



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

Happy New Year

Mayor's Visit

Some time ago Councillor Gerald Small kindly donated £1000 and suggested the Shed make a plaque highlighting our activity, to be presented to the mayor's office. Like many things, the Shed was not too swift to act on this, the plaque was produced thanks to Andrew, but the arrangements for the mayor's visit fell through the cracks. But no more; the mayor, councillor **David Hopkins** will be visiting the Shed **next Wednesday, 24th Jan at 10.30**.



Dave Lewis (himself a past mayor) has been instrumental in arranging the visit and a full programme of activity. And besides that we will be having our own Sausage Sizzle that morning, thanks to Dave Towell.

Looking on all of you to turn out in force to support the Shed

Get Welding

Dave, a new member, has been the driving force in seeing that the welding bay is sorted to the satisfaction of our insurers. There's still work to do in finalising the setup. Thanks to two further new members, Brian and Steve Green (you've guessed it, father and son) further fit out work has started. If you are keen on the idea of welding, then Nick Packam our Shed friendly blacksmith, will be happy to give you some instruction. Otherwise the young lady opposite might encourage you ;o).



News in Brief



The Shed is currently working with Wolverton and Greenleys council to upgrade their planters around the town. Henry, with support from John Weir and Andrew has kicked off prototyping a self-watering planter, easy to make and cheap at the price. When we roll out the programme, you are most welcome to take part. Ask one of those fellas about it.

Renewal of Membership

Regular members will already know that they have to routinely renew their membership each year in January. This is done to conform to conditions of the Charity Commission and our Insurers. Simply put, if you don't pay the princely sum of £1 to renew your membership, you are not insured to use the Shed facilities, or to be regarded as a registered member.

We're also keen to know who wants to continue as a member. It helps with planning etc. So don't be shy, seek out Mark and get you renewal done.

Machine Accreditation

Thanks to Dick we have a white board on the inner front door. Its to be used to alert members to imminent events, such as a new round of machine accreditation. When invited, sign up on the board for such a session.

A Belated Welcome to new members

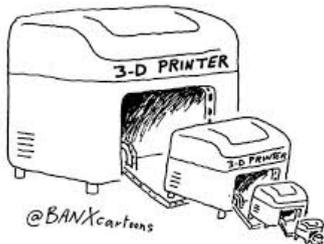
Several new members have joined us in the last few weeks. Welcome to all. Looking forward to you becoming actively involved in the Shed.

You win some



So we didn't get through to the awards process with Aviva to secure the money for our Shed heating system, but better than a slap in the face, we are in line of a £100 consolation prize. Now a discussion has broken out on to what variety of biscuits we should buy with the money.

3D Printer, 3D printer, 3D Printer



You can never have too many 3D printers, that's what James of the Makerspacers tells me. He's been using his own 3D printer to print parts for several other Makerspacers who in turn will build their 3D Printers. Seek out James (Jim) late afternoon / evening on a Monday or Wednesday if you are interested in this technology.

Our supporters include:



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Shed briefings

Just a reminder, the first of Wednesday of the month at 12 noon there is a short Shed meeting to bring all interested up to date on developments and happenings in the Shed. **The next meeting is Wednesday 7th Feb 2018.**

Peter

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