



## WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

### JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Ian opened the meeting slightly later than usual to a cacophony of sound from the members present.

There were a couple of announcements before getting under way. Rob Hudson finally collected his cup for being first in the Beginners category for last year.

Last year we had a club outing, the cost of which was met by the club. This cost quite a bit and clearly the club cannot keep this up every year. It has been suggested that in future members should make a small contribution to any such events. A figure of £10 was suggested which seemed to be met with approval.

We welcomed a new member Robert Jahnke.

And finally it has been suggested; I think by Ron Ingles, that if every member made something we could donate the items to St. Barnabas House or Chestnut Tree House for them to sell in their shops. With over 120 members it should amount to quite a fund raising for them. So please donate something no matter what.

We then turned (no pun intended) to the main event of the day. This was to be a challenge for some members to turn an apple or a pear in 20 minutes. Each person started with a blank approximately 3inches square or 75 cms. I would have measured the properly but Ray had forgotten his measure.

We had 3 rounds of challengers:

First up were Andy Heath, Bob Eastabrook and Dave Unsted



Next were Keith Greenfield and Ray Burton.



And last but not least were Colin Smith and our esteemed chairman Ian Rudge.



Denys Dollin brought in some of his miniature turnings to match the pair of candlesticks he brought in last month. Denys assures me that he uses standard size tools except for the mortise joints he made on the dressing table. He made a special tool using some old dentist's equipment.



**Next month** we have a slight variation on the Floor day in that we have several members demonstrating how to use various tools. So if you have a problem with your technique on anything from a Skew to a Spindle gouge bring them in and have a **FREE** lesson. Dave Dean will be running the sharpen station for those of us who cannot sharpen anything much more than a pencil.

We need more members to step up for these Floor day extravaganzas as it's the same few members who take part. You don't have to be a great turner to take part and it is meant to be fun and should not be taken too seriously.

I would have offered but I have never turned an apple before and being a generous individual I decided to leave it to Ian to show how not to do it.

If you have any suggestions (polite ones only) as to what you would like to see at these Floor days or anything else **PLEASE PLEASE** tell either Keith or a member of the Committee. The Committee are not mind readers and no one will be offended if there is something the club is not doing something you would like to see.

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