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# The Midland Line Midland Men's Shed Newsletter

*Blokes, jokes, mates and more*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Well one month gone already and it's been a roller coaster the say the least, firstly we had the possibilities of some COVID restriction relaxation but to end we are back where we started closed borders and masks. The committee saw fit to rescind the motion that said, if we have to wear masks there would be no Social Tuesdays but it was obvious that this would cause the demise of our Tuesday meetings.

Even as it is we have had a serious decline in numbers as guys have made an informed decision to stay away until, at least, the situation becomes more clear and stable.

The good news is that the Workshop is holding it's own very well with good numbers and mateship abounding.

Moving forward it's important to have each others back and not to get too despondent about the way we are being affected.

Cheers and good Shedding.

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## COMING EVENTS:

- February 8th "The Rights of Older People" -
- February 15th Vintage Club Certificate Presentations
- February 22nd Free Hearing Tests
- March 15th "Life Down Under" - Dr Lesley Gibson
- April 19th "Stay on Your Feet" - Sophie MacDonald
- May 18th "Ocean Liners" - Chris Frame
- April 19th "Stay on Your Feet" - Sophie MacDonald
- June 14th Eric McCrum
- December 20th Christmas Lunch

*Midland Men's Shed Social Tuesday every Tuesday 9.30 to 11.30a  
in the Baptist Church Hall Bellevue.*

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## MEMBERSHIP STATS:

TUESDAY MORNINGS	JANUARY
Total Attendance for month	147
Average Weekly Attendance	37
Best Week Attendance	50
New Members	0

### MIDVALE WORKSHOPS:

Total attendance for the month	205
Average daily attendance	14

## JOKING OF COURSE:

*I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered ...  
Nobody likes a quitter!*

*An elderly couple were invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening. The host was impressed by the way her friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as honey, my love, darling, sweetheart and pumpkin. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.*

*While the husbands were in the living room, the host leaned over to her friend and said: "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your husband all those loving pet names."*

*The lady hung her head. "I have to tell you the truth. His name slipped my mind about 10 years ago and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old boy what it is."*

## WHO IS THIS MEMBER OF THE MIDLAND MEN'S SHED???



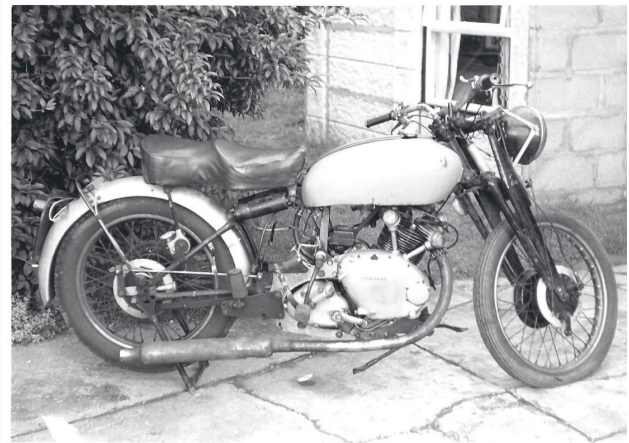
## THE SUMMER OF '66:

- **Dave Savage**

While England was engrossed in the World Cup in 1966, I had taken delivery of the motorcycle pictured for a very small fee.

It was a 1952 Vincent Comet, series C, 500cc single cylinder.

As you can see, it was in a pretty sorry state. It had not been ridden for several years and was missing a front mudguard, battery, original front headlight, wrong headlight brackets, wrong silencer and some very suspect wiring, and that was just the obvious stuff.



I decided to restore the whole bike and I stripped it down to the last nut and bolt. It took ages and several trips to Stevenage where spares were still being made!

I used the whole of my holidays to work on the bike and took over my dad's garage. The only break I had was on the afternoon of the World Cup Final when England won.

A lot of rust had to be removed, tank and frame re-sprayed in the original colours, transfers applied and a thorough overhaul. Eventually it was completed and ready to fire up. A friend told me the trick to kick-starting a single cylinder machine and I got it going! My motor bike mad friends were impressed and we had many trips out together.

I cannot say the bike was trouble-free. The clutch could not make up its mind whether to have clutch drag or clutch slip and it was not as powerful as I had hoped.

Eventually I was tempted to buy a Triumph Bonneville which was much more fun. The Vincent was only used occasionally and after a couple of years I sold it for a ridiculously low price.

We always regret selling our bikes and I wish I had kept all mine, but there's no point in dwelling on the past. Move on!

## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

## THE SHUTTLEWORTH COLLECTION:

- **Keith Donetta**

The Shuttleworth Collection is one of the most prestigious aeronautical and automotive museums in the world. The collection was started in 1928 by Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth. This young man was a keen racing driver and airman. His interest was in the very early aeroplanes and he and a friend restored a number of these to flying condition.

