

10th TALK December 2025

The Newsletter of 10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group

Dates for your Diary – 2026

Sunday 18th January	Matinee (for Squirrels)	2.00pm- 4.15pm	Plaza, Romsey
Friday 23rd January	Pantomime Visit (Beavers and Cubs)	7.30 – 9.45pm	Plaza, Romsey
Sunday 22 nd February	Founders Day		

*We wish you all
a Merry Christmas
and Good Health in
the Coming Year.*



Subs and Gift Aid

If you haven't already done so . Please settle as soon as possible

Please consider signing up for Gift Aid if you are eligible. You can register electronically through OSM.

No personal details are needed - just a signature to say that you are a tax payer.

For those who need one, a hard copy is printed at the end of this newsletter.

Please complete and return to your Section Leader.

Likewise if your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax please speak to your Section Leader or the Group Treasurer to cancel the mandate. Once signed the mandate is applicable for as long as your child is in the Scout Group.

The lockdowns and restrictions prevented many fund-raising opportunities in the past few years. Gift Aid receipts have become even more important. If you have submitted a paper application in the past, please confirm your application in OSM.

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Volunteering is good for You

Adult volunteers are invited to join the leadership teams:

Section Assistants Squirrel Drey (Mondays) –Crusoe Scout Troop (Fridays)

DBS check needed. Induction videos

Contact the Group Scout Leader at gsl@10thromseyscouts.org.uk or speak to any Leader

Scout Hall - Available for hire

Child's Birthday Party? Community Group?

Main hall 15m x 9m. Field space.

[View the booking calendar on our website](#)

10th Recycled Uniform shop

We have a quantity of donated pre-owned Beaver, Cub and Scout uniform on the rail in the Committee Room.

If your child is changing section or has outgrown current uniform, you might consider looking there.

There are also some hike boots and Wellington boots

Nothing has been priced but donations to funds are welcomed

District Scout Uniform Suppliers

Oasis Shop in Romsey (next to the Post Office) sells Scout uniform.

They hold a stock of uniforms for all sections including shirts, sweatshirts and activity trousers. They also hold a supply of most local Group neckers and can place orders for specific items as required.

Oasis has been an approved Scout and Guide uniform supplier for many, many years; they add very little mark-up on our items as they are happy to provide this as a service to us and the local community.

You can order by phone 01794 512194 (answer-phone always on), or by email shop@oasisromsey.co.uk

Please measure your child's chest size as you are unable to try it on. Oasis is happy to deliver or post orders

Group Website

We're very happy to announce that the Group has had its website updated and given a fresh new look

The new site has been designed with you in mind — it's packed with useful features and up-to-date content, giving you key information at your fingertips. Some of the highlights include Access to our Group Shop

- *The latest news from across the Group, including editions of 10th Talk*
- *A brand-new event calendar showing what's going on both within the Group and across the Romsey Scout District.*

Our website address is www.10thromseyscouts.org.uk. Our website address is www.10thromseyscouts.org.uk.

We've also launched a brand-new Facebook page, where you'll be able to see what's going on across the Group and receive the latest updates as they happen.

We'd love for you to have a look and see what we've been working on. Please do visit our website, like and follow us on Facebook, and feel free to share our page with your family and friends to help spread the word.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Cz5QavPEu/>

Andrew Urben

Thanks

Thank you to Katy Edwards – Divisional Commissioner Ealing Guides, West London for teaching 10th Talk's editor how to reduce photos to an appropriate size for us Newsletter.

Famous 5.

Squirrels

Squirrel Scout Drey

Squirrel Scout Leader

Drey Assistant and Drey Reporter

Drey team Members

Monday 5.00 - 6pm

James Wilson

Laura Pridmore

Lisa Van den Berghe

Jan Pridmore

Jonny Moles

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In October the Squirrels enjoyed a session on Air Activities. This included making different types of paper planes and seeing which ones went the furthest, learning about lots of different aircrafts and what they do, including hot air balloons and helicopters, and also a game where the Squirrels acted out different types of flying objects.

