

### Make a splash!

We held a great fun afternoon to officially launch our new kayaks on the pool at Heyswood. We were very pleased that Sally Kettle, a Region Ambassador and Adventurer, was able to join us and carry out this task before our brilliant team of Life Savers ensured that all those who wanted to could borrow a wetsuit and try them out. Sally then ran sessions with a quiz about preparing for adventures and finally told us about her own expeditions to inspire girls to take on new challenges.



There was also the opportunity to enjoy our other facilities at Heyswood including the grass sledges, Aeroball, table tennis, orienteering as well as just relaxing with refreshments in our wonderful amenities and surroundings.

### Log Cabin kitchen



Many thanks to a Jack Petchey Leader Award donation from Sue Grout we were able to completely revamp the kitchen area in the Log Cab - out went the odd tables and kitchen units which were collapsing and in came sturdy new matching kitchen storage cupboards.



We are as always extremely grateful to David Hill who assembled and fitted the cupboards. The comparison of the photos says it all - a great transformation.

### We also upgraded the West Hut.



### Quiet area

The area has been marked out and shrubs planted, having been carefully nurtured we hope that they will thrive and continue to define this new area of our site.



## Campfire



Our 'adult' campfire in September seems established as a regular event. An opportunity for leaders to enjoy an evening without the responsibility of their girls. We enjoyed a dry, mild evening and were grateful to those who led songs - saving my voice and probably more tuneful! We used the camp site behind the Log Cabin as it is more accessible and enjoyed a good variety of camp songs, finishing with some fireworks as a bonus.

## Grass sledges

Our Grass sledges have all been overhauled to the same specifications. They are always popular and tire the girls while leaders sit and supervise! However, they take a lot of maintenance and we need to ensure that they are cleaned off and returned appropriately after use as their lifetime can be dramatically shortened if left damp and muddy.



There is always much to do at Heyswood and we are grateful for all those who have helped either at our Work days or whenever they are able. Tasks have included gardening, cleaning, checking inventories, grass cutting and clearing rubbish. Sandy Brown and her Guides checked and repaired our bird boxes, Neil Wicks has kept the grass cut around the buildings and the McArthur family have worked hard in the pool area.



## Quiz night



Our final event of 2017 was a Quiz Night, thanks to Kingston for providing the use of Forward house where we were packed in for this popular evening. Ros and her team organised the quiz, setting the questions and tallying the scores - my team certainly chose to play our joker for the wrong round - our lowest score of all!! With a Fish and chip supper and raffle we raised almost £400 which has been match funded by Ros's company.

We have further events planned for 2018 and hope that you will support them

- save the dates and look out for further details

Sunday 25 March 2.00 - 4.00

Easter egg fun for units and families

Sunday 1 July afternoon

Heyswood at Home

Friday 7 September 7.00 for 7.30pm

Adult campfire evening

Friends of Heyswood annual subscriptions of £6 will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and we hope that you will be happy to renew and show your support or maybe become a lifetime member for £100. Payments can be made by BACS Sort code: 30-98-36 Account Number: 00469486 with your surname as a reference or set up a Standing Order.