

10th TALK

March 2026

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

Dates for your Diary – 2026

Sunday 22nd February	Founder's Day		
Saturday 21 st March	Jumble Sale	10 th HQ	Help to set up from 12.noon Help to sell from 3pm
Sunday 19 th April	St George's Day		

Last Date for Printer Cartridge Donations

Unfortunately, due to the companies we use stopping printer cartridge recycling altogether, or severely reducing the amount of money we receive, we have had to take the difficult decision to stop our recycling efforts.

We will arrange one last collection over the Easter holidays, so please ensure all cartridges are in our collection bins

by **2nd APRIL 2026**

Thank you for your continued support over the last 20 years. Thousands of pounds have been raised, helping to provide adventure and fun for hundreds of young people.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st March

**10th Romsey Scout Hall
Braishfield Road**

Doors open at 2pm

Help needed to set up from 12 noon and to sell from 2pm

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COATS!

Where have all the anoraks gone, to the Scout Hall Everyone!



At the last count there were 21 assorted anoraks, hoodies, waterproofs trousers and a pillowcase!.

Of these only 5 had a name tape, in some cases the name of a previous owner.

Next time you drop/pick up your child please come in and check the coats on the pegs

Famous 5.

MARCH REPORT.



We were sad to hear that our long serving GSL/GLV has stepped down after many years of loyal service to the group.

. He has done an amazing job to get us where we are today. We hope that he stays within the group and visits us for a chat, a piece of cake and a cuppa on a Wednesday. Bravo Ian.

.We continue to keep busy with jobs large and small. After a request from one of the cub leaders we lined the cub lantern box with foam to keep the lanterns safe and in good condition as well as checking a large family tent that was donated to us. We found the tent to be in very good condition and very usable although with no pegs. We have plenty in store.

The 2 ovens in the kitchen have been cleaned inside together with their wire shelves.

Last week with the sun shining we were able to make a start refreshing the dead hedge and putting in new posts around the edge of the grounds. We have started in the bottom corner and will, weather permitting go all around the 3 sides in the coming weeks. Thirsty work !!

The Fivers.

Squirrels

Squirrel Scout Drey

Squirrel Scout Leader

Drey Assistant and Drey Reporter

Drey team Members

Monday 5.00 - 6pm

James Wilson

Laura Pridmore

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We kicked off this half term with a fun superhero-themed session. The Squirrels designed their own superheroes and decorated masks, before enjoying a lively game of superhero bingo. It was also lovely to invest two new Squirrels into the drey. As spring begins to arrive, we held a "Let It Grow" session. The Squirrels explored the grounds searching for signs of spring and planted seeds to take home and care for. We were also delighted to welcome another new Squirrel to the drey. The Squirrels also enjoyed a creative craft evening, which included making something special for Mother's Day. We're looking forward to the exciting sessions ahead, including a chip walk and a campfire



Sequoia Beaver Scout Colony

BeaverScout Leader
Colony Assistants

D of E Helper

Tuesday 5 .30 -6.45pm

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

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Sequoia Colony has been very busy in the last 4 weeks - we invested 9 new Beavers on 24 Mar! Welcome to Arlo, Ava, Bertie, Catherine, Harriet, Kobi, Lewis, Tessa and Theodore as they either start their scouting journey or continue it from Squirrels.

21/22 February Sequoia Colony enjoyed a sleepover at the Hall, to celebrate 40 years of Beaver Scouts. After settling in with enough gear for a weeks camp, it was time for the Circle to welcome and explain the rules. Then it was off to the Play Park. It was raining, we were not deterred.

Beavers have lots of energy. Arriving back at the Hall, it was time to celebrate with Birthday Cake including candles, thanks to Hawk. Sleeping areas were set up with the Beavers pitching their tents and sorting sleeping bags and gear before a game of 'pass the parcel' where every beaver won a prize. After Supper it was time for the evening activities, The weather had cleared and it was a fine warm evening and amazingly the rain held off, and the camp fire was glowing well. Singing songs and cooking 'smares' were great fun.

Back to the hall for hot chocolate and then the 'weary' excited Beavers went to bed.

The Leaders did not get much sleep as the Beavers were chatting most of the night. Finally falling asleep just before dawn, so 'Rise and shine' was a bit late due to the Beavers 'sleeping in!!! After packing up and a hearty breakfast the

Beavers made clay figures.

The Beavers, although tired, had a great time. Thanks to the Leaders who gave up their weekend to give the Beavers, a great sleepover. Good fun enjoyed by leaders and Beavers alike.

We have also been working on the International badge, and everyone was able to greet friends in French and German, and we sang Frere Jacques but the tasting of the different foods was the most popular. It was wonderful to hear about the Beavers from different countries and learn about the flags, well done to everyone for finding out the information.

On the 10th the Beavers got covered in chocolate as they made truffles for Mother's Day - we all hope that they tasted great.

