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It's two months since the I last looked back at the email traffic through the Forum.

We've had a steady flow of photos from Russell. The first batch in this period went out 5th July showed Bernie using the metal lathe and John cutting blanks for the wood turners.

Around the same time a pdf of the article in the HB Today was distributed. That article along with one or two more is available on the [website Media page](#) .

Brian Hatton kicked of what I am hoping can become a regular feature of Members' biographys. It made for fascinating reading and was well received judging by the enthusiastic comments that I and John received.

I am hoping I can include a bio about once a month.

Keith Walker offered the loan of a feral cat trap for those of us plagued by these pests on our sections. This trap, unlike the ones we have produced for DOC doesn't kill the animals so if you inadvertently catch the neighbours moggie, it can be returned unharmed, if you choose!

There was a request for a couple of vacuum cleaners from the wood turners.

Apparently John ~~Parker~~-Purser has set one up at home to extract dust when sanding on the lathe. Boy did I get some stick for publishing the wrong name. It seems to have had an effect on John too who was uncertain of what his name was the next time I saw him.

1st August a notice went out about the mid-winter get together at the Napier RSA.

Also in this email was the proof, if we needed it, about John's confusion about his own name. Don't worry John, We'll keep an eye on you. Purser, Parker, Pl... ?

Two rare pieces of wood turned up at the wood lathes, namely German Tree Tomato and a Swan Plant, species Gigantor. After much searching on the internet it was concluded they were very rare indeed. John Purser eventually came clean and owned up to it being a hoax.

The website went live <http://www.napiermenzshed.nz> . I have arranged for a link to be inserted to our site from the national Menzshed website. Collin Blackman is already using the website as a tool when applying for grants.

There was a page of photos taken at the RSA Mid-Winter Get Together. I haven't had any reports about this but from the pictures I deduce that a good time was had by all. It was nice to see the ladies there too.

The second of our members' bios was sent out. Thank you to Noel Suckling for sharing some of your experiences with us.

Mike R sent us a picture of the rules of the Shed and our cultural officer, Roy, sent us a poem, "Senior Moments". Did you also see Mike's picture of ventriloquist and doll, Putin & Trump?

We had a request for the loan of a ~~mango~~ Kango hammer from Brian, who had some concrete to break up. Brian assures me that the typo was caused by the computer auto spelling correction function. He also tells me that the job is now done. Jenny, Brian's wife suggested that what Brian really wanted was an automatic "Can Go Anywhere he wants" device. Sorry Brian, can't help you with that one.

Bernie arranged for Tracy from Beth Shan Funerals to come along and talk to us about "What Happens Next". It was an interesting presentation about the funeral options and processes available. I guess she was talking to the right demographic group. Lots of questions were answered and as might be expected lots of humour was injected. It seems that Jon Fitzpatrick's next prosthetic leg must be a wooden one so that it can go through the furnace successfully!

There was a picture of another masterpiece from Graham's scroll saw (Steve Fox's dog).

August concluded with a visit from trustees of Eastern & Central Community Trust. The Trust has been a sponsor of the Shed and I guess they came to reassure themselves that we are worthy of their ongoing support. I believe that they went away with a positive feeling about what we do and hopefully we will continue to be funded by them.

A pdf copy of this "Nearly a Newsletter" is on the website [Newsletter page](#).

Cheers

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