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Your monthly update on WMS News and Events

Chairman's Foreword:

"Nothing much for me to say this month. Everything has been running smoothly, and all members continue to enjoy the facilities subgroups and events on offer. Many thanks to all members who welcome any new members and make them feel welcome and included. A smile and a few kind words make a wealth of difference to their day. Apologies that my attention has been diverted to my drama group play recently. However, by the time you read this it will be all over and the dodgy moustache will be gone!"

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

Watton Events Marshalling:

As for previous years Watton Town Council is asking for us to assist with road closures. Please see the dates below and see if you are free to assist at any of these.

Sunday 24th May, Spring Fair Market – 13:00-18:00 (**marshalling required 10:30-13:00**)

Sunday 30th August, Bike Takeover – 10:00-16:00 (**marshalling required 08:00-10:00**)

Sunday 29th November, Festive Market – 13:00-17:00 (**marshalling required 10:30-13:00**)

Please let me know if you are willing to give up a couple of hours to keep us popular with the Council.

No Shed BBQ for 2026:

There will **NO** shed BBQ this year. We usually hold this on the last Saturday in August, but this is only a few weeks away from our 10-year anniversary celebration on Saturday October 3rd. This will be held in the big Sports Hall at the Sports Centre. Please put this date in your diary as we hope that all of you will be able to attend with your partners to celebrate with us. Please add your names to the list on the notice board.

Men's Shed Committee

Issue 57 of 'THE SHED JOURNAL'

"Members are welcome to contribute articles about themselves of days out, holidays, life/work experience, hobbies etc. Perhaps there is a TV program/channel, radio station, film, or series that you can recommend. 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. This is important for fire safety and to evaluate whether members have been absent. Please can you attempt to wear your name badge to assist new members.

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."

The Computer Room:

"Hi everyone,

The team continue to enjoy working on various avenues of computer refurbishment and funding. By sorting of machines into categories of refurbishment and Salvage we are able to generate funding and cheap machines for WMS members to benefit from.

The desktop computers mentioned in last month's journal are starting to be refurbished so if you are looking for a desktop, we may be able to help you.

We are still offering computer training for 2026, so if you are interested in hardware or software training, please come and see us in the computer room or let us know what training you require. As always, we are still taking old machines that you would like to update or to be disposed of we are here to help you.

Any computers and electronics are gratefully received by WMS we run a triage to look at the viability of machines and products. They are categorised in the following areas:

Scrap - Strip for parts - Refurbish

If you like the idea of working with computers and learning about them, you do not need any experience just come along and put your name down to join the team as we now have a waiting list to join the team due to the capacity of the workshop."

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.

Landmarks, Structures & Features	Answers
Answers are, or are linked to landmarks, structures, or geographical features.	
1	In what ocean is the 'Mariana Trench'?
2	The 'Terracotta Army' is located where?
3	In which US bay would you find 'Alcatraz'?
4	Name the 7 Continents.
5	On which Chilean location can you observe the 'Moai Heads'?
6	What is the 'Great Barrier Reef' predominantly made up of?
7	Which volcano erupted burying 'Pompeii', Italy in AD79?
8	Is the 'Grand Canyon' more or less than 1 mile <u>deep</u> ?
9	Give the 3 longest rivers in the world.
10	In which Italian City would you look up at 'Juliet's Balcony'?
11	In which English county do the 'Seven Sisters' reside?
12	'Christ The Redeemer' overlooks which city?
13	Name the world's <u>longest</u> mountain chain.
14	Name the country that hosts the 'Khyber Pass Gate'.
15	Upon which river do the 'Victoria Falls' lie?
16	In which country would you find 'Chichen Itza'?
17	To the nearest 1000 feet, give the height of 'Mount Everest'.
18	In which Indian city can you visit 'The Taj Mahal'?
19	Looking due north from the 'Giants Causeway', name the ocean?
20	In which English county would you find Stonehenge?
21	Located in Cambodia, name the largest religious monument in the world.
22	Where is the archaeological city of 'Petra' located?
23	In which city would you be if you could see 'Table Mountain'?
24	Name the 'Seven Seas'.
25	Name the city in the UAE that is home to the 'Burj Khalifa', the tallest structure in the world.
26	In which country would you find the 'Nazca Lines'?
27	Where would you be if you could see 'The Forbidden City'?
28	In which US state is the 'Mount Rushmore National Memorial'?
29	Off which coast would you find 'The Twelve Apostles'?
30	Where is the world's largest <u>active</u> volcano?

