



Woody's World

April 2020



5th March - AGM

Chairman's report

The Chairman, Nick Milton, opened the proceedings with thanks to all those who had helped make last year a pretty successful one despite there being no outside demonstrators.

The Christmas Social had been a great success and our past chairman John and his wife had come all the way up from the South West for the event.



Especial thanks to Andrew Smith who had taken over the treasurer's role. Dave Williams had taken ill early in our previous year and had lost contact with the club. Andrew reported that he had been at last able to sort out the accounts and signatures.

The chairman then went on to thank various club members who had kept the club communications in good order. We were on the net and had a monthly report sheet thanks to Mike and Jan.

He reported that demonstration cost by professionals had increased and suggests that a) we couldn't afford them and b) we had had quite a good programme last year and he proposed we continue that way.

Following an interjection from Mick he agreed the committee had forgotten to put in an application for a stand at Leamington's Art in the Park.

Secretary's report

The secretary, Steve Jennings, then presented the minutes of last year's meeting.



Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Andrew Smith, reported that the club was fine and our bank balance stood at £1,349.51.

He gave details of payments and income. There was a discussion about the club insurance and whether it covered members doing s demos at events away from the hall. It appears the members are covered provided they clearly are there on behalf of the club.

Elections

The meeting then moved to election of officers. Mike Sharman gave up being editor of Woody, the club monthly report. Jan Lucas was nominated by the Chairman, and agreed to take over the role, otherwise the committee remained the same as last year.

Club programme

The chair then asked for ideas for our programme for the coming year, as he had been doing this for so long that he was running out of ideas.

At a suggestion from the floor, it was agreed that each member should come back to the next meeting with one suggestion (either for a demo they would like to see, or for a 'hands on' evening), in which case we would have ample ideas for the coming year.

There was then a lengthy discussion of various ideas that members might bring along: 'make a billiard cue'; 'egg cup competition' (though

we've done that recently); 'sharpening' (something that all members agreed was useful to have regularly); 'Mrs Woody'.

The chairman then announced that next month would be a 'hands on' evening and we would be making apples and pears.

Daventry Show

Following discussion it was agreed that the club should take up a table but not demonstrate.

Publicity

We need to put the clubs name about - our facebook page needs updating – Jan will investigate.

The secretary was asked to contact the hall and village rep with a view to maybe having a stand at the village fair or could we have a show ourselves in the hall.

Other business

PAT testing of the equipment had not been done for some time, and it was thought that, though not a legal requirement, it should be done for the safety of members. Mick said he would see if a contact of his would do it. This matter is to come back to the committee.

The camera we use when we have demos is in need of replacement. The chair pointed out that a new member was working in this field and

he should be approached for help and maybe purchase of a modern piece of kit.

Meetings to start as promptly as possible after 7 pm. The chair pointed out that others use the hall until 7 pm and we could not get in early but we should be able to start fairly soon after.



Forthcoming Meetings 2020

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

2 nd April	<i>Hands on: apples and pears</i>
14 th May	<i>TBA (note a week later due to elections)</i>
4 th June	<i>TBA</i>
2 nd July	<i>TBA</i>
6 th August	<i>TBA</i>

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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