



# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

First of all warm welcome to our new members Luke, Brian, Chris, Jo, Debbie, Brian and David. We hope you are enjoying your carving and club membership and that you continue to do so in the New Year.

Your committee have been beavering away to get dates for future workshops and socials booked and making arrangements for the Christmas social on Sat 11 Dec, our first since 2019. Read on for details.

Our first social in 2022 will be Sat 19 March – our AGM and WOOD BLOCK CHALLENGE. So if you have a block, you still have 3 months to get it finished – the theme: Myths and Legends.

Di Smith

## A NEW TROPHY FOR 2022

We are delighted to announce a new trophy. Allan Mechen has created a beautiful wooden cup with carved handles. We are calling it the **Members' Cup** and it will be awarded to a member who has done something special to do with wood carving or the club over the previous calendar year to be presented at the AGM. For example, it might be overcoming a difficulty, making something outstanding or doing something special for the benefit of the club. It is called the Members Cup because it will be based on nominations by the members. Please send in your nominations for 2021, with reasons, to me (dianasmith291(at)btinternet.com) by the end of February, so that we can present this lovely new trophy at the AGM in March.



## **DIBDEN PURLIEU EXHIBITION**

As you are all aware, our annual exhibition had been in Lymington for many years and it had become almost a given that we would continue to go there but, as with so many things, Covid has changed the rules and after missing out completely in 2020, the committee decided to change the venue to something much closer to home in Dibden Purlieu.

Thus it was that we turned up in the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Main Hall at St.Andrews Centre for a much shortened exhibition of just two hours between 3 and 5. There were concerns that we might not see many people since unlike Lymington we had no holidaymakers, no market visitors and very little in the way of passing trade, but our fears were unfounded largely because we put a lot of effort into advertising which resulted in a very busy couple of hours entertaining interested people who had made a specific journey to see what we are about.

Obviously, from a financial point of view this event didn't compare with Lymington where we can reckon on giving our funds a serious boost what with charging for entry, selling refreshments and running a tombola but that was not really the point. Our funds are very healthy at the moment with no real need to push for more and this was a good way to test the water with a new venue after the uncertainties of the pandemic and it may well be that we continue in this way in subsequent years.

One aspect of the usual exhibition we retained was getting the public to vote for their favourite carving and the worthy winner was Pippa Smith with her fantastic Mobius Strip.

I think all involved had a great time and thanks to everyone for all the effort put in.



*Plenty of interest*



*Dorothy ready for action*



*Maggie with her pyrography demonstration*



"That one's full of Christmas presents"



"You visited how many households last night?"



"So, Wenceslas, there's a risk you'll be seen as a 'do-gooder'"



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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER**

Dear Members

Well it is hard to believe that 2021 is already coming to a close. I am sure that we will all be looking forward to the New Year which is now just around the corner. With that in mind your annual membership fee is due at the beginning of January, and as approved at the AGM the cost for 2022 will remain the same, at a very reasonable £10.00.

The new term begins for us on 6<sup>th</sup> January and we will have 7 workshops up to Easter, so workshop fees will be payable on 6<sup>th</sup> January. You may not be aware that Applemore has started to charge the club for the use of two classrooms, where previously we were charged for one, so the room hire charges have doubled. It is therefore necessary for the workshops to be charged at £3 per session (an increase of £1) from now on. The amount for the term is £21.00. In summary: annual membership is £10, and Applemore workshops for Jan –March is £21. If you intend to come to the workshops, the total payable is £31.00

It is much easier for the administration if you can pay by bank transfer from your account, so please use this method if possible. Details below.

Bank Account Name: Waterside Woodcarvers  
Sort Code: 60-20-40 (NatWest)  
Account Number: 61264490

Please include your membership name in the reference if it is different from your bank account name. Pippa will be coming round to check your membership details in January. If you have any queries please see me at the workshop or email me.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Diane White (dianewhite58901(at)icloud.com)  
Treasurer

## **...AND FROM TRISH SAYERS**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

The Christmas Party is being held in the garden room at St Andrews Church, Dibden Purlieu at 2pm. On arrival, please sign in and sanitize your hands. There will then be time to chat with one another, buy your raffle tickets, before a game of skittles begins, it is entirely up to you if you wish to join in. At approximately 3:15pm the tables will be set up for the Christmas Buffet. About 4:15pm the raffle will be drawn. We hope there will be some volunteers to help clear the room and to help with the washing up etc in the kitchen. And in accordance with current advice it goes without saying that if you feel unwell on the day, then please don't come along.

If you are unable to come to the party please telephone Pippa, 02380207717 / 07724763073, so that the catering can be adjusted.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Please bring a prize, Xmas wrapped, for the raffle. The tickets will cost £1 each, maximum £5 per person.



## **CLUB SHOP**

Over the years we have acquired a large number of tools for the use of club members on Thursday evenings so that beginners do not need to buy expensive items which they may subsequently realise are not really needed. However, we feel that we probably have rather more than necessary at the moment and so we will be offering some of them for sale to members.

Also we have bought some carving gloves which are very helpful in preventing nicks and cuts. Since these are ambidextrous and many carvers wish to use just the one glove on the work-holding hand, they will be for sale individually and not as pairs (but if you want to buy two then that is fine).

So keep an eye on the shop at the Applemore workshop in the near future.

## **YOUR COMMITTEE**

This club would not exist or function if it were not for the committee. In case you are wondering, here is a list of who currently does what. In November, the committee co-opted Yvonne as club secretary. Kailas has stood down and we thank her for her contribution. This list will also be kept up to date on our website [www.watersidewoodcarvers.co.uk](http://www.watersidewoodcarvers.co.uk)

**Di Smith.** Chair: chair meetings, introduce speakers, club strategy, plan ahead. Publicity: update website, write ups for local publications, advertising, fliers, posters.

**Diane White.** Treasurer: keep accounts, manage payments in and out, insurance. Book rooms, keep register of attendance, collect subs.

**Yvonne Shackleton.** Secretary: record and circulate minutes, book speakers, retrieve and engrave trophies.

**Pippa Smith.** Manage club clothing. Membership registration and next of kin, meet and greet new members, hand out badges, refreshments, Hythe Library display.

**Paul Humphriss.** Newsletter editor, publish online – and print a few copies, tutor, purchase and maintain tools, equipment and wood, make wood blanks for beginners, run 'shop'.

**Maggie Port.** Keep lists of equipment and its whereabouts, store some equipment including woodblocks.

**Roger Elliot.** Purchase woodblocks, tutor, provide club badges.

**Trish Sayers.** Manage raffle, provide indoor skittles.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** – notes for your diary

Remember! Club nights are now 6.30 to 8.30

**DECEMBER**

Thursday 9th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College  
Remember to use the main entrance!

Saturday 11th.....Christmas Social – Garden Lounge  
St. Andrews Church Hall 2-5pm

**JANUARY 2022**

Thursday 6th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 20th..... Club night – Applemore Technology College

**FEBRUARY**

Thursday 3rd.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 17th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

**MARCH**

Thursday 3rd.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 17th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Saturday 19th.....AGM and woodblock challenge competition  
St. Andrews Church Hall 2-5pm

Thursday 31st.....Club night – Applemore Technology College



*"Nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad when you've got a Christmas tree in the living room."*