



Your monthly update on WMS News and Events

Chairman's Foreword:

"Hi everyone,

January was a very good month for the Shed with new members joining all the time. This shows that there is a need for our elite group who gain strength and confidence from our support for each other. I would like to express my gratitude and congratulations to the committee who work tirelessly to ensure that we are running the Shed appropriately.

I would like to remind ALL members that it only works with your support so I would ask you to step forward to help with opening & closing on Mondays and Wednesdays and those who are able, to assist Richard in the workshop with community-based projects. There is a list on the notice board for volunteers to open & close. Please speak to Richard if you are able to assist him."

Malcolm Trayhorn - Chairman

Editorial:

"Welcome to issue 6 of "THE SHED JOURNAL"

This month there is a more in depth look at the Shutterists, just to give members an idea of workings of the group including judging, critique, the view from a new Shutterist. Perhaps this will ignite your interest.

To create and maintain an interesting and varied publication I will need member ideas and contributions. Therefore, if you can think of anything interesting or informative to include on a regular basis i.e., Scams, DIY/Gardening tips, Tradesmen etc. Please feel free to send me your ideas and I will consider them all.

If you come across an interesting article (not too lengthy) then please forward it to me. Members are also welcome and indeed encouraged to contribute small articles themselves (around 250 words with pictures) of days out, holidays, life/work experiences, hobbies, book, or film review etc. I'm sure we all have a story to tell.

Should any materialise, I will publish them in order. Political, Financial, Religious articles will be closely scrutinised before publication. Defamatory articles will not be published.

Please advise of any errors/typos and feel free to send me your comments, good or bad. I strive to please. If you prefer not to receive 'The Shed Journal' please let me know by return."

John Chamberlin - Editor - email: bjcoi8@gmail.com





Latest News on Shed Facilities and Amenities:

Main Social Room:

"The Main Social Room is where most of our members congregate to catch up with fellow shedders over a cup of tea/coffee. Groups develop for a game of cards, dominoes, or such like although this is not all that goes on. Other groups may sit chatting about whatever comes up, perhaps read a magazine.

All are a friendly bunch and welcome other members to join in the conversation and banter.

After signing in, the Computer and Workshop shedders will drift off to the outbuilding to take up their interests.

Members are reminded that it is important to come to the social room first to sign in and out."

John Chamberlin – Editor

The Metal & Carpentry Workshop:

"I am pleased to say that things are now up and running, it's good to see some new members turning up at the workshop to make use of our extensive equipment, thanks to our committee we have now purchased a nearly new Bandsaw which will complement the rest of our machinery and thanks to my helper Steve who has put together a mobile stand for the Bandsaw making it mobile around the workshop.

Today I managed to complete our commission for the Bowls Club making and fitting a Wall Pocket for their Club Photo album, and repaired some outside fencing for the Sports Centre, so were finally managing to get some things done.

We can still accommodate up to another 4 members in the workshop so if you just want to do a repair or alteration to your own items, make something new or have lessons on our new Wood Lathe, why not pop in and have a chat on Monday or Thursday Morning, we are here to help.

Cheers, Richard"

Richard Adams – Workshop Manager - 01953 881004 (enquiries)

The Computer Room:

[Call to arms - The Computer Group needs your help.](#)

"Hello, I hope I find you all fit and well

As you are all aware the Computer Group push on to help raise funds for WMS, which has always been our aim, but we may have a problem to maintain the high standard of fund raising we hope to achieve.

You may be thinking "Why is this?". Well, I have been told that we may/will have to remove the surplus computer items we have in storage at BET FRED's on the High Street in Watton as they are closing, and the next retailer would require the storage area we use. So, with this in mind, can any of you kind gentlemen help the Computer Group to find a new storage area. Maybe you have an outhouse or a garage you no longer use/need. If you have, can you please let me, or John Bunning know next time you visit the Shed."