At the final session before half term, we enjoyed an indoor campfire due to the weather. The Squirrels made banana and chocolate splits cooked in the oven rather than on the campfire and enjoyed creating campfires from sticks and paper rather than a real fire.

We invested 4 new Squirrels and a new assistant to the Drey. It was fantastic to have 8 of the Squirrels join in with the Remembrance Day Parade. The Squirrels' behaviour was exemplary both during the Parade and the service in the Memorial Park.

After half term we welcomed 5 new Squirrels to the Drey making the Drey the largest it has been since we started one year ago. We have been lucky to welcome some of our local superheroes along to our sessions. We had a local Police Officer and PCSO visit along with the Police van. The Squirrels were very excited to try all the sirens and lights and get locked in the back of the van. They also had a chance to try on all of the uniform and equipment. We had a session with a local fire fighter who gave up his own time to come along off duty. The Squirrels asked lots of great questions and were fascinated to learn about what fire fighters do. One of the leaders had a go at trying to put on all the uniform in less than one minute like a fire fighter needs to when responding to an emergency. We took the opportunity to have a fire drill so the Squirrels all know what to do if there is a fire in the hall. We have had a badge night to give the Squirrels the opportunity to finish off parts of badges to be awarded.



At the end of this session, we were delighted to be able to present the Chief Scout Acorn Award (The highest badge a squirrel can achieve!) to 8 of our Squirrels. Well done to all of these Squirrels who have worked really hard to complete this

We then had a fabulous evening of carols at the Abbotswood Court Care Home. This really was a heart-warming evening with the residents, Squirrels, leaders and adult helpers enjoying singing along. Well done to all the Squirrels for their excellent behaviour.

We look forward to welcoming all the Squirrels after Christmas for upcoming sessions including brilliant builders, space and exciting experiments.

BEAVERS

Sequoia Beaver Scout Colony

Beaver Scout Leader
Colony Assistants

D of E Helper

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Tuesday 5.30 -6.45pm

Rowena Naile	(Hawk)
Brett Hill	(Wildebeest)
Philippe Rocques	(Lion)
Myles Hourihan	(Panda)



The last month has been very varied for Sequoia starting with Remembrance and ending with the run up to Christmas. For Remembrance the Beavers all designed and made medals to recognise the contribution or achievement, it was wonderful to see the different designs and who the Beavers were making them for. We have also been looking forward and preparing for the Spring by planting bulbs. As the potted bulbs have all been taken home to be looked after we are hoping that in the Spring the colours will be beautiful and bring a smile to everyone.

Our experiment session was very popular - especially the popcorn stand! The electric circuits using tangerine segments was delicate, but the light bulbs did shine when care was taken. The celery absorbed the dye showing the capillary movement well. We always start the session with practising reef knots, but we had a knot session where the Beavers also learnt to tie their shoelaces. Last week we tried to replicate the Bayeux Tapestry with each Beaver painting/colouring a segment of a frieze - the banner is wonderful and a fantastic achievement.

We are looking forward to Christmas and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and 2026 (when it comes).

Thank you to all the parents who have helped this term and in 2025 –
without you we cannot provide the sessions for your Beavers.

Maple Beaver Scout Colony

Beaver Scout Leader
Assistant Beaver Leaders and Colony Reporters
Colony Assistant

Thursday 6.00-7.15pm.

