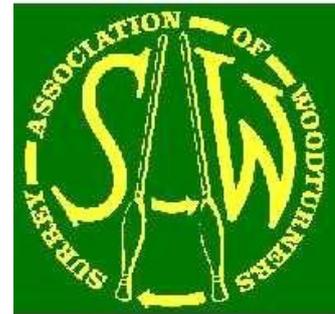


Surrey Association of Woodturners



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Reports, News and Views from North West Surrey

New Members

Welcome to Ms Victoria Stammers Member No. 769

PAID UP MEMBERSHIPS for 2019 are 71

(As of going to press)

Items for the Diary

8rd February	Ed Oliver	Professional Demonstrator
17 th February	Workshop Day	Club tuition
2 nd March	Princes Mead Shopping Centre -	Club Demonstration
8th March	Greg Moreton	Professional Demonstrator
24th March	Les Thorne	All Day Seminar
7th April	Axminster Basingstoke Store	Club Demonstrators

Please note the amended dates for Rural Life in April are 13th and 14th.

Also one for the diary is Painshill Park now confirmed as 2 day event on 19th and 20th October.

TOP TIP's and articles

If you have a tip or article to share please email it to Colin Spain at the address shown in contacts at back of this newsletter.

If a tip keep it short, and if we are happy with it, I will include it in one of the newsletters.

IT'S A WIN, WIN OPPORTUNITY.

SAW 100 Club 2019 Reminder

Since its establishment in 2014 the SAW 100 Club has paid out nearly £1700 in prize money and raised a similar amount to help the Club's funds, becoming both a rewarding and beneficial way of supporting the clubs activities.

The Xmas Draw saw a total prize fund of £112.00 with first out of the hat getting a cheque for £67.20. A very nice early Xmas present.

The final draw for 2018 was made at the AGM in January, when enrolment into the 2019 100 Club began.

If you wish to participate in the 2019 draws it is not too late, application forms and rules are available at the end of this newsletter, as well as from the SAW website.

(<http://www.sawoodturners.org/handbook/100%20Club%20Rules%20V1.pdf>).

I look forward to welcoming existing and new supporters to the SAW 100 Club.

Mike's Meditations from the lathe

I feel like a new boy at primary school faced with the unknowns ahead but unlike that little boy I hope I can continue to deliver the high levels of activity and interest that the club expects. Of course, to do this we all have a role to play. Our committee has supported John over his tenure and club members have all played their part in the running and success of the club. I hope

John Sherwood now takes up the role of Vice President. John has served the club well for the last 3 years as Chairman and I look forward to taking advice from him. Paul Nesbitt, now a richly deserved honorary life member carries much of the club memory and I will call on this from time to time. Dorothy Read another long serving committee member has also stepped down and on behalf of all club members I thank her for all the service she has given. Open day food has been a challenge for the last 2 years with the non appearance of the elusive burger van and she and other members have managed to fill the hunger pangs of the visitors. What of the challenges ahead?

First is membership: As David Stratton reported, we had 21 fewer members sign on at the beginning of 2018 many of these were expected as they rarely came to meetings in 2017. We did attract 12 new members thanks to the work of all members who demonstrated at various venues through the year. The enthusiasm shown, the openness to discuss turning and friendliness shown to prospective members all helped with this recruitment process. We will need to recruit new members but just as important is to retain existing members. Our programme of field demonstrations is as active for this year as in the past. I hope all those hardy souls who braved wind, rain, high and low temperatures will continue to support our 2019 programme but we do need new faces. Those who come just as stewards and also visit to have a chat also help - please do continue.

Second is the availability of professional demonstrators. Jennie Starbuck has used her extensive list of contacts to ensure we have quality demonstrators who can add something new to our turning knowledge and skills as well as entertain us on club nights. Please let Jennie or committee members know if you come across a demonstrator at other venues that might be a possible future contact.

Thirdly delivering what the club wants. All the surveys over the last few years and discussions that the committee has had show we are meeting the requirements of most of our members. If at any time we fail in this regard, please talk to us

Unlike many of our members I am not a life time turner. I started turning after going through my 5th retirement and followed some advice from an old colleague in Norway namely - plan for retirement, do something new and do something with people, all good advice. I enjoy the challenge of making something from an anonymous piece of wood, of improving my skills and making better pieces. I hope to continue improving my skills with time.

