



AGM 2024

Held at Earl Stonham Village Hall on Monday 18th November 2024

1. Apologies: - Neil Robertson

26 members attended

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM had been posted on the club website along with the December 2023 newsletter

Proposed as true record by:... Martin Taylor Seconded by:... Ian Cameron

3. Chairs' report: –

2024 has been an incredibly strong year for the club. We have had a number of new members which is always great to see, and I hope that all new members are enjoying the meetings.

We had a good year at W&WW and we will be back again next year to have the fun all over again, provided we have volunteers and tombola items – (insert - prompting cough here) -. Thanks to all those who helped on the stand and who made items for the tombola. There has been some sadness with the passing of Peter Thurston. Peter, even in ill health continued to turn as much as he could. I am sure those who knew him would agree he was an incredibly kind and generous man who will be sorely missed, but not forgotten.

I would like to say thank you to those who help with the teas and coffees, cleaning at the ends of the evenings, thank you to the committee for their hard work and time to keep the club running. But I also want to thank YOU - you make the club the welcoming and supportive environment it has become, and long may it be.

4. Treasurers report: –

(see separate sheets).

The club continues to have a healthy bank balance. Our fund raising at W&WW and few external demonstrators has helped this situation.

5. Subscriptions 2025

The **AWGB** membership fee for 2024 has increased from £21.00 to £24.00

Club Membership fee remains at £ 20.00

Refreshments (Teas/Coffee & Biscuits): £1.00

Raffle Tickets: £1.00 each

6. Election of Officers:

- The Chair stands down and control of the meeting passed to the Secretary.
- Members are asked if anyone would like to be considered for any of the committee posts. (*all existing committee are prepared to stand again*)

Proposal for Committee posts:

Chair –Stuart Clarke

Treasurer – Pat Yates

Secretary – John Woods

Committee members: 1) Neil Robertson

2) Ian Cameron

3) Martin Taylor

4) Tic Challis



Voted in En-bloc - Proposed: ...John French

Seconded: All

7. Other matters:

- a. **Club Anniversary:** This year is the 25th anniversary of the club forming.
 - i. A celebration dinner/buffet at the December meeting
 - ii. Additional events during the coming year
- b. **Refreshment rota** – Special thanks to Malcolm and Christine for their help with refreshments throughout the year. Assistance from others would also be welcomed. Jackie Bentley also volunteered to assist.
- c. **2025 Programme**
 - i. No definite programme has been arranged yet for next year.
 - ii. All Day events –
To be confirmed
 - iii. Interactive Remote Demonstrations via Zoom?
At the moment we have some problems with the AV equipment connecting to the hall internet service. Once we have that resolved we will try to set up some remote demo's. We have already tentatively agreed this with Kirsty Dalton and Gary Lowe. Pat Carroll and maybe some in the US may be possible.
 - iv. Other suggestions for demo's were Margaret Garrard, Les Thorne, Martin Saban-Smith, Simon Hope.
 - v. Follow All-Day demo's with a masterclass session if possible.
 - vi. Training days - A topic for these need to be determined then we can try to arrange a suitable trainer for this topic.
Some topics suggested: Beginners, Sharpening, Hollow Forms
- d. **The Malcolm Fox Trophy challenge** for 2025 (17th November): A toy that moves
- e. **Peter Taylor challenge** for 2025 (21st April): A Valentine gift
The prize will be a Rosette
Perhaps these could then be donated as a sale/tombola item at W&WW
- f. **W&WW**
Help will be required to erect the marquee on Friday, man the stand on Saturday and the Sunday, and break down everything and remove from site on the Sunday. Tic will have her own stand there, so only able to offer very limited help. John is away the Friday and Saturday, but hopes to be there on the Sunday.
There were many offers of help from the floor, so we will coordinate a rota nearer the time.
Again, we need items for the Tombola. These should be of a reasonable standard as they represent the club. Please ensure that they have a suitable finish (or none at all). E.g. food safe, if it is intended as a functional bowl. Child safe if it is a toy.
Suggestions for Tombola: Hedgehogs, Mice, Whistles, Mushrooms, Spinning Tops, We still have some Pendants and Mirrors from previous W&WW

AOB:

- We will get a new generator for next years' W&WW

Meeting closed at: 20.37 hrs