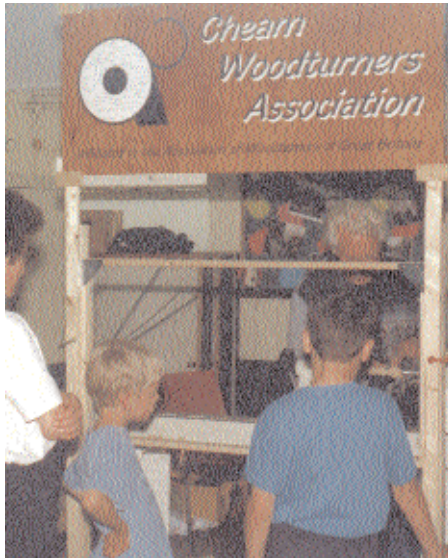
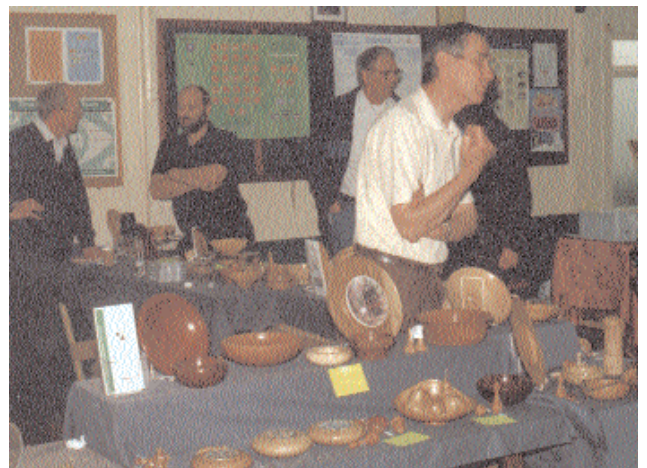


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Club Shows at Worcester Park in July



and at Sutton in August



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and on this useful Tool Lecturn*

To Show or not to Show?

A professional view

This article was received around the time of the AGM and was noted by the committee. It is published now to get alternative views. Let the editor have your reply.

As one who has depended on shows for a living for 14 years may I offer the following advice to the members:

The proportion of the general population who want to buy a wooden object is quite small and to attract them you have to advertise very widely.

In my experience the most successful shows where sales are the main objective are those occurring in a venue already heavily visited for some other reason.

If you want to sell turnery, you have to make items proven to be popular - not necessarily those you like making.

Good venues are expensive.

I strongly recommend to the committee that they consider carefully why they want members to exhibit. The great majority of our members are hobbyists with other sources of income and mostly inexperienced. The Cheam show was in my opinion a disaster and I think our club is not yet ready for public exhibitions.

I think the main purpose for showing at present should be for learning and entertainment purposes and should occur within the boundaries of the club venue. It should be categorised for experience in groups e.g. beginners, 0-1 years experience, 1-2 yrs, 2-5 yrs etc.

Each show should be accompanied by a kindly teaching critique and followed up with offers of help to those with problems

In time public exhibitions will probably be on but at present I feel they could lead to discouragement.

Tim Lawson

JIMMY CLEWES MASTERCLASS heads the guest list for 2003 programme and other speakers include David Reeks, Brian Waldrige, Ted Farrow and Peter Blake

Subjects being demonstrated should include Involute Turning, Tree Surgery, Safety and Dust Control, Multi-centre and Split Turning, Wet Bowls and Timber Conversion

plus Chestnut Products on Finishing and Crown Tools with a video and sales

full details to follow in December

Worcester Park Scouts Fete

Our club took part in the 2002 annual fete in July, putting on a demonstration of woodturning combined with an exhibition and sale of member's work. Our two teaboy's, Ken Elkington and Stanley Coombes made their first public appearance demonstrating the fine art of woodturning - no holding them back!

Some of the items on display were sold including 'fun mice' made by Richard, our treasurer, although having intended them for children all the clients were adults!

The club stand was impressive with our new safety screen in front of the club lathe. We were sited indoors, a screw plan anticipating British weather, but it turned out a nice day and most activities were outside in adjacent grounds. Consequently the location was not ideal and the committee agreed that if invited to return next year an outside pitch will be risked. I know this will haunt me. That said, those who did venture indoors were enthused by the club's display. The to all of you who were involved - it was a fun day.

Andrew Griffiths, Chairman

Sutton Environmental Fair

For the first time, Cheam Woodturners Association took part in the fair held in Carshalton Park on August Bank Holiday Monday. It was not a promising start as, after a week of glorious sunshine, Monday started cold, damp and overcast. Typical Bank Holiday weather. We had a lot of fun erecting the two "Gazebo" tents which were to protect the exhibits, trying to follow the instructions on how to connect the poles. Funny that there is never a Boy Scout around when you need one.

Our exhibit consisted of a fine collection of turned work from some of the members and a very interesting display from Colin Simpson which demonstrated the process of wood conversion "from tree to table".

