

# Cheam Woodturners Association

# Newsletter 6

October 2001

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The Thursday October 18th meeting will be our last at the current venue and the last on a Thursday.

**Dates of meetings from November onwards are to be the third Wednesday of each month.**

Meetings will in future be held at **North Cheam Sports & Social Club, 658 London Road (A24) North Cheam, Surrey** next to Sainsbury's, **start time 7.45pm.**

Dates are detailed on the back of this newsletter.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

On Thursday 20th September, the Branch members attended their first EGM to discuss a motion of no confidence in the ability of Mr Len Saunderson to serve the best interests of the membership of the CWA.

It is never easy to have to deal with such a motion about a fellow member, especially when that member has been instrumental in founding the Club.

The signatories to the motion were asked to state their case and two former committee members also made comments to the membership.

Len then answered the various points raised and both sides were questioned by the members present.

After a short break, a vote was taken and the motion was carried by 34 votes to 14.

Len then resigned as Honorary Secretary and Frank Clarke and the other Committee Members asked for volunteers for the committee to contact them as soon as possible.

*David Buskell FCIS*

***A list of the new committee members is provided on the back of this newsletter***

### THIS IS

### YOUR NEWSLETTER

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or a letter to the editor

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*Members who submit articles will be given the opportunity by telephone call or a proof copy in order that they may give their consent/approval of any editing that has been carried out on the original article, before it is published.*

# Handy Tips

More tips from club members

## Lathe Care

### Protecting the headstock

Where no thread protector is available a short piece of plastic pipe of appropriate internal diameter can be used to protect the headstock thread from damage whilst turning. The ends of the pipe can be cut square by putting it on a tapered wood mandrel and cutting the ends with a skew chisel.

### Removal of hollow centres from the tailstock

The removal of hollow centres, used for long hole boring, from the tailstock can easily be accomplished by making a cylinder about 20mm long from close grained hardwood to fit over the tailstock mandrel. Slip this ring over the mandrel before inserting the hollow centre into the tailstock. To remove the centre just wind the mandrel back into the tailstock.

### Protection of the lathe bed

To protect the lathe bed from splashes of sanding sealer and other finishes use a piece of thin aluminium sheet bent over at each side to locate on the bed shears or bars. By making two pieces to slide over each other any length of work can be accommodated.

Spraying the lathe bed or bars with silicone lubricant or use of a wax lubricant allows the saddle and tailstock to slide easily on the bed. Be careful not to spray the headstock bearings as the solvent in the spray will leach out the grease from the bearings.

## Sizing Spigots

An easy way to size a spigot for a particular diameter hole is to make a simple jig by drilling a piece of good quality plywood, 8-10mm thick, with a sawtooth bit and cutting the plywood through the centre of the hole to give a semicircular template for sizing the spigot. A template for all the common sizes used can be made.

## Ferrules for tool handles

When making your own tool handles a short length of 22 or 28mm copper tube makes a suitable ferrule. Use a pipe cutter to cut the tubing so that the ends are square with the tube.

## Low voltage light

A simple low voltage spotlight can be made by using a 12v 20w car bulb and a step down transformer. Buy any old desk lamp from a jumble sale or car boot sale, preferably one with a flexible stem. Remove the fitting for the bulb from the reflector and fit a bayonet fitting from an old car light. House the transformer in a plastic box to protect it from dust and shavings. Fit a switch and suitable connectors to the box. This box containing the transformer can be positioned some distance from the lathe. The lamp can be fixed to the lathe or hung above the lathe to illuminate work.

## Practical evenings

*What would you like to see demonstrated at one of next year's practical evenings and have a chance to try out yourself?*

*The committee would like to know, so please tell one of them.*

## Discounts

**Club members get 15% discount at both Roberts Tools in Sutton and Crown Tools in Hackbridge**

# Shop Talk

**where members get the chance to share their experiences at shops, old and new, near and far**

## Stiles & Bates

Upper Farm, Church Hill, Sutton, Dover CT15 5DF  
Tel: 01304 366360

After driving down motorways and country lanes, what could be better than putting your feet up with a cup of coffee in front of a log fire? - A woodturning store.

