



A Club in South East London
for people interested
in wood carving

Visitors are very welcome

Website:
www.woodentopswoodcarvers.co.uk

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Newsletter

July 2018

We meet at:

St Johns United Reform Church Hall
Lynwood Grove Orpington BR6 0BG

We meet on:

The first Saturday of each month
with additional 'carve-only' meetings
on many other months.

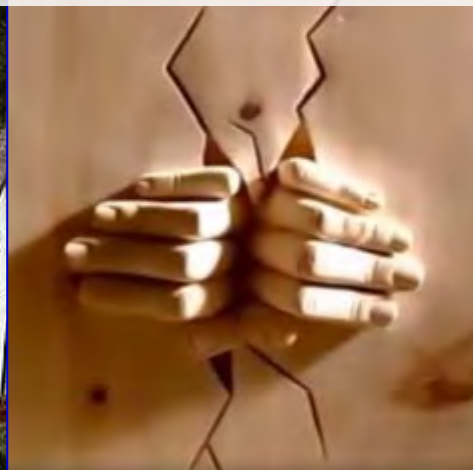
Full details of our meetings and
much more on our website.

Picture of the Month - Thomas Dagnall

Break into this magazine, bursting with carving ideas.

See the sensational video of how this 'hands' sculpture was carved by
S-Carving, called **Hands Out of a Wall** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/S.Carving96/videos/1804974933140680/>



Thompson Dagnall was born in 1956 in Kirkby. With a First class Honours degree in fine art sculpture from Brighton then an MA from Chelsea College, for the past 25 years has been a sculptor in stone, wood, steel and cast iron with most of the work in the public domain.

See his incredible work at
<https://www.sculpturecarving.com>



This little tool makes spheres out of wood. Very clever. With various different diameters to choose from, find the item at <https://m.pt.aliexpress.com/item/1901287566.html?trace=storeDetail2msiteDetail&spider=y&>



This beautiful pendant is by Андрій Метельський
Find it at <https://m.ok.ru/profile/551184422480/album/582642885456/582712700496>

As one commentator says about this lion carving at <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/647111040182626204/>, 'Beautiful use of texture! Less is definitely more!' Somehow this lack of finish works – perhaps worth experimenting yourself?



Above: this fascinating website compares different carving tools and is well worth a look. It is an invaluable guide to hundreds of tools. Unfortunately the links (to buy them) go to the US sites, but many can also be found if you search using a UK search engine. Tips on how to carve and what woods to carve are included. Check it out at <https://www.carvingtoolsguide.com/best-wood-carving-tools/>

Bordeaux - Misericords

A recent trip to Bordeaux by your editor revealed much to be admired on the carving front., including a trip to the cathedral. This featured a number of misericords (decorative perches for medieval church choirs and officials to rest on as best they could while ostensibly standing through long church services). They have been featured in the Newsletter before but Bordeaux Cathedral has a particularly fine collection. The shots below include a photo of a Misericord on display at the cathedral called 'A Good Little Devil', picture by N Duffaire. I wasn't granted the same level of access as Monsieur Duffaire.



Un bon petit diable
A good little devil

Miséricorde d'une stalle du chœur
Mercy of a choir stall

40x40

Nicolas Duffaire

Bordeaux – Barrel-Making

Cooperage may be a lost art in the UK but in France it is going strong, with the need for wine barrels. The insides are scorched to varying degrees to change the flavour imparted. Children got visitors to try the (difficult!) art of barrel rolling.



The Work of Paul Waclo (USA)



Look at Paul's work on https://www.facebook.com/paul.waclo?hc_ref=ARR7D a30laqgLCiC7W1xKW_VAEf2Z5K3zqB76OFiSZ750Jz-f_VR4VYgpV9cSy12kDw&fref=nf



Paul writes (above):
'If you're ever in Mount Gretna PA, stop into Stacy's Playground to see my latest sculpture' 😊

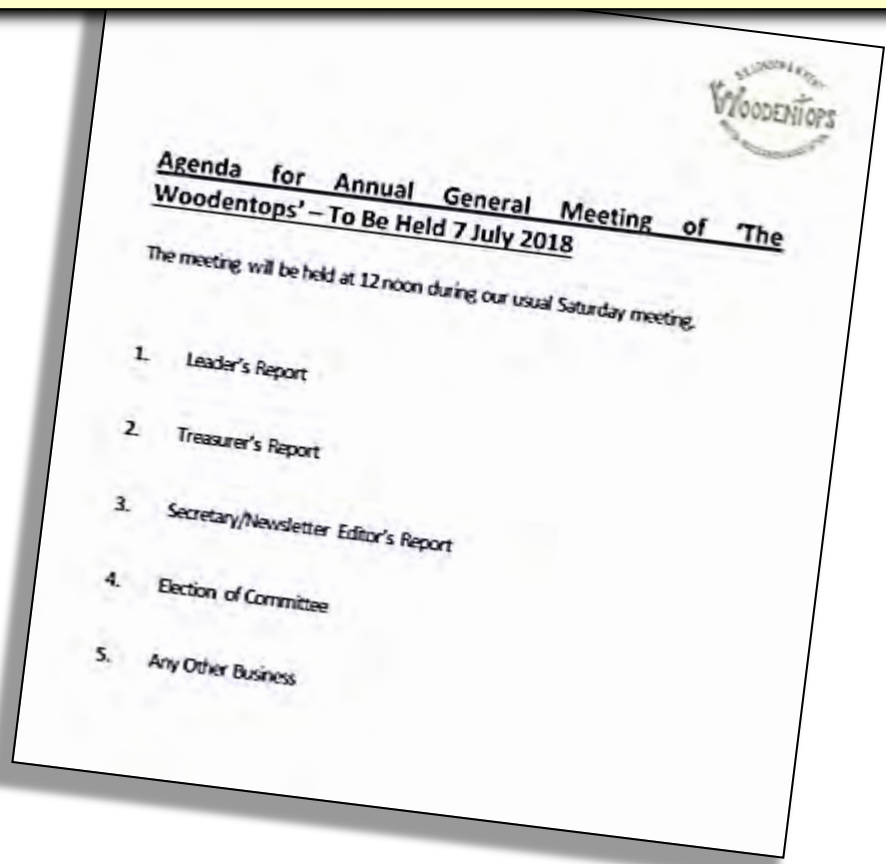
More bears (right).
Paul: '3 days of fun'



[Left]
Paul writes on his Facebook page:
'Just silly bears in a tree but, they sell about as fast as I can make em' 😊
Not a bad way to make a living..

The Club

The Club AGM will be held at the July meeting, that's **7 July 2017** at around **12 noon**, within the Club's normal monthly meeting This is an important event in the Club's calendar. Whilst we hope it will be short, it's an opportunity to express YOUR views about the Club, it's operation and any thoughts YOU may have about what we do, and about future activities. If you wish, it is also a chance to consider enhancing your experience in the Club by volunteering to help on the Committee.



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Cakes for July meeting:

[No doubt he or she who was nominated knows who he or she is!]

The next Main Meeting
(Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to bring guests and potential new members) will be from
9am to 1pm,
Saturday 7 July 2018

All our meeting dates and other information are shown on our website www.woodentopswoodcarvers.co.uk



Members are reminded that if they demonstrate at an event on their own, they **MUST** tell Leader Ann to help ensure they are fully covered by the provisions of the insurance arrangements in place.