Easy fundraising

"I can hear you now, "what's that then?". Well, Easy fundraising is a method of raising funds for Wayland Men's Shed just by making a purchase online, there are over 4,000+ retailers that will donate a percentage of your purchase to a good cause, in this case Wayland Men's Shed. Once you have registered your good cause donations will be sent to WMS, with no cost to yourself.

If you would like to take part in this type of fundraising, please email me or have a chat when you next visit the Shed. I would then be able to send you a link to get you up and running quicker.

Many thanks for your help, in advance."

Jeff Heath - Computer Group Supervisor - email: jefferyheath2017@yahoo.com





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Trivia, Quiz & Puzzle corner:

February in history:

1692 - Salem Witch Hunts begin in Salem, Massachusetts. Of the 200 accused, 30 are found guilty and 19 hang.
 1836 - The 13-day Battle of 'The Alamo' begins at San Antonio, Mexican Texas. "Remember the Alamo".
 1931 - The original film 'Dracula' starring Bela Lugosi is released. Reports of audience members fainting were common.
 1942 - Alton Glenn Miller receives the first ever gold record, selling a million copies of 'Chattanooga Choo Choo'.
 1927 - Malcolm Campbell sets a new world land speed record. Bluebird hit 174 mph at Pendine Sands, Wales.

February born into glory or infamy:

1564 - Galileo Galilei. Astronomer, physicist, and engineer. He was the first astronomer to use a telescope.
 1732 - George Washington. American soldier, statesman and the first President of the United States.
 1809 - Charles Robert Darwin, scientist, and founder of the modern theory of evolution.
 1812 - Charles John Huffham Dickens. Novelist. Novels include 'Olive Twist' and 'A Christmas Carol'.
 1895 - George Herman "Babe" Ruth. Celebrated American baseball player.

Joke

What do you call the security guards outside the Samsung factory?

Puzzle

If it takes 4 men to dig a hole, how many men would it take to dig half a hole?

Quote

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream"
C.S. Lewis

Proverb

There are two kinds of perfect people: those who are dead, and those who have not yet been born.

The Six W's Quiz

Who

was the first American to travel into space?

What

is the difference between an Equinox and a Solstice?

Which

country in the Indian Ocean changed its name to 'Sri Lanka' in 1972?

When

was the ubiquitous 'Universal Product Code' (a.k.a. 'Bar-Code') patented?



Why

was Spencer Percival unique in British politics?

Where

in the UK would you be if you were standing on the 'Giants Causeway'?



Last thoughts:

That's odd: Give the odd one out:
 Carrot, Parsnip, Runner Bean, Turnip

Line up: Give the next in line:
 Zeta, Eta, Theta, _____?

MIA: Give the missing item:
 Mercury, _____? Apollo, Skylab

"Answers are shown on the last page" [John Chamberlin](#) - Editor





Member groups:

!!! New Member Group successfully launched !!!

The Music Club:

“The Music Club held its inaugural session on the 2nd of February when seven ‘Shedders’ met to listen to a diverse selection of music tracks. These reflected a very broad range of tastes, ranging from Chopin’s ‘Polonaise in Ab Major’ to ZZ Top’s ‘Legs’. Each track had been selected because it was one of their favourite pieces of music.

After it was played each track was briefly discussed and then scored by each member according to how much they liked it to enable a ‘Track of the Month’ to be selected. On this occasion, the most popular track was The Beach Boys’ ‘Good Vibrations’. ‘The Sound of Silence’ by Simon and Garfunkel was placed second and ‘Strange Brew’ by Cream in third.

The Club is open to all Shed Members to either bring along their own tracks to play or just to listen to the selections of others. The first session certainly drew an interesting range of opinions on the music played and might have encouraged some of those attending to broaden their musical horizons a little.

All genres of music are welcome although selections should not last for more than 5 minutes to enable a goodly selection to be played in one session. Excerpts from longer pieces can be played. We can cope with tracks on CD, internet, or memory stick although we can’t play vinyl records at present.

It is hoped that the Music Club will meet monthly throughout the year – normally the first Wednesday in the month and starting as soon as possible after 10 o’clock. The next listening session will be on 2nd March, notionally in the Workshop (although the venue may change depending on the degree of support for the Club).

