



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Ian Rudge reminded the assembled company that if they wanted to book for the awards evening in April they needed to do so now. Contact Ray Burton if you are interested. (Any requests can be passed on either by Ian or myself).

Today we were to be treated to demonstrations by a number of club members. In no particular order we had Barrie Fitch and Peter Corcoran demonstrating their laser engraving machines. Gary Parkinson also had brought along a machine but had forgotten his laptop so was unable to demonstrate.



I'm not going to attempt to explain how they work but you need a computer to link to the machine and then obtain any image you want (beware of any copyright items). Barrie has his machine set up so that the image is printed the way it is shown on the screen. Peter, however, has to put reverse the image to get the print out the right way round.

Barrie tells me that a company called AliExpress is one of the better suppliers but all their prices are in US dollars. Amazon seems to have quite a few listed.



The centre of the hall was filled with Steve Savage and Doug Wase demonstrating pen turning.



Steve and Doug had a range of pens they had turned using, wood, acrylic and corian. For beginners if you haven't turned pens you will need a mandrel and some pen kits. Corian is used for making kitchen worktops.



This picture is some pens Barrie Fitch has turned.

The main event of the day was of course the competition. Colin Smith informed me that there were more Intermediate entries for this one competition than he had entries in all competitions for last year. So we need to keep that up for the future.



BEGINNERS



INTERMEDIATE



ADVANCED

The results were as follows:

Beginners:

- 1st Scot Grant
- 2nd Mark Warwick
- 3rd = Mark Smith and Alan Wallington

Intermediate

- 1st Dave Davies
- 2nd Ray Burton
- 3rd Rob Hudson

Advanced

- 1st Colin Willets
- 2nd Ian Rudge
- 3rd Terry Hooper

The fourth entry was eliminated as it did not meet the requirements.

Thanks to our judges for today Dave (should have gone to Specsavers) Dean and Barry Chitty.

Our best wishes go to Val Newson for a speedy recovery from the lurgy but Dave did a good job in her absence delivering the tea and coffee.



This is a trophy made by Barrie Fitch for the Billingshurst Bowls Club. The clock is set in an old Lignum Vitae bowling ball.

From Keith Greenfield

Hello Members, several of you have asked for a position at the club's event at Amberley Museum. The dates are 26th to 28th May, it will be as always an interesting weekend with help for some of you experiencing problems on certain turning principals and methods. Please email Keith.turnerofwood@btinternet.com with questions or to book.

NEXT MONTH:

We have Keith Greenfield demonstrating "Offset turning" in preparation for the June competition.