



GAW 2025 Annual General Meeting

This meeting was held at Down Hatherley Village Hall 7.30pm 8th April 2025

1. Apologies: John Palmer, Martin Edgley, Rich Auld, Keith Fenton.

2. Approval of Last AGM Minutes: Copies of the 2024 AGM minutes were posted in the Members Only section of the GAW website; the approval and adoption of these minutes was proposed and seconded by Paul Abell and David Woolley respectively .

3. Actions Arising:

None

4. Chairman's Report:

Welcome to the AGM in respect of 2024/25 for GAW

Firstly, I would like to introduce the Committee members who served the Club during the year.

Audio, Visual and Zoom and Webmaster--Phil Cowie

Vice Chairman –Mike Macey

Treasurer –Brian Wharton

Secretary--- David Smith

Wood Sales: ---Les Cooper, Andrew Turner, Phil Yerburgh.

Shop- Daniel Clark

Demonstrator Programme Manager —John Grayson

Membership Secretary ---David Woolley

Martin Edgeley---Len Thomas Novice Challenge

Review of Year

Programme for 2024

Jeff Ellis stood down as Programme Manager in April 2024 but not before arranging the programme for months ahead. John Grayson took over from Jeff during the year. Some demonstrators have dropped out of the circuit but I am pleased to say we have welcomed to the club some turners who are new to demonstrating. It is to be expected that one or two of these are still refining their demonstrating techniques. Peter Dixon from Herefordshire was one of those relatively new to demonstrating and he showed us how to make a bowl embellished with twisted copper wire. He made it look easy and this inspired some club members to have a go later at home. In September Mick Hanbury did both an evening demo and an all day event the following day. He is a very accomplished turner and demonstrator although he has been absent from the circuit for some time owing to ill health.

In a dramatic fashion he demonstrated the wisdom of turning off the lathe before moving the tool rest! Most of those demonstrators we saw managed to strike a balance between the needs of the more experienced turners and those just starting out. Once again there were two “Hands On” evenings in the year. These events give members a great opportunity to network and ask questions. The Committee tries to ensure variety in the demonstrations presented and members can request “to have a go” although few seem to take up the offer. This is a pity because it is a good opportunity to try new tools and techniques. I hope more members will try their hand at these activities in future.

Novice Turners. GAW encourages Novice Turners by offering basic courses in spindle turning and bowl turning for beginners. The GAW tutor line up comprises Keith Fenton, Mike Macey, Paul Abel and I. Collectively there are decades of turning experience available for attendees. I am pleased to say that nowadays as many intermediate turners as novices attend these courses to work on a specific area. We also encourage novice turners to enter the Novice Turner challenge which is designed to build their skills

Fund Raising Activities

Over the past few years the GAW has sought to raise money for local charities. In 2024 we decided to support Riding for the Disabled. Funds raised at Frampton Show and other initiatives helped to propel our total support to over a thousand pounds. When the cheque was presented to the representative the RDA she was really amazed at how much had been collected. So well done everyone.

Whats app group.

If you have a smartphone why not join the GAW Whats app group. It is a good place to swap tips and hints. If you need advice or help with any woodturning related issue it is worth posting your query. These days you don't have to wait for Club night to ask a question. The response is usually pretty quick.

Time to say thanks you.

I would like to thank Fellow Committee members who put in a lot of hard work running the Club, including arranging demonstrators for Club night and running the shop and Wood sales. There are also finance and secretarial duties including producing the monthly Newsletter. Another significant area is the management of the website and social media. We have become used to the high standards set by the Club's sound and vision system and this is one of the strengths of the club. Nor must we forget the organization behind our representation at Frampton show and the GAW training capability. I would like to thank Les Cooper who stands down from the Committee after many years doing various roles including one time Membership Secretary and the wood manager. Jobs which he performed admirably.

