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SEPTEMBER MEETING

If you're like me you sometimes find yourself in a quandary when it comes to recycling – should it go in the black sack or the clear sack? Am I supposed to remove the labels? Do I wash it up first? These were the sort of questions that Mandy Pickard from New Forest District Council was on hand to answer at our September meeting. Mandy is the Environment Outreach Officer and it is her job to visit schools, companies and organisations such as ourselves to bang the drum about recycling and try to educate us into sending the bare minimum to landfill or incineration.

She was a mine of information and supplied us with all sorts of facts and figures about waste disposal in general and the New Forest in particular. We also received lots of freebies in the form of pens, pencils, bags and plenty of literature and stickers reminding us of what we need to do.

In the forest we consider ourselves lucky that we don't have to have those unsightly wheelie bins outside our homes but we were informed that although Hampshire is one of the best regions in the country for energy recovery, we in our area are not very good at all. So come on you foresters – must try harder!



For more info go to: www.newforest.gov.uk/recyclingandrubbish



BIRTHDAY PARTY

On the 14th of October we held our annual birthday party at the usual venue of the Fountain Court in Frost Lane and although our numbers were not great, we were pleased to welcome the Grubbs from Weston who joined in enthusiastically to make it a fun evening for all.

Two games of skittles were played with the scores being overseen by your editor's wife Linda in the absence of Ann who was out somewhere on the high seas. The upshot was that the men's prize was won by Don and Joyce's son Barry and Kate from the Grubb clan took the honours for the ladies. Good old Brian Williams used all his skill to take the men's booby prize and the ladies booby went to – oh dear – Linda! (The mental effort of the scoring put her right off).



chat, chat, chat



“Wish Ann was here to show us how it goes”

The only other activity on the skittle alley was the Whisky Challenge. This was as bonkers as ever with vast quantities of loose change being flung at a bottle of Grant's which as usual ended in a closely fought duel between Neil and Steven with Steven eventually triumphant. Of course all those 10p's went towards the club funds so thanks to everyone who had a go.



Steven 'wins' a bottle that would have cost him less at Tesco's

NOVEMBER MEETING

If it's a bit cold and miserable outside then maybe the best place to be is inside with your workmate and tools together with some like-minded people and between you, carve a propulsion system for a sleigh. This is what happened at our meeting one Saturday in November when Roger brought along all the tools and bits and pieces necessary to produce his famous reindeer which always sell like hot cakes at the Christmas fairs.

About fifteen carvers turned up on the day of whom about five were recent beginners at the Thursday club and they were the ones most keen to take up Roger's promise of making a Rudolph in a couple of hours. Your editor didn't get involved himself but judging by the laughter and chatter coming from the "workshop area" they were having a great time and sure enough, by the time we came to pack up soon after twelve there was a



Now listen carefully, I shall say this only once.

whole herd of wooden reindeer ready to grace the Christmas mantelpieces of the Waterside.



So that's how he got the red nose.

Thanks to Di Smith's efforts at getting us mentioned regularly in the Waterside Herald, we had quite a few visitors during the course of the morning and from the discussions I believe a couple of those may well become recruits in due course.

As usual we had our fish and chip lunch followed by cakes made by Ann and Pippa which were delicious as always. Then after the meal a number of people had to leave but we were joined by others who had come to listen to our speaker Geoff Watts. Geoff's talk was entitled "Unto Southampton do we shift our scene" which is a line from Shakespeare's Henry V and was a collection of surprising and little-known historical facts and figures about our maritime city.



OK Santa, we're ready!

HYTHE XMAS FAIR

Several members turned up on a cold but dry day in late November for Hythe's Christmas fair, to which our contribution was a table-top sale in the library. We were pitched among the bookshelves along with a few other crafts people between the hours of two and four in the afternoon.



Who could resist?



High finance

Although the village was buzzing with all sorts of festive activities we didn't have an awful lot of passing trade. It was mainly the young parents stopping by after taking the little ones into Santa's grotto which was in one of the library's side rooms. Nevertheless, we managed some sales, especially with Roger's reindeer, which meant that it was worthwhile doing.

WHO SAYS MEN DON'T REMEMBER?

A couple were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed and as the wife walked around she was surprised to discover that her husband was nowhere to be seen.

She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.

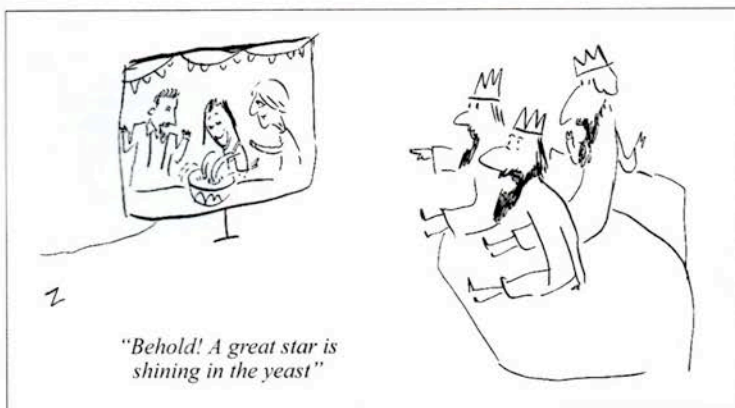
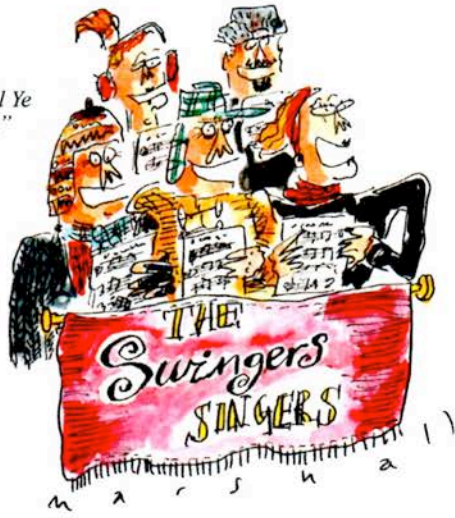
In a quiet voice he said: "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago, where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and started to cry and said: "Yes, I do remember that shop."

He replied: "Well, I'm in the pub next door!"



"O Come All Ye Unfaithful"



FORTHCOMING EVENTS - notes for your diary

JANUARY

Thursday 12th -----Carving Club – Oak Lodge School

Saturday 21st -----Annual General meeting

Thursday 26th -----Carving Club – Oak Lodge School

FEBRUARY

Thursday 9th -----Carving Club – Oak Lodge School

Thursday 16th -----Carving Club – Oak Lodge School
Note! – Third and not fourth Thursday

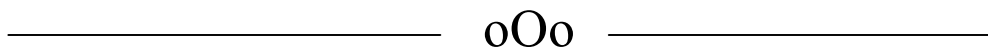
Saturday 18th -----Social: Nature’s Magic Moments (part 2)
Geoff Combes - photography

MARCH

Thursday 9th -----Carving Club – Oak Lodge School

Friday 17th -----Social: Demonstration of Green Woodcarving
Tony Foy

Thursday 23rd -----Carving Club – Oak Lodge School



“Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children,

they are all 30 feet tall”

Larry Wilde

