

WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

The AGM was once again dealt with in a swift style. Our continued thanks to those that step up to take organisational roles and their continued commitment to providing a healthy, happy club. (With approximately 119 members.)

Chairman Ian Rudge gave out the notices:

- **Subscriptions are now due for membership in 2019-2020.** Please see the treasurer at the next meeting.
- In addition please update your next of kin details with membership secretary Colin Willets.
- Please also consider bringing to the November meeting, a donation for the St Barnabas Hospice.
- A reminder that club shirts and sweatshirts can be bought from the club. In addition if you purchase working smocks these can subsequently be embroidered with the club logo (as long as they are in new condition).
- If you wish to have the newsletter sent by post rather than email please can you provide the committee with stamped addressed envelopes for the next year.
- We again thank everyone for donating raffle prizes and buying tickets which helps the club to buy equipment and cover the costs of the teas and coffees. (Prizes always welcome) .

Onto the business of the morning which was club members demonstrating:

Tom Bradbury with advice on Thread work

- He advises a slow speed of 300-350 rpm and very hard wood , Box wood or African Hardwood.
- Measure using a Vernier for accuracy.
- When using the scraping tool method of threading (as opposed to lathe mounted methods) presenting the tool lightly to the wood and allowing it to be taken down the length of the thread.
- In addition adding wax with a toothbrush and further working will potentially prevent tearing of wood and improve definition of thread.

Tom recommends a You tube video : Alan Batty , Thread Chasing. It is a 90 minute video on thread chasing and making an acorn box.

In addition the WSWT library has:

- 1 DVD by Robert Sorby
- 1 DVD Boxes , Goblets and Screw threads Dennis white teaches Woodturning
- Book; All crewed up by John Berkley.
- Book Making screw Threads in wood Fred Holden.

Terry Hooper with use of Skew Chisel

- Who advises to use ring centres so if catches occur it is more forgiving.
- That you use bottom or middle of the cutting edge.
- He had audience participation from a visitor called Doug Dabell. (In photo with Terry Hooper)



Doug was so encouraged that he joined the club at the meeting and has been linked up with a potential tutor. He arrived with us despite some distance to travel because of our reputation as a friendly club...☺

In addition several members demonstrated their various **sharpening methods**.

There were lots of discussions, sharpening and learning from this sharing domain.(I apologise for not taking down all their names and taking a photograph.)

Competition was also held for a Lidded box.



Thank you to our judges who had difficult deliberations and arrived with the following results:

Beginners 3rd joint : Bill Webb and Paul Tansley

2nd Sam Crick

1st Ray Thompson.

Intermediate

Joint 2nd because they could not separate the 3 works of art

Ray Burton , Stan Wright and Mark Smith

1st Andy Heath with a threaded box.

Advanced

Joint 2nd Stuart Furini and Ian Rudge.

1st Terry Hooper.

Next months meeting is Sunday 3rd November 2019. Professional demonstrator all day event.