

Shavings



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Chairman's Comments

By Eugene Grimley

Sadly, as you know, we had to postpone our AGM on 12th March. As a result, I look forward to welcoming you on the rescheduled date 9th April.

The postponement has led to a problem in that Tuesday nights will begin before we have our AGM and subsequent consideration/voting on the motions put forward by the Committee.

A number of people have asked about membership subscriptions wanting to pay the proposed £36 fee the first Tuesday night so as to avail of the discounted entrance (members £4/Non members £6) Others have asked how do we implement this change prior to any decisions made on the 9th April.

The Wood Shed, in agreement with members of the committee, has announced that the membership scheme will be implemented on Tuesdays and that it will remain separate until the outcomes of the 9th April meetings are in place.

Irrespective of the decision on 9th April the payment of £36 for Tuesdays will offer a saving of around £40 over approximately 40 meetings during the year so is good value for money. The

membership fee will also make Tuesday nights and engaging demonstrators for same more financially secure.

If the motions put forward by the committee are approved on April 9th the £36 will also cover membership of the proposed new organisation and the ability to attend the program of demo's on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Initial funds from the first few Tuesday nights will also be transferred to the new organisation's account

If the motions fail to be accepted then funds raised on Tuesday nights will be retained separately and used specifically for the Tuesday night programme of events. Those wishing to remain members of the Irish Woodturners Guild will be asked to pay the IWG membership fee to cover any meetings IWG members wish to organise.

Covid precautions

Even though there seems to be general relaxation of restrictions, Covid is still prevalent and represents a clear danger to members and their families. In order to protect those are vulnerable and to reduce risk, it is a condition of using/ attending the Wood Shed that everyone should

- (1) Wear a face covering unless exempt
- (2) Submit to a temperature check and use hand gel provided on entry.
- (3) There can be no exceptions

Membership Fees and costs

Some changes have been agreed by the Committee since the last update. Annual membership fee £36 (providing the motion to start a new organisation is passed at the AGM. The cost for each Saturday meeting will be £10 (unless an all-day event, which will be costed at the time according to the expense involved).

Young people under 18 will be admitted without have to pay a membership fee, providing there are available seats and they are accompanied by a

responsible adult (usually a family member) who is a member of Ulster Woodturning.

Ulster Woodturning will not be offering family membership bearing in mind Young People under the age of 18 will be admitted without having to pay a membership fee.

A joint membership fee of £45 will be available for married couples/co-habiting partners.

Full time students over 18 will be able to avail of a £20 membership fee on provision of a student card.

Membership will be valid from March 2022 to 31st March 2023 and the fee will be reviewed annually.

Tuesday Evenings

Tuesday evenings will now be starting on Tuesday 22nd March and these initial evenings will be run by the Wood Shed in Partnership with Ulster Woodturning committee members.

Each Tuesday Demo will cost £6 with a £2 discount for Members (see Chairman's comments).

The Demonstrator for the first evening will be Billy Ferris.

Nick Agar

Unfortunately Nick Agar is unable to change his flights and it would be too expensive to buy new flights. This means that he will not be joining us in the woodshed this time.

AWW, IWG and AWGB

As things develop between Ulster Woodturning and the Wood Shed people are still able to take additional membership with any of these organisations if they wish. The resources and magazine offered by the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) are outstanding and well worth the fee.

<https://www.woodturner.org>

Children's Hospital.

Due to cancellation of the AGM, collection of items for the hospital will now take place at the end of the month. The last day for delivering items to the woodshed is Thursday 31st March.

Items can be dropped off any time the Wood Shed is open up until then.

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