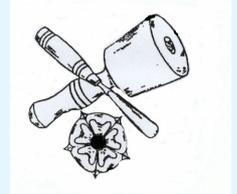


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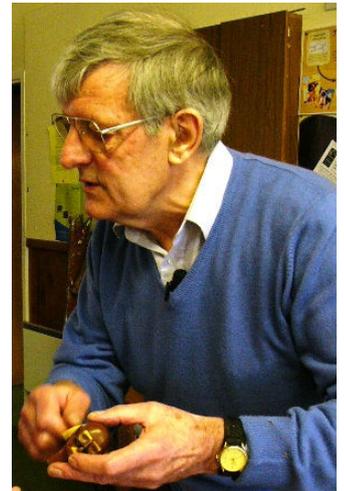
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Mike Chambers



Dick used to be able to do this at the nursery!



Many thanks to Brian for a very entertaining and informative talk. This guy is surely a wife's dream husband as he must spend all his waking hours in his garage workshop playing around with bits of wood.

The range of items that Brian brought with him was quite staggering and I understand that he had retrieved them from relatives and friends from all over the country. His work covered four tables and ranged from the quite simple creations to the more elaborate that must have taken hours to construct and paint.

I have contacted Brian and thanked him for the effort he put into collecting together his display and the wonderful presentation. I have also sent a thank you e-mail to Norman from the Lancashire and Cheshire Woodcarvers for introducing Brian to us and acting as his assistant and driver.

I appreciate that it is not quite politically correct to comment on a person's disability, but a number of members present commented on how well Brian coped with a profound hearing problem and the courage it must have taken to stand in front of 56 strangers and give a talk that encouraged audience participation. Surely a lesson to all on how to overcome our shortcomings.

Our thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who quietly get on with the job of providing refreshments meeting after meeting .

Apologies were received from Bryan Hodgson, Vernon Secker, Trevor Kilvington, Fred Chapman, Tracey Goddard, Peter Nicholas, Derek Adams, Anne Allan and Graeme Richardson.

The reason that Trevor and Graeme were absent was that they, and their wives, were away celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations from all of your many friends at the WRWA.

April 11th 2009: Annual General Meeting. (Arthur has stated his intention to stand down at the AGM as Joint Co-ordinator).

May 9th 2009: In the Jan/Feb 2009 No:106 issue of Woodcarving there was an article on "Relief to Bronze" and described the process of converting a carving of the 1306 staircase at Wells Cathedral into a bronze. The company who did this was the Sculpture Lounge, Woodhead Road, Holmfirth. The person who actually did the work is **Martin Norman** and he has kindly agreed to give a talk / demonstration to the Club at the May 2009 monthly meeting.



Michael Painter's carvings.

June 13th 2009: Still to fill - suggestions at the AGM please.

July 11th 2009: A very well known local artist, **Richard Gawthorpe**, has agreed to address the Club in July. I understand Richard has been to the Club before, but certainly before my time. Richard has kindly agreed to waiver a fee on the understanding that the members present purchase some of his "cards" with all proceeds the going to the hospice.

August 8th 2009: Still to fill - suggestions at the AGM please.

September 12th 2009: This is the month we usually meet up with the Lancashire and Cheshire Woodcarvers. I've made a bit of a mess of this date as **David James**, Editor of the Stickmaker magazine, has been booked for the 12th September. I must admit I forgot about our friends over the border. We are trying to re-arrange David for the October meeting.

In the mean time I have had an e-mail from Richard Colbran, Chairman L&C Woodcarvers, asking if instead of the usual meeting with them we would like to participate for the day at their exhibition at Townley Park, Burnley and take the opportunity of looking round Townley Hall and view the other events that are taking place that day. For discussion at the AGM.

October 10th 2009: Not sure at the moment taking into account the comments above.

November 28th 2009: The very popular **Michael Painter**. Please note this meeting is now on the **28th** not the **21st**. Michael has commitments at the Harrogate Woodworking Show on the 21st and we cannot have the meeting room on the 14th.

December 12th 2009: Christmas Luncheon at the Meltham Golf Club.

Carved Panels for the Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds.

A number of pictures have been collected and sorted into 1st and 2nd World War categories and discussions are on going about the overall design of the two Panels. It is thought that this time it would be interesting, and more appropriate to the subject matter, if each Panel could be designed to tell a "story" as apposed to just a number of carvings assembled together. In the Club we are fortune to have a number of very good artists and they are being rounded up to put their collective skills together to see if it possible to assemble pictures in this manner and practical to carve and assemble the Panels this way. If we go down this route quite a lot of re-drawing of the pictures will have to be undertaken and married together. The people involved at the moment in this process are Margaret Myatt, Mary Stott, David Hey and Mike Chambers. If any other member, with artistic skills, would like to join them please let Mike Hadfield know of your interest.

We have 55 carvers signed up for the carving of the individual blocks. It is planned that all pictures and timber will be available to start carving for the beginning of the various carving classes in September. A number of people who have put their name forward as carvers are members of Des Lindley's, Brooksbank's and Mike Hadfield's classes and we would ask that they commit themselves to full membership of the Club before carving commences in September.

The selection of pictures for these two Panels are proving far more difficult to finalise than the previous Panels the Club has produced. Quite a number of members have contributed with the supply of pictures and to-date some 700 plus have been viewed, selected or discarded. Our grateful thanks to all the members who have forwarded pictures for consideration and a special thanks to Des Lindley who has printed off some 100 plus pictures.

A source for timber has been found and a small party will shortly travel up to Northumberland to view it and possibly leave a deposit to ensure it is not sold on.

In the pack you have received you will find a slip referring to the Club subscription which is due on 1st April 2009.

Would you please hand in this slip to Dennis or Trevor when paying your subs at the AGM.

We keep getting into a slight muddle as to who has, and who hasn't, paid and the slip will help enormously.

Jane keeps raising the question of the Holmfirth Art show and the Emley Show at meetings and the need for volunteers to take on the role of organiser of our display.

We desperately need, ideally, two people to come forward to take up this responsibility.

This will again be raised at the AGM. In a membership of 70 plus we should be able to find at least two people.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Jane and I have, again, been invited to a reception/meeting at the home of John Brennan, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

We should know if we have been successful this time round by the 2nd June 2009.

I got an e-mail from somebody at the Royal Armouries Museum the other day.

She had just visited somebody in the Wakefield Hospice and stopped to view the Panel. She contacted me to ask if it was one of ours as no nameplate was anywhere to be seen.

Is there one or should we have one made???

Raffle: Sales £54, Cost £17, Profit £37. Thanks to all the members who keep giving prizes.

Management meeting: 23rd April '09 8:30pm Round Hill pub. (Note 8:30pm not 8:00pm as the Panel group are meeting from 7:00PM to 8:30pm).