




Keeping Busy, Keeping Active


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Hills Farm Lane Update



Last year the Hills Farm Lane Veterans did well to finish mid-table in an increasingly competitive league. Next season we will be entering the league again with a few new players to strengthen the side. But our club is not only about the league. Hills Farm Lane started life as a club playing friendlies only, and these are still a very important part of the season's fixture list. As we now have the number of members to focus on both, Trevor has managed to get HFL into a local friendly "league" which will play at the new Horsham FC pitch on Friday evenings. This will give us a couple of friendly Friday matches each month. Added to that Trev will continue to find Sunday friendlies, aiming for one a month. This all means there will be plenty of competitive football for everyone – the non-league players getting priority in the equally-important friendlies.

Another development is that we will soon be moving HFL vets training from Tuesdays to Wednesday evenings, 8 pm, at the new Horsham FC pitch (date tba). This has been organised in response to concerns about the Holbrook training. We will have a lot more space and some proper coaching from Craig. So clear your Wednesday evening diaries lads and start getting fit for the 2019-20 season!



D-Day Commemoration Walk and Bench

This fantastic event has been all over the local press, largely thanks to the hard work of Richard (Reg)! Around 150 people came to the unveiling of the plaque - the Men's Shed made the frame - and some 50 people walked the 2 mile circuit around the old airfield, enjoying the stories dotted along the route. We now have permission from the land owners to build and erect a Contemplation Bench at the start of the line of 15 oak trees (commemorating the 15 deaths), facing Normandy and looking over the fields which were once the airfield. Our Men's Shed members are proud to be undertaking this project.

Tree felling

On Friday we were given 24 hours to apply for a "small grant" from WSCC for emergency work. The obvious choice was to remove the dead tree which has been hanging precariously over the pétanque players for too long! We were awarded the money and the tree is now gone, leaving us with a nice mug table instead!

Shipley Fête

A great day! Lots of people, lots of laughs, and lots of sales of the Men's Shed products. Well done all!



Summer BBQ & Petanque

The weather forecast is perfect for boules and the Summer BBQ & Pétanque Social evening is back! **Friday 28th June** from 6pm until 9pm at TD Shipley Football ground. Our expert chefs (!) will be hosting a BBQ, and you can have a game of pétanque first, or even some croquet. Food is £5 per plate, and drinks are available. Bring your friends and family; please tell us if you plan to come so we can estimate numbers: blueruss@hotmail.co.uk

Beavers at Shipley

Yesterday Melanie took an excited Beaver Scout group for a game of pétanque! What a great community link.



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Thought for the Day

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank

Diary Dates ...

- **Social BBQ & Pétanque:** Friday 28 June, 6pm until 9pm. Come and join in!
- **Age UK Petanque Visit:** Tuesday 23 July
- **Southwater Village Fete:** Saturday September 14
- **HFL Vets football matches:** see Fixtures & Results page of website