



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



The second half of the Spring term brings many seasonal opportunities for the programmes: Wood Beavers have planted seeds, several sections have been making Easter and/or Mothering Sunday crafts, and there have been Easter Egg hunts.

Taurus Cubs had a little cultural binge, marking National Poetry Day by Cubs writing some short poems. Several Cubs also gained their musician's badge, performing at a campfire that, owing to the poor weather, had to be held indoors – cooking the sausages on gas, rather than on a fire.



Traditional skills haven't been forgotten, with Phoenix Pack being taught how to light fires, then cook some simple food on them. Before the clocks changed the Scouts fitted-in an evening hike in the dark.

Twice a year the District hold a ceremony in the Plaza Theatre, Romsey, when Chief Scout and Duke of Edinburgh awards are presented. Our Group was well represented, so congratulations and well done to the young people concerned.



It's also well done to both our Cub Packs for their success in the annual District Cub Challenge Trophy event, with the Taurus team coming 1st and the Phoenix team 2nd.

This year our Group, together with the 1st N&R Brownies, led the District Scout and Guide St George's celebration – not commemorating St George as the patron saint of England, but as that of Scouting. Besides leading the procession round Romsey, we were also responsible for organising most of the service that followed. As Group Scout Leader I found this a daunting prospect, but I need not have worried as it all came together seamlessly; even the weather was perfect. As usual the Abbey was packed with young people, who were a credit to the two organisations. Our contribution to this was substantial – including the Draco Explorer section over 100 young people from the Group attended.

Finally, thank you to those who contributed tokens to our box in the March Waitrose Community Matters programme. As a result we have been donated the sum of £218, which will be put towards improving the energy-efficiency of our HQ.

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