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Your monthly update on WMS News and Events

Chairman's Foreword:

"This month I want to highlight once more the work that is being done by the committee to ensure we are financially stable and running the shed for the benefit of all members. From updating insurance for the workshops to looking at the renewal of our rental arrangements with the trustees and management of the Sports Centre there are many issues that have to be considered and decisions made.

I hear many comments that the work done is acknowledged and appreciated so thanks to those that have done so. I hope that everyone continues to enjoy the benefits and contributes where and when they can. I urge you to look at the minutes of committee meeting to see first-hand what gets discussed. They are available in hard copy at the shed or can be read on the website."

Malcolm Trayhorn – Chairman - email: malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com

Editorial: Issue 55 of 'THE SHED JOURNAL'

"Members are welcome to contribute articles about themselves (with or without pictures) of days out, holidays, life/work experience, hobbies etc. I'm sure we all have a story to tell, once you start writing it will flow.

Also, if you come across an interesting article, please send it to me or point me to it. If you hear of anything interesting or informative to include i.e., Scams, DIY/Gardening tips, a film, book, magazine or music review, a good TV or radio station then please feel free to send me details and I will consider them all. The more of you who contribute the more interesting and diverse we can make it."

Note: *"Political, Financial and Religious articles will be closely scrutinised before publication. However, defamatory articles will not be published."*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."

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





Latest News on Shed Facilities and Amenities:

Main Social Room:

"The Main Social Room is where the larger part of our membership congregates 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 will sit chatting about whatever comes up or perhaps read a magazine. All are a friendly bunch and welcome other members to join in the games, 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 to sign in and pay subs."

John Chamberlin – Editor

Carpentry Workshop:

"Rob Fielding and his team of regulars continue doing a wonderful job and enjoying themselves in the process. So, for a change of scenery and company why not take yourself out there to see what's on offer, you might be pleasantly surprised. Who knows, you may well come away with new skills or pass your own skills or ideas on to others."



"Here are two projects that the workshop has recently completed.

Two owl boxes for the Millenium Green project in Carbrooke This is a charity project designed for the enjoyment and benefit of the community. 10 acres of open space opposite the church, planted and pathed so families, dog walkers can get out into the fresh air.

The chaps have also completed the first set of book racks for the book sale group based in Thompson. Thiis group runs book sales, and the profits generally go to several local charities, churches etc.

Both these are worthy causes for the men's shed to donate their time and some of the materials needed."

John Chamberlin – Editor



The Computer Room:

“After the last committee meeting there has been excitement about the potential new computer suite within the team. This new building will allow WMS computer members to work and chat in safety and peace without noise from the carpentry shop. It should be noted that we recommend as big an area as possible should be made so that we meet future requirements of the team. Current measurements give are approximately the same as we have today. The current size suggested would not bring any future proofing and would in that way not be best use of resources.

Work in 5 main areas of:

Printers

Laptops

Desk top machines (desk top machines have become unpopular and we may soon stop upgrading them and just recycling).

Stripping non-viable machines and equipment for recycling.

Offering advice and assistance to members of the local community on their machines and software.

This has built our revenue since June 2025 to nearly £3000.

The computer group charity shop on eBay continues to be a bit of an uphill battle but we are making progress.

The changes below are still in effect and will remain fluid while the charity shop is constructed:

Dedicated mobile phone. (07724 057644)

*Dedicated email address for the computer section of the men’s shed. Admin wms computergroup@????.
(WIX)*

Charity name: wms computer group

Currently 7 Men’s shed charity shops

New process has been agreed in the computer group.

Spreadsheet support document in place on google drive.

We continue to sell computers of all types at the indoor car boot sale held at the Queens Hall Watton until these car boots stop for the first part of this year.

There are possibly 2 more indoor car boots at the Queens Hall.

Currently we have no more laptops the last one was sold on 8 March 2026. This means we are only desktop machines that are currently not as in demand as the laptops.”

Mike Briggs - Computer Group Supervisor - email: michaelbriggs01@btinternet.com





The Shed Journal



Shed Journal Quiz: (Note - There is now a link to the answers page)

I compile every quiz from scratch. (I do not download them). Please send any typos or errors to me please.

