



Last month saw the passing of another AGM. and as far as I remember, there were no catastrophes, disasters or upheavals but when it comes to memory—the older I get, the better it was. The same old crew were re-elected without opposition. I do not recall anybody demanding to take over as Chairman or any other post as it happens.

Now that I recall, there was one upheaval. M[iser] Ekins proposed an increase in subs. Jan/July 2011 to be £20, July/Dec 2011 to be £30 and then £25 from Jan 2012 per half year. Motion carried.

Two certain facts I can give you - this was the AGM when Daphne most certainly did not do a striptease or Richard any limbo dancing. I think I would have remembered those. Beyond that there was nothing worth reporting.....if memory serves.

The AGM was followed by a hands-on-session which I was unable to attend (Jo poorly) and I did not even have time to take photos of 'Members Work' so all I have to do now is find something to fill the next page-and-a-half!!!

Remind me.....

At the AGM, did Bill say 'no' to doing a demo. on Tunbridge Ware? or do you think he could be persuaded?

Free to a good home:- Maggie has a small faceplate suitable for a Graduate I believe (1.1/2" x 6tpi).

Future Competition? why not get hold of a nice piece of knotless pine and see who can plane the longest shaving. The Japanese manage 30 feet apparently. Fancy it?

Name that tree

Spring has nearly sprung so how about some blossom, blossom.

Can you name this tree? If so you will win one of the famous massage sessions with Pauline. (highly recommended by Jimmy Clewes, ask him if you don't believe me).

Answer next month.





It is not that I am tight....

In need of a large chunk of sycamore recently for a commission, I popped down to see that stout fellow Uncle Bob.

Having to pay for timber goes against the grain (sorry) so, to make the most of it I cored out the inner face, just once and made a circular picture frame from the surplus outer face.

I mention it here in case some of our novices have not seen this technique.

Rather than add to the pile of shavings you can normally part off a ring which can be used as a bangle, with a smaller bowl, or picture frame as in this case.....have a go at it.

An absolute bargain

I came across this recently and pass it on in case you are looking for a suitable birthday present. Did you know that you can get a 'Marnie Moyle's chunky chopping board' which is actually "hewn from a solid section of locally sourced green oak" for *only* £37.50p You can even have two initials carved on the side and that would *only* cost a further £7.50p. Just think of it, a slab of green oak—say 12" x 8" for *only* £45. What a bargain. Order yours now at The Corner Shop in Dorking (obviously a town where all the money is) or...www.greenoakfurniture.co.uk

Making light work of it

Whilst taking the above photo, and knowing I still have at least a page to fill, I thought this also may be of interest.

Being left-handed I find it useful to swivel the headstock rather more often than you cack-handed turners. This means that my light has to be somewhat more flexible in the positions available.

As you see, I overcame this problem by recycling an old TV bracket with a double-jointed arm. This coupled with an old speaker magnet (so that I can transfer it to the bed-bars) serves me very well.



Free to good home

Do you know anybody about to start turning who is looking for a lathe?

Currently at Burwash Common. Give me a call.
Peter Castle

In case you are going to Ireland for holiday



Owing to the recent water shortage, the management of The Dublin Swimming Pool have announced that they are closing lanes 7 and 8.

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Date of next Meeting:
Sunday 17th April
Demonstration by
Bill Care