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Pontefract Hospice Panel : Wednesday 14th February 2018. *Lindley Bowling Club,*

We had a fairly good turnout for this progress meeting but, unfortunately, not all the carvers were present and as such not all the carvings were on display. It is appreciated that some people have difficulty driving at night.

The area allocated to us for displaying the carvings was not totally ideal as the poor lighting didn't help to bring out the detail in the carvings. At previous meetings we have been allowed to set the carvings on the protected and covered snooker table top where the table's downward lighting is ideal. Hopefully for the next meeting this can be arranged for us.

Each carving was evaluated by Mike Chambers and Peter Keene and advice, where needed, given. They now have a good indication of how we are collectively progressing.



Janet getting expert advice from Mike and Peter.

It has now been agreed that all carvings should ideally be finished and handed in for sealing, photographing and mounting by the end of **May 2018**.

Our thanks to the ladies for putting on the pea and pie supper and the Lindley Bowling Club for the hire of their club house.



Saturday 10th February 2018:

Our grateful thanks to Graham Lockwood for stepping in once again and giving a very interesting talk on his mammoth 15,500 miles of travels around China.

Once again we were whisked away to kite festivals, a huge runaway monster kite, very interesting people met and fantastic views.



Shepley March 10th 2018: Jose Sarabia Professional Wood and Stone carver.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to meeting up with Jose to learn how he became a traditional wood and stone carver. Jose has almost 50 years of experience in carving and has worked on many prestigious restoration projects, including royal palaces, houses and castles.

Jose is a traditional craftsman who has carved ornate and unique furniture for both the rich and famous during his long-spanning career. Alongside royal commissions, Jose has carved bespoke chairs for Elton John and wardrobe doors for Pink Floyd musician, David Gilmour. Other works of interest include a full size, safari inspired snooker table.

I understand that Jose is bringing along his daughter, as a minder, just in case we aren't nice to him....! I'm sure we will offer both of them a very warm welcome.

Can everybody attending please bring along one or two carvings for the table display. We have a professional carver with us this month and I'm sure he would appreciate the chance to look at our work. Finished panel carvings would be welcome.



Future Shepley meetings 2018

April 14th:

Annual General Meeting. This is where everybody leaps forward to take office for the coming year..!

May 12th:

Jim Robison of Booth House Gallery, Holmfirth. Practical demonstration and talk on ceramics. Booth House was first opened in 1975 as a studio and sales outlet for sculptor and ceramicist Jim Robison.

September 9th:

Full practical carving day with tuition on chisel sharpening. After the success of the January meeting, where there was a good turn out of carvers for a practical full day carving session, it has been agreed that this will be repeated.

So in September, to start our season and carving classes off again after the summer recess, it is agreed that we hold a Meet & Greet open house combined with a practical carving and tool sharpening session together with a pea and pie lunch.

October 13th:

Return of Mike Green. Emeritus Professor of Forensic Pathology. Not decided what his talk will cover yet but will probably be chosen from Murderous Medics and Naughty Nurses, The Search for the Crew of the MT Gaul, Grave Robbers or Depiction of Desire, Debauchery and Disease.

November 13th:

Stuart Smith. Once again we welcome back Stuart who has previously given us two extremely entertaining and informative talks on both the Yorkshire Ripper cold case investigations and the Battle of Monte Cassino. On this occasion Stuart will be presenting his new talk on the Merchant Navy and its involvement during the war years.

December 8th: Christmas Luncheon. Speaker to be advised.

Derek Adams: 'Pedal for Pounds' From Lille, France to Huddersfield.

Most men of a certain age have a 'Mid life Crisis' but our good friend Derek has had a belated 'Advancing Age Crisis'. He has decided that before he becomes even more decrepit than he already is that he wants to test his physical and mental capacity to the utmost limits.

To achieve this he has taken the admirable challenge of cycling approximately **281** miles from Lille to Huddersfield in 4 days. I understand that Derek hasn't been seriously on a bike for quite a number of years. His journey, with 150 plus other supporters of Huddersfield Town FC, is as below.

His journey will begin on Tuesday 8 May 2018, when the cyclists will depart Huddersfield Town's Canal side training complex on coaches heading for Hull to board a ferry to Zeebrugge. Upon arrival the coaches will take them to Lille for an overnight stop.

Wednesday 9th will see Derek cycling the first **60** miles leg to their first overnight stop at Albert. Two cemeteries/memorials will be visited on the day to commemorate 6 Town players killed in WW1.

Thursday 10th will start the **76** miles journey to Ypres. Again two cemeteries/memorials will be visited on the day and the evening will see the cyclists viewing the very moving and daily Last Post celebrations at the Menin Gate.

Friday 11th May is the **57** mile leg from Ypres to Zeebrugge and the ferry back to Hull.

On the morning of Saturday 12th May, the final **88** mile leg sees cyclists make the return journey from Hull to Huddersfield, ending at Huddersfield's Town FC for a pie and peas celebration.

Derek has had to pay £250 of his own hard earned cash to register and is tasked with raising a minimum of **£1000** for various charities. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Children's Hospice are amongst the charities to benefit.

I'm sure all members of the club will get behind sponsoring Derek on his adventure and I will set him off with a £20 sponsorship that will increase to £30 if he manages to fall off and break a few bones.

Just learned last night that Derek's bike was new in 1953...! He got new 'clip on pedals' the other day and had to shoot a red light as he couldn't get his feet out of the clips to stop. After the lights episode he pulled into a lay-by and promptly fell off as he couldn't unclip fast enough. How many traffic lights over 281 miles????? Unbelievable...

Good luck from all at the club Derek, with your ancient body and bike you'll need it.



I did ask for an action shot in his skin tight lycra gear but have had to settle for him in Nora Batty stockings and