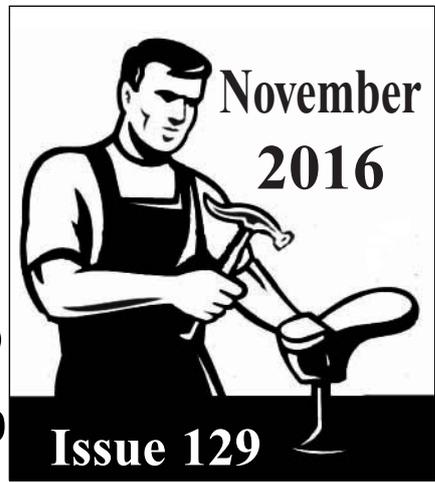


The Desborough Scrapbook



Produced in Desborough for Desborough Folk

£2.00

MEN'S SHED PROJECT STARTING UP IN TOWN

A MEN'S SHED IS TO OPEN in Desborough in Tailby's Yard just off Station Road. The idea for a Men's Shed in the town came from John Dale and friends Gary and John who saw the popularity of sheds operating across the world. The Men's Shed format started in 1998 in Australia, an idea that is now spreading quickly across the English speaking world. Sheds are also popping up in Denmark and Sweden, Desborough is next! All in all there are about 1500 "sheds" worldwide.

The "Men's Shed" is a larger version of the typical man's shed in the garden, a place where you can feel at home and pursue practical interests with a high degree of independence. When established the Men's Shed will be a place of skill-sharing and informal learning. A place for individual pursuits and community projects of their own choosing, at their own pace in a safe, friendly and inclusive environment.

Suggested projects include activities as varied as:

- Woodworking
- Arts/crafts (painting, calligraphy, pottery)
- Leisure, pool, skittles, carpet bowls, darts, dominoes, cards
- Model trains, boats, planes etc.
- Cookery
- Excursions

Thanks to grants from the Desborough Community Development Trust, the Maud Elkington Charitable Trust and Desborough Town Council there is enough money in the kitty to operate a "Desborough Shed" for at least 6 months.

At the end of the Desborough council meeting on Thursday 20th October the Men's Shed representative John Dale was presented with a cheque to help with the rental and running of the project.

Even with this backing all this doesn't come free, so there will be an annual membership subscription of £24 and most of the running day to day costs would be raised through

member subscriptions of £1 per session (or whatever you can afford). The Shed's policy is never let the cost get in the way of anyone joining the Shed.

There have been several "meet and greet" sessions held at Marlow House where people could register their interest and get to talk to the Men's Shed committee about what they could expect. On Saturday 22nd October a very good attendance by the public kept the committee busy with loads of questions and ideas about what the Men's Shed could achieve.

To find out more you can visit the Shed in Tailby's Yard or get on your computer and visit the website at: NN14shed.org.uk also you can email NN14shed@gmail.com or call 01526 738108 to find out more and register your interest.

Whatever your interest or hobby we're sure that the Men's Shed you will find something that will get you involved.



VOLUNTEERS MORNING
ON SATURDAY
5th NOVEMBER

STARTING AT 10AM, THROUGH TO 12 MIDDAY, AFTER WHICH FREE SOUP WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEERS. At previous work days we have had a really good turnout of volunteers, and we have really made a difference to the park. If you can prune, cut, plant or generally tidy up, PLEASE COME ALONG. Accompanied children are welcome. Please come in suitable footwear and clothes, we will provide the tools. Entrances are at Prince Rupert Avenue, Federation Avenue and Rothwell Road.

For further information please contact me, Keith, on 07923 915580, or email me at keithnb1945@gmail.com.



The Men's Shed situated in Tailby's Yard.

Quotes this month's theme: Mistakes. "Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake." – Napoléon Bonaparte