

10th TALK

June 2026

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

Dates for your Diary – 2026

Sunday 27th September	Walk The Test Way	9.30am – Noon(ish)	10th HQ
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[Walk the Test Way \(@walkthetestway\)](https://www.walkthetestway.org.uk/)

Sunday 27th September 2026

Registration for Walk the Test Way opens on the **1st May 2026** - who will you walk for?

Can you walk the Test Way and help raise funds for our group?
You will be walking for 10th Romsey Scout Group, Registered Charity No. 302283

There are five walks to choose from at 5; 8; 11; 16 and 25.5 miles.
Walkers are taken by private coach from Romsey to their starting location and will end the walk in Romsey's Memorial Park.

Reduced Fee Early Bird Registration is available until 31st July
£12.00 for adults and £6 for those under 18.

After 31st July £15.00 for adults and £8 for those under 18.
NB: Under 18s must be registered by their parent/guardian.

The event is well organised by the Romsey Test Rotary Club and full details can be found at:
<https://www.walkthetestway.org.uk/>

St George's Day,

Thank you to all our members who supported 10th Romsey at the St George's Day Service and Parade.
You looked very smart – thank you parents - and were well behaved.
You were a credit to your parents and to the Group.

Famous 5

MAY REPORT.

The Fivers continue to improve the working conditions of 10th's HQ by completing various tasks inside and out.

- *This month we have continued working in the field and the headquarters.*
- *We have assisted Andy Hillier with felling and logging the dead silver birch tree in the woodland area.*
- *Coppicing the hazel continues, using the branches to reinforce the boundary dead hedge.*
- *We have levelled and reseeded some areas of grass around the kitchen door area, and erected protective netting.*
- *The campfire area has been tidied. We have dug trench fire pits for the Cubs as requested.*
- *Camping equipment was sorted for the Cub camp allowing the lower camp store floor to be cleaned.*
- *We are in the process of sorting out various old ropes.*
- *Several hours were spent coppicing hazel. The off-cuts were used to continue building up the hedge on the Abbotswood side of the field.*
- *Larger diameter pieces will be driven into the ground to support the hedge stopping it from collapsing.*
- *All of these jobs have been enabled by the drinking of tea, the consumption of delicious homemade cake and convivial conversation.*
- **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

Lisa Van den Berghe

Jan Pridmore

Jonny Moles

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The squirrels have had a busy month. We started the term exploring the grounds of the hall as part of our nature craft session, the Squirrels got to see the wonderful carpet of bluebells and were able to gather fallen leaves and twigs to decorate a headdress.



A good number of squirrels also took part in the St George's Day parade proudly representing 10th Romsey in the parade through the streets of Romsey. The following day the Squirrels got stuck in at the local allotments, planting a variety of crops to learn where some of the food they eat comes from. The squirrels have also done their bit for the community by way of a litter pick round Abbotswood managing to collect a whole bag of rubbish.

To top off the month four of the Squirrels received their Chief Scout (Acorn) Award at the District Award ceremony held at the Crosfield Hall - these awards were presented by the Mayor and represent the highest award a Squirrel can receive. Well done all!

BEAVERS

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)

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What a busy month, starting with the St George's Day parade and service. Well done to everyone who took part and to Samuel who carried the flag.

At our first session of the new term we made nesting boxes; it sounded like a mad idea to arm the Beavers with a hammer and nails to make the boxes but nobody got any squashed fingers. Hopefully the boxes are being used by the Lodge Leaders who got to take them home.

the game requested which resembled to the it. Hills and Valleys used up managed to get the tennis



Our thanks to Pete Betteridge who cut all the pieces to size and gave us all guidance. Samuel swum up to Mohican Cubs that evening. We have had an evening of games, rounders was highly entertaining and bore a little traditional game but everyone was brilliant at plenty of energy and with the Parachute we balls higher than the trees.