COMIC CUTS		Answers
Each answer is related to a Comedy Show		
1	What is the surname of the comedy self-sufficiency couple?	
2	In what fictional TV town was 'Dad's Army' set?	
3	Name the fictional railway station featured in 'Oh! Doctor Beeching'?	
4	What was the main setting for the comedy 'Only When I Laugh'?	
5	What was the name of 'Steptoe & Son's' horse?	
6	Name 'Ronnie Barkers' detective in the 'Two Ronnies'.	
7	Who played 'Alan Partridge'?	
8	Name the school featured in 'Please Sir'.	
9	Name 'Dibley's' boring parish council secretary.	
10	This comedy starring the 'Boswell' family was set in which city?	
11	Name the pet St. Bernard from 'Father Dear Father'?	
12	In what tower block did 'Del Boy' and 'Rodney' live?	
13	What department was 'Jim Hacker' the head of in 'Yes Minister'?	
14	Give the name of 'Rigby's' pet cat in 'Rising Damp'.	
15	Name the Gestapo officer in 'Allo 'Allo!'.	
16	A portrait of whom hung on the wall of 'Alf Garnetts' living room?	
17	Name the comedy that shared its name with an ABBA song?	
18	Give the full name of the fictional 'On the Buses' bus company.	
19	In which comedy series would you hear the words "Everybody out"?	
20	Which actor played Bearer 'Rangi Ram' in 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum'?	
21	Name the junk shop from 'Last of the Summer Wine'.	
22	Name the four sisters mentioned in "Keeping Up Appearances'.	
23	What business did the 'Pledges' run in 'Nearest and Dearest'?	
24	Which comedy was set in 'Gasforth Police Station'?	
25	Whose shop was 'Open All Hours'?	
26	Name the 70's comedy series about National Service life in the RAF.	
27	Give the first names of the two yellow coat comedians in 'Hi-De-Hi'.	
28	What was the underlying subject of the 90's comedy 'Outside Edge'?	
29	Name the prison warder played by 'Fulton Mackay' in 'Porridge'.	
30	Name the comedy set in 'Grace Brothers' department store.	

Quiz answers are on the last page (use the link above).





Social programme:

Recent events:

There have been no recent events to report on this month."

Upcoming events:

Go-Karting - North Pickenham Friday 15th May:

I have booked for members to go to North Pickenham Go-kart track in Swaffham - Cost £35.

Please see poster on notice board for further details or speak to me directly. Last call for this as list will close at the end of April."

Cream Tea on a paddle steamer on the Norfolk broads Friday 5th June:

"There are now 52 people listed to come on this trip. I have got a reserve list so if your name is not already down and you wish to come, please speak to me.

The plan is to board a coach at the Queen's Hall car park at 10am. We will travel to Wroxham where there will be free time until 2.15pm when we get back on the coach and travel to Horning to board the paddle steamer at 3.15pm. The trip will last 3 hours during which time there will be an afternoon tea consisting of a selection of freshly cut Sandwiches on Wholemeal & White Bread to include; Free Range Eggs & Watercress, Honey Roast Ham & English Mustard, Tuna & Cucumber & Three Cheese & Spring Onion. Homemade Sausage Rolls, Scones with Jam & Cream, Lemon & Bakewell Cake Minis.

This trip is subsidised by the shed so for the coach, the boat trip and afternoon tea the total cost is £30 per person. Please pay the £30 now please either to me in cash or use the shed bank details shown below."

Cromer End of Pier Show Matinee - Friday 17th July.

"The coach will leave the Queen's Hall car park at 10am. We should get to Crome approx. 11.15 a.m. then you will have free time until 2.30 p.m. when the end of pier show is due to start. Cost is just £30 and includes the Show and coach (This trip is also subsidised). Names to me or on notice board, there are still places left. Please either pay me in cash or use the shed bank details shown below."

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Estimated cost
Go-Karting	Friday 15 th May	North Pickenham	TBA	£35 per person
Cream Tea on a Paddle Steamer	Friday 15 th June	Norfolk Broads (Horning)	Coach – Queens Hall 10:15 am	£30 per person Coach, Boat & Tea
Cromer Pier Show	Friday 17 th July	Cromer	Coach – Queens Hall 10 am	£30 per person Coach and show

Malcolm Trayhorn - 01953 529531 - email: malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com

Treasurers note:

"May I respectfully request that when you pay by BACS/Faster Payment that you use the correct reference, i.e. "Cromer Pier Summer" – "Quiz Night" – "Christmas Meal" etc.

