



Brian Ash

Trevor Etherington

Jeff Cordery

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AGM SUMMARY...

IN JANUARY we had our AGM. We were pleased to see plenty of support for this meeting. Full minutes will be sent out in due course.

It was announced that Greg Moreton would be stepping down as Chairman and the committee thanked him (in his absence) for the work he had done in this role, he will still continue as a member and is being replaced by Jeff Cordery. Geoff Knights is taking over from Jeff Cordery as Raffles organiser. (Note: since the AGM Hilary Sinclair has been co-opted onto the Committee).

The Committee are always keen to hear from members on matters relating to the club and we hope you will continue to raise issues with us outside of the annual Open Forum. We're available on each club night and by phone or email.

Jeff spoke about the possibility of arranging a mini-bus trip to the South East Woodworking show in Detling in March, more details will be announced when finalised. Brian Ash took us through the accounts, which are showing a healthy balance at the moment. It was confirmed that the subscription cost for this year is £50. No points were raised on other issues and the AGM closed at 8.40 pm when the meeting was thrown open for any other discussion points.

David Buskell suggested we could talk about What we do well, What we could improve and What we want from our Club and some interesting points were raised including how to best use the spare funds we currently have, after allowing for contingencies. The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

RAFFLE...

The major prize this month is a Robert Sorby swan necked hollowing tool together with various other prizes - excellent value for the price of a raffle ticket at just £1.00 each.



Geoff Knights settles at his new task

THIS MONTH...

15 February sees a return of the larger than life Les Thorne who will be showing us his Curly Top Box. Les is a full time production turner based in Alresford in Hampshire and a regular turning feature writer in Good Woodworking. He last visited Cheam in 2007 (see the photo review on our website). Les says his curly top box is basic box turning with a carved top textured and coloured. He will have some of his own brand tools for sale at the break. See more of him on noturningback.co.uk.



ON THE TABLE...

Very little was brought to display on the show table at the AGM. Two pieces were brought in by Gordon Cookson and an anonymous skeleton clock.

Jennie Starbuck has produced a beautiful rendition of our new club logo which she has kindly donated to the club and was much appreciated by everybody there.



Jennie Starbuck's beautifully produced Cheam Woodturners logo plaque.



Gordon Cookson's multi-layered shell and block of oak



Mixed wood skeleton clock

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NEXT MONTH...

In March we have Mark Baker RTP, author and editor of Woodturning Magazine, demonstrating at the club. if there's anything you'd particularly like Mark to demonstrate you could let **Bob Higgins** (phone: 020 8942 2221) know and he'll see what can be done.

DON'T FORGET...

If you ordered tickets for the South East Woodworking Show you will need to collect and pay for them at this month's meeting

BELMONT FESTIVAL...

The date for the 2012 Belmont Festival is Sunday 15 July starting at 12.00 and ending at 17.00 and Belmont village will be closed to traffic on that day. We have tentatively booked the same space as the last 2010 Festival and more information will be forthcoming as we have it.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 15th February

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WOODWORKING SHOW...

Yandles

TIMBER | TOOLS | MACHINERY | HOBBIES | GIFTS

Yandles Woodworking Show - one of the longest running Woodworking Shows in the UK.

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th April

- Free entry and parking
- A great line up of demonstrators in all aspects of woodworking including turning, carving, chair making, pyrography, green oak building, stick making, furniture restoration, toolsharpening, etc.
- One of the best line up of manufacturers and trade stands displaying machinery, tools, finishes, power tools and general woodworking equipment.
- Sale and special show prices throughout the show including all the timber and bowl blanks in the Self-Selection Centre.
- Gallery, Craft demonstrations and Hobbies Shop sale.
- Refreshment marquee.

If you feel like a trip to Somerset, this is the time to make that trip:

Yandle & Son Ltd

Hurst Works

Hurst

Martock

Somerset

TA12 6JU

Record Lathe:

Our Record DML 305 lathe and stand together with tools and chuck is currently available from February onwards.

If you wish to take advantage of this loan scheme, please let Brian Ash have your details (phone: 0208 642 8108, email: brianash@virginmedia.com).

To comply with the Club insurance, the kit has to be signed in and out again each month.

WEBSITE...

If you have any ideas for website content - please let Hilary know. We would definitely like more photos of your work, please, which can be Photoshopped if necessary. Any practical proposals welcome.

WOODTURNING FUNDAMENTALS ..



There are many sources of information for woodturners on the web and an excellent one is the American Association of Woodturners. They have just started a new programme called

Woodturning Fundamentals which will run bi-monthly and will contain question and answers, short instructional videos, speciality articles, extracts from past journals and more.

To access the information (plus much more) you need to become a member of the AAW, which costs \$38 (about £24) per year for online membership. Examples of the type of information that you can access are this pdf on [Sharpening the Skew](#) and this article on [20 ways not to turn a bowl](#).

GREENWOOD DAYS...



We have recently received the following, which may be of interest to members:

"I'm sending you some information about myself which I feel may be of some interest to your membership. I run Greenwood Days a centre in the National Forest where I teach and promote traditional crafts, one of those crafts being pole lathe turning. I've found that while woodturning is your members main focus they perhaps would be interested in a wider area of woodworking and crafts. With this in mind would it be possible to pass my details onto your members by a small mention in your own newsletter. As further interest I do come out and give talks to a wide range of groups. This can be an hour or twos demonstration covering the history and techniques involved in pole lathe turning or bring out up to 6 lathes for a more substantial hands on session with your members. I've found it illuminating to some members when they see a matching pair of chair legs turned from the log in under 10 minutes!"

More information can be found at:

www.greenwood-days.co.uk

Any submissions for next month's e-shot should be submitted to Hilary by 3rd March.

If you have any comments, corrections, or items to add, please contact e-shot editor Hilary - hsinclair@blueyonder.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 15th February