The Fair Organisers claim that around 6000 people visited the Fair and quite a few looked around our display. Some of them even bought items, especially the wooden white mice turned, or is that bred, by Richard Hoodless. As fast as they were sold he replaced them from a secret mouse store under the table. We handed out quite a few Membership application forms and some people seemed very keen to know more about the Club. This was very satisfying as the main objective of attending the Fair was to promote Cheam Woodturners Association. We also had the offer of two trees, one Beech and one Walnut, from visitors. We will be following up these offers. My thanks to Andrew, Richard, David, Harry and Larry for their support and help throughout the day.

Jeff Cordery, Events Organiser

Meeting Reviews

Wet Woodturning

Report by Alan Pattison

At the June meeting Roy Childs gave an informative demonstration of wet woodturning. He started with a rough blank of Cherry, mounted on a small faceplate, brought to the round, made a small recess in the end face and finally troughed the outside profile.

Remounted on a chuck, Roy used a 'long and strong' bowl gouge to do the hollowing out and explained how to avoid kick back.

Roy also demonstrated an alternative method of mounting the blank on a pin chuck. This is ideal for mounting blanks to produce natural edged bowls.

Finally Roy showed us how he mounts a wooden spigot inside the bowl with a bead of hot melt glue for a new chuck recess to be turned before the finish turning.

Lidded Boxes

Report by Malcolm Martin

Bob French entertained us at our July meeting with his demonstration of turning an Apple which was different to the normal wooden apple in that he makes them hollow and with an almost invisible lid.

The evening was amply rewarding in that Bob gave us all some very interesting tips and his views on turning matters some of which were contrary to what we had been told by other pundits of the art.

He turned a perfect Hollow Apple Box with an invisible lid of which he has made hundreds. A most enjoyable evening with something for everyone.

Colouring, Hollowing and Good Form

Report by Henk Schouten

August's meeting had a very good attendance with 50 old men and 2 ladies. First Colin Simpson talked and demonstrated the art of colouring wood. I would not recommend you allowing him in to decorate in your home as it is an extremely dirty hand's on job.

Then Gregory Moreton explained the making of hollow vessels with the aid of drawings and showing the various tools required. Finally the evening drew to a close with (Dr Woodturner) Tim Lawson giving his views on the artistic side of both good and bad turning with a number of very interesting examples.

A very informative and interesting evening.

Hints & Tips

Sticky Chucks are useful for holding small items on the lathe where no chuck recess or spigot is wanted or where it would be difficult to remove this by turning eg natural edge bowls and dishes.

The sticky chucks that I use consist of a 1.75 inch diameter aluminium pallet. This pallet is heated on an upturned domestic iron on 'synthetics' (about 50 degrees C) and either a film of hot metal glue laid on it or applied from a stick. Whilst still hot the pallet is brought up to the bottom of the item and pressed home with a revolving centre in the tailstock. When cool the pallet is held in a chuck to continue turning the item. After the piece has been turned the pallet is placed on the hot iron again and slid off. The hot melt glue is scrapped off the wood whilst still warm.

It is important that the base of the item is flat and bare wood (not polished) so that there is good adhesion between the wood and pallet. The pallet must not be moved whilst the glue is setting otherwise the joint strength will be affected. Items up to a diameter of about six inches and a thickness of about two inches can be held in this way.

Aluminium pallets to fit various chucks are available from Peter Child Woodturning Supplies and more information on the use of this method of holding items is detailed in Jack Cox's boom 'Beyond Basic turning. *Richard Hoodless*

The **Tool Lecturn** shown on the cover (picture by Larry Naphine) can be called what you like and the design and size varied to suit your own requirements. Its main purpose for me was to tidy up my act - I am a very untidy worker. It has succeeded to the extent that I now have a tidy pile of tools instead of sprawling all over the work bench. With a little imagination and some crepe paper it could double as a display stand. Little space is needed for storage and it is light enough to transport. *Harry Bell*

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and further Hints & Tips
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Gregory Moreton RPT

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TIME FOR A CLEAR OUT ?

**IS YOUR WORKSHOP CLUTTERED WITH
EXCESS TURNED WORK ?**

**COULD YOUR STOCK BENEFIT FROM A
THINNING OUT ?**

**ARE YOU PREPARED TO DONATE AN ITEM
OR TWO FOR CHARITY ?**

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches, holds a Christmas Fair in early December, the proceeds of which go entirely to various charities, ie a childrens orphanage in Romania, several local and christian causes, and one in which I am personally involved - Tools for Self Reliance.

Some chaps and myself will be manning a stall at the Fair selling various wooden items. Any contributions of this nature which you can spare, will be gratefully received and will boost our efforts.

It doesn't matter if its as small as a lightpull, whatever it is will help to raise funds for the needy.

I'll be happy to receive whatever you have to spare at our CWA meetings in October and November.

Any queries ? - Please ring me on 020 8647 1718.

David Dawson

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CLUB MEETINGS

**Meetings are held on the third Wednesday
of each month starting at 7.45pm at
North Cheam Sports & Social Club
658 London Road (A24)
North Cheam, Surrey
next to Sainsbury's supermarket**

Wednesday 19th October
*Jennie Starbuck will be demonstrating
the art of turning and producing
Decorated Platters*

Wednesday 20th November
*Stuart King with a demonstartion of
Rural Crafts*

Wednesday 18th December
The Christmas Social

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Axminster Show
24-26 October

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