

# West Riding Woodcarvers' Association



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## February 2024 Newsletter



Geoff Wallace presented several Ukuleles, materials of construction and introduced himself as a friend of Richard Uttley, and a time served joiner by trade prior to retirement. Now he makes Ukuleles in a style that he prefers—not a George Formby man, neither instrument, song or words. Geoff advised that the ukuleles he constructs are always electric, and that the different tones / sounds were made by the manufacture and electronic tuning. Geoff further advised that the main materials of construction were plywood and various veneers and were shaped via use of a steam box and the

the use of various formers, but that many items of construction were available on the internet. His main item of equipment is a fret gauge to obtain the desired scale for placing the frets on the finger board. Geoff played and sang to us to demonstrate the amplification effect and tones to suit the particular music. He estimated that it took 8 full working days to construct a ukulele at a selling price of £140.00 ( Cheap at the price )

### Raffle and Refreshments

Thanks to Trevor Stanley for running the raffle and to Marina and Margaret for serving the tea / coffee and biscuits and clearance.



Thanks to carving contributors. Mike Chambers speciality—the tree and another packhorse bridge and a woman inspecting/repairing a fishing line . Plaques by Peter Keene and David Holt.

## Meeting and Events Calendar

- a) 9th March. Dalton Meeting. Chris Freeman. Talk on WaterAid.
- b) 13th April. Dalton Meeting. Richard Uttley to give a talk. Many thanks Richard.
- c) 11th May 2024 AGM. At Dalton.  
**June, July and August—no meetings.**
- d) 1st August. Yorkshire Day. Friarwood Valley Gardens in Pontefract. WRWA to have a display stand. 11.00am - 4.00pm
- e) Members are agreed to present WRWA at the Harrogate Show again in November. The proposal is for Graham to provide the centrepiece using automata
- f) The Christmas Lunch has been confirmed for 14th December 2024.

## Meeting Attendance

It is difficult getting speakers who are affordable to WRWA and more so to give a talk or demonstration on a related subject to woodcarving.

Last month we had 13 members in attendance. Members views would be appreciated. Do we need to rethink how the club is run—**it is your club.**

In the mean time please try to support the next meeting—it is difficult enough getting speakers but embarrassing when members don't give their support.

*Adrian R Lindley*