Also, if you are paying for more than one event at the same time, could you please use a **separate** transfer for each individual event. This would help me to clearly identify each transaction."

Lloyds Bank

Account name: **"Wayland Men's Shed"**

Sort code: **30-98-90**

Account No: **16989360**

Reference: **EVENT NAME**





Member groups:

Shanties at the Shed:

"Rehearsals now take place on the first Monday, and the second and third Wednesdays of every month. The extra rehearsal is already showing rewards; we have learned some new songs that are already "gig ready".

Not everyone is able to make every rehearsal but all the same they are well attended with an average of 10 crew members. It has given us more chance to work on new material, as well as going over established songs.

We have one booking in March at the Stoma Support Group in Hethersett and have run through the set list at rehearsal. We are planning on debuting a couple of new songs and fingers crossed, should go down well.

We have been confirmed for the Watton Spring Event in the High Street, and we have a half hour slot 14:30-15:00 on Sunday 24th May. Singing outdoors is a challenge in itself, but we are hoping to have our new sound system by then."

Interested? Contact [Ray Cutbush](mailto:raymond.cutbush51@btinternet.com) – email: raymond.cutbush51@btinternet.com

Treasurers note: Please ensure you have been signed in, and your subs are in the tub provided.

The Music Group:



"The March session was a really good one, as the theme of "The First Record I Bought" provided a wide range of music both in genres and time, with the earliest being originally a big hit in sheet music sales from



1900 and the last from the Stock Aitken and Waterman stable in 1987. The early song was Barrie's choice, although he obviously is not that old, while Wayne is our Nineties boy. There was a good turnout as always, but with a couple of members coming in late, and the consequent shuffling of chairs, I had my work cut out to get everyone's score in the right place on the sheet!

The top five tunes were:

- 1st "Let's Dance" by Chris Montez, picked by Ray, on 8.16
- 2nd "When you Were Sweet Sixteen" by The Fureys and Davey Arthur, picked by Barrie, on 7.47
- 3rd "Only Sixteen" by Craig Douglas, picked by Bill, on 7.3
- 4th "My Boomerang Won't Come Back" by Charlie Drake, picked by Malcolm, on 7.21
- 5th "Woodstock" by Matthew's Southern Comfort, picked by Miles, on 7.17

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday April 1st**, when the theme will be **"One Word Title"**. Make sure you are there by 9.30 so we can make a good early start.

After the Session finished around 12.15, we moved the room around and started our first Quiz of 2026 around 12.30. This was Wayne's debut as Question Master, and what a debut it was! He'd put together a really different quiz, with a nice variation in the range of questions, from lyrics, through intros and general knowledge, to highest selling artists (we all didn't do very well on that bit....). Everyone won a music-based keyring as a prize, and we all had a great time. Well done Wayne!

We always have a good time and lots of good-natured chat, so if you enjoy music of any kind why not come along? You don't even have to bring along something to play if you don't want to, as you are more than welcome to just come and listen to our many and varied selections."

Interested? Contact [Dave Cooper](mailto:dwanddrc@gmail.com) – Music club lead - email: dwanddrc@gmail.com

Treasurers note: Please ensure you have been signed in, and your subs are in the tub provided.



The Shutterists:

"We are an artistic group with an un-written modus operandi of "For fun"

The Shutterists activities include;

1. *Regular outings to photogenic places – we have logged more than 60 visits*
2. *Learning to improve our camera handling and photographic techniques*
3. *Embracing other creative artistic media*

The Shutterists allows all camera types, including phones/tablets. However, as we embrace other creative techniques, cameras are not a pre-requisite, as for example, one of our keen members will attend outings with his charcoal and sketch pad. 'Shutterists' outings generally take in a coffee, food and even the odd beer – it's a social trip as much as a photographic / artistic one and we all share friendly banter."

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

February:

- **Outing:**
The Shuttleworth Collection
- **Monthly Competition:**
Composition Technique:
Triangles & Ellipses
- Photo entry:**
Starting with the letter 'R'



What's next for: March:

- **Outing:**
Lavenham
- **Monthly Competition:**
Composition Technique:
Framing within an image
- Photo entry:**
Starting with the letter 'O'

Training News

Monday 23rd March at 18:30

- The Exposure Triangle
- Rules of Composition

To be held at the Sports Centre
See me or Bob Darts for details.