He was killed night flying a Fairy Battle single engined bomber in August 1940. In 1944 his mother formed the 'Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth Remembrance Trust' for the teaching of the science and practice of aviation and of afforestation and agriculture. The Trust operates from Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire in England.

The collection expanded over the years and became open to the public in 1963. It is now a registered charity. Funds are raised by regular air shows and open days.

This collection is outstanding in the fact that it's aeroplanes actually fly. Most are original aircraft repaired and restored to airworthy condition. There are some replica aircraft, but these have been built to ensure absolute authenticity with the originals.

The Collection boasts the oldest aeroplane in the world that is currently airworthy and frequently flies. It is a 1909 Bleriot X1, which is an identical sister aeroplane to the aircraft that Bleriot flew the English Channel in 1909.

There are another four pre world war one aircraft. A 1910 Duperdussin monoplane and a 1912 Blackburn, which is the oldest airworthy British Aeroplane. There is also a 1910 Bristol Boxkite replica (built in 1964 for use in the film 'Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines') and a Roe IV triplane replica (Built in 1964)

The first world war is represented by six aeroplanes including two replicas. Avro 504K, Sopwith Pup, RAF SE5A, Bristol Fighter. A Sopwith Camel replica (built in 2001), Sopwith triplane replica (Built in 1980).

There are a number of 'between the wars' aircraft, mainly light recreational types, such as the de Havilland Moths and similar aircraft. A Gloster Gladiator fighter is featured as well as the DH88 Comet named Grosvenor House. This aircraft was flown to Melbourne, Australia in 1934 by Scott and Black to win the famous McRobertson Race as part of Melbourne's centenary celebrations.

A number of WW2 types are part of the Collection, including a Sea Hurricane, a Supermarine Spitfire and a Westland Lysander.

There are even a few post WW2 machines. A DH Chipmunk and a Percival Provost, both trainers.

If you are at all interested in aeroplanes, especially old ones, then grab a beer and your favourite chair and watch the 58 minute youtube movie about the Collection.

[youtube.com/watch?v=bV7nFXhL8QY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV7nFXhL8QY)

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## CRACKED TOOTH SYNDROME:

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As the name implies, cracked tooth syndrome relates to a variety of symptoms and signs caused by a crack in a tooth. To improve the chances of saving a cracked tooth, early diagnosis and treatment are important. Most cracked teeth can be saved. If a crack is located and treated early, your dentist may be able to prevent the crack from progressing through the tooth.

The dentist may use different terms to describe the crack, including craze, fracture, crack or split: Sometimes dentists use these terms interchangeably and sometimes to describe a specific type of crack.

Cracked tooth syndrome usually occurs in a molar or premolar but may affect any tooth. The syndrome may involve:

1. teeth with large fillings or restorations where the crack runs under a weakened cusp (the raised edge of a tooth)
2. teeth with minimal or no fillings where the tooth has been subjected to heavy biting forces due to grinding
3. teeth that have suffered trauma.

Cracks may start in the top of the tooth and run downwards. These cracks may propagate and involve the pulp, nerve and root.

### Symptoms and Signs of a Cracked Tooth

- Sharp and erratic pain upon chewing (especially when biting on grainy food) or after release of biting pressure; not all cracks cause pain
- Pain or discomfort when the crack is exposed to cold or hot food or liquids
- Sensitivity to sweet foods
- Difficulty in pinpointing which tooth hurts or whether the pain is coming from a top or bottom tooth
- The crack may not be visible to the eye or detectable on a dental X-ray film
- If the crack extends below the gum, a pocket of gum disease extending along the root surface
- Often, a patient will present with a history of other cracked teeth.

