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October 14th: Mike Green, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Pathology.

Mike came with a reputation as a very gifted speaker and certainly lived up to his billing. We got a bit of everything delivered with a very eloquent and easy style, coupled with an in-depth knowledge of his subject. A subject that ranged from nasty fluids seeping from lead lined coffins, corpse that were very nearly completely preserved and the prospect of contagious diseases being released after many, many years of isolation.

Mike, after the break, moved onto his early career experiences as a young pathologist working on the Myra Hindley and Ian Brady moors murders investigation with spells on the bleak moors through to the heart rendering autopsy of the children. Once again, quite grizzly but a fascination lecture from somebody that was involved in the deep end of this dreadful episode.

We have managed to get Mike to come back again in May next year. Not sure of the subject matter yet as he has about 20 lectures that we can choose from.



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 latest 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.

The capture of Monte Cassino came at a high price. The Allies suffered around 55,000 casualties in the Monte Cassino campaign. German casualty figures are estimated at around 20,000 killed and wounded. Total Allied casualties spanning the period of the four Cassino battles and the Anzio campaign with the subsequent capture of Rome on 5 June 1944, were over 105,000.

Stuart will have some family members with him and I'm sure they would appreciate looking at the various carvings our members produce.

So please can we have plenty of carvings for the table display.



All Saint's Daytime Carving Class.

Unfortunately, this class is cancelled.

Regretfully, we have run into a dead end with this daytime class which is a real shame as it means that unless a member goes to either of the Monday night classes he, or she, will not have the benefit of carving in a group atmosphere and gaining advice, experience and comradeship from their fellow carvers. There are places at both evening classes if anybody wishes to attend.

I have copied below correspondence with Deborah Walker, School Manager, that is self explanatory. We shall discuss the situation at the next Shepley meeting but in the meantime we shall take steps to investigate the possibility of moving this class to another venue for the New Year.

Morning Deborah (23rd October)

We are running into a bit of a problem with the split days/weeks of Monday and Thursday.

At least half of the people who attended on previous Thursdays are committed on Mondays with art classes, bowling, walking groups etc. We also run two classes on Monday evening.

There has been a suggestion that we take up your offer of the Woodworking room but just stick to Thursday every other week. Not ideal, but it keeps everybody together and gives the carvers who can't attend night classes, but need help with the panel carvings that we are doing for Pontefract Hospice, the chance to get some assistance.

If you are OK with this suggestion we will be with you on the following Thursdays: 9th November, 23rd November, 7th December and 21st December.

If you could confirm this is acceptable to you please I will then contact all our people.

Morning John (1st November)

Unfortunately, I feel I am the bearer of bad news. I realise you have gone to a great effort to push for using our facilities but I have spoken to our Deputy regarding the arrangements. The reasoning behind my discussion was that I felt uncomfortable with the club being hosted in the main school whilst pupils were still in the same building. Please do not take this to heart but I have to adhere to safeguarding procedures and rules. I assume all your members have not undergone the latest DBS vetting which allows them to be in school on a regular basis with students still in school? The only way I can get around this would be to offer our facilities to your group on a Monday, late afternoon from 15:30 every week. Would you be in a position to take this slot?

I realise this maybe disappointing and frustrating for the group and I do apologise for altering the initial proposal. Happy to speak directly if you wish to contact me?

Kind Regards. Deborah

Hi Deborah

I fully understand your position and appreciate that you are doing your best for us.

Just been speaking to Mike Hadfield, who came down to the school to look at your new facilities and I think spoke to you.

Monday is, unfortunately, out for us. The main reason being that quite a number of the people who would attend the All Saints day class also attend the Monday evening classes at either Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield or Brooksbank School, Elland. Both of these classes officially start at 7:00pm but the rooms are vacant from early evening and we find quite a number of people arriving well before 7:00pm. This means that they are setting off from home, in some cases 10 to 15 miles away from Wakefield and Elland, just after 6:00pm. We cannot see people attending All Saints from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and then going to their evening class. Both these classes have been running for many, many years and are well established with about 20 plus people attending each. Change days is not an option.

Unless you can offer us the same times on another day, ideally Thursday, then regretfully, we shall have to move on and look for new facilities in the New Year.

Incidentally, I did approach both QEGS and Brooksbank to see if they could help with afternoon facilities and they both raised the same problems that you are putting forward. There are many halls that we can hire locally but not with woodworking benches and vices etc. We are an unusual group I'm afraid ...!

Thank you for your understanding.

I regret to say that Monday would be the only time after school under our own lettings. If you wish to hire it out at a later time and alternative date then you would have to go through SLS lettings who are contracted to hire our school out after 18:00 Monday to Friday and all hours at the weekend.

I am really sorry John – hope you are successful.

Pontefract Hospice panel.

Because of the situation at All Saints, the group who is overseeing this new panel have asked that all participating carvers bring the carving that they are working on to the **next Shepley meeting**. This will give them the opportunity to see how things are progressing and for carvers to seek help from more experienced carvers should they require it. An evening progress meeting will be arranged in January at the cricket club we used before in Lindley, Huddersfield.

There are 7 carvings out of 42 that still need an owner, so please come forward and select one.

Royal Armouries World War 1&2 panels:

The proposed move of the two panels from their current position to the War Gallery is ongoing with the Royal Armouries.

