

Turn Around

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Chairman's notes

Season's Greetings to everyone!

The committee has had its first meeting to tackle a long agenda to ensure the Club's activities run smoothly for 2004 ... I was pleased to see such enthusiasm and clear direction to help the Club prosper.

As promised at the AGM, the notes from committee meetings will be made available at each Club meeting.

You will see several suggestions outlined in this newsletter; please give them your urgent consideration and pass your thoughts/comments back to any committee member.

You'll also see a new section: *Wot-u-Got?* It's for *you* to describe and comment on some of the equipment you use. Jot down the details under the following headings and pass it on to a committee member:

What? Cost? Used? (*regularly/now& again/rarely*) **Rating** (*score out of 5*) and **Comments**.

We'll keep a record of your comments so that members thinking of spending a fortune on equipment can benefit from others' experience.

Please don't be bashful about showing and sharing your skills, at whatever level, ... sign up for a 'spot' at a club meeting... its guaranteed to improve your turning! If you're unsure or need help just give me a ring/email in confidence.

More power to your elbow for 2004!

Graham Booth

January Meeting

The January meeting on Saturday 3rd will be at Ferry Meadows in the room behind the information office, next to where we do the coppice to craftsman days.

After a discussion on items in this newsletter and other things, John Taylor will demonstrate the clubs bowl saver. Also Graham Booth will be bringing along his grinder to demonstrate sharpening, so if you have any tools that need doing bring them along, no fancy grinds though!

Further meetings

Venue

For the February, March & April meetings we have been offered a place at Sacrewell farm, free of charge. During April Sacrewell farm will evaluate the position and decide if they will make a small charge. Likewise we will also have to decide if we like it there. There is storage available for our equipment and various other perks. More at the January meeting.

Programme

Apart from the January meeting nothing has been programmed yet. We are looking for volunteers to do a spot at meetings along the lines of last year. It does not have to be very long and could be either a demonstration or even a talk on a particular subject. So if you would like to do one please let me know.

External demonstrators

After some discussion at the committee meeting five demonstrators were chosen, they will be approached to see if they are available and how much they charge. They are: Ray Jones, Bill Jones, Guy Ravine, Reg Sherwin and Bill Care. Hopefully, two of these will be picked to visit the club.

How many?

Another question that came up was: How many meetings a month do we have? Once we are settled in at our new venue, wherever that will be, do we continue with one meeting a month or increase it to two or more?

Photography & CCTV

One of the problems with taking photography at meetings is getting access to take the photos, members are asked to make room when asked. The subject of CCTV was raised again and there will be a trial of a system at the February meeting. All photography at meetings will only be done with permission of the demonstrator

Club equipment, video's etc.

Current

Would all members who have an item of club's equipment please bring it along to the January meeting so that the annual audit can be completed. If you cannot get to the meeting please contact John Taylor on 01733 333010, or another committee member to arrange collection before the 3rd.

New

As we are moving into new premises we will need to purchase some new equipment, below is a list of items we are considering, what do you think? Turning tools, grinder, wheel dresser, sharpening jig, drill, Bandsaw, vacuum cleaner, broom, dustpan and brush, power leads etc. Also as we will need to move equipment around we will need a sack barrow and trolley. In addition it was felt that having a few wood blanks in stock would be a good idea. Also what videos and books would members like to see the club purchase?

Membership fees

Due to the increase costs in accommodation and the need for new equipment the subject of day fees and subscription was discussed. It was decided that at the moment day fees were not suitable and the best solution would be to raise the annual subscription fee to £20 plus the AWGB subs. This could be paid in two ways, either as a one off discounted payment of £19 in January or two payments of £10 one in January and the other by June. What do you think?

Visits

Do you the members want the club to organise visits to shows, shops other clubs etc. and if so where? Some of the places that have been suggested are: Craft Supplies, Turners Retreat, John Boddy's, Peter Childs, Ely club, Alexandra Palace. What do you think?

Due to a lack of time the minutes of the AGM will be sent out next month.

If you cannot make the January meeting and have views on some or all of the items above please let John Taylor know either by email to secretary@villageturners.org.uk

For Sale:

- Rexon single speed band saw, 7 inch cut! In very good condition, complete with mitre and fence... £145.00
- Wet/dry grinder, very little use... £20.00
- Unused Ashley Iles 'Brailsford' set of 6 professional turning tools... only £62.99 (list £90+)

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