The February Outing: Shuttleworth Collection – Biggleswade – 25th February

“We had two cars, Al Middleton and Malcolm Trayhorn kindly drove. The weather was foggy when we left Watton but turned into a glorious spring day.

We left Watton around 09:15 and agreed to meet onsite.

NB: *I would suggest taking care when trusting a car Satnav, as if the maps are old there is a good chance that you might go the wrong way and be later than your friends*

Onsite there was a nice café, and as the weather was glorious, we chose to sit outside. As the journey times were somewhat different for the two cars, some of the group enjoyed more than one coffee.”

Upon arrival I made myself known to Luke White, the Group Liaison Manager.

The Shuttleworth Collection

Established by Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth and now maintained and cared for by the Shuttleworth Trust, the Shuttleworth Collection is a treasure trove of **airworthy** vintage aircraft from 1909-1950, as well as historical agricultural and steam exhibits, veteran cars, classic motorcycles, bicycles, vintage buses and carriages.

Museums have curators, Shuttleworth has engineers

Unlike a static museum, almost all of our Collection aircraft fly (including Edwardian aircraft, like the 1909 Blériot) and our vehicles, motorbikes, buses and steam exhibits run.

Visitors can see the team at work in our Engineering Workshop, as well as experiencing these machines on the ground and in the air at many Shuttleworth events.

Adjacent to the Collection, there was a Swiss Garden

The Swiss Garden is a unique example of a Regency garden in the ‘Swiss Picturesque’ or ‘Alpine’ style forming part of the Grade II* registered Old Warden Park. An RHS Partner Garden, this stunning space is home to a range of overflowing ponds, bridges, quirky structures, resident peacocks and Champion trees.

“After this informative meet & greet, and with refreshments over, we agreed to meet back at the Café at 14:00 and made our way to reception. Where we scanned our group digi ticket and separated into smaller groups to view both the Collection and the Swiss Garden

Note: *We could freely use our tripods, but to be aware of other visitors*

An excellent Collection to visit, the hangers all had that proper oily smell of working engines, and the Gardens were a hidden gem on a day full of beautiful sunshine. A grand day out – and we passed our thanks to Luke and his Team. We will all recommend this to family and friends for a future visit.

By 14:30 we had regrouped and made our way to a pub recommended by David. The Kings Reach on the Potton Road, Biggleswade, where we found both the service and food were excellent. Highly recommended.”

*“Upon returning home, I opened the ‘**Best Photograph of the day competition**’ to all Shutterists that made this trip. An invitation was sent out to the group to submit their images to me which would subsequently be forwarded to a suitable judge. I invited John Pepper, who unfortunately could not make the trip, to be our judge. The group submitted a total of 7x images, so I requested a judgement by John for his top 3, awarding Gold, Silver & Bronze. The result of his deliberations follow below.*

A big congratulations to the winners and are shown below with their images. All other images will be shown in the Shutterists Album for February – and will accompany the Journal.”



GOLD

“Hurricane”

**Shot by:
Steve Fransz**

“I thought this was a great shot. The dark background really highlighted the plane which was pin sharp. The proportions were, for me, perfect.”

Winner of the ‘Terry Knight Trophy’



SILVER

“The Daffs are out”

**Shot by:
Malcolm Trayhorn**

“Good composition. Photographer has a good eye for the rest of the garden as well as the daffs.”



BRONZE

“A Lovely Flower”

**Shot by:
“David Haylock”**

“Again, a good eye was demonstrated here. Good camera skills here.”

“A big thank you goes to John Pepper”

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



I'm game if you are:



*"The next meeting will be on **Monday 13th April 2026**. Starting at 1pm till 5pm in the bowls room. If you don't want to miss out on a game, then please arrive promptly.*

Please feel free to bring along any family, friends, or neighbours (ladies are included)

*If you stay after the morning session then please be aware there is **NO** bar food available on Mondays, please bring a light lunch with you or perhaps go to the fish or baguette shop.*

Games available to play or learn include Mexican Train, Mahjong, Sequence, Rumikub, Bezique, 500 rummy, Contract, Nomination and Solo whist, Crib, Backgammon, Yahtzee, Halma, Othello, Chess, Draughts, Nine Mans Morris, Dominoes, 5's & 3's.

