

# Newsletter

## December 2022

Welcome to the December edition of the Alton Men's Shed newsletter. Wishing all our members and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.



### Developments

Your committee has continued working hard on a number of new developments:

- We have started to put together a procedures' manual. The purpose is to make this available in the Shed so that all members can have up-to-date information on how we do things and the regulations that we are bound to follow.
- The calendar of events will be displayed, in future, on the Shed notice board - make sure that you keep an eye on it for any changes or additions. You will also be sent calendars by email.
- In order to keep members safe, there will be a series of safety briefings on the machine tools. Remember, you need to know how to work these tools before you use them, to keep yourself and others safe. Please check the calendar for when these will be taking place.
- The current system of combining membership cards with a four-monthly will be replaced by the new calendar system and membership cards will be issued at the start of the membership year or when new members join.
- A business plan has been drafted and will be adapted for future applications for grants.

### Social Events

Christmas lunch at the Hen & Chicken Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

It looks like there will be a large turnout for this event. If you still haven't paid or need to make changes, please notify Mark as soon as possible.

### Projects Update

There are a couple of projects in the pipeline:

- Orchard House has requested our contribution to their activities programme;
- Greenfield's Beaver Group has requested our help with some activities - the word is getting out.

If you are interested in either of these, contact Mike.

Some projects are currently on hold:

- Garden maintenance at the Community Hospital has been deferred to the Spring.
- We are still waiting on Alton Infants' School for a decision on the planters.

We received a very appreciative email from Brandon care for the production of memory boxes for their residents.

Well done to all those involved in their design, construction and finishing.

Dear Sharon, Mike, Bob and Team

Thank you so much for the delivery of the Memory boxes for our residents. We are thrilled to bits that you managed to make the boxes exactly according to the specification, and we really appreciate the care taken to finish them to such a high standard, such as the little hand-turned handles. They are amazing!

These boxes will be filled with items meaningful to each resident, telling their life-story so far. We will send you a photo of an example of a completed box in due course.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved, it was a big project, and a job very well done.



## Donations

AMS gratefully received a donation from the eighth Alton Scout Group and Alton Round Table. This has been used to buy a toolbox with the necessary tools for projects carried out in the community. See below for an extract of a report for the Alton Herald.

### Report for Alton Herald

Santa will be back again this year returning to a street near you! Scouts from 8<sup>th</sup> Alton Scout group have teamed up again with Alton Round Table with their annual fundraising project that sees thousands of pounds raised to support local charities and good causes. With spiralling fuel costs Santa ditched his Land Rover last year, and for the second year running Rudolf will be pedalling Santa around the streets of Alton, Holybourne and Bentley in the eco pedal powered sleigh.

Santa has reprogrammed his Santa Nav with his sleigh routes and dates. Check out the website [www.altonsanta.org.uk](http://www.altonsanta.org.uk)

This year you can also follow Santa on his rounds on Instagram

[www.instagram.com/alton\\_santa\\_sleigh/](https://www.instagram.com/alton_santa_sleigh/)



Picture includes Santa in his eco sleigh, David Russell from Alton Round Table and Michael from Alton Men's Shed with a new toolbox.

## Date for your diary

The 2023 AMS AGM will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10.00am at All Saints' Church Hall. This will be followed by the normal Shedd's social.