

## BLOG - JUNE 2019

***The New Play Area, the New Multi Use Games Area, a third Tennis Court*** - at long last after much frustration we are in a position to move ahead, with contractors starting work on August 6th. In conjunction with the Parish Council we will coordinate the projects in the coming months. The New Play Area will be sited on the far side of the main Sports Building and the MUGA will be built further down that side of the Rec, near the current floodlights. In between the two will be an area with seats and tables. The new Tennis Court will be constructed where the current play area is situated.

Unfortunately there will be times when access to certain parts of the Recreation Ground will be barred for safety reasons and we ask that you heed all safety notices and security fencing put up by our contractors. Your assistance and understanding during these next months is appreciated.

It is difficult to give exact completion dates but we will make every effort to ensure that there is not a period without a children's play area.

With these new facilities and the recently resurfaced Car Park we hope that you all feel that we have a fantastic recreation and leisure area for a small village.

**Volunteers** - these new facilities have mainly been funded by grants along with our own funds. It is only through the efforts of a small band of volunteers who give their time that the Recreation Ground and Sports Centre is able to function.

**New volunteers** are always welcome and indeed essential to ensure the future.

**The 100 Plus Club** - weekly draws with 3 weekly prizes. OK, you will not be able to retire on your winnings, but everyone likes an occasional unexpected win, and you will be supporting the Sports Centre. Only £1 a week, payable in various ways. Contact Malcolm Smith on 07721 636045.

**Boot Fairs** - our first two Boot Fairs this year in May and June were very successful. Dates for the rest of the year are -

July 21, August 18, September 15. Your support raises money for us, the Recreation Ground Trust and the PTA of St Mary's School who run the refreshments kitchen providing drinks, bacon/sausage rolls, cakes etc.

**Housing development** - a planning application on the land opposite us in Branch Road has been received by Ashford Council. We believe this is an ideal opportunity for a footpath to be built as part of that development along the top part of Branch Road, and have written to ABC accordingly. Perhaps now is the time to consider both changing the flow in Branch Road to stop it being used as a rat run and also reducing the speed limits. More support for this may influence the Council and help protect the many school children and other locals who have to walk along this, at times, dangerous road to reach the Rec. Write to ABC Planning accordingly.