



## WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2017

This is the 2nd edition of the Club's infamous review covering the Club meetings and events throughout the year 2017. So what do you get for a meagre £30 Annual subscription?

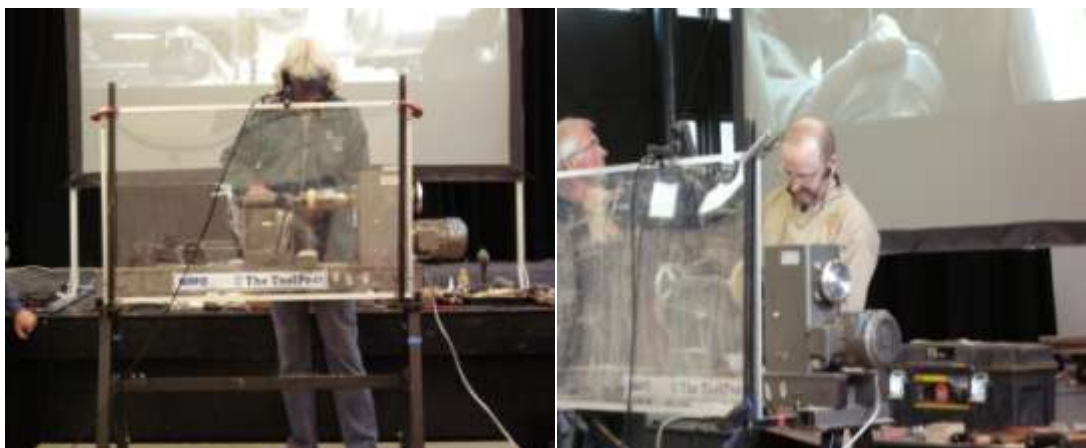
#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

We started off the year with a talk about Workshop First Aid. The talk was given by club member Scot Grant, who is a fully qualified Advanced IHCD Technician.

A Question and Answer morning hosted by three of our very accomplished turners in Jim Harris, Tom Bradbury and Dave Dean.

#### **PROFESSIONAL TURNERS**

We had 3 professional turners during the year. Firstly we had a West Sussex Woodturners virgin in Peter Moncrieff-Jury. He was followed by Steve Heeley, who visited us some time back and then yet another first timer in Jason Breach. They all gave us fascinating demonstrations on a variety of topics and gave invaluable tips on how we can all improve our turning and skills.





### **CLUB MEMBERS DEMONSTRATIONS**

We had 4 mornings of demonstrations by club members all demonstrating their various skills and techniques. I'm sure everyone would like to thank all those who participated. They were as follows: (in no particular order):

Dave Dean, Terry Hooper, Alan Wallington, Dave Unsted, Gary Parkinson, Paul Edwards, Jim Harris, Keith Greenfield, Alan Wesley, Jim Harris, Dave Newson and Bob Eastabrook.

This year we also had a whole morning demo by Stewart Furini on colouring and texturing.

I hope I haven't missed any one out.

### **INTERNAL FUN DAYS**

We had 2 of these with various members taking part in timed trials to make in one case a dibber and a piece of fruit.

Those taking part were: (again in no particular order):

Andy Heath, Bob Eastabrook, Colin Smith, Colin Willetts, Dave Unsted, Gary Parkinson, Ian Rudge, Ray Burton, Tom Goodwin, Stewart Furini, John Stepney, Keith Greenfield and me.

## **COMPETITIONS**

As usual we had 4 competitions during the year managed by Bob Eastabrook for part of the year and then Colin Smith took up the reigns.

The competitions were:

A Bowl, Candlestick, Gavel and block and an Open, which meant you could enter anything you liked as long as it had not been in a prior competition.

A big thank you to all who took part. There are too many to list here but congratulations to all those who got podium positions. But we do need more Intermediate turners to take part as for one competition we had only 1 entry.

The success of the competitions relies on having some judges so again a big thank you to those who offered themselves:

Ron Wicks, Mark Hughes, Paul Edwards, Dave Newson, David Lawrence, Terry Hooper, Gary Parkinson and Mick Austin.

## **AWARDS EVENING**

This year we had our first Awards evening, for which we had outside caterers in. The evening was a great success. We had Lord and Lady Lytton as our Judges and we hope they enjoyed the evening as well.

## **AMBERLEY**

We had a club promotional event at Amberley where any member could come down to the Museum and demonstrate their skills as well as get rid of some of those items which were cluttering up their work shops. On the one day I did manage to get there we had **NINE** yes 9 lathes operating.

Remember the workshop as Amberley is a facility for **ALL** club members. Yes you have to show that your turning skills are up to it before you are let loose on the public.

The other major Amberley events are the Activity days, where we help the visitors have a go at turning. Seeing how much the Kids enjoy themselves is reward enough.

If you think this is something you would like to have a go at have a word with Keith Greenfield as we are always (or nearly always) short of volunteers. You don't have to be an "Amberley turner" to come and help. Ask Steve Savage our Hon. Sec. He comes down regularly and thoroughly enjoys himself (or so we keep telling him).

I could have put in loads of photos but you already have most of them in the monthly Newsletters.

We have to thank Dave Unsted and Keith for running the shop and Penny Chatham for running the shop when Dave was unable to be there. Not forgetting that Keith also sorts out the programme.

Also thank you Gil for turning up to all meetings to keep us all supplied with reasonably priced timber.

Further thanks to Joyce and Val for sorting out the Raffle and refreshments.

## **FINALLY**

Thanks to the Chairman and committee for running the Club so well in the last 12 months.