

2017

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Secretary - Chair - Treasurer

Last month was our AGM. As you can see there are the inevitable empty chairs. What is it about AGMs that mean people run a mile or decide to visit that long lost relative for the only time in the year? But as you can see our key committee members seem very relaxed about it all.

This was despite the fact that we ran most of last year without a membership secretary or a demo organiser. We ended the year solvent but we dropped our bank balance by nearly £400.

Our treasurer, Dave Williams' reported that he had had great difficulty getting a cheque book out of the bank. It appears there is a gap in our books but we have no explanation as to how or why.

The new regime for raffles with two decent prizes was considered an improvement and actually had turned in a small profit as had the social evening.

Nick (centre of the threesome) had taken over the chair when John left following his move to Wales. He was willing to continue in post as were all the current active members of the committee.

The greatest concern expressed by members was the slow fall in our numbers. Although this was not at a stage where closure threatened more members would bring a greater variety of talents and levels of skill. So suggestions were to take a stall in "Art in the Park"

A few questions were raised:

Woody

a) Create a 'Facebook' page which should reach a slightly younger audience.

b) Was it possible to use the Axminster store to advertise as they were our nearest main stream supplier?

c) Could a check be made of insurance to our ensure members were covered if they did a demo at a fete say?

d) There was a need to bring Mick White's up to date records which he kept as the membership sec before he became ill

The chairman, Nick Milton, explained the reasons for not going to the Daventry show this year. It appears the Daventry committee had booked a Thursday and Friday for the show in 2017. It was not clear if this had been a mistake as all previous shows had been weekends when car parking was easier. No members could be found to cover



these days in full and, as the club had never gained any members from the event, the committee had decided not to take up a stall this year.

However, this did not mean the question of making a Mrs Woody had been abandoned.

Nick pointed out that the 'club shop' still existed although on a slightly reduced scale. Sanding sealer was still our best seller.



Some of the members at a tea break

## **Forthcoming Attractions – 2017**

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Making a dibber May 4<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup>

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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