

10th TALK

February
2026

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

Dates for your Diary – 2026

Sunday 22 nd February	Founders Day		
Saturday 21st March	Jumble Sale	Help needed from 12.00 Doors open at 2pm	10th HQ

Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st March

10th Romsey Scout Hall
Braishfield Road, Woodley

Doors open 2pm

Tombola Refreshments

***No electrical items.
Cash Sales only***

***No furniture.
Free Admission***

Easyfundraising

8,000+ retailers will donate to your cause When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause. [www.10th Romsey\(Woodley & Crampmoor ScoutGroup.uk](http://www.10th Romsey(Woodley & Crampmoor ScoutGroup.uk)

The retailer just needs to know you are an easyfundraiser to give a donation, and <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/>they know this if you visit them from our website, app or Donation Reminder

Scout Association No. 34679 Registered Charity No. 302283

Editor
Sue Edwards

Group Chairman
Pete Garland

Group Scout Leader
Ian Moore

Asst. Group Scout Leader
Stewart Buswell

chairman@10thromseyscouts.org.uk gsl@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

To unsubscribe to this newsletter email: '10th Talk Unsubscribe' **giving your child's name** to membership@10thromseyscouts.org.uk



Famous 5. FEBRUARY REPORT.

Firstly, to make you all jealous we have very much enjoyed a fabulous fruit cake, a marvellous minty marble cake, a creamy coffee and walnut cake and a chocolate cake to die for with our eleven's cuppa. Yum!

As always, we have been busy with jobs around the hall, garage and grounds.

We have added some additional lighting to the boys toilet which makes it a much brighter space.

One of the cubicle partitions in the boys toilet was coming adrift until the Fivers got to it!

There was a large settlement gap above the front door between the wall and ceiling which we have filled and decorated.

We have cleaned both the hall and garage gutters from the autumn and winter leaves.

The kitchen roller shutter has been lubricated in a hope to make it a little easy to open. The first part of opening is always going to be a little difficult due to the weight of the shutter, but it does get easier as it goes up.

We continue to enjoy the little challenges that the hall garage and grounds present us with. are all looking forward to some dry weather when we can get out into the grounds and have a good tidy up after the winter winds and rain. Bring on the sunshine!

Bring on the sunshine !

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

squirrels@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

After Christmas, we were delighted to welcome back all the Squirrels along with two new Squirrels to the drey – it's been wonderful having them join our adventures!

We kicked off the term with a Brilliant Builders session, where the Squirrels designed and built bridges out of LEGO to see if they could hold cans of food. Every bridge was completely different, and the Squirrels loved getting creative. The session also featured cosy blanket forts with snack time, which was a big hit!

Our Space session was out of this world. The Squirrels made teddy bear space helmets and learned about the cycle of the moon using biscuits – a fun (and tasty!) way to explore science.

To mark Clean Energy Day, the Squirrels worked towards their Earth Tribe badge. We talked about different sources of energy and shared ideas on how to save energy at Scouts and at home (hopefully a few good habits made it back with them, like switching lights off!). The session finished with building a small house powered by either solar or wind.

We also had a fantastic Exciting Experiments session, making slime from cornflour and water and creating fruit volcanoes using oranges. There were lots of surprised faces and plenty of excitement!

We finished the half term with a Pancake-themed session, full of games, decorating pancakes, and of course, eating them.

We're really looking forward to welcoming all the Squirrels back after half term for sessions on Superheroes, Let It Grow, and a Chip Walk. More fun and adventures ahead!



