



Shed News

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NOW WE'RE MOTORING!

Inside this issue: Hopefully by now most of you will have seen the new Shed, and indeed many will have been helping out in the initial refurbishment working parties.

Motoring along!

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If you haven't, and would like to, then please contact the MAYFACS office and they will let you know which teams have spaces (we are limited to 6 people at a time due to Covid regulations, and social distancing and wearing of masks inside is required).

Progress has really been motoring along, and while the weather is reasonable there are external as well as internal jobs to do, so plenty for all abilities.

So far we have cleared out (and sold) most of the items left in the building, and moved the materials previously donated up to the Shed.

The internal dividing kitchen wall has been removed, the roof beams cleaned off and treated, the holes in the floor patched, and we're starting to add insulation.

For the next steps see later in this newsletter.



PLANNING APPLICATION

Because we require change of use, and some minor modifications to the external appearance of the building, we have been obliged to submit a planning application to Wealden District Council. This was submitted on 23rd September, but due to staff shortages, and a minor tweak required to the drawings, it was only officially "accepted" on 14th October so, assuming it is approved, it will be around 25th November when we can officially start "Shed activities". In the meantime we can continue with renovation works to the building. The planning application reference is WD/2020/1910/F and can be viewed online at: <https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=151246>

THE NEXT STEPS

Thanks to the teams of volunteers we've made a great start, and completed some of the less pleasant jobs (evicting spiders, cleaning, and applying very smelly "low odour" timber treatment!).

Now we are starting work on the refurbishment work. In the next few weeks we need to:

- ◇ Add a couple of purlins (ceiling beams)
- ◇ Insert Celotex insulation in between the purlins
- ◇ Fix a plastic membrane sheet under those, then fit a Plywood ceiling
- ◇ Make some new holes in the external walls for windows, and fit those (we are still looking for windows to replace the existing Kitchen and Workshop windows, if you know of any being replaced?)
- ◇ Repair the cracks and holes in the outside walls
- ◇ Fit the new main entrance door and window panel
- ◇ Construct the new dividing wall
- ◇ Complete the French Drain and bitumen waterproofing at the back (the landlord has offered to dig a trench for some pipe to take the water away into the ditch—and we can add guttering to the rear, feeding into the same outlet as well, which will help).
- ◇ Paint the interior. White, or other light colour paint required.
- ◇ Plus many other smaller jobs, so there's plenty for everyone!



The electrical works are due to start on 26th October, so we are hoping to get the majority of the above done by then.

So, if you can help, and haven't done so already, please contact the Office.

Suggestions Please!

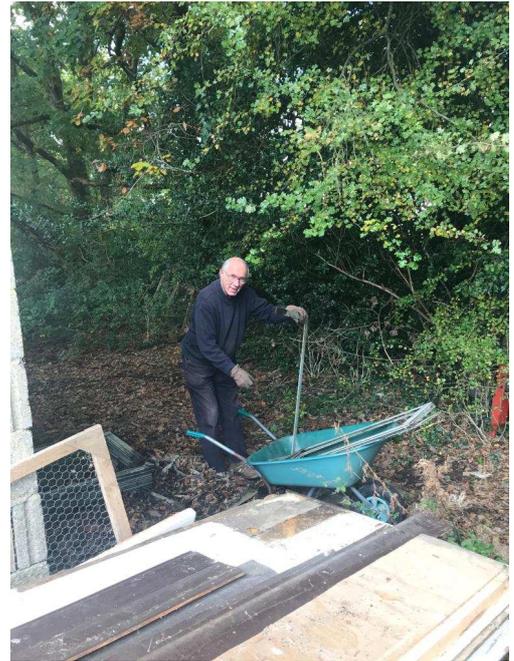
We've had a few suggestions so far, but would like some more!

Can you think of a short, preferably witty and apt title for our Shed Newsletter?

My suggestion of "The Short Plank" hasn't gone down too well so far, so let us have your suggestions please.



