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COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

It was lovely that over 20 members made it to the June Social and to see such a wonderful array of carvings from both experienced and novice carvers for 'Trophy Night'. Congratulations to everyone who entered a carving and to the worthy winners of the trophies.

As the club is financially secure, the committee has decided to subsidise the minibus outing to Yandles on 7th October (payment of £20 per head is now due please). We are also reducing the fee for workshops at Noadswood since we are getting an average attendance of 20 and are managing with one room. That means the next term will only cost £16 for the 8 workshops, starting 7th September to 14th December.

The hot weather may be nice for some but our lime tree, planted at Gangwarily last December for the Queen's Green Canopy, is suffering with the drought. Paul has been visiting regularly to water it and it is 'hanging on'. We sincerely hope that it recovers and gets sufficiently established to withstand such conditions in the future.

Di Smith

CARVE-IN

If you're reading this in the current spell of warm and sunny June weather, you're probably wondering about the preponderance of jackets and fleeces in this photo. Well that's because it's from back in April when Mary Manston once again kindly invited us to use her barn in Holbury as a meeting place during Noadswood School's Easter holidays. Thanks Mary, we really do appreciate it.



JUNE SOCIAL & TROPHY NIGHT

It was a lovely balmy June evening when we met at St. Andrew's on the 16th for our annual trophy competition and social evening. First off, we divided up the grassy area into three and divided ourselves up into groups of three ready for the keenly-fought boules challenge. As usual there was much confusion over the rules and much measuring of distances between the balls to get that vital half an inch. There was also a lot of laughter from some teams so I'm not sure what the neighbours were thinking. Eventually after each team had played two ends against every other team we had a winner in the black team which consisted of Di, Gosia and Pete Sayers who all went away with Mars bars.



After all that excitement it was time for the serious business of the Trophy Competition and it was nice to see that we had a good number of entries in both the novice and experienced sections. Everyone was given a voting slip on which to mark the number of their favourite piece from each category and after much deliberation the results were as follows:-

Experienced Carvers

1st Di Smith with her chameleon

2nd (joint) Maggie Port with her rabbit
Pippa Smith with her elephant



Novice Carvers

1st Mark Baker with his hare

2nd Mary Manston with her herons



The presentation picture didn't come out but here's a picture of Mary on the night anyway.

Throughout the evening there was a table with various tools, books and sandpaper for sale together with a large collection of wood. This proved popular as we added over £30 to the club funds. All in all it was a busy night – so much so that we didn't even have time for tea and coffee!

A PAIN IN THE NECK

As many of you know, your editor takes part in the “Woodlanders” art exhibition in Burley in the first two weeks of September every year where I sit and whittle or carve for the benefit of visitors and hopefully buyers.

Well, ever since last year's event I have been suffering with neck pain and recently visited the chiropractor in Hythe to hopefully sort it out and I'm glad to say that there has been a great improvement. I should have gone earlier.

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So the lesson in this for all us carvers is that if we are carving for a long period of time we need to regularly (about every half hour) stop, get up and walk around and do plenty of neck stretching exercises to keep everything free and supple.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION 12TH AUGUST

Looking ahead, our annual exhibition is not far off. This is when we show off and let everyone know what a great club we are! **We will need as many members as possible to help on the day.** The room is booked from 10am – 4pm and open to the public 11am-3pm, so we need help to set up and clear away lots of tables. To help the voting for ‘Best in show’, this year we propose having one table with members invited to place up to 2 carvings for visitors to vote for. Elsewhere members are invited to have up to 6 carvings on general display. Paul is providing a carved bird for the prize draw and tickets will be £2. There will also be a ‘Touch Table’ (Please Handle with Care) and a sales table of carvings. Tea and coffee will be available for all members on the day. We hope a number of you will also come prepared to do some carving/whittling by way of demonstration: Maggie will do a pyrography demo.

Flyers will be available at Noadswood for you to take away and hand out to friends etc. Di will also email the flyer out so that you can share it electronically. If you can promote the event in other ways (facebook groups, etc) please do.



On the second day, it dawned on Ethel that Gerald had actually arranged a holiday on the Norfolk B roads



“...so, no trouble swallowing, but difficulty when you try to stand up. And where exactly is this piercing pain?”

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

Saturday 24th (10 – 3).....Healthy Haven Garden Party
Rear of Hythe Medical Centre

JULY

Saturday 1st (9 – 11).....Marchwood Fete

Thursday 6th.....Club night – Noadswood School

Saturday 15th (3 – 7).....Club Picnic
Kaili's place in Beaulieu
Free to members but a charge of £5 for guests

Thursday 20th.....Club night – Noadswood School

AUGUST

Thursday 3rd.....Club night – Noadswood School
Extra session £3 pay as you go

Saturday 5th.....Hythe of Activity
Hythe High Street

Saturday 12th (11 – 3).....Annual Exhibition
(see details above)

Thursday 17th.....Club night – Noadswood School
Extra session £3 pay as you go

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 7th.....Club night – Noadswood School

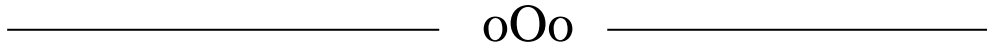
Friday 15th (7 – 9).....Social Meeting St. Andrew's
Details TBA

Thursday 21st.....Club night – Noadswood School

FURTHER AHEAD

Saturday 7th October.....Trip to Yandles sawmills

Saturday 9th December.....Christmas party



“Summer's lease hath all too short a date.” - Shakespeare