Sequoia Beaver Scout Colony

Beaver Scout Leader

Colony Assistants

D of E Helper

Tuesday 5.30 -6.45pm

Rowena Naile (Hawk)

Brett Hill (Wildebeest)

Philippe Rocques (Lion)

Myles Hourihan (Panda)

sequoia@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

This term started with a bang - as we welcomed 11 new Beavers to Sequoia. Colony What a joy it has been to have these new Beavers and we have been able to revert to 4 Lodges. At our first session we had a fun time learning about Beavers and playing games but on our second session we mixed the Code of Conduct with playing skittles, axe throwing and curling. Great fun was had by all, and many thanks go to the parents for helping to return the skittle lane to the cupboard. The new axe throwing is a super addition to the games we have for the Beavers. Our next 2 sessions were all about birds, the first the Beavers results of the RSPB Bird watch and learning about what birds eat and where they live, whilst the second week was making an apple bird feeder - that tits will like but the sparrows and starlings do not seem to like in my garden!



This week in preparation for the Sleepover at the end of half term we practised putting up the tents (and taking them down and putting them back in their bags).

We are looking forward to investing all our new Beavers on the 24 Feb.

Maple Beaver Scout Colony

Beaver Scout Leader

Assistant Beaver Leaders and Colony Reporter

Colony Assistant

Thursday 6.00-7.15pm.

David Henderson (Eagle)

Verity Pillinger-Cork (Lion)

Anna Chaffey (Dolphin)

Ross Knowles (Badger)

maple@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

Maple Colony has had a busy start to the year with the start of our celebration of the 40th year of Beaver Scouts!! Happy Birthday Beavers!!

We have focused on our Activity Badge Programme with some really great nights learning all about Space, Disabilities and Faith. These are quite challenging badges to earn and as ever the leaders have been impressed with the curiosity and engagement from our young people. Really inspirational evenings of sharing facts and learning from one another's' perspectives.

We're grateful to all those parents who have stepped in during January and February to ensure that we had adequate adult numbers to maintain a safe programme. With such a big colony this support is critical to our success and is appreciated, all of the Leaders have work commitments that can result in last minute changes to availability, so again, thank you parents!!

Maple Colony looks forward to the short half-term break and the chance of evening daylight returning soon afterwards!!



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)

mohican@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

Here's a look back at everything we got up to together so far this year:

We started the month with our "Cool Wall" session, where cubs shared their thoughts on what's cool and what's not. This sparked lively discussions and encouraged everyone to express their opinions.

We made two trips to the Plaza Theatre, where we enjoyed a special backstage tour and enjoyed this year's Panto. Cubs got a behind-the-scenes look at how the theatre works, discovering the magic that brings shows to life. Afterwards, we watched the "Sleeping Beauty" pantomime, which was full of laughter, music, and audience participation. The pack particularly enjoyed singing the Music Man song.

We celebrated Burns Night in true Scottish style! Cubs learned about Scottish traditions, listened to the sound of bagpipes, tried on sporrans, and even had a go at "tossing the caber" (with a safe, cub-sized version). It was a fantastic way to explore culture and history together.

Inspired by the Winter Olympics, we organised our own games. Cubs competed in curling, ice hockey, and bobsleigh challenges, showing teamwork and sportsmanship. Everyone cheered each other on, and medals were awarded for effort and enthusiasm.

We wrapped up the end of this half term with a focus on healthy living. Cubs learned about nutritious foods, practised proper hand hygiene, and enjoyed making (and eating!) pancakes. It was a delicious way to reinforce good habits and celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Sioux Cub Scout Pack

Friday

5.45 - 7.15pm

Cub Scout Leader
Assistant Cub Scout Leaders

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)

Explorer Young Leader

sioux@10thromseyscouts.org.uk



16th January – Welcome Back
We began the evening sorting Sixes, with new Sixers and Seconders. We had a few rounds of our favourite games before parents joined us for a presentation and talk about past and future events.

23rd January – Panto
Off we went to the panto, oh yes we did. A bit of a late night but everyone enjoyed the panto and the ice creams.

30th January – Scottish Night

We were joined by Jeannie and Sam Martin this evening. Jeannie played the bagpipes for us, which never ceases to impress, especially when coupled with the acoustics of the hall. Jeannie then let cubs have a practice using just the chanter and some got to have a go with the full set. We ran a couple of rounds of Haggis Drive (a variation on a beetle drive) and a game or two of Haggis jump (ball on a rope). We ended our Scottish themed evening with some real haggis, which tasted rather good.

