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**ROMSEY DISTRICT SCOUTS GANG SHOW-MARCH 2009**

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## **THE GANG SHOW**

Those who missed the show missed something really special. It was a wonderful experience for all those who took part—they really enjoyed it, and it showed. It would be unfair to highlight anyone in particular as the whole thing was undertaken with such enthusiasm. All the groups (1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th and 21st) plus Explorer Scouts from across the District were represented, with the entire show being co-ordinated by Jean Beauchamp, District Cub Leader at Lockerley.

There was considerable support from all the leaders, plus many others—parents, friends and supporters, without whom the show could not have gone on. We were very pleased to welcome the Test Valley Mayor (Cllr Brian Page MBE), Mayor of Romsey (Mrs Karen Dunleavy) and other representatives from the Council. Their support is very much valued. Particular thanks also to Graham Hollier (usually wearing his District Treasurer Hat) but on this occasion demonstrating his true self as compere for the evening.

We were raising money for the Dr Peter Community Centre, which will rise from the ashes of the current 1st Romsey Scout Headquarters, in Baden Powell Way and a magnificent sum exceeding £1,500 was raised for this very worthy and much needed facility. It is many years since the District has organised a Gang Show, and talking to a leader this week, she felt her section had thoroughly enjoyed the experience and they were looking forward to the next one, when they would do it better.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY  
FOR A TRULY FABULOUS SHOW**

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### **4th Support Jack's Place**

Bramshaw Cubs and Beavers joined together in an enjoyable evening of entertainment. They bought loads of sweets and drinks which raised a fantastic total of £80 for Jack's place, the adult unit of Naomi House. They were all beautifully behaved and totally quiet apart from the rustling and creeping to buy more sweets.

Nikki (Beaver Leader) and Eve (Cub Leader)



Greetings Musketeers,

I recently attended Module 37 training which was about the change in the appointment process that is being rolled out nationally across The Scout Association for which Hampshire went live on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April (and no this was not an April fools!!), how does that effect us I hear you ask!

Well for those Musketeers that already hold a Scouting appointment they will already be familiar with the credit card style appointment card, the change in the process means that all members must complete an Adult Application (form AA), this is then electronically imputed into the national Scout membership database and an appointment card will be issued identifying the individual as a 'Fellowship Member', also where members come into direct contact with Scouts (such as helping out at last years Centenary camp), they will also be asked to complete a CRB (criminal records bureau) check, obviously if you already hold one for The Scout Association then the latter does not apply.

Therefore I need to re-register all Musketeers under this new system, so I will be writing to all members individually enclosing the new style AA form and would be grateful if you would complete it and return it to me as soon as possible for processing.

The main reason for this article in Woodsmoke is to alert you to this process and if you have not received a form and think you should have done by the end of May please contact me.

*Simon Pethick,  
Fellowship Chair.*

## **BBC News**

### **“Scouts help out mountain rescuers**

A group of Somerset scouts on a trip in Snowdon put their emergency training to the test when they found two people who had collapsed from hypothermia on 7th April.

The scouts, aged 13 and 14, and their leaders, found the Duke of Edinburgh trainees as they descended the summit. They set up emergency shelters to keep the casualties warm until rescue teams arrived, then helped to stretcher them down the mountain to ambulances.

Leaders of the 1st Midsomer Norton Scout Group said they were very proud.

Chairman Rex Phare, said: "It is fantastic to know that the knowledge and skill base that our Scout Leaders possess have been recognised now, not only in the local area, but also by those on whom we all rely on in an emergency situation in hazardous mountainous conditions."

District Commissioner, Janet Turner, added: "Leader training for adventurous and challenging activities is a vital part of scouting and the practical assistance given by this group shows just how important this can be."

The two Duke of Edinburgh trainees, from Buckinghamshire, were said to have made a good recovery after last Tuesday's incident.

Mountain Rescue thanked the 19 scouts and 11 leaders for their help."



## SILENT BEAVER SCOUTS??

10<sup>th</sup> Romsey Sequoia Beavers held a Sponsored Silence at the end of March in aid of Jack's Place, this year's District Beaver Good Turn.

Many of you won't believe the Beavers can be silent for 45 minutes but I assure you they were. We had Ian Moore, our Group Scout Leader, and a number of parents adjudicating to be sure we didn't cheat!! At the beginning of the meeting we introduced some signs that Beavers might need to use; adults were allowed to speak but did so as little as possible.

The boys began by colouring a picture. I was most impressed by the quality of the colouring probably a result of the concentration. We signed our Beaver promise then 'sang' some action songs - doing just the actions. Follow read two stories, we had tuck, then Falcon led a game of Simon Says, once again using a sign for Simon Says.

Follow read another story then a big cheer went up as the kitchen timer we were using signalled the end of our silence. We ended with a very noisy game - but they deserved it!

The Beavers were brilliant; I felt very proud of them all!  
So far we have collected £129, and hopefully that will increase as Beavers collect in sponsored money over the Easter holiday.

