

Cheam Woodturners Association Newsletter 19

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Good wishes from our chairman

It hardly seems a year has passed since I sat down to write my 2003 Christmas message. Time seems to have flown past, or perhaps Christmas preparations start earlier each year.

So here we are again, contemplating what to put on our wish-lists, hoping that a woodturner's chuck will find its way into Santa's sack! This is the time of year when the fruits of our labours – inspired by ideas from club-night demos – can be appreciated by grateful (and in my case, wary) relatives; there's something extra special about a gift that has been hand-crafted from an image in one's mind.

Christmas is a time to be with family and I suspect with many workshops without heating or insulation, this will no doubt be true for many of us.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2005. Have a good one!

Andrew



Eggsperts!

A big thank-you to all the members that rose to the EGGSPERT challenge.

I delivered well over 100 eggs to Kingston College ready for decoration by the pathfinder students. I will report back on the results of the charity sale in due course.

By the way, can you recognise an egg that you turned?

Brian Ash



SLH enjoys a successful open day

S. L. Hardwoods
QUALITY TIMBER STOCKIST

A most enjoyable and successful day is how SLH described their open day on October 23rd. Nigel Maddocks slaved away on the lathe while Andy Webb was busy carving a nameboard for his new workshop where he is now established.

Will this be an annual event?

“Well, we are thinking in terms of doing something twice a year,” they said.



Nigel Maddocks: polishing job



Andy Webb: workshop sign



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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16th February 2005

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To receive and adopt the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday, 18th February 2004.
- 3 To receive and adopt the Chairman's Report on 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.
- 7 To fix the annual subscription for the ensuing year, following submission of a committee recommendation.
- 8 Any other business:

By order of the committee,
David Buskell FCIS
Honorary Secretary

Please note that any item for discussion under item No 8 must be forwarded in writing to the Honorary Secretary* by no later than 2nd February 2005.

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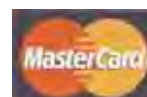
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Reg Sherwin Who else?

by Hendrik Schouten

Our Dutch friend Hendrik says that Brian Ash steamrolled him into writing this piece. And concluded by saying: "Apologies to Brian Ash for this comment. I hope I am still his friend." But his report does raise an interesting point...



As I am a little hard of hearing and Reg is a northerner, I am not able to repeat any of his woodturning funnies.

But I will soon be practising my new-found skills of goblet turning; I have enough wood for a thousand like the one demonstrated by Reg (something like 3mm wide and 6mm high) and all I need for a turning tool is the masonry nail I found on my way to collect my newspaper!

I have a slight complaint. With so many jokes, lots of natter and a tea break, there



Above: Reg demonstrates.
Below: making the tiny goblet



was not a lot of time for turning. This leads me to wonder if the cost of some high-profile names is justified.

By comparison, I had a private demonstration, for free!, from Greg Moreton. His advice, when practised at home, worked wonders. For that, Greg, many thanks.

Carshalton Environmental Fair

by Pat Pierce

On the August bank holiday, a number of members set up shop at the Carshalton Environmental Fair. Strong gusts of wind, threatening our gazebo, did nothing to mar our enjoyment of the day and great interest was shown in the club by a number of visitors.



No subs, No club!!

Subscriptions for 2005 are due by 1 January 2005. Please help the treasurer to balance the books by paying your subscription promptly.

Send or give him a £30 cheque made payable to Cheam Woodturners Association. Cash is also most welcome!

Richard Hoodless, 71 Mayfair Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey, KT4 7SJ.

Open forum

Each year the committee likes to have an open discussion with the members to cover any topics that anyone wishes to raise.

We welcome your input to this session which will take place after the AGM.

The Committee

Five of the six committee members MUST, under constitution, retire at the next AGM. Nominations to the secretary by February 1st.

Support needed

Become involved in running your club and gain much more enjoyment instead of just attending meetings once a month. You will get to know more members of the club, share expertise on a wealth of aspects of woodturning and get free wood for all those turning projects.

Do a worthwhile and interesting job by volunteering to become the treasurer in February 2005. All nominations, please, to the secretary by February 1st.

2005 Programme

Date	Demonstrator/Event	Details/Subject
January 19	Tom Pockley	Wet warping forms
February 16	Annual General Meeting Frank Clarke Prize	Take part in running your club Club contest
March 16	Guy Ravine	Weird and wonderful
April 20	Bill Care	Spindle turning
May 18	Jason Breach	Boxes
June 15	Ted Farrow	Tool surgery, skews and bowls
July 20	Chris Pounce	Sorby tools and techniques
August 17	Practical Evening	Plus Frank Clarke Prize
September 21	John Davis	Turning burrs plus timber sales
October 19	Stephen Cooper	Translucent hollow forms
November 16	Jimmy Clewes	Another masterclass
December 21	Christmas Social	Social evening plus events

In addition there may also be ad hoc tree harvests, hands-on mornings and exhibitions. Changes to the above programme may be necessary at short notice owing to unforeseen circumstances.

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