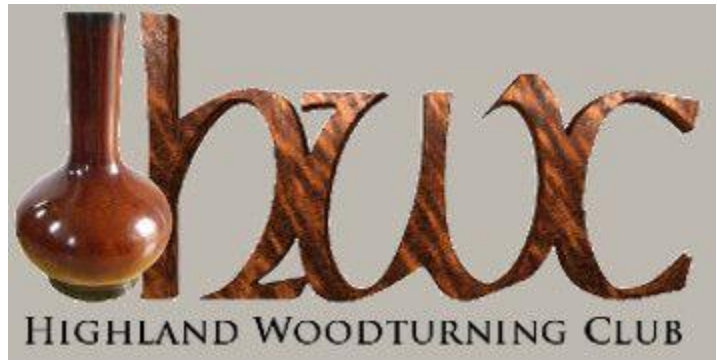


Highland Woodturners Club Bulletin
March 2025

Hello

We will begin by thanking the previous board for the way in which the club has been left. The new board appreciate the work they have done, but intend to run the club using the best skills we have from amongst our members.



Trustees:

After the February AGM we have new Trustees, and those Trustees have voted these people in as officers: Chair: Nick Simpson, Secretary: Bob Bull, Treasurer: Marco Baglioni. Other members who are Trustees are : Keith Brown, Barry Cumming, Susan Drew, David Hobson, Errol Levings, Alan Smith.

The Trustees met on 8th February. The minutes of that meeting are on the Club website.

As well as the board members there are a number of other members who are taking responsibility for aspects of the club, and we will post a notice on the notice board about who they are.

GDPR

The board have decided that we need to comply with Data Protection Regulations by informing people how we use their data for running the club. We also need to ask permission to use names etc on the website. Please find attached a form for new members **and** existing members to be completed and returned to Marco at hwctreasurer@gmail.com . The treasurer will maintain the database of members.

Plans for 2025:

- The current membership is heavily loaded in favour of novice and intermediate turners so our meetings will have a high priority to educate and upskill.
- We will keep the current format of meetings with a mixture of seated demonstrations and 5 lathes in action on a defined subject. The current list of meetings is on the website but also attached to this email.
- Competitions will continue as in previous years.
- Teaching and training will continue on alternate Thursday evenings by arrangement through Nick Simpson (nick@boglecraft.co.uk). Please be aware that the trainers are all volunteers and the same “tutor” may not be available for all sessions.

- We will create a 'social area' in the small room with a big tidy-up, new tables, kitchen worktop and 2 wall heaters. Tea and coffee will be free. Please help us by washing your cups and generally tidying up.

Thanks to Barry Cumming for organizing this and also , David, John, Allan and Nick for doing this on Saturday



Website / Facebook update:

We are looking for someone who would have an interest in posting to the website and Social Media. **Please let us know if you would be interested in helping with these things.** In the meantime Bob the Secretary will try to post things on the website. At this stage we don't have anyone who could continue to post the " blog " on the website after each meeting. Alec has indicated that he might do that to some degree. We also need a new Facebook page as the current page belongs to Alec. The plan is to call the new page "Highland Woodturners Club from 2025"

The next meeting on 6th March is a solo demonstration by Mark Sutton with a loose theme of a lidded box but knowing Mark there will be more to it than that.

The next competition on 3rd April is a money box for all classes. This is a task that almost all members can achieve and there are lots of examples on Pintrest and Youtube

Please return the membership form to Marco hwctreasurer@gmail.com ASAP

Nick Simpson

Chair