



# WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

## AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER

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### August Meeting

The new club lathe was on show and attracted many envious looks.

The highlight of the evening was a demonstration by Gary Brown and Steve Hall. Gary was first with a decorated platter (similar to the winning entry in the June competition) and he showed us the various techniques he used. These included texturing, carving and colouring giving a superb finished item.

Steve followed with a 'Rolf Harris' demonstration (Can you tell what it is yet?) that ended up as a bowl. This was Gary and Steve's first foray into the demonstration field and they both did well.

Hopefully other members will take heart from this and volunteer.

### Competition result

Subject – A Box

Judges – Keith Goodchild and Frank Ashworth

#### A Class

1<sup>st</sup> Martin Payne

2<sup>nd</sup> Norman Sales

3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Spruce

#### B Class

1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Moseley

2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Tynan

3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Kitchin

### Competition Judging

I did receive an email about the competition judging at the meeting but with the libel laws being what they are I have refrained from publishing it.

Please remember that the judging is based on personal opinion and experience. You may not agree with the judges but somebody has to do it. You could always volunteer!

### Tea Brewers Rota

September – Bill Kitchin and Gary Brown

October – Ron Collinge and John Waddington

November – Bill Barnes and Jim Ward

December – The Committee

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:

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.

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

September

"Hands On"

October

Jesse Butterworth

November

"Hands On"

December

Annual General Meeting

## September Meeting

This will be one of our 'hands on' nights and hopefully more members will take this opportunity for some one on one tuition. They could also use it as an excuse to have a go on the new club lathe.

The competition is for a piece of fruit. This should be within the capabilities of all our members so we should have a record number of entries. (Once again the pigs are fed and ready for takeoff)

## Demonstrations

Our next Saturday demonstration is by Simon Whitehead. This is on September 15<sup>th</sup> and is a day not to be missed. You may have read some of Simon's articles in Woodturning magazine and his demos are every bit as entertaining. Our own Granville Haworth will be demonstrating on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Websites

The best website is obviously our own and this is: [www.westpenninewoodturners.co.uk](http://www.westpenninewoodturners.co.uk)

Any member can have their own page with photos of their work. Details of this are on the website.

For information on woodturning in general try the AWGB website :

[www.woodturners.co.uk](http://www.woodturners.co.uk)

We are one of the Associate clubs and this site has some useful links and information.

One of my favourite sites is:

[www.laymarcrafts.co.uk](http://www.laymarcrafts.co.uk)

This site is by Richard Stapley and contains all sorts of hints and tips and the link section is second to none.

For anyone interested in pen turning try the following sites run by our own Michael Bidny:

[www.bespokepens.co.uk](http://www.bespokepens.co.uk)

[www.ukpenturners.com](http://www.ukpenturners.com)

If any members know of any websites that would be of interest to our members let me know and I will include them in the Newsletter.

## 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.

## Joke of the Month

A senior citizen was driving down the motorway when his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him,

"George, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the M56.

Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said George. "There are hundreds of them!"

A couple of nights ago, I was out for drinks with some friends at the Marriott Hotel and had a few too many beers and some rather nice red wine.

Knowing full well that I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before. I took a bus home.

Sure enough I passed a police road block but as it was a bus, they waved it past.

I arrived home safely without incident which was a real surprise, as I have never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got it.

## Future Newsletters

Items for the Newsletter are always welcome. Hints, tips, items for sale – anything that the members may find interesting.

Email me or give them to me at the meetings.