

Cheam Woodturners Association

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THE SPIN issue no 133

News from Cheam Woodturners Association.

Welcome to The Spin, December 2025.

From the Chairman

Great end to the year and well done to everyone that submitted a bowl for one of the Frank Clarke Trophies, a varied and interesting array of items with some worthy winners.

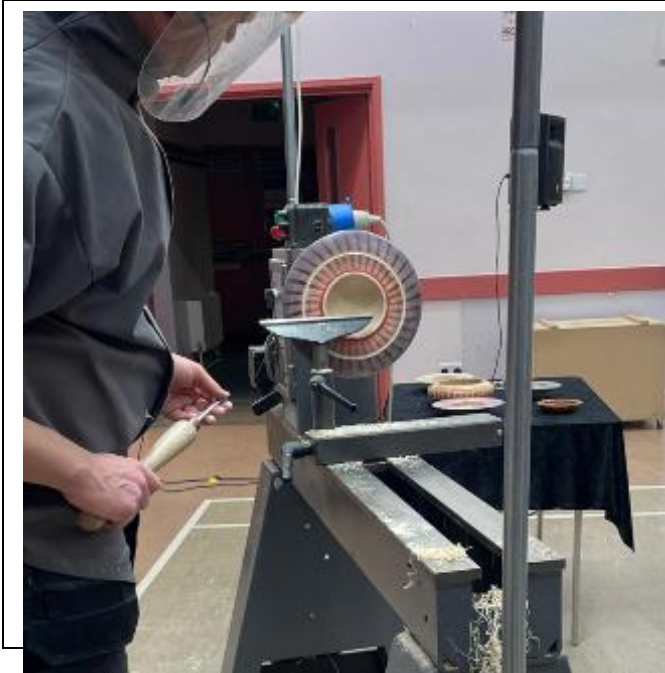
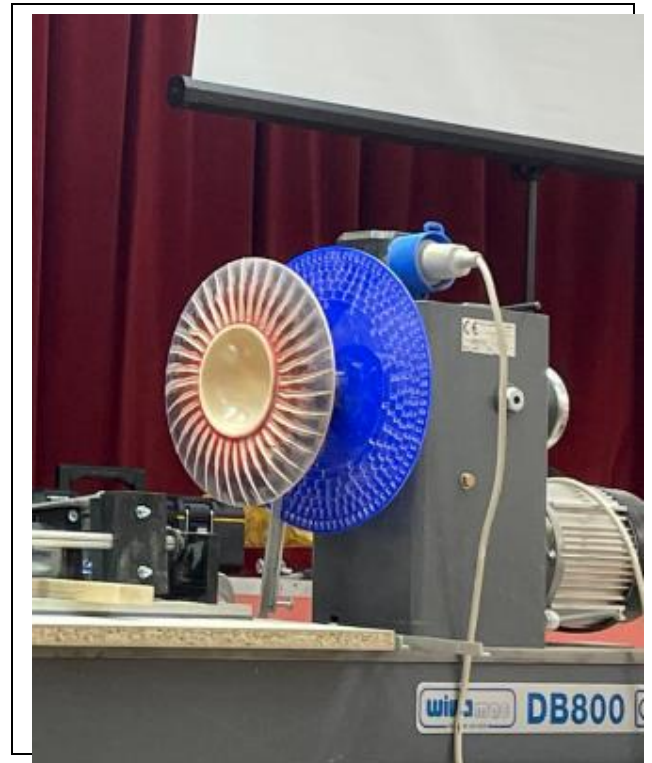
Many thanks to Max for his fluting jig demo, the results are absolutely stunning.

If anyone would like to give a short demo at a forthcoming club night please let me know as there are a few dates we need to fill.

Last Meeting

Max's intricate bowl designs are always impressive so it was great to be walked through the process step by step. The fluting jig opens up a whole new world for the more adventurous amongst us.





Great demo, thank you Max.

Top Table / Frank Clarke Trophy

Beginners Winner – Peter Roberts



Intermediate Winner – Willie Norfolk



Advanced Winner – Max Hicks



Well done to everyone than submitted a competition entry, some very deserved winners.

The 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

Please see the large array of tools and chisels from Brian, all proceeds to the club.

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 primarily on the evening's events and the pieces displayed on the show and tell table plus any articles or tips that members provide to be included.

Any articles or photographs which may be of interest would be appreciated. Please contact me if you wish to contribute.

Axminster tools

Cheam Woodturners has an arrangement 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.

As Axminster are currently in Administration, not sure whether discount will be accepted?

Cheam Woodturners meetings start time

The hall is now open for members from 7pm, especially if they would like to 'Turn Up & Turn' on the Axminster lathe before the meeting commences. Demonstrations begin at 8pm.

Parking

Please be aware 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.

External Events –

13th June 2026 – Ashtead Village Day

Great day out. Opportunity to represent the club at a local event, good sales opportunity.

10th-11th October 2026 – AWGB Festival

Innaugural event- Crown Plaza Hotel, Stratford upon Avon.

See AWGB website for more info.

Newsletter Copy Date

Deadline for the next issue (No 134) of the e-newsletter is 24th Jan 2026.

2026 PROGRAMME	
Jan 21st	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Feb 18th	Club meeting
March 18th	Club meeting
April 15th	Emma Cook (Tiny Turner)
May 20th	Les Thorne
June 17th	Martin Saban Smith
July 15th	Club meeting
Aug 19th	Club meeting
Sept 16th	Club meeting
Oct 21st	Stewart Ferini
Nov 18th	Glen Cornish
Dec 9th	Club meeting
2027	
Jan 20th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The content of Club meetings is very much in the hands of the members.

Please contact the committee if you are able to give a demonstration, share your woodturning experiences or be involved in any capacity.

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