

**Woodcarvers in
South East London**

WOODENTOPS Newsletter

April 2017

We meet on:

The first Saturday of each month
9am-1pm. New members welcome!

The Woodentops is the SE London and W Kent Branch of the BWA

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Monster Edition

This month we look at some large scale carvings (below and next page).



Paul Walco (Friend of Woodentops on Facebook) writes on Facebook: "This is what I have to compete with at the world's largest chainsaw event in Ridgway Rendezvous [USA]. Thomas Earing is the artist." See more of Thomas's work at <https://www.facebook.com/totks>

Monster Wardrobe



From Latvia, this wardrobe is a bit more than a weekend job!!

<http://sad.co.ua/skazochno-originalnyie-neobyichnyie-shkafyi/#comment-5210>

Monster Tree Spirits

The carver of the tree below writes on <http://media.photobucket.com/user/dewragdave/media/BigTrol1Me.jpg.html>:

'This is my first chain-sawed wood spirit in a live tree'

Unfortunately the name of the carver is not given. One wonders if the tree will appreciate this live surgery., but nice carving.



Made with a chainsaw—like all of sculptor Andrew Frost's wood carvings—this huge statue on the right is a version of "Green Man," which typically represents rebirth and renaissance. Photo from **Alan's Gallery** via Flickr.com and <http://www.womansday.com/life/a1121/8-wonderful-wood-carvings-100663/>.



Gehard Demetz

Gehard Demetz is an inspired carver. His raw materials are interesting – the use of blocks, glued together but with gaps in between. **More on this carver in the next issue**, but for the time being, this shot below is from Woman's Day and helps us commemorate International Women's Day which took place on 8 March this year. Shot from:

https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=monster+wood+carving&tbm=isch&imgil=GK6b_Ok7lGdJbM%253A%253Bx49ixfXaeNcpRM%253Bhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Fwww.etsy.com%25252Fsearch%25253Fq%2525253Dwerewolf%2525252Bspirit&source=iu&pf=m&fir=GK6b_Ok7lGdJbM%253A%252C%252Cx49ixfXaeNcpRM%252C_&usg=__o8aqPmrXvJulix_3gOWa9L0cRps%3D&biw=1536&bih=744&ved=0ahUKewjX1_-7tOzSAhVrI8AKHug3A8EQyjclKQ&ei=UKLTWNfvOuvGgAbI7oylDA#q=monster+wood+carving&tbm=isch&tbs=ring:CuwWAccBTz7xljqWSS_10zJYajdKE-JeoQ4A9jU725NXB_1L8H6-wR9xDId68nKWDnUbyxSjvsEF3bcv3NUqpamjioSCSpZJL_1TMLhoEdA2LT9WXAm6KhIJI2QT4I6hDgARcJOGaNmRgiMqEgn2NTvbK1cH8hFwStKkXMJ1jyoSCQvwfr7BH3EMEstPob4tf3uOKhIJh3rycpYODrsRDG3ePlobfYcqEgnLFIm-wQXdtxHQMyWM5lCFeSoSCS_1c1SqlqaOaEcbUdZnHFVVB&*&imgrc=TBYBxwFPPVfzBM:&spf=491



Practising your Letter Carving Skills

Here's an idea to help give you a chance to practise your letter carving – a carved board (or set of boards as shown here) showing your 'life-together' key moments.

From: <http://www.best100homedecorpictures.us/diy-home-decor/making-a-sanding-drum/>



Frame It!



Frame it! Why not display your treasured carvings in deep picture frames. That will keep the dust off and stop tiny fingers prying (if you want that, that is!).

How to make such frames is shown at <https://uk.pinterest.com/pin/320107486000769657/>



Club Matters

Competitions or Projects for the Woodentops?



Cakes for April main meeting: Jerome

I was struck when looking at the last but one edition of Woodcarving magazine just how many woodcarving clubs have their own competitions. The BDWCA (that's the bird carving lot), has national and regional competitions, the Wooddale Carvers were announced as having a show and competition, and a range of other groups were similarly featured.

It is a while since the Woodentops had any sort of project or similar collective endeavour – the last was the carving of the 'Woodentop' logo (everyone took just one letter to carve and the result is our excellent stand used whenever we demonstrate at fairs

Perhaps its time we thought of a new project to work on. Something with a charitable element, perhaps, or to help a local community venture? Such efforts really do draw club members together and give a feeling of shared experience and teamwork. They also give a sense of urgency which for some of us would e very welcome! What are your thoughts? Do let Ann or any other member of T'Committee know your thoughts. We look forward to them.

Subs now due to
Cathy!
Prices held at £20!!

A New Close by Club

A new woodcarving group meets Friday morning at the Princess Alice Hospice at Esher, Surrey, and so is therefore one of our closest carving club neighbours. They were spawned on the closure of the local authority carving class – so we are not alone! (Bromley's carving classes suffered the same fate last year.) We wish them luck in building up their club.

Incidentally, they meet in the Man Shed at the hospice (Man Sheds were featured in the last Woodentops Newsletter). They are planning to offer an introduction to woodcarving to those in the hospice, to carers and to the bereaved, indeed to all those could benefit from a creative activity in a social context. What a worthy aim. Details from zoebyrne@pah.org.uk

It is with regret that I have to announce that Eve Ralphs, a former Woodentop, passed away on 20 January 2017. She battled with cancer for a long time. Always cheery, she occasionally popped into the Club on a Saturday even when she was no longer in a position to carve.

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The next 2017 Main Meeting (Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to bring guests and potential new members) will be from 9am to 1pm, Saturday 1 April 2017

There will be additional mid-month meetings in 2017 (No frills, no coffee/cake just pure carving) **All 9am to 1pm, Saturdays**
Next 'No Frills' Meeting: Saturday 22 April (Held in the 'Link' area)