



PMS Organisation

Since Covid we have more than doubled our numbers making the day-to-day organisation of PMS a harder task for the few individuals who have, for a long time done the work necessary. It is time to spread the load. We intend to form several teams to take responsibility for key activities: Social, Greeting Visitors, Setting up Wednesday & Thursday meetings, and Kitchen (we already have a Workshop committee).

Social

Ross has been doing a sterling job for some 9 years but feels that it is time for him to step down as Social Secretary (See Social Secretary below). This is a Committee position so with the AGM coming up nominations will be sought.

Greeting Visitors

It is important that prospective new members are welcomed and have the joining procedure and how works is explained. We sometimes have more than one new member turn up several greeters taking it in turns to welcome visitors would enable us to do a better job and no individual ends up spending all their time on a Wednesday as a guide.

Setting up meetings

Currently there is an informal group of members who set up Limelights for our meetings but they need more help on a regular basis. It would be good to give some thought on how we arrange the table and chairs to make more room and seating.

Kitchen

Recently we have restricted access to the kitchen for safety and have 'bar service' for drinks. Again we need a small number of members to serve drinks and food and, of course, cook when needed. Also to make sure sufficient is purchased.

Projects.

Anyone interested in helping out mainly preparing raised beds & benches See
While Rob away see Brian Mitchell

Whether you are a long time member or new please volunteer to help us keep PMS running smoothly. If you would like to know more about what is involved there will be occasional meetings in the TV room (side) on Wednesdays or if not convenient for you then please feel free to email or phone me –

Chairman – Ian Price – Phone 07971 444258.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY

Earlier this month I explained that I would continue being social secretary until the AGM. The committee have now consulted over how social events should continue. It is agreed that a small working group should be formed to share the planning and implementation. It is intended that I stay at the heart of it, initially for this year coming.

The tasks in themselves are not onerous or time consuming but when put together are considerable. There were 48 events last year, 22 of them regular repeats.

These are currently the tasks.

Booking and advertising lunch club and breakfast club once each per month. We have a list of venues. They are in my head

Liasing with Ed and the workshop regarding displays and fêtes. You can rely on Ed

Liaising with care homes (2) for special events. They are very supportive especially Bourne View. They do a free bi monthly breakfast business meeting . Free breakfast but donation to their charity appreciated.

Arranging occasional treats in the shed, eg pancakes, Diwalli, cream teas.(Other shedders help) we have a small budget to help with finance

New ideas

Shed Birthday event.. (this may be a separate working group)

Christmas Celebration.

I have being in this role for 9 years, the shed membership are very supportive and give regular helpful feed back. They often offer to organise trips and events. We started with less than 20 members, now we are 70 +. The down side is that there are no perks(One free coffee in 9 years)

If you are a new member or an old hand and have been wondering how you can contribute to shed life this may be for you. I will be at the shed on Wednesday if you would like to chat about it. Or text me. A small working group of about four will be ideal but all help appreciated.

Ross Bradley – Social Secretary

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Many Thanks to Ross, Monica and Elaine - for the hard work they put in to making, yet another, Christmas Dinner a success. I think this is the fifth Ross and his helpers have done. Ross has decided that it will be his last. If we want to continue to have a Christmas Dinner/Lunch we need a volunteer, or preferable, a small team to take on the task. Although Christmas seems a long way off we need to give thought as to what we want this year if we are to continue to go out for a meal. The committee welcome your views and ideas.

Very many thanks and best wishes to Ross, Maureen and Elaine. Ian - Chairman

SOCIAL and EVENTS - South West Model Show

Flash news - Tank Museum at Bovington visit. Saturday or Sunday 8/9th February

The South West Model Show is back! 8-9 Feb 2025,

PLANNING A VISIT SEE PAGE 5

See the Tank Museum website to learn more!

<https://tankmuseum.org/events/spring-model-show>

I'll put a sign up sheet out on Wednesdays.

Film Club

Ernie starts film club next Wednesday, Speak with him if there is anything special you would like him to show.

Lunch club

11th February , Lunch club at the Hamworthy club. Sign up at the shed. All welcome
Cut off date 5th

Breakfast club

24th February , breakfast club at Upton bay care home £7. No show on the day charged.
Please stay any dietary requirements .All welcome. Sign up at the shed.

For any of up-and-coming events always watch out for the list on the Wednesday desk.

SHED NEWS

You will not be surprised to learn that we are still waiting to hear from the 'council' about renewal of our Lease and our request to include the additional space we need to cater for our increasing membership.

We have little feedback on the reasons for the delay but from the 'grapevine' we are given to understand that the agreement of 'other parties' involved needs to be sought. While we were given a general acceptance on our request for the space between Limelights and the MUGA the problem seems to hinge the additional parking space needed by Cuddles and the ground adjacent to Cuddles referred to as the Redgar, seems to be the sticking point

This whole area has been left neglected for over 25 years, changes in responsibility from Dorset CC, then Poole BC and now BCP may have some bearing but with many staff being given new appointments or made redundant one can only look on in frustration. It does however beg the question that the area affected is a community space, when were the community consulted?

Has anyone any news – let us be hearing from you!! Editor - *Alan Hawkins*

Membership

Welcome our New members -

Jackie Lewis – Interests include Roller Coasters, AMDRAK

Jackie is Clive Hughes' daughter and helps us at many of our celebrations and kindly provides the rather specially made Christmas cake.

Lance Newman – Interests include music, M/cyles, Kayaking, History

Jeremy Smith – DiY and woodworking, Amateur Dramatics, Swimming, Dog Walking

Some have asked about the so called 'mug shots' which were displayed on our noticeboard. With over 70 members photographs to display there will be some extra printing needed if these are of use. Committee and Trustees details and photos are in hand. Wait for the AGM

Membership numbers

Over the year we have seen a big increase in our membership. At the end of 2023 our membership stood at 51 by the close of the 2024 this has risen to 75. Space both at our Wednesday meetings and our Workshop days is now getting very busy.

On Wednesday more help is needed; thanks to several members who arrive early who have been helping set up but help is needed throughout the session. If you are able to help - see below.

Membership renewals.

Membership renewal is now due and can be renewed up until the cut-off date 31st March 2025 after which a rejoin fee of £10 may apply, (depending on any mitigating circumstances).

Subscriptions for 2025 are £25, (plus a joining fee of £10 for new members) and can be paid in cash on Wednesdays at the shed, by bank transfer, standing order or by card. Bank paying in form available.

Workshop

On working days Members who are not actually engaged in a task should only enter the area when it is clear to do so. For those using the workshop it must be left in a tidy condition.

The site area as a whole needs to be tidied up and in a safe condition and it is hope this can be achieved. - WATCH THIS SPACE.

FANCY A TRIP OUT?

Tank Museum at Bovington Flash news

With the Model Show at the Tank Museum one or two members intend to visit the Saturday show on, 8th February. Subject to car share arrangement others may wish to go on Sunday.

Ticket Prices Adult (16+) on line - £19.55. On the day Card Only - £23.00

All members of Royal Armoured Corps Regimental Associations are entitled to free admission on production of a valid association membership card.

All former HM Forces service personnel are entitled to a discounted admission of £15 on production of proof of service (e.g. Red Book or Veterans ID card).

See Tank Museum website - <https://tankmuseum.org/events/spring-model-show>

Swanage Railway – Herston Works Tour

As part of this tour, you will be able to travel by heritage bus from Swanage or Norden Station, taking you directly to Herston Works for your tour:

£7,50 per adult plus travel ticket. Railway fares vary - Return £22 or all day 32.50

£5.00 per child plus travel ticket. Under 18 yr olds must be accompanied by Adult.

There is no public parking at Herston Works, please catch the Heritage bus service from either Swanage Station or Purbeck Park (Norden Station) turning circle. The Heritage bus is included in your ticket.

Herston works tours 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm

See Swanage Railway website:

<https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events/view/herston-works-tours>

IoW - day trip by car share?

The voucher for the Lymington – Isle of Wight ferry in Secret Santa draw, which was lost has been found, is still valid. Agreed it can be made available for a shed trip with a possible second car free. Potential date in April if drivers available. (2 drivers have volunteered but if additional numbers cost of extra car on a share basis).

Poole Men's Shed clothing.

Caps £10 Polo Shirts £13 Sweatshirts £17 Fleece £28 All embroidered with Shed Logo

While Rob away see Alan for samples etc or Your own items can be embroidered with Logo order direct at:- Head 2 Toe Workwear, Unit 11, Wessex Trade Centre, Ringwood Road, Poole. BH12 3PF

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Newsletter

With the Shed News and Events updates being posted regularly on the website members are being kept informed more frequently.

For those with an internet connection news updates can be viewed on the newsletter page – <https://www.poolemensshed.co.uk/news.html> see file name - NL-2025.pdf.

For the time being the latest newsletter will continue to be sent as an email attachment. For those who do not have access to the internet a print copy will be available [at signing in] and the rolling display on the monitor screen adjacent to the Pool table at Limelights.

Tell me a story try AI

The following storyline was written by the Artificial Intelligence app *ChatGPT*. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

Have a try and send your story for the newsletter. See contact info.

Bill and James tackled the flat-pack shed with enthusiasm. The instructions were cryptic, the parts numerous, and the arguments inevitable. After assembling the base and realizing the back panel was upside down, their confidence waned. The doors proved impossible to align, leading to grunts, coffee breaks, and sarcastic jabs. Eventually, through brute force and luck, the shed stood—crooked and slightly wobbly.

With the last screw tightened, they stepped back to admire their handiwork.

“It’s perfect,” James declared, ignoring the leftover screws.

“Sure,” Bill muttered, as it creaked ominously in the wind.

By evening, the shed was functional—barely. Their DIY adventure would be remembered more as comedy than success.

Using our website

Michael Paul our webmaster has been working on our new website over the last year, and with our own domain this is getting much more attention.

Michael regularly updates the members BLOG and EVENTS pages which covers our activities and programme respectively. To keep abreast of coming events and news it is important check frequently. You may choose to add at TAB to your FAVOURITES – find out more on how this is done if still a mystery.

If you have any pictures or general items of interest to members, you should forward them to Michael. Email - Poolemensshed@outlook.com

Road Works

To keep updated see BCP Council on the web

<https://www.transformingtravel.info/transforming-travel-news-blogs-and-contacts/blog/an-update-on-the-work-on-ringwood-road>

QUIZ TEAM WANTED

SEE Tony Weston if you would like to form up a quiz team – suitable venue to be decided.

BOARD GAMES

Currently several members get together to play cards, Kalookie a form of Canesta played and cribbage. We also have chess board and a donated a Rummycub game.

UK Mens Shed Association News

New CIO for UKMSA Caroline Ellis, The UKMSA Board is delighted with Caroline's appointment and all those involved in the process believe that we have landed a highly talented and committed CEO who will be an excellent champion of men's health and wellbeing, and the Shed movement in the UK, and is ideally suited to take UKMSA forward.

UK MSA Offer support and help in establishing new shed as well as keep abreast of news and developments on important issues which may influence our operation and advice for new groups starting up. There are regional groups where quarterly meetings are held where sharing information on common problems that have been encountered.

Unfortunately the Dorset group has yet to become a reality.

Local 'sheds' News.

We have a friendly and regular skittles contact with Wareham Shed and hear they have been offered a site for their workshop and lease. We learn that a group has started in Wimborne and looking for a suitable venue to hold their meetings.

Suitable premises is one of the main hurdles for Men's Sheds in setting up a workshop.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS - Visitors *Matt Krupa & Tom Brash*

Two students studying to be Journalists at Bournemouth University paid us a visit last month to find out what we do and filming and interviewing some of our members.

Previously, some years ago, a long time ago we had another team from the University who produced a video – still on record somewhere. Look forward to seeing their efforts and perhaps a private showing of both versions.

Poole Men's Shed

Financial Report 31st December 2024

<u>Item</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		
Rent/Hall hire/ Stall & Kiosk fees	£1,586.00	£2,109.50		
Electricity/Water	£825.22	£642.45		
Insurance	£728.84	£486.66		
Safety equipment	£282.79	£28.39		
Tools	£864.28	£1,932.55		
Materials (For PMS & Projects)	£2,417.89	£373.88		
Building	£2,241.52	£195.95		
Office and publicity	£546.29	£684.59		
Catering	£572.20	£513.90		
Travel	£0.00	£0.00		
Prizes/Gifts/Awards/Social/Return of grants etc	£712.85	£3,765.63		
Profit	£5,291.49	£1,136.00		
	£16,069.37	£11,869.50		
Grants	£3,052.00	£3,600.00		
Annual subs & joining fees	£1,815.00	£1,790.00		
Weekly subs	£1,766.00	£1,562.70		
Donations (Sourced)	£3,557.50	£2,046.20		
Sales	£3,530.64	£2,406.95		
Gift Aid	£1,404.99	£0.00		
Micellaneous donations	£943.24	£463.65		
	£16,069.37	£11,869.50		

The latter part of 2024 saw a considerable rise in the PMS membership, in the most part due to publicity gained at the Gather in the Dolphin Centre. Fortunately, the additional income gained from sales and membership meant that the extra cost of water, insurance, electrical certification etc was more than covered. Rent is down on 2023 as we did not hire the hall on Saturdays as in winter 2023. 2024 saw an increase in the use of the workshop and a rise in the amount of money spent on tool maintenance, materials and power consumption. Cost of tools alone in 2024 is down. During 2024 average weekly attendance was 36 and donations received at the door was £1,756. Wednesday's snacks, ie biscuits, chips, sausage rolls, onion rings, coffee and milk etc., cost just shy of £600. All of these donations qualify for Gift Aid which is why I ask that one writes their name clearly in the "Signing in" book; from there I can then allocate these donations to the relevant person and reclaim 25% in Gift Aid from HMRC.

Though I anticipate insurance, rent, water and electricity to increase in 2025 I believe we will remain comfortable and therefore annual subs will remain unchanged at £25. During 2024, several costs such as purchase of machinery, parts for the lathe, completion of building work and certification were one off payments so our balance sheet should look as healthy if not better in 2025. The large increase in the sum spent on materials is due to materials for all projects, eg raised beds, soil, timber and polytunnels etc., plus PMS requirements, all being shown as one total. These costs are ultimately recovered from the relevant sponsors and donors. The increase in 'Buildings' was due to completion of ceilings and electrical work in the workshops including the electrical certification.

Due to more members acknowledging and signing Gift Aid forms our return from HMRC has risen from £585 for 2022 to £820 for 2023. Gift Aid for both these years was received in 2024. If you wish to sign up to Gift Aid, the only criteria is that you must be a tax payer and the amount of tax you pay should be more than 25% of your total donations. No action is required other than signing the form!

Paul Nixon, Treasurer

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