

SHED HEADS

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL LABOUR CLUB

July 2026

Summer at The Shed

Welcome to the Latest Edition of the Newsletter

As we roll into another busy and lively summer at the Red Shed, it's a pleasure to welcome you to this latest edition of the newsletter. There's plenty happening, plenty to look forward to, and as always plenty of reasons to feel proud of our club.

Before we dive in, a quick but important reminder: we're currently at 72% paid membership for the year. If you haven't renewed yet, now's the perfect time to pop into the Shed and get it sorted. Your membership keeps the club thriving, supports everything we do, and helps us continue putting on the events and activities that make this place what it is. Let's see if we can push that number all the way to 100%.

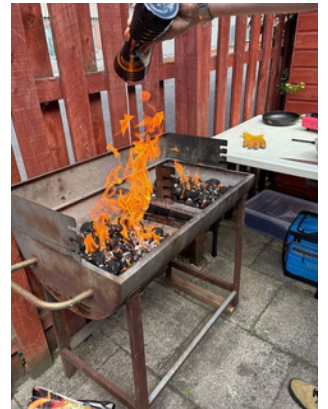
And speaking of events...

Members Day – Saturday 1st August at the Red Shed

Members Day is just around the corner, Saturday 1st August and it's shaping up to be another brilliant gathering. It's one of those days where the Shed really comes alive: old friends catching up, new faces joining in, and the whole place buzzing with that familiar warmth.

Richard and I will be at the BBQ, serving up all the favourites, with vegetarian options available too. Good food, good company, and a relaxed afternoon together.

This year, we're also encouraging everyone to bring along a new member. Members Day is the perfect introduction to the Shed: friendly, informal, and full of the spirit that makes our club special.



If you know someone who's been meaning to join or someone who'd simply enjoy the atmosphere why not bring them along and help grow our community?

We're looking forward to seeing a great turnout and making this another memorable Members Day.

All the best

Matthew Hallas

President - The Red Shed





SHED IN THE COMMUNITY

Wakefield Street Kitchen – Thanks to everyone who has donated their Bags for Life so far. We are still collecting them, so if you haven't had a chance to bring some in, the donation bin is still at the side of the bar.

To date we have donated approx. 100 Bags for Life, and around 40 strong carriers, which have been gratefully received by the Street Kitchen.

I got chance to go along and deliver your donations at the Street Kitchen one Wednesday. There were over 40 people queuing for support as I arrived, so your donations really do help.

Can Recycling – As part of a new initiative, the drinks cans from the club are now being donated to

Angela Oldershaw in Allerton Bywater, who trades them in to raise money for Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders). This is being co-ordinated by club member, John Connell.

STARS AT THE SHED

The Shed has been fortunate enough to be able to host two gigs, organised by Phil Green and Paul Holmes, featuring Tom Hingley from the Inspiral Carpets. Both gigs went really well. The solo show was very well received, and sold out in no time. Tom played a mixture of Inspiral Carpets covers and his own solo work.



He was supported by Riley Marsh, who got great feedback from the audience.



Tom then asked if we would host his full band for a warm up gig, which we readily accepted. In a quick turnaround, we managed to sell out on the day of the gig! Unusually it was a standing room only gig, which people thought created a better atmosphere. The gig itself went down a storm, playing all the hits of the Inspiral Carpets.

Paul and Phil would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to making both these nights such a huge success.





60th Anniversary Merchandise – Get Summer Ready

With the promise of more warm weather on the way, make sure you're 'summer ready' with our Red Shed Merchandise.

We have stubbies (£3) to keep your drinks cool, T-shirts (£15), and new to the range are our great quality, embroidered baseball caps (£15).

Also, don't forget our specially printed, very limited-edition Tea-Towel (£15) from the Radical Tea Towel Co.

There were only 100 printed, and we won't be getting a re-print. They look fantastic framed as a statement piece for your wall!

We have a small range of stock available at the club. See the display in the club for our full range of merchandise. Order forms behind the bar.



Full Range of Merchandise Available to order

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



Artwalk

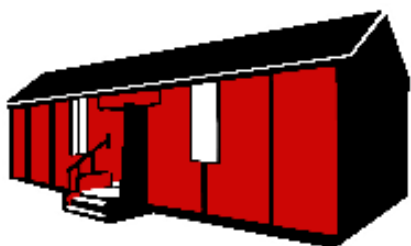
Wakefield



We had another busy Artwalk last month with the new photographic display provided by Club member, Richard Council. It sparked lots of discussion, and Richard's knowledge and enthusiasm certainly engaged the Artwalkers.

Richard's photos will be on display until around the end of July, so please do come take a look, and if Richard's at the club, I'm sure he'd be happy to answer any questions about his bird pictures.

The next Artwalk will be held on Wednesday 29th July from 5pm, when we will be displaying 'pyrography trees' by Lorraine Lane. A collection of pieces in wood.



Memory Wall – We need your help

From 1st September, we will be doing something a little different on our Artwalk wall. As part of the 60th anniversary, we would like to display pictures of the club, events, and past and present members.

