

February Newsletter, 2024



Wednesday Beginners' Woodwork Group

The Wednesday group has been flourishing under our new tutor Garry, the numbers have grown and a happy group has formed. They have been learning basic woodworking techniques such as making joints. Above is a picture of Garry.

Shed Rent

In July 2023 our rent, which includes services, electricity and internet connection, was increased by £90 per month. We have now had another increase of £50 per month. We are fortunate to have enough money in the bank NOT to have to pass this increase on to the members of the Shed. But it would help us if you could continue to pay the suggested session donation of £5 every time you attend the Shed. You can pay this in cash or via online banking.

Mobility and a wheelchair

One of our Monday Shedders is having mobility problems at the moment. To make their access to the Shed easier they have donated a wheelchair to the Shed for use by Shed members. If anybody needs to borrow the wheelchair while at the Shed, please arrange this via one of the Trustees.

The handrail near our front door

The handrail on the slope at the entrance to the main workshop has been temporarily removed. The handrail will have a larger back plate welded to

it so that it is more secure. In the meantime please take care on the slope.

Anyone for Coracle building ?

Some Shedders may remember the coracle that members made. That coracle was sold. We've been contacted by another Shed about us making another coracle. Ideas, plans, materials and guidance will be provided. If anybody would like to take part in this project, please contact a Trustee.

Use of machines in the machine room

Over the next couple of weeks Shedders who use the upstairs workshop will see that the machines have been identified by a number, and a clipboard and log have been placed on the back of the door. Any Shedders who use a machine in the upstairs workshop are asked to complete the log. It will only be the day and machine number(s). This will help the Trustees identify which machines need servicing.

Please label stuff!!

Please, please, please label anything you bring in to the Shed and leave anywhere in the workshops. A mystery dark wood table top has appeared. Nobody seems to know when it came in to the workshop or who brought it. We have limited storage space so anything left in the Shed needs to be clearly, and securely, labelled. Anything not labelled could be removed from the Shed.

Thursday biscuit fund reborn

The Shed provides tea, coffee, and milk from Shed funds. Our wonderful Duty Managers do this. But the Shed doesn't provide biscuits. The Monday and Wednesday Shedders donate packets of biscuits, and the Thursday Shedders have, or used to have, their own biscuit fund. The Thursday Biscuit Fund collecting box is ready for use again, and Richard will get the biscuits using the members' donations.

Upstairs workshop -a safety reminder

A timely reminder. The Trustees don't encourage members working in the upstairs workshop on their own. Accidents can and do happen, and if someone had an accident while on their own it might be a while before they are found. So please don't work on your own but, if you do, be aware that this is at your own risk.

National Big Green Week

It's the national Big Green Week from 08/06/24 to 16/06/24. The Monday Shedders will be updating the banner in the coming weeks for the Town Council.

Children's festival

We've been asked if Shedders can take part in the Children's Festival.

We couldn't do it in 2023 as most Shedders were busy elsewhere. If you're free on Sunday 21st July and could help please let a Trustee know.

Another bit of Shed work done for our town

Ian and Leon made a sign board to go outside the library for a Love Frome litterpicking project. We caught Ian nearby, and snapped him.