Quiz answers are on the last page ([use the link above or click here](#)).





Social programme:

Recent events:

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

Upcoming events:

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

“A final reminder for those who are coming on this trip. The coach will leave 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.”

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 Cromer approx. 11.15am then you will have free time until 2.30pm when the end of pier show is due to start.

*Cost is just £30 to include Show and coach (Subsidised by the shed). Names to me or on notice board. **There are still places left.** For those already booked can you please pay now (unless you have already done so).”*

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Estimated cost
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

Coming up:

Greyhound Racing at Yarmouth Stadium:

If sufficient interest, I will organise a date. It would be a coach trip with a booking to the Raceview restaurant including admission, racecard, and a main course. Cost would be £28 to include coach. Names on list on noticeboard or email me.

Ten-pin Bowling:

An afternoon at Strikes, Dereham. Come and try to take the cup for top score from me. Date to be advised if sufficient interest. For two games plus a drink & snack for £10. Names on list on noticeboard or email me.

Quiz Night:

Date to be advised, keep your eyes on the noticeboard to register your interest.

[Malcolm Trayhorn](mailto:malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com) - 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:

"After my cruise around the 'hot spots' of the eastern Atlantic I'm back into the old routine of being the voice of our multi-talented crew. We now have our new sound system and gave it a run-out in the main hall of the Sports Centre. Despite braving a rather cold environment, the system eventually passed with flying colours. All that now remains is to try it outside and we'll be ready to start thinking of gigs outdoors.

Rehearsals now take place on the first Monday of every month, and the second and third Wednesdays of the 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 will be performing at the Watton Spring Event on Sunday 24th May in the High Street, and we have a half hour slot 14:30-15:00 on Sunday 24th May. This will be a chance to entertain people of the town and for the townsfolk to see us in full voice.... the English weather is the one, big unknown.

If you know anyone who is on the lookout for musical entertainment, or who may be interested in joining our crew, contact myself or any of the crew."

Interested? Contact [Wayne Rutter](mailto:wayne.rutter.1979@hotmail.com) - Shantymen lead - email: wayne.rutter.1979@hotmail.com

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

The Music Group:

"Wednesday 6th May saw the Music Group meeting in the usual room in the bar. 18 attended, with a few members being unwell, and it turned out to be a good one. The theme was "A Special Memory," and the songs covered the usual large span of musical types, from classical through heavy rock to Europop. Bill's entry "Ferris Wheel" was written, sung, and recorded by one of his granddaughters, and took the morning's biggest score. Ray and Richard both wanted to play "Nutbush City Limits," but as Ray had got in first Richard had to change his selection and managed to pip Ray to third place!

The top five tunes were:

- 1st "Ferris Wheel" by Indy, picked by Bill, on 8.29*
- 2nd "The Umbrella Man" by Flanagan and Allen, picked by Miles, on 7.53*
- 3rd "The Girl from Ipanema" by Stan Getz & Joao Gilberto, picked by Richard, on 7.41*
- 4th "Nutbush City Limits" by Ike & Tuna Turner, picked by Ray, on 7.3*
- =5th "Funky Moped" by Jasper Carrott, picked by Nigel; and
"Cracklin' Rosie" by Neil Diamond, picked by Barrie, on 7.19*

*Our next meeting will be a week later due to my holidays, on **Wednesday June 10th**, when the theme will be "My Favourite 70's song". Make sure you are there by 9.30 so we can make a good early start. It will also be the next in our Music Quizzes, this time set by Bill. We will start once the session has finished, and all members are invited to take part, not just those in the Music Group.*

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 Shed Journal



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

<p style="text-align: center;">April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Outing: Wayland Wood ➤ Monthly Competition: Composition Technique –Symmetry <p style="text-align: center;">Photo entry – starting with the letter 'D'</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">What's next for:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Outing: Southwold ➤ Monthly Competition: Composition Technique – Balance <p style="text-align: center;">Photo entry – starting with the letter 'Y'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Training News</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Watch this space</p>



The April Outing: Wayland Wood, Watton – 30th April

“The original plan was an April outing to Blickling Hall... but a change of plan was agreed to visit Wayland Wood – an outing superbly led by Mr Bob Darts.

There were three cars, Al Middleton, Bob Darts and Malcolm Trayhorn kindly drove. It was considered that the Satnav in Malcolms car could be trusted for a trip inside of Watton.

Following a pre-walk get together at Tom and G’s where an excellent coffee and the odd bacon rolls were devoured, we made our way to the very beautiful Wayland Wood and found to our surprise the car park was empty leaving ample room for our three cars to park without too much difficulty.

The wood is managed by Norfolk Wildlife Trust and in the recent past has undergone an amazing transformation with a lot of the understorey being cut back allowing it to be opened up to the light. As result early spring foliage on the broadleaf trees can now be viewed in all their glory.

On the first part of the walk from the car park wild orchids were on display giving way to a swath of bluebells with bird cherry flowers adding a hint of creamy white to the scene. All around birdsong could be heard and John F gave us the benefit of his vast ornithological knowledge as to which bird was singing. Unfortunately for me anything above a high trill faded into a background of my tinnitus!!

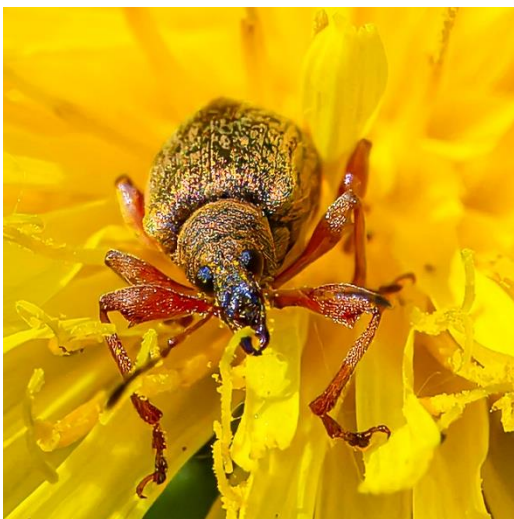
As our walk progressed so did the quality and size of the bluebell beds increase. Also, as the noise from the A1075 faded we became surrounded by the beauty and tranquillity of the wood and I think all of us began to relax and enjoy the moment.



Wayland Wood is an amazing location and well worth a visit at any time of the year but having walked a complete circuit of the woodland we headed back to the cars and made our way to Griston where we were treated to a really tasty lunch supplied by Scott the landlord and his amazing team at the Waggon & Horses Public House.

A big thank you must go to our drivers for the transport and to Stewart who cast his eyes over the images submitted by fellow Shutterists. For the ‘Best Photograph of the day competition’ the group submitted a total of 7x images, with three images to be awarded Gold, Silver & Bronze. Refer below for the results

Bob Darts



GOLD

“Anyone for Dandelion”

**Shot by:
John Ford**

“A stunning shot. Colours, texture, focus, and creativity of the highest quality.

Words not required - it is the image of the day.”

Winner of the Terry Knight Trophy



SILVER

“Rare Woodland Leaf Eating Dinosaur”

Shot by:
Bob Darts

“Initially I saw this as a FUN shot. However, it is so clever, well seen with perfect camera settings. Dinosaur mouth and a seeing eye with the image being so clean and crisp with a hint of background bokeh.”



BRONZE

“The Web”

Shot by:
Neil Rowe

“A photograph showing great detail within the image. In-focus across the whole picture, beautifully exposed with such bright sharp colours.”

Dear Bob

Thanks again for the invitation to be a judge for the Shutterists Wayland Wood outing. A privilege, as it was a trip that I was sorry to miss. I have to say, on first look, what a truly difficult task it is to be a Judge. A beautiful set of photographs, but after a considerable time of consideration, I offer my verdict as follows:

For all: A fabulous set of images - a wonderful set portraying a local day trip. Well done to all.

Stewart

All images will be shown in a the Shutterists Album for April

April 2026: Training:

“The purpose of this workshop is to build upon the recent evening get together where we discussed the “Exposure Triangle” or “A Bucket & Three Taps” as a way of getting the correct exposure. We also referenced the importance of reading the camera’s tonal histogram of the scene as captured by the camera based on the settings of the camera at the time. This an opportunity to work as a group with our cameras, take photographs and look at the impact that settings can have on the outcome of a photograph. Particularly, we’ll use exposure compensation, focussing as well as setting white balance to get the best out of a camera. Blinkies is the Phrase!”

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



The Shed Journal



I'm game if you are:



"The next meeting will be on **Monday 18th May** (this date was shunted due to bank holiday) **then we revert back to the 2nd Monday from June**. We start at 1pm until 5pm in the bowls room. Please arrive promptly. If games are already underway it becomes awkward to fit players in. **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 maybe go for fish and chips or a baguette.

Games available 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. **We now have 2 new games: Phase 10 (a 'set' collecting card game) and Canasta (a 4-player rummy type game, very different though.)**

Please feel free to bring along a game of your own to tempt us. Attendance seems to have levelled out at about 12 so it would be good to see more of you there. We have 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 morning session and the games group will be required to pay for both sessions.**

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

Possible new group:

Interested in model railways?

"Is there any member of our Shed interested in model railways? This is just a call out to see if there is any interest in starting a WMS Model Railway Group. Depending on how many are interested and to what level, will dictate how far the Group can go. If there is just a small number, we can just have chats or if there is a significant number we might be able to look at making a WMS layout, who knows. If you are interested, please let me know either at the Shed or by email (see below)."



Interested? Contact [Neil Rowe](mailto:neilr101@btinternet.com) – email: neilr101@btinternet.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](mailto:bjcoi8@gmail.com) - 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

Cakes For Cancer:

CAKES FOR CANCER 3

Saturday July 4th

2- 5pm at 15 Richmond Road, Saham Toney

Come along and enjoy a homemade cake and cuppa with us, or just buy a cake



All proceeds to Breast Cancer UK
and Prostate Cancer UK



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**PROSTATE
CANCER UK**

Meditation sessions:

“For all those who have attended the meditation sessions that were held at the social room in March (and anyone else who is interested). I have now had confirmation from Amanda of dates going forward:

25th May, although a Bank Holiday there will be a normal meeting that day followed by a meditation session 15th June and 29th June. Please let me know if you would like to attend these sessions by putting your name down on the notice board or reply to me by email.”

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

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](#)



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:

“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

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 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.

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*



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-april-17449243?e=a370dbe526>

WMS Website:

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



Our website continues to be speedily and expertly administered by Neil Rowe. 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. Thanks Neil.

Property Alert Service:

*"This service will inform you of any illegal loans raised on any of the properties or land you have listed **OR** if any of your listed properties or land is illegally up for sale.*

The 'Property Alert Service' can be located 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 yours 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](#)

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.**

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 you 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.



Breckland Events 2026:

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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

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.

FOR SALE - £60 (Half the proceeds to WMS).

Rectangular garden 6-seater solid wood dining set with folding chairs and table for easy winter storage. In good condition.

Buyer collects 38b Dereham Road, Watton
Contact: [Jezz Hookham](mailto:Jezz.Hookham) 01953 881808





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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:

“Well, here we are at the end of yet another very successful year for our shed. Accounts are in fine fettle and have been examined ready for the AGM and Charity Commission.

Full accounts may be examined by any member upon request. - [John Chamberlin](#) - Treasurer

Memberships update:

“Membership currently stands at 108. Friendships continue to be forged, and some members are assisting other members that may be having any issues. There is no doubt that we have created a friendly, caring, and inclusive shed and your committee thank you all.” I hope all members intend to renew their membership. This will be due AFTER the AGM by BACS, cheque, or cash to the treasurer (not on the night).”

[John Chamberlin](#) - Membership Secretary

Committee meeting:

The next full committee meeting will be on **Monday 6th July 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)

Landmarks, Structures & Features		<u>Questions</u>	
1	Pacific	16	Mexico
2	Shaanxi Province, China.	17	29,000
3	San Francisco	18	Agra
4	North America, South America, Asia, Australia, Europe, Antarctica, Africa	19	Atlantic
5	Easter Island	20	Wiltshire
6	Coral Polyps	21	Angkor Wat
7	Mount Vesuvius	22	Jordan
8	More (6093 ft - 1.15 miles approx.)	23	Cape Town
9	Nile, Amazon, Yangtze	24	Arctic, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian, Southern
10	Verona	25	Dubai
11	East Sussex	26	Peru
12	Rio De Janeiro	27	Beijing, China
13	The Andes	28	South Dakota
14	Peshawar, Pakistan	29	Victoria, Australia
15	The Zambezi	30	Hawaii (Mauna Loa)

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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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