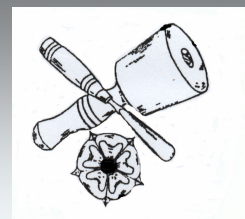


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May 12th Meeting: This meeting is a Tool Sale plus Bric-Brac. Please bring items that you consider will be of interest to your fellow members. Jane will have some labels available in Red and Yellow colours. Could members please take a label from her and write on the price that they require for the particular item. Red label if they are selling the item for themselves and a Yellow label if they are selling it for Club funds. It all sounded very sensible at the Management Meeting in the pub when we discussed it but sounds shambolic as I write it up. However, I shall be on holiday, so I shall wait with interest to see the results.

June 9th Meeting: We are still looking for a speaker, any suggestions would be appreciated.

July 14th meeting: We have managed to obtain a speaker for this meeting. His name is Colin Wilson from Rochdale and he is a toy maker, fretsaw specialist and Rocking Horse maker. I understand that Colin has made a Rocking Horse out of plywood.

We are still in touch with Peter Benson and Pete LeClair who, we are hoping, will attend one of our meetings for a full day workshop. Dates are still proving a problem at the moment. Which doesn't help when trying to book other speakers.

The two David's, Hey and Holt, sounds like a comedy double act, who are now part of the Management Committee are going to take finding speakers under their collective wings which will be a great help as the Overgate Panel has put us quite a way behind on planning future events. Believe me trying to obtain speakers that are relevant to our craft is a very difficult and time consuming job.



We now have DVD's available for sale at £5 each and they are going like hot cakes. All money made will go into the Club's funds.

The DVD will show both outings on BBC Look North, photos of all the individual carvings, work in progress carvings, pictures of the Panel at the Town Hall and Overgate, pictures of the carving display, Derek Lindley's video of the hand-over ceremony and our get together at Overgate on Monday 2nd April.

The DVD should work on both a personal computer or a DVD player through your television.

We have had some very positive feedback on the quality and content of the DVD and on behalf of Derek Lindley, Roy (Anne's Hubby) and myself please accept our thanks.

Emley Show: This will be on the 4th August this year and as in previous years we shall have a marquee made available but because of the growing popularity of our display we are being housed, I understand, in a larger marquee.

Dennis and Arthur have requested that we organise ourselves a little better that before so that each carving on display can be labelled up with the carvers name and the timber used. So can we ensure that carvings for display are brought to the July 14th meeting. With the June Newsletter I will send out a form to all members that requires filling in and handing in with your carvings. Should anybody who wants to participate not be able to bring carvings to the July meeting please fill in the form and let Dennis or Arthur have them so arrangements can be made to print labels and collect the carvings. More in the June Newsletter.

I understand that Des Lindley is now out of hospital and slowly on the mend. I am sure all our best wishes go out to Des.

At the first Management Committee meeting of 2007/8 the subject of members who unfortunately, because of ill health, are not able to attend meetings was on the agenda.

Our concern was that we were not successfully following up the progress, or otherwise, of our members. After discussion it was agreed that Jane would take on the responsibility of ensuring the member had the full support of the Club and that other members were kept informed.

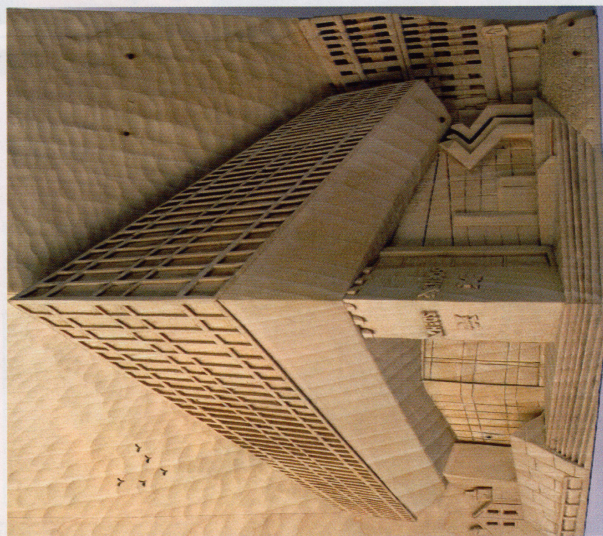
New Arrival

Not often in this Club do we report a new little member, so on your behalf may I congratulate Tracey and Nigel on the safe arrival of Jodie, a sister for Evan.



Overgate Hospice. We had a two page spread in the May edition of Yorkshire Life magazine and for the members who didn't know, or were unable to obtain a copy, here is the article.

I got a lovely hand written letter from Dr Ingrid Roscoe thanking us for the DVD sent to her.



stunning single panel in a custom-made frame.

'The degree of experience amongst the carvers varied from those who had been carving for many years to the complete novice with very little experience,' Mr Murphy explained.

The woodcarvers first got together in 1992. There were 23 members originally, but that has steadily increased over the years to 70.

Each of the 41 carvings they created for the Overgate Hospice panel has its own story to tell. One features a traditional home spinner, harking back to Halifax's textile past, while another comes bang up to date with an image of Halifax Bank of Scotland, one of the district's largest modern employers.

'We wanted to create something unique,' said Mr Murphy. And that is precisely what they have done.

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WITH its 41 intricate relief carvings, West Riding Woodcarvers' latest creation made quite an arresting sight in the main hall of Halifax Town Hall. The 9ft by 3.5ft panel, valued by insurers at £50,000, was carved by craftsmen and women to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Overgate Hospice in Eland, just outside Halifax, which provides specialist care for people throughout Calderdale.

It was presented to the hospice by Dr Ingrid Roscoe, Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, at Halifax Town Hall, where it had been on public display. Mayor of Calderdale Councillor Colin Sturt presented certificates to each carver in recognition of their hard work, and Halifax Light Opera Juniors provided the entertainment.

'The concept of the panel came from three previous panels,' said John Murphy, secretary of West Riding Woodcarvers. 'One is on display in Wakefield Hospice, another was presented to Kirkwood Hospice to commemorate the millennium, and the third went to the French town of Besancon, which is twinned with Kirklees.'

The Overgate panel proved to be particularly tricky, however, as the shape of the main entrance hall at the hospice meant the carving had to include a bend of 138 degrees. This meant two of the individual carvings - Halifax Bank of Scotland and Victoria Theatre - had to be timber machined to wrap around the corner.

The carvers chose to work in linewood, which allowed them to achieve an incredibly high degree of detail.

After months of dedicated work, the final 41 relief carvings were then mounted on a backboard to create a

Carving with care

A unique woodcarved panel, which was on display at Halifax Town Hall, has just been presented to Overgate Hospice. Jo Haywood finds out more

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