



Editor's Comments

A Happy New Year to you all.

Very Important! The date for the February meeting has been changed.

The Gaelic Athletics Club has told us that we may not use their premises on 10th February as planned. **The meeting will now take place on Thursday 17th February 05.** As Paul Nesbitt is booked elsewhere on this new date, he has been rebooked for the April 14th meeting in place of the Club evening on that day. Instead of a demonstration evening on the 17th, we shall have a special Club evening, devoted to fund raising towards the Tsunami Disaster fund. More details follow on this page.

Apologies to Adrian and Mike for not having fully updated the Officers and Committee panel in the last issue. The omission was not noticed until 100 copies of the newsletter had been printed, and it was too late to correct it then.

Hopefully, I have it right this time! *Alan.*

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February 17th Meeting.

The Committee has decided to convert the near disaster of losing our normal February meeting date into a Club Evening on the new date, 17th February. In addition to providing an interesting evening for Members, we intend to raise money towards the Tsunami Disaster Fund. AWGB has indicated that it will be mounting a major fund raising event for the same fund. Details are yet to follow, but obviously our own effort will combine with that of the AWGB

So what shall we be doing on 17th February? We plan to have three lathes in action, each producing a high quality item. One of these items will be auctioned at the end of the evening, and the other two will be held to pass to AWGB. We are asking members to consider also donating a suitable turned object to be passed on to AWGB to be used in the main fund raising event.

There will be a wood sale, all takings from which will be donated to the Disaster fund, and the Raffle proceeds will also be donated. Members are encouraged to offer further items for the raffle, and also to perhaps purchase more than the usual one pound's worth of raffle tickets on this occasion.

Please support this evening. The disaster in Indonesia cannot but have touched everybody's hearts

More News Items

Library Additions

Some new books and an important Video and DVD have been added to the Library. The Video & DVD are both of Decorative Utility Bowls by Trent Bosch. The books are: Jig making for the Router by Roy Sutton, Spindle Turning - Best of Woodturning articles, Turning Wood into Art - an Introductory Leaflet, Tony Boase Tribute Catalogue, Workholding on the Lathe by Fred Holder.

A Wedding

Gordon Cookson (Library Man!) and Claire Gaffen will marry on Easter Saturday 26th March 2005, at All Saints Church, Putney Common, London SW1 5AT, at 3.00 pm. Gordon and Claire will be pleased to see as many friends as possible at the church. They hope that everyone will understand that because of limits on the accommodation, only a few friends will have been invited to the Reception after the Service.

If you can come, please ask Gordon for details of public transport and the car parking situation. Please do not park in the 'No Through Road' called Putney Common, or on yellow lines in Lower Common Road South and Willow Farm Lane.

Gordon will be moving house and workshop to Ealing in January. If any members who live in his area could assist him in moving his workshop, he would be most grateful. Please contact Gordon on 0208 788 0718, or Claire on 0208 567 7548 if you are able to help.

(Much) More on Segmented Turning

Dennis Keeling has an article on his methods of segmented turning published in the January 2005 issue of Woodturning magazine. Borrow a copy if you do not normally take this magazine! He has presented an excellent and informative account of his adventures in this field, and the photographs are first class. Sales of the special computer software used, and the building jig should soar. By the way, apologies for the poor quality of the pictures illustrating Dennis's work in the last edition of the MWA Newsletter. The special machine which is normally used to scan and print the Newsletter was out of action, and a standard copying machine had to be used instead, with regrettably poor results.

The Coffee Break

The cost of the Tea/Coffee/Soft Drink and biscuits will, from January 2005, be increased to 35 pence.

The Woodworking Show at Alexandra Palace

You are reminded that you should book your tickets for the International Woodworking Exhibition at Alexandra Palace in advance to get a substantial discount on the price. Full details are in the current issue of The Woodworker magazine.

Subscriptions

Very many thanks to those who have already renewed their subscriptions. If you have not yet renewed, please do it by the beginning of March. You might like to know that when subscriptions are not renewed by end of March, AWGB considers membership to have lapsed, and will remove your records from its lists. Renewal after that will entail a fresh application for membership.

Cuts and Bruises

The Axminster 4 jaw chucks are deservedly popular, but they do pose a problem. In use, the jaws will frequently extend outside the body of the chuck a little way. The chuck I normally use has a stop to prevent this from happening, so when demonstrating on the Club lathe I usually get cut and bruised by the extended jaws. The sharp corners and edges of a new chuck should always be rounded off with a fine file, but this does not stop the damage. I have solved the problem by cutting a ring from an old car tyre inner tube, wide enough to completely cover the edges of the jaws and the jaw carriers, and stretching it around the chuck jaws. Not very pretty, but I now get no cuts or bruises. This old idea surfaces regularly in the Wood Turning press. Use a sharp long kitchen knife to cut the rubber, and wet it with water to lubricate it. Alan

“For minor cuts and abrasions, try Calendula oil. You can almost watch it heal”. Melvyn Firmager