



OUR HIMS SHEET #53

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF HAYLING ISLAND MEN'S SHED 14 MAY 2024

COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE.

Your committee recently held a management meeting and discussed a long and varied agenda. This Sheet reports on a number of those agenda items.

Social.

The meeting recognised that we had a very healthy bank account, as reported by Jim at the AGM. A large proportion of our credit balance is from fundraising activities and donations. Certainly, the earnings from fundraising are a direct result of your hard work..

It was therefore decided, unanimously, by the committee to use a small proportion of our funds to give back to Shedders by part-funding activities in which all members can participate.

From today, the Shed will subsidise entry tickets to self-organised events (similar to those organised by Ray's Tours) by £10 per Shedder participating. Sorry, we cannot stretch to subsidising partners; paid up Shedders only. There will be no subsidy for travel. Anybody can organise a day out and apply for this funding, not just Ray. As an example, we may consider other events during the year, for example, our Christmas lunch. Each event will be judged on merit.

If you wish to organise a tour (of an educational nature, a day at the Black Duck does not qualify) please do so. Talk to a committee member who will then canvas the remainder of the committee for funding approval.

I stress. This facility will not use money paid in as part of annual subs; it will only use money that we realise as a result of fundraising events.

Security cameras.

Approval was given to purchase two cameras and spare batteries at an approximate cost of £200. After strong representation from members, it was decided that no internal cameras would be purchased.

Electric Sockets.

Four additional sockets will be fitted near the front door of the Shed in the facility used by the Turners. One outside socket will also be fitted at the front of the Shed. Work is expected to start soon.

Town Hall meeting.

The next Town Hall meeting is planned for June. The date will be published as soon as we have confirmation of the hall's availability.

Community Events. There is a rich programme of events planned for this summer. Details of each event will be published as soon as they are confirmed.

Our major event this year will be the HIMS auction towards the end of September.

BBQ

A new, large, BBQ and appropriate storage is being selected for Shed use. More news as things progress.

Banter.

Banter, amongst friends, is a feature of male companionship. But Banter can also cause offence to those who do not recognise it for what it is. Those who are the target of that banter day after day, week after week can become very unhappy. For the many ex-servicemen amongst us, it is a way of life that over the years we have become used to. Others have not had this experience, please be sensitive to the needs and expectations of those individuals.

HIMSA takes the issue of other safeguarding very seriously, please refresh your understanding of the law by re-reading the excerpt below.

Summary of HIMS Adult Safeguarding Policy

The Care Act of 2014 was adopted by Sheds in the UK as it passed into law. The summary, below, illustrates the Act. The requirements of the Act have been adopted by the UK Men's Sheds Association as part of its constitution, which, of course, includes HIMS. It is therefore important to remember that, as you read the summary, it **is UK law.**

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Safeguarding of our Shedders is vitally important to us and the examples below summarise our values and the people you can contact should you have any concerns.

HIMS recognises that by providing a Men's Shed for the community, it has a duty of care to protect its members from harm. The HIMS Management Committee identifies the following values in safeguarding its members:

- All Shedders have the right to participate in the activities of the Shed, free from of abuse or neglect or fear of abuse or neglect
- All Shedders have the right to have their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs respected and taken into account
- All Shedders have the right to be provided with a safe environment with adequate health and safety procedures in place
- All Shedders have the right not to be discriminated against for their age, gender, sexuality, race or other personal characteristics
- All Shedders have the right to have any allegation they make about abuse or neglect taken seriously and acted on immediately

Safeguarding Contacts

Below are the Sheds main contacts if you need to report a safeguarding issue as detailed in this policy, or need further information.

Safeguarding Contact : Gerry Johnson
Safeguarding Contact : Nik Nickerson
Safeguarding Contact : Keith Goodwin.

The people named, above, are responsible for **recording** safeguarding issues or concerns, and **alerting** the police, if necessary, when an issue arises.

You should alert a Safeguarding Contact if you have any concerns about an adult in the Shed, including yourself. They will follow the procedures of the Shed's Safeguarding Policy, which you can view on request. It is kept by the Shed's management committee.

The full document regarding our Safeguarding policy will be included in the Rule Book and placed on our website. Both the Rule Book and the website are in the process of being updated and therefore this note will be posted prominently in the Shed as a temporary form of reference for all Shedders.

Remember, please. This is not just a HIMS or UKMSA initiative, **IT IS THE LAW.**

COPP

The following has just been recently received. If you are interested in attending please reply to HISC direct.

COPP 80th D-Day Commemorations

Wednesday 5th June 2024

We are delighted to share more information about the COPP 80th D-Day Commemorations.

A prestigious event at Hayling Island Sailing Club to include:

- A service to remember our COPP heroes
- An exhibition
- Two course dinner and talk

Price: £37.50 per person

Menu:

Option 1: Supreme Chicken seasoned with lemon thyme, parsley mash, seasonal vegetables served with a butter cream sauce.

Option 2: Fillet sea bass, parsley mash, seasonal vegetables served with a dill and white sauce

Option 3 (vegetarian): Wild Mushroom Risotto

Dress Code: Smart

Booking: Please have your menu choice ready when you are booking. Please book through EliteLive or by calling the office on 02392463768.

If you are coming to this event as a non member please give your registration plate when booking your tickets.

That's all for the time being. Enjoy the Summer - Nik