

Notes for Bacton Parish Meeting 6pm 13-5-24.

I am pleased to report that our activities continue to flourish since our last report. I feel I must explain a little about how we function as a group and how decisions are made as I believe that it is important that you know what makes us tick.

We are a group of people who love to work and make items. We set up after the middle school closed to continue our activities.

We have our own workshop, fully equipped to work in "resistant" materials (wood, metal, plastics.) Opening to those of all abilities and love to share our knowledge and workshop with others who would like to do the same.

We fund ourselves by members paying a subscription and adding finance occasionally requested, by doing projects for local organisations in and around Bacton. You may find us displaying our activities at some village shows and our big event is Bacton's own Village Fayre in August.

The main aim of our organisation is to offer our workshop and the support to those like us who want to make items for themselves, family etc.

We have a committee consisting of chairman, secretary, treasurer, purchasing officer, membership secretary, and workshop representative; It is appointed at the annual workshop AGM. This group take care of the day to day running, but any "big decisions and purchases have to have to have majority membership blessing before we proceed.

We are so fortunate that our accumulated membership over the years have formed a remarkable self-help gang, to each other and our workshop funding. Items that we "sell" go into our coffers and commission work for parish groups taken on be volunteer member/s help to "oil the wheels".

Since the weekly evening class closed, we have strived to have the workshop open more often for the use of its members and I am pleased to report that this is now working well, with openings, Saturdays, Mondays, Thursdays in fact when two members make a specific arrangement to go it can be any day.

Those joining have safety training and with support and confidence building can enjoy what we have.

This interactive support shows that when a member notices the need for a shelf, a door on a cabinet, cupboard or idea to make improvements and they are willing to do the job, it is encouraged as this encourages a stronger bond to our mission. A workshop for the community.

This year, the lighting continues to be improved, dust extraction, floor painting (planned for the summer)

Do pop in and visit us to see what goes on. The members love to pop into the kitchen and put the kettle on to share a cuppa and a chat.