



Name on! Over 50 seats already sponsored



Photo: Audience Systems

MORE THAN 50 of the 184 retractable seats needed for the Goods Shed have now been sponsored and we are most grateful for this generous response.

However, to be able to open for cinema showings and other performances in Spring 2017 we must order the seats soon and we cannot do that without having all the money needed. Including a grant of £15,000, we now have nearly £30,000 of the £73,000 we need.

We appeal to supporters of the Goods Shed to help us achieve our target of

having all the seats sponsored. If you would like to sponsor a seat but are unable to do it all by yourself, please think about clubbing together with a few of your family or friends to raise the £250 needed for a seat dedication.

Perhaps you know somebody who has not heard about the appeal but would help if they knew about it. Or perhaps you know somebody who would like to have a loved one remembered by a dedication. Please spread the word. We must have those seats for performances and conferences!

Jill's downpour-defying sale nets £300

JILL DODGE AND HER AMAZING band of helpers raised £300 at her coffee morning-come-garage sale on Saturday 27 August 2016.

£250 from the total has been put to the seat appeal.

At Jill's suggestion the seat will be called "Rainstorm" — a lasting reminder to those who were present of the sudden downpour that provided the electrifying backdrop to the day's events.



Volunteers *still* needed

FOR SEVERAL YEARS the work of the Trust has been carried forward by a small band of volunteers raising funds, running improvised events and undertaking minor demolition and construction work.

With the work on Phase 1 development, we have moved up a gear and shall soon be faced with organising a first class programme of arts events, managing a cinema, running a café and supervising the day to day activities of a community hall while at the same time still working to raise more funding for future developments.

All this must be supported by an active publicity and marketing campaign aimed at potential audiences, performers and donors. If you have any relevant experience in running arts events, marketing or fund raising, we would love to hear from you.

If you feel you would like to assist in any way, please get in contact with the team. By helping us now you will be able to shape the future success of the Goods Shed.

And remember - the one thing we can all do is ensure that all our friends and acquaintances are made aware of the potential of the Goods Shed as a great future venue not only for art performances, films and exhibitions but also for corporate events, weddings and social gatherings.





Heritage Weekend open day

AS PART OF HERITAGE WEEKEND in Tetbury the Goods Shed will be open for viewing on Saturday 10 September 2016 between 9am and 12 noon.

Visitors will have a chance to see the work being carried out. The Goods Shed team will be there to guide you around,

answer questions and show you the future plans for the arts centre.

We also hope to put on a public presentation of the plans for the Goods Shed in late October.

Watch out for details in the next newsletter.

Bricks signed for posterity



TRUST VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED more than 100 supporters to the brick signing on Saturday 20 August and left their marks for posterity. Over 400 bricks have now been sponsored, raising more than £2,000 for the Goods Shed.

Using a silver-coloured pen on the dark blue-grey surface, sponsors marked their individual bricks with a variety of messages. Some signed their own names, others remembered loved ones and some added a little message or drawing. By popular demand several more bricks were sold.

The bricks are now being incorporated into the exterior walls of the new annexe. When the time comes to demolish the Goods Shed – hopefully not for a few hundred years – future genealogists will have a tantalising glimpse of the lives of Tetbury people in 2016.



From the archive

IN APRIL 2014 a team from the Trust was dismantling the raised platform that filled most of the Goods Shed. Beneath the boards in the middle of the shed a huge cast-iron structure encased in concrete was discovered.

Some rapid research revealed that there used to be a 30cwt hand-operated crane in the shed. It was used to help move heavy loads between the road vehicles that pulled into the loading bay by the front doors and the railway wagons on the line that ran through the back of shed.

The crane's central pillar, the jib and its mechanism had obviously been removed at some time in the past leaving only the massive base. With the help of a hydraulic hammer the heavy casting was dug out.

With no useful ideas forthcoming about how it could be incorporated into the redeveloped Goods Shed it was sent for scrap, providing a modest contribution to the rebuilding fund.

The Rail Lands Trust

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