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COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

Your committee now consists of Di Smith (Chair), Malcolm Collins (Treasurer), Paul Humphriss, Maggie Port, Diane White and Andy McCaffrey.

We have already booked the Garden Room at St Andrews for Trophy Night on 14 June. Trophy Night is when you show everyone what you have been carving, other than your Woodblock of course. One entry per person please and you can enter the experienced or novice category. We look forward to a wide array of items. If you are unable to attend in person, please arrange for someone else to take along your carving (Mark did that last year and won the novice category!)

In addition, over the summer, we are anticipating a summer picnic in Kaili's garden (date to be announced) and to attend the Marchwood Fete and Hythe of Activity events to help promote the club and Maggie is planning to hold a follow-up 'burning' session on pyrography. We have also booked St Andrews main hall on Sat 17 August for our annual Exhibition and on Sat 7 Dec for our Xmas party.

There is interest in a repeat visit to Yandles Timber mill near Yeovil but if anyone has other suggestions for club outings, please share them with any committee member. We have yet to set the dates for the autumn term workshops and September social.

We were pleased to welcome two new members this term: Nicola and (another) Mike. There is certainly a wide range of projects on the go and we encourage everyone to wander round the workshops at Noadswood to see what others are doing – and maybe get some inspiration for your next project.

Summer term dates are at the end of this newsletter and on the club website. Fees for next term are £16 to cover 8 workshops.

AGM & SOCIAL

On Saturday March 16th despite a number of apologies, we had a good attendance at our first social meeting of the year in the Garden Lounge at St. Andrews.

The first item was of course the formal AGM which is always necessary in a club like ours. This year it was fairly simple as we had two people leaving the committee and one joining. Unfortunately one person leaving was not able to be present and that was Pippa who has served for something like twenty-five years, so huge thanks to her for her tremendous service to the club. The member joining is Andy McCaffrey, so welcome to him

We were delighted to welcome the renowned woodcarver Alex Jones as our guest speaker for the afternoon. Alex, who is based in Winchester, has produced numerous prestigious carvings for schools, churches, royal colleges and even the Lost Gardens of Heligan. In his work he aims to challenge people's perception of the natural world around them and we could see fabulous examples of this on the video presentation that he gave which included giant beetles, wasps and spiders as well as life sized human figures.



After that it was time for what has become an annual feature at the AGM and that is the start of the Woodblock Challenge. This year, due to difficulty in sourcing lime wood we had tulipwood instead with all those wishing to take part paying £4 for their block. In the previous few months we had been asking for ideas for the theme and so we had quite a list to vote on. After a show of hands on all the items on the list we decided on "Walt Disney". So you all have until Christmas to come up with your masterpiece (please NOT fifteen Mickey Mouses!).

The member's cup for the person deemed to have gone the extra mile for the club was presented at the meeting. This year is went to Chris Challis who sorts out the refreshments at the Thursday meetings, helps out other members with lifts and often comes up with treats and ideas that go a long way to help the smooth running of the club. And for just being an all round good guy.

There was a short discussion about holding workshops at Noadswood during the summer holidays. There was a keen interest in doing so on Thursday evenings, continuing the current pattern. Look out for dates once this is booked. As before, it will operate on a pay as you go basis to cover hire costs.

Paul brought tools, books and wood for sale which raised just under £90

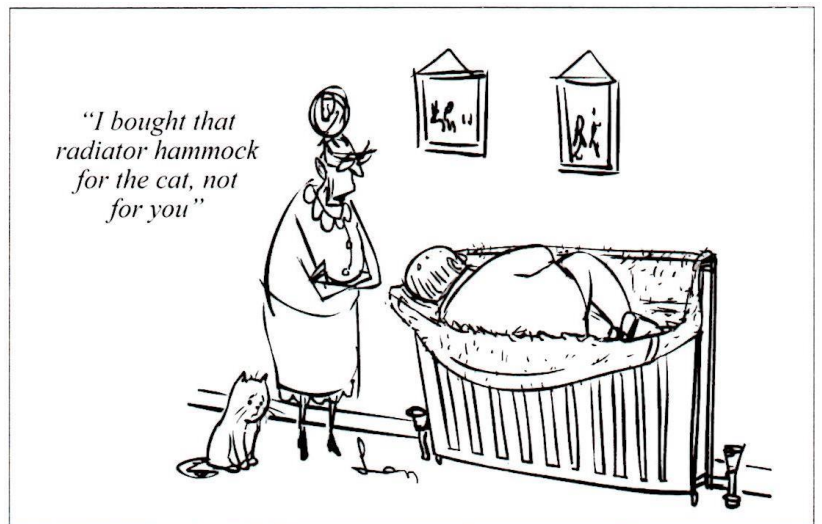
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*Member's Cup winner,
Chris Challis*



Alex Jones giving his talk



FORTHCOMING EVENTS – notes for your diary

MARCH

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

APRIL

Thursday 18th.....Club night – Noadswood School

MAY

Thursday 2nd.....Club night – Noadswood School

Thursday 16th.....Club night – Noadswood School

Thursday 30th.....Club night – Noadswood School

JUNE

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

Friday 14th (7-9pm).....Social : Trophy Night and boules/skittles

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

JULY

Thursday 4th.....Club night – Noadswood School

Thursday 18th.....Club night – Noadswood School

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 17th August 10am-4pm (11-3 for the public).....Annual Exhibition
St.Andrews main hall

Saturday 7th December (2-5pm).....Xmas social at St. Andrews



"No winter lasts forever. No spring skips its turn."

Hal Borland