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COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

Workshops return!

We are delighted to report that, after an 18 month absence, we are returning to Applemore College for regular evening workshops. Please note these are now **at the earlier time of 6.30-8.30pm**. The 2021 autumn term dates are **Sep 16 and 30, Oct 14, Nov 11 and 25, Dec 9**. Mary Manston has kindly agreed to us having a carve-in at her barn on **Sat 30 October** to bridge the 4 week gap.

The cost of attending workshops this term is **£12**. It will help enormously if fees per term are paid online to the club bank account no. 61264490 sort code 60 20 40. Otherwise please bring a cheque made out to Waterside Woodcarvers.

Member info.

Following on from decisions made at the AGM the new Constitution is now available on the club website and we are working on a revised membership registration form that will include an option to share your phone/email with other members. We expect to bring this in as soon as possible - all members will be asked to complete the form. If you have opted to share your contact details, you will appear on a separate list that will be circulated to those members opting in. Otherwise your details will only be shared with the committee.

Exhibition Sat 18th September

Our Exhibition at St Andrews Church Hall, Dibden Purlieu is also another chance to socialise and meet other club members. It's just us in the big hall, so plenty of space. We will set up from 2-3pm, be open to the public 3-5pm and have an hour to clear away. Members will be able to get refreshments in the kitchen.

With so much space, please bring along as many carvings as you wish to display. Each will be given a number and everyone invited to vote for their favourite piece. There is no prize – it's just for fun and to engage our visitors. Maggie is going to do a demo of pyrography and several members will be carving/whittling. We will have a 'touch' table ("Please handle with care") but

otherwise will ask the public not to touch carvings on display. There will also be a sales table for small items and an opportunity to make your own Xmas bambies!

Even if you are not displaying any carvings, do come along if you can, meet and mingle with other members, get some inspiration from carvings on display and learn about pyrography. Please tell your friends and encourage them to come and see what we do.

Xmas Social

We have booked the Garden Lounge at St Andrews for Sat 11 Dec, 2-5pm. Expect fun, good food and a special raffle with all prizes/donations wrapped.

Di Smith

AGM / TROPHY NIGHT / WOODBLOCK CHALLENGE

Confusion caused by the pandemic continues and so we ended up combining our AGM (Normally March) with our trophy night (Normally June) and the woodblock challenge (Normally December) in....wait for it.... July!!

After the widespread relaxing of the Covid rules on the 19th of the month we met up in St. Andrews for the first time in ages on Friday the 23rd and there was a pleasingly large number of us who turned up ready to display what we had been beavering away on during the lockdowns. I noticed that to start with people were masked up, a little quiet and behaving rather cautiously whereas by the end of the evening it was a lot more free and easy as if we had never been away (perhaps the government were right to be careful).

Firstly we needed to deal with the AGM, the details of which can be found elsewhere but the main point was the election of Diane White as our new treasurer. She takes over from Kathy Hammond to whom we extend our thanks for her hard work over recent years especially overseeing the transition to online banking.

Then it was time to vote in the competitions which was potentially confusing, not just because there were two of them but also because each had been divided into “novice” and “experienced” sections but a system had been devised which turned out to be quite easy. What wasn’t easy was deciding what to vote for since the entries were all so varied that it was difficult to compare like with like. As usual it just came down to personal preference and when it was all totted up the results were as follows:

Club Trophy (Experienced)

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| 1. Dorothy Lockyer | 2. Andy Wainman | 3. Di Smith |
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Club Trophy (Novice)

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| 1. Jake Young | 2. Greg Dawe | 3. Kailas Patel |
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Woodblock Challenge (Experienced)

1. Pippa Smith/Roger Elliot
2. Allan Mechen/Paul Humphriss

Woodblock Challenge (novice)

1. Jake Young
2. Yvonne Shackleton
3. Kailas Patel



Woodblock Challenge entries



Club Trophy entries



Pippa Smith / Roger Elliott



Jake Young

Cont.



Dorothy Lockyer



Andy Wainman

HYTHE OF ACTIVITY

On Saturday 7th August in the middle of Hythe we had our first public event for a very long time. It was called “Hythe of Activity” and was an opportunity for all the local community groups, clubs and societies to set out their stalls to show the public what they do and encourage people to come and join them.

About half a dozen of us set up a gazebo outside Lloyds Bank in rather windy and showery conditions but took the precaution of tying our shelter to that of the Guide Dog people next door who were in turn tied to a fire engine so we figured that we wouldn't get blown away entirely.

It turned out to be a very busy day with a lot of chatting and quite a bit of interest from people keen to learn the art of woodcarving. Obviously at the time we were not able to give people fixed times as we were unaware of them ourselves but we told them how to stay in touch and hopefully we may get one or two new members in due course. We also picked up a few potential commissions.



Maggie and Di engage the public

THE REPAIR SHOP

One lady approached us at the Hythe event to ask if we could make an improvement to a flower holder that she had. It consisted of a flat piece of slate with a hole in it under which was an oval shaped metal reservoir which had nothing to disguise it, so I produced a piece of pine which matched the outline of the slate with a cut out for the reservoir. I then burned and brushed the edge to give it an attractive texture and colour matched it to the item of furniture on which it was to stand.



