SHED HEADS

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LABOUR CLUB

Winter Issue 2025

The Countdown to Christmas Starts at the Red Shed

The festive season is upon us, and here at The Red Shed we have plenty in store for our members. From cosy get-togethers, special events and Christmas activities, there's lots to look forward to over the coming festive period.

Whether you're keen to catch up with friends, take part in some seasonal fun, or simply enjoy the community spirit we have here at The Red Shed, we've got something for everyone.

Make sure you take a look at our "What's on at The Red Shed" to see what we have in store.

I cant wait to celebrate this Christmas season with new and existing member alike.

Matthew Hallas

President - The Red Shed

Raise Your Glass: Fresh Beer Collaborations at The Red Shed

As we step into our 60th year, The Red Shed team is proud to share some exciting news! We've been working closely with some fantastic local breweries to create our very own special beer colloborations. These unique brews will be making their way onto the bar throughout year, giving members a chance to enjoy something that is truly one of the kind as part of our milestone celebrations.

To make the Christmas season even brighter, we'll also be offering **exclusive Christmas bottled beer sets**, the perfect stocking filler for Shed Heads. The beer sets will be available in time for Christmas, so keep your eyes peeled for more details.

Time to Renew Your Club Membership for 2026!

It's that time of year again, membership renewals for 2026 are just around the corner. Keeping up to date with your membership means you'll continue to enjoy everything The Red Shed has to offer.

Make sure when you're next in the Club to renew your memebershp at the bar. It is £3 for unwaged members and £5 for waged members.

Thank you for your continued support of the club, we couldn't do it without you.

WOMAN OF THE WORKING CLASS

To finalise this year's theme, we have several events in November not to be missed.

Saturday 15th November from 2pm till 4pm.
Historian and author Judy Cox will tell the stories of some of the rebel women who shaped the working class movement in West Yorkshire.

Women are still hidden from history. Thousands of working women organized against slavery, rose up against attacks on welfare, joined the great Chartist revolt, went on strike and fought for the right to vote

Saturday 15th November from 8pm.
On Saturday evening we have Wakefield's own singer/songwriter Sally Cinnamon.

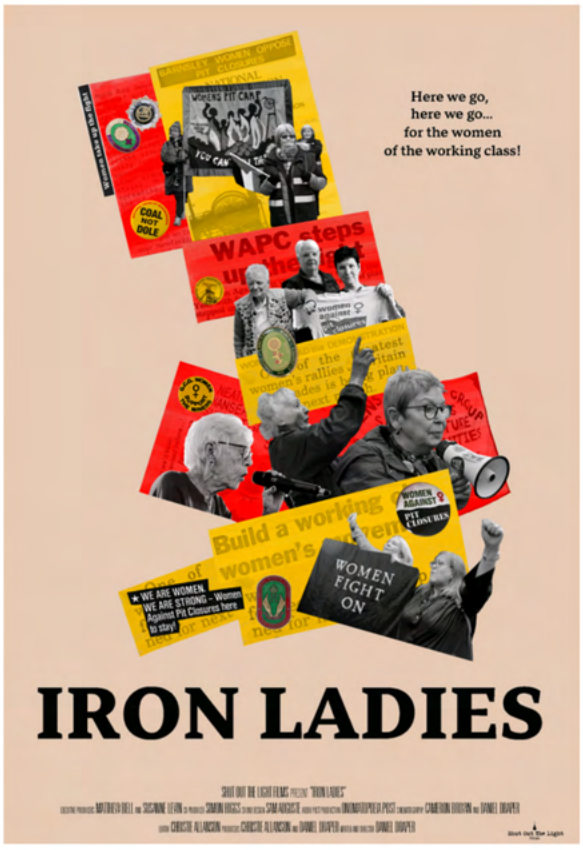
The combination of Sally and Russ's voice are not to be missed. We will leave room on the dance floor, so you can have a boogie.

Saturday 29th November from 2 till 4pm
Documentary Iron Ladies, followed by Q & A session chaired by Ian Clayton with Betty Cook on the panel. Tickets will be on sale in the club and will cost £5. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Iron Ladies tells the story of the working-class women who, during the 1984–85 Miners' Strike, found themselves at the forefront of a battle against the British state.

From Scotland to Kent, women from the coalfields shed light on their experiences of the year long struggle, and how they became the backbone of the Strike.

With many still active today, the actions of these iron-willed women reshaped the landscape of political activism for working-class women.



RED SHED MERCH PRICE LIST

- **Contrast Polo - £30**
- **Plain Polo - £25**
- **Hat - £10**
- **Plain Hoodie - £35**
- **Contrast Hoodie - £40**
- **T-Shirt - £15**
- **Female Fit T-Shirt - £15**
- **Pin Bade - £3**
- **Radical Tea Towel -£15**
- **Stubby - £3**

NEW RED SHED MERCHANDISE

As we continue moving towards marking our 60th year, alongside the new beer collaborations, we're excited to be launching a brand new range of Red Shed merchandise.

