

The Great Big Spring Clean

Sunday 19th March

11am - 4pm

Light Lunch & hot drinks provided! We need your help to spruce up our campsite ready for the summer season. There will be an assortment of jobs from collecting fallen branches to putting wood preserve on one of the wooden huts - so something for everyone. Wear old clothes and bring gardening gloves if you can. All the family welcome - partners & children!! Come for all or part of the day - even if you can only come for a couple of hours it will be most appreciated!!



If you can let us know in advance that you are coming that would be great, so that we can plan tasks and cater accordingly (guides5thwp@yahoo.co.uk) But if you just find you can come on the day, please do still come!

As Louisa and Wesley have left Heyswood to be closer to their full-time work there are extra tasks to be completed and all offers of help are especially welcome until a new warden is appointed.

Work Days are also planned for Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 May during the camp permit weekend so watch for further details.

FoH fees and bank changes - or become a life member

FoH membership fees are due on 1st April and have been increased to £6 for the year. Life membership however remains at £100.

Due to some banks now charging monthly fees we decided to save our precious funds and consolidate our account with the Heyswood Campsite Fund. A separate tally will still be kept for FoH funds but the bank details have changed.

If you pay by Standing Order we would be grateful if you could amend the instructions to your bank to pay to Sort code: 30-98-36 Acc No.: 00469486 with your surname as a reference.

Thanks to Joan Pearson who has relinquished her role as FoH treasurer and thanks to Maggie Alderson who has agreed to administer our accounts.



After a false start before Christmas our County Dinner at the Holiday Inn Sutton was voted a great success. We made the minimum numbers of 70+ and enjoyed a good social occasion and thanks to some great raffle prizes even made a small profit.

A Quiz night has been suggested so we are looking for a lead volunteer or team to take this on and the FoH would obviously give support - let us know if you would like to take on the role!



The Aeroball has been protected for the winter but will be set up again ready for use from the beginning of April. It's a fast-moving game, great fun for the girls and tires them out with minimal effort from leaders - what could be better?? As the evenings are getting lighter why not spend a meeting at Heyswood and hold a unit Aeroball tournament?

Thanks to a JP Leader grant a Quiet area is being developed just below the East Hut. Some recycled benches have already been delivered and we are waiting for suitable weather to purchase and plant the shrubs and bushes around it.



There are always many jobs to be completed at Heyswood and we welcome any offers of help. At a recent weekend event for their older Guides, 2nd A Teddington helped by clearing weeds from the pathways and this is much appreciated.

Entrance improvements

There are plans by the Highways Agency to improve the intersection between the A3 and M25 which will also involve widening the A3 and making it an Expressway from the Ace of Spades roundabout at Hook to just north of Portsmouth. There will be no direct access from the A3 to Heyswood which will make it much safer for everyone visiting our campsite. We are in consultation to ensure that we get a good deal with minimal disruption and a new safer and secure access will have to be agreed and constructed before the main highways work begins.

The schedule for the roadworks is for construction to begin in 2020 with completion 2022 so very early stages yet.

BP Lodge progress

Planned improvements to the toilets and showers in BP lodge are now moving forward and will start later this year when the building will have to be out of use. FoH as well as many individual units and Districts are supporting various fundraising events for this project.



Fly the flag!



FoH have purchased a new camp flag pole as some units have expressed an interest in using one at Heyswood.

Heyswood Pool

Don't forget to make use of our new kayaks this summer as well as our range of wetsuits to keep you warmer in our pool (- the thermal cover should help a few degrees too!). Let's make the best use of this great resource - we even have volunteer lifeguards who will cover your session for the cost of their travel.



Adult Campfire evening



Our Heyswood Campfire evening seems to be becoming an annual event and is an opportunity for adults to enjoy themselves without the responsibility of their unit. This has been scheduled for Friday evening 8th September 2017 at 7.00 for 7.30pm start - make a note of the date, tickets available soon.

To reply or comment on any of the above please email us at: friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk