

# Newsletter

## February 2023

### In Memoriam



It was with great sadness that during January we heard that Bob Ogilvie passed away peacefully. He would have been 85 in February and "was fit and healthy to the end".

Bob was born in Twickenham, and brought up in Fulwell Park.

At age 19 he was posted to Dundonald Camp, near Troon in Ayrshire for his National Service where he met Rita and was married three years later. They moved to Fourmarks initially, living with his parents while they awaited the building of their house in South View Rise (1962). He worked in the automotive industry in Alton, moved to live on the New Odiham Road in 1987, and was married for 56 years until his wife died in 2016.

He very much missed Rita, but latterly loved to watch TV sport, visit the Shed, support local charities, and was always keen to keep in touch with his life-long friends and neighbours sharing endless stories of their experiences.

His daughter, Sharon, is well known to us as a member our Shed, and who has been actively involved with him in activities around Alton, including teaching and aquatherapy at Alton and Treloars' swimming clubs.

For many years Bob has been involved in 'beating' up until the onset of the very cold weather last December. Even in his eighties he helped me clear an area of woodland carrying logs and brushwood with as much stamina that matched what I could muster while claiming not to be on any medication. It is said that he was fit and healthy till the end, when he peacefully went to be with his beloved wife.

He was a lovely guy who we shall all miss I'm sure, and send our condolences to Sharon and the family on this sad occasion. The funeral is likely to be in mid-February.

Gordon



### **Health and Safety training**

In the use of machine tools is being held on  
**10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

It is a requirement of our insurance that ALL members wishing to use machine tools must have attended a basic health and safety session to ensure that they are competent in their use.

### **NO SAFETY TRAINING = NO USE OF THE MACHINES**

If you are unable to attend on 10<sup>th</sup> February and wish to use the machine in future, please contact Mike to arrange another session.

### **Projects update**

- Alton Infants' School has now secured funding for the planters that will be situated along the fence at the front of the school. A total of 31 planters are required and Dave has agreed to co-ordinate the project. The project is going to take the involvement of as many members as possible if the job is going to be completed in a reasonable time.

**Please contact Dave to get involved.**

- The post-box. For a school in Medsted is nearing completion.
- Dates for sessions with the beavers and cubs have been arranged:
  - Anstey Park beavers - 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for making planters
  - Chawton Park cubs - 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March for their woodwork badge. The activity is likely to revolve around the properties of various woods and making simple joints.

**Volunteers are needed. Please contact Mike.**

- All Saints' Church Hall have asked repairs to be carried out to the arms of many of the chairs.

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### **Social and Organised Events**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023: Shedders' social at All Saints' Parish Hall - 10.00am to 12.00pm. Donations of biscuits, cakes and savouries welcome.
- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Machine Tools Safety Briefing at the Shed and at All Saints' Parish Hall - 10.00am to 12.30pm.
- 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Shedders' breakfast at the Departure Lounge, Basingstoke Road, GU34 4BK
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023: AMS committee meeting at All Saints' Parish Hall - 10.00am to 12.30pm