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Meeting at Shepley Saturday 11th February 2012:

Our thanks to Graham who last came to the club some six years ago. On this occasion Graham gave rather a short talk but encouraged everybody to gather around him to closer inspect the incredible range of small scale tools that he had crafted.



Graham Collins



In a way, the short talk gave everybody the chance to socialize with each other and we were fortunate to have a great selection of carvings on display.

A great big thanks to everybody who took the time to bring along carvings. It shows how important the carving display is as without a good display on this occasion we could, perhaps, have been on our way home by 11:00am. Some of the carvings on display were photographed by Frank and a selection is below:



Mike Chambers



Peter Nethergate



Dennis Farmer - this is on it's way to America



Sorry, not sure



Peter Slavin

Shepley meeting:

March 10th: Mike Disley will again try to give his talk on his life as a stonecarver.

April 14th: This is the club's Annual General Meeting. The last few meetings have gone through quite quickly and the plan is to give the children's hospice sub-group the chance to share their thoughts, and gather support and approval, for the new panel.

May 12th: I was given the name of a stick maker by Malcolm Cooper with a suggestion that the gentleman would give an interesting talk to our Saturday meeting. Just as I picked the phone up to ring him it occurred to me that the best stick maker many of us have ever come across is in fact, Malcolm Cooper, our own member. So after a few words with Malcolm, and a little gentle persuasion, Malcolm volunteered to take on the talk for the May meeting and enlighten us on the remarkable talent that produces some amazing work.

June 16th: The return of Michael Painter but this time, as requested by quite a number of members, we shall make this full day meeting into a practical woodcarving workshop. Michael will lead the group through the carving of an item yet to be decided on, possibly a face, hand or foot carving. Note this is the 16th not the second Saturday as Michael teaches on the second Saturday of each month.

July 14th: A new face to the club will be Mark Raby who is a wood finishing demonstrator. He will concentrate on various finishings for different types of carvings. Mark is also the demonstrator/agent for Jo Sonja products and I understand that there may be a chance that Jo will be accompanying him. If you want more information look up www.lrcraftcreations.vpweb.co.uk.

August 11th and October 13th: to be advised.

September 8th: This month it is our turn to host the joint meeting with the Lancashire & Cheshire Carvers at Shepley. We have not tried to plan the day yet as a suggestion has been made to the Lancashire club that they join us for our meeting in November. They have a very heavy schedule of display work in September and it may be to their, and our advantage, that they join our workshop with Peter Berry.

November 10th: The return of Peter Berry for a full day for a similar workshop to that held last November.

December 8th: Christmas Luncheon. Following discussions at our last meeting the Meltham Golf Club has been booked for his year's event. We appreciate that the room is not totally ideal, although we managed alright for quite a number of years, but the food should be a vast improvement on last years event.

Royal Armouries panels: Nice to report that at last we have a number of information boards around the panels and, to be fair to the Armouries, they have done a really nice job. The main one - see photo left below - is located at the side of the glass panel and they have taken the wording from the article we had in the Woodcarving magazine, but of course compressed it down to just the important details.

On the barrier they have included three more upstanding display stands, similar in size to the progressive carvings that Darrel did, and two of these show the diagram of each panel and the other refers to the sale of the booklets in the bookshop - see bottom photograph.



You will notice that there are some dreadful shadows on the panels and these are caused by a couple of the flood lights in the ceiling not working. I have emailed our contact at the Armouries thanking them for putting up the display material and asked if they would kindly get their electrician onto the light problem.

They have also been asked to inform us about the current situation regarding any money raised from the sale of booklets. We need to know what the situation is for when our accounts are presented at the April AGM. To their credit the booklets are now clearly displayed on the cash out counter in the bookshop.

The display is now quite good, perhaps just lacking the video we ran at the Halifax Town Hall and Huddersfield Parish church, but the disadvantage of its location is that unless you go to the third floor by lift there is a danger you could miss them altogether. It possibly needs some reference to the panels location displayed on the ground floor - something we will try to work on with our contacts at the Armouries.

Forget-me-Not Trust: This project is progressing at some speed and the people involved in collecting, sorting, sizing, re-drawing and copying are doing a great job.

Our grant application is now being processed by the Community Foundation of Calderdale, but it will be a few weeks before we know the eventual outcome.

One disappointment is correspondence from both Disney Enterprises Inc. and Warner Brothers (Harry Potter and Co) stating that, because of copyright, we have been refused permission to use any of their characters. We are in the process of writing back stating our case more clearly and arguing that we are not a commercial organisation using the images for personal profit. I think this could be a long drawn out fight.

The next Management Meeting is on Thursday the 5th April 2012 at 7:30pm at the Round Hill pub. The next Forget-me-Not meeting is on the 8th March at 9:30am at the hospice.

Raffle: Profit, for the February meeting, was £64.00. A good figure as Terry had all the prizes donated.

New faces: Nice to see that we had two new faces at the last meeting. - Alan Raynor, our amazing blind friend, who attends Mike Chambers Wakefield class and Jim Sutcliffe, all the way from Wilsden, who is now attending Mike Hadfield's day class.

Sick note corner: Jane has been sending out get well cards, the recipients this time being Des Lindley, who is now in residential care at Thornhill, and Derek Lindley who has a nasty case of shingles that has laid him low. I understand Malcolm Till is back on his feet again and his daytime class is operational again. Also we shouldn't forget Anne Hobson and Mick Wilson who both continue to receive residential care. I have also just been informed that Norman Shaw is also not very well at the moment.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all of them.



We don't often see Tracey at the Saturday meetings because of work commitments, a couple of young children, football and dance lessons and a husband, so I have included a couple of photos of a very nice Hippo just completed at Brooksbank.