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Pontefract Hospice. At our meeting this coming Saturday May 13th, the project team that have been working on the new panel, will be displaying a full size model in the area where we usually display our members' carvings. So please do not bring any carvings with you to this meeting.

The project team is asking that people turn up a little before our usual start time of 10:00am to have a good look at the display. You will also have a further opportunity to make yourself acquainted with the proposed layout and pictures selected during the fifteen minute or so normal half time break.

After this break you will be asked to put forward your comments and suggestions and eventually give your approval for the design and picture selection. Please bear in mind that the majority of the pictures have been sourced by the staff of the Pontefract Hospice, with guidance from our team.

Upon approval, during the following few months, timber will be ordered and pictures allocated to the interested carvers on the understanding that actual carving will start as we all return to the school based classes in September.

I know that a lot of detailed work has been going on these last few weeks and I'm sure that you will join me in thanking the team involved for their time and dedication to this new and exciting club project.

Shepley 13th May: Travels throughout China - Graham Lockwood.

Graham has kindly volunteered to take over as speaker for our last monthly meeting before we shut down for our summer recess. With his gift for photography and video capture, Graham will transport us all to this incredible land of ancient monuments and fascinating landscapes.



Future speakers. Our September 9th Shepley meeting has been left clear at the moment in case we need to further discuss the panel for the Pontefract Hospice. Should everything with the panel be progressing satisfactorily we shall endeavour to fill this date with an interesting speaker, or use it as a Free & Easy session.

October 14th: Mike Green, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Pathology. I have been trying to get Mike to come along and talk to us for over two years now as I understand that he is one of the most gifted speakers on the circuit. His varied career has taken him all over the world working in such unusual fields as a Flying Doctor in Australia, inner city GP and as a professor of forensic medicine covering, amongst other things, many grizzly murders. Now into retirement he gives talks on a variety of medical topics for charity. Mike covers about 20 different subjects and as yet we are undecided as to which to select. But rest assured the one chosen will be very interesting.

November 11th: Stuart Smith - Battle of Monte Cassino Italy 1944. You will remember Stuart as the gentleman who came along and gave a very professional and well received talk on Wearside Jack and the Yorkshire Ripper. This talk by Stuart touches on his grandfather's Monte Cassino experience during WW2 and then moves on to the bombing of Monte Cassino Abbey and the question of Military Necessity, the Anzio breakout and the liberation of Rome.

December 9th: Christmas Luncheon John Foster - Victorian Bakers. Our speaker for our Christmas get together is John Foster who some people may know from the very interesting BBC 2 program Victorian Bakers. John is the Managing Director of a bakery in Barnsley and, after answering a trade advert, found himself as the main presenter of this BBC programme.