



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



The end of the summer term saw many of the sections indulging in what have become traditional water-fights, though the hot weather meant that getting “shot” was rather welcome!



In early August we ran our Group Camp, with around 50 young people aged between 6 and 17 staying at the Scout camp-site in the Wilverley Inclosure, Holmsley. We try to hold one of these camps, for all ages, every 4 years or so, as it gives chance for the age-groups to mix and the leaders of sections to get to know each other better, while they work together. The Beavers stayed for one night, the Cubs for three and the Scouts and Explorers remained for the rest of the week.

The theme for the weekend was broadly based on “secret agents”, with even the menus having a James Bond flavour – “The pie who loved me”, “Live and let fry” ... It was good to see the young people, in teams of mixed-ages, undertaking tasks such as code-making and cracking, memory tests, obstacle courses, navigation and fire-lighting without matches – as well as the more mundane job of washing-up!

Getting away from the city also meant that we were treated to some glorious sunsets and a spectacular display of stars. All in all it was a good weekend, with several of the first-time campers already looking forward to the District all-age camp that is planned for next year.

Meanwhile maintenance work has continued at the HQ, with gutters being cleared, doors painted, a faulty cistern fixed and a tap replaced – all little things that keep the Group ticking-over.

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