



Southern Men's Shed Network

Monday 7th January 2019

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Hosted by Andover Men's Sheds

(Venue: The Landale Wilson Hall, 15 Newbury Road, Enham Alamein, (SP11 6HQ))

Present: (approx 27 in total)

Apologies: Lois Prior, Ian Wright, Dave Waldoek (I.O.W.), Andi Saunders (Eastleigh), Mike Brading (Basingstoke)

Steve Redrup (SMSN Co-ordinator) chaired the meeting, Ron Caddy (Andover) took meeting notes.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Welcome announcements and notices were given by Steve Redrup (Portsea).

He explained that this was not a National meeting but a meeting of local Sheds where all could speak openly.

An apology had been given by Brian (Kookie) Cooke (Trustee UKMSA) due to the recent death of his mother-in-law and was unable to attend. As a result the Agenda Item "Update from National Men's Shed Committee" will not take place today.

2. Welcome to Andover Men's Shed

Presentation on Andover Shed by Sam Plummer (Andover Chair).

Aided with a PowerPoint presentation, Sam gave a brief history of the 'Shed'. He also highlighted the assistance given by the Local Authority and the Borough Mayor. He then went on to show the numerous activities that the members of the Shed had been involved with and the assistance given to the local community.

(A copy of Sam Plummer's Presentation is available on the "Meetings Documents" Page of the smsn.org.uk website).

3. General Shed News/Updates

The meeting was given to the floor for any updates from Shed activities.

Hayling Island Shed. They have been given a 7yr lease on a plot of ~~Church of England~~ United Reformed Church land. In the past this might have been a 25 years lease but now is 7. This is partly the result of so many churches being closed and land being sold. They have received a grant of £30,000 from the Veolia Environmental Trust UK, which will greatly help in the cost of building their sheds.

They were also fortunate that one of their members was also a member of the church and his wife was the church architect. The main condition was that they could not have deep foundations but could for the location for of steel columns (the building for several reasons is of steel construction) the building size is 50Ft x 20Ft.

Colden Common Shed informed the meeting that they also had excellent support from the Local Authority and were given a plot of land with a 25 year lease. One way 'around' planning regulations that they were advised of was not to have 1 large building but 3 separate smaller timber building.

These are not yet finished but will consist of a) a store shed, b) a workshop and c) a social shed which will also have working facilities for disabled members to work in. Photographs were shown of various stages and looked very impressive. They also mentioned that they had been fortunate to receive a grant of nearly £31,000.

A member from **North Baddesley Shed** added comments about sheds not just having woodworking Projects but also spoke of Photography and of how most colleges now organise Photography courses.

Alresford Shed also have an interesting workshop, they renovate / repair motorised scooters, wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

It was suggested that a future meeting might include an item where sheds talk about some of the other projects and activities their sheds hold.

4. UKMSA News (Kookie)

Due to circumstances, this item was not available,

5. Creating Gmail Email Addresses with Redirection (Steve Redrup).

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In brief, the presentation showed how a Gmail email address can be created for a Men's Shed (e.g. purdermensshed@gmail.com) and within the Gmail settings, any received email can be automatically redirected to an individual's personal email address. This means that if the person responsible for dealing with such email should change in the future then a simple change to the redirection can be made.

It was further suggested that similar email addresses could also be created and redirected for various posts within the shed, e.g. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership etc.

This way the email addresses can be unaffected when personnel or responsibilities change.

6. Half-Time break and a chance to talk to other members.

There was a 30 minute break for members to talk and share with each other and an excellent lunch arranged by **Roger Evans** (Vice-Chair Andover MSA)

7. Shed Google Drive with Sharing Access (Steve Redrup)

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In brief, the presentation explained what Cloud Storage is and gave an example of using the Google Drive (Cloud Storage) which comes automatically when creating a Gmail Address Account.

It was also suggested how the drive (which can be thought of as a kind of disk drive accessed through the Internet) can be organised by creating various Folders and Sub-Folders for specific purposes (e.g. Sub-folders for Accounts, Membership, Meetings etc.).

These folders can then be setup for Sharing with others who have Gmail addresses but with restrictions as to whether that person can only View (Read Only) or Edit (Add, Delete or Amend) the contents.

The presentation also went on to show how you can install the Google "Backup and Sync" program to automatically copy and synchronise the contents between the Google Drive and a Local Folder on a computer.

8. AOB

Graham Gowman from **Romsey Men's Shed (UKMSA Ambassador)** informed the members that there were now 480 Sheds with 142 in formation and a total of 11,500 men involved.

He suggested that items for the next agenda could be Sustainability, Men's Health (since this meeting on Tuesday 8th Andover MSA has received a request from Local Health Authority to come and speak to the members in regards to Men's Health).

9. Next SMSN Meeting

Members of **Colden Common Shed** offered to act as hosts. As the buildings would not be completed they suggest meeting in the Community Hall. Members requested to take their own lunch!

Proposed date Monday 15th April (to be confirmed)

10. (3:40pm) Meeting closed.

The meeting closed with Steve giving "Thanks" to Andover Shed for hosting and thanked everyone for attending, given the distance for some sheds.