

# West Riding Woodcarvers' Association



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## April 9th 2016 - 25th Annual General Meeting

It is pleasing to report that we had a very good turnout for the clubs 25th Annual General Meeting and the minutes are attached separately to this newsletter.

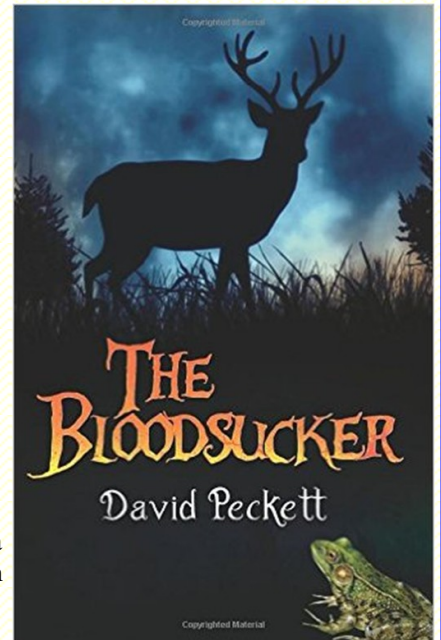
### Shepley meeting Saturday 14th May 2016

This is our last meeting before our summer recess and we are very pleased to welcome back David Peckett who, along with his good friend John Driskall, gave us a splendid talk in March 2015 covering their adventures during an overland drive to the Everest Base Camp, on the Nepal side of Mount Everest.

David is returning with a autobiographical talk with the intrigue title 'The Bloodsucker - The Boy Behind the Book'.

I understand David will be sharing his insights into how his childhood experiences led to his lifetime love of adventure.

David was born on a farm near Barnsley, South Yorkshire. He spent a lifetime in education, starting as a classroom teacher in 1964 and retiring in 2001 as Senior Inspector for Primary Education in Wakefield. As such, he has always had a special interest in children's literature. Despite a serious physical disability caused by a childhood misfortune, his spirit of adventure has taken him all over the world. He has travelled within Europe, to Africa, America and both Polar regions.



A display of carvings at this meeting would be appreciated from all members who attended our three carving classes showing what has been achieved from start of classes in September 2015 to the present date. I don't really know how I can write that last sentence seeing as I'm still chipping away at the baby elephant I started in September and still haven't finished. Perhaps I could add - that all carvings, completed or not, would be appreciated. How's that for a cop out?

We are well on with booking speakers for the rest of the year and I was speaking yesterday with a sculptor from the Knaresborough area called **Chris Kelly**. Chris has promised to come along to Shepley on the **10th September 2016** to kick off the club coming alive again after the summer shutdown. Chris can be seen on YouTube and has lectured and exhibited in various art galleries all over the world. He specialises in resin bronze figures, as the picture to the right.

In October we were hoping to bring to the club Mike Green a Forensic Pathologist who has an outstanding reputation as a speaker but regretfully he can only do the 1st October and our room is fully booked for that date. So back to the drawing board for October. [\(Just spoken to Mike and he is now booked for October 2017, only 18 months in advance, that's some record...!\)](#)

On the 5th November we have booked our old friend Mike Painter for a full day workshop. Not sure what Mike will be doing but we have never been disappointed with a visit by Mike.



The other day I got a call from Kevin Sharp, Clerk to the West Yorkshire Lieutenancy, with an invitation to send two people, as the guest of our Patron Dr Ingrid Roscoe, down to London on Sunday 12th June 2016 to attend the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration on the London Mall.

Names had to be immediately put forward and after a brief talk with Adrian it was decided that Margaret and Jeff Myatt should be awarded this opportunity for all the work they both do for our club.

I'm sure nobody in the club would argue with this decision. Margaret has been treasurer for a number of years and both she and Jeff are always at the forefront whenever exhibitions or other events have to be organised. I'm sure we all wish them a lovely day and trust the sun shines for them and the Queen.





### North of England Woodworking and Machinery Show 18th, 19th & 20th November:

I previously reported that we had been allocated a 4 metres wide x 3 metres deep stand at the show but after looking at the dimensions of the children's hospice panel, at approx 3 metres wide x 1.5 metres high, it became immediately obvious that there would be little, if any, space left for other items we may wish to display.

So back to the organisers and after a number of phone calls we have now been allocated a 6 metres wide x 3 metres deep stand which should give us plenty of room.

This stand is the same size as the stand the British Woodcarvers Association had last year when three different areas combined to put on a display. There is no mention on their web site that they are attending this year. We have one big job on our hands but no problem with the talent and enthusiasm we can bring to this project.

### Birstall Woodturning Club, Mirfield. Unit 46, James Walker, Holmes Bank Mill, Mirfield, WF14 8NA.

Liz McFarlane, Secretary of this turning club, has asked me to thank everybody who attended the woodturning display and those members who organised the display of carvings by our club.

I understand they had over 150 attending.



### Royal Armouries, Leeds. Thursday June 2nd 2016.

Things with the Armouries are progressing rather slower than we would wish but at least we are still talking to each other and making some progress. It will be easier to bring people up to date at the next Shepley meeting.

### Ripon Cathedral club trip.

The trip is going ahead and below is an information email from Brian, who is in charge of the organisation of this outing.

The coach is booked and will leave Huddersfield at 9 30 am, and leaving Ripon at 4 pm. Pickup is outside the Canton Chef in John Williams Street and I am currently trying to arrange lunch for us all. The numbers are a bit worrying. The coach is a 49 seater but we only have 35 going at the moment. I am hoping that people missing at last months meeting will make up the difference.

If we fill the coach the cost will be £10 per person, plus lunch plus a donation to the Cathedral. £50 deposit needed now and balance one week before the trip so I will speak to Margaret to see if she can help with club funds in this regard.

Derek Chang has put together a programme for the day in two halves, before and after lunch which seems very comprehensive.

Derek Chang is one of the two gentlemen who wrote the book about the carvings in Ripon Cathedral. Brian has agreed for him to conduct a tour around the cathedral and at the same time talk to us about the carvings they have depicted in their book.

Which reminds me that I loaned out my copy of this book to somebody and it's now missing from our bookcase. Anybody guilty of kidnapping it...?