*Sue Edwards  
Beaver Leader, 10th Romsey Sequoia Colony*

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## World Scout Jamboree 2011 – Sweden



The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Kristianstad, Sweden in 2011. The theme for the Jamboree is Simply Scouting! What will the Jamboree experience be like? How will I make friends with Scouts from all over the world? How can we learn about global development? How is this all possible?

Answer: Simply Scouting!!

Participants at the Jamboree (current Scouts and Explorer Scouts) must have turned 14, but not have turned 18 at the start of the camp (born between 28th July 1993 and 27th July 1997).

Leaders at the Jamboree must have turned 18 at the start of the camp. Be under

no illusions, leading a Unit involves a great deal of work. Leaders and Assistant Leaders, their parent/guardian and/or partner and Scouting line Manager should understand that Unit Leaders will be asked to commit a great deal of time training and planning during evenings, daytime training and planning, days and weekends.

The International Service Team (IST): In addition to Jamboree Units there will be opportunities for several hundred adults to join the International Service Team, or IST. To be in the International Service Team (IST) at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden 2011, you must be an active Scout, and you need to have turned 18 at the start of the camp. That means you must have been born on or before the 24 July 1993.

There will be more information during the year. Keep an eye on the County website [www.scouts-hants.org.uk](http://www.scouts-hants.org.uk) and get more information about WSJ 2011 at [www.worldscoutjamboree.se](http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se)

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### **THE EASTER GARDEN IN ROMSEY ABBEY**

1st Romsey Beavers can be seen here working away during the first



week of their Easter holiday, doing the ground work for the garden, which was unveiled in all its glory on Easter Sunday.

## St George's Day Awards 2009

### Silver Wolf



Was introduced by Lord Baden-Powell and remains The Scout Association's highest award for service to Scouting. It is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is only awarded 'for service of the most exceptional nature', which means it is seldom awarded for less than 30 years service. We offer congratulations to our Vice President, David Sutton on being awarded the Silver Wolf.

### Bar to the Silver Acorn

This can only be awarded after a Silver Acorn has been gained and a further 5 years of similarly distinguished service has been completed. We offer congratulations to District Cub Leader, Jean Beauchamp; Group Scout Leader at 10th Romsey, Ian Moore and Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs and Cub Scout Leader at 11th Romsey, Janice Waterman on being awarded the bar to their Silver Acorns.

### Silver Acorn

The Silver acorn was first introduced as a St George's Day Award in 1933. It is not normally awarded until after at least the Award for Merit has been gained and a further 5 years' service has been completed. It is therefore seldom awarded for less than 20 years service. We offer congratulations to Scout Leader at 3rd Romsey, Sarah Beaman and Assistant District Commissioner Bob Garlike.

It is unlikely that there is another District in the Country with six awards winners this year—we are very fortunate to have such dedication.

All these Award winners will be able to attend the St George's Day Service and Parade in Windsor this year and we wish them a most enjoyable day. We shall also have accepted their apologies for not attending the St George's Day Service and Parade here in Romsey—they too find it difficult to be in two places at once.

### **District Diary Dates**

**May**

Tues 5th	All Leaders Mtg		15th HQ
Wed 6th	Pulborough Mtg	7.00....	Red Cross HQ
Tues 12th	District Exec	7.45	21st HQ
Thur 14th	Training Drop in	7.00.....	1st HQ
W/e 15/17th	County Activity		Lyons Copse
Sun 17th	Scouts 5 a side football		
Mon 18th	Musketeers—Archery		4th HQ

**June**

Mon 1st	Musketeers Social	8.00	Sun Inn
W/e 12/14th	Leaders Camp		6th H.O.
W/e 19/21st	Pulborough Trophy		6th H.O.

**July**

Fri 3rd	District AGM		URC Hall
Sun 5th	Mayor's Picnic	noon	Memorial Park

### **10th/15th Cub Weekend**

Cubs from 15th joined 10th Sioux Cubs for a weekend at the start of the Easter holidays. Arriving on Friday evening, following an opening ceremony, they were into badge work. Staged musicians badges were run upstairs and IT badge downstairs, using a suite of laptops. Clearly, with 47 Cubs, not all could be involved at any one time, but games and activities were organised in the main hall and outside including tie dying scarves, skittles, a parachute etc. After supper, the idea was that all should go off to sleep, which they did, eventually.....

Following exercises in the car park & a cooked breakfast, everyone went on a circular trail around Woodley, spotting various details along the way. The afternoon was spent taking part in bases of shooting, first aid, knotting, fire lighting, putting up tents and tracking. Silly sports and a tug of war rounded off the afternoon and then after tea, it was time for the camp fire. Surprisingly, after hot chocolate, the Cubs went off to bed, absolutely exhausted.

Sunday started in a similar fashion—exercises followed by a hearty breakfast. Then followed a demonstration of Ju-Jitsu led by John Hunter, which the Cubs found spell binding, and they were then able to try some of the basic moves. More food and it was then time for flag down, prize giving and the investiture of two new Cubs—Isaac Lopez and Joe Madigan. A very successful weekend.