They say that music is the ‘soundtrack to your life’ so why not share part of your personal soundtrack with others? If you are interested in coming to the Music Club or just want more information you can contact me by email or say ‘Hello’ next time you see me in the shed social room on a Monday morning. Alternatively, just turn up at the next meeting – you will be made most welcome.”

Interested? Contact [Nigel Potter](mailto:Nigel.Potter@shedjournal.com) – Music group lead - email: silveralto@gmail.com





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The Shutterists (This month we have an extended feature on this member group)

“We are a group of Shedders (The Shutterists), and we meet about once a month for an outing to a local place of interest where we walk, talk, and take a picture or two, often partaking in a cuppa, food and even the odd beer. The Shutterists continually seek fellow Shedders to join our small and active group and you are very welcome to join us.

We allow all camera types, DSLR, Compacts, Mirrorless, Film, Phones, Pin Hole, Box Brownie, etc. However, even though we are predominantly the WMS Photographic Group, cameras are not a pre-requisite for trips out. The Shutterists welcome all fellow members of WMS to come and enjoy our planned visits.”

The Photo Walk:

“The Shutterists enjoyed one outing during January to Cley Marshes on the 27th.

Six Shutterists left Watton, in two vehicles at 09:30, returning at 17:00. Some would say – “Last of the Summer Wine” and others, “All the Gear but No Idea”, a combination of the two is probably the case.

A great day was had by all, the weather was good, bright but yes, a little chilly. A morning meet up for coffee was shared in the Nature Centre then we enthusiastically clicked our shutters typically 100 times, that’s the joy of Digital Cameras comparing with film.

The visit was nicely rounded off with a meal and drinks at the ‘George & Dragon’ in Cley, a venue now highly recommended by The Shutterists.

Following on from our tradition of awarding The Terry Knight Photo Group Trophy to the best photograph of the day. The choices were:

Neil

Graeme

Steve

Stewart

Malcolm

John



Bob Darts could not attend, but he was ‘Press Ganged’ in offering his expert opinion, as follows:

“Dear Fellow, Shutterists

What an honour to be asked for my preferred choice from the submissions following the visit to Cley Marshes.

This was a difficult decision to make as all the images are of an excellent quality that give the viewers a sense of place. They all have strong compositions, and all made use of the lovely light coastal light that gives excellent contrast and colour across all the photographs, so well done Shutterists.

After much deliberation the photograph I would like to select as my preferred choice is image number 4 - the two ducks in their natural environment. The composition is very strong, drawing the viewers eye into the image. It’s really sharp, has beautiful colour rendition and an excellent exposure that makes it a truly strong wildlife photograph which I think would make a really cracking print.

As you can see there are no winners or losers but a special well done must go to Stewart Haile”

The Shutterist’s (Perspective view of a newcomer)

Our Group are pleased to have Framed (pun) a new member this month from the current WMS Membership. By joining The Shutterists, an immediate impact of diversification has been created within our Group. Allow me to explain and paraphrase a quote from our new member...

“Looking (pun) at pursuing photography again has been really useful and helpful. I thank you all for your welcome and encouragement. It has clarified my options, which is to take up painting again. There are so many common aims and interests of visual art, composition, light, colour, action, art, and emotion that I can see. You all take photos - and I sketch. You develop or print, and I paint it!” Not surprisingly – we have had to name him ‘John the Sketcher’

“What a fabulous analogy John describes whilst comparing real art skills to us technology assisted cheats with cameras. Hats off to real artists!”