Mike Spaven

Club Competition – April Practical Night

As the first of our 2019 Practical nights approach so does the first leg of this year's competition. No theme this time, what we are looking for is mainly spindle work, there can be an element of faceplate. Some ideas a wand, walking stick, mug tree, candle stick. Something to impress us preferably not pens though, despite how wonderful pens usually look, the turning is minimal and any joints are not wood on wood. The judges will be looking at your turning skills.

The AGM – January 11th

Chairman's Report AGM 2019 – John Sherwood

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen this year our professional turners have been a mixed bag. We had seven turners booked but then had to find three replacements as the originals found their booking clashed with family events. This is a problem when we are booking at least a year ahead. We are also finding that demonstrators are no longer willing to travel long distances to present an evening demonstration. With the time of preparation and travelling included it is often uneconomic for them to take the booking. That is why this year we have had a couple who were not our first choice and you may not have found were quite up to the standard we have come to expect.

We have also started demonstrating at two more outside events, the Kempton Park Show where we asked to run two lathes for The Record Tool Co. and at the Wood event at Painshill Park. Both events went very well and we have been booked again for next year. Princes Mead returned to a full year events after the redecoration of the Mall. With the Rural Life Centre, Dapdune wharf, GMES, Surrey Heath Show, Southern Fellowship of woodworkers open day, Brooklands and Axminster tools we have found members to run nearly 30 days of outside events. Thank you everyone who takes part in, and organises these days. It is good for the club to get our name out in front of the general public and to show what we can produce. We have been seeing a few new faces behind the lathes at these events which is great news. Once one becomes used to people watching the turning process, then the next step is one of the small lathes at a practical evening. Eventually we will have a pool of turners happy and eager to do an evening as the star attraction on club night. Then one will realise that it is not so traumatic as it might appear but is actually quite fun.

Time now for a few thank you's. In spite of being under the weather for a large part of the year Jennie has been keeping her finger on the club's pulse. It was a lot of extra work finding alternative demonstrators this year. The club is very grateful to Jennie and Chris for the work that they do as secretary and webmaster.

Colin Rowe has been on his own a bit this year with the filming and broadcasting on club nights. Robert has been jetting round the globe looking after his business which is why we have been asking for someone to help. Well done Colin for keeping the show on the road.

David Stratton, our treasurer is a tireless worker for the club. He is the main point of contact with the Community Centre. He has been the man in charge of the Open Day for several years now. Internal problems with the Centre at 2017 Open Day were resolved but we still need to find a reliable caterer (burger van), no burger van meant that Dorothy was even busier and sold out of sticky buns. Overall Open Day had a very happy feel, our visiting clubs were on good form, there was a lot of good humoured banter, the traders had a good day and the icing on the cake was that we beat Forest of Bere in the tabletop competition and well done Orchard Woodturners for their winning entry.

Julia Hammond and Anna-Marie Bennett were co-opted onto to committee during the year. All of the committee besides those specifically mentioned have had lots to do in their respective areas of responsibility. More than that as a whole we have been much occupied with the General Data Protection Regulations. We have had to look at the information that we hold on the data base and to see that our Data Protection Policy is robust enough to stand up to outside scrutiny if ever required (It is the same regulations that apply to SAW as apply to I.C.I.). That has now been done and is now in place. Any revisions to club policies will be brought to the AGM.

I thank all of the committee for their diligence and hard work this past year. To the members thank you for coming in good numbers each week and for supporting the outside events. This is one of the biggest woodturning clubs in the country, mainly because we do so many outside events and get ourselves known. Let us keep it up and continue to be a great promotional vehicle for our hobby of woodturning.

The club is in good health and I am happy to propose Mike Spaven to be our Chairman for next year. He may not be as loud as me but he is an excellent turner and a very hard worker, I trust that he will receive similar support to that which I have had these last three years.

Discussion points- The Chairman invited comments or questions but there were none.

The adoption of the Chairman's report was proposed by Phil Hamilton seconded by Colin Stone and agreed by the members by a show of hands with none against.

To Receive & Adopt Hon Treasurers Report:

Good evening one and all. Knowing how much you all love this part of the proceedings I will keep it short but be ready to answer any questions at the end. Customary thanks to Doug Boud for casting a thorough eye over my workings and being prepared to sign them off. And to all those who organise and run the various events and activities which add value to the club either financially or reputationally.

The budget presented to the committee in January predicted a surplus of £351.55 and by the end of this year had moved to the surplus of £226.13, as declared in the accounts

Principle movers...

Membership. Overall down 8 to 140. This is from 21 leavers against 13 new members. Many leavers were predicted from their absence throughout most of 2017, so had been allowed for in the predictions.

