

SHED NOTES
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SWANTON MORLEY & DISTRICT

SPRING SURPRISE

This is an extended newsletter, as the Swanton Morley Annual Parish Meeting is coming up, so this is also a report for that. I'll be including some of the projects from the last year, as well as looking forward.

Over the last year, we've continued to add new members, and now regularly have a dozen people turn up to work either on their own projects, or on something we're doing for our community.



The start of the year was a bit chilly - but we were busy, nonetheless.



We started by putting together some Stage Boxes for the Neatherd School, used to full effect in their production of 'Sister Act'.

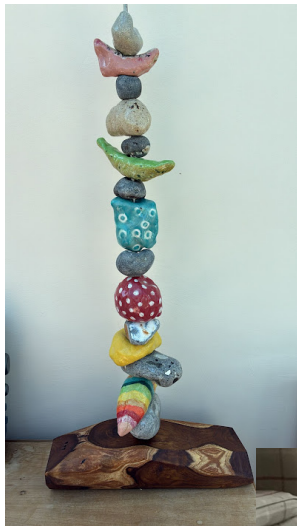
And we made a whole cluster of Bird Boxes for the dog-walking field, to attract birds in to make their nests this spring.



We've been hard at work refurbishing the Noticeboard on the Burial Ground - now back in place - and it now looks set for a good few more years of service.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

We've made toys for children, a stand for some ornaments, and a rather splendid coffee table. When people bring in a project, there's always help available to learn new skills, master an unfamiliar tool, or just to hold the other end of a piece of wood.



The Shed was always intended to provide a way to pass on skills that might otherwise die out.



Of course, we always need to raise funds for the expenses of the group. This year, thanks to a generous donation of some lovely fabric, we were able to create some great BBQ

aprons, and the sale of these has helped us cover our costs. Thanks to Angela - for making the aprons - and to the indomitable Nancy for selling them so effectively!



And we've had fun doing unusual things too. Our host, Jason, has a cute little vintage tractor that he has been trying to coax into life.

So some of our guys lent a hand - and everybody had a load of fun in the process! With a lot of smoke, it became The Little Tractor That Could once again.



We've had so many donations of tools and materials that we have a few surplus items. So on Saturday May 16th at 4 Cullum Close we're having a Yard Sale to convert our excess stuff into cash! We're inviting our neighbours to think about having a Yard Sale on the same day - a kind of informal Village event. No organisation needed, just put out a table and see what happens.

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Swanton Morley Men's Shed has some spare stuff - mostly tools - to get rid of. So we're planning to do a Yard Sale at 4 Cullum Close on Saturday 16th May. We thought that others might like to do the same, and benefit each other by having more people moving around looking at stuff.

We're not suggesting any kind of organisation - we'll publicise on the village Facebook pages, but there won't be a map or any kind of fundraising. So nothing for you to do - but we thought it would be good to keep you informed!

Bob Almond - for the Men's Shed.



So we've had a pretty busy year. We'd love to keep on growing - so we want you to turn up, and try us out. Whether you have awesome skills, or none yet, or you just want to sit and chat about the stuff that interests you. Make some time for the Shed - you know it makes sense!

We're always ready to receive new members -subscription is just £35 for a year - and we have space for more folk at our regular workshop sessions on Wednesdays at 10am.

Contact us via Bob Almond on 01362 637266, or bob@revbob.org, or just drop in on Wednesday to Mulberry Farm, Northall Green NR19 2DG. You can find us on Facebook - search for Swanton Morley Shed Project - or ask Bob, and he'll add you to our WhatsApp group.

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