



This month

December sees the return of our Christmas social event together with the Frank Clarke competition. As usual there will be food and drink provided and a Bring and Buy sale (so please bring something to sell and some money to buy with) and in a change from previous socials we are holding a quiz night. We look forward to seeing you all there.

RAFFLE...

As usual there will be a **special Christmas raffle** prizes, with even more prizes than usual - always excellent value for the price of £1 per ticket.

SHORT REVIEW...

Our November meeting was a club night entitled "Gadgets and Gizmos" where David Buskell, Jeff Cordery and Gordon Cookson took us through some of the mainly home-made items that make their life as a woodturner much easier. There were many tips, only some of which can be included in this short extract, see the full article on our website - [Gadgets and Gizmos](#).

David Buskell led off with the recommendation to turn to the Woodworkers forum (www.woodworkersinstitute.com/forum/) for any queries and problems we have, with a worldwide audience you can be almost certain of a response to any question. He also suggested that YouTube is a huge repository of woodturning knowledge, for techniques and how to use specific tools and gadgets. He also showed us the very versatile low melt polymer pellets that can be moulded and set to any shape and reformed as required.

Jeff Cordery had a wide range of gizmos and tips amassed over the years, including the following:

- Using a simple block of wood with a hole in it sized to the spigot you turn to stand bowls in after oiling to allow them to dry and then be remounted on the lathe for finishing.
- Smoothing the back of your gouge to take your final cut as it is often the gouge that is rough and doesn't run smoothly over the tool rest
- 2 flat pieces of metal, sawed and filed to the size of his c-jaws in compression and expansion, attached with magnets to his lathe and always available when he is turning a piece to fit the chuck.
- Tyre lever filed down to make a shear scraper
- Tops for screw top tins - to make it easier to remove these tops, often tightly stuck Jeff makes larger turned tops which are glued onto the screw caps and transferred to a new tin as necessary.
- Hollowing tool holder for turning a long way over the rest.
- Hollowed out screw chuck lined with felt for ball turning - also useful for fruit
- We were reminded that we can use a rubber mat on the faceplate or chuck and a flat piece of wood on the tail stock to hold a piece in place or to use as a clamp.
- Simple 2-part chuck for holding a ball, mounted in chuck jaws and fitting over tail stock.
- Doughnut chuck for holding bowls and uneven pieces (also shown by Gordon Cookson)

Gordon Cookson finished off the evening by showing us his home-made steady, which is used to hold the large pieces he makes in chipboard and ply and also the long thin pieces, known as 'tremblers' where the steady is used with the addition of rubber bands. He used inline skate wheels which have the advantage of being on bearings, although tricky to fit.

Gordon and Jeff both had long extensions with some form of sanding block or disk on the end to sand inside hollow vessels and Gordon finished off the evening recommending that we use fingerless gloves to see us through turning in the winter! Thanks to David, Jeff and Gordon for an entertaining and informative evening.



Polymorph plastic



bowl stand



back of gouge



Tenon and mortice sizers



tyre lever shear scraper



tops for tins



hollowing tool holder



screw chuck for balls and fruit



doughnut chuck



2-part ball chuck



home-made steady



fingerless gloves

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 18th December

ON THE TABLE...



For those of you who weren't at the Jimmy Clewes masterclass you missed a treat and these are two of the pieces he made that day (the 3rd was won as a raffle prize). Jimmy made a natural edge vase in end grain ash and an African drum style box with cocobolo and sterling silver inlay inset in the lid.

Richard Hoodless made this kaleidoscope from a kit mounted in walnut and African Blackwood



- it was a challenge from Bernard Sinclair who couldn't work out how it fitted together and unsurprisingly Richard figured it out but remarked that the original instructions had to be amended and he made the body slightly bowed in the middle as to fit in the contents the outer wall had to be about 1mm thick!



Jeff Cordery



Derek Dowle hawthorn tealight holder



David Buskell made the most of his chance to attend a Jimmy Clewes Masterclass at The Toolpost, Didcot and made the above items - Day 1 a lidded bowl in Ash with stained lid, Day 2 an oriental box in pear (similar to that made by Jimmy in walnut at our demo) and a bowl in a Chilean Laurel burr - slight undercut achieved with a Hunter tool - See page 3 for an account of David's masterclass experience.



David Buskell Skeleton clock mounted onto a stone base



Richard Crook mounted apple in boxwood

CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

This year has been a very busy one for a number of people within the club. The purchase of our new camera equipment and high definition camera and projector enabled us to improve the visual presentation of demonstrations. The all day event with Jimmy Clewes was the first ever such event since the club was formed. This has meant that many members, including your committee, have worked hard to ensure that things went smoothly for the rest of the members.

