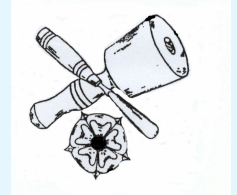


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This delightful little gnome is the first carving by John Murphy, no not me the other one, who is new to carving and started at Brooksbank last year.



I understand that this was carved by Norman Walsh.



Got to admit that I don't know who this lovely carving belongs to. Just rung Frank "our official Club Photographer" and he has no idea either. He'll have to buck up! Who has initials JG?

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Woodcarvers Question Time



From comments made by those present, the experiment of a "Woodcarvers Question Time" seems to have been an unusual but quite enjoyable and informative success.

Our thanks to Jim, Dennis, Mike, Trevor and our effervescent Chairman, Jane, for not only taking part but supplying the 39 assembled members and guests with the fruits of their knowledge. Most of the many questions were quite sensible with the occasional ridiculous and unanswerable.

We also had a few memorable words from the Panel. Asked what wood they would wish for, and what they would carve, if they were cast onto a desert island with only their tools Dennis wanted "driftwood" no doubt to carve another Castle Hill, Trevor wanted good quality Lime, sensible man, and Mike wanted a big enough piece to carve a life size figure of his wife — arrh how sweet! Mind she was in the audience. Not sure what Jim wished for but no doubt it would have to be in perfect condition to give a glass like finish. Many thanks to all Panel members.

For the **11th October** meeting we have the very charismatic Thompson Dagnall coming for an extended Club meeting from 10:00am to approximately 3:00pm. We also welcome members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Club to this meeting. They have had the pleasure of Thompson speaking to them on a previous occasion some years ago and his obvious appeal is resulting in some dozen or so members travelling from over the border.

We are providing a pie and peas lunch with a sweet to follow and a cover charge, as agreed, of £5 will be charged at the door for our members and members' guests. Our guests from the Lancashire and Cheshire Club will not be charged as we shall be reciprocating their kindness during our visit to them last year. If anybody who is planning to attend cannot, for health or preference reasons, eat pie and peas would you please give either Jane or myself a ring as soon as possible and we will provide an alternative lunch to suit you.



Thompson's work.

November 15th 2008: British Decoy Wildfowl Carvers Association will give a talk and demonstration.

December 6th 2008: Christmas luncheon at the Meltham Golf Club with guest speaker Ian Clayton of the BBC.

January 10th 2009: Bob Chapman professional wood turner from Bingley and a member of the West Riding Woodturners' Association.

February 14th 2009: Possibly a stick carver but still to be confirmed.

March 14th 2009: Brian Taylor from Lancashire a Caricature carver.

April 11th 2009: Annual General Meeting.

Frank has suggested that I make the Newsletter available to anybody with vision problems in BIG text. If anybody wants it this way give me a ring please. Although I'm still convinced that only the female members and wives read them!!!!

Green Business Network.

It was suggested at the last meeting that we owed Graham Wiles, who spoke to us on their work on transitional employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged young people who are excluded from school, on probation service and recovering from substance misuse, to take his proposals a stage further.

He approached us with a suggestion that we share our creative skills with these youngsters as a way forward with their development and transition back into main stream society. Although we should seriously consider the suggestions made, many safety issues need to be addressed before children with emotional difficulties can be allowed to handle razor sharp tools and implements that could cause considerable damage to themselves or Club members.

Anybody interested in going to Wakefield to follow the project through please give your name to either Jane or myself at the next meeting.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Services.

It would appear that we are still in the running for this prestigious award.

I have received a copy letter from the Cabinet Office addressed to Jenni Feather, Chief Executive, Overgate Hospice stating that we are again in the selection process for 2009 and asking Jenni to up-date them on our present position and future plans.

I have supplied Jenni with sufficient information to reply to their request and briefly explained that we shall eventually be undertaking a Panel for the Children's Hospice and are investigating the possibility of constructing a further Panel to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the D Day landings. I have also informed her that we are talking to the Green Business Network regarding tuition of disadvantaged youngsters, but emphasised that this has a long way to go before anything is agreed.

Carved Panel to Commemorate the 65th D Day Landing.

It was explained at the last meeting that the agreed Panel for the Children's Hospice could yet be some 2 to 3 years away.

A suggestion has been put forward by members that a Panel to commemorate the 65th D Day Landings, or similar, be investigated.

A comment from the floor was made that the more Panels that the Club completed de-valued the ones before. This was rejected by the body of the meeting and it was universally agreed that the production of Panels, or similar projects, brought the Club members together with a common bond and interest and actually elevated the profile of the Club within the carving and local community.

Anybody who is interested in forming a "sub group working party" to take forward this suggestion, with regards to timber, grants, carvers, picture selection, location etc, please give their names to Dennis at the next meeting. A meeting will be arranged shortly afterwards to formulate an activity plan.

Shepley Methodist Church.

We have agreed to again put on a small carving demonstration and display for the church on the 8th November 2008. Can we have a carving brought to the next meeting by each member please for display on the 8th.

Trevor and Arthur will be in charge of proceedings.

Woodcarver Magazine carving Competition.

We were asked to forward, as a Club, photographs for their present competition. Unfortunately, we didn't have photographs in the correct format as requested and ran out of time.

Next year we shall make sure we have things correctly in place and wipe the board with carvings produced by Club members.

Beaumont Park on the 14th September 2008.

The carving display organised by Dennis was very well received and it was very encouraging to see a number of new volunteers putting themselves forward for duty. Dennis has asked me to thank them, and the members who supplied carvings, for their support.

Club Monthly Raffle.

It was suggested, and agreed, at the last meeting that we shall hold a raffle at each monthly meeting with any profits being split equally between Club funds and the Children's Hospice. The idea is that a ticket will be exchanged for £1 and a number of small prizes, tools, drinks, chocolates, etc, will be raffled each meeting.

Dick kindly agreed, with a little prompting from Jane, to sell the tickets - so God help you if you don't buy one.

The North of England Woodworking & Power Tool Show.

This will again be on at the Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate from the 28th November—30th November inclusive. 28th—29th 10am to 5pm. 30th 10am to 4pm.

Apologies: Mike Hadfield, Malcolm Till, Eric Schofield, Peter Nicholas, Norman Shaw, Ken Taylor, Derek Lindley, Anne Allan and Norman Walsh. I understand one or two of the named are ill and we wish them a speedy recovery and hope to see them back for the October meeting.