

HERTS & BEDS WOODTURNERS WOODBITS

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AGM Notice

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2018 Competition Subjects

Feb	Pestle and Mortar
Mar	2 or more woods
April	Decorated Easter egg
May	Hollow form
June	Platter
July	Mallet
Aug	Egg & Cup
Sept	Round bottomed bowl
Oct	Ball
Nov	Candle holder
Dec	Christmas Decoration

Annual Subscription 2018 – final reminder

From Peter Hoare, club treasurer.

There are a few members who have not, yet, paid their annual subscription. There can be lots of reasons for this. If you are one of them, would you please pay your subscription at the next Club meeting (15 February). If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to send me a cheque by post, please let me know (treasurer@hertsandbedswoodturners.org) and I will supply the address or, preferably, you can make a bank transfer (details below).

There are two elements; firstly the club subscription of £16.00 and secondly the AWGB membership, which is £18.00. You can pay by cheque or cash for either **£16.00** (if you pay your AWGB membership some other way, e.g. via another club) or the full **£34.00**.

Please make cheques payable to “**Herts & Beds Woodturners**”.

If you renew your AWGB membership via the Club, I will be able to supply your 2018 card.

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Club Teaching Sessions

From Bruce Edhouse

Hi Folks,

We recently held a teaching session at Gary Rance's workshop. There were 4 learners each with access to a lathe. The day went very well and at the end I asked for feedback, so I have forwarded to you for inclusion in the Revolutions magazine if you want to use it.

It is a very good account of the day and shows just how much can be achieved in one day.

There are two pictures attached of an apple that was made by one of the learners after he had asked how to make a screw chuck.

Many thanks to the AWGB for the grant that allowed this to happen.

We have since talked this over and our committee have agreed to fund another one ourselves as we were over subscribed for that one and cannot realistically ask the AWGB to continue to fund this activity. We are also going to have another session later in the year using a "buddy" style approach to work with newer turners and help them with individual areas that need attention. This again will be funded by our own club.

Attendee Opinion

Hi Bruce,

Many thanks again for organising today. I had a fantastic time, and learned loads! As requested, a few bits of feedback:

Garry made us very welcome in his well-equipped workshop. After a few words on safety, we immediately got down to turning, with each student having their own lathe. We went through all the basic spindle turning techniques, and Garry gave lots of expert tips and one-to-one assistance. I now feel much more secure and confident in using my tools, which means I can relax and enjoy myself all the more. In particular, we spent a lot of time on posture and transferring weight whilst turning, which is hard to see in club demonstrations.

At lunch we swapped experiences and got to know each other better, which built a sense of camaraderie with fellow club members at the beginning of our journey in turning. Garry kept up a stream of stories with the tea and coffee, and soon after we were back in the workshop for more individual projects. I had asked for tips on making a screw chuck in the morning, and Garry showed me how to make one. In fact, in less than 2 hours we had made not only the chuck, but also an apple from walnut, which gave me a great memento of the day, and some tangible proof of the improvement I had made.



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Some of the others worked on faceplate and bowl turning, which all looked very impressive. Somehow Garry and Bruce managed to provide continual support with all these different activities going on at once.

If I remember half of what I was taught today, I will still be a 100% better turner than I was beforehand. The day passed so quickly I and the others almost couldn't believe that 4pm had rolled around and it was time to tidy up and go. A sure sign of a good time!

Harvey

January Turners of the Month



Gary doing the judging

Beginners



1. Les Clarke



2. Mark Sole

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Advanced



1. Allen Kaye



1. David Locke



3. Grahame Tomkins

Masters



1: Peter Hoare



2. Colin Smith



3. Tony Taylor

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Open



1. : Tony Taylor



2. Peter Hoare



3. Don Guy

December Demonstrator – Gary Rance

From Tony Taylor

Gary has demonstrated to the club many times, but always brings something of interest and value to each of us, no matter what our level of experience or skill. January's demonstration certainly lived up to our expectations.

The first part was devoted to the basic elements of spindle turning. After a brief, but important reference to safety, especially the importance of wearing eye protection and avoiding dust, Gary showed how to use the round skew to cut pommels, V cuts and beads and then the spindle gouge to form coves. This would have been very useful to our beginners, but even the old hands can still benefit from seeing how it should be done. He emphasised the importance of the correct stance and body movement.



The main feature was to make lidded box with a Corian onlay – one of Gary's originals. An end grain piece about 2 inches square and 3 inches long was mounted between centres and rounded and a tenon cut on one end. A fillet was cut half way to define the edge of the lid which was then smoothly tapered. A square of Corian with a central hole 1 inch diameter was pressed on the rotating work to leave a witness mark. A square fillet was then cut with the skew to make a push fit for the Corian. It is important to make the wood surfaces perfectly square and flat so that when the Corian was glued in place with Superglue, there were no air spaces left. Once the glue was set with accelerator, the form of the lid could be completed with a small spindle gouge, taking very light cuts whilst rounding the Corian square. After sanding and finishing with friction polish, the lid was parted off with a thin parting tool and its underside sanded and polished. In parting off, a trace of the fillet was left to show just how far to hollow to receive the lid.

Hollowing was done mainly with a spindle gouge pushed into the centre then outwards with the flute at 10 o'clock and the handle down about 30 degrees. Hollowing was completed with Gary's own design of box scraper, which cuts both on the end and the side, to give a nicely squared profile. The opening was adjusted to receive the lid, just flush with the surface.

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Next, attention was directed to the body, which was given a nicely waisted shape. A small foot was defined and parting off started. The body was then sanded and finished and finally parted off. It then just remained to make a simple jam chuck on which to tap the body. The bottom was then completed with a spindle gouge, sanded and finished. The result (shown here from another source) was received with warm applause. It is perhaps worth reminding members that very nice presentations of this and other projects are available on Gary's DVDs on Woodturning Techniques and scale drawings are also available.

Scouts event at Gilwell Park 7th July

Hi Everybody,

I am asking for help at the above event. It is as many of you will know a one day event letting Senior Scouts have an experience of woodturning.

East Herts Woodturners are holding a one day seminar type of event on Sunday 4th March, to explain just what is needed from those who would like to help. I think it is a good idea so that any preconceived ideas can be dispelled.

I have been going to this event for the past 5 years and I find it very rewarding and a way of introducing youngsters (12 to 18 year olds) to have a go. There is also a chance to chat to their leaders.

If you can make the 4th March please contact John Leach at East Herts Woodturners, or contact me and I will pass on your name/s.

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2018 programme –

Feb	Steve Healy
Mar	Mick Hanbury
Apr	AGM
May	Mark Sanger
Jun	Club Night
Jul	Martin Saban-Smith
Aug	Les Thorne
Sep	Club Night
Oct	Mark Baker
Nov	tba
Dec	Xmas Social

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NOTICE OF TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will take place at 8:00pm on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at the Adeyfield Community Centre, Hemel Hempstead.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting (email Secretary if you need a copy)
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Inspector of a/c's.
8. Motions
9. Any Other Business

Motions and nominations for officers and committee must be submitted in writing to the secretary, and signed by both the proposer and seconder. These must be received by the secretary on later than the 31st March 2017.

Every effort will be made to finish business by 9:00pm.

Officers: Chairman, Tony Taylor

Secretary, Colin Clark

Treasurer, Peter Hoare

Inspector of Accounts, Keith Goddard

Committee: Alan Lewis, John Sharp, Grahame Tomkins, Adrian Sims, Steve Beadle, Don Guy, Bruce Edhouse.