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 Leaders

Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm

Martyn Blake	(Baloo)
Jason Hunt	(Rama)
Andrew Urben	(Rocky)
Richard Wilmshurst	(Thuu)
Abi Tillotson	(Sahi)
Lewis Bundy	(Sona)
Emily Goodwin	(Raksha)
Ellen Stibbs	(Iagoo)
Samuel Leming	(Hawkeye)

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Since half term Mohican Cubs have learnt about communication using radios, sign language, cyphers and email. We have also brushed up on our local knowledge, learning about our towns coat of arms, finding local landmarks on a map using grid references and winning a million with our Who wants to be a Millionaire quiz.

The Cubs enjoyed crawling about in the dark through our indoor caving experience. The highlight of the month has to be the night when we had a visit from a special guest. After weeks of negotiating and at great expense we managed to book the world-famous experimenter and accidental trouser-shrinker, Professor Boomwhizz. (see photo) The Professor helped us learn about the science of living things. We started a Light VS Dark germination experiment with beans and also helped us to create a model of the human digestion system, to demonstrate how food is made into poo!

Sioux Cub Scout Pack

Cub Scout Leader
Assistant Cub Scout Leaders

Explorer Young Leaders

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)
Pip Boyd	

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13th February – This evening was all about food bases, cooking, designing a plate of food, identifying food types and hygiene. The most important bit was the food hygiene, especially hand washing. We tried to demonstrate this by leaving a big red button coated with forensic powder on a chair, and then checking Cubs hands to see who had touched it. Unfortunately, the powder was not detected, although Cubs had admitted that they had pressed the button! We repeated the exercise on a base, where we could see the powder fluoresce under UV light.

Cubs made their own pancakes and then decorated them with various toppings.

Cubs were asked to design a healthy plate of food by drawing what the food would look like on a plate and to identify the different food groups/types from loads of pictures.

Special thanks to Fallow and Moose, for watching over the pancake cooking and clearing up 😊

27th February – Scientist badge work (should have been on the 6th March apparently)

An evening of science a week earlier than expected.

We ran an evening of science bases, one was based on light types such as UV and laser, with reflection, and prisms. We delved in to biology and “planted” a bean in a cup to see how it germinates, we looked how to prove that hot air rises using balloons and real world examples and electricity using batteries, lamps, LEDs making a switch and electromagnets.

As Akela got the weeks mixed up, we even had a dress rehearsal of investitures without parents, sorry 😊.

Communications badge work

This week we looked at communications, learning that's it's important to listen. Cubs took part in different bases, one of which was a radio Lego build, where one group had to convey to another using radio, how to build a Lego model. Cubs also had to listen to an emergency radio call, where a walker had fallen and requires help and note down all the important information to pass to the emergency services. We also had codes and cyphers, with Morse and Braille code tasks and a cypher challenge (would have been better if the cypher was correct though 😊). We had real investitures this week, where we invested Dylan, Emma, George, Jack, and Nathaniel. Welcome to the Pack.

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

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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!).

Since the half term break we have had some enjoyable evenings. First up was an orienteering evening around Abbotswood prepared by Emily. The Scouts got into groups to work out a series of locations on a map using 6-digit grid references. Once all were located and identified on paper the groups set off around the housing estate to locate the

reference points, hidden on various items such as benches, trees and bins. The task was to find as many as possible in a time limit, whilst identifying the letters to spell out a Scout related anagram. It was a great evening with a competitive aspect which was a perfect preparation for the Winter Camp.

Last week Jo led an evening learning about the Chinese New Year. This involved learning how to use chopsticks and identifying a series of facts about the New Year. We then decorated and made fortune cookies out of paper before using the time to prep for Winter Camp.

This year the camp was held at Foxlease Park in Lyndhurst. Six scouts from Sirl joined over 90 others from the district for a fantastic weekend filled with activities including climbing, archery, team building, tunnelling, carving, navigation and pioneering. On Sunday the scouts took part in the hiking competition where they set off across the New Forest looking for particular locations, akin to the Abbotswood evening. They did amazingly well and found all but two in some difficult ground conditions. Hopefully they all enjoyed the weekend as much as the leaders did.



Crusoe Scout Troop

Scout Leader
Assistant Scout Leader
Troop Assistants

Friday 7.30 - 9.00pm

Vacant
Mark Walden
Nick Gray
Alex Elliott

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10th Scouts Crusoe Troop

Last weekend seven Scouts attended the District Winter Camp at Foxlease Park where they enjoyed activities such as Climbing, Tunnelling and Archery. The 10th Romsey Leaders ran a base where the Scouts tried their hand at carving faces out of potatoes.

The week before Camp, the scouts took part in an orienteering exercise around the Abbotswood Estate. Each patrol was given a map and a list of co-ordinates to find and then plotted their own routes around the estate. Between the three patrols they were able to find all of the checkpoints.

For the remaining meetings this term we have activities on Meteorology, Astronomy and a Chocolate Challenge

EXPLORERS

Tomahawks Explorer Scout Unit

Explorer Scout Leader
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Monday 8.00 - 9.45pm

Robin Taylor-Milton
Sam Martin

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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.

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

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Main hall 15m x 9m. Field space.

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

bookings@10thromseyscouts.org.u.uk

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10th Romsey (Woodley & Crampmoor) Scout Group

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