New equipment. 2018 saw the purchase of the club's second Gazebo. An AWGB grant of £400 was sought, as 50% of the purchase cost, but they paid us the full £800, which funds are recorded in the Miscellaneous Income slot. As a result of the bonus payment, we used our budgeted contribution to purchase Banners and other fixings which greatly enhance the visual presentation of the Club at outside events.

Shop and Raffle – Income from both these areas was again down on budget, although both returned a cash surplus. I personally feel that the offer from both these areas is good and the raffle in particular goes a long way to defraying the subscription costs of the club. The shop is really for your benefit, so I would urge you all to make the most of them.

Demonstrators Costs. 2018 was a very difficult year for demonstrators with a number withdrawing at short notice. Jennie has done an absolutely brilliant job in finding replacements at short notice, and still managing not to break the budget.

Insurance. In recent years the cost of our Public Liability Insurance has initially been paid by the AWGB who would then invoice us, usually in January. A recent change in procedure means that we now pay the premium in December direct to the Insurers. As such two payments have been made this year, hence the increase.

Donations to Charity. This covers two key elements, those funds donated to the charities where we demonstrate, Rural Life, Dapdune Wharf and the special Xmas Charity. The practice in the past has been to use the funds received at the December meeting to fund a

donation to a selected local charity. These funds are made up of the raffle, teas, quizzes, direct donations into the pots and other monies received for this specific purpose. This year that totaled around £325. The committee made a decision during the year that the Club would match these contributions and as a result payments of £325 are being made to two local charities Phyllis Tuckwell and the Samson Centre for MS

Open Day. A good year despite its challenges. Our burger man, despite regularly confirming his attendance, once again disappeared of the face of the earth. More understandably, because of the weather conditions, was the absence of Proops. An apology from Proops has been received but they regret that, due to distance and timing, they will not be attending future events. The Committee will be looking closely as to how these absences will be covered in future. The cost of the principle demonstrator was up but largely covered by increased attendance. Final result was a net contribution to the club of just under £300.

100 Club – Membership was again down. This still represented a net contribution to the club of some £430, which would otherwise need to be covered by subscriptions. I strongly urge you all to participate and earn yourselves a chance of winning.

Discussion Points – The treasurer invited discussion points or questions but there were none.

The treasurer then submitted his statement of Income and Expenditure for acceptance by the members.

There being no other questions the adoption of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Don Mitchell and seconded by Phil Hamilton and agreed by the members by a show of hands with none against.

To Determine Subscriptions for the coming Year

The Treasurer reported that the Club's finances remain in a very healthy state, and whilst his initial predictions for 2019 show a small shortfall, it is not enough to reverse recent surpluses.

As such he was happy to leave the renewal subscription fee at £32 for a fourth year.

Beyond that, unless income streams, other than subscriptions, increase, he envisages having to raise fees to £35 in 2020. If the secondary Income streams fall or fail then the subscriptions would need to go much higher, nearer to £50.

His proposition for this year is, therefore, for 2019 Renewal Subscription fees to remain at £32.

The treasurer invited comment and questions from the members but there were none.

The subscription rate of £32 was proposed by David Stratton and seconded by Jennie Starbuck and agreed by a show of hands with none against.

To consider the proposal to update the Constitution (as sent by email to the members)

Two points were raised. Phil Hamilton pointed out that point 6.1.2 should read 'A maximum of **twelve** (rather than nine) other elected members who serve for one year'. The secretary agreed that this was a mistake that had not been spotted as the number had changed at the 2018 AGM. She apologised for the mistake and will make sure it is correct in the version that goes onto the website.

The second point was that the numbering of 11.1.7 seemed to have lost the '11'. This will also be corrected.

There being no other points raised the updating of the Constitution with the above two changes was proposed by David Stratton and seconded by Barry Alder and agreed by a show of hands with none against.

The secretary said that it would be updated on the website and could be accessed on the new 'Documents' page by clicking on the 'Constitution' Button.

To elect the committee for the coming year:

The Chairman first thanked Dorothy Read for the six years she has been on the committee helping in the running of SAW events and club nights. Dorothy has been on the Open Day sub-committee for many years, managing and taking charge of the refreshments on offer on the day. Unfortunately Dorothy is finding it difficult to get to meetings so has decided not to re-join the committee this year.

The secretary then took over to talk about the other current committee member not standing for re-election as she has known him for 24 years.

The other member of the committee who had decided not to stand – for similar reasons, was the Vice-President, Paul Nesbitt. Having moved down to Ferndean, Paul does not think he will get to many evening meetings in the future.

