



Frome Shed January Newsletter 2025

Goodbye Rocking Horse and welcome 2025! We ended 2024 with the great news that a Somerset school is the lucky recipient of the Rocking Horse.

This long project that survived Covid and the loss of several members of the original Team enabled 8 members to learn and practise new skills, and build our horse to a very high standard.

Many generous people made it possible: the TDH Andrews Memorial Trust gave us the money for materials and accessories;

Stevie Bain gave us his expertise, as well as pine and oak ;

an anonymous donor gave us £600.00 cash as a purchase price so that it could be gifted to a worthwhile children's home;

Rik Hain, of the local business Positive Experience, sent his two men absolutely free to transport the horse for us on three occasions.

Above you see it being loaded into its 'box' on the way to Selworthy Special School in Taunton, where it will benefit many children for years to come.

Pictures of Dobbin in his new home will arrive soon.



Swiss National Television visited the Frome Shed at the end of last year.

They came on a Monday, and saw a range of activities plus a display of quilted and other handsewn Christmas gifts and table covers made by Peta, as well as some painting and woodwork activities by the men in the upstairs workshop. We'll share the link to the programme when we get it.



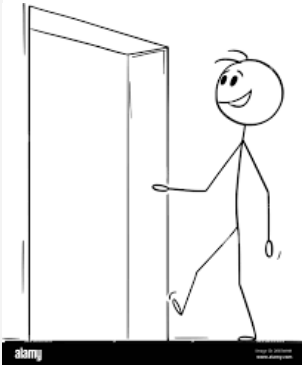


The Monday Shedders enjoyed home made **mince pies**, cheese straws, stollen bites and games including a mystery Tombola on Monday 16th December.

The Thursday Shedders had a lovely **Christmas lunch** at the Bell in Standerwick on

Thursday 19th December. Thanks to Leon for arranging this.

Frome Town Council (FTC) are hosting a "tech amnesty" on Sunday 2nd February with Donate IT. Donate IT will take computers, tablets and mobile phones, securely wipe them, and then pass on to anyone who needs them. If they can't be used then they will be appropriately recycled. If you have any of the tech items, and you no longer need them, you can donate by taking to the Frome Town Hall car park on Sunday 2nd February between 10 and 13.00.



Did you know that the Shed couldn't open if we didn't have trained First Aiders and Duty Managers? Sadly there are now only 2 Duty Managers for Thursday sessions. Duty Managers are volunteer members who open up and close down our workshops. They also take the session fees and keep a record of who has attended the Shed. Could you help out by volunteering as a Duty Manager? You can learn what you would need to do by shadowing an existing Duty Manager and reading the Duty Managers Guide.

And finally the Shed Trustees would like to wish everyone a Happy 2025!

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