

Bishopswood Bowling Club Open Day success

MICHAEL SPIRO

Over the end of May Bank Holiday weekend, Bishopswood Bowling Club, located within the Lyttelton Road Playing Fields, held the club Open Days in conjunction with Bowls England.

The club ended up hosting scores of potential new members as well as others who were just interested to see and experience what Bowls was all about.

The club was open from 10am to 6pm on each of the days with



the coaches and many other volunteers working non-stop to ensure our visitors were welcomed warmly and had a great experience.

In total, somewhere between 60 and 80 people of all ages and backgrounds came in with over 20 of them joining the Club then and there and in the days that followed others expressing a strong interest to do so.

Overall it was a hugely successful weekend from which the club expects to secure many more new members.

With the summer outdoor bowling season not ending before October, there is plenty of time for anyone interested to come in, learn what the sport is about and



Photos: Michael Spiro

hopefully join in. There is still ample capacity for more to join in, learn the sport and enjoy everything the club has to offer.

Below are just a few of the pictures from the weekend. There are many more pictures on the club website which can be viewed at bishopswoodbc.co.uk/gallery.

The club and the members are friendly and welcoming, inviting any and all who pass by the gates which are always open, to come in, learn all about the game and have a go.

Please visit the club website at bishopswoodbc.co.uk for more information on bowls or the club, ring them on 8058 2212 or email info@bishopswoodbc.co.uk.



Photo: Ivana Ruzic

Happy Campers!

HANNAH GREEN

After 18 months of challenging restrictions, normality returned to Garden Suburb Infant School at the end of term, when 56 families came together to enjoy the school's annual PTA fundraising summer camp, planned by parent Andrew McHerron.

After a week of blue skies and 30 degree temperatures, organisers gritted their teeth as the forecast threatened thunderstorms. Happily, the weather was dry and warm and the day marked the triumphant return of one of Garden Suburb's favourite fundraising events.

Happy campers descended on the school field with tents of all shapes and sizes. The children climbed on hay bales while parents milled around, celebrating the end of the school year and the opportunity to be together safely.

So if you'd like to help us reach £50,000, here's a thought! After a year's delay, Ruth Smith and her friend Anne Cooper will be walking 90 miles of the Jurassic Coast (Seaton to Swanage) from Tuesday 7th September in aid of Combat Stress. Remembering to keep the sea to their right and sustained by cream teas and the

This was the first event the school had been able to run for 18 months and it felt worth the long wait.

After dinner – pizza from local restaurant, That's Amore – the crowd was serenaded with live entertainment. Later, Head Teacher, Miss Sands, gathered the children by the campfire for a bedtime story followed by a raffle featuring prizes generously donated by parents from the school and by the local community. The day ended with a disco, children and parents dancing late into the mild summer night.

"Events like this are crucial in building a sense of community, and providing our children with new and exciting experiences," says Miss Sands. "We hope they will have special memories that will stay with them for life."

A great time (and very little sleep) was had by all.

beautiful Jurassic coast, they hope to complete their walk in a week. So if you can contribute and help the HGS Combat Stress Committee reach £50,000 (only £267 to go!), please see the link to their just giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ruthsmith-annecooper.

Thank you for your support.

HGS Combat Stress has to cancel events but support needed more than ever

MARJORIE HARRIS

As you may have seen from the coverage of the tragic events unfolding in Afghanistan, the situation is having a significant impact on Veterans, and those serving. Since the news

was announced, Combat Stress has seen a 100% increase in calls to their helpline as a direct result.

The staff at Combat Stress are working hard to encourage all Veterans, particularly those who have served in Afghanistan, to call their help line for confidential

advice and guidance which is available free, 24 hours a day. Combat Stress is funded 90% by public donations so they desperately need the public's support so they can continue to help UK Veterans with complex health needs resulting from military trauma and help them to rebuild their lives and those of their families too.

Due to having to cancel three events planned for this year, HGS Combat Stress haven't been able to hold any fundraising events since the Centenary concert in October 2019. This was a difficult decision to make, but there were too many risks in putting on an inside event in the middle of November. However, we are planning to hold the concert in May or June next year instead. On a more positive note, we hope to hold an outside Pop-Up fundraising event for Combat Stress sometime in October this year, with home-made preserves, cakes, craft items, books and other items plus Combat Stress Christmas Cards.

However, the good news is that to date the HGS Combat Stress Committee have raised £49,733!

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