

## Heated swimming pool at Heyswood...

... well not quite but it is getting warmer! The swimming pool has recently been repaired and the Friends of Heyswood have just ordered a thermal cover for this season to be kept on the pool. This can be easily rolled back when the pool is in use and we are reliably informed that this cover could raise the water temperature by as much as 10 degrees - which could make all the difference!

The pool will be available again for booking during the summer months and we can even help you find a qualified lifeguard for your session. We have now collected a selection of wetsuits which can also be used and any offers of more are always welcome. Finally a new blue recycled bench has also been added in the pool area to replace the wooden one which had almost rotted away!

## Orienteering



Recently FoH ran a very successful orienteering training session for leaders which provided lots of ideas for games and activities. A box of resources is being completed and will be available to provide instructions for these games - why not make an evening or day trip to Heyswood for your girls knowing that they can safely explore our own private site.

We have a short, medium or long course and a new star course where girls return to a central position after finding each post. Maps for all four courses are available to download from our County website or can be borrowed at Heyswood. Control cards can also be downloaded or purchased in the

shop. Alternatively you can use the posts without maps to hang your own clues, puzzles or prizes for trails.

## Grass sledges

FoH are installing a new storage shed for the grass sledges and the base is being laid at the top of the hill where the sledges will be used. Once completed this will save future effort in getting them to and from the location where they are used and a bench will also be located there for leaders to use while supervising this activity in comfort!



## Aeroball

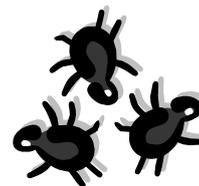


Have you tried out our newest Heyswood attraction supported by FoH - a four person Aeroball cage imported from the US? For those who haven't seen it and don't know what it is, it is perhaps described as playing volleyball whilst on trampolines and within a safe and netted enclosure. Check out the rules and strategies for the game on our County website.

The Aeroball, which is suitable for use by all ages, has now had its winter protection removed and is ready for booking throughout the summer, arrange an evening trip to Heyswood and hold a competition in your unit.

**Beetle Drives** are great fun and suitable for all ages.

Help us raise funds for the Challenge Course planned for Heyswood. We will help you run a fundraising Beetle Drive with your unit during your meeting - providing templates for tickets, letters inviting parents, friends and siblings and providing instructions for preparations. We will then run the evening with you. You may chose to donate the funds raised to the Challenge Course or can make a 50 / 50 split for your unit funds with a minimum donation of £50 to FoH.



### Recycling

Please don't forget Gwen is still collecting clothing for recycling to raise funds. We need clean dry clothing that can be resold including belts, bags, hats and shoes which we can get money for. Unfortunately they no longer accept household linens, towels or bedding. However this can still be quite lucrative so contact Gwen to arrange a mutually convenient time to drop off bags 020 8337 9664

Amounts raised so far            2013 - £485    2012 - £520    2011 - £549

### Offers of help required

Can anyone help with repairing some of the concrete fireplaces for the cooking grids to be placed on - maybe someone's husband/boyfriend/partner or a parent of a girl?

Help is also needed with erecting the marquees - it is proposed they will be put up on the first weekend in May - any offers of help appreciated - the more people, the easier the task. Please contact us and we'll confirm the details.

Further Work days are planned - watch for details of dates to be advertised.



### Jack Petchey Leader Awards

We are grateful to several leaders who have kindly donated their small grants to support projects at Heyswood - towards extra grass sledges, the thermal pool cover, electric hand driers, purchasing Gopak tables, benches and the sledge shed.

### Family Fun Day - Sunday 28th June 2015

Book the date now - you won't want to miss this event - details to follow and offers of help welcome.

### Membership

We think the FoH have made a significant contribution already to improvements at our County campsite and with more help we can make even better progress with a number of things we would like to achieve.

Renewal of membership is due on 1st April and we hope you will want to join us or renew. Alternatively, would you consider becoming a lifetime member for £100?

Annual subscription can easily be paid by direct debit - further details available.

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