



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairman's Comments.

Thanks to those of you who attended our Christmas Social and Presentation meeting, a very sociable event, when wives and partners joined us to put faces to names and generally see what we get up to. Our display pieces were varied, and of a high standard, a comment made by a visitor who having since retired and had joined us on the day.

I was delighted to present the Chairman's Challenge Trophy for 2008 to Malcolm Thorpe, our overall winner for the year. Malcolm commented that he had been inspired him to produce pieces as a result of the challenge and encouraged others to 'have a go'. The winner also received a gift voucher from our Challenge sponsor, Earlswood Interiors. I hope we can support them in return and pay them a visit.

To those who didn't manage to make it, with the exception of a few apologies I must say I was disappointed with the level of turnout. It certainly gives food for thought ----- was it because of apathy from the membership? Should we be doing something different? A lot of effort and expense goes into preparing and arranging Club Days, please consider our options and give us your opinions. The opportunity will be at the AGM, it will be an agenda item. Our meeting on 11th. JAN., is our AGM, an opportunity to get involved and take the club forward, see you All there --- Brian.

School Christmas Fete Result,

Our efforts raised over £105 for the School PTA, many thanks to all who contributed items for the stall and to the stalwarts who turn up to these events and produce such splendid results, well done!

AWGB Regional Rep. Midlands and Wales.

Our own Dave Wilcox has offered his services on our behalf to join the Executive Committee and continue the tradition of West Midlands Woodturners serving on the National Association. Thank you Dave.

Programme 2009

Jan 11th. - AGM and Graham Lovett demonstration. Full Day

Feb 15th. - 'Hands On' – Half Day

Other Items

AWGB subs for 2009. Complete the membership form as issued with 'Revolutions' together with a Cheque made payable to West Midlands Woodturners for the appropriate fee, £14 for Members, £7 for juniors, £22 for family membership. Bring it to the AGM or the February 15th meeting (please note that this is the cut-off date) and hand to the Treasurer.

2008 Demonstration Pieces by Ray Key (Boxes) and Steve Healey (Narrow Necked Hollow Vase) will be up for Auction at the AGM .

Chairman's Challenge for the January meeting will be to turn a couple of pieces of fruit. From damsons to melons the choice is yours.

Programme 2010

if you have any suggestions as to who you would like to see demonstrating at the club in 2010, please let the Chairman know at the AGM in January.

Newsletter

If you have an email address, it would save the club some money if you would agree to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you are willing to do this please send me (Brian Goodall) an e-mail to brian@goodallb.demon.co.uk.

Thank you.

Our Next Meeting

Sunday 11th. January AGM and demo by Graham Lovett - Full day. Start 9.15 'til 5p.m. (**Free**)

Don't forget your sandwiches and cup for your tea.