



Welcome to your April 2017 newsletter.



Despite the March meeting changing to a members meeting it was well attended and very interesting with members discussing various jigs, tools and sharpening.

The April meeting will also be a members meeting as described to the right. We will be holding an additional May meeting where Matthew Platt from Workshop Heaven will be talking about fine tools.

Committee members continue to be busy. The look and feel of the refreshed web site www.sfww.org.uk has been agreed and work is under way under Colin's guidance. .

As mentioned last month we are partnering with The Furniture Makers Company, www.furnituremakers.org.uk to provide five copies of Modern British Furniture, to offer as prizes to outstanding GCSE scholars in local schools. Three schools have been nominated: Everest Community Academy, Basingstoke; Calthorpe Park School, Fleet; and All Hallows Catholic School, Farnham. If members have suggestions for two other schools please contact a member of the committee.

Mick has circulated our initial summer visits programme. These are:

Friday 23 June: This will be a double event visiting Cimitree in the morning, lunch at a local pub and visiting The Music Room Workshop in the afternoon.

Cimitree - www.cimitree.co.uk - established in 2006 by cabinet makers Chris Thorpe and Adrian King is dedicated to designing and making the very finest bespoke furniture, kitchens and interiors. This should be very informative regarding design, construction and materials. Adrian has asked if there is anything specific we would like him to talk about any ideas let Mick know.

We should arrive at 11.00am. Cimitree, The Old Piggery, Church Farm, South Harting, Petersfield, Hampshire GU31 5QG

For Your Diary

Meetings at the Cross Barn, Odiham:

Thursday 27th April at 7:30pm

Members evening. Robert Hayden will be talking on the Identification of Trees and Timber as well as the conversion from one to the other. Following the break Colin Waters will be demonstrating a compass plane, Bruce Richardson will be sharpening on his Tormek and Derek Redding will be showing us how to use a Duo-Doweling jointer

Thursday 25th May at 7:30pm

Matthew Platt of Workshop Heaven will talk about fine tools. If you would like Matthew to bring any specific tool etc. that you would like to try out then please let Roger know and he'll pass on the request

Saturday 30th September

Fellowship Members Open Day

The Music Room Workshop is run by Andrew Durand who specializes in making and restoring early keyboard instruments, again look at his website, he always has interesting instruments going through as work in progress and a vast amount of restoration knowledge and techniques to discuss.

After lunch the plan is to arrive at approx. 2.00-2.30pm.

The Music Room Workshop, Preswick Farm, Prestwick Lane, Chiddingfold, Surrey GU8 4XP

July potential visit. Steven Probert has kindly

suggested we might like to visit Salisbury Cathedral where his brother is Canon Chancellor. I'm putting this to you all first to see who would be interested as it would need at least 10 people to make it viable and would cost about £22 per person.

The visit would be in two parts comprised of a personal group guided tour of the main body of the Cathedral focusing on all things wood and a second part visiting the Works Yard hosted by their resident Carpenter!! **This should be an outstanding visit so please let Mick know within the next two weeks whether you are interested or not then he can arrange a date.**

The TRADA Wood Awards: Excellence in British Architecture and Product Design launches its 2017 call for entries. Architects and designers from around the United Kingdom are invited to enter their UK - based wood projects. Co-sponsored by TRADA, the Awards are free to enter and the closing deadline is 26th May 2017. The Wood Awards recognises, encourages and promotes outstanding design, craftsmanship and installation using wood in projects throughout the www.woodawards.com

Keith Tait has entered his timber frame house, which he built himself single handed making the frame and all the joinery myself on site many years ago, it was accepted for entry although he did not get an award. He was pleased at the time that they accepted the application so that was an award in its self.

Martin Kent: has shared some shots of a table skittle game that he made for his son last Christmas. He found a basic plan in a book of old Hobbies magazine articles and refined it based on a version for sale on the internet. He wanted to make it self-contained with a slide on lid, forgetting that the pin base needed to be higher than the sides in order for the ball to clear! So added a removable second base after he took these shots.



Trevor Hosken: I am in Zimbabwe at the moment and the hotels and lodges all have furniture and decor made from the local teak. I am not sure if it is Cape Teak but it certainly is not like Burma Teak. These trees grow all over Zimbabwe. I attach a picture of a table to show the contrasting colours in the beautiful timber. I also attach a picture of the workbench I made for my son for on site carpentry work. A design I got off the Internet.



30th September Open Day - helpers wanted

The committee need your help to ensure our open day is a success. Either / or to help prepare for the day, and especially on the day to help out for a few hours to set up, steward and to put away. Please let Roger know if you are able to help in any way.

Bruce Richardson: At the March meeting it was suggested that I share my recommended books. Here are my top five general books:

1. Ernest Joyce: The Techniques of Furniture Making. Although an old book (first published in 1970, my copy 2002) it covers almost anything you might need to know in a surprising level of detail.
2. Collins Complete Woodworker's Manual. This is a comprehensive and illustrated book on all aspects of woodworking. I have found this very informative.
3. Alan Peters: Cabinetmaking The Professional Approach. Although this book is aimed at setting up a professional workshop it is a good informative read with many photos.
4. James Krenov: The Fine Art of Cabinetmaking. A very comprehensive and informative makers guide.
5. Robert Ingham: Cutting-edge Cabinetmaking. A mix of practical tips, inspiration and advice on techniques and aesthetics as well as jigs. Very well illustrated.

I'm sure other members have their favourite books. Please let me know, newseditor@sffw.org.uk and I'll include these in the next newsletter. Alternatively, can anybody recommended DVDs or YouTube videos?

I've noticed that Popular Woodworking Magazine, from the US, have a download on hand saw basics at: www.popularwoodworking.com/jun17/handsaw-basics This is made up of articles from back issues of the magazine, but still a good read.

Public Events with Furniture and Woodworking Interest

3-6 May	INSPIRED Exhibition www.furnituremakers.org.uk/events/inspired-exhibition/	Features work from John Makepeace, Toby Winteringham, Mathew Burt, Little Halstock, James Ryan, Sarah Key and Edward Wild
6 May	Hooke Park open day http://hookepark.aaschool.ac.uk/portfolio/bluebell-open-day-6th-may-2017/	Architectural Association's woodland experimental site. There are some amazing timber structures, construction methods, unusual finishes and workshops to see and explore.
16 - 20 May	CCD SELECTION www.celebrationofcraftsmanship.com/ccd_selection.aspx	Offers a glimpse into 22 small, outstanding, yet often overlooked workshops of master craftsmen and women. Crafts Central, 31-35 St John's Square, Clerkenwell, London, EC1M 4DS
17-18 June	Wood Show www.wealddown.co.uk/events/wood-show/	Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0EU
19 - 28 August	Celebration of Craftsmanship & Design www.celebrationofcraftsmanship.com	Thirlestaine Long Gallery, Cheltenham College, Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 7LD
8 - 9 September	Yandles Woodworking Show http://www.yandles.co.uk/upcoming-events/28-yandles-woodworking-show	Yandle & Son Ltd, Hurst Works, Hurst, Martock, Somerset TA12 6JU
16-17 September	European Woodworking Show www.europeanwoodworkingshow.eu	Cressing Temple Barns, Essex
30 September	SFFW Members Open Day	Cross Barn, Odiham
6-8 October	The Tool Show 2017 www.thetoolshow.com	Kempton Park Racecourse

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