



Welcome to your March 2017 newsletter.



At the February meeting Richard Elderton gave a very full talk covering his workshop, photos of examples of his work and restoration, and a rapid overview of the techniques for restoring a chair. Although he packed too much into the meeting, there was something for everyone.

Unfortunately our plans for the March meeting have changed, so this will be a members workshop evening, sharing tools and methods of woodworking. Details are circulated in a separate email.

The Committee continue to work hard, meeting monthly. Our web site

www.sfww.org.uk will shortly be refreshed. This will provide us with a modern site, with a new layout, that is more easily maintained and can be viewed equally well on phones, tablets and computers. It will also link to social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, providing us with the maximum opportunity to reach prospective members as well as support the whole Fellowship in a modern and forward looking manner.

We are also continuing to reach out to local “Men in Sheds” organisations in Ash/Aldershot, Basingstoke and Church Crookham/Fleet. As these groups become established we have extended an invitation to join our meetings and join the Fellowship, enabling them to extend their knowledge from our speakers, visits and other members.

You will have seen that we have negotiated a discount with Alton Bolt and Tool, www.altonboltandtool.co.uk Simply mention that you are a member. The arrangements are very favourable:

- 15% discount on all tools and supplies
- Additional discounts for major purchases
- Free carriage for orders over £50.00
- Price match or better Axminster, Screwfix or Toolbox

The offer is also open to our friends and family.

In addition, we have an existing 10% discount at

Surrey Timbers, www.surreytimbers.co.uk if you mention the Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers.

We have recently updated the aims and objectives of the fellowship to better reflect what we do and offer to members. These are stated on the home page of our website, www.sfww.org.uk Please take a look when you have a moment.

Looking forward, we are partnering with The Furniture Makers

Company, www.furnituremakers.org.uk to provide five copies donated by members of the book, Modern British Furniture, to offer as prizes to outstanding GCSE scholars in local schools. If members have suggestions for suitable schools please contact a member of the committee. Not only will this encourage students with their craftsmanship it also provides us with publicity within the local community.

With Spring officially upon us, we need to firm up our summer visit programme. A popular visit is to members workshops providing an informal opportunity to meet and share ideas. Workshops need not be purpose built or full of the latest machinery. “Humble” workshops are just fine and give others an opportunity to see what might work in

For Your Diary

Meetings at the Cross Barn, Odiham:

Thursday March 23rd at 7:30pm

Workshop evening. Please bring a selection of tools to discuss as well as sharpening devices, jigs, or anything else of interest

Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7:30pm

Members evening

Thursday May 25th at 7:30pm

Matthew Platt of Workshop Heaven will talk about fine tools.

Saturday 30th September

Fellowship Members Open Day

Please bring and wear your name badge to help us identify each other. If lost, please request a new one.

their own workshop. If you are willing to host a visit then please contact Mick Clarke, visits@sffww.org.uk .

Members Open Day

Our Members Open Day is on 30th September. The committee has suggested we have a stall to sell simple items to raise funds. All ideas and volunteers are welcome. An obvious suggestion would be bread boards. All ideas are very welcome.

Members are also encouraged to bring a piece of their work along, so we can all share, and learn. If you have a project planned this year then please consider bring this.

Informal members Visits

Mick Clark will be attending the INSPIRED 2017 Exhibition, see below. Please contact him if you wish to join him visits@sffww.org.uk

Roger Hardwick will be attending the Yandles Spring Show on Friday 7 April. Please contact him if you wish to join him chairman@sffww.org.uk

Subscriptions

Reminder that the Fellowship subscription of £15 is now due. Please pay at the March meeting if you haven't already.

New Forest Trust

Since 2006 the New Forest Trust has organised an Exhibition of furniture made by Designer/Craftsmen at the New Forest Show. They do this because we believe Conservation of the New Forest is more certain and sustainable if timber from the Forest continues to be used to make useful things because this ensures resources return to the Forest to pay for it. They want to show the world what is being achieved by Professionals, non-Professionals and those learning to make things from wood.

If you are interested in exhibiting details are at www.newforesttrust.org.uk/our-work/fine-crafted-wood

If not the New Forest Show is 25th – 27th July, with the exhibition in The Pavilion. Roger will also be there supporting.

Public Events with Furniture and Woodworking Interest

7-8 April	Yandles Spring Show www.yandles.co.uk	Yandle & Son Ltd, Hurst Works, Hurst Martock, Somerset TA12 6JU
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
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
16-17 September	European Woodworking Show www.europeanwoodworkingshow.eu	Cressing Temple Barns, Essex
30 September	SFFWW Members Open Day	Cross Barn, Odiham
6-8 October	The Tool Show 2017 www.thetoolshow.com	Kempton Park Racecourse

Please advise the editor if you are aware of other events of interest to members, newseditor@sffww.org.uk

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