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IN THIS EDITION

● **LAST MONTH'S COMPETITION WINNERS**

● **YOUR AGM NEEDS YOU**



Please note the deadline - for copy to be included in Turnings it must reach the editor (see contact details inside) no later than the Friday prior to the next meeting. Submissions received after that time will be held over until the following month.

Don't forget you can read all the Club History to date in one place on our website at:

www.avon-and-bristol-woodturners.org.uk

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From the editor

With this year's AGM not very far away now is the time to be thinking about (hopefully positive) issues that YOU may wish to bring to the notice of our hard-working committee. Traditionally, AGM's seem to be a big turn-off for many people and this is unfortunate because it is often the case at these events that radical decisions are made which affect everyone, including those of us who did not attend. That is why it is so important that as many members as possible make the effort to participate if they can. Unfortunately, I am, as always unable to attend due to commitments elsewhere but I still try to take an interest in club matters, not least of which is via the editorship of this, your newsletter. I would like to believe that Turnings is valued by you all as one of many means of keeping in touch and I look forward to continuing in this role for as long as you are prepared to put up with me. If you are not, then the AGM provides the perfect opportunity for you to say so.

Mike

PS - You will notice that there is a vacancy in the committee - now is a good time to step up to the plate and do your bit for the club.

Next month's demonstrator

The demonstrator at our next meeting on Thursday 15 March will be Richard Findley.

Richard is a woodturner of international renown. He has worked with wood since leaving school and established his woodturning business, "The Turner's Workshop" in 2006 and became a full-time woodturner in 2010. His name also is on the Register of Professional Turners.

He is a regular contributor to Woodturning Magazine with nearly 100 articles published.

On his last visit to our club, in May 2014, Richard demonstrated the art of making walking sticks. For our March meeting he is planning to show us how to make a barley twist. He also plans to have a selection of finishes and abrasives available for sale.

Richard is based in Leicestershire and I notice from the map on his website that his workshop is located near to a martial arts superstore. He assures me that he has not yet had to seek their advice on dealing with unruly audiences!

John MacLellan

Cover photo - Robin Goodman's winning submission for the January Monthly Competition

(Photo courtesy of Robin Goodman)

Last months' competition winners

Advanced - Winner, Robin Goodman, runner-up - Mike Neave

Beginner/Intermediate - Winner, Bob Hewinson, runner-up, Stuart Main

Photos courtesy of Max Heath

Scale is not always obvious when compiling a photo montage, so the group photo, bottom left, has solved that problem on this occasion - thanks again to Max. Ed



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Club events calendar

Venue - St Teresa's, Filton @ 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated	Event	Monthly themes (Advanced and Intermediate single theme)
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2018

January 18th	Martin Saban-Smith	A pair of.....
February 15th	Roger Gubbin	Textured, coloured or pierced... or all three
March 15th	Richard Findlay	Anything you fancy, as long as it's turned in wood (and legal!)
April 19th	AGM	A plate or platter
May 17th	Keith Woollacott	A turned box
June 21st		A bowl
July 19th	Liz Kent	Any spindle-turned item
August (TBA)	TBA	Something artificially coloured, textured or pierced, or all three
September (TBA)	TBA	Candle holder, any shape or size
October (TBA)	TBA	A toy or puzzle
November (TBA)	TBA	A Christmas ornament
December (TBA)	TBA	Woodturner of the Year competition, max. of 3 entries per member, can be mixed between the two categories

2019

January (TBA)	TBA	One of your favourite pieces
February (TBA)	TBA	Something with an inlay of perhaps resin, or wood, or stone or metal.
March (TBA)	TBA	An egg - as you like it!
April (TBA)	TBA	Something with two types of wood incorporated into a single object
May (TBA)	TBA	A "food item" (made of wood, of course) Sounds fruity!

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Notice and Agenda of the Annual General Meeting

To be held on Thursday 19th April 2018 at 7.30 pm in St Teresa's Church Hall, Filton.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the chair.**
- 2. Apologies for absence.**
- 3. Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2017
- 4. Matters arising.**
- 5. Election of Officers:**

Robin and Helen have completed three years but are happy to continue as before.
There has been one committee resignation so nominations are required for this post please.

- (i) Committee Member

Nominations with names of Proposer and Seconder for officers to be received by the Secretary one week prior to the meeting, these can be sent by e-mail to:- abwtsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or by post to:- Ian T. Burke, 37, Gloucester Road, Rudgehay, South Gloucestershire, BS35 3SF.

- 6. Treasurer's report.**
- 7. To Receive the Accounts.**
- 8. Report from the Chair.**
- 9. Membership Secretary's report.**
- 10. Mill Report.**
- 11. Any other business.**
- 12. Date of next year's AGM:- Thursday 18 April 2019**
- 13. Close.**

