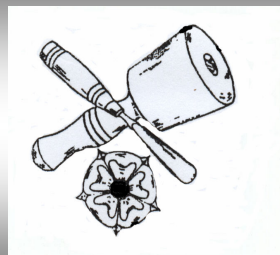


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## Monthly meetings 12th January 2008

### Graham Lockwood - automata.

Wow, what a cracking meeting. A very accomplished guest speaker with a very interesting subject and a nice and easy manner of presenting his fabulous collection of moveable toys. I think one of the most surprising aspects of Graham's talk was how many items he pulled out of his "Pandora's Box". The boxes seemed bottomless with more and more incredible creations appearing from the depths to amaze his audience. Some of the exhibits took years to produce and showed a combination of craft and engineering skill.

We were also rewarded with what must be a Club record of 61 members and guests at the meeting. This beats the 56 members we had for Jonathan Albutts, Peter Berry and George Moore (but George did have a number of the L&C members with him).

On behalf of Jane and the Management Committee, may I thank all the members who took notice of the brief note I sent round prior to the meeting informing everybody that we had a visitor from the Lord Lieutenant's Office coming to see us, and asking for a great display of carvings. Without doubt that was the best monthly Club meeting display we have ever had, certainly since I've been a member, and a credit to the Club and its members.

I have already rung Graham and thanked him, and landed him with giving a similar talk to the Lanc's & Cheshire Club. I will also send a letter of thanks and a copy of this Newsletter to him. (Did anybody appreciate that Graham was one of our guests when we went over to the L&C Club for the annual get together? He came with his friend Derek Adams, who we have to thank for introducing us to Graham.)



### Peter Sunderland - Deputy Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire.



Peter was invited to say a few words about the Queens Award for Voluntary Services before going through our application and asking various questions about the Club to help formulate his report to the Selection Panel in London. From what we could gather he was quite impressed with the work of the Club, in particular with the Panels that we have produced for both the various Hospices and Kirklees Council. He was also

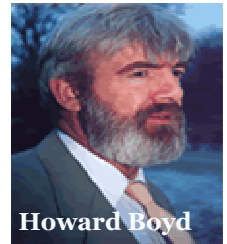
surprised at the number of teaching classes that the Club is involved in, the standard of the carvings, and the numbers attending the classes.

Short listed nominations are passed to The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award Committee for final selection and recommendations to The Queen. The final results being made public in early June 2008.



**February 9th 2008. David Harland - Chip Carving:** We are delighted to have a return visit from David, who is a former member of the Club. David last spoke to the Club on his subject of Chip Carving in January 2003.

**March 8th 2008. Howard Boyd - Artist and Sculptor in Wood:** Writing under the name of O.H.Boyd, Howard is a regular contributor to the Woodcarving Magazine and is best known for his "Longitude" sculpture. Other works include an above life-size interacting pair of figures of Robert Louis Stevenson and Long John Silver. Howard has a studio in Horkstow, Nr Barton upon Humber and will be with us from 10.30am until approx 3.30 pm. We are planning a pea and pie lunch and a nominal fee will be charged at the door to cover the cost of bringing Howard to the Club for the day, and the lunch time refreshments.



**April 12th 2008. Club 17th Annual General Meeting:** If this is destined to be a short meeting we may try and get one of our members to give a short half hour, or so, talk on a subject that will be of interest to all members.

**May 10th 2008.** Nothing planned yet but this could possibly be a Club "Free and Easy" together with the return of the very popular "Sharpening Session". Watch this space.

#### Woodcarving Magazine and the Overgate Panel.

As previously reported the Overgate Panel will be the main feature article in the 28th February issue of the magazine.

I'm not sure what will be written about the Panel, but I assume that they can only write what I have presented to them, but we shall have to wait and see - if the article is not up to scratch I could be moving abroad for a while!

I do know that the Panel photograph will be spread over two pages and that in total we have a four page coverage (at £75 per page. £300 will be in our Club bank account at the end of February). Also featured will be about 12 individual photos of the carvings from the Panel, again I don't know which ones. All 41 photos have been supplied to the editor.

Dennis is letting me buy 30 magazines and these will be distributed to Dr Roscoe, Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire; Halifax Town Hall staff; Overgate Hospice; Amanda Harper, BBC Look North; Halifax Photographic Society; the Community Foundation for Calderdale; and any other party who helped, or was involved, in the Panel. If any member has difficulty obtaining a copy there should be a few available at the March meeting.

#### Awards for All Lottery Grant.

At the Christmas Lunch and the January meeting we unwrapped the items that we had obtained with the £3805 we received from the Lottery. Incidentally, I have been informed by the Lottery department that their grant allocation was cut by 38% last year, owing to the Olympic Games, so we were very fortunate that our application was accepted and paid out fully.

We are very much on a learning curve as to how to use and get the best use out of the equipment. At the January meeting we had the room on one occasion too dark then too light with the projector and camera placed in the wrong location to obtain the best effect. Please bear with us, as only trial and error will get it right.

We eventually purchased a video camera, projector, PA system, laptop computer, warranty and spares and a tripod for the camera. We already had a screen, projector table, and my printer, which I use for Club business, is still quite new.

#### Christmas Dinner.

It seems absolutely ages ago now but the Lunch was a very successful affair with over 80 members and guests attending.

The carving that Fed Butler picked out as his favourite was Mike Chamber's beautiful relief carving of a man shoeing a horse with a building and trees in the background. I understand that Jane has re-booked the Meltham Golf Club for the 6th December.



Apologies for the January meeting were received from Mike Chambers, Neil Simpson, Mary Stott, Vernon & Joyce Secker, Don Dickenson, Peter Slavin and latterly Des Lindley who unfortunately is still experiencing a few health problems. It was very nice to see Alan Brook back with us after what must have been a very difficult few months.

Will members of the Management Committee please note that Jane has called a meeting for Thursday evening 14th February 8.00pm at the Round Hill pub, Rastrick.