

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

Visitors are very welcome

WOODENTOPS

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Newsletter

Website:

www.woodentopswoodcarvers.co.uk

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NO MEETINGS AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC.
Full details of our meetings and much more on our website.

Discussions are proceeding with the Hall to reopen for carving. Watch this space!



Lock Down Has
Really Taken It's Toll

Thanks to Derek for forwarding this

Alison Crowther

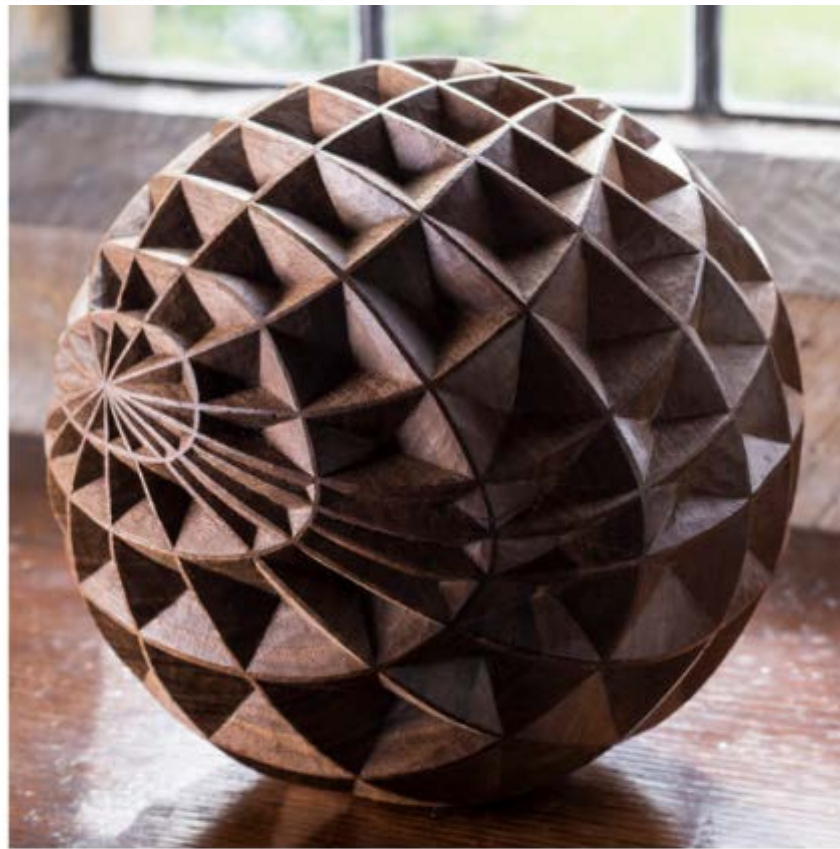
Born in Keighley, West Yorkshire in 1965, Alison Crowther is a sculptor and furniture maker working exclusively with English Oak sourced from UK woodlands. Since graduating from the Royal College of Art in 1989, she has received a number of substantial commissions including Winchester Cathedral (1996) and Chatsworth Park, as well as many overseas. She seems to love challenging large pieces, with a 'ripple effect' on many. There are smaller pieces as well. See more on her website: [Alison Crowther](http://www.alisoncrowther.com)



Scale Tree I, T7 Lobby, One Shenzhen Bay (2018) Photo: Alison Crowther



Outer Sphere (2015) Private collection, UK. Photo: Jacqui Hurst



Incised Walnut (2018). Photo: Jacqui Hurst



Hearts of Oak, solo show (2015). Bedales Gallery, Hampshire, UK. Photo: Jacqui Hurst

[Alison Crowther](http://www.alisoncrowther.com)
(@alisoncrowther)
• [Instagram photos and videos](#)



Alison Crowther (cont.)

More from Alison, demonstrating her 'ripple effect' . See [a87a822af74ba011f4fc6bb572ed37f0.jpg \(1000x664\)](#) ([pinimg.com](#))



To the right: A shot of Alison carving using mallet and gouge, taken from a video explaining her Kissing Bench installation at Glyndebourne [Sculptor Alison Crowther introduces the Kissing Benches - Bing video](#)



Old Jokes Home:

My wife left me because of my obsession with horoscopes. It Taurus apart.

Hughenden Manor



In one of those periods between lockdown, when we were allowed out, these were spied at the home of Benjamin Disraeli, former Prime Minister. The details in these leaves is exquisite.





