



WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember that, due to Easter, the April meeting will be on Friday 13th and will include an Extraordinary General Meeting. This EGM is to amend our constitution to allow us to apply for a Lottery grant. The change proposed by the Committee is as follows:

Clause 25 of present constitution.

In the event of the Club being wound up, the property and assets of the Club shall belong equally to the paid up members of the Club at the time.

To be changed to :

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

Club Officers

President

Martin Payne

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

Steve Hall

B Class

1st Denis Moseley

2nd Brian Keating

3rd Brian Tynan

Tea Brewers Rota

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.

Monthly Competitions

Subjects for the monthly competitions are:

April – Pestle and mortar

Judge – David Mackin

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.

March Meeting

Competition result

Subject – Spindle Turning

Judges – Stewart Forbes and Bill Kitchin.

A Class

1st Keith Goodchild

2nd Terry Spruce

3rd Graham Hobson

Monthly Meetings

April

Keith Goodchild

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.

Bob Chapman

Bob Chapman will be demonstrating at Pendle Woodturners (Burnley) on Saturday 24th March. For further details contact Jesse Butterworth (01706 650182)

April Meeting

Keith Goodchild, our Chairman, will be demonstrating (subjects unknown).

The competition is for a pestle and Mortar.

Unwanted/Unused Tools

We all have some of these, don't we? Many of our new members are just starting up and need tools. Bring your surplus tools to the next meeting.

Andy Lodge Demonstration

Unfortunately this demo had to be cancelled as Andy has been ill. We will, hopefully, be able to book Andy in the near future.

We have the following demonstrators booked:

May 19th Gerry Marlow

Sept 15th Simon Whitehead

Nov 10th Granville Haworth

Joke of the Month

A man walks into a bar and asks the landlord, "If I show you a really good trick, will you give me a free drink?" The landlord considers it, and then agrees. The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out a rat. He reaches into his other pocket and pulls out a tiny piano. The rat stretches, cracks his knuckles, and proceeds to play the blues.

After the man finished his drink, he asked the landlord, "If I show you an even better trick, will you give me free drinks for the rest of the evening?" The landlord agrees, thinking that no trick could possibly be better than the first. The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the rat and the piano. The rat starts to play and the man pulls out a small bullfrog, which begins to sing along with the rat's music.

While the man is enjoying his free drinks, a stranger confronts him and offers him £1,000 for the bullfrog. "Sorry," the man replies, "he's not for sale." The stranger increases the offer to £2,000 cash up front. "No," he insists, "he's not for sale." The stranger again increases the offer, this time to £5,000 cash. The man finally agrees, and turns the frog over to the stranger in exchange for the money.

"Are you insane?" the landlord demanded. "That frog could have been worth millions to you, and you let him go for a mere £5,000!"

"Don't worry about it." the man answered. "The frog was really nothing special. You see, the rat's a ventriloquist."

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.