



# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

A huge thank you to all of you for continuing to support this little club – by re-joining. About a dozen members have been coming along to fortnightly carve-ins at Holbury. Extra thanks to Mary for making her spacious barn – and lovely garden – available to us. And special thanks to Paul for bringing along a large table and a wide range of tools for people to borrow – and to Pippa for providing the disinfectant and keeping the register. Carve-ins continue 3 July, 17 July, 31 July, and into August. We hope to have news from the school in July about evening workshops from September. Pippa is also the person to speak to if you want to order a club top.

The long awaited summer social, combined with AGM and Trophy Night, has been moved to Friday 23 July to comply with Covid restrictions. All being well, the documents for the AGM will be emailed out a week beforehand - we need your approval/comment on proposed changes to our constitution and votes for the committee and next year's membership fee. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend the social event on 23 July at St Andrews – in the Garden Lounge at the back, 7 for 7.30pm and wrapping up at 9pm. We are looking for a new Treasurer – not an onerous task but using online banking. Please contact Di (02380 845787) if you think you could help.

Please bring along a carving made in the last 2 years and your wood block creation. When you arrive you can collect numbered labels for your carving and your woodblock – decide whether you are a novice (carving for 3 years or less) or experienced. Write your name and title of carving on the back. Put your masterpieces on the appropriate tables with the label number showing. Everyone will have a voting slip requiring 4 votes – experienced and novice carvings and experienced and novice wood blocks. When it is time to vote, write in the numbers of your 4 choices and put them in the voting box. We will announce the results at the end of the evening.

Di Smith

## CARVE-INS

As Di said, we've been using Mary's barn for our carve-ins but the weather on the 5<sup>th</sup> June was so nice that we spread out into her lovely garden.



## WOOD SUPPLY

Recently we were contacted by Joyce Williams, the widow of Brian who many of you will remember as a stalwart of Waterside Woodcarvers for many, many years. Joyce is in the process of clearing one of the sheds in her garden containing a lot of the carving wood that Brian had collected over the years and has kindly donated it to us. There is quite a lot of it and I have made two trips to ferry it back to my place where I have been sorting through it to get rid of anything that is split or worm infested. I have also been trimming up any round logs into blocks convenient for carving. There is a wide variety of woods including cherry, walnut, oak, plane, laburnum, yew, mahogany and also some more exotic pieces. There are also a number of pieces of root for mounting. I am in the process of pricing it up and it will be considerably cheaper than the suppliers that we normally go to so if you are looking for a piece of wood for your next carving then please see me before looking elsewhere. I aim to be bringing along a selection to our fortnightly meetings. There are also a number of books which you may be interested in.

Paul

## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

A little look at what sort of things our members have been doing to stave off the boredom of lockdown.



Di Smith has completed this Humpback Whale which is made with the same green-tinged wood (caused by fungus) that she mentioned when describing her snake in the last newsletter.

On the left is Greg with his 'apprentice' in the process of constructing a pergola for friends.



As you can see by what I've written in pyrography on the bowl of the love spoon, I had a deadline for this one. It's a single piece of lime with colouring done by my eldest daughter who is a nail-artist. The flowers represent my second daughter's county flower, the Hampshire Rose and her husband's Somerset Cheddar Pink.

Paul



This wind-blown flag is Jake's latest piece. I don't know the wood but it's a big carving at about 30" by 18"



"Amazing what you can have delivered to your door now"



"We've updated all our equipment"



