



# MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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a branch of

The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

## Newsletter : March 2016

### MARCH MEETING

We welcome back demonstrator and professional woodturner Richard Findley to our meeting on 20th March. Those of you who have not seen Richard before may well have read some of his excellent articles in "Woodturning" magazine. You can also check out his work on his website [www.turnersworkshop.co.uk](http://www.turnersworkshop.co.uk). Richard does a lot of architectural work and production turning of furniture components as well as restoration work, bowls, kitchen ware and some unique gift items. He also teaches woodturning as well as demonstrating to clubs.

### SANDPAPER SALES

By popular demand this is back again this year. Norton is a cloth backed sandpaper which can be attached to Velcro pads. It is tough and very flexible therefore ideal for woodturners. I have used this for the last fifteen years. We buy 25m rolls which is then cut into 1m lengths, which makes a small profit for the club.

Grits 120 180 240 320 400  
all at just £2.00 a metre.

All 5 grits for a tenner, now that's a bargain!

*John Morgan*



*It's always good to see examples of members' work and some beautiful wood.*

*Here is a lovely piece of Burr Yew made into a table lamp by Derek Price*

### CLUB BANNER

The club has a new, full colour, banner. This is 4 foot square and shows the club logo and web address. We will be using it to advertise the club at outside events like the Caersws Vintage Rally. Thanks should go to Derek Price who is making a stand for the banner.

## 2016

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS *Carno Community Centre*

**March 20th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Richard Findley*

**April 17th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Tracey Owen*

**May 22nd : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Dave Atkinson*

**June 26th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*"Members' Day"*

**July 17th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Steve Heeley*

**August 21st : 1:30 - 5:00**

*"Hands On"*

**September 18th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*T.B.C*

**October 16th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Andrew Hall*

**November 20th : 1:30 - 5:00**

*"Hands On"*

# A.G.M REPORT : 21st FEBRUARY 2016

1. Apologies for absence were received from Phil Morris and Geraldine Cole.
2. The Chairman gave his report (*printed in last month's newsletter.*)
3. The Treasurer gave a verbal report and also handed out a printed copy along with the balance sheet for last year to all members in attendance. The most salient points of this were that the club ended the year with £3002.90 in the bank, showing a £470.84 surplus. However, although this would appear to show that club funds were in a healthy state, this would not have been the case except for the money made from the sale of the generous donation of wood by the Brook family. The Treasurer has also made some changes to the methods used to produce the club accounts and has produced a simplified and fully-linked multi-sheet spread sheet which is both quicker to update and simpler to understand than the previous accounting methods used.
4. The Vice Chairman reported on the results of the recent questionnaire - which show that members are basically happy with the way the club is run and the catering service. The matter of fees for the coming year was not discussed at this point as this would be down to the new Committee to decide. Although there was a small majority who felt that members who receive their newsletters by post should pay for the postage, the Committee felt that as the cost was now under £5 per month, the club would carry this cost as reliable broadband is still not available to all members.
5. The Secretary asked members who receive their newsletters by email to please inform her if their email address changes. She also asked members who receive their newsletters by post to let her know if they could possibly either collect their copy at the next meeting, or have their copy emailed to a friend or relative instead to save money on postage.
6. Thanks were given to Peter & Karen Chapman for their hosting of club committee meetings throughout the year, and to Mike & Pam Butterfield for providing accommodation to visiting turners. Thanks were also given to Beth for her provision of excellent catering to the club.
7. Elections were then held for the new Committee. No posts were contested and all positions were elected unanimously.  
Chairman : John Morgan  
Vice Chairman : Mike Butterfield  
Secretary : Kym Price  
Treasurer : Les Symmonds  
Programme Secretary : Gwynne Stephens  
Publicity Secretary : Mieke Kommers  
Librarian : Colin Panter & Brian Parsons.
8. Ceri Davies was proposed and unanimously elected as Honorary Auditor.

9. The new Committee then proposed the following increases to both club annual membership fees and meeting fees for the coming year.

Annual Membership to be increased by £3 to £26. Meeting fees for members increase of £2 to £9, for Family members increase of £3 to £15, for guests of members increase by £1 to £10 and for non-members increase of £3 to £15.

After some discussion with members from the floor, the increases were put to a vote of all members present and carried by a large majority.

10. There were no members who wanted to stand for election to the AWGB Executive Committee.

11. Mike Phillips proposed thanks from all club members to the committee for their work on the club's behalf.

After the formal part of the meeting closed, the remainder of the day was spent as a "Hands On" session with John Morgan demonstrating turning small bowls. There was an excellent display of members' work, in particular some examples of boxes with ornamental turning designs on the lids by Chris Hart - we can look forward to Chris demonstrating these techniques as part of the "Members' Day" in June.



*Boxes with ornamental turned designs on lids by Chris Hart*

## **WANTED RAFFLE PRIZES**

*Please remember to bring something for the  
raffle table at the next club meeting on  
20th March*

### **MEETING COSTS**

Members : £9 each, Family Members : £15 per family  
Guests of members : £10 each, Non-members : £15.00 each

### **CLUB CONTACTS**

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