On behalf of the club I would also like to thank Jennifer Sigournay who audited the accounts. A special thank you goes to those members who don't rush off after the meetings but stay and help clear up. Apologies if I have forgotten anybody.

Awards:

Chairman's Champion cup. This cup is designed to recognise individuals who in the year have been particularly helpful in assisting the work of the GAW. This year I am pleased to present the award to Mike McCormick who goes the extra mile in lending a helping hand on Club nights. His help at the end of the demo is much appreciated.

Novice Challenge Cup. This year I am pleased to award the cup to Andrew Mills. He also receives an Axminster gift voucher to help with his woodturning journey.

John Hawkswell
Chairman GAW

Acceptance of the Chairman's Report

The 2023/2024 Chairman's report was proposed and seconded by John Grayson and Mike Macey respectively

5. Treasurer's Report: The accounting period is from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

GAW Treasurer's Report – Apr/24 to Mar/25

The past year has been a good one with some improvements in financial controls.

The accounts have been audited and approved by Jennifer Sigournay. I would like to express our thanks to Jennifer Sigournay for a thorough audit of the accounts.

The accounting period is from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The attached documents show the summary of accounts which includes the previous two years for comparison and a summary of previous year-on-year since the start of GAW activity.

The use of card payment has increased over the past year helping to make it easier and safer for members. It is important to remember that should members make direct payments to the GAW bank account they must be followed up by an email to treasurer@gaw.org.uk to enable swift and efficient identification and confirmation of the transaction. Card fees paid by GAW to PayPal for the use of the card has remained the same at 1.74%.

The main financial outgoings this past year have been Demonstrations, Shop Purchases and Wood Purchase; the cost of demonstrations increasing by nearly 9%. Since the large outlay for AV equipment and the wood store no further investment has been required. The barcode scanner has continued to prove successful with most shop items and activities barcoded by our ever efficient Dan Clark to enable better financial control.

The three main sources of income for GAW are Membership, Wood Sales and Shop Sales showing it is essential that we maintain our focus on supplying members with the important supplies. Donations have not been as significant as in previous years but nevertheless we have contributed over £1,073 to Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) and £250 to the Butterfly Garden from sales of wood. The Frampton show raised £545 contributing to more than half the total to the RDA, our thanks again must go to the expert organisation by Mike Macey. Following a past member donation of a large quantity of books and DVDs £157 was raised, 2/3 of which came from Richard Booth Bookshop in Hay-on-Wye.

Apart from the continuing increase in costs of operation the only minor liability to GAW, £47, was eventually recovered by the banking system after a random deposit by someone unknown to GAW.

The major outgoing has been to finance both evening and the two day demonstrations held over the past year with a cost of £2,354.26: I am sure all would agree that this has proved to be beneficial. All in all it has been a successful year and we look forward to the forthcoming year with relish.

Brian Wharton

GAW Hon. Treasurer

Period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

-- Income --			
Category	2025	2024	2023
Administration	£0.00	£44.60	£0.00
Demonstration Fees (Day Demo)	£720.00	£840.00	£682.50
Donation & Sponsorship	£726.00	£1,528.49	£114.00
Frampton	£545.00	£505.40	£318.00
Membership	£3,461.00	£3,663.00	£3,118.00
Miscellaneous	£128.00	£47.00	£112.50
Raffle Sales	£745.90	£796.50	£623.10
Shop Sales	£1,706.60	£2,130.55	£1,110.78
Training	£700.00	£670.00	£235.00
Visitor Fees	£45.00	£95.00	£25.00
Wood Sales	£2,479.75	£2,358.20	£1,261.55
Totals	£11,257.25	£12,678.74	£7,600.43

Bank at 31st March 2025	£9,045.80
Bank at 1 st April 2024	£7,935.56
Shop Stock (retail) at 31/Mar/2025	£1,308.22
Wood Stock at 31/Mar/2025 est.	£2,666.00