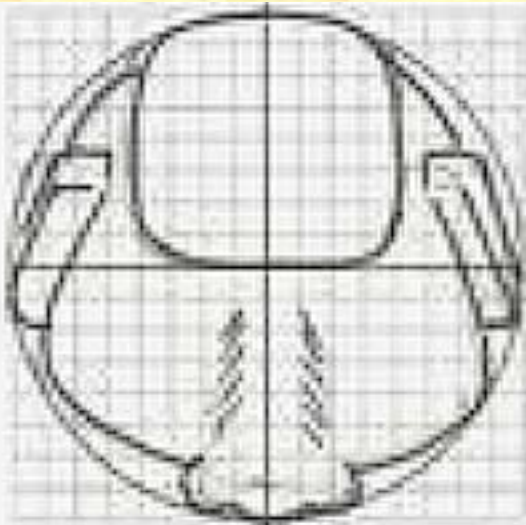
Carved Wooden Panel
May 24th 1880

Disraeli had recently created the Queen as Empress of India a title for which she was forever grateful to her friend. This wooden panel given in thanks features a bouquet of roses thistles shamrock and lilies to represent England Scotland Ireland and India.

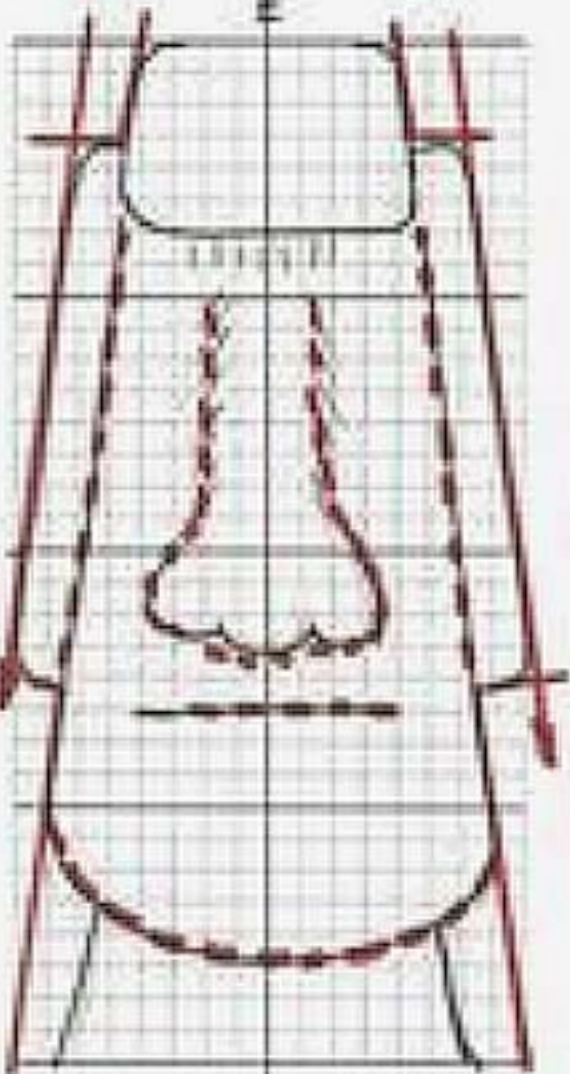
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People are usually shocked when they find out I am not a good electrician.

