

The
**ROTHERHITHE
SHED**



**EXHIBITION
CATALOGUE**



17TH AUGUST - 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023





London Bubble Theatre and Time & Talents are proud to showcase The Rotherhithe Shed in The Salter Gallery from 17th August – 3rd September 2023.

Two afternoons a week we throw open the doors of Bubble's workshop and it becomes The Rotherhithe Shed. We welcome in a vibrant community of makers and menders to collaborate, share skills, connect and work on their creative projects in our well equipped workshop. The 'shed at the bottom of the garden' that many people in our local community dream of having, The Rotherhithe Shed began as the Australian Men's Shed movement was evolving into a global mission for men to come together and create as a means of reducing social isolation after retirement.

Learning and using the skills to make, mend and repair is a radical solution to the age of waste we find ourselves in and we have a lot to learn from The Rotherhithe Shed artists. We are continually surprised by the innovative projects they have brought into being.

We invite you to explore their inventive creations of all shapes and sizes – from pedal-powered lathes and lamps made from disused materials to sculpture, carpentry, painting, whittling and metal work.



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DRAWINGS

David Bassadone

"I like to paint the factories in the workshop, inside the steel works and New York."

FRAME AND CROSS STITCH

Liudmila Dervish



"I learnt knitting, crochet, cross stitch, you name it, but it always needed to be displayed in a certain way. It was a problem. These "Pansies" were in a drawer for a couple years because I could not make a frame or have some ideas, and thank God the Shed came in handy and gives me the opportunity to make it and display it."

ELECTRIC SCULPTURE

Jean - Daniel Beauvallet



A light fixture used to display a playing record cover. JD has made a series of quirky light fixtures at the Shed while he has been a member.



CLOCK

David Knapp

Made from an upcycled mahogany tabletop. Crafted and inlaid with gold and copper leaf. The design was based on a Russian constructivist poster.



MOSAIC KEY HOLDER

Raymond Kelly

"I come to the Shed because I find it enjoyable. It gives me something to do and it helps me feel like I'm doing something, being useful."

METAL LETTERS FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Alan Chadborn



Hand forged steel letters to be incorporated into a memorial gate for fellow Shedist, Reg Garwood.

DONATION BOX

Reg Garwood



"Reg was a lovely man, a man who was willing to share his skill and he took me under his wing basically, we had a rapport from the start. He was precise, everything he did was measured twice and he was just a lovely person."



PORTRAITS OF THE ROTHERHITHE SHED MEMBERS

Alan Clark-Wilson

"I discovered that there was so much to do, so much to learn, so many places to go, so it's just starting really. When you retire, that's no longer the benchmark."



IRON DRAGON

Peter Gazey

"It's an item that my father found in his job at the end of the second World War which was to partly clear out large houses, to recycle the steel and to put it back into the war effort. It had spent many years at home, he converted it to an electric light, which was useful but not very elegant. And then some years ago, I found it in my mother's possessions when I was clearing her house and brought it into the Shed."



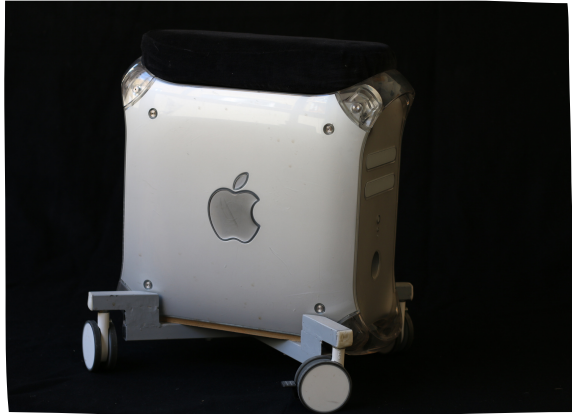
METAL FLOWER

Lola Pardo

Flower made from an aluminium beer can as part of an online Rotherhithe Shed workshop during the second lockdown.

PIANO STOOL

Mick Hodges



Piano stool upcycled from Mac computer
and Ikea table legs.

SCULPTURE SERIES

Alan Ball

ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE

(OH, MASTER, THE TEMPEST IS RAGING)

- Thames Chalk, Shellac Record and Memory Stick

45 MESOZOIC MINUTES

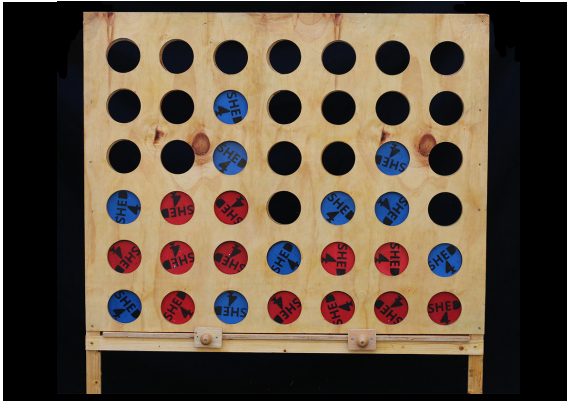
- Thames Chalk, Audio Cassette Tape

SWEET THAMES, RUN SOFTLY TILL I END MY SONG

(TIDAL ESTUARY TONE ARM PROPOSAL)

- Nautical Chart, Tone Arm, Colour Photograph

The Rotherhithe Shed members also work on collaborative projects from time to time, often to support other activities taking place at either London Bubble or Time & Talents.



SHED 4

The Rotherhithe Shed members

Created for the Time & Talents summer party 2023. Shed members decided to re-name their unique version of Connect 4 as 'Shed 4'.

SHED HANDS

The Rotherhithe Shed members



These individual plaques were made during the first lockdown as a group project. Plaques were posted out to all Shedists, who were invited to custom decorate the outline of their own hand and send it back into the group. They now form a table top in the workshop.

ROTHERHITHE MAN

The Rotherhithe Shed members

Bubble's workshop is home to an eclectic mix of objects previously used for shows. One of these is a life-sized person cast originally used to create an ice sculpture. Shed members re-invented it as the Rotherhithe Man who can always be found on the yard when the Shed is open and gets seasonal make-overs.



WHAT HAPPENS IN AT THE ROTHERHITHE SHED?

The Rotherhithe Shed provides a fully functioning workshop space twice a week for people to build and create. Whilst it's designed for older men, anyone is welcome to come along. A partnership between London Bubble Theatre and Time & Talents, the Shed invites users to share or learn skills related to visual art, DIY, metal work and woodwork.

It is an encouraging space for members to bring projects that interest them and develop their skills.



WHY IS IT NEEDED?

As well as being the 'shed at the bottom of the garden' that many older people in our local area don't have access to, the workshop provides a mutually supportive environment for sharing skills and advice. Following retirement, bereavement or declining health, having a positive space to be purposeful and create useful, practical projects supports physical and mental wellbeing. When opportunities for working collaboratively arise, such as creating lanterns for the Illuminate Rotherhithe festival, we see how working together towards a shared creative aim builds confidence and community.

The **JOIN** **ROTHERHITHE** **SHED**



Do you enjoy:

- Planning practical missions and creative projects
- Taking pride in restoring, recycling and upcycling
- Experimenting with new skills and techniques
- Collaborating on all sorts and sizes of creations

Come for as long or as little as you like and please:

- Tell us you're planning to come
- Bring something you want to work on
- Wear a mask or protective equipment if asked

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