



**On Monday 19th May**, Caroline Ellis, the new CEO of the UKMSA, will be visiting the Shed. She will be accompanied by Patrick Abrahams. Patrick was instrumental in setting up the Frome Shed and is still a member of our Shed. Patrick is an Ambassador for the UKMSA.

For those who are unaware, our Shed is a member of the UK Men's Sheds Association. It is a guiding body, rather than a governing one, and you can read more about it here <https://menssheds.org.uk/>



Could this be you???

**Thursday sessions of the Shed** need some more Duty Managers (DM).

DMs are crucial for the smooth running of the Shed and it's only fair that Shedders help out and don't rely on the generosity of others.

DMs make sure that the Shed is open on the agreed day, greet Shedders and visitors and take the session fees, see that the workshops are clean and tidy, the bin is emptied and the workshops locked up at the end of the session. The DMs do not need to sit at the desk all the time. They are free to do other work provided somebody alerts them to a Shedder wishing to pay or a visitor. John Corfield and Steve Wallbank have agreed to "job share" the DM role on a Thursday to see if it works.

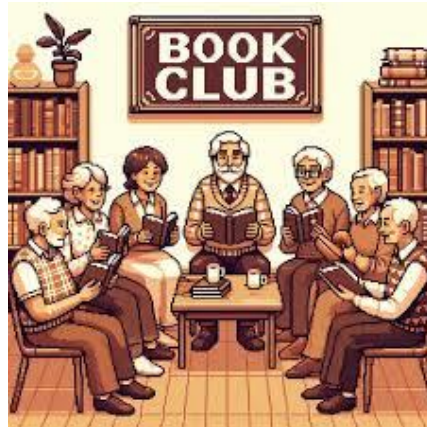
Have a chat with a DM when you next visit, and offer your tuppenceworth! Its a good way to get to know people.



See above two woodwork 'projects' that the Shed has been asked to make.

The Shed is often asked to make, or repair, things for other people. We refer to these as **Community Projects**. We have a folder which shows some of the Community Projects. Some of them we have completed - planters, scooter racks, litter picker holders, bunting, banners, benches, etc. Some of these projects generate income for the Shed - we may get

the cost of the materials plus a donation. In the last 8 months Community Projects generated 20% of our income. But we have had to turn down some things as we don't have the skills or people to do them. If anyone is interested in working on a Community Project we have requests for a book cupboard, a mud kitchen, a wooden archway and gate. More details are available from Anne Jones on 07941 332369.



The next **book discussion** is on Monday 19th. The book is My Name Is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout. The next book after that is Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.



The Shed has received a hand-written letter from a long term American prison inmate. He is in his sixties.

He saw the Frome Shed on National TV, and thought there may be somebody here who would spare the time to correspond with him, and break up the monotony of his existence. If you would like to consider this, speak to Pam or Anne and they will show you the letter.



V E Day approaches, and the Monday Sheddars have produced yet another quantity of top class bunting, this time red white and blue, as seen here adorning our Town Hall.

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