



WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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February Meeting

A very well attended meeting with the added attraction of our resident 'odd couple'. After introductions etc from the Chairman and details of Australian timber and pen blanks from Peter Edwards (contact Peter on 0161 764 4114 for more information)

Stewart and David (reluctantly) took centre stage.

Stewart first turned a spurtle (for Sassenachs this is for stirring porridge) followed by a garden dibber. Dave appeared to be relegated to passing the vast range of abrasives and eventually wandered off, leaving Stewart to it.

The demonstration ended with Stewart showing how he turns his version of a Christmas tree with the understanding that he has copyright on this design.

Competition result

Subject – A Bowl

Judges – Jesse Butterworth and Jim Ward.

A Class

1st Martin Payne

2nd Norman Sales

3rd Peter Hudson

B Class

1st Brian Keating

2nd Arnold Ellis

3rd Ron Collinge

Tea Brewers Rota

March – Keith Wilson (Tod) and Walter Ogden

April – Roy Dutson and Peter Edwards

May – Graham Hobson and Brian Keating

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.

Club Dinner

The date for the Club dinner is confirmed for Wednesday 14th March at the Castleton Hotel. Cost will be £20 per person. Names should be given to as soon as possible to Trevor Butterworth on 0161 633 5404.

Monthly Competitions

Subjects for the monthly competitions are:

March – Spindle turning
April – Pestle and mortar
May – Vase
June – Platter
July – Gavel and Block

Other months to follow

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

March

"Hands On"

April

Keith Goodchild

May

"Hands On"

June

Ian Clarkson (if available)

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.

March Meeting

A 'hands on' night and hopefully participation from more members.

The competition is for a piece of spindle turning i.e. any item turned between centres.

Andy Lodge Demonstration

Andy will be demonstrating on Saturday March 10th starting at about 9.30am.

Cost will be £12 for the day and includes lunch and all refreshments.

Anyone wanting to go should contact Jesse Butterworth as soon as possible.

Joke of the Month

A Yankee lawyer went duck hunting in eastern North Carolina. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly gentleman asked him what he was doing. The lawyer responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, I'm going into retrieve it." The old farmer replied. "This

is my property, and you are not coming over here." The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the U.S. and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything!"

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things here in North Carolina. We settle small disagreements like this with the NC Three-Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the NC three-Kick Rule?"

The Farmer replied. "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth, until someone gives up."

The Yankee attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old southerner. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the city feller. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the Yankee lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick nearly wiped the man's nose off his face. The barrister was flat on his belly when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly caused him to give up.

The Yankee lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet and said, "Okay, you old redneck southerner, now it's my turn."

The old North Carolina farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

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.

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.

Hopefully the next Newsletter will include a full membership list. If any member does not want their details included on the list would they please let me know.