

<b>ROMSEY MEN'S SHED</b>	<b>2025 AGM</b>	
<b>Date</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	
<b>Time</b>	11.00am	
<b>Place</b>	Dr Peter Centre	
<b>Present</b> <div> <div> Bill Aldous Stewart Barnes Trevor Bond Ron Bowater Tony Brown Barry Drummond Bruce Cawdron Phil Cork </div> <div> Dave Gatting Hugh Griffiths Paul Grist Andrew Keightley Tom Kermeen Jon Lee Colin Peak Graham Rose </div> <div> Richard Rose Tony Rugg Bill Slegg Robert Spence Tom Stewart Keith Stone John Tilley Jim Williams </div> </div>		
<b>Apologies</b> <div> <div> Bruce Alport Tony Blackmoor Malcolm Kaill </div> <div> Don Snowsill Neil Trutwein </div> </div>		

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.1	<p>The Chairman <b>Malcolm Kaill</b> was unable to attend due to illness. He has asked the Secretary, <b>Colin Peak</b> to act as Chair for the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. He explained the need for the AGM under the Shed constitution and the need for an Annual Return to the Charity Commission.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved unanimously.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Chairman's report</b>	
3.1	<p>This was presented by <b>Colin Peak</b> on behalf of <b>Malcolm Kaill</b>. For convenience the speaking notes are included here.</p> <p><b>SHED AGM 2025 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b> <b>WHAT'S THE STORY OF 2024?</b></p> <p>2024 turned out to be another successful year for RMS. Fortunately, we didn't lose any members and although a few did not renew, a steady flow of new applications means that membership has settled at around 70.</p> <p>If what you'll hear now sounds a bit familiar, then you won't be far wrong. The picture this year is very similar to 2023 – which is hardly a bad thing!</p> <p><b>In terms of ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 35 weekly meetings here at the Doctor Peter Centre. The arrangement continues to work well with a mix of business meetings, talks, and more recently games. It offers flexibility and seems to work for most of our use.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPC average attendance was over 23 and often nearer 30. Around 75% of member came to DPC at some point. Not only that, but there was also an average of 8 to 9 at the shed on days when open. Putting the two together then less than 12% of members have not participated in some event.</li> <li>There were 13 talks which is about the same as last year. Eric Winkle Brown was by far and away the most popular with 38. 3 brave RMS members gave talks from their own experiences (Don, Bruce, Mark). Let's have some more like that – or new ideas. <i>Eric Winkle Brown, What did the Romans? , Northern lights, Notorious Murders Lord Erroll &amp; Harry Oakes, Maritime life, Highways and byways, Spitfire Makers Trust, Wills Trust and Estates, Working in a Ugandan Hospital, Family History (Don), Men's Health (Bruce), Poisons plants and pharmaceuticals (Mark).</i></li> <li>9 Walk and Talks, about the same as last year but I suspect average numbers are creeping up often reaching 15. New this year was an electric bike ride around Mottisfont. <i>Walks: Timsbury, Chilworth, Romsey, IOW, West Tytherley, Itchen Abbas, Braishfield, Fritham, Ampfield.</i></li> <li>There was a <b>fishing competition</b> in August for the John Nye trophy. And the <b>Shed superstars</b> in February (thanks to Graham for both).</li> <li>The <b>McMillan coffee morning</b> in September raised some well over £200. Not to mention a couple of <b>quizzes</b> by Ron and Brian. (Brian, Bill, Ron).</li> <li>Our <b>barbecue</b> last year was kindly hosted by Annya at the Abbotswood Care Home complete with live entertainment. But we're likely to return to the shed this year.</li> <li><b>Skittles</b> in May and November at the Black Horse, West Tytherley were a great success (thanks to Colin). And the grand <b>Christmas lunch</b> at the British Legion beat all records with over 50 attending</li> <li>We went on 5 visits - down a bit on the year before and we could do with some more organisers. <i>(Tangmere Air Museum, Solent Sky, Weald and Downland, Museum, Cultural History Museum Winchester, Boscombe Down Air Museum).</i></li> <li><b>Photo challenge</b> returned once again by popular demand this time on the theme of Country Pursuits. As always ably organised by Mike <i>Entries down a bit on last year but still a healthy 49 entries from 12 members.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>COMMUNITY PROJECTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Completed around 16 community projects</b> about the same as last year. too many to list them all but here are a few highlights – <i>(Cupernham Inf – mud kitchen, Halterworth – Workbench, kitchen and shelter, Waverley Lodge – planters, Timsbury Scouts – bird box kits, Abbey – bench refurb, Jane Scarth House – causeway bench, Mottisfont – fairy doors, sign board stands, Forest School – hand washing facilities, Romsey primary – mud kitchen refurb, Woodley pre-school – kitchen, Scout shed – repainting, Methodist Church – donkey shelter, Ampfield PC – telephone box refurb, Romsey Opportunity Group – mending/painting climbing frame, Little Sunlights – mud kitchen, )</i></li> </ul>	
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<b>4</b>	<b>Presentation of Trustees' Annual Report for 2024</b>	
4.1	The Chair explained that the annual return to the Charity Commission had to include a report on activities and finances. For smaller charities, such as RMS, The Charity Commission provide a proforma Trustees Annual Report Form (the TAR) and a proforma accounts spreadsheet. As part of the return RMS has to confirm the RMS details on the Charity Commission website and upload the TAR and the accounts spreadsheet. In due course these items are available for view on the Charity Commission website by the public together with the reports from previous years.	
4.2	The Chair presented the TAR which had been agreed and signed by Trustees in mid-January, and which had been distributed by email to the Members before the meeting. Some minor corrections to dates were noted, but other than these, there were no other observations or questions from Members and the TAR was approved (subject to the minor corrections) unanimously.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's report and presentation of annual accounts for 2024</b>	
5.1	<b>Tony Blackmoor</b> , the Treasurer, sent his apologies, as he is travelling abroad. <b>Richard Rose</b> , in his capacity as a fellow trustee, presented the summary of the RMS accounts and thanked Tony Blackmoor for preparing them. He also compared the "forecast" for 2024 with the "actual" figures. He then went on to show the forecast for 2025 indicating that balances would be maintained at about £6000 by years end.	
5.2	<b>Richard Rose</b> presented the proforma spreadsheet from the Charity Commission in which the necessary information from the accounts had been inserted. The latter had been agreed and signed by Trustees in mid-January, and both had been distributed to Members by email before the meeting.	
5.3	One question about the accounts was raised by <b>Jon Lee</b> who asked what the Trustees will do to reduce the ongoing £6000 plus surplus in the accounts this year? <b>Richard Rose</b> responded that although we do have a surplus currently, this alone will not be sufficient to afford the replacement woodshed that has been agreed as being needed. Therefore, the trustees will discuss plans to increase	

