

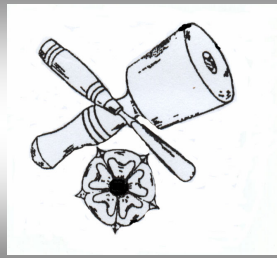
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Monthly meeting 14th July 2007

Colin Wilson

Fretwork and Rocking horse in plywood.

For the July meeting we had a splendid turnout of 54 members and guests who were treated to an excellent presentation by Colin and his friend Keith, who assisted by showing a recording of the exhibition that Colin had recently put on in Rochdale. For the exhibition Colin had produced hundreds of children's toys, all painted to a high standard, and wonderful pieces of fretwork cuttings out of plywood that in many cases were framed and backed onto a black backing material. Very impressive work.

Colin also brought along a beautifully made small plywood rocking horse that he had also made for the Rochdale exhibition. The horse was made out of 9mm plywood

This splendid medium size rocking horse is a fascinating project and surprisingly straightforward to make, according to the web site of Judy Fergusson the designer. The plans, priced at £14.99, include actual size patterns of all the parts of the horse and safety stand, together with instructions and colour pictures-all the information you need to make a striking looking horse. The horse is large enough to accommodate riders up to about 7 years of age. Plans can be purchased from The Rocking Horse Shop, Fangfoss, York, YO41 5JH. Free phone 0800-7315418.

Colin sent me a lovely letter saying how much he enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Club. He also mentioned that the £25 we paid him has been donated to Rochdale Children's' Moorland Home which provides short holidays for deprived children.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Colin and we look forward to a return visit sometime in the future.

Our application for the Queens Award for Voluntary Services and our Lottery application for digital display equipment will both be in the post by the end of the month. The total cost of equipment that we are asking for is £3,655 and covers digital projector, camcorder, laptop computer, printer, screen, projector table, PA equipment, insurance, extended warranty and spares. I will put a copy of both applications on the table at the August meeting should anybody wish to see them. (All 36 pages)

Specialist spot lighting will be installed in the ceiling over the Overgate Panel within this next couple of weeks.



Peter Nicholas



Bill Skipton



Trevor Metcalfe



Adrian Lindley



Dick Wood



Dennis Farmer



August 11th: *Our very own, and at great expense, Albert Hobson.* Regretfully Graham Lockwood has had to give back word, for which he sends his apologies, but is rescheduled for the first meeting in January 2008. Albert has very kindly offered to step into the breach and will take us through the process of how he produces his very much admired pictures in pyrography. He is also bringing along his many plaques depicting the Bayeux Tapestry which has been very much admired by Club members at previous showings.

Albert is going to take up the majority of the meeting but leave ample time for everybody to congregate and have a mini “free and easy”. It has been suggested that as a change from bringing and displaying members carvings for this meeting could we please ask that members bring along anything that is made from wood that will have an interest to other members. Wooden toys, unusual wood carvings, turned items, your grannies old wooden gazunda etc. Anything of interest made by you or others.

September 8th: *John Gay* is from Huddersfield and his subject is “Aspects of Aero Modelling”. This is John’s second visit to the Club, his first one being some time prior to 2002. I remember being at his previous talk and being fascinated by the models he brought that were suspended from the ceiling with the aerofoils being moved by radio control.

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. Dominic rang me the other day after receiving his confirmation letter, and the Overgate Panel booklet that I now send out to all our speakers, to say that he was concerned that with “the beautiful work we had done” not to expect somebody that was highly skilled at carving stick heads. He asked me to stress that his work was more biased to the practical aspects of stick carving. I assured him that a warm welcome awaited him.

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 understand flies them all over the World. I have asked him if he will give some of his talk / demonstration on this subject.

Having just printed 70 + Newsletters, Mug shots and Web-Site news my printer has just uttered a loud moan and died.

Having sent information on the Overgate Panel to the Woodcarver magazine it has now been confirmed that they are going to feature the story later this year. It will probably go in issue 99 which comes out, I think, in November. A sum of £75 per page has eventually been agreed on the proviso that we do not give the story to Chip Chats until after the Woodcarver has published it. I have requested that we have sight of the publication before it is printed but I am not sure we will get to view it, or have any say in what they print or how many pages they will cover. They seem to jealously guard their editorial independence.

A warm welcome to John and Darrel. Although John has been around for a few months, and was a carver at Brooksbank school last term, we didn't have a photo (although he lives 100 yards away from Frank!). Darrel joined us last month.



John Murphy (Junior)

Not quite as good looking as the other one!



Darrel Edwards

Alan Brook is in hospital undergoing a very serious operation. I’m sure we all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery and once again look forward to his cheerful presence at our monthly meetings. **Des Lindley** is at home and making a steady, but slow recovery.

Apologies were received from Graeme Redhead, Gordon Taylor, Tom Stead, Jim & Margaret Durrans, Vernon Secker, Des Lindley, Frank Adams and Tracey Goddard.



Now all this fuss about Albert's Owl.

Having checked my notes I can, hand on heart, state that our “Official Club Photographer” Frank, advised me that Albert's picture was an Eagle. Personally I always thought it was a very funny looking Eagle, but I’m only the scribe.

So just for Frank



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