

April



Woody's World

The Newsletter of



2016

Last month was our AGM and it was attended 'amazingly' by 19 members. Perhaps this was because we knew in advance that only the Membership Sec post was up for grabs. That is not quite a true reflection on our AGM or any AGM I have ever attended. Up for grabs implies there would be a stampede to fill the post. As it happens it is still vacant, despite our chairs best efforts to get someone to come forward.



The AGM was most interesting towards the end with matters coming up from members. As a small club we cannot afford more than three professional demonstrators each year. So the question arose how to get more of the club involved in 'hands on' evenings. Following discussion it was agreed to try having four mini demos where a club member demonstrated one idea for others to try there and then.

The start times of meetings would in future all be 7:00 p.m. so the actual demonstrations could start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Reminders

Axminster will let the club have a discount of 15% on most things but you have to order through Ken Croft and pay our treasurer, Steve, when you order with Ken. This administration is a bit tedious but the savings can be worth it. On lathes the discount is a bit less at 10% but still worth having.

May meeting is on 12th, second Thursday as there is an election on first Thursday



Members work

Daventry Show will be on 13th & 14th May. Volunteers needed to man our stand. We also need items for the stand so anything you are proud of why not give it an airing at Daventry? We need to get Woody back from one of our old members who has it/him in a shed somewhere.

Wizardry in wood – this is a competition in fact a series of competitions, for all ages run by the Worshipful Company of Turners in London. It will be held in September, so bags of time to do something really good. There is quite a lot of information on the net if you want to read more. Try the following - tinyurl.com/2016TurningCompetitions. If you get stuck John Davies has a copy of the info. they sent.



Members work

So what actually happened at the formal part of our AGM? On the money side the club is OK We did not open with this subject but it is best to report it first.

Last years accounts (March to February), were much the same as 2014/15s Membership was down a bit at meetings which meant £148 less income but we started the year with £1347 and ended with £1179. David Williams, our treasurer, pointed out that professional demonstrator's fees had risen but this variation was matched by other small adjustments to items. It was agreed to keep subscriptions at the same level.

The meeting had opened with John Davies (chair) reviewing the year and thanking those members who had been prepared to do demonstrations. They had been enjoyable and interesting even when compared to the three professional ones we had. The post Christmas party with its competitions was once again very enjoyable. Mary was thanked for co-ordinating all those who made the evening a real success.

The 'new' raffle held at each meeting with two usable prizes proved a good change.

Jan and Mike were thanked for handling the net coverage and Woody's news sheet.

John hoped to find a third professional demonstrator to fill the programme. The pole lathe team had moved but he still hoped he might locate them again and get a demo from them. He asked if anyone had contacts either for the pole team or just for a good demo by other club members.



Members work inc Woody where several members made a limb

Elections – all except the membership sec were willing to continue so were promptly re-elected. The membership sec as already reported was declared vacant. Mike White can no longer attend most meetings so had given up the job only to find he might have to keep going a little longer. If you feel you could do this fairly simple task please let our chair know.

Forthcoming Attractions

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Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections

April 7th	Lea Stoffer (Spoons)	7:00 pm
May 12th	Hands on	7:00 pm
June 2nd	To be arranged	
July 7th	To be arranged	
Aug 4th	Richard Findley	7:00 pm

Remember, members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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