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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**

Just a quick one page newsletter to bring everybody up to date

Our thanks once again to Michael Painter for another most enjoyable day on the 5th November 2016 - goodness, that now seems years ago!

Our Christmas Luncheon at the Crow Nest Golf Club on the 10th December was again a very, very nice occasion for all who attended, with great food and the room looking absolutely lovely and very Christmassy.

The two ladies, Tilly Dagnall and her mum Jacqueline were extremely entertaining, especially for the ladies amongst us. One of the Christmas decorations made by Jacqueline was presented to our chief guest and Patron Dr Ingrid Roscoe.

The only sad part of the day was the unusually poor support by our members. We had 54 people attending this year, whilst we had 75 last year, and, when you take away our guests, 3 from York and 2 from Preston and the partners of members, it means we had only about one third of the club membership attending.

The room has been re-booked for December 8th 2017.

Our contribution to the North of England Woodworking Show was a tremendous success and we were approached by the organisers, who complimented us on our display, and asked that we return again in November 2017.

A super photo of our stand and a small write up was sent to the Woodcarving magazine, at the request of the Editor, Mark Baker, who was at the show. But in their wisdom the best they could put in the magazine was the terrible item to the right. At least Margaret got her few minutes of fame with her photo in this edition.

I received a message from Dr Roscoe after the Christmas Luncheon thanking us for a lovely day and our continued friendship.

Ingrid also wrote that her association with the woodcarvers has been a real highlight of her lieutenancy term and she will be sad to relinquish her Patronage in 2019, when she is forced to retire.

All three carving classes start next week.



The North of England Woodworking Show

Just finishing up with their 2016 show, the North of England Woodworking Show is in full swing for their 2017 show. The show is an excellent day out that involves over 40 demonstrators taking apart, more than 100 companies exhibiting and some great prizes to be one in their free raffle.

When: 17-19 November, 2017

Where: Great Yorkshire Showground,
Harrogate, HG2 8NZ

Shepley Meeting January 14th 2017

The first part of this morning's talk will be taken up by Margaret and Jeff Myatt who will be entralling us with tales of their weekend in London when they were invited to the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on the London Mall.

It seemed a good idea, when suggested over a couple of pints of beer, that Derek Adams and I take up the rest of the morning to talk to the club about our voyages on two Tall Ships operated by the Tall Ships Youth Trust. Not sure that was such a great idea now, but we have been busy over the holiday putting together a talk that should be interesting to most people.

Our talk has been extended with a story about one of the most terrible maritime disasters to ever befall a Tall Ship. This disaster claimed many life's and changed the future of commercial shipping under sail.

Royal Armouries, Leeds. Anne Ellwood and I went over to the Armouries on Monday 12th December for a meeting with Dr Edward Impie, Director General of the Armouries.

Dr Impie apologises for not following up on our previous meeting in March 2016 and introduced us to a young man called Tristan Langlois, who has been allocated to work with us through the problems we have with our display.

Anne and I spent quite a long time talking to Tristan in front of our panels and both came away with a sense that things might actually start to happen in 2017. We are waiting confirmation of a return meeting in early January.

Prince of Wales Hospice, Pontefract.

Adrian and Brian are due for a follow up meeting at the hospice on the 9th January 2017.

Just to recap. We have funding of approximately £1,000 already allocated by the hospice for this panel.