

Somerset Levels and Moors Shed April 2019 newsletter

Welcome to the April 2019 members newsletter. We have seen much activity in the shed during March – closing at the end of the month with our AGM which was well supported. On a personal note I've managed to change employers, and am now driving for Berrys Coaches in Taunton, still doing school and college work.

Whilst I have begun working for them on a part time basis, it is likely to lead to full time work so my opportunities to come to the shed will become fewer and far between.

So I will end with my normal appeal for material – be it photos, articles or other things you'd like to see in the newsletter. Photos are very welcome, along with some information on the photo. Ultimately I am in your hands for material.

We all do a lot of good work in the shed and I want the world to know.

So if you're working on a project and want the world to know, please send me a photo or an article I can print here.



Colin's work on our new sign has come to it's conclusion. In the first week of April the sign was affixed to the side of the shed where it has taken pride of place. Many thanks to Mike Brown for the photo – my own one has featured on the SlAMS facebook page.

AGM minutes

By the time this appears in print, the 2019 AGM minutes will be available for all to read on the notice board in the snug. I am reliably informed that no one will read the minutes of the AGM, so I look forward to being proved wrong.

The most important points which I'll repeat here are the £30 membership subs are now due (as we've passed 1st April) so if you want to renew your membership now is the time. For new members joining us, the membership will run from 12 months from the date of joining.

At the AGM, a resolution was passed to increase session fees from £3 to £4 per session. . This modest increase reflects the increased overhead costs of opening the shed since November. From 1st April also the shed opening hours on a Thursday will fall into line with Tuesday and Friday sessions, so across the week the opening hours will be 10am until 3pm.

Notes from our Social Secretary, Peter Smith

I have received a few emails from Peter, which I've consolidated below.

Please note that on Thursday 16th May we will have a table in Bridgwater Town Hall from 10am-2pm. We will also be in attendance at Victoria Park Fete on Sunday 9th June from 12 to 4pm and also at their xmas fete on Saturday 30th November from 12 to 4pm.

During June and July 2019 SlaMS will be in attendance at the Cranleigh Gardens Fete, Chedzoy Fete and an event at the YMCA. Dates are to be confirmed.

The intention is to use these events to promote the shed, and to display goods for sale.

Our Skittles evening is confirmed for 26th April at the West India Pub (by Haygrove School). Cost is £6.95 per head which will include buffet.

Our shed open day is now to be arranged during June 2019. Can members please make some items, or donate items which can be sold on the day in order to add to club funds?

I thought I would share a few photos of projects which have been worked on in the shed during March. .

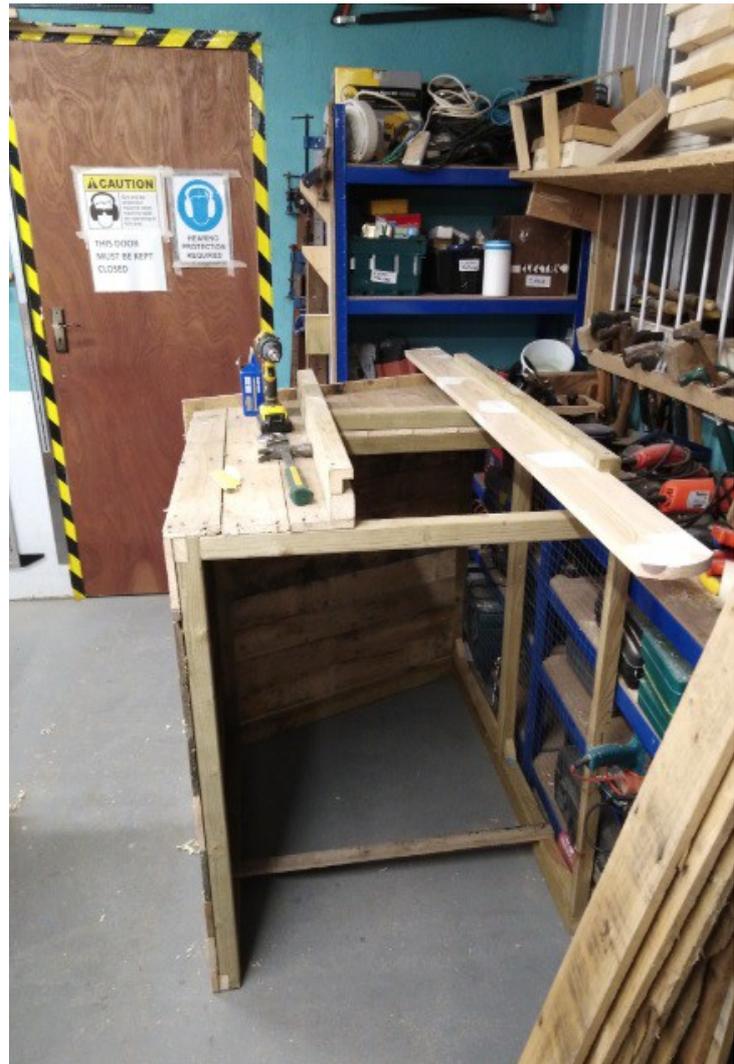


Brian has been working in conjunction with Mike on the woodturning lathe to produce this bowl. I'm advised by Mike that this was Brian's first bowl turned on the lathe.



Our resident woodturner, Mike has been turning a number of replacement banisters for a relatives staircase using Tulip Wood. Here we see the first one completed compared with one of the original banisters.

Bert and Marcus have continued their work on the Swan Enclosure during March. I managed to get a couple of photos towards the end of the month which don't really do justice to the work they've put in on this project.



At the start of April, I managed to catch up with the boat shaped planters which took up so much of our time during the Autumn months. They're now in position on the way to the docks.



So, I'll sign off for another month.

Stephen Oxbrow
Newsletter Editor

New Shed Opening Hours from 1st April 2019: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00-1500.

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