



Rebuilding work is on track



WORK ON RENOVATING the interior of the Goods Shed and building an annexe for toilet and kitchen facilities began at the end of June.

Work is proceeding well, with the concrete floor slab laid, the roof re-slatted and work on the interior insulation going well.

The only setback has been the discovery of unstable ground below where the annexe is being built. This unfortunately called for the foundations to be redesigned at an additional cost

of over £15,000. Despite this, work on this first phase should be completed by December.

This will give us a fully refurbished main hall with an engineered oak floor with underfloor heating.

We have funding to install £30,000 of cinema equipment and some kitchen fittings but we are still working hard to raise funds for all the other essentials to make the Goods Shed usable for performances and conferences.

Volunteers 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.



Brick signing - Saturday 20 August

ALL OF OUR GREAT SUPPORTERS who showed your faith in the Goods Shed by buying a brick when the old building was just a derelict shell are invited to the ceremonial brick signing event at the Goods Shed on Saturday 20th August 2016.

We'll be there from 10am to 4pm, so please come along and sign your brick. The special blue engineering bricks have been sourced after a lot of research and thought as to how they will look alongside the venerable Goods Shed.

After signing, they will be incorporated into the fabric of the new annexe, which will form part of what will be our fabulous new Arts Centre. But if you missed out earlier - it's not too late. Come down on the day and buy a brick for £5.





Plans for the future

THE RAIL LANDS TRUST's vision for the Goods Shed Arts is as a centre for regional excellence in all forms of the visual and performing arts. To achieve this we know that we must give our visitors and performers all the facilities and experiences that they would expect to find in a major city.

For this reason, the Trust is already planning some urgent enhancements and a 'Phase 2' building programme. We have always envisaged a full-time, professional Arts Centre Manager as being key to a successful arts programme but funding for this post cannot be found in the immediate future.

We know that we need a computerised ticketing system and a fully-equipped office. Phase 2 building will include major additional building work to provide an entrance foyer, a dedicated dining area, a bar, enhanced green facilities and more parking. It has also been a desire for the Goods Shed to have an instructional arts and crafts centre providing a regular programme of courses.



Lots of interest at Tetbury Flower Show

THE TRUST HAD A STAND at the Tetbury Flower Show on Sunday 14 August, which generated a lot of interest in the project from visitors. The Trust's mascot engine, the Tetbury Donkey, was also in attendance following its appearance in the grand parade along Long Street, .

It was a hectic day for our chairman, Will Cook as well as for Karen Quaddy (pictured left at the show), Jill Dodge and other supporters manning our stand, as many had already helped out at the car boot sale at the Goods Shed in the morning.

Date for your diary – Coffee Morning 27 August 2016

OUR TIRELESS supporter, Jill Dodge, will be having another of her famous coffee mornings at 3 Northleaze, Tetbury, on Saturday 27 August 2016, between 10am and 4pm. This will be combined with a bring and buy sale so please make a date to come along.

A community effort

To date, TRLRT and Tetbury Town Council have committed almost £500,000 to the Arts Centre project. The Trust has successfully attracted pledges from from local, regional and national charitable trusts and foundations. But the key ingredient for success is the local community's enthusiastic support for local fundraising events. Here are photos of a few recent fund raisers!



Left: The Shed's Wacky Racer. Above: Riders at the ready for June's sponsored cycle event. Right: Buyers and sellers at the monthly Goods Shed Car Boot Sale



Are you a film buff?

ONE OF THE FIRST things that we shall have up and running in the Goods Shed is a regular programme of film showings.

We intend to have at least two film evenings per week. These could be supplemented by afternoon "silver shows" for the retired and Saturday morning shows for children.

We are also looking at a dedicated slot for teenagers and young adults.

There may also be special showings of foreign or less-mainstream art films. Film selection will, of course, be key to popularity.

Are you interested in being involved with film selection or running film shows? Please contact us on tetburygoodsshedproject@gmail.com.

NAME-A-SEAT APPEAL

YOUR NAME HERE

THE SEAT APPEAL to raise money for the 184 retractable seats needed in the Goods Shed got off to a good start in July with over 30 seats being sponsored bringing in £7,500.

We have to continue this level of sponsorship for the next five or six months to pay for all the seats.

The tiered system will feature comfortable, upholstered seats, allowing every member of the audience clear view of the cinema screen and live performances. The powered system will extend and retract completely at the press of a button, creating a fully versatile auditorium.

Every donation will be commemorated with an engraved nameplate fixed to the seat's backrest. It could bear your name, that of someone you love or would like to be remembered, or the name of your business or organisation.

If you would like to dedicate a seat to a loved one, or just to yourself, please go to our web site and follow the link from the home page to download the donation form to complete and post it to F.O.G.S.

Well found during excavations



DURING EXCAVATION for the foundations of the new annexe In early August the builders found this well. Its top was just below ground level and had been capped by placing short lengths of rail across it. It was estimated to be five metres deep with about two metres of water at the bottom.

Solidly lined with brick, the well would have been used to supply water to the Goods Shed and the adjacent cattle loading dock. Water pipes were discovered in the platform during its renovation. The well has now been capped off again with a concrete slab and will remain below the floor of the new annexe.

This picture shows the well being found. It also illustrates the broken nature of the ground that resulted in the necessity of using large concrete-filled pipes as piles on which to build reinforced concrete beams to take the weight of the annexe.

The original water course of the Splash ran through the line of the shed. When the rail yard was created the eastern slope of the valley was cut back with the rock spoil being used to create a raised flat area. The stream was diverted to the west of the site where it still runs.

Rail Lands Trust



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