



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



Thanks to the generosity of some local businesses and services, our younger sections have recently held a few meetings outside of our HQ:

- Some of the Cubs went to the fire-station. Fire engines were obviously a great draw, but the serious side of fire-prevention, and what to do if one were to occur were, perhaps, of longer-term importance.
- Pets at Home hosted one Beaver Colony, when the children learnt about pets as diverse as guinea-pigs and bearded dragons. Whilst most were happy to handle the former, they were less sure about touching the latter!
- The other Beaver Colony are going to Tesco's, learning about how food gets "from farm to fork".



Meanwhile, at the end of January, about half the Scout section held a winter camp. I'll call them intrepid, but you may think another description is more appropriate! Traditional Scouting skills were very much in evidence – pioneering, use of axe and saw, lighting fires with fire-steels and cooking over an open fire. I'm told that the pork chops, cooked in the newly-made camp oven (pictured) were succulent and delicious.

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers: During the camp the Scouts made good use of the tents we obtained last year through the Active Kids voucher scheme. Our growing group means that we'd very much like to get three or four more tents this year, so please put any spare vouchers you have in the collection box, either in our HQ or in Nursling Co-op (thanks to them for permitting this).



The end of January is also the time for the Scout Association's national census. I'm pleased and proud to report that over the last year the number of young people, age 6 to 14, in our Group has increased nearly 25%, from 89 to 111. That makes it a phenomenal 73% increase in two years! I'm sure I speak for all the parents when I say a huge "thank you" to all our adult volunteers, whether in uniform or behind the scenes, for making this possible.

If you would like to join our winning team, please contact me via the general enquiries button on our website: www.21stromsey.co.uk. Since, after something like 15 years' sterling service, our current membership secretary is standing down, we are particularly looking for someone to take this position, which basically entails issuing invoices for membership fees and monitoring their payment.

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).