6th February – Winter Olympics

Well it is the evening of the winter Olympics opening ceremony, so we had our own games. We tried to duplicate some of the sports with curling, bobsleigh, and ice hockey. Splitting the cubs into teams gaining points in each sport to decide the medal winners. We finished the evening with the presenting of medals and the national anthem.

SCOUTS

Sirl Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader and Troop Reporter
Assistant Scout Leaders

Thursday 7.30 - 9.00pm

Chris Templer
Gareth Chaffey
Emily Edgar
Jo Leming

sirl@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

We have had a varied and interesting start to 2026. Following the scrapheap challenge we had a fun and interesting time making match rockets, small projectiles constructed out of tin foil, wooden skewers and of course matches! After carefully constructing them we had a competition as to which patrol could fire their rocket the furthest - sadly Chris won! Next up we had a fantastic and 'interesting' culinary evening. The scouts set up the gas burners, a first for many, and were given a selection of tin cans in order to make a 3 course meal. The problem was that the labels had been removed so they had no idea of what ingredients they had! Some were lucky in selecting a sensible range of food to help them. Sadly one group weren't so lucky and we were treated to the culinary delight of 'cheesy milky pasta'! I can

confirm that the leaders did try all of the meals and that nobody went home feeling unwell (sort of).



We then celebrated Burns night in which each patrol became a clan to compete against each other in various highland games - sheaf toss, haggis hurl, caber toss, broad jump and highland steps. The following week practising pioneering skills by making free-standing washing stations - made from broom handles and rope the task was to create a structure capable of holding a washing up bowl. These skills will come in handy later in year at Pulborough! Last night the scouts cooked several pancakes, making the mixture and cooking them all themselves. We even tried to make some free-from versions. As always there was a competitive element and the leaders had the hard task of judging them all!

We have also been busy at some district events which several members of the troop have enjoyed since Christmas. We have competed at the annual district shooting and archery events which were very well attended by 10th. We are very proud of Pip who beat over 60 participants to win the shooting event! Many of us also had the fabulous opportunity to have a guided tour of HMS Prince of Wales, one of the flagship aircraft carriers based in the Royal Navy dockyards in Portsmouth. This was an incredibly interesting visit and the scouts asked great questions, had the chance to fully explore the ship and even had the opportunity to visit the bridge (including a chance to sit in the captain's chair)



Crusoe Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader
Troop Assistant
Troop Assistant

Friday 7.30 - 9.00pm

Vacant
Mark Walden
Alex Elliott
Alex Gray

crusoe@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

EXPLORERS

Tomahawks Explorer Scout Unit

Explorer Scout Leader
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Monday 8.00 - 9.45pm

Robin Taylor-Milton
Sam Martin

tomahawksesu@gmail.com

Forgotten Property

Once again we have a number of unclaimed, unnamed coats hanging on the the coat hooks in the lobby.

Has your child lost a coat ? Could it be on at the Scout Hall?

Have you ever booked the hall for an event or party? Has your child been invited to one.

Maybe some of the coats belong to children who are no longer members of Scouting or have never been members but have been invited to a party at the hall.

If your child has not lost a coat please could you mention this message to the parents of your child's friend. It would be good to reunite the coats with their owners!

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

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

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.

Facebook

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

Gift Aid Declaration

giftaid it

10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 302283

NAME OF CHILD..... SECTION.....

Please treat as Gift Aid donations:

The enclosed gift of £ _____

- Today OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past four years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

✓ Please tick the appropriate box

Donor's details

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Please notify 10TH Romsey (Woodley and Crampmoor) Scout Group if you:.....

- Want to cancel this declaration. OR
- Change your name or home address. OR
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

10th Romsey Scout Group, c/o The Treasurer, Scout HQ, Braishfield Road,
Romsey, SO51 0PB (Revised Jan 2019)