

WEST RIDING WOODTURNER

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The Club Meeting 7th January.

Brian Nelson was the first to arrive; now that is a novelty, he would have been forgiven for thinking that he had got the wrong night. With us having to switch to a Monday instead of the usual 1st Tuesday in the month, as this year it fell on New Years Day. Brian was soon joined by some of our regular 'early birds' and as I arrived the room layout was almost complete. I had been concerned that the change of day might have drastically reduced the number attending but I need not have worried because we had a total of forty, not a bad number for a cold, dark, wet night in January. I'd brought lots of back numbers of the Woodturning Magazine and others in the hope that our Librarian Peter Dawson could sell them on behalf of the club. Mike Briggs generously bought nearly all of them and then told Peter that if any were duplicates of those that he had, he'd give them back so that Peter could sell them again. Our treasurer Robin McDermott was kept very busy most of the night taking members annual subscriptions. Eric Webster called the room to order, read out the apologies and future events and then gave a big welcome to our own Simon Whitehead.

Simon Whitehead: Does pure Magic with off cuts.

Simon started by saying that he is always getting left with awkward bits of wood and it is often difficult to know what to do with them. I was not too sure just what he meant; so I asked him. He was talking about the corners that he cuts off the very large bowl blanks prior to cutting them into circles. Before the meeting he had rough turned some of these; in sycamore his favourite, so that they were approximately 6½ inches by 4 inch diameter. Simon makes it look so easy; his skill is such, that he can be talking about gauges, skew chisels, his wife, his untidy cat litter festooned workshop while; as if by magic, a scrap piece of wood is transmogrified

into an object of great beauty. He turned in just a few minutes; a superb large bowl goblet that would have taken me hours and possibly a couple of attempts. All of this before the break; after the break, he used a similar piece of wood to show a very clever method of making a very pretty hollow form with a very small diameter hole in the top. Throughout the evening he kept up a constant stream of hints, advice, comments, helpful recommendations and amusing banter. Everyone present was attentive, happy to be instructed and entertained by one of our own. A delightful pleasant informative evening. Enjoyed by all who attended.

Mike Briggs and Darrell Rushworth.....

I can't speak for other members; however I am sure that there are many, who like me are looking forward with eager anticipation to our meeting next month. Neither Mike nor Darrell have given any hint of what they will be

doing on the night; it could be a clever ploy to keep us all guessing or it might be because they have yet to decide. But in any event; it will be, with two such talented individuals, a splendid night and a night nobody should miss.

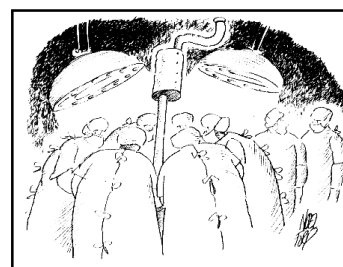
Dates for your diary.....

Eric Webster; our Chairman has asked me to remind you, of the dates of some future events. February 8/9&10th, International Woodworking Exhibition Alexandra Palace. March 4th Tony Wilson at our club night he is a great favourite. April 1st our AGM. April 5th & August 16th our

two hands-on at Lawnswood. April 18/19&20th National Woodex Exhibition Warwick we will have our own stand. May 6th Margaret Garrard at our club night. May 30/31 & June 1st Woodfest Wales we will have the club stand. Sep 6th the Keighley show we expect a turners competition.

News in Brief.

Of the forty who attended on Monday night; one was a visitor a Mr Bill Burton from Guiseley, it was his very first visit, he must have been favourably impressed because he joined on the night. Fred Barnes who does a magnificent job running our raffle was a bit worried that the low turn out might result in a reduction in income. He had no need to worry he raised handsome £42. The winners were as follows: - 499 Eric Mann box hole cutters. 494 Mike Brookfield tin/polish. 107 Dennis Whitaker a log. 80 Frank Kingan a burning tool. 96 Bryan Scott a nice hand saw. 498 Bryan Scott a boxed vernier 78 Mike Briggs a good sized log. 489 Paul Ansell a box of screws. 79 Tony Brogan a pocket diary. 488 Terry Jones a pocket diary. 88 David Robins a log of wood. 84 Reg Watson a log of wood.



It's probably the worst case of road-rage we've had, so far.

Twenty-six members paid Robin McDermott their annual subscriptions in December. A further eighteen paid him at our Tuesday night meeting, with the new member Bill Burton bringing the total so far to forty-five. It is a busy time for Robin our treasurer and for me your secretary; so please help us, get your subscriptions paid without delay