



# Cheam Woodturners Association

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## **THE SPIN Issue no 113**

### **News from Cheam Woodturners Association.**

From the Committee

Welcome to 2024, and our first meeting after the AGM. Our AGM was a little low on turnout, but the freezing conditions kept some people away no doubt.

We had some interesting discussion throughout the AGM, our constitution, our quorum, and the nomination and voting of our new committee.

Our retiring Chairman, David Buskell has departed, and we would like to thank him for his many years service to the club. Hopefully he will still be along to our meetings.

But we really need one or better still two more members to make up our squad so please speak to a committee member if you could help.

We will be working on our programme and would hope to have a few more dates sorted for the next meeting.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AGM 2024**

Good evening Members.

It is true to say that the last couple of years have seen a multitude of changes in and affecting the Club.

The first change was necessary - we had to be able to get into the storeroom. We found out what stock we had and who it was for and raised some cash by selling off unused lathes.

The second change was experimental. We opened the club doors at 7pm to allow more time for members to mingle and also to allow outsiders to use the new lathe.

The third change was compliance - we acceded to Elmcroft's request to clear our kit out of the storeroom whilst they re-decorated. This was also useful as we had the shelving repositioned after the decorating was finished.

The fourth change was forced upon us. Our newsletter producers licence for their software had expired and we were not in a position to renew it for them, especially at a cost of £600. Luckily our discussions with Microsoft's Community Team showed us a way to produce the Newsletter without such a large expense.

The fifth change is not completed - we have two important items to review, one is our support for the Royal Marsden. We hoped we might be able to use our woodturning talents to make Beads of Courage bowls. Unfortunately the BoC team were not happy for us to donate any bowls direct to the Marsden. Our Tea & Coffee contributions are always welcome but the Marsden team would appreciate a supply of bowls even more.

The second item not completed was a revision to the Club's Constitution. COVID has reduced our numbers quite dramatically and our paperwork has not kept up with this. There are also some minor changes needed to improve on the work done in 2013.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their help and assistance. My thanks also to all those members who have helped in many ways during the year. You know who you are!

There are some for whom special thanks are due.

To James Cassidy for providing an interesting series of demos by turners who are new to us.

To my helpers in getting the Newsletter together and out: Richard Hoodless for proofreading the text and Jenny Boud for making my drafts look like The Spin that you receive.

Thank you for listening.

David Buskell

The Treasurer gave his report.

As planned we have drawn down on our reserves, but now need to stay within our income.

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| <b><u>Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023</u></b> |        |         |                                          |        |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Income                                                                           | 2022   | 2023    | Expenditure                              | 2022   | 2023    |
| Subscriptions                                                                    | 2,365  | 1,842   | Demonstrators including IRDs             | 1,784  | 1,360   |
| Visitors Fees                                                                    | 35     | 45      |                                          |        |         |
| Raffle                                                                           | 990    | 890     | Raffle Prizes                            | 100    | 473     |
| Shop Sales                                                                       | 1,096  | 609     | Shop Stock                               | 144    | 805     |
| Donations to Charity                                                             | 88     | 85      | Donations to Charity                     | 80     | 173     |
| Sales at Fairs                                                                   | 1,087  | 816     | Sales at Fairs                           | 1,086  | 815     |
| Other income                                                                     |        | 5       | Show Pitch Fees                          | 200    | 200     |
| Sales of Equipment                                                               | 955    | 20      | Purchase of equipment                    | 1,608  | 317     |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Hall Hire                                | 846    | 977     |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Insurance                                | 184    | 223     |
|                                                                                  |        |         | AWGB Associate Membership                | 45     | 45      |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Website Design and Hosting               | 60TBC  |         |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Bank Charges                             | 70     | 63      |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Christmas competition prizes             | -      | 60      |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Refreshments including Christmas party   | 257    | 70      |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Other expenses (SumUp, shelves, postage) | 259    | 13      |
| Total Income for Year                                                            | 6,616  | 4,313   | Total Expenditure for Year               | 6,725  | 5,595   |
| Excess Expenditure over Income                                                   | (109)  | (1,282) |                                          |        |         |
| <b><u>Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023</u></b>                               |        |         |                                          |        |         |
| Funds                                                                            | 2022   | 2023    | Cash Resources                           | 2022   | 2023    |
| Opening Funds at 1 January                                                       | 3437   | 3,327   | Bank Balance at 31 December              | 4301   | 3067    |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Cash in Hand at 31 December              | 621    | 38      |
| Excess Expenditure over Income                                                   | (£109) | (1,282) | Add Prepaid Expenses -                   |        |         |
|                                                                                  |        |         | AWGB and Hall Hire                       |        | 304     |
|                                                                                  |        |         | Less Subscriptions in advance            | (1595) | (1,365) |
| Funds at 31 December                                                             | £3,328 | £2,045  | Total Bank and Cash                      | £3,327 | £2,045  |

