



WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

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June Meeting

Competition result

Subject – A Toy

Judges – Adrian Carter and
Bill Kitchin

A Class

1st Norman Sales

2nd Graham Hobson

B Class

1st Mike Crossley

2nd Michael Proops

3rd Arnold Ellis

The number of entries in the competitions (especially in the A Class) seems to once again be on the decline. Hopefully this is only temporary.

July Meeting

Dave Mackin and Stewart Forbes and Fruit turning. For our newer members this is an evening not to be missed. Comparisons have been made with Laurel and Hardy, Abbot and Costello and Morecambe and Wise. This is obviously unfair on these comedy legends because they didn't (as far as I know) include woodturning in their routines.

The competition is for a Long Stemmed Goblet to be judged by a volunteer.

Monthly Meetings

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.

Monthly Competitions

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 ?

Richard Findley Demonstration

In my opinion this was the best demonstration we have had at the club for some time. Unlike most of the demonstrators we see Richard is basically a spindle turner and his bowl turning is almost a hobby.

He started by turning a small chair leg and explained his method of marking out so that he could duplicate the piece if necessary.

Using a router this then had flutes added. Richard's method was quite simple and I, for one, will be trying this out.

We were then shown how to make a walking stick, although it should probably be referred to as a swagger stick. This was intended for the Goth market and is one of Richard's regular commissions. This would make a good subject for one of next year's competitions.

After our usual excellent buffet lunch Richard turned and decorated a bowl. His last effort was a whistle and how to tune(?) it.

It was noticeable that there was no sign of any of our members nodding off even though it was a very hot day. Throughout the day we were kept entertained and

hopefully we may see some more spindle turning in the Club.

Saturday Demonstrations

The other demonstrator booked for this year is **Margaret Garrard** on Saturday October 19th. As usual the cost is £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 tea brewers for this year:

Friday 5th July

Peter Hudson, Terry Spruce

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

A drunken man who smelled strongly of alcohol sat down on a subway next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned", then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that The Pope does."

History of the Club

Rumour has it that Peter Schofield disputed many of the details in Colin Wilson's article. Fortunately they have agreed that it's probable that they are both wrong and that the Club was actually started

by somebody else and neither of them can remember his name.

Only a short newsletter this month as I'm going on my holidays. Unfortunately I've picked that place in North Wales where they've just had an earthquake.