

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

September 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.

Woodentops at Large



Above: Derek ably assists youngsters with soap carving as a part of a very successful St John's (our meeting place) Open Day in July.

Left and below: the Ripley Fun Day/ Garden Party on 4 August. Left - clockwise from top left: Paul, the Mayor's husband, Cathy, Mayor Cllr Kim Botting of Orpington Ward and Jane. Bottom: Paul and Clive with visitors to the stand.

Both events gave the club great publicity and hopefully will lead to visitors and potential new members to the Club.



And **don't forget** that on August Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August, we will be demonstrating again, this time at Cudham Show & Fete. Do come and support.

Details on the back page.

Carving in the Community



This Wellington Boot lampstand was spotted in a restaurant in Keston, Kent (that one on the Green, a few shops down from the pub.) It's clearly an old boot last – but what a good use for it. Have you seen any interesting carvings locally? If so, let me know and I'll publish them

Carving on the Telly



A new BBC 4 series: 'The Art of Germany' is currently being shown. Episode 1 featured German carver Tilman Riemenschellder. The shots above are of his carvings in a church called the Antoniuskapelle. The presenter went into some detail about the structure and style of these marvellous pieces, and even interviewed a German wood carver called Bernard Lankers (right). This programme is well worth a look for its insights into wood carving. Find it on the BBC iPlayer.



Miniature Carving



This bird cage is carved into the end lead of a pencil. Incredibly small, the detail is extraordinary. The Bird Cage Pencil Carving can be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/PAASpotlight/videos/652077625167407/?hc_ref=ARSyw6WbXyev0ppshyGQL-V3RfqP9K1ba2UUZWzB4xYo4XMeUyclipkZOr6WqExu6M

Holding Your Piece



Left - A simple and clever bench vice for holding relief carvings at

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/630504016557361952/>

Below - Another idea for holding carvings taken from Chris Pye. Wedges cleverly hold your piece in place. Find more at

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=chris+pye+dog+relief&&view=detail&mid=7D0A141EE52194B729957D0A141EE52194B72995&&FORM=VRDGAR>



The Club

Seems a long way away, but it's not really. Our Christmas party will this year be held on Saturday 8 December. This will be a week after our usual December Club meeting. Details have yet to be finalised, and indeed are set to be discussed at our next (September) meeting. So put your thinking caps on. Restaurant or in-house buffet? External caterer or DIY cooking? The permutations seem endless, and each year exercise our minds far more, some might say, than our carving projects. But we have to decide. Meanwhile, keep the evening of **Saturday 8 December** free.

Cudham Show & Fete 2018

On 27 August, Bank Holiday Monday, we are also demonstrating at the Cudham Show and Fete. This is on from 1pm to 5:00pm. Entry and parking are free. Again, and assuming you are reading this before the big event, do come and help the Club to promote woodcarving in the local community by assisting on the stand. The venue is Cudham Recreation Ground, Cudham Lane South, Cudham, Kent TN14 7QB

No-frills Meetings

Most months we have a 'No-frills' carving meeting on a Saturday morning. Attendance is OK, but could be better, and as the room costs us money to hire, we have to think seriously about whether we can afford these additional meetings. At the moment we can, but please try to support these if you are free to come. They are a great way to do some serious uninterrupted carving in peace!

Ideas to get new members for us all

- Leave an old carving magazine in your doctor's or dentist's waiting room with a note on the front cover saying where and when the Club meets.
- Leave a carving on your mantle piece. When visitors to your home arrive, use it as a conversation piece and mention the Club
- Mention carving to people in other clubs you might belong to.
- Think of a few ideas yourself and mention them in the group session at our next meeting

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Cakes for September meeting:

Laurie

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