



May / June 2018.

At the agm it was decided to set up an email forum to help members keep in touch, exchange ideas and be generally aware of what is going on.

As we don't yet have a regular newsletter this is a synopsis of the postings to that forum to date.

The first email welcoming members and explaining the initiative went out on 15 May, the same day as the agm.

Collin Blackman quickly grasped the mettle and sent in his idea for modifying his walking shoes to make them give 4 to 5 times the mileage. He offered to present a demo at the shed if there was interest. I'm sure that offer still stands.

Ian Graney sent in a request for cladding for a back yard wood store. ideally corrugated ( or similar ) fibre glass or plastic roofing. Did anyone get back to Ian?

We then had a series of photos of "beds, beds and more beds". Fifteen bed bases have been made up to now with another five under construction.

Brian Hatton then told about the six wreath holders that he was making for the RSA.

Our very own Banksy Mike Richardson delighted us with several clever cartoons. One was of Mike Smith and a satirical one of our PM handing over the reins of government to Winston Peters.

On 30 May, Graeme Black sent a picture of a piece of scrollsaw work that he had produced for John Purser to immortalise his loved greyhound. An exquisite piece of work.

Have you seen the mug shots on the notice board? A great initiative by Mike Richardson. The same email requested if anyone had a dartboard and darts that they might like to donate to the shed. This of course brought out the wits - "Why don't we use the photos as dartboards?" and "What's wrong with a nail gun?" A dartboard and darts would still be appreciated.

Mike Richardson sent an interesting picture of member Noel Suckling who rode dirt bikes way back.

June saw the start and completion of the bird blind, for doc. Lyall led this project which was completed with impressive efficiency and handed over to the doc representative by Paddy.

We had images of Mike Smith handing over a couple of rocking horses to a delighted recipient and the new box to house the recently acquired defibrillator.

Russell has been very busy with his camera and has supplied a steady stream of pictures for the forum. Most of the pics of the bird blind, wreath holders, rocking horses, defibrillator box and first aid kit appeared through Russell's lens.

Towards the end of this period it was suggested that I insert a logo heading at the top of the emails. Roy supplied the wherewithal and no doubt you have seen it recently.

I don't claim that this is a newsletter. It's just a summary of what has flowed through the first few weeks of the email forum. It would need someone with a closer ear to workings behind the scenes than me to produce a newsletter.

Mike Richardson came up with an appropriate name for the forum. Yes, it was polite but I don't remember what it was. Perhaps you can remind me Mike and I will officially rename it.

Ian