

HERTS & BEDS WOODTURNERS WOODBITS

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AGM

See info emailed separately.

Please attend the AGM on Tuesday 10th April. The business of the meeting will be made as concise as possible, but the success of the club does depend on members' involvement in the basic decisions that have to be made. There will be the usual raffle, competitions and refreshments and following the business we intend to show a very interesting and instructive woodturning DVD.

In advance of the meeting, members are alerted that we need to elect one or two new committee members. John Sharp is not seeking re-election after serving for many years on the Committee. We specially need someone to help with audio-visual kit and someone with computer/media skills. Please be prepared to make yourself known if you can help.

There will be a presentation of prizes for the past year's competitions. Can winners over the past year please bring in their winning entries?

This month's competition will be judged by popular ballot, for a change.

2018 Competition Subjects

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

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March Turners of the Month **Beginners**



1. Les Clarke



2. Adam Blackie

Advanced



1: David Lock



2.Grahame Tomkins.

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Masters



1. Tony Taylor



2. Bruce Edhouse



3. Peter Hoare

Open



1. : Don Guy



2.Tony Taylor

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March Demonstrator – Mick Hanbury

A decorated platter

Mick started with a Sycamore blank 12 by 2 inches, mounted on a screw chuck. Working with a bowl gouge with swept back (“fingernail”) grind, he first trued up the edge and the bottom face. Circles were drawn to mark the diameter of the tenon to suit the chuck and of the foot of the platter, which should be approximately one third of the platter diameter. After cutting the dovetail tenon, the foot was defined and the bottom given a gentle ogee shape, using a pull cut. Attractive matching details were formed at the foot and at the edge. A finishing cut was made with a smaller gouge with 60 degree bevel and traditional grind. Making a careful push cut outwards avoided torn grain and left a surface ready for sanding starting at 240 grit. A mixture of beeswax and liquid paraffin was applied before sanding, using discs mounted on a cordless drill. This avoided making dust and filled the surface, which was finally polished. The last operation on the underside was to apply textured decoration with a Sorby texturing tool.



Before reversing the platter, Mick emphasised the importance of making the chucking dovetail exactly the correct size for the chuck. The jaws must close to a perfect circle to get the best holding grip with minimal damage to the wood. Also, mark the centre to facilitate remounting. Working now on the upper surface, the thickness was reduced to a rim of a ¼ inch and the diameter of the bowl defined, with hollowing put off till the decoration was complete. Matching details were cut around the bowl and at the edge. Waxing and sanding completed the preparations for decorating.

Using an Arbortec with chain saw cutter Mick then showed how to cut into the surface lines first in one direction then at right angles, taking care to avoid the details. Next the remaining surfaces were worked over with a rotary wire brush along the direction of the grain. This was followed by lightly scorching the surface with a butane torch to remove raised fibres and to soften the texture. The soot was then brushed away and the surface sprayed all over with matt black and after drying, sprayed with ebonising lacquer and clear lacquer.

During the tea break the lacquer dried thoroughly so that iridescent paints could be applied, using successively purple, gold and silver. After a final coat of lacquer had dried, highlighting grooves were cut close to the bowl and to the edge. Now the bowl could be hollowed, waxed and sanded using an oversized disc, to avoid degrading the rim.

Finally, the platter was reversed to be driven by a padded disc in the bowl and pressure from the tailstock live centre located in the previously marked centre point. This permitted the tenon to be turned away and the foot sanded.

The final very artistic result was greeted with well deserved applause. We had been shown a wide range of techniques and useful ideas which could be applied to many different projects. A most instructive and entertaining demonstration.



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2018 programme

Apr	AGM
May	Mark Sanger
Jun	Club Night
Jul	Martin Saban-Smith
Aug	Les Thorne
Sep	Club Night
Oct	Mark Baker
Oct 28	Richard Findley (All Day demo)
Nov	Stuart King
Dec	Xmas Social
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Gary Rance</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Paul Howard</i>
<i>Mar</i>	
<i>Apr</i>	<i>AGM</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Steve Giles</i>
<i>Jun</i>	

Data Protection

CHANGES TO DATA PROTECTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS

You may be aware that the Law regarding Data Protection is changing. The Club currently complies with the UK Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). However, on the 28th of May this year the DPA will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR introduces new obligations on the Club and gives you more rights. Specifically, to comply with the GDPR, we have carried out a "Data Review" (where was Data kept?, how did we store it? and what did we do with it?), written a "Compliance Statement" (a formal statement, for the purposes of the GDPR, of what Data we will collect, what we will use it for, how we will protect it and how long we will keep it) and revised the Forms the Club uses, to collect personal information when individuals are visiting or joining, to reflect the requirements of the GDPR.

Existing members will notice little, if any, change. However, it is important to know that we collect your personal information (Data) under the "Legitimate Use" category of the GDPR only in order to run the Club. It is not supplied to any third parties, except with your specific consent (e.g. when the Club is buying goods or equipment from Axminster, on behalf of a club member). Finally, in accordance with our Compliance Statement, your Data is deleted/destroyed if you leave the Club.

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For the purposes of the GDPR, the Club has decided that the Treasurer will be the “Data Controller” (the point of contact and co-ordinator for GDPR issues on behalf of the Club’s Committee). Anyone having any concerns about their Data should contact me in person or via my Club e-mail account at treasurer@hertsandbedswoodturners.org.

Anyone wanting to read more about the GDPR and how it may affect them (including in the world beyond the Club) can visit the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) site at <https://ico.org.uk>.
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