

# WOODSMOKE

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## BEAVER SCOUTS PARTY

After a week of snow and ice, the weather didn't stop 100 Beaver Scouts from, joining together for a party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Crosfield Hall, Romsey. Those who came from the edge of the New Forest said that this was the first time they had ventured so far since the snow fell.

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The afternoon began with some singing, led by Sue Edwards and Martyn Blake, which warmed up all those who were feeling the winter chill. The Beavers managed to nearly bring the roof down with their singing and the action songs proved quite a challenge to Brian Page, Mayor of Test Valley, and his wife Dorothy and Karen Dunleavey, Mayor of Romsey, and her husband Alex. as they tried to keep up with the youngest members of the Scout organisation.

Paula Flower (Community Fundraising Co-ordinator from Naomi House also attended the party and told the Beavers about the reason Jack's Place is being built at Sutton Scotney, and afterwards invited them to ask some questions. Some of the Beaver colonies have already started fundraising for Jack's Place and others were given some ideas by Paula which included having a party during their Beaver Colony meetings, suggestions were a Pyjama Party, fancy dress party etc.

Then there was time for games to run off any existing energy followed by tea and a magic show given by Roger Daniels with a quick appearance of his hand puppet "Cheeky" the monkey, which delighted the Beavers. By this time everyone had warmed up considerably to face a cold journey home.

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### **A CUB PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Thank you God for our friends and family, help us to be kind to each other

Thank you God for the cub leaders, who run our pack each week.

Please help other people in the world who are less fortunate than us, especially all the children who are affected by war, like the child soldiers in Africa.

Please help us to look after the Svalbard Polar Bears and all the other animals on our planet.

Help us to do things to stop global warming.

Amen

*James Weare  
Sixer, White Six  
10th Romsey, Sioux Cub Pack*

**ROMSEY**

# Gang Show

**2009**



**Fri 27th & Sat 28th March 7pm**  
**Crosfield Hall**  
**Tickets from your Scout Group**  
**£5 Adults, £3 Children**



# Romsey District Scouts Badge Splash

## Sunday 1st March 2009

Romsey District Scouts are holding their Annual Badge Splash on Sunday 1st March 2009 at Oaklands Pool, Fairisle Road, Lordshill from 4pm to 6pm.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can have a go at the next stage of their swimming badge. Then afterwards we can all get rid of any spare energy with the help of loads of floats and the odd inflatable.



You may have received a swimming award last year. Well now its time to have a go at the next stage. Or if you are really confident you can miss a stage out. Just let us know on the form which stage you want to try. The requirements are on the back of this letter to help you decide.

If you'd like to come along then please get your parents permission using the form below. And if you are really smart perhaps you can get your folks along to help with judging. They might just like to join in with the fun afterwards too!  
(They must have had a recent CRB check for your Scout Group)

The cost is £3 payable in advance.

If you have any questions please call John Evans on 07770 385881.

See you there!



### Romsey District Scouts Badge Splash – Sunday 1st March 2009

Please return this form (with your parent's permission!!) to your section leader along with the £3 entry fee before Friday 27th February 2009)

Yes, I'd love to come

I am a  and I'd like to try badge stage

My parent(s) would like to help with judging and splashing. You can contact them at

If there is an emergency on the day please contact

I have the following medical conditions which you should know about

And here is my parent/guardian's signature for authorisation



The annual census figures show that we have a total of 81 Explorer Scouts in Romsey Scout District which is 23 additional Explorer Scouts when compared to the same time last year. This is great news and has come about due to the enthusiasm and commitment of the Explorers and their leaders. Exciting programmes attract new members, so well done everyone.

Our latest joint district Explorer event of was hosted by the new Romsey Town Explorer unit based at the 1st Romsey Scout headquarters. They have recently spent a lot of time clearing out the garage at the 1st Romsey to enable this to be used as a rifle shooting range. This allowed rifle shooting to be the main activity of this evening, being well received by the Explorer Scouts, a number of whom did well and are interested in going on to the county event.



