

# OUR MONTHLY HIMS SHEET

News and information for members of Hayling Island Mens Shed

## We need volunteers

The shed has to be manned by at least one member when ever the shed is open. The person is responsible for security and safety. It's important. Please contact Roger for the details and to volunteer.

## Planned day out.

A day out is planned to the loW similar to last year. Details will be published as soon as available.

## Regular Thursday meetings

Once Corona virus restriction are eased our regular Thursday afternoon meetings will be held monthly, on the first Thursday of the month in the URC small hall.

## We're connected.

As we go to print the shed is fully connected for WiFi and telephone. Details are posted in the shed. Shed telephone number 02394005160



## We are Open. ( Subject to virus restrictions.)

A new and exciting era starts this month for the Hayling Island Mens shed. The day that we can finally start to use the shed for it's intended purpose has arrived. The doors were due to be opened by The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and the Mayor of Havant, Cllr Diana Patrick but due to latest government guide line regarding COVID19 this has had to be postponed until the Autumn. But the Shed is open from the 20th. Whether we can continue to use the shed will depend on how the government guidelines progress. In the meantime please take sensible precautions. Updates will appear on social media the HIMS web site. At the moment, and until the for seeable future the **Shed is closed to comply with Corona Virus guidelines issued by the government.** As soon as we are able to open we will inform you.

March 20th marked the end of the build phase, five years of hard work by a dedicated team that has finally realised the dream of having a place where Hayling men of any age can meet and socialise. Come and join the shed, whether you want to pursue hobbies, do work for the community, or, read the paper and enjoy a coffee. Every man on Hayling will be welcome, we aim to eliminate loneliness among retired men and build on the Island's reputation of

## We have a new Treasurer and a Welfare Officer

Welcome to **James (Jim)**

**Griffin** a new Shedder and our new **treasurer**. Welcome Jim and thanks for picking up a very important role for us.

**Dave Gillians** is now our **Welfare officer**. If Shed members need any sort of help during these difficult times Dave can be contacted on 07970066812 or Roger on 07977585937.

## Needing your help

For the duration of this virus I want to ensure anything our Shed committee need to pass on to you reaches you quickly. I intend to use all the facilities available including social media. Please drop me a line to [nikandtrudie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nikandtrudie@yahoo.co.uk) to tell me which is your preferred method of receiving news and information. Also, if you have interesting or amusing stories that you would like to share with other members I should like to hear that too. I will phone you, so no cost. My goal is to keep us all in touch as a community. Stay safe guys.

being a pleasant place to live.

Gerry Johnson, who has steered the project for the last five years as Chairman, has stepped down and is replaced by Roger Davies. Members made a presentation to Gerry to thank him for his hard work, expertise and fortitude which has been instrumental in getting us to the end of the build phase. In his parting speech Gerry thanked everybody who had worked so hard over the last five years and stressed that he could not, and did not, do it all by himself.

*Never the less you can be proud Gerry, very proud.*

Roger is formulating his ideas and aspirations for the shed going forward but he wants to stress that our members will become very involved in the community. Now we are coming out of the build phase and opening for business Roger wants us to reach out to other organisations on Hayling so that we become an active part of the Network of charities on the Island.

Shed telephone number 02394005160

*Note. Whilst the Shed is open mainly for retired men it is not exclusive, and it is open to all over 18*

## A gift from HIMS for the Duke.

This gavel was beautifully made by Ben Scarrott and was to be presented to Gerry by the Duke of Richmond at our opening.



Because the opening was postponed Roger presented the gavel to Gerry on Friday the 20th March on our behalf. Fantastic work Ben!