



NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTEE CHIPPINGS

We have fortnightly bookings for workshops at Noadswood through the autumn term but from now on we need to have a certified **first aider** present. Paul and Mark are going to do a 1 day course but having more members with a suitable qualification would be really good. So if you already have a qualification and attend the Noadswood workshops, or are interested in doing the course, please get in touch with Di. The club will cover the cost of the training.

Andy Mac now holds our current stock of **club tops** and can take orders. Polo shirts and sweatshirts with our logo are subsidised by the club and cost about £12 -15. When we promote the club at events such as Exbury Fete and our Annual Exhibition it looks great if members are wearing club tops.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend our **annual exhibition** at St Andrews on Sat 17 Aug, even if it is a quick visit to get some inspiration from the range of carvings on display – bring your friends and family!. There will be carvings for sale and a prize draw for a beautiful robin and young that Maggie has created especially for us: tickets will only be available on the day at the exhibition. Please do all you can to promote this event: it is our main shop window and often generates new members. We do now have some spare capacity at Noadswood if you know anyone interested in joining the club.

Many thanks to Kaili for offering to host our **annual picnic** on Sat 13 July and to Mary for taking on the catering. Di will be emailing out more detail and a request for numbers for catering and for help to put up the large gazebo in the morning. This has proved to be a very popular and fun event (no carving required) and friends and family are welcome.

BURN AT THE BARN (2)

After the success of the pyrography sessions in November last year it was decided to have another go and further develop the skills we had learned then. Mary kindly provided the use of her barn and Maggie once again provided the tuition together with some of the bits and pieces we needed. As per last time there was a healthy number of members wanting to have a go including some who could not make it to the first one so we divided the day into morning and afternoon sessions which made for comfortable numbers. Unlike last time the weather was a lot more pleasant and so we were able to have the doors open giving more natural light which always helps with this sort of activity. There were periods of chatter and other times of silent concentration as we worked carefully on our pieces and before we knew it the session was over and it was time to compare our efforts. Thanks go to Maggie and Mary and all who came along to make it a fun day for all.



The afternoon crew in action



A good afternoon's work

NOTE FROM PIPPA

Dear Waterside Woodcarvers,

I recently received a beautiful bouquet of flowers and much to my surprise an honorary membership to our club. I may have put something into our lovely, thriving club over the years but I have gained so much, much more from it. I have learnt how to carve, giving me the best hobby I can think of and have made so many, many friends. I send you all my thanks. I may be absent right now but I will be back once I get over my current little problem.

See you all soon.

Love Pippa

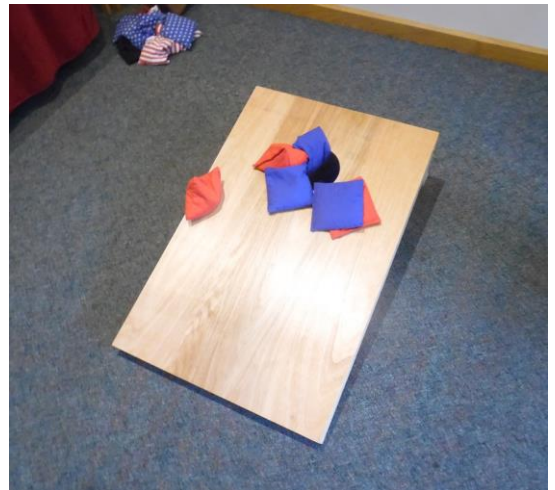
SOCIAL EVENING & TROPHY NIGHT

So much for climate change. The summer continued to be conspicuous by its absence and the forecast for our June social was pretty dire so the boules match was put on hold and we stayed in the Garden Lounge for some indoor entertainment instead.

This time it was provided by Mark who had recently made his own version of “Corn Hole”. Most of us didn’t have a clue about this but apparently if you’re from the USA it would be very familiar. Basically it consists of a sloping wooden board with a hole in it – and that’s about it. Players are arranged in pairs and each takes it in turn to throw a type of beanbag (or corn bag as the name suggests) and try to get it into the hole. Three points if you’re successful and one point if your bag stays on the board. Simple but fun and we all had a good laugh at some of the wayward attempts. Everyone had three goes and at the end Andy Mac and Di Smith were the joint winners so well done them and thanks to Mark and Julia for bringing it along; I reckon we’ll be doing that again.



Mark and Trish battle it out



The target

After the fun and games it was time to judge the entries in our Annual Trophy Competition. It would have been nice to have had a few more entries but the quality was as high as ever. There were two categories: Experienced and Novice and the entries can be seen below.



Cont.

Results

Premier Cup : Paul Humphriss

Shield : Joint winners Maggie Port and Dorothy Lockyer

Novice Cup : Mary Manston



Maggie

Dorothy

Paul

Mary

ANNUAL EXHIBITION 17TH AUGUST

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. Maggie 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.

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

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

JULY

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

Saturday 13th (time TBC)..... Picnic at Kaili's place in Beaulieu
 Food, drink and games
 Free to members
 Guests £5
 Help needed to set up in morning

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

AUGUST

Thursday 1st.....Club night – Noadswood School

Saturday 3rd.....Exbury Fete
 12 noon – 4.00pm
 Set-up 10.30
 Help needed to erect marquee
 Bring carvings for display and own chair

Thursday 15th.....Club night – Noadswood School

Saturday 17th.....Annual Exhibition
 (See previous page)

Sunday 25th.....Stock Gaylard Oak Fair
 Shaftesbury, Dorset
 This is an event that may be of
 interest to members but we are not
 organising transport. Members will
 need to organise cars themselves.

Thursday 29th.....Club night – Noadswood School

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 12th.....Club night – Noadswood School

Friday 20th.....Social
Soap carving with Allan Mechen



It doesn't matter how you vote; the government always gets in

Anon.