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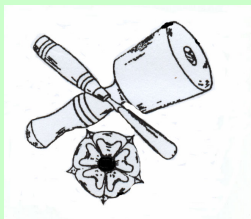
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**Monthly meeting November 18th 2006**



**Free & Easy**



#### **Winner of the competition.**

The winner of the most unusual carving was picked out by Joyce and won by Des Lindley. Des managed to win the competition and then dropped the prize, a bottle of wine, all over the floor. Dear dear!

**Carving display:** I made an off the cuff suggestion in the October Newsletter that it would be interesting if members brought along to the November "Free & Easy" meeting unusual carvings as opposed to carvings carved by members. What a response. The tables were in danger of collapsing under the weight of carvings. Not only were there many superb carvings from all corners of the World but a number of the carvings had very interesting and unusual stories attached to them. With the help of the owners of the carvings I shall try and highlight one of the carvings each month and share some of the stories associated with the carving. There were far too many carvings to print a photo of each carving in the Newsletter, I would soon run out of ink if I tried, so above are a few of the ones that caught my eye.

**Meeting business:** Jane asked the members present if they would like to participate in the construction of a Friendship Pole similar to the Lancashire & Cheshire Carvers pole. The response was similar to when Jane asks for volunteers—dead silence! So we can take it that the Pole is on the back burner, or may be right in the burner. Dennis suggested having a look again after the Panel was completed.

Apologies were received from Neil Simpson, Dick Wood (wasn't it quiet?), Anne Alan (on her 27th holiday this year), Tracey Goddard, Vernon Secker, Derek Lindley, Jim & Margaret Durrans and Frank Greenwood (nursing his wooden knee joint.)

**Christmas Luncheon:** Jane now has a record 72 names down for the luncheon which should make this a very enjoyable get together. Jane has asked me to remind everybody to bring along a carving for the table display. Raffle prizes are required please and should be given to Wendy Hodgson either before or on the day. Price is £13.95 per person and the capacity is about 100, so still time to book. The luncheon is open to members, members guests and all carvers, and their partners, who are working on the Panel, but not yet full members of the Club.

**Future Events:** January 13th— George Moore, from the Lanc's & Cheshire Woodcarvers has agreed to give a practical demonstration of wood-turning. February 10th— Free & Easy and tool sale. March 10th— Malcolm Till talk on Relief Carving. April 14th Annual General Meeting.



**Overgate Panel up-date.** Most people will now be aware that the Panel will be presented to Overgate, on our behalf, by the Mayor of Calderdale and that the Panel will be on display to the public for approximately two weeks after the presentation.

We have now managed to get the dates of the presentation firmly fixed, and this will now be Tuesday the 13th March 2007 at 7.00pm. The original date of Monday 12th is not possible owing to an evening meeting of over 100 people in the Town Hall on this date.

More information will be circulated as events are finalised but for those not aware of what is being planned here is a brief outline: Presentation in Halifax Town Hall 7.00pm 13th March 2007; Display to the public 10.30am to 4.30pm from 14th to 17th inclusive and 19th to 24th inclusive; The Club to provide stewards during public viewing; Panel and display of Club members carvings to be set up on Monday 12th March; Tea, coffee, wine and nibbles to be available at the presentation along with chairs for 90 people; Mike Hadfield, as Panel Leader, to talk at the handover on the conception and construction of the Panel; Mayor to hand over the Panel on our behalf; Representatives of Overgate to give a response to the handover; Presentation certificates for each carver; Overgate Choir will possibly be performing at the handover; A booklet to be compiled by Neil Simpson, photo of the carving, and the carver, will be included, we are talking to a source to help professionally design the brochure, and print it FOC, proceeds of sales to the public will be donated to Overgate; TV and press to be contacted; Dinner for all the carvers and partners, and interested Club members, to be arranged where the completed Panel will be displayed for the first time to all Club members, this possibly to be at the Durkar Rood Hotel, Huddersfield on either Friday 9th March or Saturday 10th March 2007.

Please remember that the next meeting of the Panel carvers is at the Round Hill Pub, Rastrick at 8.00pm on Wednesday 6th December. Mike as asked me to stress that it is desirable that all carvers attend if possible, with their carving, irrespective of how far the carving has progressed, so we can get some idea how things are going overall. We shall again photograph the carvings for display on the web site (21 now on display) and also this is a good time to get a photograph of the carvers not already in the rogues gallery, these will be used in the booklet that Neil is working on.

The timber for the frame has now been delivered and will shortly be machined into the required sections.

The day classes have now finished for this year but the Brooksbank Class will run on the 4th, 11th and 18th December at 7.00pm till 9.00pm. Any Panel carver who would like to attend would be very welcome. No cost involved as we have already covered the fees for this term..



### Chinese Spill Boxes

Owner - John Davison.

The two Chinese spill boxes are made from bamboo and are quite delicately carved. One of them is understood to have the carvers name on the underside.

They are a family heirloom inherited in the 1970's from the elderly widow of my uncle. She had been the daughter of a ships captain who was in both the Merchant and Royal Navies who had started his long career in the last days of commercial sailing vessels. He had served in the First World War, retired, and was remembered as having been most upset at being considered too old to resume duties at the start of the Second World War.

The spill boxes had been brought home from voyages to the Far East in the early 20th century.

*Many thanks John. Who is going to be the next volunteer? The Owl in Iron Wood looks interesting, who did that belong to? Please contact me.*



Just remembered to advise everybody that the arrival time for the luncheon is 10.00am. I understand we have Club business, then the speaker, drinks and then eat at about 12.30pm.



**Seasons Greetings**



Over the last twelve months we have had a few members who have suffered from not the best of health and, on your behalf, may I wish them a speedy recovery, a Merry Christmas and we all trust they are all up and jumping about in rude health in the New Year.



Many thanks to the merry band of ladies who graft away in the kitchen serving up tea and coffee and the occasional pea & pie lunch. Not mentioned in every Newsletter but never the less very much appreciated by all.

### **Besançon Panel**

Mike Hadfield, Dennis Farmer, Jim Wrathall and Bryan Hodgson will fly off on Thursday 30th November to help install the Besançon Panel into its final resting place.

They are charged with bringing back some photographs and a write up on their trip, the Lap Dancing club photos should be interesting.

This will probably be the last Newsletter of 2006, so may I take this opportunity of wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas. A terrific New Year and sincerely thank you for your company during 2006. **JM Sec.**