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### **Nominations for committee**

With David Buskell standing down we were in urgent need of some new faces on the committee. I am pleased to say we have two members. Rob Fegredo and Wotjek Markowski.

Max Hicks- Treasurer

Tim McCoy – Secretary

Ray Boud –Reception

Jamie Shears (Website)

Wotjek Markowski

Rob Fegredo

Further to a meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January the roles have been amended as follows;

Tim McCoy - Chairman

Jenny Boud - Secretary

Max Hicks - Treasurer

Ray Boud - Registration and refreshments

Wotjek Markowski - Meet and greet

Rob Fegredo / Tim McCoy - Events and programme

Jamie Shears/ Website communications

**Items on the December Show and Tell Table:**

**Only two items on the Show and Tell table:**

**Rob Fegredo's bowl made from scraps and beech ply**



**And a piece of artwork with lid, from from Gordon Cookson made from an Oak fencepost. (check)**

**Winner of Best on table**

Competition was not held in January.



## Club shop

Opening hours are 7pm to 8pm and during the T & C break. Our Shop Manager, Alan Avery will be pleased to serve you.

## Items for sale

None listed

## Regular Features

**Turn Up and Turn** - The club has a small Axminster lathe, complete with a set of sharp tools, which is available to anyone to use prior to the regular club meeting. It is available from 7pm to 8pm and you will need to be supervised by a member of the club, to meet our insurance requirements. It is not necessary to book a slot, but we do appreciate knowing in advance if you want to use the lathe.

## Your Newsletter

The content of each issue is dependent upon what pieces are displayed on the show and tell table plus any articles or tips that members provide to be included. Members are free to bring any items of their work for the show table. Why not bring one of your pieces to the next meeting? Your piece may be selected as "Best on Table"

Reporters are still required to prepare the written elements of demonstration reports each month. Please contact any member of the Committee if you can help.

## Axminster tools

Cheam Woodturners has a facility with Axminster Tools to obtain a 5% discount on items that the Club purchases from them.

If you are considering buying an expensive piece of kit from Axminster, then please contact Tim McCoy for further details.

| PROGRAMME               |                                                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2024</b>             |                                                               |
| Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Pat Carroll IRD. Joint meeting with Berkshire Woodturners.TBC |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Club meeting                                                  |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Club meeting                                                  |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup>    | Club meeting                                                  |
| June 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Club meeting                                                  |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Club meeting                                                  |
| August 21 <sup>st</sup> | Club meeting                                                  |
| Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Club meeting                                                  |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>    | OGM and Club meeting                                          |
| Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Club meeting                                                  |
| Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Xmas event                                                    |

## **Cheam Woodturners meeting start time**

The hall is now open for members from 7pm, especially if they would like to 'Turn Up & Turn' on the new Axminster lathe before the demonstration commences. Demonstrations will continue to the start of the programme at 8pm

Please remember that if the Elmcroft Centre car park is full when you arrive and you then park in the Sainsbury's car park, there is a three-hour parking limit. Stay longer than 3 hours and you will receive a parking ticket through your letterbox. Some members have found this out the hard way.

## **Do you need any information about Cheam Woodturners**

If yes, then please email your query to **[cheamwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:cheamwoodturners@gmail.com)** where it will be passed to the person who can best respond to you

## **External Events**

None advised

## **Club Events**

Vellum Mill Gallery has items from several members on display. Contact Emma at the Gallery for opening times. [Vellum Mill Gallery – Art Gallery, Crafts and Antiques](#)



## **External Third Party Events:**

None advised

## **Newsletter Copy Date**

Deadline for the next (February issue (#114) of the e-newsletter is 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. Please contact the Editor if you have something you wish to have published.

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