On the 24th October I travelled to Thirsk to visit a specialist lighting design company called Brilliant Lighting Limited. They very kindly experimented with different ways of lighting a number of sample relief carvings through glass. The conclusion was that we could successfully light the panels through the glass without a great deal of interferences from reflection. The ideal position of the lights would be about eight inches out from the top panel frame and lit by means of strip LED lights.

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.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will again this year be held at the Crow Nest Park Golf Club, Coach Road, Hove Edge, Brig-house. For those who are not conversant with the location of the golf club the post code, for your Sat Nav, is **HD6 2LN**. If you need a map, just log onto www.info@crownestgolf.co.uk.

Coffee and biscuits will be served at 10:00am for a start of proceedings at 10:30am. We usually finish by about 2:00pm ish.

Our Patron, Dame Ingrid M Roscoe, her husband Marshall and their driver Glenn, will be once again attending.

We would again ask that we have plenty of members' carvings for the display, old ones and new ones are always welcome. I'm sure Ingrid and Marshall, and our guest speaker, will be interested to see what we have all produced over the year. We had a slightly poorer showing last year so please can we get those carvings dusted off and displayed?

As usual, our annual Christmas raffle, in aid of Help the Heroes (as voted for at a previous meeting) needs your assistance with prizes. The ladies will be on hand to receive your gifts and sell you tickets.



I am sending out, again, a menu for the luncheon and we have been asked, to assist with catering, choosing what we want from a menu of starters, mains and sweets. On arrival there will be tea, coffee and biscuits and, at the end of the meal, coffee and mince pies. The price this year, as last year, will be £25.00 per person. Would you please state on the attached sheet your choices and return them to Adrian at the address provided, or as usual just give them to him at a monthly meeting.

Our numbers were well down last year so we would ask all members to support this annual get together.

North of England Woodworking and Power Tool Show. 17th & 18th November 10am- 5pm : 19th November 10am - 4pm.

It has now been confirmed that this year we will be displaying the Kirkwood Hospice panel. There will be a meeting at Margaret & Jeff Myatt's house at 10:00am on Tuesday morning next the 7th November. Anybody wishing to be involved in the set up on Thursday 16th November and the break down at 4:00pm on Sunday 19th November, or in any other way, is invited to attend.

We shall be picking up the Kirkwood panel on Thursday morning and then transporting it and all the other display gear and carvings to the show ground. We shall then have to set up and leave our display ready for un-veiling at 10:00am on the Friday morning.

Last year Derek Adams and Graham Lockwood very kindly volunteered to camp out at the showground; I understand they won't be camping this year. This year, so they can be on hand for the opening at 10:00am, stewards who volunteer for the morning shift, from 10:00am to 1:30pm, will be required to be on site in good time to have the stand ready for the first public visitors at 10:00am. We have a contractual obligation to be ready for the show opening and the public are usually queuing outside the hall well before the doors open.

Because of the distance from Calderdale and Kirklees ideally we need stewards to take shifts between 10:00am - 1:30pm and from 1:30am - 5:00pm on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday it will be from 10:00am - 1:30pm and then from 1:30pm until such time as the stand is taken down and loaded into various vehicles. Ideally there needs to be at least three stewards per shift, which will give at least one person a break and some lunch.

Anybody volunteering for stewarding please contact Jeff Myatt on 01484-712446 or myself on 01422-361109 or come forward at the next Shepley meeting.

Carvings: The stand is large and plenty of carvings are required. Last year we took the advantage of swapping some of the carvings around during the day to keep the stand fresh. So the more carvings we have the better. Would people please bring carvings that they want to display to the next Shepley meeting or hand them in at the two carving classes well before Thursday 16th November. We need a variety of carvings please but very large ones could be a bit of a problem.

We shall have our leaflets on the stand that need giving out please. The idea of our stand is to encourage new members.

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Christmas Luncheon at Crow Nest Park Golf Course, Coach Road, Hove Edge, Brighouse, HD6 2LN

Saturday December 9th 2017 - 10:00am start

Price each £25.00 each

I would like to book _____ places please.

My cheque for _____ made out to West Riding Woodcarvers' Association is enclosed.

My name is _____

My guests names are _____

Please circle your choice.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
My Starter choice is	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D
My Main course choice is	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D
My Desert choice is	A B C D E	A B C D E	A B D C E	A B C D E

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVE MENU

Starter

- A Duck & Port Terrine with onion marmalade
- B Apple & Prawn Salad in a cucumber ring with leaf garnish
- C Parsnip Soup with crusty roll (v)
- D Goats Cheese & Sun Blushed Tomato Tart with mixed leaf salad (v)

Main

- A Traditional Roast Turkey with seasoning, pigs in blankets & roast potatoes
- B Salmon Fillet with dill veloute & fondant potatoes
- C Roast Pork Loin Steak with green peppercorn sauce & mustard mash
- D Mediterranean Roasted Vegetable Wellington, with tomato sauce & roast potatoes (v)

All the above served with seasonal vegetables

Dessert

- A Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce
- B Baileys Infused Cheesecake
- C Hazelnut Chocolate Truffle Torte
- D Fresh Fruit Salad
- E Cheese & Biscuits



Coffee & Biscuits on arrival



Coffee and Mince Pies