



# NEWSLETTER

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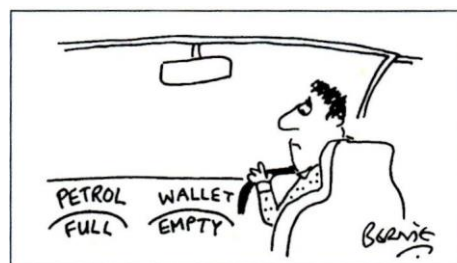
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## COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

At the AGM the current committee was voted back in.

- Di Smith – Chair
- Yvonne Shackleton – Sec
- Diane White - Treasurer
- Pippa Smith
- Paul Humphriss – newsletter
- Maggie Port – Equipment
- Trish Sayer

Jo has been busy getting our club first aid kit stocked with suitable and up to date items. We hope we will not need it. Applemore College has a defibrillator beside the main entrance and there is an emergency contact number for the college on the club noticeboard.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Obviously we had no Christmas get-together in 2020 but those of you who came along in 2019 will remember that it was quite a crowded affair and judging by the numbers putting their names down, that's how it was looking in the run-up to the 2021 party, so a decision was made to change the venue from the usual Garden Lounge at St Andrew's to the Main Hall. I think it's fair to say that the Hall doesn't have the same cosy feel as the lounge but in terms of space it was great. We had ample room for the skittles at one end with food tables down one side and raffle on the other. There was access to the kitchen hatch at the top end and in the middle we could lay out as many tables and chairs as needed for the serious chatting and socialising that needed to be done.



Greg Dawe did a great job of getting everyone organised for the skittles and marking the scores on the whiteboard and after each of us having two goes at the surprisingly difficult game, Brian Butcher took the prize for the highest score.

The food was up to the usual high standard and with the slight tweak of a limit put on the number of raffle tickets purchased that went off really well. So all in all it was a great way to round off what had been another challenging but enjoyable year for the Waterside Woodcarvers.



*Barbara in action*



*Christmas Fayre*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We had a good crowd, the formal business was over quickly so there was plenty of time for socialising, a picture quiz, voting, eating wonderful cakes/cookies buying wood blocks and enjoying the raffle.

A variety of books were made available by Pippa for members to take. Donations for the books raised £27 for the Ukrainian support fund.

**The Members' Cup** was jointly awarded to Mary Manston and Paul Humphriss.

“Once we were allowed to gather again, Mary has let us have the use of her barn every other Saturday from April to August 2021 which gave us somewhere safe to meet and carve. That involved clearing out equipment or a tractor each time and she even supplied tea, coffee and cakes.”

“When we had to meet at the barn Paul always arrived early and provided an extra table, all the tools, mini shop and wood pieces and spare work benches. He also provided a gazebo for an event in Hythe and our picnic. It is his thoughtful behind the scenes contribution that enabled other club members to take part.”

### **Woodblock Challenge**

There were 5 entries in the novice category and 6 in the experienced category. There were a lot of dragons!

| Novice                            | Experienced                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Dot Woodland      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Allan Mechen  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Manston      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maggie Port   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yvonne Shackleton | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Roger Elliott |



*All the Entries*





*Allan Mechen*



*The Novice Entries*



*Mary with the Member's Cup*



*Dot Woodland*

**Next Woodblock Challenge:**

Topic chosen is "Sea creatures", to be presented at the December social. Woodblocks cost £5 this year (they are a different shape this time), and are available at Applemore workshops.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** – notes for your diary**MARCH**

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

**APRIL**

Saturday 9th.....Carve-in at Mary's barn 10-3  
123, Rolleston Rd, Holbury SO45 2HB  
Bring chair, workbench and lunch. Club tools will be available

Thursday 28th..... Club night – Applemore Technology College

**MAY**

Thursday 12th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 26th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

**JUNE**

Thursday 9th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Sunday 12th.....Royden Wood Fair  
Marquee, small display, demos, sales. Details TBC

Friday 17th.....Trophy Night 7-9  
One entry per person. Novice and experienced categories.

Thursday 23rd.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

**JULY**

Saturday 2nd.....Marchwood Fete  
Marquee, small display, demos.

Thursday 7th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 14th.....Club night – Applemore Technology College

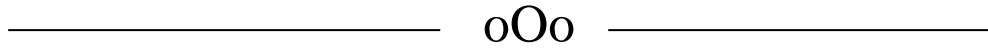
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.....Club afternoon/evening picnic

Saturday 30th.....Hythe & District Horticultural & Craft Show  
Woodcarving category. Entry forms required in advance

**AUGUST**

Saturday 6th.....Hythe of Activity  
Gazebo, small display, demos

Saturday 13th.....Annual Exhibition  
Time to show off what we do.



*Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.*

J.F.K.