

Men in sheds at Wolverton Show

The Men's Sheds have been lucky enough to be given an indoor spot at the Wolverton Garden Show, on 2nd and 3rd September. (There may be a leaflet enclosed.) Wolverton is a very popular event so we can expect to talk to a lot of people about the Men's Shed movement on the island, but we need men to man (!) the stand over the weekend. All we ask is that you spend 4 hours on the stand and the rest of the day is yours (for free, normally a £7 charge). Times are 09.30am—1pm, 1pm—5pm, on Saturday or Sunday.

Each shed is not only invited to come along and promote themselves, but also to sell items that you have made or would like to donate and the funds given to your shed. If you have items that you would like to sell to raise funds, or you would like to offer 4 hours to man the stand, please get in touch with Lois



STUFF TO DO FOR FREE at QUAYARTS

If you haven't been to Quay arts recently it's well worth a visit. The number of event and activities taking place here has grown and grown in recent months..

The art exhibitions are still free, as are many events including:

- Folk at the Quay (Men with beards and jumpers singing tragic stories). 3rd Sunday each month 7.30 (donations requested)
- Big piano blues and boogie jam sessions (two pianos, four stools, drum kit and amp). 2nd Sunday each month 7.30
- If Jazz is your thing, the Jazz Jam on Monday 11th September 7.30 could be right up your street
- Free cinema Saturday afternoons 2.30 and Tuesday evenings 7.30.

Make it part of your visit to Newport. Quayarts.org 01983 822490



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Isle of Wight Men in Sheds

BLOKE'S BANTER

Is it summer yet?

The BBC broadcast it's first weather forecast in 1923. Would this summer's weather have surprised them? Childhood memories seem to be made up of a permanently sunny summer holiday and snow every winter. The weather seems to be working back to front this year (Isn't rain warm snow?).

Looking back at historical data, our closest Met Office weather station at Hurn has rainfall records going back to 1957. For August, the heaviest rainfall was in 2015 with 138mm of rain in that month. Just in the last two weeks on the Isle of Wight, (28 July to 11th August) the rainfall has been around 60mm, so we are on our way to reaching or beating the previous record.

As far as sunshine goes (since records began at Hurn in 1969), perhaps unsurprisingly the sunniest August was 1976. I lived in London then. I remember the horror of being the fourth person to use the bath water, which was then used to flush the loo. We were lucky not to be using stand pipes in the street as many had to. And if we didn't talk about the weather, what would we talk about?

(Picture view from Age UK IOW Office Widow on 2nd August)



Weather forecast for tonight: Dark.

Shed News from around the island

NEWPORT SHED

Everything is Bloomin' Lovely

After many months of hard work by the small but dedicated team at the Newport Men's Shed, the gardens, allotment and shed are looking amazing and open for business. As well as growing fresh veg this shed has also taken on the flower beds outside of County Hall which were looking very neglected after funding cuts meant that there was nobody to look after them until we stepped in.

Newport Shed meets at 147 High Street (Age UK IOW) every Wednesday at 1-4pm



SHANKLIN SHED

Getting Floored.

Winchester House YMCA were kind enough to offer is a space at their premises to create a new Shed. The only snag was the lack of floor and an eight foot drop. Despite this set back, the men have been meeting regularly here to undertake activities out of doors until the floor is put in place. (which will be very soon, with a fair wind and a following sea). Shanklin Shed meets at YMCA Winchester House every Monday, 2-4pm.



TOTLAND SHED

Raising the Roof

The Totland Shed is currently based in a disused groundsman workshop which the men have worked on to bring back to life. The local arachnid population were not too pleased however and were last seen carrying their possessions on the end of a stick tied up in a spotted hankie. The transformation is amazing. Totland Shed is open every Thursday, 2-4pm at Turf Walk.



(Before and after pictures. If you can spot 6 differences you win a prize)

ACOUSTIC MUSIC



Open Mic? Sure!

Wednesday evenings just aren't the same. The Acoustic Music Shed is going from strength to strength. Playing music from the thirties to (sort of) modern day phenomena. Play a guitar, uke, base, sticks, (no kazoos!), come along to the First Floor, Chain Lane, every Wednesday 6-8pm.