

### Welcome to the April edition of the newsletter

Since last time we have now completed the commission of bird, bat, owl and dormouse boxes for the Parish Council, and work has now begun on the market stall for the Union Church's Community Food Project.

A consignment of apple trees arrived at Little Tinkers last week as part of the Thatcher's Community Orchard Project. A number of Shedders, together with the staff and children, helped to plant the trees. We shall look forward to sampling some tasty cider in years to come!

There will be further opportunities for those who are green fingered, to join in on a variety of gardening projects.

The first of the lathe training sessions was a great success with part two of the training planned for 14<sup>th</sup> April.

We welcome some new members to the Shed – Dennis Pedrick, Carlos Oliveira and Terry Harrington. I am sure they will soon be familiar faces at our Shed sessions. Along with our new members, we welcome Peter Collyer and Bob Curtis onto the project team. Peter and Bob will be responsible, amongst other things, for the mentoring of new members.

A successful market stall was held for the first time at Holy Cross Priory, with £50 worth of goods sold. Thanks to Nic and Mike for manning the stall. It was felt that it was worth continuing with these stalls on a regular monthly basis. If anyone would like to volunteer to take a turn to man this stall, or any of our other markets, please let us know.

Meanwhile, we are still looking for someone to take on the role of project leader to replace Peter B who is temporarily covering the position until the next AGM in October.

If anyone feels they would like to help either by joining the committee or by taking on the leadership role, please speak to Peter B by phoning **868388**, or speak to Nic, Roger or Phil at the Shed.

### Monthly Pub Evening

The first of our pub evenings was held at the Runt in Tun on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was well attended and everyone had a good time. Our pub evenings will be a regular feature, taking place on the fourth Monday of each month. All are welcome to attend – no need to book, just turn up at 7.00pm and enjoy a pint with whoever is there!



### HMS represented.....

We shall be having a stand at the Parish Council's Annual Assembly at the Community Centre on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm – the idea will be to promote the Men's Shed, the benefits of being a member and to raise awareness.

On the same evening, Age Concern and the Men's Shed will be represented at a reception held by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, as our organization has been nominated for a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. This is in recognition of the support we give to the community, particularly during the lockdown.

### HMS Merchandise

Named polo shirts, fleece jackets and sweatshirts are available at competitive prices – please let us know if you would like to order one. Polo shirts £16, sweatshirts £19, and zip up fleece jackets £25



## Diary of Events

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April Breakfast Get together:** Second Monday of every month, 9.00am at Hooks Café, (next to Market ) No need to book just turn up with an appetite! Members pay for their choice of food.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm  
Lathe Training (2) – 10.30am

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Market Stall at Holy Cross Priory-  
10.30am -12.30pm

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – 8.30am-12.30pm -Heathfield Farmer's Market – Co Op Car park  
This will be an opportunity for us to showcase and sell our array of spring products – wooden planters, bird feeders, bird boxes together with our other popular items.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – 7.00pm – Pub evening at The Runt-in-Tun. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy a pint (or two) with your fellow Shedders

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Shed Session -10.00-3.30pm

## Forthcoming events.....

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – 7.00pm – Curry Evening – The Curry Inn, Heathfield –**please book a place with Peter B**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Wood Carving and Sculpting demonstration at the Shed

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August** – stall at the Rotary Club Classic Car Show, Waldron

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August** – stall at Le Marche

## Subscriptions

These will be due in May, and remain at £35 a year for full membership.

We have also introduced a new category of Social Membership at £20 a year. This will entitle members to copies of all newsletters and the opportunity to attend any social events, or lunch between 12.30-1.30pm on Shed session days.

Please pay by BACS transfer to Heathfield Men's Shed, sort code: 60-10-30 Account: 11692111 using your surname as the reference. If you are not intending to renew, please let Nic know as soon as possible.

## This is not an April Fool's joke!....

Don't forget, as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April we have extended our session times from 10.00am – 3.30pm. This will include a break for lunch between 12.30-1.30pm. It is hoped that those that want to, will bring along a lunch and enjoy socialising whilst munching!

Anyone less practical, who is keen on the social aspect of being a Shedder is welcome to join us over the lunch break (we have a microwave and toaster for those preferring something hot to eat).

Members are welcome to come for the whole session, or for the morning or afternoon, with or without lunch! I am sure we will be entertained by Nic's stories of the unknown, Roger's dry wit, and an ample supply of tea and coffee!

