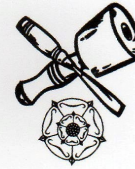


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Christmas Luncheon 2014 - Crow Nest Park Golf Course

Hi Folks. Just a very quick one page (now at the last minute two) up-date newsletter with a few pictures of the luncheon at Crow Nest Park Golf Club.

Our thanks to Chris Helme for a very interesting and entertaining talk on the incredible history relating to the grounds associated with the present golf course.

The occasion was again attended by our Patron, Dr Ingrid Roscoe, her husband Marshall and Glenn, who I'm sure is now pressed into service each year just to get Jane's Christmas off to a good start. I got an email from Ingrid saying '*Being with the woodcarvers is the highlight of my year*'. No doubt a slight exaggeration but we will willingly accept the sentiment. Our thanks to all three for taking the time to travel all the way over from the York area. I'm sure everybody would agree that without their company our end of year festivity would be less of a joy.



Malcolm Cooper, who recently completed his second sponsored 'sky dive' on behalf of the Children's Forget-Me-Not Hospice, presented a cheque for £1,260 to Jason Costello of the Children's Hospice. Well done Malcolm and I would reiterate that when you do your third jump in February the club will willingly double whatever sponsorship money you raise, but this time it would be interesting, and compulsory, to see you doing it without a parachute - now that would be a video with a difference!



*It just leaves me to wish
everybody a great
Christmas and a very
happy, healthy and
peaceful New Year.*

See you all in 2015.



Saturday 11th January 2015. Monochrome Photograph by our own member John Farrar

This was going to be a one page newsletter but I have just received some more news.

On **Saturday 14th February** have now booked a talk to the club by David Peckett and John Driskell.

John and David met at the City of Sheffield Training College (now Sheffield Hallam University) in September 1961. They became keen members of the college mountaineering club known as the 'Outdoor Society'. In the 1960's few people from the West had trod the ancient pathways of Nepal so David and John became amongst the first to trek to the Khumbu when they set out on an expedition to Mt. Everest.

They will explore the events that inspired them to make the journey using poetry as well as photography and reflect on the memories which were revitalised by their return visit to Nepal in 2010.

When they presented their talk to Ilkley U3A they received the following commendation: "David and John delivered a most illuminating and captivating presentation to 180 members of the Ilkley district U3A. "We regularly have guest speakers and I can say without question this was the best presentation we have ever had." said their events coordinator.

A friend of mine was at the talk and strongly recommended that we book them. He said they were terrific and the part of the talk that compared this mountainous and exotic region by means of photography from 1960 to 2010 was remarkable.

Slightly away from our normal type of speaker but they should make an interesting change and if the weather throws down a couple of foot of snow, with their experience, perhaps they have a better chance of getting to Shepley than most!



Another item straight off the press is the comment in the Jan/Feb 2015 edition of the Wood Carving magazine by a gentleman called Paul Hudson. Copy below.

Praise for the West Riding Woodcarvers' Association

Dear Mark,
The West Riding Woodcarvers' Association should consider themselves extremely proud for the production of the panel for The Forget Me Not hospice. The idea for the project, the self-funding, commitment and the high quality of the finished carvings are inspirational. The panel will undoubtedly be enjoyed by all of the children who have the misfortune to be residents of the hospice. Well done, West Riding Carvers, you really are a credit to the carving community.

Paul Hudson



The wonderful panel, which was made especially for the Forget Me Not children's hospice

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Just trying to fill up space now .
The photos on the left are from the terrific display of carvings at the Christmas luncheon and I'm pretty sure this carving by Graham Lockwood is amongst the best carved in 2014.

