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Editor's and Chairman's Comments

Well the first half of this year has seen some interesting events with 2 professional demonstrations and an evening by Terry Vaughan on sharpening. The bank holiday weekend saw another craft fair at Burgh House which delighted lots of small kids who got an opportunity to "colour" their spinning tops made by Terry.

The non-demo evenings have been more structured with social chat & introductions for visitors from 7.30 - 8 followed by a short talk or demo from one of our members.

We hope to introduce a scheme for new members who need training and practice to spend time in members workshops. Every non-demo evening will have at least 3 lathes available for new and seasoned members alike. Advice from experienced members will always be on hand. We now have an extensive library of books on turning available, at no charge to members.

Dates for your diary

June 19th Demo Meeting - Phil Irons - Hollow forms, repairs etc...

July 17th & 21st August - Open Evenings

September 18th - Demo evening by Terry Smart of Chestnut products

October 16th : Open evening

What's on & where (See inside also)

2019 Seminar ; Middlesex Woodturners : **June 9th** 9.30-4.30 at Gateway House North Harrow Pinner Road HA2 7TA by MARK SANGER Tickets £18 inc lunch & tea breaks

Chestnut Products : Woodturning Weekender **3-4th August** at Spalding Lincolnshire - Springfields Events Centre PE12 6ET

AWGB Woodturning Seminar **5th - 7th October** [see inside]

Please send me your images, ideas, experiences - good & bad, designs, tools bought & sold, wood locations - anything that might interest members to go on Website & Facebook pages

Website

www.northlondonwoodturners.co.uk

Lots of interesting stuff on it - take a look :

Profile - Emmanual Tomking



Emmanual in his workshop, a serious woodturner

I [thats me - David Gerrard] teach kids in a local Pupil Referral Unit weekly woodwork projects. It takes a lot of time & thought, particularly in a school with no tools whatever. After several weeks teaching I wondered if I could bring a small lathe into the school. It would solve all my problems of what to make and having to make it in my workshop first.



A neat and tidy workshop

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but I continue with the

woodturning every week on a Friday morning recreational class on a one to one basis.

Emmanual has studied Engineering and has degrees in agronomy, education & economics and calls himself a study freak. You can see why he has been successful in several careers, but he has always been drawn to teaching. His hobby is woodturning which started 10 years ago when he bought a small W821 lathe. This year when he bought himself a new Axminster AT162 some 3 months ago, but still retains the small lathe which can be seen in the background.

I approached the head, and he said "why not so long as its safe". So I brought in the small club lathe into the school and word soon got around. One day, Emmanuel who is a science teacher at the school came into the class & said "Wow .. wood turning" and after a short chat took the gouge off me to show the kids how it's done. It was an amazing coincidence. I told him about the club, and of course he joined straight away. He is not at the school on Fridays any



"I have NEVER bought a piece of wood in my life" says Emmanuel . "Friends and family have given me a few pen and bowl blanks as presents, but 99% of my woods [as can be seen in the images] are from logs picked up from parks, road side, and friends' gardens". He just leaves them to dry till the moisture content is 14% or less. He sees woodturning as an art, but at the same time as a source of income. He keeps his Craft Fair locations close to his chest, but if we as a club could do half as well as Emmanuel in selling his art, I doubt if we would have any money concerns !

Emmanuel was born in the Seychelles. He met his lovely wife while studying at Sussex University over

29 years
ago He has
two sons
and lives in
Southgate



Vase with a blue resin .



Moisture meter



Just a few items from his large collection

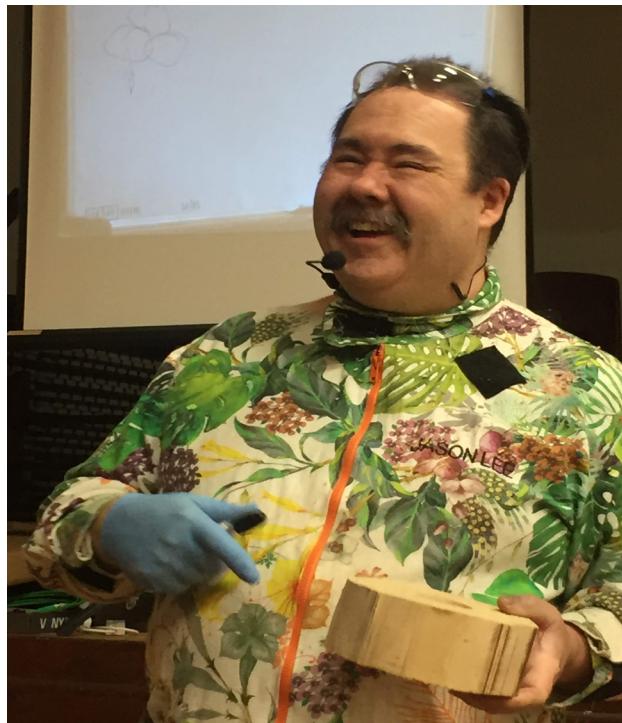


Pens, Pendants & Peppermills all from wood

Demonstration

Jason Smith

20th Feb 2019



Jason Smith is a very colourful character, larger than life in every sense and a first rate craftsman as can be seen from the images.

