

Cheam Woodturners Association Newsletter 43

December 2010

Memories are made of this...

A trawl through the files reveals some of this year's highlights



Pics: Ron Grace

A year ago: members enjoy a demonstration



More memories on page 2

March: hands-on students with tutor Brian Ash

Turnaround Turnaround Turnaround Turnaround

Editor bows (bales?) out

by Ron Grace

Eight years, I think you will agree, is a long time for anyone to serve as editor of the Cheam Woodturners Association newsletter.

So, for several reasons, I have decided that I must pass on the mantle to a new incumbent.

I must admit that it has been an enjoyable, though sometimes tough, assignment; the biggest problem being persuading members to pen a few words or snap the odd picture for me.

This has meant that most of the picture credits and text bylines have been mine!

Notable exceptions, alphabetically, are



Tony Bryan, David Buskell, Fred Cannings, Lesley Clarke, Gordon Cookson, Jeff Cordery, John Dye, Alec Gibson, Malcolm Martin, Jennie Starbuck and John Stinson. Apologies if I have omitted anyone.

Of course, I will not leave the club in the lurch (totally!), so I undertake to help produce the next (March) newsletter, in conjunction with the new man in the chair. Better if he does it all by himself.

I will make available my very extensive picture portfolio, although it would be better to use new pictures. Any help or advice I can give is also on offer.

I am greatly looking forward to renewing my acquaintance with the workshop — it has been an on/off affair for far too long — and to enjoying my fellow members' company without thinking about chatting them up for a newsletter contribution!

Woodworm worries?

Gordon Cookson spotted this piece of valuable information, written by Cliff Coleman from Ruislip. It may be of interest to those of us with shed-like stores for stocks of yet-to-be-turned timber!

Apart from using a wet sprayable or brush on treatment such as Wickes' or Cuprinol's clear



Fumigates and kills pests and fungal spores on exposed surfaces. Treats a standard 3m x 2m wood store or greenhouse.

liquid wood preservative, you could also try the sulphur candles from a company called Deadfast (<http://www.monrobrands.com/deadfast/index.php>).

Locally, you can check out garden centres and nurseries to see if they stock it.

There are full instructions

on each tin, but basically the storage area should be as nearly as possible sealed and kept shut for a full 12 hours.

I prefer to leave my store for at least 24 or even 48 hours before re-entering. Every precaution should be taken not to inhale the fumes/smoke, nor to get it in the eyes. I have a 16ft. long store shed so usually set up two tins at a time putting each on the floor about 4ft from each end.

While Deadfast is mainly intended for greenhouse use, I have found it pretty effective in my woodstore and I usually undertake the fuming twice a year — around May/June when any new pests are likely to be emerging and then again around Sept/Oct for good measure.

This is a good replacement for the smoke cones which are no longer available.

You still have the alternatives available and if like me you are paranoid about protecting your hard won timber stock and want to be really sure of

eradication, use a brush and apply liberally the Wickes woodworm killer and wood preserver as well as the smoke bombs in the store itself.

These treatments are low odour and generally clear so need only drying time and a while extra for getting rid of any residual pong.

More memories

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May: Jeff Cordery instructs



May: David Buskell chips fly



June: Mark Baker turns a bowl



September: Simon Hope demo

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Open Forum to be held on Wednesday 19th January 2011

Agenda

- 1: Apologies for absence.
- 2: To receive and adopt the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday, 20th January 2010.
- 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.
- 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 8 to be forwarded in writing to the Honorary Secretary at: Woodlands, 52 Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 8DE by no later than 6th January 2011.

Nomination forms for the officers and committee vacancies are available from the secretary upon request and will also be available at the December 2010 meeting.

Open Forum

It is normal practice that, following the formal business of the AGM, we hold an Open Forum in which we encourage members to raise any and all items relating to the club if they so wish.

The survey which you will have received and hopefully replied to, will form the initial basis of this discussion and we hope you will participate in the Open Forum.

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2011 Programme

January 19	AGM	Take part in running your club.
February 16	Stuart King	History and turning.
March 16	Practical evening	
April 20	Dennis Keeling	Segmented work.
May 18	Meantime Design	Using Meantime products
June 15	Practical evening	
July 20	Chris Pouncy	Sorby Roadshow.
August 17	Practical evening	
September 21	Tony Walton	Thin and pierced.
October 19	Terry Smart	Using Chestnut products
November 16	Alan Hazel	Spindle work.
December 21	Christmas Social	Social evening plus events and Frank Clarke competition.

Club website: www.cheamturners.co.uk

In addition to the above there may also be ad hoc tree harvests, hands-on mornings and exhibitions. Changes to the above programme may be necessary at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Check our website for further information.

Meetings start at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month at:

The Colin Peel Hall, Elmcroft Community Centre,

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