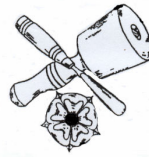


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Graham Lockwood: Once again we were entertained by Graham, the man with many hobbies, who gave a very interesting talk on his main hobby of kite flying. Graham covered the history of kite flying and brought with him another "Pandora's Box" but this time with an array of kites in all shapes, sizes and colours. It always amazes me how quickly two hours pass by and the complexity of the many subjects that we are entertained with each month. Unfortunately, the English weather never seems to do what we want it to do and the one time we want a refreshing breeze, we had a perfect summer day without a breath of wind. Regretfully this prevented Graham giving a practical demonstration of, amongst other things, flying three kites at once, a feat only achieved by a hand full of people in the world.



This thing gets right up my nose.



Twinkle Twinkle little star -



Not sure how this flaming thing is going to fly!



We had a turnout of 50 members and guests and no apologies because Jane forgot to ask for any. And she only got round to reading the AGM minutes a few hours before the meeting !!!



I think they go this way!



Meeting June 14th 2008: Barry Isles the Joint Managing Director of Ashley Isle, woodturning and carving tools, has kindly agreed to undertake a demonstration of tool sharpening on the Ashley Isles system. This demonstration is only possible because we have the video and projection equipment. The process can only be viewed at very close quarters and is usually given to only a couple of people who are near enough to closely observe the interaction of the tool steel and the rotating wheel and mop. Bring along a few chisels that require some attention and if you are lucky, and time allows, you may get them sharpened.

These are a couple of photographs of a carved automaton that Graham showed us in the car park.



Queen's Award for Voluntary Services: On the 23rd April, Jane and I attended the evening reception (as we reported in the February Newsletter) at the home of Mr John Brennan OBE, DL, MA, who is the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.

The reception was at Brenaire Park, Rawdon, a magnificent house in many acres of ground with pool, tennis courts and vast lawns - how the other half live. The reception was from 6.15 pm to 8.00 pm and amongst those present were Dr Ingrid Roscoe, Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Peter Sunderland, Deputy Lord Lieutenant covering Kirklees plus a further group of Deputies and two representatives from each other group who had been selected as finalists for the Award.

The meeting was mainly a thank you from the Lord Lieutenants Office to the finalists for taking the time and trouble to apply for the Award. The format of the evening was generally a couple of glasses of wine and a few nibbles and a chance to meet some very interesting people within the other groups. The person who impressed both Jane and I was a lady who single handed turned around a "sink estate" in the Wakefield area from one where nobody wanted to live to one that now had a housing waiting list. She is now advising on another two schemes. Certainly an amazing lady and one I certainly wouldn't cross, as small as she was.

Out of the 13 groups represented, all will be forwarded to London for assessment but we are not sure how many will be chosen. Both Jane and I came away with the feeling that there are certainly applicants far more worthy of selection than ourselves and that if we get no further we have done well and should not be disappointed.

One rather interesting item was that when Dr Roscoe was introducing each group and giving a brief overview of what they did she introduced us as "My friends the WRWCA". I think she then realised that it looked a bit like favouritism and quickly went on to explain her interest in art and sculpture and her role in handing over the Overgate Panel.

Jane and I finished the evening off with fish and chips at Murgatroyd's just up the road. So much for the wine and nibbles and trying to be polite and not downing the lot in front of our host.

I sent a letter to Mr Brennan thanking him for his hospitality - and a suggestion that he gets some pies in for next year's do!

The following is a word for word copy of an e-mail I received from Ian W Wallace the proprietor of the insurance company who we purchase our Third Party Public and Product Liability from. At the AGM a question was raised about our liability and I trust the item below covers the concern that was expressed. At the next Management Committee meeting the implications of this e-mail will be discussed and consideration will given as to if we need to take further action to ensure we have adequate cover for the projects the Club undertakes.

If we have anybody in the Club who is more conversant, certainly than me, on insurance matters your comments would be appreciated.

Insurance: The policy covers Public and Products Liability for the Group acting as a group. This includes the monthly/ weekly meetings, committee meetings, the odd exhibition put on by the club to exhibit MEMBERS exhibits etc..

The Public liability policy offers protection for accidents/injury caused to 3rd parties or their property as a result of negligence of the group or member of the group during bone fide club meetings etc. This would also include members injuring / damaging other members or their property, again during bone fide club meetings. If the incident does not occur during an activity ORGANISED by the club, for and on behalf of the club, then the policy does NOT cover this event.

With regard to the Club organising a carving class, then those people who have accepted the invitation to attend, would be covered under the clubs liability policy. ALL equipment used by the club for the purpose of the class should be in excellent order and maintained as such. Any injury resulting from the use of such equipment, due to faulty equipment would be covered under the policy. However, it is the DUTY of the club's committee to ensure that all equipment complies with current Health and Safety legislation. The policy wording states that all legislation relating to the clubs activities should be adhered to. The Health and Safety Executive would also cause immense discomfort to the club should an injury/accident occur due to non compliance with any relevant health and safety regulation.

An accident/injury register should be maintained. Members should be constantly reminded to adhere to ALL health and safety regulations. Basically this means in simple language to be very careful and mindful of others. Good housekeeping and being aware of possible dangers tends to avoid most avoidable incidents. Accidents do however happen!

It is imperative that any/all instruction given at these/any class is clear and concise and that those giving the instruction are suitably qualified, either by experience or actual qualification. Again it is the club committees responsibility to ensure all persons giving instruction are duly capable. We strongly recommend a "do's and don'ts" leaflet be readily available to all attendees and be repeatedly highlighted.

Any injury caused by non members to others, would be covered under the policy if it can be clearly shown that it resulted from the negligence of the club, say by possible lack of supervision / instruction. Should a non member cause an accident / injury to others, or their property as a result of them not following the PRECISE instruction of a supervising club member, i.e. the non member being a complete prat, then they carry the liability personally. In this instance and to avoid nasty problems, we strongly recommend that an additional fee be charged to non members so that they become temporary members for the duration of the class. A register to acknowledge the fact that they are attending as a temporary member at any function should be maintained and the non member should sign the attendance register accordingly. They would then be covered under the member to member liability which is included within the standard cover of the policy. I would suggest that those persons who refuse to become a temporary member, should be advised that if an incident occurs as a result of THEIR negligence, which cannot be attributed to negligence by or on behalf of the club or its bone fide members, then they are personally responsible. That will straighten a few backbones!!

I think that is as plain as I can make it. If you have further queries, please contact me. Many thanks and kind regards. *Ian W Wallace*

Once again, sadly, we have had a further two members who have decided not to re-new their membership. Both the resignations of Bill Skipton and Jim Roberts are on the grounds of advancing years. They both wish the Club all the best for

the future and I am sure we wish them both good health and happiness. I am sure they will be sadly missed. Although we usually attract one or two people into the Club each year, five resignations this March is of some concern if the trend is not reversed. We now have just 3 people with subs still outstanding and reminder notes are being sent out to them with this Newsletter.



Jim



Bill

A very interesting stone carving seen on an old farm gate while I was walking from Ayecliffe to Malham Tarn. Remind you of anybody?



WOODFEST WALES
30, 31 May, 1 June 2008
St. Asaph - A55 Junc 26
A great family day out with all things wood.
Carvings, turnings, chainsaw carving etc.