Last meeting I ran a game called 1829, a railway track laying and train running game with share dealing. Seven members decided to join in which was great, but 6+ hours later we were still playing. I think all players had a great time, but it was a marathon. We will play that again somewhere down the line.

Please feel free to bring along a game of your own to tempt us. We had 13 attendees last month playing 1829 & Mexican Train. It would be good to see more of you there, having a good afternoon of laughter and banter."

Note: *A £2 session fee will be charged with free tea, coffee, and biscuits available. **Members attending both the shed in the morning and the games group will be required to pay for both sessions.***

Interested? Contact [John Chamberlin](#) – Games group lead – email: bjcoi8@gmail.com

Editor's note on groups:

"Do you have an idea for a similar group? For example: A walking group, a book or cycling club, maybe a common hobby or interest then please let a committee member know. Such groups will be fully supported by the committee but arranged and run solely by the interested members."

Note: *"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*

[John Chamberlin](#) - Editor - email: bjcoi8@gmail.com





Other News, Notices, Events & Articles:

Shed opening days and times 2026	
Social Room	Mondays and Wednesdays 09:00 till 12:00
Woodwork Shop	Mondays and Thursdays 09:00 till 12:00
Computer Room	Mondays and Thursdays 09:00 till 12:00

Meditation sessions:

“The first session will be at 12.15 p.m. on Monday 23rd March after the morning gathering in the social room. It will be a 1 hour session with a chance to chat and have tea or coffee and a biscuit afterwards until 2.15 p.m. There will be another session the following Monday 30th March. There will be no cost for these two sessions. Please let me know if you would like to come along. Any questions then please contact me.

Submitted by [Malcolm Trayhorn](#) - 07729 993163 - email: malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com

Testimonials:

“You may recall from my foreword in the December Journal that we have been awarded a grant to help with costs of running the shed and subsidising trips and events. In order to evidence what we are doing with the grant money and what a difference it makes to members and their families I’m asking for testimonials showing what the Men’s Shed means to you.

This just needs to be a paragraph or two which reflects the worth of being a member, especially in combatting loneliness and assisting with well-being. Thank you to those who have already responded and for the words of support. Please forward any more to me. In addition, I would like to use one or two of these as case studies so if you are happy for me to use your contribution in this way, please let me know or speak to me. These will be anonymous.”

Case Studies:

“A reminder: In order to evidence what we are doing with the grant money and what a difference it makes to members and their families I am asking for volunteers to be one of my case studies to show what the Men’s Shed means to them. If you are happy for me to use you in this way, please let me know or speak to me. These will be anonymous.”

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

Men’s Shed – We care:

Members of our shed have a variety of reasons for being a member.



- Having other male companionship.
- Reducing the feeling of loneliness.
- Meeting up with others.
- A way of making new friends.

Whatever the reason there is plenty of evidence that our shed is making a difference.

If you hear of or personally feel that a fellow member may need assistance of some kind, then please inform your committee in total confidence. We can then assess if there may be a way we can approach them in a caring, sensitive, private way to ascertain if they need any support.

[Malcolm Trayhorn](#) – Chairman - email: Malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com



Property Alert Service:

“This service will inform you if an illegal loan has been raised on any of the properties or land you have listed OR if any of your listed properties or land has been put up for sale.

The ‘Property Alert Service’ can be found on the government website.

Follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/property-alert>

You just create a simple account then add up to 10 properties/land (these can be your own or your relatives) It’s well worth doing, it took me less than 10 minutes, so do yourself a favour and sign up.”

Submitted by [John Chamberlin](#)

Don’t bank on it:



The Watton banking hub, 56 High Street - It Opening days - Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00

Mondays **Halifax** - Tuesdays **NatWest** - Wednesdays **HSBC** - Thursdays **Lloyds** - Fridays **Barclays**

Withdraw & Deposit cash – Deposit cheques – Pay utilities – Check balances – Banking advisors Tue - Fri

Submitted by [John Chamberlin](#)

Members Handbook and Operating Principles:

“As most of you are aware, the Shed is now a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). We now must adhere to the ‘Charity Commission’s CIO Constitution’. What was our old ‘Constitution’ does, in effect still exist and has been edited and merged with the Members Handbook. This merged document has been named ‘Members Handbook and Operating Principles.’ Members are still obliged to adhere to this new shed document. Both aforementioned documents can be viewed and/or downloaded on our website for personal viewing and or printing. However, should you require a hard copy just approach a committee member.”

