

The Shed Newsletter

All the latest from Moseley and Kings Heath Shed



Fundraising for Shedders

Michael Belcher outlines the latest Shed initiative

Having been very poorly in 2016 and in hospital I was fortunate to have visitors and phone calls and became aware of many patients not as lucky as me. It made me consider members of the Shed and I came up with the idea of keeping in contact when they miss days to make sure that they are OK. I was particularly concerned when Mark lost his transport and found it difficult to attend and so the Shed started a fund to help him. I made a call and initially got Mark a manual wheelchair which some shedders did work on to make it fit for purpose. Mark also got a scooter from Steph, which we checked over. I have since managed to acquire an electric wheelchair and might be able to provide him with this instead. To further support Mark we are looking at getting a suitable exercise bike to help him retain his mobility. We hope to assist other shedders who need help with this type of transport. We are aware that others may need assistance so please let us know if we can help.

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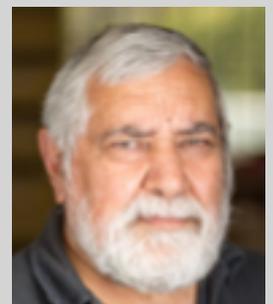
All done!

A big thanks to Jacko from Choice Electrical Services Ltd, Kings Heath who has been in on several occasions to undertake a rewiring of the workshop. I'm sure you'll agree it all looks great!

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Community matters

Blooming' great work!

The Sheddners got together with representatives from Moseley in Bloom on Saturday 13th May to install planters in the area. Preparations for this



had taken place earlier in the week with the various sections being prefabricated ready for assembly by the Bloom team.

As Les explains 'This went very well - Pete Currell joined me along with a group of people from MiB out on site in Newport Road. It only took 90 minutes to assemble the 11 planters - it was the women who were keen and just got stuck in - most of them had never used a power screwdriver before. The residents were very pleased.'



Meanwhile, Dean from the Park Rangers has been working with Friends of Cotteridge Park to create some fantastic furniture from pallets.



These will be used at the CocoMad festival on 1st July, where the Shed will have a stall.

And then Larry has just handed over the beautiful noticeboard below to Westley Vale Millennium Green. As you probably know, Larry has been suffering from a bad back these past few weeks so a hearty 'well done' for getting this lovely piece of street furniture finished. Rosie from Millennium Park has now ordered a second, which Rob T is currently working on.



International News

Yes, word is spreading about the Shed!

We were very proud to pay host to an international study visit to the Shed on May 3rd. 'The Urban Manufacturing Project' is a joint collaboration between Birmingham City Council and Birmingham City University. The project is looking at collaborative 'maker-spaces' where people from different disciplines work together to produce new products and services. There were 22 people in the group from countries all over Europe and I think it's true to say they were very impressed with what they saw.



They were particularly touched by Brian's very kind gift of a wooden egg each that he'd spent time turning on the lathe. Good touch Brian!



ALL SAINTS FUN DAY

On May 6th several shedders turned up at All Saints Farmers Market on a chilly Saturday morning to help out with our fundraising efforts for a new storage facility. This event was kindly sponsored by Santander in Kings Heath. We had three stalls selling recycled tools, Brian's craftwork, and general bric a brac. In the evening Paul ran a disco. We'd like to say a big thanks to the Santander team, who turned up on the day to man a bouncy castle and help out with the disco. They've also agreed to match the funds we raised on the day so we should be well on the way to raising the money needed. Thanks to everyone who helped out.



And a special mention for Paul, who worked incredibly hard to get the whole event off the ground. Paul's been poorly recently and we're all looking forward to seeing him back in the Shed.

The Mainly Metal group

An update from our metalworkers



The Mainly Metal group has been having fun with two projects over the last few weeks. Shedders have followed the progress of both the mural tree for Highfield Hall, called 'A Tree of New Beginnings', and the tree sculpture for the garden. We have had metal tubing donated and are about a quarter of the way through making the branches so far. Please feel free to visit the workshop to see what we have added between 10 and 1 on Fridays or keep tabs on our progress on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/Angelcre8tes.

The projects are a collaboration between Angela and the shed with Highfield Hall Community Centre, Art Works Hall Green and the MAC, inspired by the #Love Your Neighbour initiative. The mural should be completed by Mid May and the sculpture will be at least the end of July. Help would be gratefully accepted! Several shedders will be involved in adding decorative elements to the tree.



Meet a shedder

In each issue we'll feature a profile of a Shedder. In this issue - meet Saeed.



I joined the shed partly because I saw it as an opportunity to help out and volunteer some of my time to a good cause. I was also looking for help with some renovation projects of my own. My initial reaction to the shed was just how friendly everyone was and I'm always given a warm welcome. The expertise on hand really impresses me as well as the willingness of shedders to help others out with challenging tasks. Over the course of my visits I've had help with various 'mending' jobs such as a spade I brought in, fixing a loose hammer head and various other small jobs. More recently I've had the pleasure of helping out on a stall - I was given the chance to try my sales skills selling bric-a-brac on the Kings Heath Fun Day. This was really good fun and I had a great sense of achievement every time I managed to sell something. I'm keen to join the glassmaking session that

takes place on a Thursday morning and trying my hand on the lathe when I have time. And having enjoyed the camaraderie I experienced on the fun day, I'm also looking forward to taking up further offers of working with others on projects or events.

OVER TO YOU

Do you have a hobby or interest you'd like to share? Any interesting anecdotes about yourself? Did you have a particular reason for joining the Shed?

Send us your 'Meet a shedder' profile and we'll include it in a future newsletter.
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