



Heathfield Men's Shed

March 2022

New
Session
times from
April 2022

Welcome to our new look newsletter which we hope will keep you updated with all the exciting things going on at the Shed on a regular basis!

With the warmer, Spring weather approaching there will be plenty of opportunities for a variety of indoor and outdoor projects.

As well as the items being made in the Shed for sale at our market stalls, we have also recently received a number of commissions – wooden planters for Brighter Heathfield, a commemorative plaque and a selection of bird, bat and dormouse boxes for the Parish Council, and a market stall for the Union Church for them to use for their community food project.

For those green fingered members, we shall be helping the children and staff at Little Tinkers with their raised flowerbeds, developing a pond project, helping to erect a greenhouse and cultivating a garden area around our own buildings.

Training sessions start with a lathe demonstration on Thursday 10th March, at 10.30am. This will be the first of several sessions on the lathe. If interested please let Peter B know or sign up on the notice in the office.

Finally, for those who do not already know, Ken Jarvis, who was leading the Men's Shed project, has recently decided to stand down from this role. We thank Ken for all his hard work with the Men's Shed and hope that he will continue to be a familiar face at some of the Shed sessions. Meanwhile, the role of project leader will be covered by Peter Brock until a suitable replacement can be found.

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, Nic or Roger to discuss this further.

From April 2022 we will be extending our opening times. The sessions will run from 10.00am until 3.30pm and it is hoped that members will bring a lunch with them to sit and enjoy altogether (psssst, don't tell the wife, but we may even nip out from time to time to collect some fish and chips!)

We are hoping that this will provide a useful opportunity to socialise and get to know one another better. For those Sheddors who prefer to attend for the social aspect rather than the more practical side of being in the workshop, you can come along to any session and join fellow Sheddors for lunch. The break for lunch will be between 12.30pm-1.30pm.

Don't forget we are also equipped with a microwave and toaster for anyone wishing to heat food up!

Pictures of recent commissions



Diary of Events

Market Stall – Hoy Cross Priory- second Thursday of each month. The next market will be on Thursday 10th March where we are looking for two Shedders to man a stall. This is a new venture in an indoor setting with tea/coffee facilities.

Lathe Demonstration – Thursday 10th March, 10.30am at the Shed

Pub Evening : Fourth Monday of every month, 7.00pm at the Runt-in-Tun. Join fellow Shedders for a pint (or two!) at this popular, local pub. No booking required, just turn up and enjoy! The next pub evening will be on Monday 28th March.

Breakfast Get together: Second Monday of every month, 9.00am at Hooks Café,(next to Market) This will start from the 11th April.

Heathfield Farmer’s Market – Co Op Car park – Saturday 16th April 2022 – 8.30am-12.30pm

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.

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.



NB. The name 'Peter' is not standard issue -it is just that we currently have five Peters to choose from!

Restoration Projects



Work has begun on restoring the old band saw and metal lathe. It is hoped that once complete, these items may be sold or kept for use in our Shed.

Did you know.....

Balcombes and Heathfield Ironmongers have agreed to give Shedders a 10% discount on items purchased in store. Please show your membership pass to take advantage of this offer.



We are constantly trying to think of new ideas of things to make and sell. Below are some pictures of recent projects that Shedder's have made.

Please let us know if you have an idea for something new we could try!

