

## ROBERT AND ANDREW, THE BEST OF FRIENDS!



If you have read the other stories about people on this platform, then you already know Robert: living alone, two children and 5 grandchildren living abroad; he was a little bit lost in life and feeling lonely sometimes. You also know how he discovered PaletteV2 and what an impact this had on his life.

The story continues however: today we see Robert and his friend Andrew working together on a new kitchen table at Andrew's house, of course designed by Robert, since he has these skills. Andrew in turn is very skilled in working with all kinds of wood. This makes them excellent mates in their common hobby!



Andrew is happily married with Sue; they have no children, but they enjoy life doing things together. For his craftsman's work, Andrew had been looking some time for a nice companion. Sue clearly had other interests ...

After reading a story about PaletteV2 in the local newspaper he entered his personal data in the system, only to be surprised by the immediate match the system reported back to him. In short, this is how he found Robert!



For Robert, Andrew was one of the “technical matches” that the platform mentioned. It works both ways: in case of a match both persons receive a hint and each of them can decide to contact the other. Andrew called Robert and the next week they met and started (as a kind of practical test) to work on their first little project: a stool with 3 folding legs for Robert’s youngest grandchild, to be sent abroad in a package.

Today they are working on that kitchen table, which also has folding parts to enable flexible use for different purposes: quite a challenge, both in design and constructing! But there is time for coffee and while enjoying this, Andrew reminds Robert about the almost improbable coincidence that made them meet.

*"Bob, do you remember how we met and when that was?"*

*"Gee, that must be more than 2 years ago now, a long time already. But how exactly I don't know anymore".*

*"Must be the age, old man! Actually, I still remember: there is this online platform and I read about it somewhere. It had something called an intelligent search system: after filling your profile, it would look for matches in the neighbourhood. In our case it was something like "technical construction". I got your name and you got mine, but I was the quickest to get into contact. That's how it started."*



*"Oh yes! That's also how I found my hobby club, the platform was called Palette or something like that. I stopped using the platform after getting a few good matches that have kept me busy all this time and after learning some necessary things about PC's in their online courses. For sure I would use it again if I was looking for a specific person."*

*"It was a big help indeed, this Palette thing. Look at us now! I can hardly remember the days I was doing this on my own, all day long. This so much more fun."*

*"Hey Andy, do you think Palette could help me to find a nice lady of my age?"*

*"Sure, and if you ask for a tiny lady, she can sit on that little stool you never sent to your granddaughter ..."*