



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



Our Cub sections have been having a busy time:

Firstly, four of our Cubs showed that there is more to Scouting than outdoor adventure as they competed in the Romsey District Scouts' chess competition. A special well done to Felix, who won his section and will now represent the District at the Hampshire Scouting competition.



Some of 21st joined Cubs from 1st (Romsey Town) and 3rd (Braishfield) for a sleepover at the army museum of flying, Middle Wallop. They have also had opportunity to try climbing and archery at Calshot activities centre. The Cubs' regular weekly meetings have covered topics as diverse as first aid and astronomy, and one section had a visit from the police – pre-planned of course. Pancake Day is an annual excuse to try some basic cooking and flipping, alongside learning how to use butane stoves safely.

In the March edition of Village News I mentioned the need for more tents to accommodate our growing Group. Besides saving for some 3-person ones through the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme, we also wanted to replace at least one of our aging traditional patrol tents – we prefer these for longer Scout section camps as they are kinder to the grass and easier to air. Through the alertness and willingness of our volunteers, we have managed to obtain *four* in nearly new condition that a Hampshire County Council outdoor centre was selling-off. The total cost was less than half that which a new one would cost and has been covered by a generous anonymous donation from a Village News reader – thank you!

One of the tents bought from HCC



The section for our older young people has also been active, as one of them relates



Draco Explorers are a group of 14 to 17 year olds attached to the 21st Romsey Scout Group. We normally meet at the Scout HQ on Monday evenings, 8pm – 9.30pm, but it's not unusual for this to change as we have excursions such as Bowling, Laser Quest and Climbing.

Our programme is incredibly varied: 90% of our evenings are run and “owned” by ourselves, as one or two of us take responsibility from the adult leaders. We have done Ready Steady Cook, human Hungry Hippos and Monopoly, and cooked pancakes - as well as having the off-site activities mentioned above.

There are many other fantastic opportunities for us: in previous editions of the Village News you may have read of Explorers having adventurous camps in Switzerland, attending the world Jamboree in Japan or helping to refurbish a school in Malawi. Later this year we will be participating in raft-racing and, in November, there is the bi-annual Monopoly Run when young people from all across the country race around London for a day, trying to visit as many places from the original Monopoly board as possible. Last time we entered one team, but with a growing unit we hope to enter more this year.

We are open and welcoming to new members, so if these sorts of activities attract your interest click the contact button for Explorers on www.21stromsey.co.uk .