Savings Account	
Opening Balance (7-Feb-25)	£5,000.00
Interest	£4.39
Closing Balance (31-Mar-25)	£5,004.39

-- Expense --			
Category	2025	2024	2023
A/V/Z & Website	£302.52	£0.00	£255.48
Administration	£338.21	£57.90	£256.37
Bank Fees	£5.20	£0.00	£0.00
Card Fees	£125.74	£153.84	£50.70
Catering	£109.81	£64.96	£47.71
Competition Prizes	£77.21	£225.22	£28.00
Cost of Shop Sales	£1,710.33	£1,099.29	£975.75
Cost of Wood Sales	£1,332.00	£0.00	£888.80
Demonstrators	£2,354.26	£2,166.89	£2,355.78
Donations	£1,073.16	£58.70	£620.83
Evening & Day Hall Hire	£1,011.00	£605.80	£770.00
Frampton	£153.84	£196.00	£0.00
Insurance	£605.80	£244.74	£423.79
Membership	£85.00	£58.00	£0.00
Raffle Prizes	£120.97	£102.28	£95.99
Training	£292.00	£0.00	£118.55
Wood Management	£244.74	£1,332.00	£0.00
Wood Storage	£209.61	£6,722.23	£0.00
Totals	£10,151.40	£13,087.85	£6,887.75

Financial Status 31st March 2025	
Lloyds Treasurer Account	£4,041.41
Savings Account	£5,004.39
Floats (raffle – £20, shop – £50)	£70.00

Notes:

1. In February 2025 a savings account was opened to help offset the new cost of Lloyds Bank fees for operating the account
2. Miscellaneous comprises Overs, a £47 Random Payment and a £100 Overpayment by a member. The £47 was subsequently recovered by Lloyds.
3. Membership fees have remained the same as last year, that may not be the case for next year depending on future bank and card fees.
4. Shop: has cost the club £3.73 to provide the service
5. Donations, Frampton plus the sale of books and tools generated £1,73.16 for Riding for the Disabled Association at Cheltenham Race Course.
6. The strange amount of raffle sales is probably the result of incorrect change or over payment

2024/2025 Forecast

GAW Accounts																						April 2024 to March 2025 Forecast				
Bank Opening Balance (1/4/24)		7,000.00																								
INCOME		Apr-24		May-24		Jun-24		Jul-24		Aug-24		Sep-24		Oct-24		Nov-24		Dec-24		Jan-25		Feb-25		Mar-25		Total
Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Post	Actual	Total
Profit / Actual ->																										
Bank Sales																										£157.00
Cash Sales																										£0.00
Donation + Sponsorship																										£720.00
Membership																										£240.00
Miscellaneous Payments																										£146.00
Over																										£107.00
Bank Balance																										£2,479.75
Sub-Total																										£11,278.25
EXPENDITURE		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		January		February		March		Total
Administration																										£72.00
Air Items																										£147.00
Cleaning																										£9.00
Competition Lunch																										£21.21
Cost of Training																										£202.00
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6. Re-Election of acting Committee Members: Made En-bloc - proposed by Mike Macey ,
 Seconded Brian Wharton

Members to continue on the Committee 25/26	Proposed By :	Seconded By:
Mike Macey	JM 	DS 
John Howland	BW 	DW 
Brian Wharton	DS 	DC 
David Smith	DW 	BW 
David Woolley	BW 	DS 
Phil Cowey	JM 	DC 
Daniel Clark	BW 	AT 
John Grayson	JY 	ME 
Martin Edgeley	JY 	DW 
Phil Yerburgh	JY 	AT 
Andrew Turner	JY 	JM 

7. Adoption of Charity of the Year: Options include Linc (Glos), Remap (Glos) and MS (Glos). Decision referred to the committee.

8. Any Other Business: Suggestion of a larger demonstration lathe referred to the committee.

9. Chairman's challenge cup: Presentation moved to club night.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm and was followed by a presentation by Mike Bottomley – Jack the Green