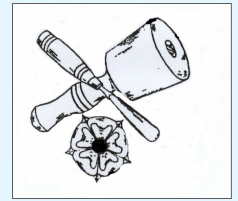


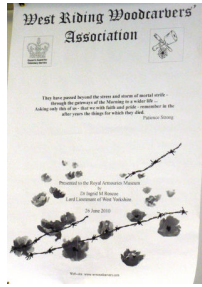
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In the absence of Jane, who arrived late, our new Co-Coordinator Adrian was thrown quickly into the deep end but very competently took control of the meeting by welcoming all members and guests present and commenting on the Club being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Regretful the inscribed glass crystal and plaque, signed by the Queen, which we hoped could be presented on the day, had still not arrived at Dr Roscoe's office so her visit was unfortunately put on hold.

Adrian explained to all present how the four tickets to the Queen's Garden party had been awarded in a lottery of all members names and overseen for fairness by Anne, Albert, Norman (Life Members), Jane and himself. Anne Ellwood and Arthur Brook, plus their respective partners, have been the lucky winners and are off to the Queens Garden Party in July. We might not see to much of Arthur when he gets back as I understand he has taken a job stacking shelves at Tesco to pay for the new suit he has bought himself and a top to toe outfit for Cath. Arthur did ask the meeting if expenses were allowed to be claimed as part of the package but if you knew the price he has paid for his suit subscriptions would have to go up to £30 at the next AGM to cover. It's nice to know that the tickets have gone to two people who fully deserve them and will get full benefit from them. We shall expect plenty of photos and a full account of the day on their return.

I am trying to make arrangements with Kevin Sharp, Secretary of the Lord Lieutenancy, for Dr Ingrid Roscoe to come along and present the Award at our meeting on Saturday 8th August but at the moment struggling to get an answer, probably because of holidays. Should she be able to come it has been suggested that the meeting encourage wives, husbands, partners etc to attend and that the Club mounts a big display of carvings for the occasion. This can be coupled with another presentation of where we are with the Royal Armouries Panels, which I know Dr Roscoe is very interested in seeing, and we could invite along Celia to talk about how she is going to produce the glass panel for us. I have suggested to Kevin Sharp that we try and keep the proceedings very informal and relaxed.

**Royal Armouries Panels:** It would appear from the comments from the floor that the presentation, very ably accomplished by David and Mike, was overall to the approval of the membership with plenty of positive comments and suggestions being put forward from the floor. These were all collated and discussed at a meeting of the sub-group on the 25 June and, where considered appropriate, are to be adopted into the planning of the Panel layout. Overlaps of plaques have been reduced in the WW1 Panel and mirror imaged in the WW2 Panel.

Quite a lot of comment was directed at the spread of pictures over both Panels and numerous suggestions were made regarding pictures to cover various operations during the two conflicts in question. The vast majority of suggestions had already been considered by the sub-group and pictures collected and sorted that, because of time constraints, were still not attached to the two sheets. Having said that quite a number of suggestions were very valid and had not previously been thought of.

One area of discussion was centred around the wording that had been attached to the Glass panel and the reference to the presentation of the two Panels by Dr Roscoe. The feeling was that the wording inferred that the Panels directly belonged to Dr Roscoe and not the Club. This point was perfectly correct and the suggestion was that the wording should read "Unveiled by Dr Ingrid M Roscoe FSA Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire at the Royal Armouries Museum June 26th 2009" (Or whatever date we choose). If anybody disagrees with this statement please let me know immediately as Celia is now working on a scale design.

**July 11th 2009:** A very well known local artist, **Richard Gawthorpe**, has agreed to address the Club in July. I understand Richard has been to the Club before, but certainly before my time. His fee is the sale of “cards” with all proceeds going to the hospice.

### Holmfirth Arts Show.

Bryan and Dennis are again coordinating the display of carvings, volunteer stewards and demonstrators for the Holmfirth Arts Show, (mainly Bryan as Dennis is still in America).

Our commitment covers Sunday 5th July between 10:00am and 5:00pm and Monday 6th / Tuesday 7th between 10:00am and 10:00pm.

The list of stewards and demonstrators together with times of attendance is as follows:

#### **Sunday Stewards**

10:00 to 12:00 **Mike Hadfield**

12:00 to 2:00 **Derek Adams**

2:00 to 4:00 **Derek Adams & John Dean**

4:00 to 5:00 **Bryan Hodgson**

#### **Monday Stewards**

10:00 to 12:00 **Des Lindley**

12:00 to 2:00 **David Hey**

2:00 to 4:00 **Margaret & Mary**

4:00 to 6:00 **Arthur Brook & John Murphy**

6:00 to 8:00 **Jim Wrathall & Dennis Farmer**

8:00 to 10:00 **Bryan Hodgson & Dennis Farmer**

#### **Tuesday Stewards**

10:00 to 12:00 **Anne Ellwood**

12:00 to 2:00 **John Dean**

2:00 to 4:00 **David Holt & Mike Hadfield**

4:00 to 6:00 **Mike Chambers & John Murphy**

6:00 to 8:00 **Margaret & Mary**

8:00 to 10:00 **Bryan Hodgson & Dennis Farmer**



I must pay tribute to my old sparing partner, and our esteemed ‘Club Official Photographer’ Frank who very kindly and eloquently thanked me on behalf of the Club for all the hours of form filling and interviews that I had been subjected to leading up to the Queen’s Award.

What made his comments more appreciated was the fact that I knew he was planning at the meeting to get back at me for the rather cruel remarks I made about him in last months newsletter regarding his efforts when taking pictures of the drunk hanging onto the lamppost.

Being a true gentleman he deemed not to ruin the occasion by resorting to fisty cuffs and for that I will mark the occasion by showing a couple of his carvings. (Can only find two and the dog still being worked on!) The photos should be OK as I took them.

I'm sure now the gloves are off and battle will once again commence. Just remember Frank somebody once wrote “The pen is mightier than the sword”.



**Subscriptions:** With Dennis being away visiting his family in America I’m not sure where we are with members subs - who has paid, who hasn't, who still owes the extra £3 and a complete list of members for 20009/10. We shall try to get things sorted for next month and I will send out a new list to everybody with members photo and contact details. In the meantime I shall send Newsletters out to everybody I have a contact address for.

Raffle for June: Sales £54, Cost £19, Profit £35 .

Management meeting: 23rd July 2009 Round Hill Pub 7:30PM.