He talked about sanding and the need for a sanding box to collect dust before it reaches your lungs; also about using sanding butter which is beeswax mixed with liquid paraffin all in an effort to reduce the level of dust.

As can be seen from the images, he is very keen on decorating the wood with colours, such as galactic blue, reds & greys. He also showed us how to “distress” the wood using a Distress Spray and flicking the paint onto a specking brush than can be rotated in its holder.

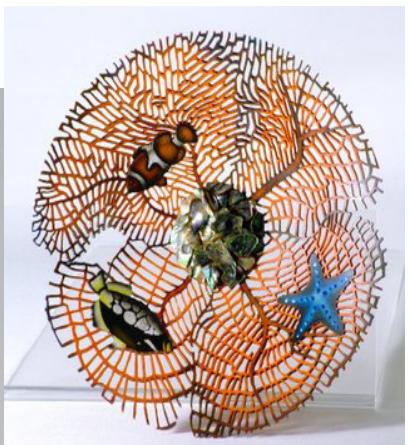


The Tea Light holder was sprayed to form a distressed surface

His other topic for the demo, was a discussion on Timber Conversion and the best way to store the wood

- **Drying times are 1 year / inch**
- **Stack the wood vertically reduces the time to dry**
- **wood stored flat can cause wood to go mouldy unless each plank is separated by battens**
- **He talked about the 10% rule - rough turn to a thickness 10% of the diameter of the finished article. Aim for a moisture content of 12-14%**
- **Microwave your wood - can cut drying time from 3 years to 6 weeks !**

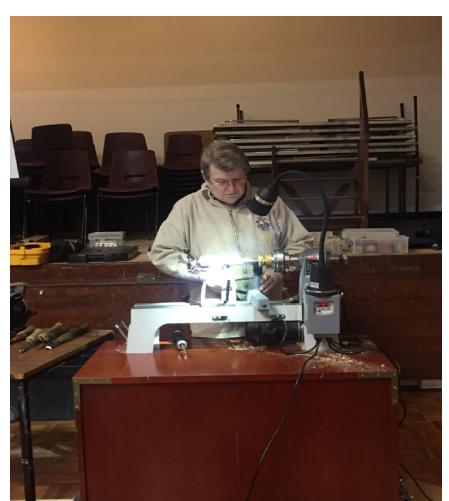
Recommends “The Art of the Turned Bowl” by Richard Raffan - says he learnt everything he knows from Richard and his book



**Some of Jason's artwork
Images taken from his website**

Demonstration - Tony Walton 20 April 2019

Tony's demonstration was all about making use of scraps of exotic wood which we would otherwise throw away.



Tony used scraps of ebony and boxwood to turn miniature goblets and barley twist spindles the size of a penny or smaller.

**His technique was to superglue the exotic wood to scrap wood which was held in the chuck.
Tip - reverse the rotation of the chuck when the superglue is drying and use accelerator to make sure no liquid superglue is spun off whilst the lathe is turning.
The tool he used was a masonry nail sharpened to a 1mm wide blade, and a skew chisel.
However, Tony is a serious & skilled turner as can be seen from the images on his web page**

Sharpening Tools - 20 March - Terry Vaughan

Woodturning tools have to be sharpened often, perhaps every few minutes. If the edge will slide over your thumbnail without catching, it is not sharp enough. And if the cut improves significantly after sharpening, it means you left it too long. Cutting with a blunt edge tears the grain.



The easiest way to sharpen is to use a jig, which can be homemade. The Oneway system works well. Jigs present the tool to the grinder correctly so you can focus on shaping the edge. Simple homemade devices make it very quick to repeat the jig settings.

Most people are happy to use a Honing can be done with a flat stone. Buffing compound on a motorised hard felt or MDF wheel will quickly produce a very keen edge that could take your thumbnail right off.



Jig set to angle of bevel



Scraper with burr .

Always use with the burr facing UP, write a D on the downside so you know which side to present to the wood .

Visit Stewart Batty on U-Tube for a video demo on Sharpening as Recommended by Terry

Burgh House - Craft Fair - 05 May 2019



Once again we were at Burgh House with members' work, most of which were the items that didn't sell at the Xmas fair. Our best sale [£50] was a lovely bowl made by George Hampson with a brass inlay border. Quite a lot of smaller bowls and lots & lots spinning tops were made on the spot for the kids by our master turner Terry Vaughan at £2 each. The total take was £180, so after expenses it wasn't a money spinner BUT it was lovely to see the kids enjoy making their mark with a felt tip on the tops. Fortunately the day was dry as we were outside with no-where else to go if it rained.

