

DIARY 2017

Meetings at Mountnessing Village hall, 09.30-3.00 pm

Sunday	January 8	Normal Workshop
Sunday	February 12	Normal Workshop + AGM
Sunday	March 12	Normal Workshop
Sunday	April 9	Normal Workshop
Sunday	May 14	Normal Workshop
Sunday	June 11	Normal Workshop
Sunday	July 9	Normal Workshop
Sunday	August 13	Normal workshop
Sunday	September 10	Normal Workshop
Sunday	October 8	Normal Workshop
Sunday	November 12	Normal Workshop
Sunday	December 10	Xmas meeting

Meetings at Westcliff

Monday December 19 Xmas meeting 2016
2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 'The Bridgwater Drive Church, Hilltop Building' Bridgwater Drive Westcliff,
Note. 4th and 18th December 2017
10 – 4pm, £4 for the day

Meetings at Hornchurch

2nd Saturday of each month at Nelmes Road URC
10.30-2.30pm

**BWA Essex Region AGM to be held on
Sunday 12th February 2017 in Mountnessing Hall
at 11.00 am.**

Agenda

1. Welcome and regional leader's report
2. Exhibition Officer's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Publicity Officer's report
5. Library officer's report
6. Election of committee members
7. AOB

Themed carving for Essex Region 2017

Put your thinking caps on for suggestions for the New Year "challenge". We need a subject that is interesting, doable, appeals to most of us, stretches us, is perhaps humorous, is wide enough in scope for us all to take part and could even be a challenge. Maybe, just maybe we could even have a prize for the best entry!!! Now how about that?



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Christmas 2016

It's nearly here and if you are not prepared for it, don't worry, it's going to come anyway. Moreover it will be very shortly followed by the end of 2016. Quite a notable (leap) year it is being. What with the EU referendum, the Brexit vote, the new PM, the US election and the Olympics it has been a quite memorable time-and it hasn't finished yet! The New Year promises to present us with a lot of changes, a lot of challenges and of course a lot of opportunities.

Against a background of momentous international upheaval the BWA Essex region has been "getting on with its stuff". We have entertained (and educated) very many members of the public at very many shows in an open and enthusiastic manner. We have had a full quota of well supported club meetings where we have enjoyed meeting kindred spirits. Oh, and we have produced a lot of magnificent carvings as well!

We currently have 75 members on the books, The majority of members having been able to attend at least some of our monthly meetings. Meeting fellow members in person is, I feel, the most satisfactory and pleasurable way of getting the best out membership but of course it is not always possible for everyone.

Without dwelling too much on the recent history of 2016 happenings can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year of carving and perhaps of discovery as well?

Ken

Great Burstead Summer fayre.

On Saturday 25th. June, Rob, Bill, Gordon and myself set up our annual exhibition at St Mary's Church, Great Burstead summer fayre. We had a good number of visitors and quite a lot of interest was shown in our display. It is sometimes quite amazing the characters you meet at these events. We had a young man chatting to us who was a puppeteer and magician and he had some interesting stories to tell. Whilst he was talking to us he suddenly turned his walking stick into a red silk handkerchief. How did he do that! This annual event that we have been attending now for about seven years is always fun and it's a lovely family day with lots of stalls and plenty of entertainment. Great to meet up with old friends, thanks guys.



Ted Jeffery

BWA News

You should already be aware that sadly our chairman Mark Davis has stood down from office because of family commitments. Mark has done a sterling job in steering the BWA through difficult times and over a number of years. He has promoted events/competitions in a very progressive, enthusiastic and diplomatic manner. Thank you Mark and best wishes to you and your family. John Tybjerg (Membership Secretary) has taken over the role of Chairman until the 2017 AGM.

The next BWA AGM will be on Saturday 13th May 2017 at The National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas. More news will be found in the BWA Gazette.

Jason Townsend has produced a magnificent book of the collected photographs of the "carved Birch eggs" done by the members in 2016. You should have already received a copy courtesy of the largesse of the treasurer, John Thompson. Copies are still available.

www.britishwoodcarversassociation.co.uk for more information.

Toot Hill show, Stanford Rivers, Saturday 6th August



We do many regular events during each year, many of them being truly large events. At various times we get approached and invited to do a local smaller fete/country/village/church show. This year for the first time we were asked to take part in the Toot Hill show. It proved to be a really traditional, well established (64 years!) and well organised village show with all the expected trappings and few of the drawbacks that affect some events of this kind. The public were appreciative and furthermore the weather was really kind, a lovely warm sunny day!

Gerry Guiver led and with John Urbanowski, Hugh Ingram and Ken Veal we all did our stuff. We shared our pitch with the ladies of the weavers and spinners fraternity and a pleasant and enjoyable time was had by one and all. I've no doubt we will be invited back.

Ken

NB The photo shows John (red shirt) earnestly talking to a visitor while Gerry and Hugh are in the distance doing likewise. I'm the small shadow at the bottom taking the picture!



Peter Bennett shows off his excellent green man in Lime. Peter is a relative newcomer to carving and has really taken to it. Well done.



Sheila Humphrey and “hands”. A beautiful interpretation of a well tried subject. I’m sure there’s a song in there somewhere...you need hands to...etc. etc.??



A very pastoral scene from Ted Green. You might have trouble getting a scythe from B& Q these days?



A recent commission from the hand of Michelle Toon. This was a “big-un”.

The latest batch of carved Birch eggs



Here are 5 of the 6 Birch eggs submitted from Essex to Jason Townsend very recently. Gerry did another not in the picture. All will no doubt appear in the Gazette in due course but I thought you would like a preview. Rachael Pickup, Bert Miles, John Martin, Bill Cross, Ken Veal were the guilty parties in this picture.



A knight to remember in Lime by Ted Jeffery.



A bit of fantasy stuff from Mick Ives, in Lime. Mind where you point that bow!



A much loved wren by Eileen Hughes.