

It's been a very busy time with lots going on at Heyswood

At the beginning of term, we had a work day with our main aim to replace the roof of the shop which had been leaking for quite a while. This was a major task but done properly it should now last a very long time.



Our other main task was to uncover the Aeroball from its winter wrapping, clean and replace the cushions ready for the next season.

We were pleased to welcome a team from Dairy Crest who carried out a volunteer work day for us - they were able to pull up some Himalayan Balsam as well as applying preservative to the shop and Coronation hut.

We have certainly waged war on the Himalayan Balsam which has invaded our campsite and are grateful for many teams who have tackled it throughout the year - unfortunately it's getting too late to do much more this year as the seeds are already spreading again. Many groups have also helped when they have been camping or holding an evening meeting at the site and we are very grateful to them all.



Unfortunately, this is going to be an ongoing problem as apparently the seeds take two years to germinate so next year the seeds from last year will be sprouting! Those who have helped include 6th Cheam Guides, 3rd Sutton Common Guides and Rangers, 6th Sutton North Guides, 4th South Wallington Guides and Senior Section, families attending our Open day, Wimbledon Cubs, Dairy Crest and Sage Company work days and even those of us who just can't bear to walk past a plant and leave it standing!!!



One of the tallest Himalayan Balsam plants pulled by these Guides measured some 3.6 metres -



Our Open Activity day was a little quieter than we had hoped - maybe it was too hot for people and Saturdays are already a busy day, however those who came had a great time with Sally Kettle our Region ambassador and adventurer, following a mini beast trail with the RSPB or using the grass sledges, aeroball and table tennis as well as a popular chance to cool off in the pool.



We have held further workdays and are always grateful for any time that people can give whether up a ladder or making tea - we can find a job for everyone!

There are always tasks like cleaning, weeding and sweeping that need doing as well as other maintenance.

Unfortunately, Ella the Tree Pirate has been unwell so has not yet been able to carve our tree.

We are continuing with further improvements and are grateful for several Jack Petchey Leader Grants which have been donated to Heyswood including funding for several new mattresses in BP Lodge and new Gopak tables in the Log Cabin, where new curtains are in progress too.

Fundraising is also obviously important to finance some of these projects so we hope that you can encourage family and friends to join you in supporting our fun evening



RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER – 7.30pm
Wallington Green Guide Hall, Wright's Row, SM6 0TW

Tickets are £8 each or £20 for a family ticket of 2 adults and 2 children (primary age).

This will include a light supper! Bring your own alcoholic drinks, soft drinks on sale.

We are looking for companies/organisations to sponsor a race for £25 - we will advertise your company/organisation logo.

Sponsor a horse @ £5 and you get to choose the name of your horse. You can do this even if you cannot attend the event and if your horse wins, you will win a prize!

If your employer supports match-funding, would they match our profits for this event?

Please book your tickets by responding to Janet Hill racenight@girlguiding-glw.org.uk
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