



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

An Associated Club of the AWGB

October 2017 NEWSLETTER

In the absence of Martin our Newsletter editor and with no response to my requests for somebody else to take the roll it has fallen to me. I am doing the words and Colin the photographs and the layout.

As always the October meeting is preceded by the Club's AGM. Only nominations were received prior to the meeting for the positions of Chairman and Secretary with myself as chairman and Steve Savage as secretary.

For 2016/17 the committee comprised Steve and I as above plus John Stepney as Treasurer, Colin Willetts (membership secretary), Ray Burton, Keith Greenfield and Tom Bradbury.

All are up for re-election and apart from Tom who has decided to stand down as a committee member all have agreed to re stand for their roles.

From the floor Steve obtained proposers and seconders and the committee for 2017/18 will be the 6 of us.

I advised the meeting of the sad death of Mike Garson how passed away back in August.

A reminder for the forthcoming awards Evening on the 13th April 2018 was put to the room with confirmation that for those wishing to attend there would be this year a £10 per person contribution (as agreed at a previous meeting). Ray Burton is taking on the task of collecting names and contributions. Please sign up to this so we can hopefully have as good an evening as earlier this year.

A further reminder was mentioned regarding our Charity idea for St Barnabas with members hopefully making an item or items for donation to them to sell at the unit to help with their Christmas fund raising. In this respect I understand Mary Bye from St Barnabas will be attending our November meeting from about 9am so we can hopefully make her a good presentation of turned items. No theme, please just bring along what you can make.

The draft programme for next year's club events was discussed so please watch the web site for this.

After many years arranging drinks, raffles, hot food at Christmas etc. we felt it right to reward Val (Newson) with honorary membership which she was pleased to accept.

The mornings demonstrations were by Jim Harris, involuted (inside out) turning, Keith Greenfield, mushrooms and Alan Wallington Project planning to ensure accuracy with dimensions etc. prior to making shavings.

I think we can safely say well done to them all and thank you for an entertaining and informative mornings work.

Alan



Jim



We also had the gavel and block competition and the winners were:

Beginners: Joint 1st Andy Heath and Ray Burton, 3rd Mark Smith.

Intermediates: 1st Dave Harris 2nd Mark Blower.

Advanced: 1st me.



Thanks for all who entered and well done to the winners. Hopefully Colin Smith's feedback forms for the beginners are of help to advise where improvements in your design, turning skills or finishes can be made. As always, if you have concerns please talk to the judges. In this case Terry and Gary, thanks for your time and it is one way I can beat you!

This month's show and tell table had work from Stewart Furini following on from his demonstration last month



and Barrie Fitch with key rings and items of jewellery.



Please remember, next month is an all day meeting as we are welcoming professional turner Jason Breach to demonstrate for us.

You can get some background information on Jason at www.jasonbreach.co.uk

Finally may I remind those members who have not paid their 2017/18 subs that they are now due. Colin and John will be happy to take your money. Still only £30 for seniors and £5 for juniors.

Thanks for your help Colin.

Ian Rudge
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