



Ryedale Woodturners

Chairman's Report To AGM 1st August 2019

Another year gone and thanks go to all of the Committee for their efforts in keeping the Club running smoothly. The majority of the organising has been carried out by e-mail and telephone, but we have held one Committee meeting so as to plan for the EGM and the sales in Goathland.

Thanks go to Malcolm Dayson who has already stepped down from the Committee and to Bob Ingram who is stepping down tonight, they have kept things running smoothly for several years. Also thanks to Steve Fearnley for the Club website and in promoting the club. Thanks to Ian Temple for his continuing role of Programme Secretary. John Whiteley has once again played a major role in the logistics for sale days, thank you John. Last, thanks to Lance Garrard for taking on the role of Secretary, watch this space - changes are afoot!

Last year I apologised for raising the door charge, well, this year I have to apologise for raising both the door charge a second time and for increasing the subs for next year. This as you all know was done to ensure the Club's finances are sufficient for the immediate future and hopefully for a few years to come.

The club membership had declined over the previous couple of years, but the good news is we have had new members joining most months since Christmas.

I have used the word excellent after several of this years demonstrations, well I think a number of them were. We have maintained a high standard of demonstrators even through a lean period for our club's income. I am sure the future will be rosier and we have a good selection of demonstrators booked for the next year. Watch out for March though as I have agreed to do something!

The Thornton Le Dale Show could have been more successful from a financial point of view, but it did work well as a local shop front for the Club. I would like to think we gained a few new members from this, but I fear not! However, we are trying it again next week so lets see how things go. We have had successful sales at Thornton and at Goathland with another at Goathland to come in September. Altogether I estimate that the club income from these three sales could be into four figures. This really does make a big difference for club funds. Details to follow in the Treasurers report.

We had a good "Hands On Night" in February with a varied selection of activities for members to have a go at. Please give some thoughts as to what we can do at the "Hands On" next year. I'm already thinking about what to bring along. Please come along to that and do be prepared to have a go.

Christmas came and went as it does. It is difficult for me to know, with a lot to sort out on the night, how the evening went. The catering was somewhat different to previous years. Thanks go to my wife, Bertie, with Christine and Jonathan's help. I think it went well and we did stay more or less within budget.

Finally thanks to all of you, the club members, for supporting the club throughout the year and to you for your contributions to the displays and sales we have held and will hold in the future. Plus an extra special thanks to all those who stay on after the demonstrations to help with the clearing up. YOU know who you are, thank you.

Finally, I'm standing down as Chairman and from the committee. I've enjoyed the past two years as Chairman and will continue to fully support the club in all its endeavours in the future.

Best wishes for the future and carry on turning!

Keith