

AXMINSTER WOODTURNERS CLUB

New Members Information

While much if not all of this information is to be found on the website, this provides you as a new member, a quick overview of where we are, what we offer and other key information about the club.

Please follow the link below to access the AXMINSTER WOODTURNERS CLUB website:

Club website - <http://axminsterwoodturnersclub.com/index.html>

Where to find us :



Club Location:

Woodbury
Community Hall,
Near Axminster,
Devon, EX13 5TL

Club Meetings and Demos

Club Meetings

These are generally the first Saturday of each month (10:00am until 13:00) with exceptions in September and November when it may differ. There is no December meeting. All our meetings are planned two years ahead so there is always an up to date schedule on the website.

The club offers a comprehensive mixture of demos by both professional turners and club members. Hands on teaching sessions offer an opportunity for all to have a go at whatever has been planned. Club meetings also offer an environment to socialise and to talk to other members and 'get informed'.

Demos

These are the bigger events where we have visiting turners of note, around 4-5 times a year. They can be half or full day events. Lunch may be provided at a cost on the full day. Some of these turners are internationally acclaimed and the best there is. We open these sessions up to outside visitors as well to cover the increased cost.

Club Membership

Visitors can come to two meetings before applying for membership. Fees and application forms can be found on the website.

Membership costs £35 per year which includes AWGB membership. There is a charge at each meeting to cover the costs of the hall rental, electricity, tea and coffee.

Committee Members

These are voted in at our AGM which is the meeting in October. These will then be posted on the website.

Mentoring

We now have a mentoring scheme that is open to all. If you are a complete beginner and ask for a mentor you will be assigned an experienced club member who will guide you through your initial months or longer.

This is still in its early form and has only recently been implemented but could be developed further in the future.

Training Sessions

The club runs training sessions in Jan/Feb/March. They will cover a variety of skills covering all skill levels. These are good value for money and are generally run by club tutors. There are limited places as we only have four lathes, but if there is high demand we will run a second course. All new starters should consider doing some of the basic courses.

Equipment and Tools

Equipment

The club provides all equipment necessary at all of our meetings. If you are taking part in training or turning of any sort then you should wear suitable footwear along with suitable clothing. If you have any of your own PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) then please bring this along. There is PPE equipment available at the club also.

Tools

Initial tools list: Unless you have tools already it will be best to wait until you are sure you will be taking up wood turning. Your mentor or our club members will be able to provide you with loads of information. You are likely to need less than you think – 4/5 tools will get you started.