



This month

On 16th January we have our AGM followed by an open forum. We look forward to seeing you all there.

In February we are pleased to be welcoming Richard Findley once again - always a popular demonstrator

RAFFLE...

As usual there will be our **raffle**, always with excellent prizes as ever great value for the price of £1 per ticket.

SHORT REVIEW...

Our December Christmas social saw a good number of members attending and enjoying the food and drink provided.

As usual we had entries for the Frank Clarke Competition to judge, sadly the topic of 'Fruit' didn't produce a great number of entries but those that were entered were of very good standard. We also ran a Bring and Buy Sale and a new innovation for this meeting was a Quiz, excellently organised by Trevor Etherington.

In the Frank Clarke Competition Frank Fairbairn won the Beginners class, Richard Crook won the Intermediate with his impressive display of fruit on a platter and for the first time in the history of the competition from the 3 entries in the Advanced there was a dead heat between Bernard Sinclair and Chris Taylor. It was agreed that they should both be declared winners and as Bernard is moving away early this year Chris Taylor will be keeping the trophy. It should be noted that Bernard has now won the Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced categories in successive years, and apologies to Chris Taylor who won the Beginners last year and due to some confusion about the entry requirements moved straight to the Advanced and won that too! Congratulations should go to all winners and thanks to everyone who was prepared to enter. We hope to see some new entrants and winners at the next competition (see page 2 for the other entries)



Winner of the Beginners prize for a piece of fruit was Frank Fairbairn, who had left by the time the results were announced.



Richard Crook - Intermediate



Bernard Sinclair - Joint Advanced



Chris Taylor - Joint Advanced



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OTHER FRANK CLARKE ENTRIES



Beginners

Advanced



Intermediate

ON THE TABLE...



Chris Starbuck
Elm platter

Jennie Starbuck's sycamore platter was constructed with a laser cut insert, which was coated with resin and turned



Gordon Cookson produced this interestingly patterned platter



Brian Ash brought in his segmented plywood vase with a section to show how it was put together

A FOND FAREWELL...

Most of you will be aware that Bernard and I are moving away from our home of the past 34 years in Carshalton and settling down in Derbyshire, just outside the Peak District National Park in the village of Cutthorpe.

Although we are looking forward to our new adventure it is with considerable regret that we have to say goodbye to Cheam Woodturners. It all started when I was looking for small pieces of 'interesting' wood to make my jewellery and after an invitation from Jeff to come along and see what you do it seems to have expanded into us now having moved on to our 2nd lathe and Bernard having won Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Frank Clarke competitions in successive years - and we didn't start turning until the early Spring of 2011! So I think we could call that something of a success story.

As well as that, of course, I have been heavily involved producing the e-shot and website - something of a mixed blessing but it certainly means I know about the club and remember the demonstrations better than most. I'd like to encourage others to get involved in any way you can and would definitely say that the more you put in the more you get out.

We would both like to thank Cheam for the warm welcome they offered us and in particular the help and support given to us by Richard Hoodless, without whose expert tuition we would have got nowhere near where we are today. He gave us the best grounding we could have hoped for and we will be forever grateful for his patience and interest in our turning careers.

We don't have a moving date yet so may be around for a month or two but we will greatly miss you all when we go. Should you be passing near Cutthorpe you will be most welcome to call by!

Hilary Sinclair

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JIMMY CLEWES MASTERCLASS AT CHEAM WOODTURNERS

We were privileged to be able to welcome Jimmy Clewes to Cheam Woodturners on 10th November last year at his only club demonstration for 6 years whilst visiting the UK from his home in Las Vegas. 80 members and non-members enjoyed the whole day masterclass where Jimmy demonstrated how to make 3 very different pieces - a square edged ogee box, an 'African Drum' style box with a cocobolo insert and silver inlay, and an endgrain natural edge vase.

The whole day was video'd - thanks to Brian Chaves - and he has produced a set of 5 DVD's in HD that are available to club members for £20 for the set. We have one set for immediate purchase and more will be available by March. Please note these are for private use only and no part can be uploaded onto the internet, or transmitted elsewhere. There are also write-ups with photos which have been uploaded onto our website under Information/Reviews: **Square edge box, African drum style box, Natural edge endgrain vase.**

Jimmy went out of his way to emphasise that everything he was demonstrating was his way of turning and that there are no right and wrong ways of woodturning. His view was that it was the aesthetic look of a piece that was most important and we should attempt to achieve this by the way that suits us best and that we most enjoy.

Jimmy used very few tools, although as always, they were kept very sharp. He mainly used a large bowl gouge with curved swept back wings, a small bowl gouge with a micro-bevel, a spindle gouge a parting tool and occasionally a parting tool with an angled grind. He said if he could get to turners when they started out he could save them a fortune in tools!

