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## Chairman's Comments

By Eugene Grimley

Welcome to the first Shavings of 2022. I hope you all had a good Christmas and that 2022 has been good to you so far. There is some great news for you in this issue that gives hope for a return to some sort of new normal.

It was good to see so many of you at our Zoom meetings and we have been in touch with many others throughout the last 2 years. For some, however, Shavings has been the only means of contact and this has been difficult but I look forward to welcoming you all back to the Wood Shed on the 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon.

## Covid precautions

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

## Notice of Ulster Woodturning AGM and Formation Meeting and Demo

The AGM of the Ulster Chapter (Ulster Woodturning) will take place in the Woodshed at 12 Noon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

As this first meeting is the AGM of the IWG Chapter voting will be restricted those who held membership of the IWG when activities ceased in March 2020.

### Agenda

- (1) Chairman's welcome
- (2) Secretary's report
- (3) Treasurer's report
- (4) Chairman's report
- (5) Consideration of the motion: To dissolve the Ulster Chapter of the Irish Woodturners Guild at the end of the 2020 AGM in favour of establishing Ulster Woodturning as a separate entity as recommended by the Ulster Chapter Committee.
- (6) Consideration of the motion: To transfer the existing assets of the Ulster Chapter of the Irish Woodturners Guild at the end of the 2020 AGM to the new entity, Ulster Woodturning as recommended by the Ulster Chapter Committee.
- (7) If item 5 above fails to be accepted by the meeting an election of Ulster Chapter Officers takes place.
- (8) Closing Comments.

If the above motions are accepted by those present a separate meeting to agree formation of Ulster Woodturning will immediately take place.

### Agenda

**Voting at this inaugural meeting is open to all those attending the meeting**

- (1) Motion to agree the formation of "Ulster Woodturning" and the adoption of a new constitution.
- (2) Election of Committee
- (3) Agreement to establish insurance

- (4) Agreement to seek funding for new Audio Visual Equipment.
- (5) Chairman's closing Comments
- (6) Membership Registration

**Lunch.** Those present staying for the afternoon demo by David O'Neill are asked to bring their own lunch – tea and coffee will be provided outside the building. Lunch may be eaten while seated in the demo room but the kitchen area behind the shop will not be available.

There will be no fee for attending the demo at 2pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, other than a commitment to join Ulster Woodturning.

## **Membership Fees and costs**

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 16 will be admitted free providing they are accompanied by a responsible adult who is a member of Ulster Woodturning.

Ulster Woodturning is not in a position to offer family membership.

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

## **Community Demos**

It looks like Ulster Woodturning will be represented at the Shanes Castle Steam Rally as well as The Games Fair this year. There will also be other opportunities to get involved and sell work (providing you have product insurance).

Detail of dates etc will be made available nearer the time when they are confirmed.

## **Tuesday Evenings**

Tuesday evenings will be starting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and will be run by the Wood Shed in Partnership with Ulster Woodturning.

Each Tuesday Demo will cost £6 with a £2 discount for Ulster Woodturning Members.

The Demonstrator for the first evening will be Billy Ferris.

## **Wood Shed News**

The Wood Shed continues to open 9am to 5pm. Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. It is hoped that the Wood Shed will be offering courses with Nick Agar in May as well as the usual beginner courses. Contact Lynda or Sam for details and dates.

## **Nick Agar**

Subject to Nick getting flights changed it looks like we will be having a full day Demo by one of the foremost woodturners in the world on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May (**first Saturday**) to fit in with Nick. This is once again a fantastic achievement and opportunity for Ulster Woodturning members.

## **Zoom Meetings**

As activities will now be starting at the Wood Shed Zoom meetings will cease with the last meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Meetings over the past months have been successful in keeping us in touch with each other so thank you to all those who have contributed.

## **AWW, IWG and AWGB**

As things develop between Ulster Woodturning and the Wood Shed people are still able to take individual 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.**

This remains one of our most important activities and along with the play team makes a very valuable contribution to young people's stay. Thank you to you all for getting involved.

Joan Henderson has free timber available in Lisburn which is suitable for Easter rabbits, chicks and eggs if you want to contact her at 07920 098968. A supply of free timber is also available from the Wood Shed. This can be found in the covered box on the porch.

On 15<sup>th</sup> Jan last we received a letter the Hospital thanking us for our “*continued support of the patients and the Therapeutic Play Department*” in December. The surplus items were distributed to other hospitals and also used in January for a “Jack Frost” theme. Jenne has just returned to work after a long illness and has asked if we can continue our support by providing **chickens, rabbits, hearts, small bowls (for Mother’s Day) and rolling pins**. I know we are turners but for those handy with a scroll saw Jenne sent 2-d images of rabbits and these along with the hearts could be cut out in ply or thin timber – a way to make them stand up would be helpful.

As Mother’s Day is 19<sup>th</sup> March we would need to have all your donations at the Wood Shed **by 12<sup>th</sup> March, at the latest** which will also mean we will have all the stuff in place ready for Easter which is in April.

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Comments and suggestions should be forwarded to the Shavings Editor