



Newsletter

March 2012

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Meetings: First Saturday of each month
St Johns' United Reformed Church Halls
Lynwood Grove Orpington BR6 0BG
9am-1pm New members always welcome!

Next Meeting: Saturday 3 March 2012

Featured carving: Book cover in Oak by George Jack. George was a leading light in the Arts and Crafts movement. This relief carving is featured in his seminal work: 'Woodcarving Design and Workmanship'. Published in 1903, this book STILL has lots of extremely useful and relevant advice for carvers including layout and design – something we sometimes forget perhaps in our passion for trying to get the wood carved neatly. George worked with Philip Webb, the so-called 'Father of Arts and Crafts architecture' and he went on to design furniture for William Morris. The book is still available. It's well worth trying to get a copy.



III.—Book Cover Carved in English Oak—"Tale of Troy."
(only carved portion shown.)

Emails to the Editor

From Zoe Gertner

Dear Clive,

Thank you for sending your latest newsletter, the Christmas party looked a lot of fun.

I thought your two safety pages were excellent, a timely reminder of how lethal power carvers and their dust can be. The more carvers that read them, the better!

Best wishes to you all, and thank you for your kind comments.

Zoe

Zoe is a renowned carver. Her website is www.zoegertner.co.uk and she is now on our mailing list
Editor

From Bernard Techner (member)

Dear Clive , having trouble in opening page to view Woodentops News letter in Adobe format . Spoken to a few other club members - they are having the same problem ! **Can't we have the PDF format back ? Some have said if it,s not broken don,t fix it ! PDF was simple to operate .**

No criticism meant - you are doing a great job .

Best wishes Bernard .

Response: I have advised Bernard that the 'new style' pdf was designed to make opening each page easier, as last month's issue was a bumper version with six pages. It was **still** a pdf and his pc should have recognised it, so perhaps the problem is with his machine.

If other members have had trouble, they should let me know. Our technical wizard, Norman, has helped many members with their equipment.

Meanwhile, it takes an awful lot of time and trouble to produce these newsletters. If Bernard or others would wish to contribute positively to the work of the Club (like perhaps even writing an article for the newsletter - a call I have made on many, many occasions - or in any other way) no doubt it would be it very welcome

Editor

Good Value Tips for Austere Times



Effervescent vitamin C tables come in chunky tubes about 6 inches long. They cost about £2.50 or less.

Inside the cap is a chemical which absorbs moisture to keep the vitamin C tablets dry.

So these tubes are perfect for holding fine steel tools which should not be allowed to get damp.

..And you can take the Vitamin C to keep healthy, too!

Club News

We are very lucky to have two new talented members joining us. The first is Anne, who makes miniature furniture. The scale and detail in her work are incredible. Here are some examples of her work

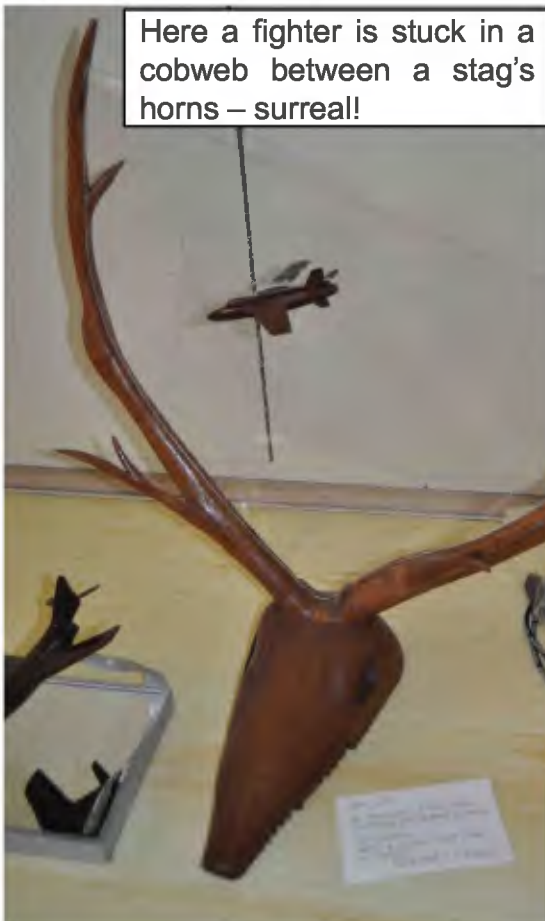


The pencil shows the scale she is working to!

Our second new member is Barry. He has an entirely different style with his carved wooden fighters and bomber planes.



Here a fighter is stuck in a cobweb between a stag's horns – surreal!



A plane in its early band-sawn stages

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Club fees are due but have been held YET AGAIN at £20! Please pay your hard earned dosh to Cathy.

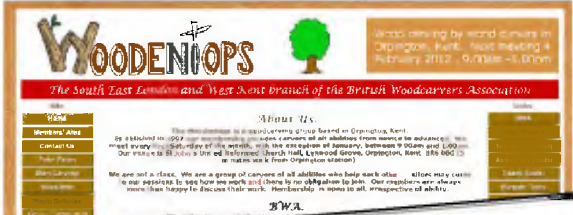
Tom attended a meeting 18 February on 'Creative Bromley' – an organisation aimed at promoting the extraordinary range of talent in the borough. He will no doubt report back at the next meeting. Mary and Terry agreed in principle to supporting the Club's response to Creative Bromley's plans.

We hope to run a stall at the The Country, Craft and Food Fair held at Paddock Wood Hop Farm on 28/29 April. We need members to help man a stall. Can you assist? Tell Tom if you can. Address: The Hop Farm Family Park, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge Kent TN12 6PY We need a marquee – any offers?



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A non-member (Emily Southorn) sought help from a Club member to repair what would appear to be a carved wooden giraffe. Derek agreed to do the honours. Well done Derek – we always knew you were a high flyer!



The South East WOODWORKING Show
THE SHOW FOR WOODCRAFTSMEN THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND

Ex-member and professional carver Bill Prickett will be doing carving demonstrations at SE Woodworking Show at Detling showground. (sat nav address: ME14 3JF). On 9/10 March. Let's hope as many of us as possible can go and support him.

Spotted at the last Club meeting – clearly someone is enjoying retirement – but is it the horse or the member?!



Meetings 2012									
3 March	7 April	5 May	9 June	7 July	4 August	1 September	6 October	3 November	1 December

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