



## WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

### MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

Chairman Ian began the proceedings with a few notices:

1. Turner of the Year to be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. We have a list of people wishing to attend and Ian will be sending out an Email to confirm any dietary requirements etc. If you haven't signed up contact Ian or Secretary Steve ASAP.
2. The committee feel it would be an idea to increase the public profile of the club. Club member Heather has some PR contacts and is keen to help. A number of members were persuaded to join in a photo for future publication in a number of local newspapers.

The Show and Tell table had a number of items mainly by Gary Parkinson but also an interesting bowl by Jim Harris (more about that later) and a large carved bowl by Dave Newson. Don't forget that the Show and Tell is also for showing things that went wrong or you would like help with.





Martin Shephard produced part of a tree trunk and asked the esteemed panel their views on how would be best to cut it to get the best blanks. One suggestion from the floor was to use a saw. Jim suggested putting the whole piece on and turning that. I don't think my lathe would cope with that. It wouldn't be so much as beware of flying timber as beware of flying lathe.



The timber is Apple.

We covered numerous other subjects such as the preferred finish on pieces. Should it be Oil or Wax? After some discussion the answer seemed to be what do you like. Each type of finish has its merits to finish an item quickly use wax, if you have time use oil.

Someone asked about finishing with CA glue on pens and as usual different people have different ideas on the best approach.

Further questions covered chattering and why it occurred. Are powered respirators good? What's the best speed for turning? As is so often the case in turning different people have different ideas. At the end of the day if what you are doing is safe and it works for you carry on doing it.

Getting back to Jim's bowl the question was how did he achieve the stone look on the rim decoration? The answer was really quite simple. He used a can of spray Stone paint that he bought in Wilkos.

Finally to the Competition. Our Judges today were Dave Newson and David Lawrence so thanks to them.

Starting with the **Beginners:**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Dave Davies

**2<sup>nd</sup>** = Les Rutherford and Mark Warwick

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Nicky Millard

**Intermediate:**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Michael Heseltine

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Rob Hudson

Michael says it's the first first he's ever had I assume he meant in Club competitions.

**Advanced:**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Terry Hooper

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Stewart Furini

**3<sup>rd</sup>** = Chris Buque and Colin Willetts



Beginners



Intermediate



Advanced

## FOR SALE

**Dave Harris** has a lathe for sale. It's a Fox Model F46-719 with variable speed. Dave is looking for £150. Contact him on **01243 829753**

A non-member contacted Ian with some items **FOR SALE**. These are a Siblex Springwood lathe, a Sip Drill Press, a Yorklean Dust Extractor, a bench saw, a bandsaw and various chisels. No prices were given.

The gentleman's name is David Stammet and he can be contacted on 0796 0101799.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Yandles Spring Show is on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kids Activity Days are on at Amberley Museum on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping contact Keith Greenfield.

## **NEXT MONTH**

Is "Turn a Dibber" competition. Wood will be supplied and you will have 15 minutes to complete. Volunteers are required to participate. So contact Ian or Steve or just bring some tools with you. It appears Ian and Steve thought I was volunteering when I asked the question so you are guaranteed not to come last.

Keith has told me he would like feedback on what's on the programme and any suggestions for new items to include.

## **ADVANCED WARNING**

The Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May is an all day meeting with professional turner Steve Heeley.

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