



THIS MONTH...

On 16th January we have our AGM followed by an open forum. We will also be showing a trailer for the Jimmy Clewes demonstration, which is in November, for those of you who don't know his work, plus presentation of the Frank Clarke certificates and some of what's on in 2013 where members can add their ideas of what they would like to see and take part in during the year.

RAFFLE...

The Star prize this month will be a large tool box. As ever with several other prizes it will be great value for the price of a raffle ticket at just £1.00 each.

SHORT REVIEW...

At the December meeting we held our Christmas Social and Frank Clarke Competition. We also had a bring and buy sale, an extremely difficult Identify the Wood Competition and the new innovation of a Woodturning exchange. The number of entries in the Frank Clarke competition was disappointing, although of high quality throughout - there were several comments that some of the beginners entries could easily have been in the advanced category. In all there were 5 entries in the Beginners, 6 in the Intermediate and 2 in the Advanced - we obviously need some new ideas to encourage participation in the future (please let us know if you have any thoughts on this). The winners were: Beginners - Chris Taylor, Intermediate - Bernard Sinclair, Advanced - Jeff Cordery. Like Derek Monkhouse before him, Bernard managed to win the Beginners last year and the Intermediate this year.



(The eagle-eyed among you may have spotted that Jeff 'cleverly' managed to produce a vase with 3 square corners instead of 4!)

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

IDENTIFY THE WOOD COMPETITION...



The identify the wood competition, organised by Jeff Cordery produced a lot of interest and proved extremely difficult, even experts like Greg and Richard were at a loss on some of the items on display. Prizes (chocolate bars) were awarded to those who were prepared to have a go and marking your own entry meant you didn't have to own up to your ignorance!

WOODTURNING EXCHANGE...

David Buskell masterminded the woodturning exchange and summed up the result:

"We tried out a woodturning exchange at the December meeting.

Our thanks to the 6 members who participated. Thanks also to those members who said they wished they had brought a piece in to exchange-next time perhaps?

The exchange idea is not new and seems to have been started by members of The World of Woodturners (WOW) at a symposium many years ago. It is now a regular feature at the AAW symposia and other woodturning symposia around the world where Wow members are attending.

The UK has been slow to pick up on this idea although members of the Woodworkers Institute Forum organised a swap amongst their members, which was quite successful.

I was asked what the rules for the exchange are: simply, there are none. You come in with a piece of work and you go out with a piece of work. You do not know what that piece will be or who will give it to you-that's the exciting bit! If you're a member of WOW (and I can highly recommend that you join) check out the threads for San Jose swap 2012 and St Paul swap 2011. The WWI also has an ongoing thread about the first swap and subsequent exchanges.

We'll try another swap later in the year so all those members who said they would bring in a piece, please do so - the more items the merrier!"

David Buskell



Bernard and Chris make their exchange

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND OPEN FORUM

To be held on Wednesday 16th January 2013

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive and adopt the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday, 18th January 2012.
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. To receive and adopt the revised Constitution - a draft copy of this will be circulated early January.
8. 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.

Help wanted!!

The existing officers and committee members all stand down at the AGM and of these, some are prepared to offer themselves for re-election. Any organisation requires help to run and Cheam is no exception. If you want to assist in helping to run the Club, please consider joining the Committee. We will be asking for volunteers on the night!

JIMMY CLEWES MASTERCLASS...

It was announced at the November meeting that tickets for the Jimmy Clewes all day masterclass, on Sunday 10th November 2013, would be available to club members at £10 each and non-members at £15 (including buffet lunch). As this is likely to be very popular there will be a list available at our meetings, where you can express an interest in attending (no commitment required at this time) so that we can get an idea of the numbers.

FAREWELL ...

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Ray Spanswick, who has been a member of Cheam Woodturners for many years. Not only has he been a supportive member but has also been helping to run the shop - an invaluable resource for the club. We are very pleased to welcome Andy Bennett, also our First Aid man to assist with the shop.

We wish Ray all the best in his new model engineering hobby and we'll always be interested if he wants to come back and show us his productions, or indeed rejoin. We would like to thank him for all the time and effort he has given to the club.

FEBRUARY MEETING...

In February we will be welcoming Simon Hope back to Cheam Woodturners. Simon Hope has been woodturning from the age of 11 and at the age of 26, was one of the youngest to be on the register of professional turners. 11 years on, Simon has vast experience in demonstrating to woodturning clubs across the UK, as well as a tutor for La Moulin in France. Simon brings a wealth of turning techniques, new ideas, humour and enjoyment to every demonstration. He also sells a range of cutting tools, sanding equipment, quick release handles and other turning accessories. See his website:

<http://www.hopewoodturning.co.uk/>



MEMBERSHIP DUES...

CLUB...

Don't forget if you haven't already paid that membership fees of £30 are now due. If you are coming to the AGM you can pay then - remember you can't vote if you haven't paid.

AWGB...

Remember that from 2013 you are no longer automatically members of the AWGB and membership must be paid separately. You can find a renewal form in December's edition of **Revolutions** and copies will be available at the December meeting. There is also a link **here** to the form online.

Due to a change in the AWGB staffing you should **ignore Sandra Needham's contact details** on the renewal form and send your renewal to Paul Hannaby, Windrush, High Street, Drybrook, GL17 9ET.

Submissions for next month's e-shot should be sent to Hilary by 7th February

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