



WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

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Woodturner of the Year 2011

A Class

- 1st Stewart Forbes
- 2nd Keith Goodchild
- 3rd David Mackin

B Class

- 1st Gary Brown
- 2nd Terry Spruce
- 3rd Norman Sales

Gary, Terry and Norman will now move up to A Class.

Tea Brewers Rota

- February – Colin Ellinson and Peter Schofield
- 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 provisional date for the Club dinner is Wednesday 14th March at the Castleton Hotel.

Monthly Competitions

Subjects for the monthly competitions are:

- February – A Bowl
- 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.

Competition Judges

As agreed at the A.G.M. the judging of the monthly competitions will be by an experienced turner and a less experienced (beginner) turner. It is hoped that this will give more of our members an idea of what to look for when judging. The rota for judging will work the same as for the tea brewers. The experienced turners are listed below and the 'beginner' will be selected at the previous meeting.

- February: Jesse Butterworth
- March: Stewart Forbes
- April: David Mackin
- May: Derek Mason
- June: Peter Edwards
- July: Martin Payne.

Club Officers

Chairman

Keith Goodchild

Treasurer

Stewart Forbes

Secretary

Jesse Butterworth

Events Secretary

Derek Mason

Librarian

David Mackin

Newsletter Editor

Martin Payne

Committee Members

Adrian Carter

Ben Pearson

Trevor Holt

Co-opted

Trevor Butterworth

January Meeting

Competition result

Subject – Open Competition
Judges – Trevor Holt and Arnold Ellis

A Class

- 1st Jesse Butterworth
- 2nd Martin Payne
- 3rd Stewart Forbes

B Class

- 1st Brian Keating
- 2nd George Howard

Monthly Meetings

February.

Stewart Forbes/David Mackin

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.

February Meeting

A meeting not to be missed! Our favourite comedy duo, Forbes and Mackin, will be demonstrating. Mr Mackin (the one with the short hairy legs) has been heard to say that he won't be part of the entertainment but I can't imagine one without the other.

The competition is for a bowl and hopefully there will be more entries in the B class.

Demonstrators for 2012

The following demonstrators have been booked. Cost will be £12 for the day and includes lunch and all refreshments:

Saturday March 10th

Andy Lodge

Saturday May 26th

Gerry Marlow

Saturday September 15th
Simon Whitehead

Joke of the Month

A lesson on how consultants can make a difference in an organization.

Last week, we took some friends to a new Indian restaurant, 'Muthu's Place,' and noticed that the Indian waiter who took our order carried a spoon in his shirt pocket. It seemed a little strange. When the busboy brought our water and utensils, I observed that he also had a spoon in his shirt pocket. Then I looked around and saw that all the Indian staff had spoons in their pockets. When the waiter came back to serve our soup I inquired, 'Why the spoon?'

'Well,' he explained, 'the restaurant's owner hired Andersen Consulting to revamp all of our processes. After several months of analysis, they concluded that the spoon was the most frequently dropped utensil. It represents a drop frequency of approximately 3 spoons per table per hour. If our personnel are better prepared, we can reduce the number of trips back to the kitchen and save 15 man-hours per shift.'

As it happened, I dropped my spoon and he replaced it with his spare. 'I'll get another spoon next time I go to the kitchen instead of making an extra trip to get it right now..'

I was impressed. I also noticed that there was a string hanging out of the Indian waiter's fly.

Looking around, I saw that all of the Indian waiters had the same string hanging from their flies. So, before he

walked off, I asked the waiter, 'Excuse me, but can you tell me why you have that string right there?'

'Oh, certainly!' He lowered his voice. 'Not everyone is so observant. That consulting firm I mentioned also learned that we can save time in the restroom. By tying this string to the tip of our you-know-what, we can pull it out without touching it and thus eliminate the need to wash our hands, shortening the time spent in the restroom by 76.39%.' I asked quietly, 'After you've got it out, how do you put it back?'

'Well,' he whispered, 'I don't know about the others, but I use the spoon.'

From Bill Barnes

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.