We were looking for a piece of Zebrano for a specific project and Stiles & Bates had some in stock. We were met by Mr. David Bates himself, and his able assistant Mike helped us sort out our requirements. Stiles & Bates handle everything for the turner "from logs to lathe". Well, we saw the logs and everything else. The shop has a good selection of tools, accessories and equipment. The Wood Store is not large, but has a good range, including some specials that Stiles & Bates acquire from time to time.

For those of you that read David Bates' feature in "Woodturning", the majority of the items are on display in the shop and David will gladly explain the techniques etc involved in any piece.

Before leaving, we were shown all the background operations that go in to bringing that blank from the log to your lathe.

A very friendly and well-stocked store. If enough members are interested, it might be possible to organise a day trip, to include a presentation by Mr. Bates on the "from logs to lathe" theme.

### **Calling all members !**

Do you know of a shop, product or service that has given you satisfaction? If so, why not share this information with your Club colleagues?  
Contact the Editor with your information.

## Craft Supplies

The Mill, Millers Dale, Buxton, Derbys SK17 8SN  
Tel: 01298 871636

On the A6 Buxton to Derby road, about two miles before Bakewell, turn left on the B6049 to Millers Dale. The Mill where you will find Craft Supplies is about a mile down the road. A Woodturner's heaven!

The catalogue is all there before your eyes! There is also a Gallery of work, which will provide inspiration to all.

## Derby Woodturning Centre

Units 5-7 Wordsworth Avenue, Sinfin, Derbyshire  
DE24 9HQ Tel: 01332 775827

In just two years, Nigel and Tricia Griffin have built up a thriving shop, on the south side of Derby. You're made welcome and left free to browse amongst the wide range of tools, accessories and equipment. Nigel is a turner and Tricia a textile designer. Take the opportunity to purchase some of Tricia's exclusive box lids whilst you are there, to give your work that little something extra.

The Wood store has a good range of exotics including some exclusive ranges - Nigel is always looking out for unusual timbers. There is also a good range of English timbers, to complement this.

Discount is given on production of AWGB card.

A small shop with friendly and helpful owners. Well worth a visit if you are in the area.

*all reports from David Buskell*

### **Derby Woodturning Centre**

**Visit our newly extended and refurbished  
centre where we now have courses  
and an even larger wood store.  
We only stock good clean quality timber  
and supply many professional turners.**

For a warm welcome come to  
5-7 Wordsworth Avenue, Sinfin, Derby DE24 9HQ  
telephone 01332 775827

# THE NEW COMMITTEE

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## WHO'S WHO

*David Buskell, our new club secretary*

I came into woodturning about two years ago. A two day course with Frank Clarke got me hooked, and turning has provided a relaxing and stress free antidote to the day job, as music royalty auditor. I am involved with local branches of my professional institutes and am also a qualified chartered secretary.

I am still developing my technique and am looking forward to practising all the hints and tips we get at our regular meetings. My wife and two grown-up children now always expect something in wood for their Christmas and Birthday presents.

## Gregory Moreton RPT

Professional wood turner Gregory Moreton offers tuition for one or two students in his Claygate workshop

Two day beginners courses and one day advanced or refresher courses are available or hourly tuition can be tailored to your own needs

Gregory is registered with the Worshipful Company of Turners and is a full member of the Surrey Guild of Craftsmen

Please call 01372 467692 for more details  
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## NEXT MEETINGS

*Thursday 18th October, 7.30pm  
(last time in Cheam Church Hall)*

Demonstration by Gary Rance who served a three year apprenticeship in woodturning, has turned for 26 years and has demonstrated at AWGB shows and in seven countries worldwide. He expects to demonstrate turning an idiot stick, a box and maybe more.

**FROM NOVEMBER ONWARDS  
MEETINGS ARE ON THE  
THIRD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
STARTING 7.45PM AT**

**North Cheam Sports & Social Club**

**658 London Road (A24)**

**North Cheam, Surrey**

next to Sainsbury's supermarket

***Wednesday 14th November***

Furniture Restoration and Table Lamps

***Wednesday 19th December***

Christmas Social

## CLUB MEETINGS 2001

**16TH JANUARY, 20TH FEBRUARY**

**20TH MARCH, 17TH APRIL**

**15TH MAY, 19TH JUNE**

**17TH JULY, 21ST AUGUST**

**18TH SEPTEMBER, 16TH OCTOBER**

**20TH NOVEMBER, 8TH DECEMBER**

## NEXT NEWSLETTER DECEMBER

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