Planning is well under way and ongoing for Romsey District Brecon Beacons trip, the County Explorer camp and our Swiss trip in the summer.

Well done to the new Romsey Town Explorer Unit for quickly getting a weekend away organized. As I write this they are off to the Brecon Beacons area this coming weekend. Their numbers are steadily growing too which is really good news.

The new unit which we are starting based at the 21st HQ, have started running taster sessions and will shortly formally become an Explorer unit.

The Apaches Explorer unit based at Wellow which currently does not have an ESL has attracted 2 new leaders from our Romsey Network, Robin Molineaux and Georgia Harris. Thanks to Chezzer for steering them in this direction. It is great to see more Network members becoming leaders.

*Robin Taylor-Milton  
District Explorer Scout Commissioner*

## **FUN AND FRIENDS**

20 January, 10<sup>th</sup> Romsey Sequoia Beavers were pleased to welcome 1<sup>st</sup> Romsey Beavers with their Leaders Squirrel and Hedgehog and Explorer Scout Chris.

There was great excitement as Beavers recognised school friends who were in the other Colony.

First the two Colonies were mixed up, then they went to tables to make a weather plate. I hope you're all remembering to move the pointer as the weather changes.



We sang a song together before sitting down for tuck.

With so many youngsters in one room we adapted our skittle run game, having 2 boys from each team aiming at 5 skittles. If the level of noise as they cheered their team was a mark of enjoyment it was GREAT fun!!

All too soon parents began to arrive to collect their Beavers.

The Beaver motto used to be "Fun and Friends" - Sequoia thoroughly enjoyed the evening, met old friends and made new ones; we hope 1<sup>st</sup> Romsey did too.

*Sue Edwards*

*Beaver Scout Leader, 10th Romsey, Sequoia*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Martyn Blake, of 10th Romsey Sioux Cubs, who has just been presented with his Woodbadge. Well done. The Cubs especially wish you many more years of happy 'Cubbing'.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS  
FINAL REPORT FOR 2008**

Romsey District Scouts have good reason to be even more pleased with the Christmas lights in Romsey this year as we helped to put them up. The Christmas lights along with the switching on ceremony, the winter carnival and the arrival of Santa are some of those things which that remind us each winter that Romsey is special. A voluntary team led by John Pragnell has been putting the lights up for many years now, but they really needed more support and a new team to take up the reins. Romsey District Scouts agreed to get involved as part of this and were well supported by Leaders, Scout Fellowship, Scout Network and some older Scouts over several Saturdays.

We helped convert to more efficient LED lighting (Romsey is well ahead of most towns in this respect), put them up and take them down. Huge thanks to everyone who came along to help. If you'd like to help next year please let John Evans know, so he can keep you up to date with plans. Most of the action tends to take place on Saturday mornings and we are sure you'll enjoy it!

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**Thought for the month**

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he learns to find love in the world.

### **District Diary Dates**

**March**

Mon 2nd	Musketeers Social	8.00....	Sun Inn
W/e 13/15	County Winter Camp		Ferny Crofts
Tues 24th	Mod 3 training	7.00.....	1st H.Q.
Fri/Sat 27/28th	Gang Show	7.00	Crosfield Hall

**April**

Mon 6th	Musketeers Social	8.00.....	Sun Inn
Fri 24th	St G Day Rehearsal	6.30	Romsey Abbey
Sun 26th	St George's Day		
Tues 28th	GSLs meeting		

### **HamJam 2010**

Looking to the future, the Lake District is the venue for the next big event for Hampshire Scouts to be held from 14–21 August 2010. The camp will be held at Great Towers, an exciting venue with an array of challenging activities available. It is hoped to be able to offer rock & tree climbing, sailing, canoeing, rafting and dragon boats, high & low rope challenges, orienteering and survival skills. The site itself is hilly, providing small camping area in the woods, accommodating 10–40 people, ideally suited to Scout Troops, with smaller tents. Spaces are limited, so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in taking part, talk to your Scout Leaders, or Older Cubs, who will be Scout age by August next year and may be interested in finding out more, talk to your section leaders.

