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Our next meeting is Chris Pouncy from Robert Sorby tools on 19th February. Chris will be demonstrating the ProEdge, the latest tools as well as different steels with 10% discount on the evening only.

I thank you for my Axminster gift presented to me at the AGM and appreciate the gesture in recognition of my service as Chairman of the club for the previous five years. The gift was unexpected which made it more pleasurable to receive. I am certain that with our new chairman and the 2020 committee the Cheam Woodturners will continue to prosper.
Derek Dowle.

The 2020 A.G.M. began with reports from the outgoing Chairman Derek Dowle the outgoing Secretary David Buskell and in depth report on the clubs finances by the treasurer John Fenn.

Roger Poulton and Peter Clark put themselves forward for the position of Chairman, and David Downie for the position of Secretary. After all had given good accounts of why they wanted to take on the roles, I am pleased to announce that Roger Poulton was selected as Chairman, David Downie was selected for the role of Secretary and Peter Clark was selected as the new Editor of the Newsletter. All other committee members were re-elected.

The new Cheam Woodturners Committee for 2020 are as follows.

Chairman	:- Roger Poulton
Secretary	:- David Downie
Treasurer	:- John Fenn
Events	:- Jamie Shears
Communications	:- ShaunBradfield
Membership Sec	:- Chris Taylor
Newsletter Editor	:- Peter Clark

2020 Programme

- Jan 15th :- A.G.M. & Club Night**
- Feb 19th :- Robert Sorby tools**
- Mar 18th :- Ed Oliver**
- Apr 15th :- Richard Findley**
- May 20th :- Shaun Clifford**
- June 17th :- Club night**
- July 15th :- Tony Walton**
- Aug 19th :- Remote Demo**
- Sept 16th :- Club night**
- Oct 17th :- Half day workshop with Tim Yoda**
- Oct 21st :- Mark Sanger**
- Nov 18th :- Remote Demo**
- Dec 16th :-Xmas / Frank Clarke**

"Once the AGM was completed we had a short presentation, by Jamie Shears, on an introduction to lathe steadies and their use to safely control unstable items whilst turning. This was followed by an interactive discussion on their application. A number of lathe steady examples were brought in by members added to the discussion - see accompanying photos. The merits of making your own verses buying were also discussed."



On the January show table



2020 Advanced winner David Jones produced another pair of Salt and Pepper grinders made from Ash and Tallowood finished with a melamine spray lacquer.



Brian Garcia produced this very clever Double ended salt and pepper grinder.



Jamie Shears produced this attractive bowl from a Laburnum log. The natural bottom is untreated wood flattened in places to enable the bowl to stand stable on a flat surfaces. Jamie used Liberon Shellac to finish this piece.

NEW COMMITTEE, NEW NEWSLETTER,

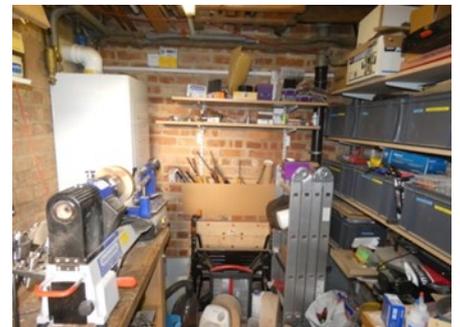
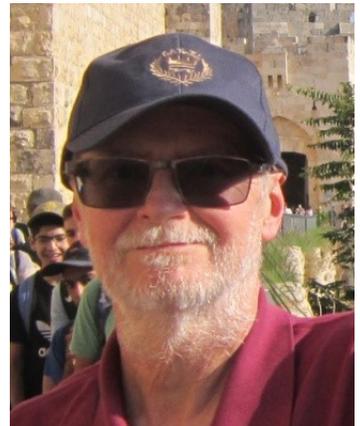
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As a result of the AGM, CWA now has a new Committee.

At a recent committee meeting it was decided to have a photo of each member so that both members and visitors can put a name to a face, hopefully starting at the February meeting.

Let me introduce myself as your new Editor.

My name is Peter Clark and I joined CWA in the summer of 2017, having met our previous Chairman, Derek Dowle, at the display at Ewell Village Fair. Woodturning was something I had grown to appreciate through many visits to Yandle's at Martock in Somerset when visiting my parents who had chosen to retire to that part of the world. Having joined, I became further inspired by the quality of the demonstrations I saw at Club meetings and after about six months enquired about getting some tuition. I found that a member of the Club was very happy to help, and I had a few lessons from him in his workshop. It came to a point where I felt that if I was going to continue to enjoy and develop my skills I would have to get some equipment of my own. So it was that in April 2018, having done some research, my wife and I extended a Lake District holiday by a day, stopping in Leicestershire on the way home to buy a midi sized lathe from Charnwood Machinery. Now, Being semi-retired, I am free to pursue this amazing craft as a hobby in my far from tidy workshop.



We all have projects that, for one reason or another, don't go to plan. Here are a couple of mine. The first was from when I first started turning. I had some softwood from a local DIY store and glued three pieces together to try and make my first attempt at a bowl. Having got something basically round, I gave up trying to finish it and it sat in a scrap box for months.

The second was another attempt, using a piece of Robinia. And, yes, that disk in the bottom is a plug because I managed to go right through it!



Finally, the purpose of them both becomes clear. The first one makes a Fairly decent lid for the second! The moral: we are learning all the time, and even what may, at first, appear a failure, can be turned into a feature. Nothing is without value. I'm looking forward to hearing from you as to what successes and failures you have had in your workshops and how you have learned from them.

WHAT SORTS OF THINGS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Some ideas are:

- A Member profile article, to help us all get to know each other better.
This might include a photo of you, your workshop, your favourite lathe or other piece of equipment, your best project (or your worst if you like), your favourite timber, your preferred type of finish etc.
- A "Wanted" section for tools or specific blanks.
- A "For Sale" section
- Some members possess chainsaws and know how to use them producing timber blanks that they may be prepared to share.