 70's and 80's. My father had been secretary at the 10th Avenue and my brother held various leader posts

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in **Southampton**, mainly with the Cubs. Peter was also great collector of badges and scouting memorabilia, sadly Peter and my father are no longer with us.

In the late 80's I became a school governor at Aldermoor and later Chairman of Governors at Fairisle first school. At about the same time Paul, my eldest, became a Beaver, Cub and later Scout at the 18th Maybush. Karen was a Rainbow and Brownie in Maybush and Lordshill.

Later Paul moved to the 21st Rownhams and Nursling and Karen joined him when she left Brownies. It was there that I started on the slippery slope towards where I am now. It started with helping Peter Digby with wide games and then more regular help with Derek Smith. This lead to me being parent rep on the exec and then on to Chairman of the fundraising team and then, when David Newbit stood down, 5 years as Chairman of the Group Executive Committee.

Just as I started as Chairman one of our Cub Leaders went sick and never returned, so I and Karen spent the rest of the year helping Tony Moles and co run the pack. Karen stayed on and became an Assistant Cub Leader, I would also help at Cub Camp and it appears to have been my reappearance, after a brief sabbatical, at Hants 007 that put me in the frame for my current position.

I have lived in Maybush since 1983 with my wife Jenny, Paul and Karen, 2 cats, 2 guinea pigs and a rabbit. I used to rehabilitate hedgehogs but building work, in preparation for retirement, has meant we no longer have room for them.

If I were to have a family crest my motto would be "audire et grates", which should mean "I listen and I thank". I hope to visit every Group in the District within the next few months, so please let me know when your next Exec or Management Meetings are.

In the meantime I can always be contacted on John.stevens@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk and Jennyand-John.Stevens@btinternet.com , please send your message to both addresses.

John



**The Ordnance Survey
Outdoor Show,
NEC Birmingham**

on

Sunday 16th March 2008

This is a Musketeers Family Trip and is open to all Musketeers,
Network, all Romsey Leaders
and
adult supporters including accompanied children.

Listen to talks by celebrities including Simon King, Johnny
Kingdom, Kate Silverton.

Try your hand at Caving, Canoeing, Climbing, Orienteering,
Slacklining, Navigation, Mountain Biking, Photography,
Bushcraft & Survival, Diving.....and much more!

Marvel at World Class Rock Climbers as they compete
in the inaugural SkyMasters Challenge

Plenty of shopping opportunities or just see the latest products
and outdoor opportunities.

Further full details of the Show: www.theoutdoorsshow.co.uk/

Cost including show entry and coach travel from Romsey:
Adults £23, Seniors and accompanied children: £19 per head
Cash or cheques payable to 'Musketeers'

Where: 10th Romsey HQ, Braishfield Road - Free Parking

Time: Pick up 7.30am and return approx 8pm

Limited numbers so book early to secure your place and avoid
disappointment.

Book your place by phoning or emailing Peter or Carolyn
Finch

Tel No 01794 511135 or Email: peterhfinch@ntlworld.com

SIoux PACK CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

To round off a very busy year when Scouting celebrated 100 years, 10th Romsey Sioux Cub Scout Pack invited Pack Parents and District members to their Christmas party.

Everyone, Cubs and Leaders alike had a great time—the cubs played a few games then a giant snowball fight with parents and Leaders versus the Cubs. We will not say who won, but it was not the Cubs.

There was a superb buffet spread prepared by leaders and parents which was enjoyed by all.

CSL Ryan Orgill then presented Centenary of Scouting 2007 ‘Thank You’ certificates to everyone who had helped in any way to make H007 a success for all the Cubs and to ensure they had a good time. We can still remember the weather back in July, but that did not deter in any way the good time had by everyone attending the Jamboree.

I am sure everyone who attended the party would like to join with me in thanking both Ryan and Martyn for inviting us—we enjoyed it very much and wish the Pack all the best for 2008.

Jacky Betteridge

MIKE JOHNSON IS REMEMBERED

Mike was a Cub Leader for a short time with 1st Romsey, and sadly died in early 2002. The following has been received from his widow, Carole

“I would like to thank all those who after Michael’s funeral gave money to be put towards the building of an abseiling tower for the Cubs & Scouts. The Scouts were not able to build the tower because of health and safety concerns, but have instead constructed an exciting challenge course at Stoke Poges, which the grandchildren have already completed, at its official opening. I think this will be very beneficial to the Cubs and Scouts and Michael would be very pleased at this outcome.

Thank you all for making this possible.”

District Diary Dates

February

W/e 1st/3rd	Winter Camp		Wilverley Cottage
Mon 11th	Sky High team	7 pm	6th H.O.
Sat 16th	District Barn Dance		Crosfield Hall ,Romsey
Fri 22nd	Founders Day/All Leaders Mtg		21st H.O.
Mon 25th	Training drop in	7 pm.....	21st H.O.

March

Tues 18th	Training drop in	7 pm	10th H.O.
W/e 28/30	Explorer Trip		Brecon Beacons

April

Sat 5th	County MDU in Romsey Town Centre		
Sun 27th	St George's Day		
Wed 30th	All Leaders Meeting		TBC

May

W/e 23/26th District Centenary Camp

June

Sat 7th County MDU in Romsey Town Centre

July

Fri 4th District A.G.M.



CONGRATULATIONS BEAVERS OF

1st Romsey
6th Romsey (Lockerley)
10th Romsey (Woodley—Maple Colony)

All the beavers from these colonies have accepted the DCs challenge AND completed it. Their badges are winging their way to them.

In order to achieve this they have had to achieve such things as 10 new badges, new friends, attending district events, doing good turns—10 each in 10 categories to make the 100 years Challenges.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.