

HERTS & BEDS WOODTURNERS WOODBITS

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Next Club Chairman

Tony Taylor has made it very clear that this will be his last year as Chairman. His main tasks are to chair 3 committee meetings each year and host most monthly meetings. Everything else the Chairman may do is at his or her personal initiative. The last 2 chairmen have had to migrate to Devon and Kent to escape. Let's not leave it till the 2019 AGM to hope a chairman miraculously emerges from the floor!

2018 Competition Subjects

Sept	Round bottomed bowl
Oct	Ball
Nov	Candle holder
Dec	Christmas Decoration

Plywood

The theme of Tuesday's meeting will be the use of plywood for woodturning. Some plywood pieces are being prepared for you to have a go at turning or to see demonstrated. Several lathes will be available for members at any level of experience to use with help and advice as necessary.

I hope experienced members will demonstrate/tutor others to do some turning.

Please bring anything you have made in plywood for display and discussion. Also, bring your favourite tools if you would like to have a go.

Don't be shy to come with any problems or to help demonstrate.



12 inch bowl made from one square of 1 inch ply

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Volunteers required

We all know that feeling when we go somewhere for the first time. Sometimes we might be with an existing member, which is great, because they can show us where everything is. However, sometimes we just decide to go along and see what it's like. In these instances, we need a few members who can be available to guide such visitors through the evening. Volunteers to Peter Hoare please.

Demonstration by Les Thorne

Les devoted his demonstration to an energetic, instructive and amusing exposition of bowl making. We had all been looking forward to this and we were not disappointed.

He started with an explanation of the sizing of bowl gouges and of their flute shapes. Next, with a 10 inch side grain blank mounted on a screw chuck he demonstrated push and pull cuts used to level the base and to start shaping the outside of the bowl. The push cut should be directed from the centre outwards to be with the grain. The bevel should be supported by the work rather than to rub on it. Undue pressure bruises the wood and can result in a rippled surface. Les then discussed the relative merits of forming a tenon or a recess, generally preferring a tenon.



The outside of the bowl was then shaped, leaving a raised broad rim for decoration. The decoration was done with the lathe stationary using an Arbortech. This is a very effective tool, but dangerous. Best to keep both hands on it and never hold the work whilst cutting. The rough edges were then removed with a brass wire brush.

After the break we were shown how to hollow. The method of making the entry cut with the gouge was explained. The important thing is to enter with the bevel at right angles to the work. Another

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useful trick is to cut a slot with the parting tool to define the thickness of the rim. This ensures that the gouge has a definite edge to start from. In making the hollowing cuts avoid pushing the tool. If it is sharp and presented correctly the controlling force is directed mostly downwards rather than in.

After completing the bowl, Les gave a brief session on spindle turning. He showed the merits of his design of spindle gouge, which has a strong shaft and a flute which when given a swept back grind, has a short and even width of bevel.

Les also gave us a swift, but remarkably astute critique of the competition entries. We all went home wiser and happier.

Tony Taylor

Events the Club will be attending

Box Moor Autumn Festival on the 13th - 14th October.

Frogmore Mill on Dec. 2nd.

Turners of the Month – August 2018



Les judging entries

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Beginners



1. Adam Blackie



2. Mark Aizicowitz



3. Andrew Holwerda

Advanced



1. Keith Harrup



2 Ted North



3 Chris Squires

Masters



1. Mike Fitz



2. Tony Taylor



3. Grahame Tomkins

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Open



1 Tony Taylor



2. Grahame Tomkins



3. Graham Lester

2018/19 programmes

Sep	Club Night
Oct	Tic Challis (replacement for Mark Baker)
Oct 28	Richard Findley (All Day demo)
Nov	Stuart King
Dec	Xmas Social
2019	
Jan	Gary Rance
Feb	Paul Howard
Mar	Emma Cook
Apr	AGM
May	Steve Giles
Jun	Club Night
Jul	*
Aug	Les Thorne
Sep	Club Night
Oct	Carlyn Lindsay
Nov	Andy Coates
Dec	Xmas meeting

* Simon Hope has withdrawn from demonstrating

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FOR SALE

Some of the items featured in last month's newsletter are still available – these are no longer available.

Wolverine Grinding Jig – sold at Tuesdays club night.

Unused and still boxed. See ToolPost website if you need more info. New cost £100 or so. Offers around £30. Will bring to next Tuesday's meeting. Or contact Colin Clark by email.



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