Shed Heads will be ableto get their hands on beanies, t-shirts polo shirts and hoodies. But that's not all! We'll also be bringing you our very own Red Shed Radical Tea Towels and pin badges, specially designed to commemorate the 60th milestone year. They'll make great gifts, or the perfect way to treat yourself and support the club in style! Make sure you place your orders at the bar on your next visit.

RED SHED IN THE COMMUNITY

Candlelighters, a charity that provides essential support to children with cancer and their families in Yorkshire reported that as a result of the work we have done with Malcom Bristow of Five Towns Brewery on the "East vs West" Beer Festival we managed to raise an outstanding **£3,041** for Candlighters.

Over the past ten years, Malcom, alongside dedicated friends, family and the Red Shed, have raised more that **£17,400** for this cause. We couldn't be prouder to be able to support this by hosting the "East vs West" Beer Festival and we'll continue to support this fantasitc cause.

WAKEFIELD ART WALK

Our final Artwalk event for 2025 will be featuring a thought-provoking piece by Jacqui El Masry about how the Israeli-Palestine war has been covered by social media.

Join us on **Weds 26th November from 5pm, the bar is open!** As a bonus our themed walls will be displaying work done at an event earlier in the year, Cream tea and talks. This was where people attending wrote about inspirational women in their lives.

If you've enjoyed our Artwalk features throughout this year, and fancy sharing your creativity with us in 2026, or know someone who might, please get in touch. We're looking for volunteers for January, March, July, September and November 2026. Contact Tracy Rodger at t700c@hotmail.co.uk

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED SHED

In addition to our women of the working class events, we have a number of regular events that take place at The Red Shed including:

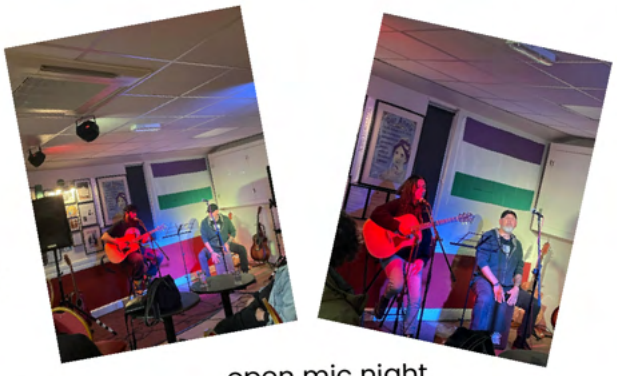
Open Mic booked last Saturday in the month.

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

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

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

Full house for Mrs R's Retro Roadshow



open mic night

Coming up at The Shed

- Nov 8th Sat The Hunch.
- November 16th Sun Hot Foot Hall – Blues Festival.
- November 22nd Sat Bishops and Bards.
- December 5th Fri Callum Baird.
- December 13th Sat Peculiar Blue Showcase.
- December 20th Sat Sound Quarry.

Florida Men

Dave's Traditional Music and Tune Session

Callum Baird

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THE SHED PROUDLY SUPPORTS

RECLAIM THE NIGHT WAKEFIELD MARCH

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025
2.30 – 8.30pm Wakefield One Library and WX

Be part of history as Wakefield hosts its very first Reclaim the Night — a powerful evening of unity, visibility, and action. Together, we'll raise our voices for safer streets and a better future for all.

PROGRAMME

2:30pm – Banner-Making Drop-In at **Wakefield One Library** WF1 2DD.

5:00pm – Meet people here to help: discover the services and initiatives working to make our community safer. **WX Wakefield**.

6:00 pm – The March Begins.

7:00pm – Pathways Stalls and Panel Discussion: hear from local voices and organisations leading change in our District. **WX Wakefield**.

8:30pm – Event ends, but our movement continues.

WHY WE MARCH: Reclaim the Night is a national movement raising awareness of violence against women and girls. By standing together, we send a clear message: everyone has the right to safety, dignity and peace of mind.

WHO'S WELCOME: People of all ages, backgrounds, genders, and abilities. Whether you're marching, rolling, supporting, or standing in solidarity, your presence matters, we are stronger together.

JOIN US: Make your banner, gather your friends, family, or group, and take to the streets.

ACCESSIBILITY: The route is mostly level, though some roads and pavements may be uneven. If you need support with access, please get in touch.

ORGANISED BY: Local Councillors Nat Walton, Maureen Cummings, Gwen Page and Helen Antcliffe, Empath Theatre, Blossom Training and Development CIC, Central HEaRt CIC, Wakefield College.