



# WEST RIDING WOODTURNER

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## The Club Meeting 5th February.

The 5th of February is my birthday. I had received cards, presents and had a good restaurant lunch, with her "who must be obeyed" and to put the finishing touch to a lovely day was on my way to our meeting, it is just about as good as it gets. Though I did have a cast on my left leg; broken, when I took a head first fall down the stairs. The ample amount of space in the car park gave a false picture because the room was a hive of activity as I came through the doors. Sat in the corner; Robin was accepting annual subscriptions, whilst Carole was busy at the register. Fred; had a splendid display of raffle prizes and with Barbara's help was doing a roaring trade. Lots of members were laying out the room while others gave Darrell and Mike help in setting up their work stations. At the back; Eric had designated an area for each of the 3 classes in the club competition and these were quickly filling with excellent items of members work. With members moving about it was difficult to assess how many but at least 61 including 4 visitors, Michael Loadman his dad Paul, Martin Brockley & a friend of Robin & Carole; Brian Hudson poor chap had to check his diary to give Carole his home number. Eric welcomed everybody read out items of interest and then smiling he opened the meeting.

## Tony Wilson: the March meeting.

There are; a very small handful of demonstrators, who by their presence can guarantee a full house on our club night. Tony Wilson is one of them. His; is a unique talent, he will keep his audience spellbound whilst he shows and explains, keeping all amused with his light teasing repartee. His love of wood and

the sheer joy he derives from woodturning can be seen in all of his work. And; he has the knack, that rare ability to infect others with his exuberant enthusiasm. If you've seen him before; I'm sure you will attend. If you have not I urge you to come early, in my opinion it will be standing room only.

## Darrell and Mike's double act.....

Well! Didn't I say that we were in for a treat? It was fascinating to watch both Darrell and Mike at their separate lathes. Both of them were surrounded by an audience; whose sole intent was to learn as much as possible from these two fine turners. Each has their own individual

style; their distinct, unique method of working. We can all learn so much from watching, listening to & asking questions of talents such as these. As a group we're very fortunate that we have an abundance of gifted people; all happy to share with us, their knowledge and skills.

## Bits and Bobs.....

Can I remind you that our next hands-on-day will be Saturday 5th April at Lawnswood. Those of you who wish to partake of the excellent lunch provided by Fred Barnes, please telephone him to book on 0113 2260867. The April meeting will be our AGM. All but two of the places on the committee will be up for election as will be all of the non committee positions. I will give much more detailed information next month. All members are eligible to stand for any position up for election subject to them having been nominated and seconded. The competition for the clubs Eriba

cup will be held at the A.G.M. Most members have now paid their annual subscription that became due on 1st January. We have a loyal membership; some have to make a long journey to attend, two who drive the longest distance are Ken Bramham with 84.3 miles each way and Bryan Scott who has a 187 mile round trip. The top of the distance league is James Greenwood; he god bless him, for the second year in a row has sent in his subscription on time and all the way from sunny Cyprus. If members have not paid by the March meeting I will take their names off the club mailing list.

Boy asked his mother; 'Mom', 'why are wedding dresses white?' She looks at her son and says. 'This shows that your bride is pure'. He thanks his

Mom and goes to double-check this with Dad. 'Dad why are wedding dresses white?' His answer was 'Son, all household appliances come in white.'

## News in Brief.

Fred Barnes was triumphant yet again; the raffle raised the truly magnificent sum of £88. The winners were as follows..  
123 Bob Chapman laser tape.  
133 Paul Write Set of Grips.  
108 Peter Thornber Magnifier.  
162 Frank Seaman sc/drivers.  
119 Tony Howlett 2boxsscrews.  
526 David Wortley cherry log.  
384 Bob Chapman Sq/maple.  
113 Rodney Barraclough screws  
118 Russell Keble 5 bot/ beer.  
507 Frank Seaman hand cream  
505 Michael Loadman thin log.  
139 Denis Gill A fence basher.  
522 Roger Bealey marmalade.



"Murder? You do realise that if you do that again you'll be in serious trouble young man!"

Eric Webster had the idea of adding an extra class to the bi-monthly club competition, with superb results..... In novice class, Paul Ansell won 1st place with a natural edge square bowl in walnut (moves up to intermediate) in 2nd Ralph McDermott with a beautiful bur bowl. In intermediate, Brian Nelson, 1st place with his ripple sycamore bowl (he moves up to advanced) 2nd Eric Mann with a pierced ball on a stand. In the advanced 1st to Tony Brogan for his horse chestnut bur bowl. Bryan Scott 2nd with a huge, gorgeous hollow form in laburnum bur. The calibre of work was exceptional.