We have also been on a Hike around Michelmersh where we saw plenty of livestock including lambs and a peacock. The field with the cattle in was an experience but the most exciting thing appeared to

be the cow pats!

We finished off with a quiz in St Mary's Churchyard about the various graves.

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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cubs

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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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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17th April – Welcome to a new term.

The start of a new term, with new Sixers and Seconders and some new Cubs. Congratulations to those that gained their stripes and a warm welcome to Chloe, Colin, Emilia, Freddie, Noah and Orla, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We had a welcome chat and reminded the Pack what we were all about, looking after each other and doing our best. We held our fire drill and all managed to exit the hall safely and discussed why we do this and the importance of getting it right.

As the weather was so nice, we decided to play some games on the field, which included rounders and dodgeball.



19th April
Parade

Thanks to
turning
to Jack,
practice
day.



– St Georges Day Service and

all those that supported this event,
out in smart uniform. Special thanks
our flag bearer for attending the
session on Friday and for
representing the Pack so well on the

8th May – Cooking on fires

Following on from the fire lighting, we moved on to cooking on trench fires. Cubs main tasks included collecting enough wood to keep the fires going long enough to cook sausages and bacon.

Well done to all, we managed to cook everything and finish on time!

Special thanks to the "Fivers" team for preparing our trenches in advance.

24th April – Fire lighting

A non-uniform evening with the Pack learning how to light a fire using flint and steel. Practice makes perfect with this scouting skill, where everyone was able to make sparks and get a flame going. We had a treat of Smores, roasting mallows on our camp fire hearth.

26th April – Chief Scout Awards

Congratulations to Chloe, collecting a bronzed award and to George and Daniel for collecting their silver award.

1st May to 4th May – Hamjam Cub Camp



Sioux Pack along with 7 other Packs were at HamJam, camping as Romsey District with 108 cubs. The whole event had over 1200 cubs attending.

Thanks to our cubs for behaving so well, making new friends and for taking part in everything. Three nights and two full days of activities meant we had some very tired cubs at the end. Thanks to parents for being patient with traffic delays due to the drop off and pick-ups.

Special thanks to Mike, Dave, and Peter for all their help with transport and pitching and to all the leaders from Romsey for supporting. Extra special

thanks to the catering team, who managed to keep about 150 people fed and watered throughout the event.



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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Since half term we are starting to make good use of the lighter evenings and improved weather. The first three weeks back focused on the scouts gaining the geocaching badge. During the first evening we revisited map reading and specifically 6-digit grid references (which is a new skill to many of our new members). Using a map of Farley Mount each patrol selected two unique locations and then worked out the grid reference. They then came up with clues for the 6 digits, such as the corners of shapes, Roman numerals, anagrams etc. The following week we met at Farley Mount to find the geocaches. Once each location was found the patrols needed to work out the clue, identify the next location on the map correctly, navigate to the spot, find the geocache and then so on. Cobras patrol found the most, finding 5 of the 8 locations.

Next up was a skills evening where we encouraged some of the scouts to share some of their interests and skills with the rest of the troop. This helps build confidence and allows the scouts to display their knowledge and understanding of things they enjoy outside of scouts. Joshua shared his interest in origami, Ben taught us chess, Luca displayed his interest in rugby whilst Charlie explained about badminton. We were particularly proud of the scouts on this evening, from those who came prepared to share to everyone else who listened, were respectful and were engaged throughout.

Last week we met in Romsey to undertake a historic walk around the town centre. Once again using grid references the groups located and then visited specific points on the map. At each point we looked at old photos of the town, some as old as the 1890s. We tried to find the specific location the photos were taken at the time and then discussed what was the same, what had changed, which buildings were still standing etc. It was an interesting way to see how our town has developed over the years whilst teaching the troop a little bit about the history of where they live.

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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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.

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

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](#)

bookings@10thromseyscouts.org.uk

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Gift Aid Declaration

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.

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Donor's details

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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

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