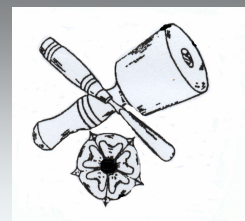


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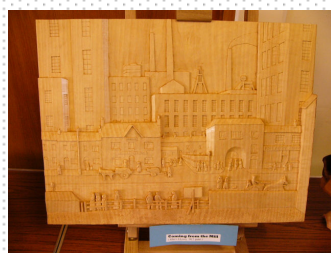
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Monthly meeting May 12th 2007



Jim Longbottom



Jim Wrathall

As requested by members, I am trying to put names to the displayed carvings. But I only have names for some of the carvings. We shall have to blame the official "Club Photographer", Frank, who let me down -- again. Although I forgot to tell him I wanted names as well as photos so we shall let him off this time.



Albert Holroyd



Trevor Metcalfe

Malcolm Till very kindly supplied me with some brief note about the meeting where the attendance appears to have been down on the usual high turn out on the second Saturday of the Month. I think we can put this down to the start of the holiday season as quite a few members, including myself, were sunning themselves in foreign parts. I understand that there was quite a good selection of tools and bits and pieces for the members present to sort through and the second room had to be brought into use to accommodate them.

Without the services of a speaker the meeting closed a little earlier than normal but I understand that quite a few items were sold, with the proceeds going to the Club funds. With Dennis being away I am not sure just what the figure is but I am sure he will be providing it at the June meeting.

We seem to be in the silly season for speakers as everyone I try to contact is either on holiday, going on holiday or demonstrating at some show or other - or dead. I am in contact with **Glenda Bennett** who is an expert on Celtic carvings, **Tony Wilson** who demonstrates the Router, **Peter Benson & Pete leClair**, as previously reported, **Brian Chapman**, ecclesiastical carving and **David Tippet**, decoy carving but cannot tie any of them down to a firm date.

June 9th Meeting: **Bob Lees** from Flockton, Wakefield has very kindly offered to fill this spot with a light hearted talk on the making of pottery with a demonstration on his potters wheel and a chance for some of the audience to have a go at throwing a pot. Bob will also have some of his items for sale.

July 14th meeting: **Colin Wilson** from Rochdale. He is a toy maker, fretsaw specialist and Rocking Horse maker. I understand that Colin has made a Rocking Horse out of plywood.

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NEXT MEETING 9th June 2007 at 10.00am

August 11th: To be announced

September 8th: To be announced

October 20th: Please note this is not the second Saturday! Visit to the Lancashire and Cheshire Woodcarvers Club.

November 10th: *Dominic Sudderby* who is one of the leading Stick Makers in the UK and regularly demonstrates at all the countries leading shows. We are very fortunate to get Dominic as he is in great demand throughout the UK and overseas.

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.

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 than 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 this Newsletter I have included a form for 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.

This is the Club's premier show piece of the year and a good selection of carvers work would be appreciated.

Overgate Hospice.

The Panel is looking very good and the colour of the wood is now mellowing into quite a nice, overall, shade.

The booklets are selling quite well and continue to raise a steady amount for the Hospice.

The main door and the inner door of the entranceway are shortly to be electrified. Anybody who has opened these very heavy doors will appreciate how difficult it must be for the people in, and pushing, wheelchairs to negotiate them. When the contractors are on site to do the work they are also going to install spot lights to illuminate the Panel.

I understand that quite a number of visitors are calling at the Hospice just to see the Panel.

Our special thanks, as always, for the great job that the ladies do keeping us supplied with refreshments at the monthly meetings.

I have to confess that with holidays, trying to catch up with a thousand jobs that was put to one side during the latter months of the Overgate Panel and a number of other reasons, that duties for the Club have taken a back seat for a while.

But this coming week I intend to start on the documentation for our application for The Queens Award for Voluntary Services, the Lottery Application for digital display equipment and send in details of the Overgate Panel to the Woodcarving Magazine and the American Chip - Chat Magazine.

At least that's the intention.

With this Newsletter, which is very late for which I apologise, you will find a slip of paper regarding the dreaded word "**Club Subscriptions**". These are now due so please pay Dennis your £15. Regretfully after this month I shall have to stop sending Newsletters out if subs are not paid. Unless, of course, there is a good reason why payment has not been received by Dennis.

**Sculpture sur bois
réalisée par 22 sculpteurs
de la région de Kirklees
et offerte à la population bisontine
à l'occasion des 50 ans de jumelage
entre le District de Kirklees
et la Ville de Besançon.**



The item to the left is a photo of the small plaque which the Besançon authority have placed next to the Panel. Jim Wrathall recently visited the Panel and took this picture. Jim also, very kindly, bought a tube of glue and did a quick repair on two of the steps on Mary's carving that were coming loose.

It would appear from Jim's comments that the Panel is being well received and continues to have many admirers.

Jim just happened to bump into the Mayor, as one does, who sends his best wishes to the Club,

Can we have a special effort this month and have loads and loads of members carvings please?

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.