



Newsletter

November 2022

Welcome to the November edition of the Alton Men's Shed newsletter.

Developments

This last month has seen lots of things happening.

Planning Permission

The East Hampshire Council Planning Committee has approved our application to operate the Shed for five days a week (Monday to Friday) from 9.00am to 5.00pm. A big thanks is due to Dave Lackie for driving this application forward with help from John Campion.

The AMS committee discussed how to arrange opening and closing of the Shed in future and the following was decided:

- A set of keys will be placed in a key safe outside the shed and all members will be given the code verbally during the Shedders' social on 4th November 2022.
- Members are encouraged to arrange use of the Shed among themselves, using the WhatsApp group, by email or in person.
- When using the Shed, there must be a minimum of two members, except for collecting or delivering items.
- All members must sign in on the days that they attend the Shed.
- Members must ensure that the Shed keys are returned to the key safe when they leave.
- The Shed must not be used at weekends or on public holidays.

Storage Shed

All Saints' Church has had a metal storage shed erected in the grounds. They have found that it is not really fit for purpose as it leaks at the base. They have offered it to AMS on the basis that we remove items currently stored in their other shed.

We are confident that by deploying the skills and expertise of members, that we will be able to solve the damp problem and obtain more storage. Volunteers will be required to lend a hand in this project.

Social Events

Christmas lunch at the Hen & Chicken Friday December 9th

Shedders should have seen details of the Christmas Lunch. Some have made their choices known to Mark Grout but we suspect there are some lurking in the wings. Mark needs your choices and £10 deposit by 8th November so that he can pay on the 9th November.

There is a £10 subsidy for members. This means if you have the basic carvery, you only pay £5.95 and you are fully paid up.

Winchester Christmas Market Wednesday 23rd November

The plan is to use your bus pass to catch the Number 64 bus from Alton to Winchester to see the Christmas Market situated at the back of the Cathedral, followed by getting some lunch locally.

There was interest shown in this at the last Departure Lounge get together. Wives and significant others will also be welcome. No payment required for this as you just pay your own way.

Driving yourself is also an option and we'll arrange a meeting point for those interested.

Regular get togethers:

- First Friday of the month is the Shedd's Social at All Saints Church Hall
- Second Thursday of the month is the Shedd's Breakfast at the Departure Lounge
- Other activities and dates are listed on your Membership Card.

Some other ideas for 2023:

The following ideas have been put forward as possible outings:

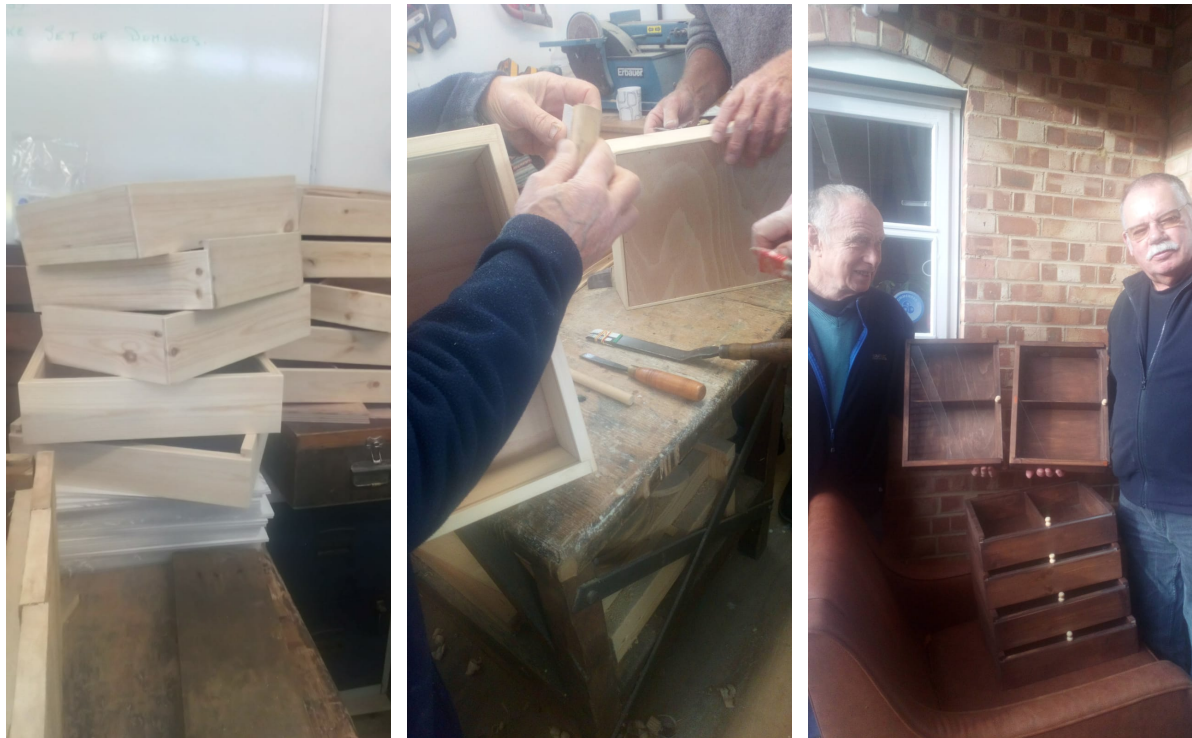
- Crofton Beam Engine visit
- Farnborough Wind tunnel tour
- The Watercress line workshop tour.
- Twyford pump station
- The Mary Rose in Portsmouth
- Weald and Downland museum.

If you are interested in any of these ideas or have other thoughts for outings you want to contribute, please let Mark know.



Projects Update

The memory boxes for Belford house are progressing well. Four are left to assemble. 12 to sand and stain and eight to put doors on.



The proposal for the allotment signs has been put to Alton Town Council for approval. We should know by Christmas if they want to proceed.

A quote for labour has been sent to Alton Infant School for constructing planters



A shelf is required for All Saints' Church parish office.

The floor of the metal shed floor needs to be laid and shelving erected so that AMS items to be removed from the existing shed.

The Hedgehog house has been made for Amery school by Ray.