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The 52 Week Capture Challenge (Weeks 1- 4):

The members of the photographic cohort have now progressed to week 4 of their 2022 challenge. Here are the winners of the Terry Knight Photo Memorial Certificate from recent weeks:



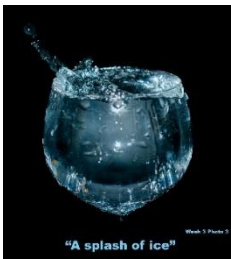
Week 1 Photo 6
Guitar Practice

Week 1
'New Year's Resolution / Goal'
'Guitar Practice' - Steve Franz



Week 2 Photo 7
"Half a job"

Week 2 - **'Before and After'**
'Half a Job' - Malcolm Trayhorn



Week 3 Photo 1
"A splash of ice"



Week 3 Photo 6
'My butt is full'

Week 3 - **'Rain'**
'A Splash of Ice' – Steve Franz
'My Butt is Full' – Stewart Haile



Week 4 Photo 1
Fagend

Week 4 - **'Addiction'**
'Fagend' – Graeme Hale

Other entries:



Week 1 Photo 1
'Water & Ice'

'Water & Ice' - Stewart Haile



Week 1 Photo 6
"Up The Villa"

'Up the villa' - Neil Rowe



Week 1 Photo 6
More Wildlife for me!

'More wildlife for me' - John Pepper

In addition, below is an extract of 'Critique' offered by Bob Darts to one of the Shutterists for their entries

Week 2: Photo Title 'Half a Job'

"Tone (Exposure etc) A good image

The exposure comes across as a very nearly spot on although I think the white of the building in the background has nearly blown out. This can be easily resolved in post-production which is one the subjects I'll cover when we have our get together.

Colour Good colour rendition and excellent colour saturation. The contrast has lifted the vibrancy of the colours adding to the overall finish.

Artistic Approach Focus is good throughout the frame and the clean and mucky parts of the car suit the challenge perfectly. Photographs of cars are notoriously difficult to take from an artistic point of view so try to experiment with different points of view. "Before and After" of the bonnet in "portrait" mode for example might result in something a bit different.

Camera Settings for both aperture and shutter speed seem appropriate. It's worth bearing in mind that to get the best out of your lens try to avoid taking your images using the lowest or highest focal length possible - in this case 18mm."



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Fellow Shedders – *“I hope that some of the above may have re-ignited your artistic creativity, with a Camera, a Pencil or with paint, then let me know. We are a friendly bunch with loads of banter as some of you might hear during Mondays at the Sports Centre. Nothing is too serious in our group except our predominant love of Good Food and Wine which we try to combine in all our Shuttering escapades.*

Rest assured a warm welcome will be waiting for all you artists out in the Shed who may now consider joining The Shutterists / Creative Souls Ensemble.

However, even though we are predominantly an ‘Artistic Group’, cameras, pencils or paints are not a pre-requisite for trips out. The Shutterists welcome all fellow members of WMS to come and enjoy our outings. It is generally a good walk in beautiful East Anglia, maybe with the odd coffee, beer, wine, lunch, dinner thrown in for goodwill.”

Interested? Contact [Stewart Haile](#) - Shutterist’s group lead - 07775 694099 - email: shaile33@aol.com

Editor’s note on groups:

Do you have an idea for a similar group? For example: A walking group, book club, card school, a common hobby or perhaps a lunch club then please email me - bjcoi8@gmail.com and I will publish it here.

Such groups will be supported by the Committee but arranged and run solely by the interested members.

N.B.: A group does not have to be several members; you may just find one other like-minded individual to start with and others may well join you later.



Social programme:

Our social secretary, Malcolm Trayhorn is very adept at organising an excellent programme of events throughout the year. The fact that many of these are oversubscribed is a testament to their popularity.

I’m certain however, that Malcolm would greatly appreciate suggestions and ideas for future events and outings from the membership, so please put your thinking caps on.

[Malcolm Trayhorn](#) - 01953 529531 - email: malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com

Upcoming WMS Social Events & Outings:

“I am pleased to announce that we have a full house for the Quiz & Chips quiz night at the end of February. The newly formed Music Club will be meeting up again on Wednesday 2nd March. For further details, please speak to Nigel Potter or myself.”

