

U3A DIY GROUP - Progress Report – 30th October 2023

The DIY group was launched in March and our first meeting was held in April. We meet monthly every 1st Tuesday morning, at my house in Warlingham, in a large 'shed' which resembles a smaller version of the Repair Shop barn!



DIY Group HQ

We started off with about 8 members and the membership has grown steadily and is now 16. We generally get about 8 to 10 people attending meetings, so the group has got off to a good start. There is a mix of novice, improvers and experienced DIYers with a good range of skills.

Our activities are fairly mixed, so there is always a good variety of interest and different aspects of DIY and crafting. Since the launch we have tackled quite a few projects, including :-

- (1) Repairing torn garden cushions
- (2) Modifying, repairing and re-wiring a vintage lamp
- (3) Renovating/re-polishing a table
- (4) Had a demo on tool and chisel sharpening and French polishing
- (5) Made garden obelisks from roofing battens (6 completed over several sessions)
- (6) Had a tutorial and demo of stained glass making and repair
- (7) Discussed home DIY queries, including how to drill into walls/hang shelves/pictures, etc
- (8) Provided basic tuition to beginners on sawing, drilling and screw fixing wood together



Bob Mewies, Group Leader