## NATURE NOTES

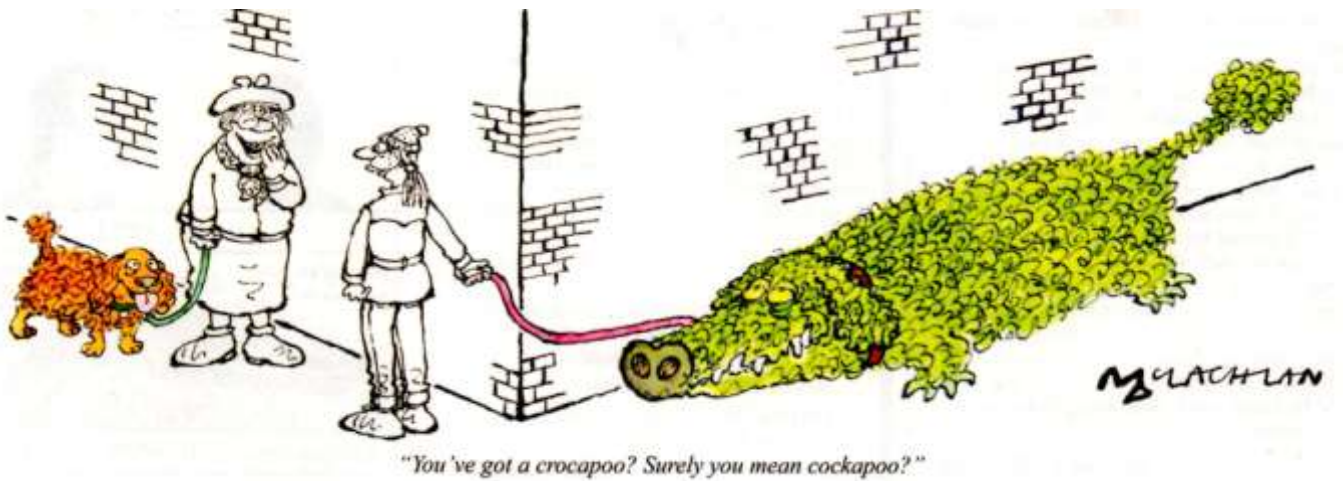
There's more to our members than just woodcarving. Here's a picture of Maggie and Pippa near the Heath roundabout photographing bee orchids. And on the right, the result of their efforts.



## SHIRTS

At the next carve-in we will be bringing along some of the club shirts. The club subsidises the cost of each item by £4.00 therefore the cost to you would be sweatshirts £13.00 and polo shirts £10.00. The chart below will give you an idea of the measurements. If you cannot make the carve-in but would like to order a shirt, please contact Pippa on 02380 207717 or [pippasmith28@gmail.com](mailto:pippasmith28@gmail.com)

<b>Sweatshirts</b>		
	Chest	Length
Small	19.5 ins. 50cm	26.5 ins. 67cm
Medium	22.5 ins. 57cm	27.5 ins. 69cm
Large	24.5 ins. 61cm	28.5 ins. 72cm
<b>Polo Shirts</b>		
	Chest	Length
Small	21 ins. 53cm	27 ins. 69cm
Medium	22.5 ins 56cm	28 ins. 71.5cm
Large	24 ins. 60cm	29 ins. 74cm
X Large	25 ins. 63cm	31 ins. 79cm



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS – notes for your diary

### JULY

Saturday 3rd.....Carve-in Mary's barn 10am – 3pm

Saturday 17th.....Carve-in Mary's barn 10am – 3pm

Friday 23rd.....Social/AGM/Trophy Night/Woodblock 7pm - 9pm  
St.Andrews

Saturday 31st.....Carve-in Mary's barn 10am – 3pm

### AUGUST

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>.....**Hythe of Activity**. 10-4pm

Organised by the parish council to help promote local clubs. We expect to have a table on the High Street and will be looking for 2 or 3 members to be there in shifts to oversee a 'Touch Table' of carvings and hand out some small leaflets about the club.

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> ..... **Woodcarvers BBQ** 4pm onwards

Maggie has kindly offered to host a club BBQ in her garden at Dairy Cottage, Kneller Lane, Ashurst Bridge (just off the A326/A35 junction). The club will provide some food and soft drinks. If you have special dietary requirements, please bring your own food, also any alcoholic drinks you want. More detail will be available nearer the time. Cost will be £5 per head, payable in advance by 31<sup>st</sup> July to help with the catering:- online to Waterside Woodcarvers, sort code 60-20-40, account no 61264490 or cash/cheque at the July social or a carve-in. As a form of (possible) entertainment, we will put up the club's gazebo – practice for doing it again at the Marchwood Fete on 11 Sept.

## **SEPTEMBER**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> ..... **Marchwood Fete.** 12-4pm with set-up 9-11am

Lloyd Recreation Ground. We will be putting up a large gazebo with sides and have a display of carvings plus some members actually carving. Should be a great event. We will be collecting names of people willing to help – putting up the gazebo needs at least 6 people.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> ..... **St.Andrews Exhibition.** 2-5pm with set-up from 1pm

In the main hall. It looks as if we will be sharing the space with a local U3A craft section, which should make for a very interesting afternoon. We will be looking for a great range of your carvings to show off and any help you can give to promote this event will be gratefully received. There are no prizes but in the past we have invited all visitors to vote for their favourite piece.

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*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."*

Michael Altshuler



