

BLOG - SEPTEMBER 2019

The Recreation Ground

Many of you will have seen the new Play Area which is now open and has been enjoyed by children and families before the start of the school term. Once the MUGA is completed we will install seats and tables in the adjacent Seating area. No doubt it will be a place to rush to after school as well!

Work on the MUGA is underway and should be close to completion by the end of September. Once open it will be available to everybody to use for a wide range of sports. We know the village schools are looking forward to the children burning off their energy on this new facility.

Work on the third tennis court has started and the ground has been levelled. We were pleased that locals were able to make use of some of the old play equipment, several loads of soil and the old fencing. Discussions are underway with Ashford Council about the best way to proceed with the court as the tree roots of the silver birch, which has a preservation order on it, will be underneath and are likely to cause future damage to the court. Unfortunately the anticipated cost will increase by several thousand pounds as a result of the additional work needed around this tree.

The Football season is underway again and Chilham have teams playing on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Canterbury Youth also play on a Sunday. Why not come along and support them.

Our last Boot Fair (September 15) will have probably taken place by the time you read this. Thanks again to everyone who runs a Boot, comes to buy a bargain or just comes to enjoy a chat and a coffee (with a bacon bap of course!). Special thanks to all those helpers and volunteers who set up and clear away afterwards, control the traffic. All funds raised go to the CPRGT, the charity that owns and is responsible for all our fantastic facilities at the Rec and Sports Hall. Last but not least, thanks again to St Mary's PTA for running the kitchen to raise funds for the school.

Regrettably some dog owners still think somebody else should clear up their dog's mess. It's a disgraceful and inconsiderate attitude.

These facilities only survive, expand and improve because of the work of a dedicated, not so young, few volunteers. It is important that new faces come forward to do their bit - you may have a particular skill that would helppainter, organiser, carpenter, fundraiser, magician....

Our 100 club (150 members now) continues to be popular with its weekly draw and is an important fund raiser for us, meaning we can continue to keep low hire charges for weekly users of the Sport Hall.

IT'S YOUR FACILITY. PLEASE SUPPORT IT.