David Henderson (Eagle)	
Verity Pillinger-Cork	(Lion)
Anna Chaffey	(Dolphin)
Ross Knowles	(Badger)

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Mohican Cub Scout Pack

Cub Team Leader
Cub Team Members

Cub Team Member and Pack Reporter
Young Leader

Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm

Martyn Blake	(Baloo)
Jason Hunt	(Rama)
Andrew Urben	(Rocky)
Richard Wilmshurst	(Thuu)
Abi Tillotson	(Sahi)
Emily Goodwin	(Raksha)
Lewis Bundy	(Sona)

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Sioux Cub Scout Pack

Cub Scout Leader
Assistant Cub Scout Leaders

Explorer Young Leader

Friday 5.45 - 7.15pm

Ryan Orgill	(Akela)
Adrian Hargreaves	(Hathi)
Kevin Stokes	(Ziggy)
Thomas Hodge	(Bagheera)
Reuben Winkworth	(Wontolla)
Freddie O'Hara	(Mao)
Michelle Bower	(Kala)
Seb Hargreaves	(Grampus)



14th November – Pioneering Challenge

The weather forecast was not looking good, so instead of a campfire and hotdogs we brought forward our pioneering challenge. Cubs were tasked with building a free-standing structure that would hold a tennis ball at Ziggy's head height. A tall order you might say 😊. Using bamboo canes and elastic bands (string lashings would have taken too long), the Cubs set about building their structures. The Sixes started off with all sorts of ideas, but as time progressed most seemed to be going for some sort of triangular frame idea. All the Sixes managed to meet the challenge as can be seen in the photos. Well done.



21st November – Romsey Food Bank Leaflet Delivery

The Pack took part in the delivery of their Romsey Food Bank leaflet, designed a few weeks ago. All dressed up warm and wearing hi viz jackets, the four groups of Cubs went on their delivery which covered Walnut Close and the Ganger Farm development. The weather was damp and a bit cold, but we managed to cover the whole area in time before returning to the hall to warm up a bit. Thanks to Fallow and to the parents who joined us in the delivery this evening.



22nd November – Romsey District Scrapheap Challenge



Sioux Pack took part in the District Scrapheap Challenge, with a team of six. Cubs were read a story and then had to design a model based on the story. The teams were judged on their design, the quality of their model, teamwork, cleanliness and attitude.

Well done to our Sioux Pack team who were runners up on this occasion.

28th November – Romsey Food Bank Food Collection

Following on from the leaflet delivery, now it was time to don our hi viz vests once again, this time to collect food donations. Supported in cars by Baloo and Dave, Cubs retraced the routes they did last week, collecting the food generously donated by the residents of Walnut Close and Ganger Farm. Some households had bagged up donations ready for us to collect, and others had forgotten but soon disappeared inside and raided their cupboards to support our collection. A job well done Cubs. Thanks again to Fallow and parents for joining us on the collection routes and a special thanks to Baloo and Dave who drove around and around, supporting the food collection and sorting.



5th December – “Campfire”

Once again, the weather had got the upper hand, but we didn't let that spoil our fun, so we had our hotdogs, onions and sparklers, just not out on the field.

We started the evening with a Pack Forum, where we asked the Cubs about the recent sleepover and what themes we might want to see in the future. Lots of ideas, not all of them practical though, from Pokemon, Olympics, K-Pop Demon Hunters to Star Wars and Back To The Future, Shrek, Wicked, Minecraft and The Simpsons, with some that I had never even heard of. We also asked Cubs (ahead of programme planning this time), what they would like to do next term.

Cooking was a popular one, along with shelter building, indoor caving, shooting, archery and Tomahawks. We had some games and stopped ready for our hotdogs, then took it in turn in small groups, to go out on to the entrance patio to do sparklers.

Thanks to Ziggy for the idea of using and supplying the carrots to hold the sparklers in.

A big thank you to all the Cubs for a fab year and to all our helpers and supporters.

**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Happy new Year.**



SCOUTS

Sirl Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader and Troop Reporter
Assistant Scout Leaders

Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm

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Gareth Chaffey
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Crusoe Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader
Troop Assistant
Troop Assistant

Friday 7.30 - 9.00pm

Vacant
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Alex Elliott
Alex Gray

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Tomahawks Explorer Scout Unit

Explorer Scout Leader
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Monday 8.00 - 9.45pm

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10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group

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