



WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

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Constitution Change

At the Extraordinary General Meeting the following change to the Club's Constitution was unanimously accepted:

Clause 25

To be changed to:

In the event of the club being wound up, the assets (if any) remaining after providing for all its liabilities must be donated to a suitable charity as decided by the trustees of the club.

This change was to allow us to apply for a Lottery grant. If we are unsuccessful with our application the constitution could be changed back.

April Meeting

Keith Goodchild gave a timely demonstration on turning a vase. This included the various tools used and the correct way of finishing the bottom of the vase. Please note that any vases that have a base that is 'as rough as a bear's a***' will not be judged sympathetically in the May competition.

Competition result

Subject – Pestle and Mortar
Judges – Dave Mackin and George Howard.

A Class

1st Gary Brown

2nd Martin Payne

3rd Graham Hobson

B Class

1st Dennis Moseley

2nd Brian Tynan

3rd Brian Keating

Tea Brewers Rota

May – Graham Hobson and Brian Keating

June – Peter Hudson and Gordon Bracewell

July – Terry Spruce and Norman Sales

August – John Linklater and Dennis Moseley

September – Bill Kitchen and Gary Brown

October – Ron Collinge and John Waddington

November – Bill Barnes and Jim Ward

Please remember that if any member cannot attend on the night they are 'on duty' they must make arrangements with the next members on the list to exchange nights. Each group must make their own arrangements regarding milk. Tea and coffee will always be in the Club box.

Monthly Competitions

Subjects for the monthly competitions are:

May – Vase

Judge – Derek Mason

June – Platter

Judge – Peter Edwards

July – Gavel and Block

Judge – Martin Payne

August – Box

Judge – Keith Goodchild

September – Fruit

Judge – Peter Schofield

October – Light pull

Judge – Bill Barnes

November – Bowl

Judge - Granville Haworth

December – **Bud Vase** (to be donated to local Hospice)

Judge – Colin Ellison

A second judge (less experienced will be selected at the meeting. (volunteers are best!))

To compensate for the new judging system only the best ten results for each member will count towards the Woodturner of the Year competition.

Monthly Meetings

May

"Hands On"

June

Ian Clarkson (now confirmed)

July

"Hands On"

August

Adrian Carter/Steve Hall

September

"Hands On"

October

Jesse Butterworth

November

"Hands On"

December

Annual General Meeting

Please remember that the 'hands on' nights are meant to be exactly that, not just an evening watching the committee demonstrating.

Any members who are having problems or want to know about a particular way of turning should contact one of the Committee and we'll see what we can do.

May Meeting

This will be one of our 'hands on' nights and, hopefully, there will be more member participation than at some of our previous meetings. With the June competition in mind we should probably concentrate on making platters and any problems involved. Members should bring some of their own tools if possible.

The competition is for a vase.

Demonstrators

We have the following demonstrators booked:

May 19th Gerry Marlow

Sept 15th Simon Whitehead

Nov 10th Granville Haworth

All Saturday demonstrations cost £12 and include refreshments and a buffet lunch.

Joke of the Month

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked their new elder if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was an elder in a modern community he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he had an idea. He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked, 'Is the coming winter in this area going to be cold?'

The meteorologist responded 'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.'

So the elder went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The elder again went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the elder called the Bureau again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the

winter is going to be very cold?' he asked.

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.' 'How can you be so sure?' the elder asked.

The weatherman replied, 'Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'

And this my friends is how the bureau forecasts our weather.....

Thanks to Dave Mackin.

Club Facilities

New members should be aware that the Club has a good selection of books and DVDs in the library and these can be borrowed for a nominal fee. The Library is run by Dave Mackin.

The Club shop offers a wide range of pen blanks, abrasives and finishes at very competitive prices. The shop is run by Trevor Butterworth.

An offshoot of the Club is the WPWT Craft Group. Members attend various craft fairs and markets to sell their turnings. For more details contact Trevor Holt on 0161 764 7765.

FREE

**2 Hobby type bench
drilling machines free to
anyone to collect from
Milnrow**

**Donation, if desired,
to Dr Kershaw's Hospice
Oldham**

**Phone Ben Pearson
After 7.30pm any night
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