

NEWSLETTER

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Our Quiz night in October was a success raising over £200 for Friends of Heyswood although it would have been good to see more people there – our next one is planned for Saturday 5 October so save the date and see if you can get a table of 6 or 8 together for an entertaining evening to exercise your brains!



Girlguiding Greater London West

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 14 April 2024 2–4 pm

Heyswood Campsite, Portsmouth Road, Cobham KT11 1EN

- Cost £5 per child -/- Adults free
- Refreshments on sale -/- Souvenir shop open
- A fun afternoon
for family groups—or units with their leaders
- 3 different age appropriate EGG trails
for children 14 years and under

Please book your tickets by 7 April 2024.

Email: egghunt@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Text: 07597 174191

Our next fundraising event is our Easter Egg hunt planned for Sunday 14 April at Heyswood.

Fun for all the family with trails for three age groups of children. Please spread the word and encourage your children and grandchildren to join us – an egg prize for every participant.

We would also like to invite our members of 'Friends of Heyswood' to join us and enjoy a **free** cup of tea and a biscuit while taking the opportunity to see the many activities we now have available on site.

Egg hunt booking details are on the poster – advance booking essential!

We have two workdays 9th May and 11th July planned, fortunately again to be supported by volunteers from Sage which enable us to get lots of basic maintenance and cleaning jobs done inside and out of all our buildings at Heyswood – including checking inventories, cleaning buildings and windows. There are also a few outdoor tasks to be tackled including light gardening and tidying outside areas around the playground, low ropes area, gnome trail and car park. If you can help or know others who could please contact Christine Donovan who would be delighted to hear from you guides5thwp@yahoo.co.uk

Improvements and additional activities continue to be added for the benefit of the girls. We have new curtain poles in the Activity Centre and soon some new heaters in Baden Powell Lodge. We also now have an outdoor wood fired pizza oven with a sheltered eating area and an outdoor table and preparation equipment. Most of these things have been funded by generous donations of leaders' Jack Petchey Award Grants and a legacy.



Our orienteering routes have been compromised by the A3 work but we hope soon to have new routes and maps produced, however, in the meantime most of the posts are accessible so can be used with just a few small adaptations

National Highways have been very busy to improve the M25/A3 Junction 10 close to our campsite. It has caused us additional work and headaches. It has been sad to see the loss of so many trees around the junction as well as along our campsite.



Work is now progressing with a new fence along our existing track in preparation for a new track to be built. It will be wider and much more like a road in construction, so our current potholes will be disappearing. Daffodils are in bud and one of our Camelia's is in beautiful flower. We look forward to spring when more colours will be out. Our volunteers have been very active on site to keep everything in good order following the recent storms.

The campsite is open as usual for camps, holidays and activity days/evenings.

Friends of Heyswood – Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions of £6 will be due 1st April and we value your continued support. We prefer BACS transfer, with **FOH** and your surname as a reference - **Heyswood Campsite Fund** Sort code: **30-98-36** Account No: **0046 9486**

Alternatively, Cheques should be payable to **Heyswood Campsite Fund**.

We also welcome 'Life Members' for a one-off donation of £100.

Thanks to Life Members and those who have set up standing orders. If you are a Tax payer and can Gift Aid your contribution, complete a form to give us an added benefit. Please encourage others to join our Friends of Heyswood – just £6 a year – membership form attached.

Email us at: friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk