



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

## Your monthly update on WMS News and Events

### Chairman's Foreword:



*"I'd like to say a big thank you to those who assisted with the road closures at the Festive Market on Sunday 27th November. That is, John Bunning, Steve Franz, Dave Gambrell and Robin Trewartha.*

*Also, those who helped to man the stall during the day (John Chamberlin, Les Waller, Ray Cutbush, Richard Adams, Nigel Potter, Stephen Smith, and Peter Semlyen).*

*It was a very successful day for us with several visitors showing interest. There have been at least four new members as a result.*



*A message from Sue Dent, Events & Projects Support Officer, Watton Town Council*

**Dear Malcolm,**

*I just wanted to say a huge "Thank you" to the Men's Shed for their help with the Festive Market, it is a real help to know that the road closures are covered and this year the set up went remarkably smoothly so good job! Could you please pass on my thanks to your members who helped out and if they have any suggestions or feedback, it's always appreciated. **Kind regards Sue***

*It just remains for me to wish you and all of yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year."*

*Malcolm Trayhorn - Chairman*

### Editorial:

*"Welcome to issue 16 of "THE SHED JOURNAL". **(Fresh articles needed for publication please.)***

*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 i.e., Scams, DIY/Gardening tips, good or bad Tradesmen etc. Perhaps a film, book, or music review. Please feel free to send me your ideas and I will consider them all. Remember, this is your publication, so the more of you who contribute the more interesting and diverse we can make it.*

*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 300 words with pictures) of days out, holidays, life/work experience, hobbies etc. I'm sure we all have a story to tell.*

*Should any materialise, I will publish them in order. 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 However, defamatory articles will not be published.*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. If you prefer not to receive 'The Shed Journal' please let me know by return."*

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





# The Shed Journal



## 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 may sit chatting about whatever comes up or 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 to sign in and out.**

*John Chamberlin* – Editor

### The Carpentry Workshop:

*“Well, here we are at the end of our first year in our new building, I would take this opportunity to thank those members who have given us the chance to do the odd job or two for them and hope that we have fulfilled their expectations and our work is up to a good standard.*

*My thanks to my trusty helpers Brian Dyson and Steve Scofield who have been invaluable throughout the year and to our committee who have been patient with my regular requests for this, that and the other as well as the odd box of screws and such.*

*I would also like to thank the computer group for their occasional assistance when another pair of hands was required. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.*

*Richard and the Workshop Team.”*

*Richard Adams* – Workshop Supervisor - 01953 881004

### The Computer Room:

*“Hello,*

*I hope you are all enjoying the colder weather - Not. I don't have a great amount to say really, you may have noticed a different look to the Computer Group, we have our new work wear, in Navy blue, would you please.*

*I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the shed over the past 12 months and given the group something to do or think about, it has been a pleasure to help you, and hopefully we can continue this in 2023.*

*Also, other big thanks go out to all the members who have generated donations to the shed (WMS) through the Easy Fund-Raising Web site, the total figure to date is £150, WELL DONE.*

*Just remains for me to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023, from all the members of the Computer Group and as always, if you would like to learn more about Computers, we look forward to seeing you in the New year.”*

*Jeff Heath* - Computer Group Supervisor - email: [jefferyheath2017@yahoo.com](mailto:jefferyheath2017@yahoo.com)





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## Trivia, Quiz & Puzzle corner:

### Christmas Day in history:

336 AD – The first recorded celebration of Christmas in Rome. Time taken off work, gifts exchanged & candles lit.  
 1066 - William the Conqueror was crowned King of England becoming the country's first Norman King.  
 1914 - Allied & German troops spontaneously decided to meet in 'No Man's Land' to exchange gifts & sing songs.  
 1977 - Charlie Chaplain dies aged 88. Silent film star since 1915, films include 'The Tramp' & 'The Great Dictator'.  
 1991 - Mikhail Gorbachev, the last president of the USSR resigns from his post. The USSR ceases to exist.

### December born into glory or infamy:

1503 - Nostradamus - French physician (born Michel de Notredame). The writer of astrological predictions.  
 1832 - Gustave Eiffel - French engineer. Designed the 'Eiffel Tower' and helped design the 'Statue of Liberty'.  
 1865 - Rudyard Kipling - British poet, novelist, short story writer, 'The Jungle Book' is one of his best-known works.  
 1886 - Clarence Birdseye – US Industrialist. He developed a method of deep-freezing foods.  
 1893 - Mao Tse-Tung - Chinese librarian, teacher, revolutionist, considered founder of the People's Republic of China.

#### Joke

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

#### Puzzle

Name this well known Christmas song.



#### Quote:

*"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph."*  
 Shirley Temple

#### Proverb:

By wisdom a house is built, through understanding it is established and through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

## The Six W's Quiz:

#### Which

17<sup>th</sup> century decade is it generally accepted that the custom of sending Christmas cards began?

#### What

fruit is commonly used in a classic Christingle service?

#### When

do we traditionally take down our Christmas decorations?

#### Where

does the gift of England's Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree come from?



#### Who

was the often-refuted author of: 'The Night before Christmas' A.K.A 'A Visit from St. Nicholas'?

#### Why

is Boxing Day so called?

## Last thoughts:

**That's odd:** Give the odd one out:  
 Brazil, Acorn, Almond, Chestnut, Walnut, Pecan, Hazel

**Line up:** Give the next in line:  
 Swans, Maids, Ladies, Lords, ?

**MIA:** Give the missing item:  
 Prancer, Dancer, Comet, Cupid Dunder, Blixem, Dasher, ?

*"Answers are shown on the last page, please advise of any typos or errors."*

John Chamberlin - Editor





# The Shed Journal



## 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 for 2023. Suggestions to Malcolm please.

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

## Upcoming events:

### Christmas Meal:

*"A reminder that those who are booked for the Christmas meal at Barn Ruche on Thursday 15th December, the time for arrival is from 7pm and the sit down for the meal will be at 7.30pm.*

*There is a bar for you to get your drinks and I am told that they have a selection of wines. Should you wish to take your own wine then you will have to pay a **£5 per bottle corkage charge**. There will be a raffle on the night and if you have something to donate for this please let me know and bring along on the night."*

### Mulled Wine and Mince Pie morning:

*"Members and their guests are welcome to pop along to the social room at the Shed (Sports Centre) between 10am and 1pm on Monday 19th December for a seasonal glass of Mulled Wine and a Mince Pie or two. If you haven't yet put your names on the list, then please let me know."*

### Quiz & Chips:

*"The next Quiz and Chips Night is scheduled for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 so put the date in your diary. More details to follow."*

*"I shall be announcing a full social programme and outings early in the New Year, watch this space closely."*

## Recent events:

*"None to report this month. Our programme of social outings/events for this year is finally at an end. We shall however return with a vengeance in 2023, onwards and upwards."*

## Upcoming Social Calendar:

Event	Date	Venue	Time	Cost (Subject to variation)
Christmas Meal	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Barn Ruche	7pm for 7.30 pm sit down	All paid
Mulled Wine & Mince Pie event	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Watton Sports Centre Bowls Room	10am to 1pm	FREE
Quiz and Chips Night	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Watton Sports Centre	7 pm	£11 per head (To be confirmed)

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## Member groups:

### Editor's note on groups:

Do you have an idea for a similar group? For example: A walking group, book club, cycling club, games group, a common hobby or interest then please email me the idea - [bjcoi8@gmail.com](mailto:bjcoi8@gmail.com) and I will publish it here.

Such groups will be fully 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.

## WMS – Car Pub Club Update: (OUR LATEST MEMBER CLUB)

Event Number 1 - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 13:00

*“Good news - I can confirm that we are looking to plan our first event.*

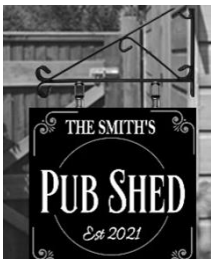
*Following the Journal entry last month, many of you have offered some days / date preferences so initially we are looking at **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.***

*As mentioned last month, this Journal entry offers a choice of three establishments.*

*If I was pressured into making a choice – I would choose Option 1. However, let's make a majority decision based on those that wish to make the first event an outstanding success.”*



### The Three Options are:



Option	1	2	3
Venue	The Anvil Inn (Pub)	The Ancient Mariner (Pub)	The Brick Kilns (Pub)
Address	Congham PE32 1DU	Old Hunstanton PE36 6JJ	Little Plumstead NR13 5JH
Return Mileage to Watton	46 Miles	78 Miles	70 Miles
Typical cost for main course	£ 15:00	£ 15:00	£18:00

For those of you (and partners) that are interested, please email me direct or alternatively add your name to WMS Notice on Board in the Bowls Room.

**Please let me know:** Number of people - If you wish to Car Share - Establishment preferred

Any questions / suggestions, please feel free to come back to me.

**NOTE:** All the above are based on the venue accepting our final booking. Final decision will be made by no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

### Aide Memoir – The WMS Car Pub Club

*“Premise is, that once a month, we drive out to a local Pub / Restaurant / Food establishment and enjoy the culinary delights that East Anglia can offer.*

*It could be for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or even a Fish & Chip Supper by the Sea. The venue can be suggested by Members - different locations and different food styles / tastes.*

*The Club should be flexible enough to allow any WMS Member to attend or not, as the food choice for that month may not always suit. It can be local cuisine, Indian, Mexican, Italian, Chinese, Indian, etc.*

*I suggest that a rota can be set that allows for different Cars / Drivers for different outings, there may also be an ad-hoc system to share the cost of fuel etc.*

*The Club will be open to all WMS Members - whether they drive or not as I am sure there will be enough passenger seats. In addition, Members Wives and Partners will also be able to enjoy the Food Trips Out.*

*I welcome comments / suggestions re the **WMS Car Pub Club**, but I would suggest we don't want to apply too many rules (e.g., Car Classifications / Food Groups etc..) so that Club can grow organically.”*

Interested? Contact [Stewart Haile](mailto:Stewart Haile) - Car Pub Club lead - 07775 694099 - email: [shaile33@aol.com](mailto:shaile33@aol.com)



# The Shed Journal



## The Music Club:

*“Music Club members met in the back room next to the bar on 7<sup>th</sup> December for a listening session with the optional theme ‘Christmas’. Each ‘Shedder’ was invited to play a track of their choice for the others to appreciate after which it was briefly discussed and then scored by each member according to how much they liked it. The top four most popular tracks on the day were as follows:*

- 1. ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ performed by The London Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus (73 votes)*
- 2= ‘The Little Swallow’ performed by Katie Melua (68 votes)*
- 2= ‘The Christmas Song’ performed by Nat ‘King’ Cole (68 votes)*
- 4. ‘Santa Baby’ performed by Eartha Kitt (65 votes)*

*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. 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.*

*The Music Club meets on a monthly basis throughout the year – normally the first Wednesday in the month, starting as soon as possible after 10 o’clock. **The next listening session will be on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, in the back room off the Bar (the door next to the pool table). The optional theme for January is ‘Water’.*

*There is no additional charge other than the usual £2 Shed subs. 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 club lead - email: [silveralto@gmail.com](mailto:silveralto@gmail.com)

## The Shanty Group:

### **Shanties at the Shed**

*“The Shanty Group held their third rehearsal on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. This marked the end of a trial period to ascertain whether the group would prove viable in the longer term. To do so two criteria would have to be met.*

*The first, and most important, was that those attending found the sessions enjoyable and worthwhile. The second was that the group had the potential to improve over time. It was clear from the first session held in September that the group was more than capable of reaching a good standard and had a core of members who could take the group forward. It has also transpired that those attending have enjoyed the experience.*

*Such is their enthusiasm that the group will now meet twice a month after the Christmas break. Furthermore, and thanks to the support of the Men’s Shed Committee, we will be able to use the back room next to the bar for future sessions.*

*In the November session four songs were sung during the morning: ‘What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor’; ‘Blow the Man Down’; ‘Bound for South Australia’ and ‘The Wild Rover’. Although we are still learning the songs, members each took a turn at singing short solo passages and a first attempt was made to incorporate basic harmony into some chorus lines. Results were most encouraging and will improve with time.*

*As indicated above, the Shanty Group will meet on a twice monthly basis from Feb 23 onwards – normally the first Monday and the third Wednesday in the month starting as soon as possible after 10 o’clock. There is no additional charge other than the usual £2 Shed subs.*

***The next sessions will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023** in the back room behind the bar. Thereafter sessions will be on the first Monday and third Wednesday each month. Why not give it a go? You don’t have to be a good singer or be able to read music. Just turn up at the next session – you will be made most welcome. “*

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





## The Shutterists:

**“November...** who can remember that far back? Luckily for the Shutterists an exciting month as we welcomed two new WMS members into our Camera Group, Grahame Andrews, and Wayne Rutter. The Shutterists Group has now a total of 12 like-minded souls, including, of course, ‘John the Sketch’ who refuses never to be forgotten.”

## Group Outings (The Photo Walk):

### Brancaster Staithe and Windmill – November 23<sup>rd</sup>



“Seven members of the Shutterists travelled to Thornham, leaving Watton in sleet & rain but undeterred. The original plan was to walk from Holme to Thornham making use of the Boardwalk that had recently re-opened after repair works.

However, after travelling in two cars we arrived at our meeting point at Holme Dunes Visitor Centre and Tea Room, alas still in pouring rain only to discover the Tea Room closed. No matter, Neil Rowe knew of a close by Tea Room, so back towards the main A149 which, after a short drive of at least 30 minutes (Ha-ha) we eventually arrived at Dalegate Market.

Deepdale Café was both warm and inviting, The Shutterists enjoyed coffee and maybe even the odd bacon or sausage baguette. The time was whiled away, with joyful banter and craic, whilst the rain and wind dissipated to reveal bright blue photo-ready skies.

Given the distance travelled from Holme to Burnham Deepdale an executive decision was taken to visit Brancaster Staithe instead, as it was now more local.

The weather was cold but bright, generating endless photo opportunities of the shoreline, the boat yard, and mooring points. Several hours were happily spent, snapping both beautiful and interesting images.

Luncheon was served at the White Horse, and oh wow... delicious.

The Group then split into two, one homeward bound and the other stayed to take pictures of the sunset at the windmill.” <https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/23113960.holme-thornham-boardwalk-reopens-following-repair-works/>

“Here are some sample images from the Brancaster Staithe and Windmill Competition.

The result for the winning photo, as judged by Steve Fransz will be announced in next month’s Journal.”





## 'Steve the Fence'

*"Elsewhere, Steve Frasz a.k.a. 'Steve the Fence' has his own following within the Shutterists, and in their tribute to the Great Man, several fence pictures were taken for his own pure enjoyment"*



## December Outings:

### Completed:

Photo walk via the River into the City of Norwich – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Norwich Aviation Museum – Night shoot – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Norwich – Rosary Cemetery, Skyline of Norwich, and Wensum River Reflections.

### Planned:

Nothing definite in diary for December or January – TBA.

### 52 Week Capture Challenge:

The Annual Challenge enters Week 45: -

Week **45** Prism or Mirror - **46** Hands or Feet - **47** Numbers - **48** Something Spooky - **49** Photo Manipulation.

The Winning photographers will be announced in January edition of WMS Journal.

## What's coming up for the Shutterists

More ad-hoc trips (maybe)... watch your inbox and / or the Shed Notice board.

2023 Competition – details of next year's Photographic Challenge.

Release of WMS Shutterist logo – based on a superb art interpretation, 'The Shutterist's Group' by our very own John Chocqueel-Mangan (aka 'John the Sketch').

### **Finally.... as an aide memoir**

*"As a reminder to all Sheddors, The WMS Shutterists are predominantly an 'Artistic Group', however cameras / pencils / 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.*

*Join the Shutterists, which is huge fun, and allow those creative juices to flow."*

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







# The Shed Journal



## Other News, Notices, Events & Interesting Articles:

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING			
Date	Social Room	Workshop	Tech Room
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>OPEN for Mulled Wine Event</b>	CLOSED	<b>OPEN</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>OPEN</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>OPEN</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>OPEN</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED	<b>OPEN 10-12</b>	CLOSED
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

**All departments of the Shed will open on normal days and normal times as from and including Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

### Royal Mail Stamps:



This is a reminder to use up your old Royal Mail stamps on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Old non-barcoded stamps will no longer be valid after that date. Stamps up to the value of £200 may be returned to Royal Mail for a 'Swap-Out', get a form from the post office.



### WMS Local Community Assistance Fund:

This is a fund of a maximum of £500 per annum raised from specific fund-raising events such as Quiz & Chip nights and will **not** be from our main funds. It will be up to the membership to suggest worthy local causes, so if you have a proposal, it should be submitted to the committee for consideration.

**\*\*\* 'The Wayland First Responders'** will be the first worthy cause for our new fund. Monies raised at our next 'Quiz & Chips' night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 will form said donation.

### WMS Website:

Our website address is: [www.waylandmensshed.co.uk](http://www.waylandmensshed.co.uk).

Members are encouraged to visit the site and have a look around. The site is continually undergoing updates and our continued thanks go to Neil Rowe for his efforts. Constructive comments, suggestions or ideas for improvement and potential new content are very welcome. Just approach Neil or any committee member.

### UK Men's Shed Association (UKMSA):



If you want to know more about the UKMSA, **type** or, **cut and paste** this link into your address bar. <https://mailchi.mp/9864d9f4ae67/shoulder-to-shoulder-june-15550677?e=a370dbe526>

### Facebook:



WMS has a group page – currently with around 17 members:

[www.facebook.com/groups/5797251266956413](https://www.facebook.com/groups/5797251266956413)

**Note:** The above page should not be confused with a similar page, this was an earlier iteration from the days of our formation, this legacy page is **NOT** updated by the Men's Shed (**Please use the above link**).



# The Shed Journal



## Moments of Clarity:

As I sat, strapped in my seat waiting during the countdown, one thought kept crossing my mind. Every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder - **John Glenn**

When the white missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible, and we had the land. They said, "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible, and they had the land - **Desmond Tutu**

America is the only country where a considerable proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real, but the moon landing was faked - **David Letterman**

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire - **Howard Hughes**

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box - **Italian proverb**

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats - **Jean Kerr**

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage - **Zsa Zsa Gabor**

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife - **Prince Philip**

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself - **Harrison Ford**

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree - **Spike Milligan**

Submitted by [Jezz Hookham](#)

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke - **Robin Hall**

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror - **Jean Rostand**

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million - **Arnold Schwarzenegger**.

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea - **W. H. Auden**

If life were fair Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead - **Johnny Carson**

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap - **Steve Martin**

Home cooking is where many a man thinks his wife is - **Jimmy Durante**

America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric - **Doug Hamwell**

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone - **George Roberts**

If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport. - **Jonathan Winter**

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it - **Robert Benchley**

The weather person is the only person that I know, that can be wrong 99.9 % of the time and still have a job the next day - **Johnny Carson**

## A generational thing:

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I'm feeling, what I'll do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, myself gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversation, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them, and it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

Submitted by [Jezz Hookham](#)



## A generational thing 2, the sequel:

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly an RAF Typhoon capable of Mach 2 appears alongside.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio:

"Airbus, boring flight isn't it old chap? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, what do you think of that?"

