

Wyealden Woodturners

CUTTING EDGE

December 2014



Wooden Puzzles were on the agenda last month after playing with a dozen or so examples, our efforts were concentrated on making one in particular.

This was Gary Rance's 'Idiot Stick No. 1', ideal for our purposes as it involved a series of basic manoeuvres including drilling (with captured drill bit, small spindle gouge or Jacob's Chuck) and spindle turning. With Xmas on the horizon these can provide hours of fun for those not 'in the know'.

Following a short demonstration Archie (plus one other) set to on the lathes to produce their own masterpiece.

Ask not what your club can do for you.....

As per the announcement at our last meeting, Mick Briggs, Kevin Head and Dave Rogers will be standing down at the next AGM. Maggie, presumably, forgot to mention that your newsletter editor will also be passing on the baton.

Come the New Year we will need to find replacements for these posts so now is the time to put your thinking cap on. New blood is needed, are you willing to have a go?

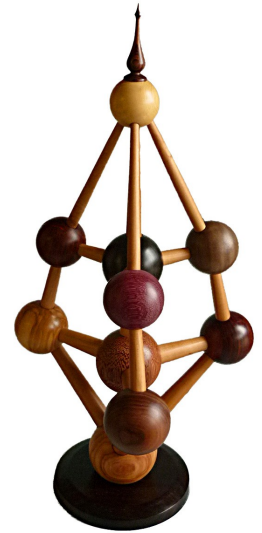
The Competition Secretary is fairly straight forward (if you can take the flack) but the secretarial position is a little more involved. There are membership records to be kept up to date, the occasional letter to write and minutes of meetings to be taken. An interesting post all the same for the right person, is that you?

Dave, unfortunately, now also has health issues which means somebody else will now have to organise our events. Next year is, more or less, sorted so there will be quite a long lead time. Is that for you?

That just leaves the Newsletter Editor..... a chance to air your views perhaps?

If you simply ignore the above and now turn the page, make the most of it as you will not have a club to read about in the near future, it is up to you!!!

Members' Work



A random jotting

I have always admired the 'natural' way that the likes of Daphne and Maggie develop a pleasing shape. Ideally-shaped coves exquisitely tucked in between other components that I certainly could not design, I could only copy them [with an example in front of me].

I was 'working up a shape' the other day and continued to remove timber until I was past the ultimate contour. Here we go again. My usual method is to take a stab at it, stop and look at it and then take off a few more shavings. This I continue doing until I find that it is now past its best and I should have stopped before the last attack!! Too late, you can't put it back but I could have sworn it needed one more trim. Ah well, there is always the Summer Competition next year.

Message from your Chairman

Hands-on sessions - more activity please, less chat. Bring your tools.

Clearing up following Hands-on - If you always arrive after setting-up has been completed or slope off around 3pm and you feel half a dozen pairs of eyes boring into your back as you walk down the corridor.....
.....it is not your imagination.

Calling all pen-makers

If you are looking for a new material to try then have a go at these antlers. I understand that they turn very well and are available in various sizes. They give a good finish and the examples I have seen were coated in superglue, wiped and allow to dry. The final surface was, to my mind, a little uneven but, no doubt, extremely durable. Just search online to find them.

For Sale

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Date of next Meeting:
Sunday 18th January
Hands-on
Maggie
'Things you could try in turning'
Nobody allowed in without their tools