



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairmans Comments

Our last meeting , our AGM, saw the committee re-appointed for a further 12months , and a healthy set of accounts reported. Thank you for your vote of confidence but bear in mind, particularly those who were unable to attend , we will need a new secretary for next year.

Anyone who may show an interest please speak either to Peter or myself .

Thanks to Peter for his light hearted demo of his method of ' fruit turning ', which completed the day. Well Done Peter-----

Another very successful recent event was our invitation to Notcutts Garden Centre at Solihull. Not really knowing what to expect, or what was expected of us , other than to ' do a display of woodturning ', our reliable team who man the School Fete events put on a very successful event in terms of interest generated, sales for the benefit of the School , and lots of interest shown in us as a Club. This is very encouraging for our future membership. Thanks to The Team who manned the stand and also to the support of all those who attended to support us. I would welcome this as an annual event as I believe Notcutts appreciated our efforts.----
-----comments please !-----Looking forward to our next meeting, hope to see you there , Brian.

School/Notcutts

The event at Notcutts went very well. We had a good number turn up. As our first lone event away from the school we impressed the manager and as we raise money for the school it seems that we may be asked back again. We even managed to get our treasurer at the lathe in front of his public. The event raised £100 for the school PTA.

The response from Notcutts has been very positive and I believe we will be asked back at some point in the future.

AGM

There was a very good turn out. The head count was 60....now I cannot believe that was to see me ruin another piece of wood so it must be because you all are concerned that we do the right thing by the club.

Programme 2006/7

Mar 25 – full day - Dave Reeks

Apr 22 – half day - Hands On

May 20 - full day – Colin Simpson

June 24 - full day – Tony Walton

I shall be including the full programme with the newsletter this time!!

Please note the March demo... this demonstrator will be very expensive and I would like to see a good number of guests as he is coming up from Kent.

Our Next Meeting

Feb 25 – half day – John Johnson

Start approx 2.00pm finish approx 5.00 pm. Cost £4.00

Do not forget a cup for your tea



Here are the minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 21st Jan 2007.

AGM Minutes

1. Brian Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting and immediately handed over to Graham Lovatt to say a few words in memory of Tom Lewis, a founder member of the club who recently passed away. Graham spoke well and suggested that if anyone wished to remember Tom that a donation to Diabetes UK would be appropriate. Brian suggested a donation from the club and £25 was agreed. Together with members personal donations a cheque for £83 will be sent. Brian carried on to thank all those who help in running the club in any way with particular mention of those who help at outside events and with the tea. John Witham thanked for the work in booking all the demonstrators.

2. **Apologies** were received from nobody and the turnout was very good. (60+)

3. **Approval** for last years minutes was proposed by K Beresford and seconded by B Goodall and approved.

4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising from last years minutes.

5. **Review of the Year.** The accounts were presented by Geoff and showed a loss over the year despite little special expenditure was made. This takes into account the money put aside for the rent of the school hall and the additional cost of demonstrators. A noticeable increase in the cost of biscuits also had an effect .

6. **The committee was re-elected** en masse, the proposer was K Lanchester, seconded by G Lovatt. The officers are:
Chairman – Brian Gibbs.
Treasurer – Geoff Wolverton.
Secretary – Peter Hockley.
Events Secretary – John Witham.
Librarian – Peter Ford

At this stage it was noted that P Hockley wishes to vacate the post of secretary at the end of the year.

7. The post of AWGB Local representative has become free as Ray Tunstall is standing down but there were no suggestions of replacements from within the club.

8. The club voted to remain as a branch of the AWGB.

9. Library. After some discussion it was decided that, due to low usage and the strain it puts on the librarian, the library would dispose of the books etc , initially by sale to the members but keep the abrasive sales .

10. As there has been a low turn out at the Christmas party over the last few years a discussion took place re change. The meeting felt that a short demo from one of the members with hands on may get a better attendance.

Any Other Business:

-Tim and Brian our suppliers of tea and biscuits announced that they would like to get additional help with the long term aim of doing the teas less often.

Peter supported the charity Diabetes UK saying that his grandson, who had been running round at the Christmas party, had spent some time in hospital over the break having been diagnosed with Diabetes.

Brian Batemen from the floor called for a vote of thanks for the committee, which was unanimous.

Graham Lovatt asked if the committee could think of any way in which the club could celebrate its 20th birthday in 2008.

After tea Peter Hockley demonstrated Apple manufacture. I cannot comment on the quality of the demonstration but it seemed generally well received. (no one threw anything at me)

Peter Hockley
Secretary