The Airbus pilot answers:

"Very impressive, but just watch this!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight and level at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios:

"Typhoon, what about that then?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks:

"What did you do?"

The Airbus pilot laughs and says:

"I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

## The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seem to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important. This is called S.O.S. Slower, Older and Smarter.

Dedicated to all us seniors; it's time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.

Submitted by [Ray Cutbush](#)

## Known Local Events for 2023:

Date	Event	Location	Time

**If you are aware of any events in Breckland then please email the editor with the details.**

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# The Shed Journal



## Business, Administration & Housekeeping matters:

### Shed Opening Times 2023: (Starting from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January)

Social Room and Workshop - Mondays and Wednesdays 09:00 till 12:00.

Computer Room - Mondays 09:00 to 12:00 - Thursdays 09:00 till 12:30.

### Housekeeping:

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

### Treasurers Report:

*"I can announce that at the halfway point of the shed year we continue to maintain a very strong bank balance. Without wishing to sound like a long-playing record, we still need to remain vigilant to the vagaries of market forces. We must not rest on our laurels but drive the shed onwards to greater heights. To that end you all have a role to play, and we thank you all for continuing to support your shed and your committee."*

*Full yearly & monthly accounts may be examined, and any questions answered upon application to myself."*

*John Chamberlin* – Treasurer – email: [bjcoi8@gmail.com](mailto:bjcoi8@gmail.com)

### Memberships Report:

*"Thanks to the Carnival and Christmas Market events, our membership has now reached a heady 66. We had a lot of interest and obtained at least 6 new members as a result. Please continue to make these new members feel welcome as we have come to expect from you all."*

*John Chamberlin* – Membership Secretary – email: [bjcoi8@gmail.com](mailto:bjcoi8@gmail.com)

### Your committee:

Malcolm Trayhorn: Chairman, Social Sec & Press	Gordon Williams: Vice Chairman	Jeffrey Heath: Tech supervisor
Stuart Haile: Secretary	Richard Adams: Workshop Supervisor	John Bunning: Tech assistant
John Chamberlin: Treasurer & Memberships		

### Committee meeting:

Next committee meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 3pm in the Sports Centre.

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](mailto:malcolm.trayhorn@gmail.com)

The meeting welcomes 'observers' from the membership, they can submit questions and/or signal their wish to attend to the secretary no later than Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023. *Stewart Haile* - email: [shaile33@aol.com](mailto:shaile33@aol.com)

### 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 and out, do not just go to the Workshop/Computer rooms.**

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; they are located in the filing cabinet in the workshop.

### 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](mailto:bjcoi8@gmail.com) with a price, picture, also include a 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 nor guarantee any items sold.





## Solutions

**Joke:** The Christmas alphabet has **Noel**.

**Puzzle:** 'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas'.



Written. circa 1940 by Irvin Berlin.  
Made famous by Bing Crosby in 1942.  
Also featured in the 1954 film  
'White Christmas'

**Who?** **Clement Clarke Moore.** A poem first published in 1823, some dispute his claim as the original author.

**Where?** **Norway.** Since 1947, a token of gratitude for British support during the Second World War.

**Why?** **They are boxes** traditionally given to servants, containing money, a gift and sometimes leftover food.

**When?** **Twelfth Night.** Sooner or later is considered unlucky and if not removed they should stay up all year.

**Which?** **1840's** by Sir Henry Cole, a Public Records Office civil servant. Illustrated by John Horsley. Sold for 1/-

**What?** **Oranges.** Wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.

**That's odd:** **Acorn.** The others are traditional Christmas nuts.

**Next in line:** **Pipers.** True love presents from the song 'The Twelve 12 Days of Christmas'.

**MIA:** **Vixen.** They are the original names of Santa's' Reindeer as published in 1823. Many say Donner & Blixen

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

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