

West Riding Woodcarvers' Association



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23rd Annual General Meeting - Saturday 12th April 2014

Our speaker this coming Saturday 10th May is our old friend **David Hey** who has very gallantly 'volunteered' to step into the breach to give talk on his hobby of Marquetry.

Last time David gave this talk was when we had been let down by a speaker in February 2008. I remember ringing the speaker we had booked on the Friday evening to make sure everything was ok and he answered in a rather strained voice from his hospital bed!

David has had a little more time to prepare this time and through the wonders of digital technology - he will show some slides on the big screen - he will take us through the intricacies of how to cut up little bits of veneer to make incredible pictures.



This is our last Shepley meeting until we meet again in September 2014.

Having said at the AGM that I wasn't going to book any more speakers I have managed to book for our return meeting on September 13th a gentleman called Don Barker FWBC Master Blacksmith.

Don recently took part in Monty Don's Real Craft programme on Channel Four which I know quite a number of our members watched.

He has a wealth of experience in the blacksmithing world and I understand is in big demand as a teacher and speaker on the subject. He comes from York and his web site, for those interested, is www.theblacksmiths.co.uk

Attached should be the Minutes from the 23rd Annual General Meeting.

The slight problem with the accounts, entirely brought about by the rush to have them available for the AGM, is still being looked into. It was agreed at yesterday evenings Management Meeting that we move forward a month the end of the club's financial year so that our treasurer is given more than a few days to prepare the accounts for the AGM.

A new set of accounts will be circulated when completed and approved by the auditors.

Our application to the Heritage Lottery for two touch screens to accompany the WW1&2 panels at the Royal Armouries is proceeding but these applications take quite a while to reach a conclusion.

Jane Renshaw: You may remember that at the AGM it was suggested, and unanimously approved, that Jane be offered the role of Life Member.

Jane wrote back to say that she would be 'pleased and honoured' to accept this position.

Brighouse Flower Show. June 6th, 7th and 8th 2014.

Margaret will be taking names at the Shepley meeting for stewarding and from those members interested in helping set up on Wednesday 4th June.

Carvings are needed and if you are able to bring them along to the Shepley meeting and leave them with Margaret then please do so. Alternatively please bring them along to Brighouse Central Methodist Church on Wednesday 4th June.

This is a fantastic show that attracts people from all over the country and is a great opportunity to advertise the club and the skills of our members. Plenty of carvings are required please.

Holmfirth Art Week. July 20th onwards.

Derek Adams is in charge of this show along with his normal crew and again carvings are needed. If you are able to leave them after the Brighouse Flower Show then please do so. They will be well looked after if boxed correctly.

This year we are displaying from the Sunday throughout the whole week but from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm instead of the usual three days from early morning till late. So plenty of stewards are required please. Derek will be taking names at the Shepley meeting.

Also at both of the above shows we are going to actually demonstrate carving so again members are being asked to come forward and assist.

Yorkshire Milestone Club.

We were asked if we would assist the Milestone club by loaning them carvings that in anyway relates to 'Stone'. These can be relief carvings or in the round carvings. They will be properly displayed in the Packhorse Galley in the centre of Huddersfield for the month of July.

They will be well looked after and somebody will be on duty at all times. Delicate carvings will be under glass.

So plenty to be going on with as we close the Shepley meetings until September.

Its essential for our club membership and the carving classes that we make ourselves known to the local public so please can everybody help where they can with the above displays.

Just a reminder. Please can all carvings offered for display be boxed well with the name of the carving and the owner on the outside of the box. This will greatly assist when they are packed for handing back to the owner.