

# SHED HEADS

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LABOUR CLUB

## CHEERS TO 60 YEARS: THE RED SHED STANDING STRONG

**A Message from the Club President: Let's Celebrate 60 years of The Red Shed – Together!**

**Dear Members,**

2026 will mark a truly special milestone – The Red Shed's 60th anniversary.

That's six decades of solidarity, camaraderie, and standing up for what matters. It's a moment to celebrate everything we've built together – the friendships forged, the drinks poured, the laughter shared, and the great memories created within these wooden walls.

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Maybe a tale from a legendary night or a quiet moment that meant everything?

Speak to any of the committee members – we're collecting stories, images, and memorabilia that reflect the heart and soul of our club. Your memories will help shape the celebration and ensure it truly reflects our club.

**60th Anniversary Memorabilia – Coming Soon!** We're also thrilled to announce a special range of 60th anniversary merchandise, perfect for birthdays, Christmas, or just to show your pride in The Red Shed. From Tee Shirts to Tea Towels commemorative items, there'll be something for every member to treasure. More details will be shared soon – keep an eye out!

**Let's Build It Together!**

This celebration is ours. Whether you've been with us since the beginning or joined last week, your voice matters. Let's make this anniversary a true reflection of our club – and make the memories unforgettable.

In solidarity,

*Matthew Hallas*

President, The Red Shed



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A friendly reminder to all members, it's time to start thinking about renewing your membership for 2026! Please ensure your renewal is completed to continue enjoying all the benefits and events the club has to offer.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## CLUB REFURBISHMENTS

Over the past 5 years we have made several improvements to the club. A full rewire, changes to the layout to accommodate disabled access, new access toilets and a ramp outside. To complete the programme, in November 2024, we had new flooring laid throughout. If you haven't been in for a while come along and enjoy the improved facilities!



The Shed recently underwent a refurbishment of the flooring in the Club.

## ART WALK WAKEFIELD

### Artwalk going from strength to strength

As part of our tribute to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the miners' strike, we re-introduced the club's involvement with the Wakefield Artwalk. An opportunity for members, or anyone, visiting the club to experience various art forms, and for local artists to showcase their talent.

Dave Wilders started us off, with his mining and industrial landscapes, to fit with our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary tribute. Next, we had Seanna Doonan with her very popular views of former and current Wakefield places, and was our first female artist, as part of our celebration of Women of the Working Class. We then moved on to Carrie Scott-Huby who works with textiles, print and poetry providing a different perspective of a working-class heritage. Currently, we have our very own Jess Rowbottom, displaying photographs from music events across the region.

From Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we will have an installation by Loretta Fallas, so watch out for that.

Don't forget, on Artwalk nights the club opens from 5pm, so please do join us.

### Women of the Working Class – Cream Teas & Tales

At the beginning of July, we held a very different event, when Ian Clayton facilitated a writing workshop to help people capture their stories about working class women who they knew and were inspired by. The event was well-attended, and rounded off with a delicious cream tea. We also raised £110, which we have donated to Wakefield Street Kitchen.

Completed stories are being submitted, along with photos, etc, and will be framed up to form our final Women of the Working-Class display in November.

Deadline for submissions is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September to Tracy Rodger (c/o Wakefield Labour Club, 18 Vicarage Street, Wakefield WF1 1QX), or via email to t700c@hotmail.co.uk

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# What's on at The Red Shed

We have a number of regular events that take place at The Red Shed including:

Open Mic booked last Saturday in the month.

Retro Disco mainly on the first Saturday with some slight changes.

Dave's Traditional Music and Songs tabled in for 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month.

Super league fixtures tabled in the diary.

Artwalk tabled in for last Wednesday in month, bimonthly, January, March, May, July, September and November.

## Coming up at The Shed

- September 13th Sat Tony Foster Band.
- September 19th Fri St Pauli Game.
- September 26th Fri East ward Social.
- September 28th Sun Park and Ride.
- October 4th Sat Florida Men.
- October 18th Sat Andy Platt 4-piece band.
- October 24th Fri Attila the Stock Broker.
- Nov 2nd Sun Krayons Matinee.
- Nov 8th Sat The Hunch publicity required.
- Nov 15th Sat Book promotion. Evening Sally Cinnamon.
- November 16th Sun Hot Foot Hall – Blues Festival.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> Fri – John Strong Band.
- November 22nd Sat Bishops and Bards.
- December 5th Fri Callum Baird.
- December 13th Sat Peculiar Blue Showcase.
- December 20th Sat Sound Quarry.



open mic night



The 3 J's performing live



St Pauli FC Supporters Group



Members BBQ



Dave's Traditional Music and Tune Session