



Issue 2 - Summer 2023

Breaking News

- Building Regulations for the new shed, all issues have been resolved and we now have the green light to move forward.
- A new electrical feed has been run through to the shed.
- Insulation and lining materials have been delivered. Fitting will hopefully start soon.
- Setting up WhatsApp groups continues to be a work in progress.
- There is a new possible outreach project in the pipeline.
- Some encouraging results to report on fund raising.
- All supervisors have recently renewed their Health and Safety qualifications.

The New Shed

Insulating and lining out the shed is the next stage, in preparation for electrical systems and final fitting out as a workshop.

Labour maybe in short supply, so this is your chance to get involved. If you feel that you could help in any way, your support would be greatly appreciated. In the first instance contact Saeed, who will be co-ordinating the work.

Community / Outreach Projects

We have been contacted by Birmingham Hospice who want to set up their own shed. They currently visit isolated people at home and think a shed may be an answer for some. They have asked for our help to get started and their organiser Becky visited recently. We have agreed to run an outreach mosaic class (for 5 people) in order to get them started. This will be followed by someone from BH joining our class to learn the skills required to make simple items and run classes. They already have a large summerhouse on Raddlebarn Road which will serve as their shed.

Health and Safety

- Monday 1st May. All supervisors of the shed spent an informative day updating their Health and Safety qualifications. This is a requirement for all supervisors to ensure that there is a safe working environment maintained at all times.
- The **Defibrillator** has been moved. For ease of access, it has now been moved to a small wall cupboard by the fridge.



Saeed being closely observed grinding a Cold Chisel

Fund Raising

A big thank you, goes out to everyone who has donated items for sale.

- 22nd April – Stratford upon Avon Craft Fair. £115 raised.
- 13th May - Martineau Gardens sale. £104 raised.

A big thank you goes out to Steff, Sandra and Eileen for their time and efforts.

Future events

- 10th June – All Saints Church, Kings Heath, 8am start. It is hoped to attend a number of regular sales at this venue, which happen, on the 2nd Saturday of each Month.
- 1st July – We are booked for the CoCo Mad festival, Cotteridge Park.
- The Victorian Tea Rooms, Kings Heath Park have agreed to have a tabletop sale at times to suit the shed and more importantly, with volunteers to run the sale.

Volunteers

To enable shed to have a presence at the various craft fairs, boot sales and markets, it would be nice to have a group of shed members who were prepared to help and spread the workload. If you can spare a few hours and would like to help, make yourself known to Steff.

Outside Agencies

Moseley Freemasons – Following a recent visit by two lodge members we have been promised some potential additional funding for the shed. Fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

TOOLS FOR AFRICA

This is a charity that on Tuesdays uses the facilities of the shed. The aim of this charity is to assemble a number of different types of tool kits, which are then shipped out to Africa and distributed to those in need.

On Tuesdays, tools that have been donated to the charity are sorted, refurbished and then made up into tools kits. These tool kits allow the recipients to gain useful employment.

Any tools that are not suitable are sold at local markets, boot sales, etc. Monies raised is used to pay for the shipping costs.

Volunteers

If you feel that you would like to be involved, help this charity, and don't mind getting your hands dirty,

contact :- Dawn 07773 229 269

Rob 07754 739 387

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Do you have a problematic project that needs expert advice? Or do you want to take your crafting skills to another level?

Whether it's a toy train or full sized plane, a lovingly restored vintage motorbike, puppets, woodcutters, upholsterers, glass makers, automaton and any home made invention, no matter how big or small we'd love to help you perfect your project!

Our Touring Toolshed is here to help!

Get in touch with your name, contact information and details about your project:
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 **BBC**

BBC Touring Shed

If any member of the shed has a project that they would like some extra specialist support with, this would be an ideal opportunity. If you want any additional clarification, speak to Saeed.

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Committee Vacancy

Due to some reconfiguration of the M+KH Shed committee, a vacancy has now become available, therefore, we are now in need of a new **Membership Secretary**.

If you would like more Information, or to volunteer for this position, please speak to either Sandra, or Saeed.