



Issue 4 - Winter 2023

### Larry Potter

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our founder member Mr Larry Potter.

He was instrumental in securing and equipping our shed. A brilliant engineer and designer who organised the small workspace for maximum impact. Richard Penheligan introduced copper foil glass work to the shed and Larry really moved it on, from designing and making toolboxes, storage racks and jigs to help us make 3D items.

Larry always wanted us to succeed. Generous to the core with his time, encouragement, and support. A brilliant and kind teacher, who gave actual glass and materials to help us achieve. A huge loss, who will be truly missed. Rest in peace dear friend.

Saeed Ghinai

Chair. M & K H Shed



### Breaking News

- Following the recent AGM, the minutes will be shared with all members shortly. Keep an eye on your in boxes.
- The new shed is now open.
- There is a now a new booking system, specifically for Glass sessions.
- WhatsApp groups have now been setup.
- Look out for the new cleaning rota that will be introduced in the new year.
- Fund raising updates.

### AGM

Minutes for the AGM will be released shortly, so that all members can be kept up to date with any items that were discussed, any decisions that have been made and more importantly any changes to the membership of the committee. This year three trustees stood down and two new trustees have been elected on to the committee.



### The New Shed

The new shed is now complete and open for sessions in both Glass and Mosaic work. Hopefully with this new facility we will be able to expand the range of crafts that we can offer to our members in the future.

The new shed has been named in honour of Richard Branch, who did a sterling job serving as the shed Treasurer until his untimely death in July 2022

**The new shed is to be known as - THE BRANCHLINE SHED**

Date of the official opening ceremony to be confirmed, watch this space.

### Booking System for Glass Sessions

**The booking system went 'live' on 23rd November 2023**

**TEXT bookings to 07598 299576**

#### How to book

Please book on **Monday for Saturday sessions** and **Thursday for the following Thursday sessions**, and no more than a week in advance.

Please confirm the date, morning or afternoon session, and full name on booking.

Each member to book their own session.

Each booking will be confirmed.

#### Other information

A list will be made of confirmed bookings and members may have to go on a waiting list if the session is full.

Members on a waiting list will be contacted and will have priority for the following week.

Members who book two sessions per week may need to forgo a session if it allows another member to attend who only books once a week.

**Cancellations:** please message as soon as possible to allow another member to attend.

Only members who have paid their subs can book.

### WhatsApp Group

A WhatsApp for all members has finally come to fruition. If you are a fully paid-up members, but are not a member of the group, give your name and phone number to Saeed as a matter of urgency. You may be missing out on important information.

The initial idea of the WhatsApp group was to create a simple, but effective way for supervisors to communicate with all members, to pass on important information/messages, such as shed closures due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Please ensure all shed business is completed between the hours of 9am – 9pm.**



### Cleaning Rota

A new cleaning rota, involving all members of the shed is to be introduced in the new year. Each week a number of members will be asked to clean the four main areas of the shed: rest/tearoom, toilet, woodwork area and glass/mosaic area. Cleaning normally takes place on a Monday morning. For some members this will be fine, but others may choose to clean on other days of the week to fit in with personal travel arrangements, which classes they attend, family commitments, etc. I anticipate that there may be a few teething problems, but these we can be ironed out along the way.

### Fund-Raising VOLUTEERS WANTED

Do you have some time to spare?  
Do you like working as part of a team?  
Would you like to promote the good work of the shed?

If your answer is yes to all of these questions, Steff, would like to talk to you about setting up a group of likeminded individuals, who would support each other in running a number of future fund-raising events. All funds that are raised are reinvested into the running and upkeep of the shed.

**Merry Christmas  
and Happy  
New Year  
to all  
Members**