



WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

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Adrian Carter

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Co-opted

Trevor Butterworth

Trevor Holt

April Meeting

Competition result

Subject – A Bowl

Judges – Derek Mason

A Class

1st Peter Hudson

2nd Jesse Butterworth

3rd Gary Brown

B Class

1st Michael Proops

2nd Bill Kitchin

3rd Martin Cronshaw

Something to think about is the lack of volunteers willing to help with the judging. The idea of combining an experienced turner with someone new to turning is to give them a better idea of what to look for in their own work. Hopefully Frank

Ashworth won't have any problem with a volunteer at the next meeting.

Club Dinner

A good number of members and wives enjoyed the annual dinner at The Red Lion Hawkshaw. Both the food and the company were excellent and it is probable that we will use this venue again.

Monthly Meetings

May

Peter Hudson has kindly volunteered to demonstrate

June

Open Night – See Comments following.

July

Dave Mackin and Stewart Forbes and Fruit turning

August

Open Night and Platters

September

Keith Goodchild and Box turning

October

Open Night – See Comments following.

November

Steve Hall and Xmas decoration

December

A.G.M.

Open Nights

Rather than rely on the Committee to come up with something to keep you entertained or educated how about some ideas from the membership. If you have any

problems with your turning let us know and we'll try to help. More to the point your President is getting bloody fed up being the only one who does anything anymore.

Monthly Competitions

May – A Decorated Piece to be judged by Frank Ashworth

June – A Toy to be judged by Gary Brown

July – A Long Stemmed Goblet to be judged by Adrian Carter

August – Fruit to be judged by Dave Mackin and Stewart Forbes

September – A Platter to be judged by Granville Haworth

October – A Box to be judged by Keith Goodchild

November – A Kitchen Utensil to be judged by ??

December – A Christmas Decoration (To be donated to a local Hospice) to be judged by ??

Saturday Demonstrations

We now have three demonstrators booked for this year:

Tracy Owen

On Saturday April 20th.

Richard Findley

On Saturday June 8th.

Margaret Garrard

On Saturday October 19th.

These are all full day demonstrations and cost £12 which includes refreshments and a buffet lunch.

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.

Tea Brewers

Here are the first few tea brewers:

Friday 3rd May

Graham Hobson, Brian Keating

Friday 7th June

Peter Hudson, Terry Spruce

Friday 5th July

Bill Kitchin, Dennis Moseley

Friday 2nd August

Arnold Ellis, Michael Proops

Friday 6th September

Ron Collinge, John Waddington

Friday 4th October

Alan Pywell, Jeff Holloway

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.

Joke of the Month

As a trucker stops for a red light on the A12 a blonde pulls up alongside. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck, and knocks on the door. The trucker lowers the window, and she says, "Hi, my name is Heather and you are losing some of your load!"

The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street. When the truck stops for another red light, the girl catches up again. She jumps out of her car runs up and knocks on the door. Again, the trucker lowers the window.

As if they've never spoken before, the blonde says brightly, "Hi, my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!!!"

Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her again and continues down the street. At the third red light, the same thing happens again. All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, and knocks on the truck door. The trucker lowers the window. Again she says, "Hi, my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green the trucker revs up and races to the next light.

When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde before she has a chance to get out of her car. He knocks on her window, and as she lowers it, he says...

"Hi, my name is Kevin. It's winter and I'm driving the bloody gritter..."

The History of West Pennine Woodturners

By Colin Wilson

In 1986 I was sacked from Greater Manchester Police due to arthritic problems as being unfit for duty. After 27 years it came as a bit of a shock.

When the dust had settled, I found out that for the first time in my life, I had a reasonable amount of money which I had paid towards my pension.

I had a small workshop in my basement where I had been making and selling model carts. As I was unfit for a proper job, I gave thought to buying some woodworking machinery, in the hope that I could earn a bit of money. About this time there was a lot of talk about forming a woodturning association, i.e. the AWGB, Association of Woodturners of Great Britain. I became a member when it was formed around 1989/90. It was formed on the lines of the American Association. Clubs were called Chapters; this was later changed to Branches. Where there was not a branch, you could join as an individual member.

Shortly after, I spent some of my pension on a 10" x 6" Electra Beckum planer/thickener, a Spa1000 Extractor, a Eumenia Saw, similar to a Radial arm saw. (and taking Hilary on Concord) I already had an engineering bench drill, a ½" Meddings drill and a Wolf double ended grinder, numerous hand planes, woodworking chisels etc. together with a Myford No7 metal lathe that I did a small amount of woodturning on.

I decided I needed a proper woodturning lathe, the Coronet No1 and No3 lathes had just been brought out and I bought the No1 from Alan Holtham at Nantwich. I booked a two day course with Reg Slack at his workshop in Saracen's Yard, Derby to find out how to use it and found it totally different to my metal lathe. Collecting bits of branch wood from Falinge Park, I attempted to turn small items.

The AWGB was formed mainly for clubs but had a number of individual members like myself. I tried to contact other members in the area and I made contact with Peter Schofield, who had been turning for some time and was selling at Craft Fairs. Peter invited me up to his workshop at Shawforth and was extremely helpful to me. Shortly after, I made contact with Isabel Winstanly, who lived at Sudden. I had tried unsuccessfully to contact her on several occasions and discovered that she was at Leeds University and rarely at home. I also contacted people from West Yorkshire who were trying to form a club and did so around the time that our club was formed.

Shortly after having made contact with Peter and Isabel, I met with more people in and around Rochdale. Stuart Dean from Middleton, Bernard Pite from the bottom of my street, Tom Radcliffe from Shawclough Road, a fireman from Oldham called Stuart, whose surname I have forgotten, and we decided to form a club. A room was booked at the Windmill Public House on Manchester Road, near to

where Isabel lived. To the best of my recollection, the people present were as follows:

Stuart Dean, voted in as Chairman,
Isabel Winstanley Secretary,
Fireman Stuart, Treasurer,
Peter Schofield and Tom Radcliffe as committee members.

There was another man present who ran a wood turning group in Manchester. We decided we required a name and Tom suggested West Pennine Woodturners, which was agreed.

To be continued.

And God promised man that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. And then She made the world round and oh how She laughed.

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