If you have photographs you could lend us or send digitally, we will be putting together a collage showing the last 60 years. All photos would need to be with us by Mid-August. Either handed to myself (Tracy Rodger) or Linda Bratley, or emailed to me at t700c@hotmail.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 26th July, 2 – 4pm Class Lines & Red Rhymes

First time at the Red Shed, we welcome Janine Booth, Joe Zux, and Nick Toczek presenting Class Lines & Red Rhymes. Poetry from the frontlines to the picket lines, join us for an afternoon of verse. Funds raised by the event go to support 'We Shall Overcome' and Wakefield Street Kitchen

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WHAT'S BEEN ON AT THE RED SHED

East vs West Beer Festival at The Red Shed

The Red Shed recently hosted another successful East vs West Beer Festival, bringing together great beer, good company, and support for a cause close to many people's hearts. With more than twenty beers from both the east side and the west side, there was plenty for visitors to explore across the weekend.

Supporting Candlelighters

As always, the festival wasn't just about beer. This year's chosen charity was Candlelighters, who support children and families affected by childhood cancer. We were pleased to help raise awareness and funds for the important work they do, and we're grateful to everyone who contributed.

Wakefield CAMRA Club of the Year — Again

During the festival, the club was also presented with the Wakefield CAMRA Club of the Year award — for the 15th year in a row. It's an achievement we're extremely proud of, and it reflects the hard work of our volunteers, the quality of our beer, and the continued support of our members and visitors.

Looking Ahead: CAMRA's 50th Anniversary Weekend

We're now looking forward to welcoming CAMRA branches from across the country on the weekend of 7–8 August as Wakefield CAMRA celebrates its 50th year. The theme — "Cheers for 50 Years" — will be marked with a range of specially brewed beers created by some of our favourite Wakefield breweries, working in collaboration with CAMRA friends and well-known brewers.

The club will be open from 12 noon on both days, and everyone is welcome to join the celebrations.

- Friday afternoon: a special brewers' event
- Saturday afternoon: live music from The 189ers

It promises to be a relaxed, enjoyable weekend with plenty for beer lovers and visitors alike.



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The Red Shed at Banners Held High 2026

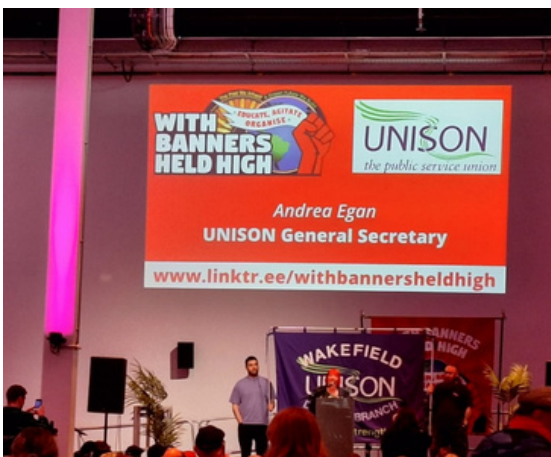
The Red Shed was pleased to once again support this year's Banners Held High event, standing alongside trade union groups, community organisations, and local supporters. It was a successful weekend overall, with plenty of activity both in the city centre and back at the club.

Friday Fringe Events

The weekend began with Friday's fringe programme, hosted in the club. We were pleased to welcome Calum Baird, whose performance drew a strong crowd and set a thoughtful tone for the start of the weekend. The club was busy throughout the evening with music, conversation, and visitors dropping in before the main event.

JJ's on Saturday Night

On Saturday evening, JJs played to a full room at the Shed. Their set was well received, and the atmosphere stayed warm and lively even as people came in to escape the rain. It was a solid end to the day's events.



WHAT'S ON AT THE RED SHED

As well as our regular events (see the next page) we have a wide range of special events and dates to keep in your diary. Coming up at The Shed....

11th July 8pm – Steve & Ed Live at The Shed

Following their debut appearance, Eddie Mac is back with Steel Slick Steve. If you missed them first time round then you don't want to miss them again.

27th July 7pm – Bard Company

Bard Company return to The Red Shed to continue their series of live dates to promote their new album.

26th July, 2 – 4pm Class Lines & Red Rhymes

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1st of August – Member's day

Details on the first page.

7th – 8th of August – CAMRA

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15th August – Charlie Padfield

Charlie Padfield returns to the Shed with his vast repertoire of self-penned ditties and swinging hits through the ages.

21st August– Wakey Punx Presents....

The Krayons – Fast, In your face, Wakey Thrash Punk as well as Graik Guard, Agoniser and Mouth Parts.

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4th September – Hunch

Hard Hitting Irish, American & Latin folk with a generous dash of humour.

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Our regular events are the heartbeat of the Shed: they keep everyone connected. They're the moments where we come together, share a laugh and, keep the club thriving. We'd truly love to see you at them, whether you drop in occasionally or make them part of your routine.

Mrs R's Retro Disco – 1st Saturday of every month, from 7:30 'til late

A beloved classic. Expect floor-fillers, forgotten gems, and the kind of joyful chaos only Mrs R can deliver. Whether you're dancing all night or just soaking up the atmosphere, it's always a brilliant evening.

Dave's Song & Tune Sessions – 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons, from 1:30

Relaxed, friendly, and full of heart. Bring an instrument, bring your voice, or simply bring yourself. These sessions are all about sharing the love of music, stories, and good company.

Open Mic Night – Last Saturday of every month, from 8:30

A showcase of local talent and brave first-timers. Sing, play, read, perform – or cheer on those who do. It's one of the most supportive rooms you'll ever step into.

Weekly Quiz – Every Wednesday at 9pm

A midweek highlight with plenty of laughs and a bit of friendly rivalry. The quiz winner walks away with a full gallon of beer, even if trivia isn't your thing, you're still in with a chance of a prize the as raffle winner enjoys a couple of pints.



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