



## July Newsletter



**Who would have thought** that one of our members had had experience of Amazonian tribes in far flung parts of the South American jungle? Our member Louise gave us a fascinating talk, with lots of pictures that she took back in the seventies, that we were able to see via the tv screen. She brought her collection of spears, feather clothing and ornamental objects ( a few shown above).

Thanks, Louise.

Some of our *Gentlemen shedders* (Colin, Dave, Steve) have been busy making **bicycle racks** for Avanti School, and Leon and Ian have made **seed planters** for the library. No pictures in time for this newsletter, sorry!

But we do have a picture of **Fairy Doors** being made for the Town Hall and National Play Day on 2nd August (below).



**Our ventilation system** was serviced by Louise (another Louise) from Western Air Ducts. The system is working well, in fact so well that we need to replace some of the filters. Thanks to John and Leon for organising and supervising this.

**Membership** is due for renewal in August. Please renew in good time so that you will be eligible to vote in our Annual General Meeting later in the year. The fee remains £10.00.

Anne Jones is going to arrange a **First Aid course** as we have several First Aiders whose qualification is due to run out. If anyone else would like to be trained please speak to Anne. Every first aider is an asset to the Shed, we can't open without you!

We currently have no **surplus tools** in the Shed. John has removed any surplus hand tools from the workshops and will try and dispose of them through social media. John has updated his 'Tools' website to show all the spare electric hand tools which we've agreed could go to members for no charge/donation.

Look at them here:

<https://www.jefcsandbox.co.uk/>

Members have a deadline of approx. 1 week to grab an item as there is a 'Jumble Trail' around John's estate on Sunday 16th July and would really like to offer remaining tools for £5 each. Some of the larger tools need a service so we will be checking out how to do this by going through the manuals.

A polite reminder or two - if you take a tool off a shelf or out of a drawer please return it as soon as you have finished with it. This helps us keep a check of the tools we have and is important for the safety of all of us. Also if you take any wood off the shelves please take care and return any unused pieces securely. Any offcuts should be put in the bin provided and not left on the bench.

The Shed has the use of an **allotment**. This is a precious facility that has been used for several years by members and by people closely associated with us. If any member is interested in sharing this space please get in touch with Pam.

The resignation of David Warburton as the Somerton and Frome MP has caused a **by election** and a small mountain of literature from the numerous candidates. One of our Shedders has kindly offered to research what the candidates in the by election are offering and present this, impartially, on **Monday 17th July** at 10:30 in the Shed. This is not a hustings meeting. All are welcome.



**The Rocking Horse** has a lie down for sanding after yet another coat of paint, while Stevie, our rocking horse expert, chats with Pauline, our horse-painting expert.

**Have a wonderful day out!**

Help the Shed to run its games area at the Children's Festival on **Sunday 23 July**. We need helpers to :

carry wooden games and equipment from the Cheese and Grain car park to/from our spot in the woods beside the river before 10 am and after 4pm , and:

to share a shift of an hour or so helping families to play with our kit .

Please contact Richard, Pam, or Ros, or email: [rwhitehouse1@talktalk.net](mailto:rwhitehouse1@talktalk.net).

**A safety note:** please remember not to use medium or high VOC paints in the workshops, as the vapours are not only harmful to health, but are flammable, and our ventilation motors are not sparkproof.



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