

SUPPORT SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS

Council services Libraries, Council services etc. will probably close 4pm Friday 22nd December and open as usual Tuesday 2nd January

Adult Social Care—814980

Island Roads (Highways emergencies) 822440

Samaritans 116123 (or email jo@samaritans.org)

Silverline (24 hour helpline) 0800 470 8090

Christmas day lunch? - Salvation Army, Pyle Street, Newport. Doors open 11am, lunch served 1pm. If you would like to go but will need a lift, please get in touch with Age UK on 525282

NHS (for non-emergency) 111

Police (non emergency) 101

IOW Shed Men Christmas get-together

The Newport Shed will be hosting a little Christmas soirée for all island shed men on Wednesday 20th December, 2-4pm. Afterwards, for those who wish to partake, we shall then totter over to the Hog's head for a swift one. (The Newport Shed is located behind Age UK office in Newport High Street, right next door to County Hall)

Age UK IOW Christmas Closing

Our offices (and therefore the sheds, unless you have arranged anything different) will be closed from Friday 22nd December and open Tuesday 2nd January.

Age UK IOW Men in Sheds is funded by the Big Lottery.

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BLOKE'S BANTER

It's 'that' time of year again.

The run up to December is filled with hints of what is to come. Adverts for perfume (for her), toys (for them) but what about him? Below is a run down of the most unusual presents for the man in your life that I have

- * 'What is your poo telling you' book
- * A jar of nothing
- * 'no more knots' fishing line welder
- * 'List of people I want to punch in the face' notebook with matching pen set
- * 'How to swear around the world' book
- * Stress bum
- * 101 things to do when you retire scratch poster
- * Gentleman's hardware kitchen multi-tool. (think of a swiss army knife, but with a tea spoon and a parmesan grater)
- * Scratcher for reaching those 'down there' places (this can also be personalised)



The oldest socks that have been discovered date to between 250 and 420 CE and feature split toes—meaning they were likely worn with sandals.

I think I'll stick to socks and shower gel.

Shed News from around the island

TOTLAND

An afternoon at the museum

Due to the size and lack of heating at the Totland Shed, we looked for winter accommodation and a project that the men could get their teeth into. Luckily for us, Kathy, from Time Taxi CIC, who runs 'Sunken Secrets' at Fort Victoria offered us a perfect solution. The men are helping her upgrade the exhibits as well as putting in a new office space over the winter months.



Floored, at last.

SHANKLIN

After months of head scratching and pondering, the floor for Shanklin was put in at last. The ceiling has recently been renovated and the walls and benches will be put in soon. Now, who's for a cuppa?



BRADING

We have a brand new shed at Brading Youth Club, which is looking to be part of a new community hub. If you know any potential candidates in the area, please ask them to get in touch.



PENNY SMITH MAKES A VISIT

Penny Smith, former GMTV presenter among other things, asked to visit a men's shed after hearing about them at an Age UK (national) event. She popped along to the Newport Shed recently and found out what the sheds mean to the men who attend.

A GINGERBREAD MAN
SITS INSIDE A
GINGERBREAD HOUSE



IS THE HOUSE MADE
OF FLESH?



OR IS HE MADE
OF HOUSE?



HE SCREAMS



FOR HE DOES NOT KNOW

Scrooge: "If I could work my will, every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart."

Charles Dickens

From the
Interweb

[...]ainen 1935 points 3 years ago*

I had mentioned to my uncle one year that I wished I could grow a beard like his. Come Christmas time my uncle hands me the present he got me. I unwrap it and what do you know...It's his beard in a Ziploc bag.