[Men’s Shed Committee](#)

Be scam aware:



159 is a secure phone number that connects you directly to your bank if you suspect a scam. If you think you're being scammed - **Stop** what you're doing - **Hang up** the phone - **Call 159**.

It’s a simple, memorable number that cannot be spoofed. It will **never** call you and it’s available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

159 is a vital tool to help prevent and combat fraud. It breaks the scam "journey" at a critical moment and allows you to contact your bank quickly so they can take the right action.

Most banks, building societies, and telephone companies are part of the **159** initiatives.

Submitted by [John Chamberlin](#)



The Shed Journal



Breckland Events 2026:

If any member becomes aware of any events in the Breckland area for 2025, please let me know.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat 2 nd to Mon 4 th May	Spring Steam Gala	Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham
Sunday 10 th May	Vintage Bus Day	Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham
Sunday 24 th May	Spring Fair	Watton High Street
Tuesday 26 th May	Community Fun Day	Watton Community Centre
Saturday 30 th May	Town Crier Competition	Watton High Street
Sat 27 th & Sun 28 th June	Open Gardens and Yard Sales	Watton
Sunday 5 th July	Watton Carnival	Watton Sports Centre
Sunday 12 th July	Classic Car Day	Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham
Sat 1 st & Sun 2 nd August	1940's Weekend	Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham
Tuesdays 28 th July - 4 th 11 th , 18 th & 25 th August	Summer Fun Days	Watton Community Centre
Fri 28 th to Mon 31 st August	Music and Beer Festival	Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham
Sat 29 th & Sun 30 th August	Watton Bike Weekend	Watton Sports Centre
Saturday 5 th September	Dog Show – 10am - 2pm	Letton Hall (nr Shipdham)
Saturday 31 st October	Watton Food Festival & Fireworks	Wayland Showground, Watton
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday	Memorial Car Park & St Marys
Sunday 29 th November	Watton Festival Market	Watton High Street

John Chamberlin - email: bjcoi8@gmail.com

UK Men's Shed Association (UKMSA):



To find out more about the UKMSA, type or, cut and paste this line into your address bar.

This will take you to the latest issue of 'Shoulder to Shoulder'

<https://mailchi.mp/ukmsa.org.uk/shoulder-to-shoulder-feb-2026?e=a370dbe526>

Screwfix account:



This account and its benefits are available to ALL members. There is no 'discount' as such, but the card can be used at the at the trade counter thus paying trade prices.

Special offers will be forwarded to those who have requested them, to be added to the list please see Dave Cooper. Committee members have membership cards, so if you would like to make use of this account, please see one of them. Please return the card to who gave it to you.

WMS Website:

Our website address is: www.waylandmensshed.co.uk



The website continues to be speedily and expertly administered by Neil Rowe, and we thank him for his continued efforts. Members are encouraged to visit the site and have a look around. Constructive comments, suggestions or ideas for improvement and/or potential new content are very welcome. Just approach Neil or any committee member.



Health & Safety:



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

HSE

All members have a duty of care for themselves and others. 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; they're located in the filing cabinet in the workshop.

Fire test procedures:

The committee thank you all for your co-operation during our recent fire alarm procedure test. In that instance members were alerted prior to the test to enable us to evaluate our procedures. Overall, this was very successful with just one or two things needing to be clarified. It is our intention to carry out future periodic tests **without** notification. The committee would appreciate your continued cooperation.

Stay safe online:



1. Don't make yourself a target, keep a low profile, and keep information on social media about yourself to an absolute minimum, take the threats seriously and protect your identity.

2. Don't put any embarrassing information, photos, messages, or facts about yourself on any website, things that you could later come to regret, or end up looking stupid. Don't put the details of what you are doing, where you are going, or if you are going away from home, on any social media sites.

3. Don't respond to, reply, or click on anything you get sent which is suspicious, by replying you acknowledge you are there, and you could get malware onto your computer or device, for further attacks against you.

