



# WEST RIDING WOODTURNER

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## The Club Meeting 4th March.

Fred Barnes and Barbara Webster were still sat in Eric's car waiting for him to open the doors, when arrived. Barbara kindly helped me, by carrying my brief case into the hall, as I'm still using a crutch to aid walking. In the time it took to hang my coat, Clifford Clarke had set out almost all of the available chairs. The room was soon a hive of activity, Robin was very busy doing a splendid job acting as both treasurer and registrar, his wife Carole had stayed at home, nursing a gum infection. Some of the work on the back tables was superb, Tony Brogan had brought his entry for this years Alexandra Palace International Woodworking Exhibition, a large yew box that had both carved and pierced decoration on the rim, unfortunately not placed but Bob Chapman won third place with his original turned sculpture, a lovely complex work. If you missed it take look in this months 'Woodturning' where Bob has written a feature on it. Almost all of the seats were taken before Tony Wilson arrived, everybody was eagerly awaiting for the evenings entertainment to begin. Eric Webster was aware of this and so he kept his remarks brief; making mention only, of the AGM, Woodfest and the Lawnswood hands-on before he gave a very big welcome to Tony Wilson.

## Tony Wilson makes it look so easy.....

Well what did I say last month? Not one seat was vacant; sixty members and five visitors were spellbound as they watched a master turner demonstrate his skill. First he took a small piece of Mallee Burr and in less than an hour turned this into a most exquisite natural edge bowl. All the while keeping up a running commentary so that we could better understand his reasons and methods of working. Next

a long diamond shaped piece of Tiger Oak; was transformed into a lovely long double ogee and by stages, into a candle holder, then the possibility of a box, finally a very pretty bowl. All this time keeping all of us entertained with his humorous repartee and the skillful way he used his ready wit to gently put down, the odd heckler. It was a most delightful night, Tony, will be a very hard act to follow.

## West Riding Woodturning Group Annual General Meeting; 1st April 2008.

The election of committee members and asking for volunteers to take on the other positions, are two of the items on the agenda. However as there is need for prior thought I list below the present incumbents and indicate what positions are now up for election #.

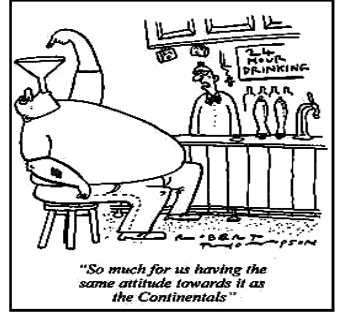
<u>Present Committee.</u>	<u>The year post is due for election.</u>
Chairman.	Eric Webster. # 2008.
Vice Chairman.	David Moon. # 2008.
Secretary/Editor.	David Ossitt. # 2008.
Treasurer.	Robin McDermott. # 2008.
Speaker Secretary.	Roger Bealey. # 2008.
Exhibition/ Org.	Tony Brogan. 2009.
Librarian.	Peter Dawson. # 2008.
Member.	Bryan Scott. (Assistant Ex Org) 2009.
Member.	Ernie Palmer. # 2008.
Member	Darrell Rushworth. # 2008.
Co-opted	Doreen Rushworth. 2008.

<u>Other Positions.</u>	
Abrasive Sales.	Darrell Rushworth. # 2008.
Ass Librarian.	Paul Wright. # 2008.
Auditor.	Fred Barnes. # 2008.
Northern Fed Rep.	Tony Brogan/Eric Webster. # 2008.
Raffle Organiser.	Fred Barnes. # 2008.
Registrar.	Carole McDermott. # 2008.
Video Camera.	Ernie Palmer. # 2008.

The committee are elected for a two year term but the above other positions are up for election or re-election each year. It would be helpful if all nominations could be in to me; before the AGM, but if not they will be accepted at the meeting. Any member can stand for any position on the committee; all that is required is that he or she is proposed and a seconded by two other members. If there is more than one candidate for any position; there will be a ballot.

## News in Brief.

Fred Barnes has a very simple formula for running a successful raffle; give out plenty of prizes, it works, this month the income was £93 and the winners were as follows.....  
431 Terry Harrison set of grips.  
427 Terry Harrison bit/extens.  
528 Tony Howlett a chisel.  
435 JohnWest Tin of Organoil.  
404. Ian Taylor a spirit level.  
410 David Ossitt battery charge  
455 Martin Brockley cherry log.  
436 Chris Thorburn cherry log.  
406 Ian Taylor a bowl blank.  
422 Eric Mann 1 dozen eggs.  
459 David Robins sapele blank.  
445MartinBrockley bag of logs.  
412 Brian Hudson two blanks.  
419 Rodney Barraclough book.  
430 Terry Jones a brush-head.



Once the business agenda has been dealt with at the AGM, the annual competition for the 'Eriba' trophy will be judged. This is open to anyone who has never been placed at a national competition. After that items of members work to be included as part of the club entry for Woodfest will be chosen. The in-house evenings for this year are now arranged; they are, June Tony Brogan+Bryan Scott. August Robin McDermott and Eric Webster and in October it will be the ever popular Mike Briggs and Darrell Rushworth.