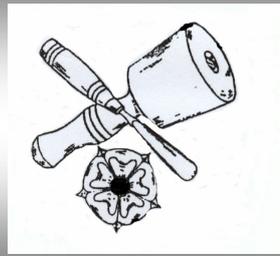


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Pictures are far better than any words.
Many thanks Albert for a great talk.



This outstanding model of a Paddle Steamer by Graham Redhead was greatly admired by the assembled 45 members and guests at the August meeting. *Thanks to all who brought unusual wooden items.*

Graham writes; I became interested in model boats when I got fed up repairing crashed aeroplanes. At worst with a boat if it sinks it only needs drying out. Having looked at plans for small riverboat models, all of which lacked detail, I eventually found this larger one. It plied the Mississippi between Natchez and New Orleans carrying passengers and light freight from 1870 to 1920. The model is 3 foot 6 inch long, stands nearly 2 foot high and took over 2 years to build.



September 8th: *John Gay* is from Huddersfield and his subject is “Aspects of Aero Modelling”.

October 20th: *Lancashire and Cheshire joint meeting in Lancashire:* Please note this is **not** the second Saturday. We are looking at the possibility of hiring a small 16, or so, seater bus for the occasion. We must ensure a good turnout this year.

November 3rd: (*Note this is now the 3rd not the 10th November, the church hall is not available on the second Saturday*)
Dominic Sudderby Stick maker.

December 8th: *Club luncheon* at the Meltham Golf Club with guest speaker Fred Butler. Humorous tales of living and growing up in Dewsbury. Fred was our Christmas guest some years ago and was a great success.

January 12th 2008: *Graham Lockwood* from High Burton, Huddersfield is a retired teacher. Graham’s hobby is “Automata”, the art of robotics, in Graham’s case in wood - or so I am told. Graham is also one of Europe's leading kite flyers and I have asked him if he will give some of his talk / demonstration on this subject.

Woodcarving Classes

Lady Mill Woodcarvers: Des Lindley on Monday evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Lady Mill Cottages, Hostingley Farm, Dewsbury. (Des is still having health problems but insists that his class should try and run as normal)

U3A class: Malcolm Till on Tuesday 2.00pm—4.00pm at All Saints High School, Huddersfield. (Class full- Start date 18th September.

U3A class: Run by Vernon Secker on Monday 11.00am to 1.00pm at All Saints High School, Huddersfield. (Vernon can still take about two more students—start date 17th September)

U3A class: Wilf Hansom on Wednesday 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Huddersfield New College, Huddersfield. (Not sure what the situation regarding places are in this class—start date 19th September.)

West Riding Woodcarvers: Michael Hadfield on Tuesday 11.00am to 1.00pm at All Saints High School, Huddersfield. (Please ring Mike regarding vacant class places— start date 18th September)

West Riding Woodcarvers: Guest tutors / self help on Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Brooksbank School, Elland. Any new or passed members who wish to join this class please give me a ring ASAP on 01422-361109. We have 20 places that I think are all going to be taken. Fees are still £20 in September and £20 in January although the cost of the room has risen a little. This class does not have a permanent tutor but relies on Club members with experience giving their support for a few evenings each term. Mike Chambers has very kindly agreed to give tuition on the opening night. First class Monday September 10th.

Please note that the Club has just paid £126 for Public / Product Liability insurance which covers Club members only while taking part in the above carving classes.

Overgate Hospice: Three small flood lights have now been installed over the Overgate Panel and the main lighting in the entrance has been toned down. The result is an improvement but leaves a number of shadows on the Panel. The cost was met by Overgate so we had limited say on how the lights were selected and placed. I took somebody to see the Panel the other day and they thought it was amazing and never commented on the shadowy areas. The books are still selling and providing funding.

David Hey is in contact with a lady who has a Draper Woodturning Lathe WTL 100 which has a Swivel Head with a capacity of 16” x 1 metre. 560w 4 speed spindle tapered and fastened to a table. She will accept offers. Interested? Please ring David.

Our application to “Awards for All” has now been sent in for a total of £3,805 requesting funding for a DVD hard drive camcorder, digital projector, laptop computer, combined printer/scanner, wireless audio system, projector table, screen, tripod for the camcorder, insurance, extended warranty and spares.

Also in is our submission for the Queens Award for Voluntary Services.

I am reasonable confident that the story of the Overgate Panel will be in Woodcarver magazine issue 99 November/December.

Any member with an e-mail address please send me an e-mail so I can log you onto the Club members address file.

Thanks ladies for the refreshments.

Apologies were received from John Kemp, Reg Platt, Mike Hadfield, Jim and Margaret Longbottom, Peter Nethergate, Norman Walsh, Joyce and Vernon Secker, Peter Nicholas, John and Kath Davison, Graeme Richardson, Des Lindley and Tracey Goddard. (It would have been quicker to list the ones present!)

Alan Brook is now out of hospital having undergone a very serious operation. I’m sure we all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Des Lindley is at home and making a steady, but slow recovery.

Jane's mother is very ill at the moment and our thoughts are with her at this difficult time.

Sadly we have to report the passing of Gerald Copley, who the more senior members of the Club, I’m sure, will remember. A card has been sent to his family from the Club.