Questions to ask yourself when you get any messages or emails.

- Do you know the person or organisation who sent it?
- Were you expecting it?
- Does it look real?
- Are there spelling mistakes or poor English?
- Is it asking for confidential information?

Unless you are sure that you can really trust it, **DO NOT** open, or click on **ANY** attachments or web links contained in it.

4. When browsing web sites on the internet, beware of items or links that you can click-on, and NEVER download anything from websites that are suspect, or are new to you, or which you were not expecting. Ignore **ALL** pop-up windows or messages from the Internet saying that your computer might be infected, there is **NO WAY** that anyone can tell that remotely, it is a scam.

5. Make sure your anti-virus software is up to date on your computer, and back-up your personal data regularly to a removable disk/device.

6. **NEVER** pay any ransom if you are attacked, seek help from an IT professional immediately and do report it to the police. There is little chance you will ever get your computer or data restored even if you do pay, and you will never get your money back!

7. **NEVER** let anyone, whoever they say they are, have remote access to your computer, it is a scam. **NO** genuine telecom, internet or software company will ever call you about security.

8. Have good quality, easy to remember, but secure passwords and protect them. Use words that mean something to you, but are not obvious, and could never be associated with you, or your immediate family.

Submitted by [John Chamberlin](#)



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Defibrillators:



There are **two** Defibrillators in the Sports Centre. Please make yourself familiar with **both** locations.

The first is located at the far end of the Bowls Club Room. The second is located just outside the Lounge Bar, just off reception.



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 a brief description 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 nor guarantee any items sold.

WANTED:

Does anybody have any off cuts of 15mm or 22mm copper piping in lengths of 6" or more? I make plant labels out of it.

Contact: John Chamberlin

O788 6655713 – 01953 886892

bjcoi8@gmail.com

Your elected committee:

Malcolm Trayhorn: Chairman, Social Secretary & Press	07729 993163	Gordon Williams: Vice Chairman	07593 989296
Dave Cooper: Secretary	07760 386902	Mike Briggs: Tech Supervisor	07785 778550
John Chamberlin: Treasurer, Memberships & Journal	07886 655713	Rob Fielding: Workshop supervisor	07871 193206

Treasurers update:

"Shed accounts are very healthy, we recently received a sizable donation from the closure of the Watton Pantomime Group. The committee will use these funds for the benefit of as many members as we can."

Full accounts may be examined by any member upon request. - John Chamberlin - Treasurer

Memberships update:

"Membership remains at 105, this in itself is an indicator that our shed fills a need in our community. A good part of why we are so popular is the welcoming effect of our members. The committee thank you once again for your continued support."

John Chamberlin - Membership Secretary

Committee meeting:

The next full committee meeting will be on **Monday 4th May 2026 at 12:15pm** in the Bowls Room.

Should any member wish to submit an item for discussion by the committee please email your request direct to the secretary - Dave Cooper - email: dwanddrc@gmail.com

Note: Committee meeting minutes are no longer sent out to every member. There is a copy in the folder by the booking in computer for your perusal at the shed. However, should you require a personal copy then please request the same from our secretary.





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JOURNAL QUIZ ANSWERS: (Note - There is now a link back to the questions)

					Questions
1	The Goods	11	H.G. (Wells)	21	Aunty Wainwright's
2	Walmington-on-Sea	12	Nelson Mandela House	22	Hyacinth, Daisy, Rose, Violet
3	Hatley	13	Department for Administrative Affairs	23	Pickle Factory
4	A Hospital	14	Vienna	24	The Thin Blue Line
5	Hercules	15	Otto Flick	25	Arkwrights
6	Piggy Malone	16	Her Majesty the Queen	26	Get Some In
7	Steve Coogan	17	Gimme, Gimme, Gimme!	27	Ted & Spike
8	Fenn Street	18	Luxton and District Traction Company	28	Cricket
9	Frank Pickles	19	The Rag Trade	29	Mr Mackay
10	Liverpool	20	Michael Bates	30	Are you being served

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You can also contact us via email: waylandmensshed@gmail.com

If you wish to make a compliment, complaint, or comment, please feel free to do so. Without constructive feedback it is difficult for the WMS Committee to know if they are meeting member's expectations.

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