I would sincerely like to thank all those who helped with the Jimmy Clewes presentation and also help every month to make our meetings a success. Please remember that it is the efforts of the members which make the club a success or failure, so I would urge everyone to get involved in, and consequently get more out of, the club.

On behalf of your committee I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas, a good New Year and lots of presents from Santa's woodturning Elves.

Jeff Cordery

December 2013

JIMMY CLEWES MASTERCLASS AT THE TOOLPOST

I was lucky enough to be one of the 4 people that booked on the second of the 2 two day Masterclasses held by Jimmy at The Toolpost.

9.30am on the Thursday morning saw 4 woodturners arrive at Didcot with



their kit to be greeted by Jimmy. After introductions and a brew, we were allocated to lathes either Wivamac or Oneway. I was lucky to get a Oneway.

Jimmy then explained the structure of the course and what he wanted us to do in the 2 days we would be with him.

First up was a lidded bowl. Fairly straightforward but we were shown new techniques and design tips to ensure we managed to get the best possible shape for our piece. The lid was a challenge for most of us and even more so when Jimmy said we were going to colour it. We used Chestnut Spirit Stains and the effect on the Ash was something to be seen! If we had time, we made a small finial for the lid - I didn't manage this so still have the piece of African Blackwood we were given, to cut.

Next up was a square Oriental box. I thought this would be easy as Jimmy had demonstrated it to us at Cheam the previous Sunday. Wrong! I soon realised how much of the demo I had not taken in as I had been ensuring that Jimmy had all he required on the day. This turned out not a be a problem as Jimmy took us through each stage with a drawing, a demo or both. We were free to ask questions as we went along and sometimes he would appear over your shoulder and make a comment on your work.

We all got to grips with the formula for an Ogee and managed to cut our pieces of Pear to Mr. Clewes' satisfaction.

All of our pieces were sanded down to 320 grit - you really didn't need to go any lower as the speed of the lathe made for such a clean cut. Remember that Jimmy was turning at 2500rpm on the club lathe - the speed really does make such a difference to the quality of the cut. This together with sharp tools improved the quality of all our work. We used Finishing Oil to coat everything.

We had some time left at the end of the second day so most of us took a piece of Chilean Laurel Burr to turn. This comes out in a lovely shade of green and cuts like butter. Stock of the timber was selling fast at the Open Day and I can understand why!

My thanks to Jimmy and to Peter Hemsley at The Toolpost for looking after us all so well and for the hospitality.

David Buskell (See page 2 for the results of David's efforts)

EPSOM COLLEGE

As has been mentioned at several previous meetings, the Club has been approached by Abi Wickham, Head of Design and Technology at Epsom College, to help improve their knowledge relating to a whole range of aspects around wood turning.

The help is directed towards Abi and members of her staff rather than in the form of a direct interface with the students. A small number of our members have visited the College to inspect their facilities and equipment. The workshop is impressive, but we felt that certain improvements needed to be made, most specifically in respect of tool sharpening. Acting upon our advice Abi has acquired new grinding wheels and Trend headgear, the latter as it is essential the health and safety of the students is paramount.

The arrangement is that we attend the College for one hour on selected Thursday evenings to discuss techniques and design ideas. To date the members representing the Club have been David Buskell, Jeff Cordery, Trevor Etherington and Roger Poulton. Due to other commitments it is not possible for these four members to be able to attend the College every Thursday night, albeit on a rotational basis, and so we are asking for other members to consider assisting this worthwhile venture - encouraging the younger generation to become interested in woodturning.

If you feel you can help please contact Trevor Etherington on 01371 728788 or tjetherington@gmail.com.

It is worth noting that we have now Abi has a Club member and we look forward to welcoming her to future Club meetings.

Trevor Etherington

PROGRAMME 2014

Bob Higgins is 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 15th	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

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

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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 for a Proxy form which should be returned by no later than 2nd January 2014.

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

Please note that any item for discussion under item 7 to be forwarded in writing to the Honorary Secretary at: Woodlands, 52 Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 8DE by no later than 2nd January 2014.

Nomination forms for the officers and committee vacancies are available from the Honorary Secretary on request and will be available from the December meeting.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES...

As the days draw in a reminder that John Fenn will be happy to receive your Membership subscription of £30 at the December 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 are therefore looking for 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.

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.

CULTURAL PROVISION IN SUTTON

The Council is undertaking a survey to try to assess the cultural activity in the Borough and they want as many people as possible to take part. If you'd like to give them your views the survey can be accessed at :

<http://bit.ly/culture-in-sutton> (closing date 15th December)

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.

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

Submissions for next month's e-shot should be sent to **Hilary** by 1st January

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