



# Churchill & Blakedown Sports & Recreation Club

## Spring Newsletter

April 2010

### BLAKEDOWN BOLT FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2010

Our fourth annual event is taking place on what we hope will be a lovely midsummer evening. If you're feeling energetic enough to enter the 10km run, you can download an entry form from [www.blakedownvillage.co.uk](http://www.blakedownvillage.co.uk) or pick one up in the Post Office. The race, as always, is filling up fast. As we go to press, half the places have been taken, so don't wait too long! This is a community event, and we rely on dozens of volunteers to help us on the evening of the event. If you could spare a few hours to marshal (basically just making sure the runners take the right turning, and giving them lots of encouragement) we'd love to hear from you, even if you've never done anything like this before. And we need people to help serve on the BBQ and refreshments at the sports field. Please contact Vicky Swindells on 01562 701265 if you can help. All profits from the Blakedown Bolt go to the fund for rebuilding the sports pavilion.

### ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR PLAYGROUND?

If you're a parent or grandparent of young children, you'll probably be aware of the excellent facilities at the playground in Blakedown, that is part of the Sports Centre. But did you know that only a few years ago it faced closure because the original equipment was outdated and unsafe? A small group of parents got together and raised significant funds to pay for new equipment. Some money remains in the playground fund, and there have been suggestions that it could be used to pay for equipment more suitable for very young children. But, if this very welcome progress is to go ahead, we need a new generation of parents/grandparents to get involved and decide how the money should be spent.

The playground is used a tremendous amount by local children, and many parents enjoy daily free parking in the Sports Centre car park when dropping off and picking up their children. For the children, it's special treat to be allowed to play on the park after school. This has formed a precious happy memory for generations of Blakedown School children, and it is to be hoped, for many future generations.

Joining the Playground Committee would not be a huge commitment. Meetings would only need to be held a few times a year. But the ideas and enthusiasm you could bring to such a group will help make what is already a fantastic facility even better, especially for our younger visitors!

The Parish Council pays for the playground's annual ROSPA inspection, and traditionally a spruce-up day is held each Spring when there's a healthy turnout of local people to paint the fence, trim trees etc. You would receive support and advice if required initially from former members of the Playground Committee.

If you are interested in joining the Playground Committee please contact the Sports Centre Chairman Diane Welbourn on 01562 700623

### Spring Clean 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 10.30 am

Although in a poor state of repair we still try and keep the pavilion clean and tidy. We plan a big tidy up on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. All help gratefully received. If you have any DIY skills or are handy with a mop or Hoover, please join us. Tea & coffee provided!

### VOLUNTARY WORK

The Sports Centre is looking for volunteers in a range of positions.

All voluntary work is good experience for the world of work and can be included on CV's, job applications and University applications. It's a great way of extending your skills base.

We need:

- Web Site Manager (currently part of the Churchill and Blakedown village web site)
- Grounds Caretakers who can be creative in the care of the sports centre and also take pride in the skilful preparation required for the field for playing sport.
- Playground volunteer

There are other roles that may match your current skills or you may have a specific interest which we could help you develop.

The Chairman would be happy to provide references for your future career. We are a small and dedicated team and are always ready to welcome new volunteers.

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