

A New Lease of Life

We stay put for the time being.

The Shed meeting a couple of weeks ago on the matter of our continued use of Unit 30, our home in Kiln Farm, was a pretty lively affair.

The outcome? The Shedders committed to conform to the letter with Age UK's fire protection programme. It was this more than anything that had made Age UK MK reluctant to renew the lease. This commitment entails a deal of work and ongoing obligation to rigorously undertake the fire system testing. A good number of Shedders signed up to do this. So no slacking fellers!

Age UK MK in turn committed to extend the lease for 6 months. In the means time they are helping the Shed secure extra resource, paid or volunteer, to help administer and run the Shed. With approaching 100 registered members, the Shed has become too large for the small band of volunteers to operate. *If you know anyone who may be suitable for this role, tell the Shed Management Committee. Or if you can just help out and lighten the load, tell us.*

A consequence of this resource crisis is that we've also had to put a halt to taking in any further new members. *More important, existing Shedders need to properly register as members by the end of this month, February.* This only requires the payment of a £1 annual membership. Mark, Steve (new part time volunteer admin chap) Big David, or Paul for the Hackspacers can properly process these payments.



News and coming Events

Winter BBQ



Yes we are mad, looking to fight off the winter blues. A date is yet to fixed in the diary.

Helping a new Shed start

Woughton Community Council have organised a visit to our Shed along with a bunch of chaps wanting to start their own Shed. The visit takes place this Wednesday, 10 Feb, at 10.30. Be there to welcome them and later enjoy a spot of free lunch.



You may well ask why the £1 membership fee. The Shed just about manages financially through the generosity of donations made by the Shedders. But donations are not tracked in a very diligent way (too much work), so its difficult to positively identify who are members of the 200 or so who over the years have registered with the Shed.

The charity Commission insist we have a register of members and our insurance only covers the use of Shed facilities by members. Its a pain, but you see why we have to do this?

And finally, as Jack Nicholson in the movie The Departed said, "No ticky, no laundry!" *Which means that by the end of this month, if you haven't paid your £1 membership, don't have a red spot on your name badge to prove it, and aren't wearing your name badge, you won't be allowed to attend and use the Shed facilities. That includes no free cups of tea!!!* Most have registered. *If you haven't, register now.*



Our supporters include:

Local Start-up Shed contacts

Although not good news that the Kiln Farm Shed at present has halted taking in new members, the better news is that there's signs of more Sheds starting in the MK area.

1. Woughton Parish are looking to set up a Shed (see above); contact lorraine.essam@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk
2. West Bletchley Shed, mostly targeted at resident in MK3; contact Paul, email pegwr33@gmail.com
3. Tinker Bridge Repair Shed. A new community venture; contact david.lee.ja@gmail.com

The Chipboard Mountain diminishes

There's been a good take up of some of the mountain of chipboard panels. Still more to be had, but don't leave it too late.

Donate, Please!



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



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Thank you.