Paul joined SAW in 1996 and joined the committee in 2000 as secretary for just one year before taking over from Jim Thomas in 2001 as Chair. From January 2001 Paul spent 9 years as our Chairman in 3 blocks and nine more as our Vice President – again in 3 blocks

He started the club database and gradually added data until we had a complete record of our membership and what we have done since the club started in 1990. In fact we have a very rare archive of club history and it has taken Paul many thousands of hours to develop and manage this resource.

Now he has moved it is going to be difficult for him to get to many of the club events he has developed and nurtured over the years but, as a club, we all hope that he will come to see us as often as he can.

The Committee has been trying to find a special way to say 'thank you' to Paul for everything he has done for the club.

The club was started by our President and Life member, Bob French. We have only ever had one life member and have decided that – on his last meeting as an official of the club it would be appropriate to confer our second life membership on Paul to thank him for everything he has done for the club and to encourage him to keep visiting and taking part whenever he can.

So the secretary invited him to come up, as a life member of the Surrey Association of Woodturners and accept a small memento of the occasion from the Chairman and our thanks for everything he has accomplished on behalf of the club.

She then asked the members to show their appreciation for all of Paul's hard work for the club over the years which they did with a loud round of applause.

The meeting then went on to elect the new officers and committee. There being no other members nominated and seconded by January 31st the following officers were elected with the members showing their support by raising their hands with none against.

The three officers – Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Mike Spaven	Chairman	Proposed by John Sherwood - Seconded by David Stratton
Jennie Starbuck	Secretary	Proposed by David Stratton-Seconded by Anna-Marie Bennett
David Stratton	Treasurer	Proposed by Richard Davies - Seconded by Mike Spaven

Committee members

Anna-Marie Bennett	Nominated by David Stratton	seconded by Bernie Walker
John Creasey	Nominated by David Stratton	seconded by Bernie Walker
Richard Davies	Nominated by Colin Spain	seconded by Bernie Walker

Robert Grant	Nominated by Jennie Starbuck	seconded by Chris Starbuck
Julia Hammond	Nominated by Bernie Walker	seconded by David Stratton
Colin Rowe	Nominated by Colin Spain	seconded by David Stratton
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Bernie Walker	Nominated by John Creasey	seconded by David Stratton

The members showed their support by a show of hands with none against.

To consider Any Other Business put before the meeting

No AOB had been sent to the secretary however, the Chairman invited members to raise any points they wished to make. One of the members thanked the Committee for managing the changes to the Constitution so efficiently for the club.

There being no other points raised John Sherwood, now the Vice President, declared the meeting over at 20.25.

The Presentations

Firstly the results of the Club competition for year 2018 were as follows:

Club Competition Standard

- 1st John Wakeford
- 2nd Anna-Marie Bennett
- 3rd Francois Greeff
- 3rd Stephen Evans

Club Competition Advanced

- 1st David Stratton
- 2nd Charlie Cunningham
- 3rd Phil Hamilton

Club Competition Premier

- 1st Dennis Findlay
- 2nd Colin Rowe
- 3rd Jim Gaines



David Stratton receiving his award

The Turner of Year Competition for 2018
awarded to Phil Todd.

This award is chosen by club members as being the piece they would most like to own.

Well done Phil.





Presidents Platter awarded to Phil Todd



Vice Presidents Platter awarded to Stephen Evans.



Geoff Quinnell Platter awarded to Rodney Goodship.



Vic Burge Shield awarded to Denis Findlay

Awarded to a non committee club member who does a lot for the club this year it was agreed that the winner of the shield would be Dennis Findlay who always stays to clear up and who helps by taking part in SAW events and by entering the competitions.

AGM & Competitions

Unfortunately, due to ill health I missed the AGM and the information regarding the Club competitions. For some I believe the word competition brings worry, fear and dread, however I have always seen the competitions as a positive aspect of the club.

It is a way to get feedback on areas that you can improve upon to make your turning even more brilliant. You get an opportunity to talk with the judges about areas where you have lost points i.e. those areas where you can make improvements and the judges are always more than happy to offer advice and hints and tips about how to make these improvements. Workshop days are a great way to help with this as well, as most of the judges are also tutors at workshop days so they can help assist with putting the advice into practice.

You then have the joy of watching these points change on the next score card when you enter another competition and have a score system to see how much you have improved over time.

Anna-Marie Bennett

Axminster Tools & Machinery, Basingstoke - 2 December 2018.