[Malcolm Trayhorn](#) - Social Secretary

Social Calendar:

Events Programme	Date	Venue	Time	Cost (Subject to variation)
Quiz & Chips quiz night	Friday 25 th February	Watton Sports Centre	18:30	£10 per head (Now full)

As we leave the Pandemic, the above list will expand as Malcolm rebuilds his program of events with contacts old and new. Please keep an eye open for the event notices posted on the Shed noticeboard and be sure to make your booking & reservation in good time to help with organisation and to avoid disappointment.

Pictures please

“Not everyone is able to attend these events and pictures can portray the experience to other members. If you have any photographs taken whilst out on WMS trips and attending events organised by Malcolm Trayhorn, please forward them to him for possible publication either here or on our website.”

[Malcolm Trayhorn](#) - 01953 529531 - email: malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com



Other News, Notices & Interesting Articles:

WMS Website:

Please be advised that the Men's Shed Website has now been moved. The new address is: www.waylandmensshed.co.uk. The old .com website will continue to work until the domain registration runs out in March or soon thereafter. Members are encouraged to visit the new site and have a look at the improved format. The site is functional but not yet complete. It is undergoing a full overhaul and our humble thanks go to [Neil Rowe](#) for all his hard work. Constructive comments, good or bad are welcome.

Highway Code changes:

It has been suggested that a reminder of changes to the Highway Code 2022 may be appropriate.

To ensure that nothing is missed I have not copied and pasted the full text here but suggest that the drivers among us follow the link below to see the changes in full. In fact we are all pedestrians and some among us are also cyclists or perhaps horse riders, so these changes will probably affect us all.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

Submitted by: [Jezz Hookham](#)

One to watch:



Munich: The Edge of War

Released 7 January 2022. 2 hours 3 minutes. Available on Netflix

“Based on the international bestseller by Robert Harris this film is set in the Autumn 1938 as Europe stands on the brink of war. Adolf Hitler is preparing to invade Czechoslovakia and Neville Chamberlain's government desperately seeks a peaceful solution. With the pressure building, Hugh Legat, a British civil servant, and Paul von Hartmann, a German diplomat, travel to Munich as part of the emergency Conference. As negotiations begin, the two old friends from Oxford find themselves at the centre of a web of political subterfuge.

It is focussed on the signing of the Munich agreement, a pact designed to get Hitler to agree not to use his military in return for taking the disputed territory of Sudetenland. Countries including France, Italy, Nazi Germany, and Britain all signed it in the hope that another major conflict would be avoided in Europe. Ultimately, the Munich agreement failed, and war broke out less than a year later.

Jeremy Irons plays Chamberlain. Ulrich Matthes plays Adolf Hitler.

The character of Paul von Hartmann (the German diplomat) was inspired by his real-life counterpart Adam von Trott zu Solz, an anti-Nazi diplomat who joined the Party to try and take them down from within.

The historical events and characters may be true, but this account is somewhat fictionalised. However, this film skilfully fuses real history with fiction and the tension is at times very dramatic and palpable.

Although I am neither a film fanatic nor critic, this is a very suspenseful political war film. Take a look.”

p.s. Parallels to current events:

“1936 Hitler invades the Rhineland, Europe appeases, 1938 Hitler takes the Sudetenland (Czechoslovakia), Europe appeases, 1939 Hitler invades Poland, war breaks out.

2014 Russia annexes Crimea & Sevastopol, Europe appeases, 2022 Russia threatens Ukraine, Europe stands all but helpless, Will they appease?”

Submitted by: [John Chamberlin](#)

Men and their wives:

At a couple's marriage guidance meeting, the counsellor mentioned that 95% of men nowadays do not even know their wife's favourite flower. The husband turned to his wife and whispered: "It's self-raising, isn't it?"

Submitted by: [Jezz Hookham](#)



Museum 4 Watton:

Members may or not be aware of the Museum in the Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton.

It has some very interesting exhibits and continues to expand with new material either gifted or on loan. It is surprising how many locals don't know about the museum. Take a look its well worth an hour of your time.

They are also looking for volunteers; half a day a week. It is well financed and is Lottery funded.

Further information is available at <https://www.museumforwatton.org.uk/>

Submitted by: [Jezz Hookham](#)

Note to members:

"As mentioned in my editorial, the items above are are exacctly the kind contributions that I am looking for."