Future Craft Fairs : We have our name forward for Burgh House at Xmas, but its a lottery with no guarantee of acceptance. I have also put our name down for the Hatfield House Xmas Fair on November 3rd . This would be a guaranteed booking. IF we go to Hatfield or Burgh House we would appreciate some large items such as 12"- 15" platters & bowls. Never too soon to start.

Club News

Sad News of the death of Dave Bourne 1933 - 2019 - Shirley his wife survives him

Our club was offered the opportunity make 150 bowls for the cast and crew of the Lion King, After consideration it was turned down.

Another opportunity to make 5000 coasters has come up ... looking into it as a possibility for some income for the club. Probably won't happen.

NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to thank the following for their intention to join the club and look forward to full membership soon

McMinn	Angus
Wood	Henry
Briggs	Jim
Kendall	John
Jones	Richard
Popple	Richard
Holman	Paul
Khatiri	Azi
Haxell	Andrew

In particular thanks to Angus McMinn, who came to the last meeting with wood and sold some tools (for a small fee). He also still has some machinery on offer, including a 5ft pillar drill ; Robust table router, Dust extractor. Any wood still in his workshop by 19th June will be brought to the club for members take or offer donations

David Fairman also has the following tools & machines for auction

Nu-Tool 4" Belt & 6" disc sander; A Clarke Drill Press; A SIP Scroll saw ... So come to get a bargain !

CLUB INNOVATIONS

The majority of the above - mentioned possible members require a workshop in which they can use a full size lathe and get some hands on experience. Many of the younger members live in flats or accommodation where a lathe and machines are just not possible. They may move on to rent a garage or build a workshop if they like the turning experience. That takes time, money & commitment. To encourage potential new members we have a core of experienced turners with workshops who are willing to offer a few hours of their time and facilities. We have started a register of these members who currently are :-

David Fairman

Tom Heinersdorff

Jeff Hyams

Colin Sive

David Gerrard

Ghema Vasiliev

Contact data is available from your membership lists

CLUB INFORMAL MEETINGS

It is clear that when a few club members get together they like to talk about turning problems & projects. This can be difficult at club meetings which only take place once a month, and on demo nights there is no time for much discussion. I propose to start a regular meeting in a pub in any area suggested and near to some members' homes. Opportunity for a pint and a chat, it could be a regular night or one proposed by a group of members.

For starters let's make the first meeting at the GATE on Wednesday 12th June at 8 pm - what do you think about the idea. Its in my diary !

WHATS ON & WHERE (more detail)

If you have booked, don't forget to send your Seminar Instant Gallery 2018 Registration Form back by the 30th of September!

On 5th – 7th October 2018 the AWGB will be hosting the 16th International

Woodturning Seminar. The event will run from Friday lunchtime to Sunday lunchtime at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre in Staffordshire. The Seminar is aimed to offer something for turners at all levels from beginner to expert. The seminar programme is guaranteed to inspire, educate and entertain!

The full weekend, including accommodation and meals will cost £435 inclusive of VAT per person. This includes all demonstrations and registration for a masterclass on a first come first served basis (if oversubscribed, the masterclass applications will be drawn from a hat). Prices start at under £100. For booking options, go to the Seminar Booking page on the AWGB website

Make this a date in your diary and start saving now – you won't regret it! The seminar is open to members and non-members.

June 9th 2019 Seminar

Mark Sanger : 9.30-4.30 at Middlesex Woodturning Club :Gateway House / North Harrow /Pinner Road / HA2 7TA

Tickets £18 to include lunch & tea / coffee DONT MISS iT : I'm going along with several others from the club.

Woodturning Weekender

Summer BBQ

**July 6th : David & Jackie Gerrard are hosting the summer BBQ at their home in Elstree
Many have already saved the date. Invitations will be produced shortly**

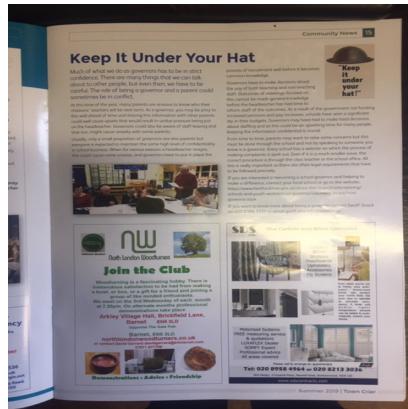
Members Corner

Laura Harrold : Has offered to look after and be in charge of Social Media ie Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Members "Whats App" group.

Robin Rottier: Continues to look after the web site & internet. Please send me / Laura / Robin your images and articles

Jeff Hyams : Will be colour coding and itemising all the equipment belonging to each lathe So at members evenings we know we have a full set of kit & tools for each lathe.

David Gerrard : Membership and promotions : Flyers and adverts will appear in journals, supermarkets, libraries. Please try to get them up on notice boards - most locations are free We will supply the flyers



Advert in Elstree & Borehamwood quarterly journal

**Next meeting June 19th 8.00pm - Phil Irons
7.30-8.00 Time to chat & meet visitors**