

West Riding Woodcarvers' Association



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April 2023 Newsletter



On the 8th April, we welcomed the return of Richard Uttley to talk to us about wood profiling, using boiling water, and wood finishing. We looked on in amazement at all the items displayed on his table and then came out a primus stove and a pan of water. (Are you boiling an egg was the least comment)



Not to be put off (He gave more back than received) Every item discussed, Richard passed around examples, it was certainly hands on.

Water Profiling

Straight round sticks / 1/16th dia.dowels were passed around and then immersed into the pan of boiling water for about 15 minutes. The same dowels/sticks were then passed around for everyone to bend into all manner of shapes. Previously profiled items were passed around which had been shaped into coils and loops—even tied into knots. Larger items were passed around such as a gun cartridge belt—surely made of leather-no! wood. Richard explained how the items were held in profile by wrapping the same in clingfilm which was not affected by boiling water. After profiling in the water the items required to be sealed (wood sand sealer) before they cooled down— this prevents the item reverting back towards its original shape.

The profiling of a walking stick was illustrated. The end to be profiled would require emerging into cold water for 2-3 hours and then emerged into the boiling water for 15 minutes and then placed on a former to obtain the desired profile for when it dried.

Wood Finishing

There are many ways and preferences of treating wood, especially after carving. Richard's preference is to use finishing oil and for internal use 'Osmo' oil which gives a clear satin finish. Some finishers act as their own sealer. Oil, oil varnish, polyurethane and shellac, for example, are self-sealing. Many samples of treated wood were circulated showing the finish of various oils, stains, and wax. Even WD40 gives a good wood finish.

Richard advised that aerosol sprays were useful for applying a finish to carvings with complicated undercutting (nooks and grannies)

The members expressed thanks to Richard for kindly donating several items of wood and rolls of sandpaper for raffle prizes.

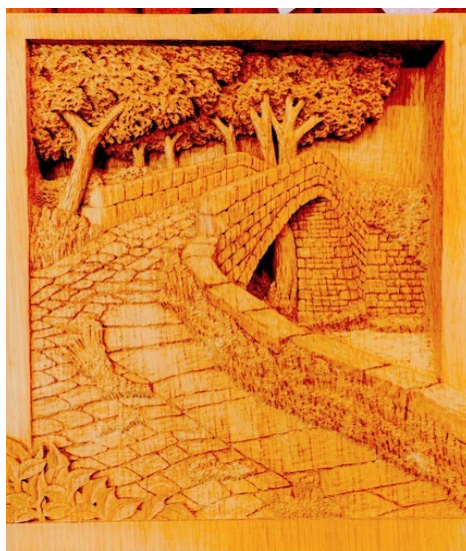
Richard also advised that he would join us at the Harrogate Woodworking Show this year with his 'Wooden Bike'.



Members were so intrigued with Richard that the discussions continued during the tea / coffee break. Note the red painted wooden coil around a former in the foreground as an example of profiling.



Graham Lockwood



Mike Chambers



Jeff Myatt



Peter Keene



David Kent



Trevor Metcalfe

Thanks to all carvers for their contributions and to Graham for the photographs and to our ladies for the tea and coffee

Meeting Calendar

- a) 13th May 2023 : AGM.
- b) June to August 2023 : No meetings.
- c) 9th September 2023 : Mr Barry Bell-Variou Hand Crafted Products.
- d) 14th October 2023 : Mr. Derek Adams– Constructing a Guitar.
- e) 10th-12th November: At Harrogate. No meeting at Dalton.
- f) 9th December 2023 : Christmas Luncheon-Speaker pending.

Last Management Meeting : 1st March 2023.

Matters Discussed

- a) Finance (Subscriptions to increase to £35.00)
 - Sub's include room rent, insurance, speaker fees, web-site etc.
 - New member sub's from November onwards reduced to 50%.
 - Payment for guests-other than a wife, husband or partner-no sub's.
 - Guests allowed three visits thereafter sub's to be paid.
- b) AGM .Re-election of Officers. Nominations prior to the AGM.
- c) Harrogate Exhibition. WRWA are to attend– details later.
- d) Recruitment :- i) 1st August. Yorkshire Day in Pontefract.
ii) 30th September and 1st October.Colne Valley Museum