



AGM and Critique Well Supported

The main business for our February meeting was the AGM followed by a critique. The meeting was well attended with apologies from those unable to attend. The business followed the usual format with reports from committee members followed by any other business and re-election of officers. Sadly our events secretary, honorary president Alan Beecham, has resigned from the club so we are looking for a new events secretary. Although the programme is more or less arranged for this year, outside demonstrators have a very busy schedule and generally need to be booked this year for next year's meetings. We therefore need volunteers for the post as soon as possible. New member, Greg Collett, has kindly offered to help but ideally with another member. So, could you spare a little of your time to give something back to the club?

The club has enjoyed another successful year with demonstrations, hands on and socials combined with competitions.

We enjoyed some excellent demos last year. The hands on are always worth while and of course the socials and competitions are fun. We included a new competition, The Richard Hasleden Cup, awarded for maximum points accrued for monthly entries during the year. This proved very successful, encouraging members to bring in a variety of work regularly.

With some members moving on there have been plenty of new people to take their places. Whilst new blood keeps the club vibrant, it does now mean the club has a high proportion of novice members which is having an effect on competition entries. So, come on everyone else, make an effort for the summer competition and let's show the novices what to aim for.



A bowl with inlaid banding, one of John Roberts pieces.

Summer Competition Subjects

Novice class	A present for a child
Intermediate	A three legged stool
Advanced	Thin is beautiful
Allan Beecham Cup	Open class Innovation in design
Bill Thurlow Cup	Partners' choice



A complex tazza in ebony, cocobola and blackwood by Maggie Wright.

With the business concluded, the meeting broke for lunch followed by the Critique.

Maggie Wright and Peter Castle led the critique. There was a good number of entries particularly from John Roberts. Well done John!

All the pieces showed a great variety of styles and techniques and as Maggie and Peter gave an appraisal of each one, we were able to appreciate the finer points, the good qualities and where perhaps improvements could be made.

Hopefully we all learn from this and can apply this knowledge to our future work.

A selection of members' work



Far left. Chinese ball in boxwood by Richard Hasleden.
Left. Candlestick form a Banksia nut by Ken Page.
Right. Large bowl by Julian Jones.



Lidded bowl in oak by Greg Collett.

Novelty pencil holder in beech by Anne Smith.

Textured bowl in elm by John Turner.

Oak platter showing lovely flame figuring in the grain by Bob Hollands.

Forthcoming events update

Wizardry in Wood Oct 12-15 Launch of the Turners' company competition details are as follows:
Four open classes,

- 1, **Great fire of London 350th anniversary**, focusing on the city's rejuvenation up to the present day
- 2, **Master's competition for plain turning**, a pair of lidded bowls (non pedestal).
- 3, **Master's competition for ornamental turning**, a pair of lidded bowls (non pedestal).
- 4 **Felix Levy Open Competition** A contemporary work of the entrant's choice.

The Top Prize in each of the four competition classes will be £1,250.

There are five other classes, details to be announced later on the Turners' company website.

In its second year, **Into the Trees** is being held at Pippingford Park Nutley, on Sept. 3rd and 4th and is promising to be a similar event to Bentley Woodfair which is also held in September, 23rd-25th.

Reminder for this months' meeting.

Please note the change of programme for the March meeting. Tony Handford has had to cancel his demonstration so there will be Hands on bowl turning led by Peter Castle.
Please bring your tools etc and bowl blanks if available.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	
Librarian	David Spice
Newsletter editor	Sandra Day
A-V co-ordinator	Brian Rowson

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Next Months' Meeting

April 17th 10.00am.

Dennis Hayter demonstrating.