

A friendly workshop where men can gather, work together, share skills and knowledge or just have a chat over coffee.

## Happy New Year!

No surprises when I report that (er..) there's nothing much to report so far in 2021 but we do enter the New Year with optimism! Optimism that the vaccination programme will do the trick and optimism that it won't be too long before Shedding can get back to something like normal.



Many of us continue to keep busy in our home workshops and a number of Shed projects have been completed. One such is a small oak cabinet that was brought in sometime last year in an unfinished state – if only we knew or could remember who by! All the dovetail joints had been cut and the main carcass was assembled which just left a door to be hung and some final trimming and finishing. The work provided a pleasant way to spend a few 'lock-down' hours and, the longer it was worked on, the more it began to ring bells. Any of us with memories of 'old school' woodwork would be familiar with the piece as a typical 'sampler' – a way to test and practice a range of skills but on small enough scale to not break the bank or to take too long.

The cabinet is now finished, looking rather smart and I'm sure we will have plenty of takers happy to provide it a new home. I don't want to get all 'Repair Shop' about this but it seems to me that someone, somewhere knows all about this cabinet, knows why it was never (quite) finished and would quite probably be the best person to appreciate it and the hours and hours that went into its making. If that is you (or you know who it might be) then do get in touch and we'll be delighted to arrange a reunion!