



# WEST RIDING WOODTURNER

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## The Club Meeting 6th May.

According to Eric Webster our Chairman, Margaret Garrard gave a remarkable performance. Regrettably I missed it; as I will miss, all of our club meetings for the foreseeable future. If I am not to be attending at the meetings then it will be impractical, for me to try to edit our Newsletter and so this edition my 40th will be my last. I first volunteered to do the job so as to have something to do whilst convalescing after surgery. I'm surprised by how much I have enjoyed editing it. If you have derived any pleasure from reading them, then I am content.

## Letters

David

Could you please give my apologies as I cannot get over for tonight's meeting. I have a 6kw "Relax R2" wood burning stove which I bought for my workshop but have had a "change of heart" I have decided that I can make better use of the room for tools work-space etc. The stove (including 3m flue, flashing plate for flat roof and a swivel cowl) cost me £220 and has never been used. Do you think anyone at the club would be interested in buying for £100. If anyone is interested I can Email a photograph and further details...  
Regards.....

Ken Bramham.

## The Winner of the Eriba Trophy...

I suppose that I could plead my ever failing memory; or some temporary mental aberration, was the cause of my neglect last month. But the fact is; I simply forgot to publish the results of our annual competition for the Eriba Trophy. I apologies; to all who entered, to Eric & Barbara who donated the trophy, to

## Tony Brogan and Bryan Scott.....

The June meeting will be an in-house event; featuring Tony Brogan and Bryan Scott, two of the clubs most skilled members these in-house events are getting ever more popular. And rightly so; not only can members get up close and see skill and talent at the lathe but can

## Its an ill wind; that blows nobody any good.....

When we had the high winds a few weeks back; a very long, 8 foot high wall that separated the back garden of a house adjacent to the road that leads on to the estate where I live blew down. This of course exposed all of this very large back garden to view, including the six or seven fine old well established Laburnum Trees that were planted all along the inside of the wall. Prior to the walls collapse these were the only things you could see in this garden, and the superb show of vivid yellow raceme's hanging down over the wall when each was in full flower was a delightful spectacle to behold. The owner soon had a temporary metal security fence erected and all of the brick debris cleared away but later

Tony Brogan who judged all of the entries and in particular to Paul Ansell who was the winner. Paul had quite a few items among the very fine array of entries on display. It will not have been easy to judge; as all of the work was to a high standard. But Paul's hollow form in Yew, was a very worthy winner.

relax while mingling with others to exchange news and opinions. Bryan and Tony are very experienced each has had great success when entering their work in competitions at the very highest level and both have their own individual ways at the lathe. So look and learn.

whilst I was passing I noticed that two men with chain-saws were cutting some of these beautiful specimens down. Thinking that I might gain some benefit from this tragedy I approached one of the men; who I wrongly assumed were tree surgeons to enquire if I might be allowed to take any of this lovely Laburnum. His reply was 'I don't know what it is mate if you can lift it take it it's all going in those skips.' All of the pieces were huge; so I had no chance of getting any and shortly after the skips and the Laburnum had gone. I passed a few days later to see a group of bricklayers had started to rebuild the wall and next to their van was the ever present skip, as I passed something caught my eye it was a complete trunk

## News in Brief.

Robin and Carole McDermott did not attend the meeting as they were off somewhere in Scotland on a touring holiday. They might not have been able to make it because someone had run into Robins car a short time before they were due to go but the insurers came up trumps in arranging them the hire of a suitable vehicle that was adapted so that they were able to tow their trailer tent. Let's hope that they had good weather and a very nice time.



about 6ft long with a diameter of 14inches the 'cowboy' tree-surgeons had left it behind hidden in the shrubbery. The bricklayers all watched me as I examined this huge log. One shouted out 'I'm having that for firewood' but the one that I took to be the foreman asked me why was I interested in it. I told him that Laburnum was a lovely wood to turn. His response was immediate, 'give us a hand lads, lets get this into the van to take round to this gentleman's house'. Robin and Ralph were very happy to come round to my house the very next day so that Robin could cut to size this and another spalted log. On cutting these proved to be delightful and we each had an abundant share.