



Giving a welcome and support for mature men with time on their hands

## Lets Profit from Our Efforts

**MEET  
the  
SHEDDERS**



**Next Thursday 24 September, 9 o'clock registration starts,  
Milton Keynes Conferencing Centre, Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook,  
Milton Keynes MK6 2TG**

We're expecting Sheddors from all over the place, Bedford, Aylesbury, Buckingham, Hemel and Winslow as well as others interested in setting up Sheds in Towcester, Bletchley, Cambridge and Biggleswade.

Arrive at 9 a.m and then you will have time to visit the various exhibitions being set up by the Sheddors. From 10 a.m. onwards, the rest of the morning will focus on what's going on with many of these



**News and  
coming Events**

**A New Matched  
Funding  
Opportunity**



**10.00 a.m. 13 October sees  
the start of another Matched  
Funding opportunity with  
Local Giving.**

The ground rules this time are a little different:

**1. Amounts up to £10** will be

Sheds. The afternoon will be centred on organisations who are interested in helping setting up Sheds.

**And there's even a free lunch but the number of places are limited! Book a place ASAP through this [link](#) or search for South Mercia Shedders on the Eventbrite page.** Failing that ask Peter to book you a place.

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## A Flaming Good Time



The visit by the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Francesca Skelton, proved to be a stunning day. In Francesca's words "You are clearly providing a great space for men to come together ..... I have been raving about you in my travels..... and the lovely surprise of the BBQ to boot. ....". To see her full letter [go to](#).

Thanks must go to Malcolm and Dave for arranging the supply of the sausages and burgers and the BBQ Formation Team, for cooking the food and their near successful attempt to set the BBQ alight.

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## Chair Lift Go-ahead

After tortuous negotiation, the Building Control office has given permission for the installation of the stair lift. This will give more ready access to the less mobile members to the mezzanine floor.

This update came a few months after we heard the tragic news of the death of Genevieve Reason, one of the organisers of the Guinness Book of Records Cupcake Challenge. She'd frequently made it known to her family that the Shed had deserved better recognition of its efforts in support of the Cupcake project, so on the occasion of Genevieve's memorial service, her mother Fay proposed that donations should benefit the Shed. She responded enthusiastically to the idea these go towards the installation and operation cost of the stair lift and that we commemorate it in Genevieve's name.

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matched with another £10 BUT there is a limit of 5 donations per person. Remember, only the first £10 of a donation counts for matched funding, so if you want to donate more than £10, do so in multiple donations of £10 or less, up to a maximum of 5 donations.

**1. New Direct Debits** will be matched for a further 3 months. For example if you set up a new direct debit for £15 per month, the Shed will benefit from a further  $3 \times £15 = £45$ .

**A note to all who have not yet increased their month direct debit donation in line with recommendations.**

You'll recall that in order to help to Shed remain solvent we suggested an increase in monthly donation to £15 per month. Many have as yet not made this increase.

Unfortunately Local Giving's system doesn't make this easy. To increase a donation you have to delete the old one and set up a new one. Local Giving does not permit more than one direct debit on the same bank account.

This Matched Funding opportunity gives us a chance to do just that, and the Shed will benefit from the first 3 months of that sum being matched funded. **BUT DON'T DO IT TODAY, WAIT UNTIL 10 a.m. 13 OCTOBER.**

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**Donate, Please!**

Our supports include



Milton Keynes Christian Foundation



Single Donation

Give Monthly



Remember you can very easily donate to the Shed and help it remain a going concern, by going to [this link](#). Thank you.

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