Tony Wellbelove and I were happy to have the opportunity to try out the new Axminster Craft AC305WL Woodturning Lathe (Page 258 of the latest Catalogue) and soon noticed the differences between it and the lathes we usually use. It was very quiet and, despite being on a lightweight bench, stable. However, we both noted that some fettling would have seriously improved the smoothness of operation, and sorely missed the lack of a hand wheel on the outboard of the headstock (it was 'neatly' shrouded inside the belt guard!).

I started by completing the outside of an inside-out Christmas decoration, the inside of which I had done at home. The concept created much interest and I spent much of the day explaining the technique, with the aid of part completed pieces.

Tony then set about a large Cherry blank from which he made a curvaceous Candle Stick - the first of a pair to replace the pair 'stolen' by his daughter. A catch threw the piece off centre and we had fun devising a way to retrieve the situation - much to the amusement of the watchers, who were pleased to see that even demonstrators don't always 'get it right'.

I then made a Snowman with tipped hat (multi-centre turning) and Tony finished up with a Christmas Tree.

Written down it doesn't sound like a productive day, but we spent much of the time explaining to our audience what we were doing and the techniques involved. There was plenty of interest in the Club (I expect at least three visitors on 8 Feb 19) and we were able to advise on possible purchases, and how to go about starting our wonderful and creative hobby (with due warning of its addictiveness).

We thank those Club members who came to support us.

Phil Hamilton.

PS. AT&M have yet to update the store website, but they have withdrawn the 'Wednesday Wonder' demonstrations - by our own Anna-Marie Bennett, who is currently undergoing training as a full time staff member. It is expected that demonstrations will resume sometime in the future.

Phil Hamilton

Emma Cook: AKA The Tiny Turner

Unfortunately, due to technical issues we have no sound on the recording from the night which is what I usually make notes from to produce a report of the evening, hence this is somewhat shorter and lacking in detail compared to the usual club night reports.

Emma kept us all entertained throughout the evening with her humour and her turning, giving us lots of useful information along the way. She demonstrated how to make one of her Christmas Baubles with lights. Emma used a 9" long, 2" square piece of timber, using 2/3rds of this for the bottom finial and the remaining 1/3rd for the top of the bauble. The timber was rounded off and a chucking point created although the tail centre was also brought up for support.



The bottom finial was produced using sharp tools, Emma used a bowl gouge to do some of the horse work, removing material and swapped to the spindle gouge to refine the shapes. Emma spoke about ensuring that you do not get any hooks on the gouge wings when sharpening as this can cause catches. The finial had a series of flat disks along it as well as lovely fine points, Emma said that she makes them like this to balance out the overall bauble.

As each part of the finial was completed it was sanded and polished as trying to go back and do this later is not possible as there is no strength to the wood and it will break. Once completed, this section was parted off with a hollowed parting cut so that it would fit the surface of the glass bauble.



With the remaining 1/3rd of the timber Emma started by hollowing out the shape of the bauble including its neck, making sure that the hole was slightly over-sized for the neck so that any movement of the timber would not shatter the glass bauble. She then drilled in using a 4mm drill in the Jacobs chuck to create the hole for the lights and wire to go through, you may need a

larger hole depending on the lights you use. Emma then shaped the top finial and sanded and finished it.

To assemble the bauble with the lights inside Emma used the ribbon to attach or hang the bauble with. This was passed through the hole and the wire for the LED light was fed in the opposite direction into the bauble (lights were tested prior to feeding in). Glue was applied to the bauble neck and the top was positioned with a slight pressure and held until the glue took hold. The glue recommended by Emma is Evostick Serious Flexible Glue. The bottom finial was then glued to the bauble and held until the glue took hold. Emma removed any excess glue that had squeezed out onto the glass bauble using a sharp knife, scalpel or other sharp item to cut around the timber edge and peeled away the excess from the glass bauble surface.



Anna-Marie Bennett

Car Insurance – a ‘Grey’ area! (Or even a can of worms....)

A question about car insurance came up at a committee meeting and I was volunteered to check up on it. When I started to research on line, I found the area was a minefield with no definitive answers.

More of our members are choosing to take pieces to sell at club events. It is not clear how any particular insurance company would view a claim should the member have an accident in their car travelling to or from the event. It seems it might be viewed as using the car for commerce, which I expect most of us are not covered for.

As I said, on-line research did not come up with anything other than it could be considered a ‘grey’ area – and that individuals should make sure their own insurance was not invalidated by carrying items for sale to a venue.

Sorry I can’t be more helpful – perhaps you can find some advice that is less ‘grey’.

Jennie Starbuck