"Well now you're getting your jab"



"No, no... it was you who said let's get a puppy during lockdown!!"

PICNIC

On the afternoon of Thursday 19th August we took another step back to normality by having a picnic in Maggie's gorgeous garden at Colbury. Although the weather was forecast to be reasonable we decided to use the occasion as an opportunity to re-familiarise ourselves with putting up our marquee since we would be required to do that for real at the upcoming Marchwood fete. So a number of us showed up in the morning and under Pippa's expert guidance we soon had a fine looking shelter for later in the day.

Around fifteen members and spouses turned up and spent a very pleasant afternoon chatting and tucking in to the delicious grub laid on for free by the club. There were also a couple of garden games to keep us amused: Maggie had devised a kind of lawn darts with cash prizes to be won and Paul had brought along a kind of Scandinavian wooden skittles game called Molky which involved knocking down numbered pins to achieve a score of 50 which was eventually won by Dot.

It was a great way to get back into the swing of meeting socially and thanks must go to Maggie for kindly allowing us the use of her garden and also to the ladies who came up with the baking for the picnic.



CHEESE STRAWS

One point of interest that arose from the picnic was the cheese straws that Pippa had brought along. These apparently were to a popular recipe used by former members Fred and Margaret Wilson who some of you may remember. We thought they were so tasty that the recipe should be shared so here it is.

Ingredients

250g plain flour
 250g butter chopped into small pieces
 250g strong cheddar cheese finely grated
 125g parmesan cheese finely grated
 1 tsp dry mustard
 1 tsp cayenne pepper

Method

Oven:-200C, Mark 6 Time :-approx. 15 mins or until very golden brown

1. Sift flour, salt, mustard and cayenne pepper.
2. Rub in butter (a lot of butter in proportion to flour so quite sticky!)
3. Add cheese having mixed the two types first.
4. Mix into a soft dough.
5. Roll out on a floured surface to about 1cm thickness.
6. Cut into 6 cm length and 1cm wide strips. I often open freeze them at this stage, they store in a box well.
7. When ready to cook don't thaw out just coat in beaten egg and cook. They do spread so leave space between them.
8. Don't be tempted to take out of oven too soon they will go soggy!



DON ANDREW

In August we were saddened to learn of the death of Don Andrew at the age of 96. Don was a long standing member of our group along with his wife Joyce and they both served for many years on the committee with Joyce as Secretary and Don as Treasurer. Joyce didn't carve but Don was a very gifted carver whose speciality was birds and more specifically birds of prey which he carved with great accuracy producing exquisite detail on the feathering. Due to the intricacy of his carvings, he had to be careful in



transporting them and some of his carrying boxes were almost as complex as the carvings themselves! There were occasions at exhibitions when people were keen to buy his carvings and one woman at the Lymington exhibition really pleaded with him to sell but he never did. Such was the contribution of the couple to our club that they were made honorary members back in 2018. Sadly Don suffered badly with his sight in recent years and was unable to continue with his carving. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Joyce.

At the time of writing we know only that the funeral will be held on Monday 27th September but time and location are yet to be announced.

SHIRTS

A reminder of what we have available as club clothing. 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 would like one please see Pippa.

Sweatshirts		
	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
Polo Shirts		
	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

MARCHWOOD FETE

For our second public event since the pandemic we were invited to a venue we had not attended before which was Marchwood Fete at the Lloyd Recreation Ground in the village. Using the large 9m x 3m gazebo which we had practised with at the recent picnic, we soon had our shelter up and set out a touch table to allow the visitors to handle some of our more robust pieces. Thankfully the weather was kind to us being dry with plenty of sunny spells and little wind (although it did pick up a little later causing us to think about perhaps making more use of the guy ropes in future).

When the gates were opened at midday there was no shortage of people coming in to enjoy all the stalls, the food and drink and all the shows in the arena by people like the rugby club, the army, a jester, young gymnasts, children's races and plenty of dog shows including a tail-wagging competition into which Diane White entered her adorable pooch, but sadly he wasn't even short-listed!

We had a steady stream of visitors keen to chat about our craft and, who knows, maybe some future members. We were sure to tell them about our upcoming exhibition in Purlieu so that they could see a much greater range of our work. We even had a visit from our local MP Julian Lewis.



The touch table



Diane & Yvonne



Greg - a picture of concentration

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – notes for your diary

Remember! Club nights are now 6.30 to 8.30

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 16th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College
- Saturday 18th.....Exhibition – St. Andrew’s Hall, Dibden Purlieu
see Committee Chippings above for the details
- Thursday 30th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

OCTOBER

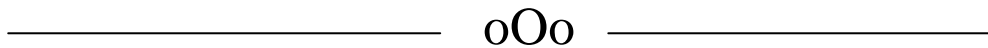
- Thursday 14th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College
- Saturday 30th.....Carve-in Mary’s barn 10am – 3pm

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 11th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College
- Thursday 25th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

DECEMBER

- Thursday 9th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College
- Saturday 11th.....Christmas Social – Garden Lounge
St. Andrews Church Hall 2-5pm



"Hope is just disappointment that hasn't happened yet."

Homer Simpson

