



Woodbits Newsletter

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Welcome

Next Club Chairman

Tony Taylor has made it very clear that this will be his last year as Chairman. His main tasks are to chair 3 committee meetings each year and host most monthly meetings. Everything else the Chairman may do is at his or her personal initiative. The last 2 chairmen have had to migrate to Devon and Kent to escape. Let's not leave it till the 2019 AGM to hope a chairman miraculously emerges from the floor!



2019 Competition Subjects

Jan	Lidded vessel
Feb	Toy or puzzle
Mar	Platter
April	Decorated Egg
May	Off-centre turning
June	Natural edged bowl
July	Goblet
Aug	Vase
Sept	Hollow form
Oct	Bread board
Nov	A matched pair
Dec	Bottle

Gentle reminder from the Treasurer

As you are probably aware, the annual subscription is *now* due. Please see the bottom of the newsletter for more details.

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Report From The Christmas Club Night Meeting

by Tony Taylor

There was a very good attendance at what turned out to be a very busy and happy occasion.

Two new features contributed to the success of the evening. Grahame Tompkins organised a light hearted competition for the best effort at eliminating a pimple or a dimple from the bottom of a bowl. We were allowed two attempts using only the gouge provided and the results were assessed by Gary Rance's delicate fingers.

The other new event was a "Grand Christmas Competition" in which members could each enter up to five pieces made in the past year, including woodwork other than turning.

There was a great display and members voted by placing a tick on up to three of their most favoured entries. It turned out that six items got equally high marks so Gary kindly exercised his impartial judgement in selecting first, second and third prize winners. They were presented with suitably graded bottles of bubbly and a certificate. All three winners were for turnings and it was a pity that several other excellent works did not get the recognition which they deserved. There was a particularly fine display of Masonic artefacts by Keith Goddard and a beautifully made lectern by Julian Cooke. Perhaps, if we repeat this style of competition next year, we should have a separate entry for non-turned items.

The evening was completed by the raffle, organised well as ever by Steve Beadle and the good selection of food, for which we thank all those involved.



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Grand Christmas Competition Winners



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January competition subject - A Lidded Vessel

by Tony Taylor

This is just to remind members to make or to find amongst their treasured pieces a LIDDED VESSEL for the meeting on the 8th January. This is not intended to include a lidded box, but rather something in the nature of a lidded bowl, barrel or pot.

The chief technical difficulty arises in making a fitting lid. There is a great tendency for a cross grain turning to go oval and so making a lid which fitted nicely off the lathe, soon start to jam. Best not to aim for too close a fit and make the lid fit over the base, so that any gap does not show. Ignoring this in the pair illustrated caused a lot of trouble.

If you are short of ideas, search Google for Woodturning lidded bowl – there are hundreds of designs.



Happy turning in the New Year!

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2018/19 Programme

January 8th	Gary Rance	www.garyrance.co.uk
February 12th	Paul Howard	www.paulhowardwoodturner.co.uk
March 12th	Emma Cook	www.thetinyturner.co.uk
April 9th	AGM	
May 14th	Steve Giles	www.stevegileswoodturning.co.uk
June 11th	Club Night	
July 9th	Mark Sanger	www.marksanger.co.uk
August 13th	Les Thorne	www.noturningback.co.uk
September 10th	Club Night	
October 8th	Carlyn Lindsay	www.carlynlindsay.co.uk
November 12th	Andy Coates	www.cobwebcrafts.co.uk
December 10th	Christmas Social	

Loan Equipment

There is one of the smaller club lathes available for loan with a set of tools and chuck for anyone who is not yet set up but wants to turn while sorting out their equipment. Please contact Bruce Edhouse or Alan Lewis if interested:



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Annual Subscription 2019

Annual subscriptions are now due. If you haven't already paid (and thank you to those that have), will you please do so at the January meeting. If you are unable to attend the January meeting, you can pay at the February meeting. You can also pay by bank transfer or you can send me a cheque by post, please let me know via e-mail if you want to use one of these options and I will supply the details.

If, for some reason, you do not intend to renew your club membership, will you please let me know by email.

Thank you, Peter Hoare - Treasurer

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