	our current balance through the year in order to put us in a position of being able to make this purchase and thereby reduce our surplus for next year.	
5.4	The accounts and the proforma spreadsheet provided by the Charity Commission (duly filled in with Men's Shed financial information) were approved unanimously).	
<b>6</b>	<b>Resolutions</b>	
6.1	The Chair reported that no Resolutions had been received by the deadline of 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024. He also stated that since no resolution regarding membership fees had been made this year, the membership fee will remain at £30 for 2024/25.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Trustees Retiring</b>	
7.1	The Chair explained that, in accordance with the RMS constitution, one third of the Trustees must retire each year in rotation, i.e. those having to retire being the longest serving. On this occasion two Trustees are required to retire, these being Richard Rose and Tony Blackmoor.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Appointment of Trustees</b>	
8.1	The Chair indicated that <b>Richard Rose</b> and <b>Tony Blackmoor</b> are both prepared to stand for re-election. There had been no other nominations. Members voted unanimously to re-appoint both.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
9.1	No formal AOB items had been submitted prior to the meeting, however, a brief discussion about trialling a cashless payment system for tea/coffee in addition to the current cash system in operation at the Doctor Peter Centre meetings. The trial of this initiative was approved subject to a wider discussion by Trustees about the future or necessity of this or any payment system.	
9.2	Members thanked the Trustees for their efforts during the year, appreciating that much background work was undertaken behind the scenes.	
	The meeting was formally closed by the Chairman at 11.56 am	
	Minutes prepared by Colin Peak	