

Hayling Island Men's Shed Association

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Our curry evening at the Gandhi Restaurant in January raised £373 - see page 4.

We had a great Quiz Evening at Seacourt Tennis Club on 1st April. Thanks to Alan Ball and Joan for their organising and all who made it possible. The evening raised £157 for our funds.

Our next event is the Donkey Derby on the Legion Field on Saturday 27th May, when we will be having a display stand, sales table and tombola.

We have 43 paid-up members so far for 2017, plus quite a number of others with whom we are in contact. With Gift Aid, our membership contributions have given us around £700.

Our weekly meetings recently have included 'my life story' talks from several of the members - and we have heard some fascinating and hilarious stories!

Members were informed at their meeting on 4th May that we have moved a major step closer to getting our own shed. We are now working on finalising plans ready for the planning application.

Our special thanks go to member Len Garner and his wife for their very generous donations to our funds.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 27th May
Donkey Derby

Wed 9th August
Three Churches Fete

Supported by...



...and many donations from members and friends



From the Chairman

Well despite my best efforts to persuade you to elect a new chairman, you have re-elected me for another year.

Thank you for the trust that you have put in me and I will, to the best of my abilities, do whatever I can to get our Shed up and running as soon as we can.

Thank you also for re-electing Tony, Roy and Ron and appointing a vice-chairman in Tim Norgate. Welcome Tim, glad to have you on the team in what I hope will be a more productive year for us.

Talking of which, as some of you will already know, we have just had the great news that the URC Wessex Trust has 'in principle' agreed to grant us a lease. We now have to thrash out the terms of that lease and I will be communicating with them very soon.

Great photo of some of you guys on the day the news was passed on to you [see page 3!]. Sorry I was not there to share it with you. From the photo it looks like we'll have some work to do on the site again. It's time we stopped the grass/weeds growing under our feet and get our much needed and anticipated Shed built. The next step will be for us to get planning and building applications in with the Council.

Obviously, we shall need significantly more funding and we'll be making those applications as soon as we can. Thanks to all your efforts we have a healthy balance to get things moving and to meet the forthcoming expenses which we will incur.

Gosh, is this excitement I'm feeling? If it is and I hope it is, I really must contain myself. Keep the enthusiasm going boys, it won't be long.

Gerry



60s/70s Evening

Our first social event, last December, was a sell-out. Grateful thanks especially to members Roy Slyfield (whose idea it was, and who was our DJ) and Mike Harris (who undertook the catering for 80 guests).

The event made an amazing £784 towards our funds!



Summer Barbeque

We are hoping our next social event will be a BBQ in the summer. Please let us have your ideas for venue, date and catering!

Local Men's Shed on video

There's a great 5 minute video on the UKMSA website showing how the Littlehampton Men's Shed was set up and equipped (<http://menssheds.org.uk/2017/02/littlehampton-shed-video/>)

There's a lot we can learn from this about how we move on from where we are now.



Team photo May 2017



Santa's out of the Shed



Six of us (including two wives) spent an evening with the Hayling Lions' Santa's Sleigh, as we collected in the roads around West Lane and Manor Road. Gerry made a very convincing Santa, and our collectors raised an impressive £308 for the Shed.

We are so grateful to the Lions for giving us this great fund-raising opportunity.

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Weekly meetings

We meet on Thursdays at 2pm at South Hayling United Reformed Church small hall. The address is Hollow Lane, PO11 9EY (opposite Sainsburys).

Everyone is welcome to come and have a cuppa and find out what we are up to - but hopefully before too long we will be getting out of the meeting room and doing some actual work in preparation of our shed building.

We are very grateful to the URC for continuing to allow us to meet there each week.

Please note on 8th June we will not be having a formal meeting, as the Hall is in use as a Polling Station. Members are invited to gather on the land at the rear of the church with gardening tools, so we can do a bit of clearance work.



Find us on Facebook:

just search for Hayling Island Mens Shed

News in Brief

- Thanks to all those members who have handed in donations as a result of 'odd jobs' they have undertaken, or items they have made or sold. So far this has raised over £600 for our funds.
- We currently have 43 paid-up members for 2017. A big welcome to those who have joined us in recent months.
- We hope soon to have a new look website - have a look at www.himsa.co.uk
- We now have a donation button on the front page of the website, thanks to BT MyDonate. Any money give goes to our bank account without deduction. We are hoping people will 'Sponsor a Plank' for £10.

Curry Evening



A massive thank you to Josh Ahmed, manager of the Gandhi Restaurant in Hollow Lane, for the very generous donation following our excellent curry evening there in January. 32 members and friends enjoyed a real banquet and a great social evening.



GANDHI RESTAURANT
Hayling Island

2017 AGM

We were very pleased to welcome Cllr Faith Ponsonby (Mayor of Havant), Alan Mak MP, Cllr Andy Lenaghan and Rev Heather Cadoux (South Hayling United Reformed Church) to our first AGM as a charity, and to hear of their support for our Shed.

Chairman Gerry Johnson reported on the ups and downs of our first year, and Treasurer Roy Cadoux said that in 2016 we had raised £11,865.

All our existing Trustees were re-elected, and we are pleased to welcome Tim Norgate as Vice Chairman.



Donkey Derby 27 May

Please let us have any donations for the tombola, or items for sale, by 25th May.

We also need any help you can give with setting up in the morning, manning the stall during the day, or packing away from 4pm.

We hope the event will further boost awareness of HIMSA and raise some funds.

Thank you to all who voted for us last year for the Aviva Community Fund. We were originally told that we hadn't won anything, but then another applicant was apparently rejected and we were awarded a grant of £1000!

Our thanks to Aviva, and to Tony George who masterminded our application.

It is great to know that we have such support for our Shed from the wider community.



- There are now 377 Sheds open in the UK, with another 101 in development.

MEN'S SHED'S NETWORKS - it's good to talk!

from the UK Men's Sheds Association website menssheds.org.uk



Did you know there are already a number of Men's Sheds regional networks around the country? UKMSA's Chair Mike Brading, Director of Services Anne Oxley and RVS Shed Project Manager Jo Phillips went along to the Southern Network meeting on 6 March in Hampshire, attended by 54 people, the best turnout of Shedders they had ever had!

Chaired by network co-ordinator Steve Redrup (Portsmouth Shed) we heard from hosts Eastleigh Shed how they found their first premises and then just grew and grew! Mike gave a presentation on UKMSA's plans for the future and asked for volunteers to help by joining our new IT Shed, offering any editorial expertise or generally coming forward. Jo explained about the support and advice she can give to Sheds and talked about the Asda grant fund (now closed). Brian Cooke (Andover Shed and UKMSA trustee) asked for volunteers to help with this year's Car Fest and with a Hampshire County Council food project, which Sheds can get involved with (with a financial contribution available to the Shed). A representative from Hugo Fox showed Shedders how they could provide free help with building a Shed website, and the 3 hour meeting came to an end with a raffle sponsored by Tool Lane (www.toollane.co.uk).

There was strong agreement from all the Shedders that the network is of great value for meeting other Shedders, hearing about what other Sheds are doing, asking questions and generally having a good time over lunch and a cuppa.

The Southern Network rotates its quarterly meetings around the area, each hosted by a different Shed, and also has its own website which generates a weekly newsletter and has lots of useful videos and other items:

<http://www.smsn.byethost7.com/>