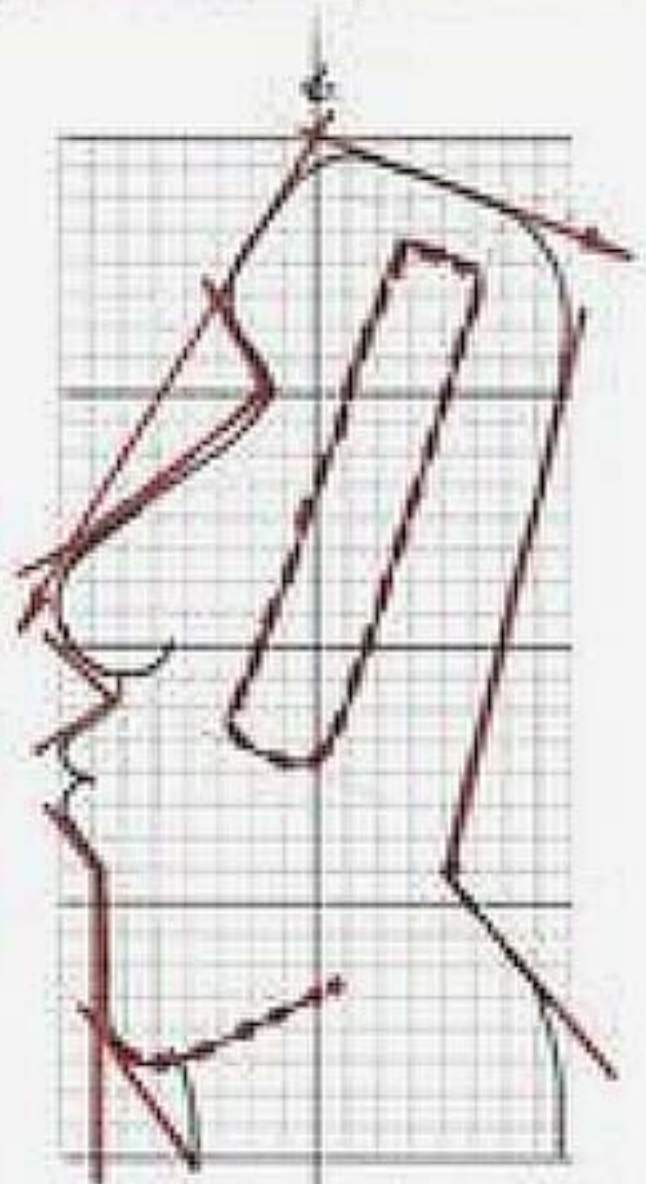
Maori Tiki Head



TOP VIEW



FRONT VIEW



RIGHT SIDE VIEW
SIDE VIEW

Looks a fun project, from [\(2347\) Pinterest](#).

It is designed to be a large carving from a big log, but there seems no reason why you could not scale this down just as much as you want to. Solid lines are primary cuts. Dotted lines are secondary cuts.

Cool Pieces

"Watchmen" an installation by Ed Elliott

The National Trust Hughenden Manor sculpture commission 2014

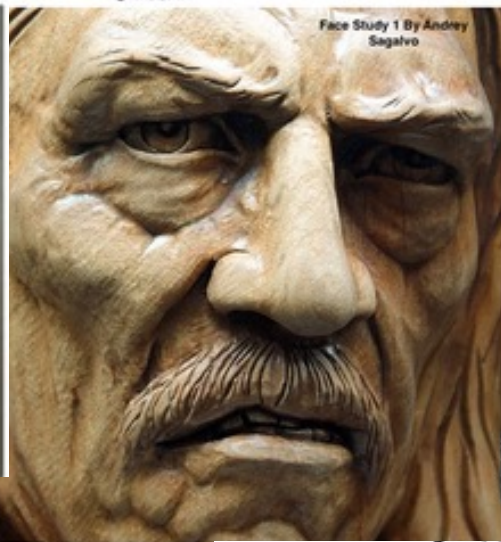
Ed Elliott created a series of figurative sentinels based on the significant military history of Hughenden Manor for temporary outdoor exhibition in the parkland. The sculptures were carved from trees which grew on-site at Hughenden and installed back into the land to look like they were growing here. These 'Watchmen' gave a silent presence to the parkland from July–November 2014. The sculpture remains as a tribute to the project.



The soldier appearing out of a tree trunk is at Hughenden Manor gardens (with plaque, above). More on carver **Ed Elliott** in the next newsletter.

The other shots are courtesy of Derek, and for which many thanks.

Please send me YOUR carving pictures



Club News

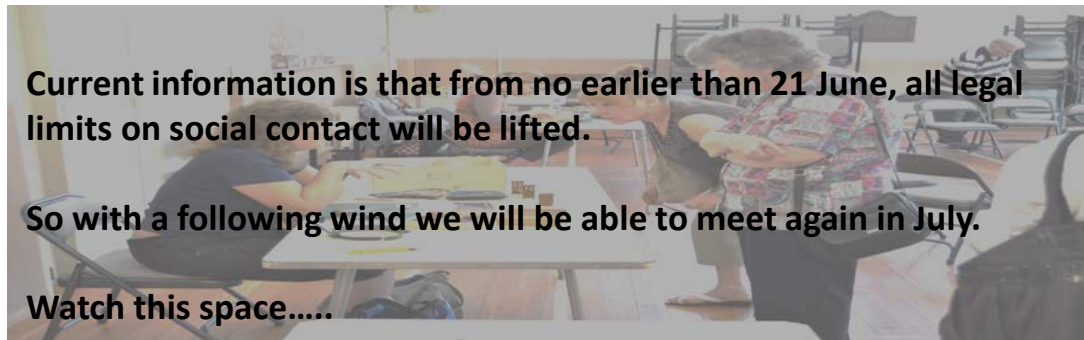
From: Member George
Sent: 23 February 2021 16:27
To: Leader Ann
Subject: Waking stick blanks

Hi Ann,
long time no see. Hope you are keeping well and out of the way of the dreaded you know what.

At present I'm ok but am now getting itchy feet like most people I'm sure but I have to do as I'm told I suppose to keep out of the way.

Enough of that as I need to ask you a favour,
not to make anything I might add, but I was wondering if you know or maybe know someone who could give me some advice on where to get good quality walking stick material as my son would like me to carve him a handle for it.

Take care, stay safe
George



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The next Main Meeting
(Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to...

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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.