### Causes of Cracked Tooth Syndrome

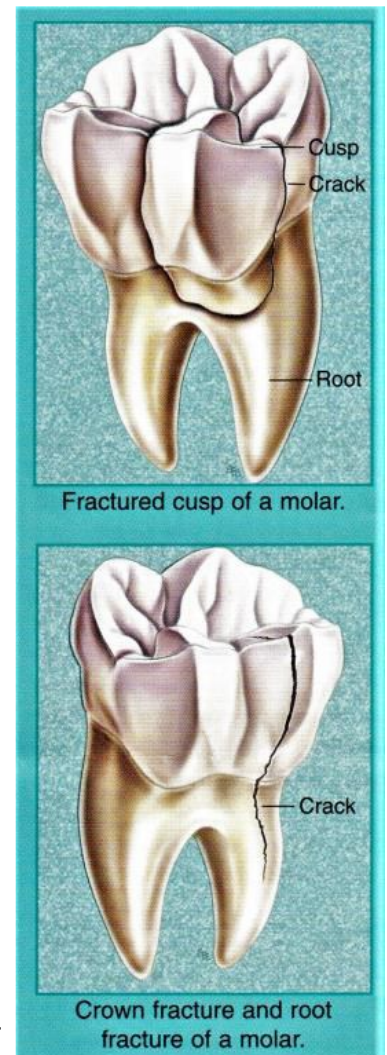
- Cracked tooth syndrome has become more common because people are keeping their teeth longer than in previous generations. As a result, people often have large fillings that may weaken the teeth and make them prone to fracture.
- Many people's lives are more stressful nowadays, leading to clenching or grinding of the teeth, particularly at night. This is called bruxism. Bruxism can cause teeth to crack; see the Australian Dental Association patient education pamphlet *Bruxism*, available from your dentist.
- Over the years, daily wear and tear from clenching, grinding and chewing can slowly cause cracks.
- Chewing on hard foods or substances, such as ice, sweets or pencils.
- Trauma such as a blow to the teeth, especially if the upper and lower jaws have been rammed together.

### UNTREATED CRACKED TEETH

The longer a simple cracked tooth is left untreated, the more likely it will become a complex crack. The pulp inside the tooth may die, and infection in the tooth may occur. It will then be necessary to perform root canal treatment or, in some cases, extract the tooth.

In severe cases, the tooth may split in half. In this case, the tooth usually has to be extracted. A bridge, denture or dental implant may then be needed.

**Disclaimer: This article is a summary of what is known about cracked tooth syndrome and does not contain all known facts on this subject and is not intended to replace advice from your dentist who should be consulted if any symptoms are experienced.**



## CAPS:

- Paul Brady

If you want to get a head get a Hat. So the saying goes. I have had many hats over the years, but do you think I can find



most of them.? I think some of them have been sneaked away to the Op shops by my wife.

The first hats I can remember were probably my brother's hats. He had several motor bikes from BSA bantam, Norton, Matchless G9 and we used to go to the racing events at Brands Hatch, Silverstone, and scrambles events around the Mendips where he rode a Royal Enfield Bullet.

I took on the BSA Bantam when I was 16 and then bought a Triumph Tiger cub, for which I did have a nice Triumph hat. I then graduated to a 250cc twin Greeves, which was a super bike but no hat. During my apprenticeship I had a SWEB rain hat (South Western Electricity Board) but do not remember any caps during that period. There were of course football clubs like Bristol City and Rovers, and Arsenal, all with hats and shirts for the fans. My father was a big Cricket lover and he had a Somerset County cap. He also had his Metropolitan Police hat for several years. He was also an Old Gregorian at Downside School at Stratton-on-the-Fosse. Which also boasted several Rugby achievements', usually with jumpers rather than hats. My band used to play for events at Shepton Mallet for "Showerings – Babycham". We had an excellent drummer who came from Leeds and we used to go to band shows where the magic brew was "Tetleys". When I was in Germany in 1964 I was fascinated by the assorted range of Ash Trays always around the clubs we played at, mostly "StoryvilleClubs" also the Star Club at Hamburg. When I returned to England in July 1964 I had a large suitcase filled with ash trays. That took a bit of explaining to Customs as I had little clothing which had been stolen. I still have several of these ash trays, but no hats.

Other hats which stayed memorable for me have been related to holidays. Jersey and Guernsey in the channel islands, The Isle of Man, Black Prince holidays on a narrow boat off the river Mersey several cruises around the Mediterranean and a long Euro city bus trip back in '80,s. Looking back through a pile of old travel documents we visited Penang, Singapore, Hawaii, USA, Canada, Spain but no hats remain. We did a nice cruise to the Northwest and I have a P&O cap for that one. When in Canada a few years ago we did a train trip on the "Cariboo Prospector" I have a hat for that. I also have a "Cabela's Canada" hat, legendary outfitters and gun shop. Back in the early '80's our youngest daughter was living in Far North Queensland and we did quite a few tourist trips which would have had nice hats – from Brisbane to Cairns. I have some WA sporting car club hats and a few Midland Men's Shed hats and hats from places we have visited with the Men's Shed. A few months ago I received an invitation to a BBQ on the Swan River foreshore arranged by the Mental Health Association , which I attended and received a nice cap and Tee Shirt with "Mr Perfect" on them.

## FAMOUS ARCHITECT:

*The Ding family had a son whom they named William. He grew up to become a famous architect. In fact, he travelled all over the world, designing massive structures.*

*He was even hired to design entire cities. In fact, skyscrapers were named after him.*

*That's why wherever you go, you will usually find at least one Bill Ding.*

*Do unto others what you'd want them to do unto you.  
But do it first!!!!*