The square edge box was raffled and won by Ron Thomas. This was not just a demonstration by a true master of his craft but also an extremely entertaining day for everyone who attended. We are very grateful to Jimmy for picking us as his club of choice to demonstrate at and also to David Buskell who put in 2 years of hard work and stress into organising the visit!



PROGRAMME 2014

Bob Higgins has been working hard on the programme of events for 2014 and below is the current list. If you have any suggestions for demonstrators and/or club nights that you would like to see please contact Bob on 020-8942 2221 or bobhiggins@virginmedia.com

January 16th	AGM
February 19th	Richard Findley
March 19th	Club night
April 16th	Greg Moreton
May 21st	Club night
June 18th	Jason Breach - just bowls
July 16th	Mark Baker
August 20th	Club night
September 17th	Shaun Clifford - offsets
October 15th	OGM and Club night
November 19th	Chris Grace
December 17th	Club Social evening

CARSHALTON FROST FAIR

For the second year Carshalton held its Frost Fair on 7th December. Cheam Woodturners had been invited to attend and we were represented by Hilary and Bernard Sinclair and Chris Barrett. As we did not take part in 2012 it was something of an unknown quantity, although we had seen a large number of people on that occasion. It was held around the area of Carshalton Ponds, the Ecology Centre and Honeywood Lodge.

It turned out to be an extremely successful event. Running from 1.00 - 6.00 pm meant we had to provide lighting which was surprisingly effective. A marquee with individual tables could have been booked but it was decided to take a larger outdoor space to allow for a bigger display area. We were provided with a Farmers Market type umbrella, so it was just as well that the day was dry with no wind.

People interested in buying were there before the fair opened and continued to move through for the whole time. In all the three of us sold just under £500 worth of goods and stock was getting low so it's possible we could have sold more.

Unfortunately Bernard and I will be in pastures new, a bit too far away to take part, but this appears to be an extremely successful venture and I would thoroughly recommend that Cheam take space next December. Some stalls did have their own gazebos, which we had originally requested and it might be a good idea to try to ensure we get a space for our own as rain and woodturning don't mix too well!

Hilary Sinclair



Festival Walk by day and night



If you have any comments, corrections, or items to add, please contact e-shot editor Hilary - hilarysinclair@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND OPEN FORUM

To be held on Wednesday 18th January 2014

The Annual General Meeting of Cheam Woodturners Association will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 8pm sharp or such other time as the Chairman shall designate. All fully paid up members of the Club are entitled to attend and vote.

Any apologies for absence to the Hon Secretary please. If you are NOT able to attend the AGM you can still vote on the resolutions by appointing someone to vote on your behalf - Please contact davidbuskell@yahoo.com

By order of the Committee,

David Buskell FCIS, Honorary Secretary

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive and adopt the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday, 16th January 2013.
3. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Report of the previous year's working.
4. To receive and adopt the Honorary Secretary's Report for the previous year.
5. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report and statement of accounts covering the financial affairs of the previous year.
6. To elect a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and three committee members for the following year. (see note below)
7. Any other business.

By order of the Committee,

David Buskell FCIS

Honorary Secretary

The AGM will be followed by an Open Forum in which members may raise issues for discussion. Prior notification of any topics to be discussed would be appreciated.

CLUB SHOP NEWS (a members service)

Don't forget that we stock the Simon Hope sanding Arbours and that we have restocked the abrasives, both at the lowest price commercially available, together with the invaluable Rustins Danish Oil, also at the lowest price.

ASHTEAD VILLAGE FAIR

Once again Cheam Woodturners are taking a stall at the Ashtead Village Fair on Saturday 14th June. This has always proved to be a very successful event for us so if you are interested in taking part please speak to Trevor Etherington.

MEMBERSHIP DUES...

If anyone has not yet paid, a reminder that John Fenn will be happy to receive your Membership subscription of £30 at the January meeting.

New 2014 Membership cards will be available for collection from Trevor Etherington at the January meeting

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!



At our AGM in January each year, our committee of dedicated volunteers have to stand down. In January 2014, it is the intention of the current Chairman and the Secretary not to offer themselves for re-election. These are two key posts in the running of the Club and

we therefore need volunteers to fill these posts. Hilary (e-shot and website) is also moving away to pastures new (Derbyshire) early 2014 so at least one person will need to replace her.

The Club needs its Committee and the Committee needs its full quota of officers to function. Please do think about volunteering for the vacancies.

FOR SALE

Small woodturning lathe, chuck and tools

Contact Derek Forrester on 0208-330 7368 for more details

CLUB LATHE...

A reminder, particularly for new members, that our Record DML 305 lathe and stand together with tools and chuck is currently available for loan.

To borrow the lathe please let Brian Ash have your details (phone: 0208 642 8108, email: brianash@virginmedia.com) by the week prior to the next meeting. Remember that it may be needed for various demonstrations during the summer months so take advantage of it while it is available. We also have a small Record Lathe that is available for loan. To comply with the Club insurance, the kit has to be signed in and out again each month.

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