[John Chamberlin](#) - Editor



Business, Administration & Housekeeping matters:

Shed Opening Times:

Social Room and Workshop - Mondays and Wednesdays 0900 till 1200.

Computer Room - Mondays and Thursdays 0900 till 1200.

Housekeeping:

Please assist other members and the committee by keeping the Shed tidy and helping with general chores.

Treasurer & Memberships - Departing Report

"I have been your Treasurer and Membership secretary during the most tempestuous period in the Shed's history, what with Covid, change of premises, workshop fit-out, and membership turnover to mention a few.

Since the start of this year, I have found it increasingly hard to find the energy and enthusiasm that is needed for the job (I think they call it burn-out). We have been very fortunate that John Chamberlin has agreed to take back his old jobs. Good luck John, we are all behind you. I think I've left the Accounts in a good state and Membership is rising. I'm not leaving the Shed, just the committee. Thank you for all your support. Cheers."

[Les Waller](#) – Treasurer & Memberships Secretary

Committee meeting:

Next committee meeting is on Wednesday 23rd February at 3pm in the Social Club Room.

Should any member wish to submit an item for discussion by the Committee please email your request direct to the Chairman ([Malcolm Trayhorn](#) - email: malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com)

The meeting welcomes 'observers' from the membership, they can submit questions to the secretary no later than Thursday 17th February. [Stewart Haile](#) - email: shaile33@aol.com

Your committee:

Malcolm Trayhorn: Chairman, Social Sec & Press	Gordon Williams: Vice Chairman	John Bunning: Committee member
Stuart Haile: Secretary	Richard Adams: Workshop & Liaison	Bob Cremers: Committee member
John Chamberlin: Treasurer & Memberships	Jeffrey Heath: Tech supervisor	Alan Divers: Committee member



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Health & Safety:

It is important that we know how many members are in attendance at all times. Please ensure that you visit the Main Hall to sign-in, do not just go to the Workshop/Computer rooms. Also please remember to sign-out.

All members have a duty of care for themselves and others whilst on the premises. Should you become aware of any issues please ensure that you inform a committee member at once. All accidents and Incidents should be recorded in the ledgers provided.

Wanted, For Sale & Free Notices:

Do you have an item for sale, for free or are you looking for something in particular? Please feel free to email the editor - bjcoi8@gmail.com with a price, picture, and brief description of the item along with your contact details. I shall endeavour to list the item here.

Note: All transactions are **strictly** between two parties. WMS does **not** endorse or guarantee any items sold.

Wanted:

Surplus galvanized metal or strong plastic standard size dustbins (with no holes please). Handles are preferred but lids are not necessary. Will collect locally.
Contact: [Jezz Hookham](mailto:jezzhookham@btinternet.com) - 01953 881808
email: jezzhookham@btinternet.com

For sale:

2 x 50' rolls of 1" internal diameter lay flat hose. Brand new (1 roll used once).
£12 the pair
Contact: [John Chamberlin](mailto:bjcoi8@gmail.com)
01953 886892 - email: bjcoi8@gmail.com



Solutions

Joke: The Guardians of the Galaxy 🤖🤖🤖

Puzzle: It's not possible to dig half a hole. You either dig a hole or you don't.

Who? Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. May 5th, 1961. Later, John Glen was the first American to 'orbit' the earth.

What? An Equinox is equal length day and night. Solstices are the longest and shortest days of a year.

Where? Bushmills, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. It comprises of around 40,000 interlocking basalt columns.

Why? He was the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated – 11th May 1812.

When? 1952 by U.S. inventors, Norman Joseph Woodland & Bernard Silver. 1974 saw the first UPC scan.

Which? Ceylon. The island became a fully-fledged republic in 1972. 'Sri Lanka' translates to 'Resplendent Island'.

That's odd: Runner Bean, the other three are root vegetables.

Next in line: Iota. The next letter in the Greek Alphabet.

MIA: Gemini. These are NASA space programs in order.

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