MEN (& WOMEN) AT WORK



Graham chose to spend his birthday working on the shed, so the least we could do was help him with his cake!

SITE ACCESS

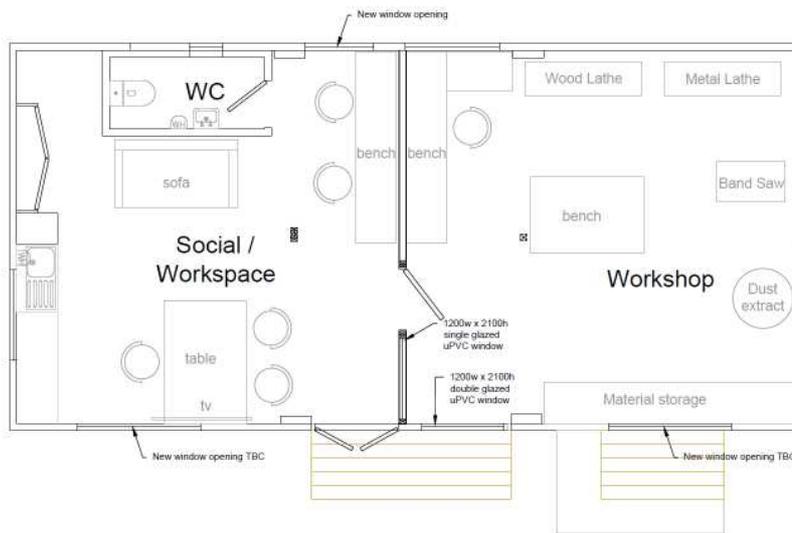
As mentioned elsewhere, we have a planning application in progress and apart from not wishing to do anything to jeopardise that, we would like to foster good relations with our landlord and neighbours. Therefore please do not try to visit the Shed without first arranging it with the Office, and/or your team leader if you are in a working group.

We need to minimise any effects of traffic using the site entrance, so we also ask that you drive slowly and considerately along the access lane, and particularly when passing the cottages by the gate. There is very poor mobile signal at the gate, and even less at the shed, so please try to arrive as a group, and do not just turn up expecting to be able to call someone to let you in!

INTERIOR DESIGN

Those of you who have visited the Shed will have had the opportunity to view a couple of options for the internal layout pinned to the wall to the right of the sink.

Thank you to those who have commented and expressed a preference, and I am pleased to announce that the most favoured option by far was Layout B, shown here.



This gives a slightly larger machine workshop area, with more natural light, yet still incorporates a sizeable social and light crafts area.

The interior layout of each section can be changed to suit our requirements, so any suggestions welcomed (sooner rather than later please!).

And finally, to close, a topical poem:

The A to Z of the CORONAVIRUS

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A is ALERT, which we all must be.
 B is for BUBBLE for the family and me.
 C is for COVID and CONTACT, let's say.
 D is for DISTANCE to keep us away.
 E is for EVERYONE, some who will grieve.
 F is for FURLOUGH (American leave?)
 G is for GOVERNMENT, GUIDING the show.
 H is for HOSPITAL where some cases go.
 I's ISOLATION, so please stay at home.
 J is the JOY when we hope to roam.
 K - the KEY WORKERS, saving their lives & yours.
 L is the LOCKDOWN - so please stay indoors.
 M is for MASKS to avoid the infected.
 N is for NO - ONE who is unaffected.
 O is OURSELVES so don't forget, son.
 P's P.P.E. for all our protectshun.
 Q is for QUARRANTINE - away from it all.
 R is the number of cases to fall.
 S is for SHIELDING for those who are sick.
 T - TRACK and TRACE to find anyone quick.
 U's UNDERSTANDING what's right & what's wrong.
 V is the VIRUS - so small yet so strong.
 W's for WASHING your hands when they're wrung.
 X is the X-RAY to show up your lung.
 Y is the YOUNG and all of the rest.
 Z is the end, and the least ZED the best.

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