



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



Besides being the 30th anniversary of the start of Beavers, in 2016 we also celebrated 100 years of Cub Scouts – or Wolf Cubs as they were originally known. This is the section for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 10½. At 19:16 on 16th December there were “Promise Parties” up and down the country, with Cubs gathering to renew their Cub Scout Promise. Those from 21st joined with about 120 others from around Romsey District, to enjoy a campfire, songs, fun and food.



More food and fun was in evidence at our re-branded Community Christmas Celebration. Owing to falling numbers of guests, this time we extended an open invitation, rather than confining it to the elderly from the villages. Those who came enjoyed festive songs and a short panto from the young people of the Group, followed by the usual excellent presentations from the Jane MacKinnon School of Dance.

Sadly extending the invitation did not result in greater interest – the large majority of the audience were parents of our Group’s young people. Therefore, we have decided to draw this event to a close and look for other ways of serving the community. Many thanks to Jane MacKinnon, Rob Oxlade, the Village Hall Committee and our volunteers for their past support.



Having watched the Scouts performing the panto, the two Cub Packs went to see how the professionals did it, in Robin Hood at the Mayflower Theatre. I didn’t attend myself, but from the excited faces in the photos it seems they had a great time. It’s difficult to tell who enjoyed it more – Cubs or Leaders.

Courtesy of the management of Rownhams Services, we held two sessions of carol-singing there. Besides spreading some festive cheer to travellers, we also raised some useful funds.

Our next fund-raising event will be a jumble sale, 2pm Saturday 11th March. Please come along to find some bargains. If you have any jumble to contribute please bring it to the HQ, in Joe Bigwood Close, that morning (sorry, we don’t accept large items of furniture, nor video tapes).

Should you have a child between the ages of 5 and 13 who wishes to start Scouting, or you have skills that you could offer us (and you all do!) please contact us through the button on our website: www.21stromsey.co.uk .