

AGM 2023

Held at Earl Stonham Village Hall on Monday 20th November 2023

1. **Apologies:** - Richard Sendall
19 members attended

2. **Minutes of 2022 AGM** had been posted on the club website along with the December 2022 newsletter

Proposed as true record by:... Dennis Dell Seconded by:... John Krichell

3. **Chairs' report:** –

The club has around 33 members. Our attendance at Weird & Wonderful Wood has helped recruiting members. Thanks to those club members who helped at this event. Running the Tombola at W&WW has also been a good fund raiser for the club. The club has booked W&WW again for next year so we will start off the appeal early. Based on previous years, if EVERY member produced at least ten tombola items that would be a good start for stock for this event. Realistically we will need more than that, and these items will be representing the club, so a reasonable standard please. Typical items required are: bowls, boxes, spinning tops, mice, whistles and similar.

This year has been mainly in-house demo demonstrators, plus Carlyn Lindsey, Nikki Wheetman and Mick Hanbury for the All-Day demo. As with other clubs, it has been difficult getting external demonstrators. Next year we will try to incorporate Interactive Remote Demo's (IRD's).

Mick Hanbury was the All-Day demonstrator this year, and Mick also agreed to follow this the next day with a Masterclass training session. This was attended by six members who all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Thanks to all the committee for their support throughout the year, and thanks to all those who help to clear up after meetings.

4. **Treasurers report:** –

(see separate sheets).

The club continues to have a healthy bank balance. Our fund raising at W&WW and few external demonstrators has helped this situation.

5. **Subscriptions 2024**

The AGM membership fee for 2024 has increased from £18.00 to £21.00

Club Membership fee: £ 20.00

Refreshments (Teas/Coffee & Biscuits): £1.00

Raffle Tickets: £1.00 each

6. **Election of Officers:**

- The Chair stands down and control of the meeting passed to the Secretary.
- Members are asked if anyone would like to be considered for any of the committee posts. (*all existing committee are prepared to stand again*)
- Mike Charnley proposed Stuart Clarke as a candidate for Chair. Stuart acknowledged that he would be prepared to stand as Chair.



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Proposal for Committee posts:.

Chair – Tic Challis and Stuart Clarke

This was put to the members to vote

(the existing committee abstained from voting).

Tic = 4 votes

Stuart = 8 votes

Proposed: Mike Charnley Seconded: John Krichell

The following committee members were voted in on-mass:

Treasurer – Pat Yates

Secretary – John Woods

- Committee members:
- 1) Neil Robertson
 - 2) Ian Cameron
 - 3) Martin Taylor
 - 4) Tic Challis

Voted in On-mass - Proposed: ...Malcolm Keer Seconded: All

There was a vote of thanks for Tic who has been chair for the past 6 years.

7. Other matters:

- a. **Club Anniversary:** Next year (2024) will be the 25th anniversary of the club forming. How should we recognise/celebrate this?
 - i. Additional All-Day demonstrations (possibly Joey Richardson or Margaret Garrard)
 - ii. A celebration dinner/buffet
 - iii. A social evening during the summer with a barbeque

In the discussion it was mentioned that the actual first meeting of the club was in November 1999, so 2025 will be 25th year of the club, so perhaps we should celebrate during that year?

- b. **Refreshment rota** – Due to difficulties committing to this in advance, this should be arranged at the start of each meeting. A reminder that the cost for refreshments at club meetings is £1.00 The amount collected at some meetings this past year has not matched the number of drinks provided. This may be due to a change in price this year as noted at the 2022 AGM
- c. **2024 Programme**
 - i. No definite programme has been arranged yet for next year.
 - ii. All Day events –
Colwin Way has been booked again for 2024. If possible can we also follow this with a masterclass session from Colwin. Those that participated in Colwins' masterclass session last year said how good it was.
 - iii. Interactive Remote Demonstrations via Zoom?
Colwin has presented several online demo's for Axminster Tools. – Gary Lowe, and Pat Carroll were also suggested as possible demonstrators.



- iv. Stuart also recommended viewing an online demo (The Skew Chisel) sponsored by 'Craft Supplies USA' by Allan Batty (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfeLAHQsbqk>)
 - v. Training days - A topic for these need to be determined then we can try to arrange a suitable trainer for this topic.
- d. **The Malcolm Fox Trophy challenge** for 2024 (18th November):
As it will be the 25th anniversary of the club – Something Silver
- e. **Peter Taylor challenge** for 2024 (15th April):
The prize will be a Rosette
A footed item – maximum diameter = 8” (200mm) (e.g. a Tazza, a footed bowl, or anything else with a defined foot)
Perhaps these could then be donated as a sale/tombola item at W&WW
- f. **W&WW**
Help will be required to erect the marquee on Friday, man the stand on Saturday and the Sunday, and break down everything and remove from site on the Sunday. Tic will have her own stand there, so only able to offer very limited help. John is away the Friday and Saturday, but hopes to be there on the Sunday.
Richard Court volunteered to help on the Friday
Kim Rochester volunteered for the Saturday
John Krichell and Eric Harvey volunteered for the Sunday
There were others, but not all names were noted. Apologies for that, but please put your names forward again nearer the time.
- Again, we need items for the Tombola. These should be of a reasonable standard as they represent the club. Please ensure that they have a suitable finish (or non at all). E.g. food safe, if it is intended as a functional bowl. Child safe if it is a toy. A warning about possible allergies – (difficult one this. Is something in Laburnum or Yew toxic?)
- g. **AOB:**
- The website is to be updated soon
 - The AWGB Revolutions magazine is available either as a printed version or digital/online version. Consider whether you really need a printed version, or would viewing it online be OK for you and help save the environment.

Meeting closed at: 21.10 hrs