

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

Visitors are very welcome

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Newsletter

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

Just a reminder that all Club meetings are cancelled for the time being, following Government instructions designed to help keep us all safe for the duration of this Covid-19 pandemic

What We Need is a Magic Wand

Believe it or not, you can buy magic wands on-line in huge array. Wouldn't it be nice if we had one to waft away the awful Covid-19 pandemic. Below are genuine advertisements from https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/91538622/your-magic-wand-basic-custom-made-just?utm_source=Pinterest&utm_medium=PageTools&utm_campaign=Share.

I'm not sure about the power of the wands, but they are very nicely carved.



OrchardWorks | 8,300 sales | ★★★★★

YOUR Magic Wand - BASIC - Custom
Made Just For You Solid Wood

£29.60

VAT included (where applicable). [plus delivery](#)

Quantity

1

Add to basket



Other people want this. 5 people have this in their baskets
right now.



Handmade

Materials

oak, ash, mahogany, maple, walnu... [more](#)

Description

For fans of wizarding and witchcraft the world over - let
us work with you to design your very own magic wand!



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YOUR Magic Wand - EXOTIC woods -
made just for you

£42.28

VAT included (where applicable). [plus delivery](#)

Quantity

1

Add to basket



Other people want this. 6 people have this in their baskets
right now.



Handmade

Materials

oak, ash, mahogany, maple, walnu... [more](#)

Description

For wizards and witches all over the world - let us work
with you to design your very own "magic" wand!

g Total shop reviews
★★ 2,439

If you have been assigned a wand, and you want to have

Bits and Pieces

We've shown similar systems before in this newsletter, but it's always good to have a reminder. This clever little jig enables you to sharpen your gouges at home at exactly the correct angle (around 20 degrees, or even 17.5 degrees for carving softer woods). From https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/638314947172286483/?utm_campaign=category_rp&e_t=33b6ba938b014fb4934ef895654e688a&utm_content=638314947172286483&utm_source=31&utm_term=14&utm_medium=2012



If you have got some spare metal box section, a welding kit and an available adaptable car jack, you can *easily* make the clever robust collapsible workbench below, which folds up into almost nothing. The trouble is, apart from Derek, I don't know anyone who has any of the components or the equipment to make it!

From:

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/717409415626897087/?utm_campaign=category_rp&e_t=33b6ba938b014fb4934ef895654e688a&utm_content=717409415626897087&utm_source=31&utm_term=15&utm_medium=2012



We are probably all feeling a bit blunt at the moment, so best not to overdo things at home. Chill out, and enjoy the peace with no planes above and few cars on the road.

No that we have much choice at the moment, but we might as well enjoy what we do in lockdown. So this phrase might be helpful...



http://dionysus.meccahosting.com/~a0003d85/Media/dscn1210-1_med_hr.jpeg

Redwood burl

As you probably know, Sequoioideae, popularly known as Redwoods, is a subfamily of coniferous trees within the family Cupressaceae. It is most common in the coastal forests of Northern California in the USA and is known for being the largest tree in the world. An American friend of the Woodentops Facebook page, one **George Buck**, has posted saying that he has 1000 blocks and blanks of redwood burl, curly and quilted and maple burl, Madrone, Oak and Spalted Myrtle burl. The sort of burl he is talking about looks like this and can be joyous, if challenging to carve. Joyous because the final form can look spectacular, with varied grain patterns, and challenging both because the grain direction is constantly changing, and also as burl wood is generally very hard:



On his post, George also shows a picture of the biggest piece of burl that I've ever seen (burl is the wood at the base of the trunk leading to the root), presumably from the early days of logging in California – though not that early, given the presence of the very long chain saw. So this is after the era of axe-felling.

If you are interested in buying some of George's burl, the web link is:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1602164370072673/permalink/2627109437578156/?sale_post_id=2627109437578156

Prices start at \$1 (though don't forget the shipping costs).

Hopefully there is less destruction of such large, beautiful trees nowadays.



Gregor Art



Gregor Art is based in Sophia, Bulgaria, and produces a wide range of religious and modern pieces. The Eastern European style is clear to see. Great talent.

More at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Gregor-Art-112966177049483/>



Club Stuff

Please note in your diary that we have been asked to join in an open day for the church with all the others who use the hall.

We can use the entries to our Motion competition to exhibit.

It is not confirmed yet that it will be going ahead but provisional date is **Saturday Oct 10th, 11am-3pm**.

Hopefully lockdown will be well and truly over by then.

I've tried to call one or two members in this difficult period, only to find that some phone numbers are out of date. So I plan to carry out a data validation exercise. I will email you all to confirm that your details are all correct.

Expect an email in the next few days.

Clive

Project: Movement



SPRING into action and show us YOUR interpretation of ***Movement***. The deadline is now **October**.



Your Club subscription is now due: for the great price of £35 for the whole year. Please contact the Ann, our Leader, or Andrew, our Treasurer, to pay yours, if you have not already done so. Phone numbers and email addresses below..

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The next Main Meeting

(Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to bring guests)

**ALL CLUB MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
BECAUSE OF THE COVID 19 CRISIS
[BUT HEY! CARVING IS ONE THING WE CAN ALL DO IN ISOLATION!]**
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.