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Forthcoming Attractions

Tonight	- Jerry Marlow
May 3 rd .	@ 7:30pm - Hands On
June 7 th .	@ 7:00pm - Richard Findlay
July 5 th	@ 7:00pm - our very own Mike Smets
Aug 2nd	@ 7:00pm - Steve Heely
Sept 6th	@ 7:30 -Hands on
Oct 4th	to be announced
Nov 1st	@ 7:00pm -Viv Harvey

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I will find some photos for you to look at in a minute but first I have been implored by certain friends, not members of our club, to change the type face. Apparently our old type face is considered "jokey". This is the face to use as it is a bit like "ariel" but with some serif added. It is not too grave as would be Times New Roman or too flashy as would be **DejaVu Sans**. But who am I, a humble retired civil engineer, to know about such things. If you do not like it we will turn it back next time.



*Bluebells at Ryton Woods about this time last year
It might be good this year.*

So why am I wittering on when we had a meeting in March? I ought to report on that. Well it was the AGM!

Surprisingly for an AGM the attendance wasn't bad at 20 members. Especially since it was known attempts would be

made to coerce some into taking on responsibilities. Of the old committee only Ken Croft and myself had already said we would continue "if required".

As you can see from the list at the end of this newsletter Nick is still on the committee to help steer the new members but in the capacity of Vice Chair. The retirees have all served in one way or another for several terms. Pressure of work- the paid kind- is increasing and this meant some just could not continue even if they wanted to.

In the end Ken Croft reluctantly took on the chairmanship but you need to note he now holds two posts. If you were not at the meeting you should know it was a bit nail biting.

Various suggestions came up besides the usual debate about subs which will remain the same- hurrah.

First was should we get a better display set up? The TV is rather small and bits of the equipment we have to borrow each time. Other clubs have two cameras giving both close ups and distance views of the lathe work. They also have a projector onto a screen rather than a TV. We know these clubs are bigger than ours but it is clear we do need to improve what you can see on demo nights. The new committee will look into prices etc and come back to us at a future meeting.

This discussion led on to "our hands" on evenings. It was felt these needed to be real members' evenings not just our best turners showing their stuff. Members are known to be trying all sorts of things. Sometimes they don't succeed but we all can learn from these failures as much as from brilliant bits of turning. So this year the "hands on" should be more open.

The committee would like to know what you have tried and did you have success or did it come out all wrong.

The issue of publicity also came up. Why didn't we have our own web site? Well if you punch in "offchurch wood turners" into the search engine you will find two references. One comes up under a Warwickshire CC web site and one under an Offchurch Village hall web site. True they are nowhere near as good or informative as having our own would be. Other bigger clubs have very extensive sites but they also have 300 members. So have we someone in the club who is a web site designer and of course there could be a cost attached?

To fill up space- a puzzle for you. What is the radius of the circle.

