



Editor's Comments

Welcome to what I hope will be for us all another year of enjoyable wood turning. Ralph Pooley has worked hard and long to arrange yet again a full programme of events for us in 2007, which is published in this newsletter. I hope that you will all copy the programme into your diaries, so that you will always know in advance what is planned.

We are advised that the availability of expert demonstrators is not as great as it has been in the past, thus making Ralph's job much more difficult. The Committee has given this some thought, and members can expect more "in house" activities in future years. This will be a good thing. Our association should not be in the business of making us mere spectators, but rather that of encouraging us to take an active part in what the Club does. After all, smaller clubs which do not have the resources from which to pay for demonstrators seem to manage very well on home brewed programmes.

Following comment and requests at the AGM, Adrian has set up MWA's unique web site: its address is at the head of this page. Be aware that it will take a little time for the new site to become fully operational, as all the data from the old site has to be transferred, giving Christina Bishop, who runs our web site for us, much work to do. In the meantime should you access the site, or use the old address, a message will advise you of the current situation. This is a good opportunity for us to thank Adrian for his generosity, not only in setting up the new site, also for allowing the former MWA address to be tacked onto his own personal web site in order to get the site developed.

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The AGM of the AWGB

The AGM of the AWGB will be held on Sunday 1st April 2007 in the Village Hall at Great Kingshill, Bucks, hosted by Middlesex Woodturners Association. Members will know where the venue is, as MWA Seminars have been held there for the past several years. Full details are given in the November 2006 issue of 'Revolutions', and the Agenda and nomination forms will be circulated to members in February. *Please note that motions submitted for discussion at the AGM must reach the Hon Secretary by 1st February 2007.*

Competitions in 2007

Following the success of Club competitions in 2006, it has been decided to continue them in 2007.

The first competition will be judged at the March meeting of MWA. Members are invited to turn and enter a lady's hand mirror for this event. There will be comment on the designs submitted, and perhaps even a small reward for the winner. Even if you have not before attempted a hand mirror, there will be no excuse for not having a go, as Gary Rance will be demonstrating how to make one in his January demonstration. More precise details will be announced during the January meeting.

A hand mirror is an interesting item to make, and it makes a great pacifier for workshop widows! We expect a goodly number of entries

Club Diary for 2007

January 11th	Gary Rance
February 8th	Dave Reeks
March 8th	Tony Wilson
April 12th	Club Workshop Evening
May 10th	Bill Care
May 13th (Sunday)	MWA All Day Seminar with Julie Heryet
June 14th	Robin Fawcett
July 12th	Guy Ravine
July 21st - 22nd	Great Missenden Show
August 9th	Club Workshop Evening
September 13th	Stuart King
October 11th	Stephen Cooper
November 8th	AGM Plus!
December 13th	Christmas Party Plus!

Where possible we will advise members in advance of what the demonstrators have planned for each evening.

The Club has requested a booking for the popular Exhibition in the Cow Byre in Ruislip, but this booking has to be confirmed.

There is a possibility that there may be other shows or exhibitions in which MWA may be invited to take part, but details are not yet to hand.

Christmas Party 2006

The Christmas Party with a Buffet meal seems to have become a fixture, and there was a good turn out on this occasion. Several members of the Committee devised between them a Quiz with questions on a variety of subjects, mostly linked with wood and wood turning in some way. Members were invited to form groups and collectively tackle the questions. Prizes were offered in the time honoured manner for the best performers and also for the worst performers. The questions often proved to be quite challenging, and those who set them are to be congratulated on their ingenuity. In retrospect this was an enjoyable and valuable activity which encouraged people to get together, which is just what our Association is about. Be warned, we might do it again!