



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS
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An Associated Club of the AWGB

Hello again everyone so here we are at the end of another year. I regrettably missed this meeting (regrettable from my point of view, others may think differently) as I had come down with the dreaded lurgy and did not think that many people would be very happy with me coughing and spluttering all over them this close to Christmas.

I gather I missed a surfeit of sausage rolls and mince pies, never mind I'll try and kid myself I started the diet early.

Yet again I have to thank Colin Willetts for coming to my aid in my time of need with the pictures and comments.

Colin has asked me to remind you that subscriptions are now due. Let's be honest for £30 where would you find so much activity and such lovely people. If you haven't paid yet please contact Colin Willetts. I understand that we have a waiting list of people wishing to join.

Our three volunteers this month were Jim Harris, Terry Hooper and Keith Greenfield. Colin managed to get pictures of Jim and Terry before his camera battery expired.

I understand Keith was doing what you might term Amberley Kids Day type decorations. If you haven't been to Amberley for one of these events have a word with Keith as we always need volunteers to help.

Jim Harris and his decorated tree



Terry Hooper: Decorations plus a homemade hollowing tool

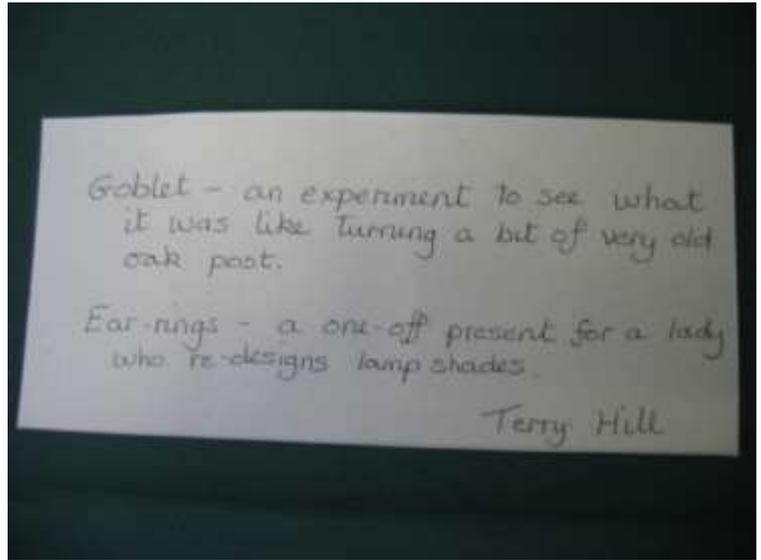
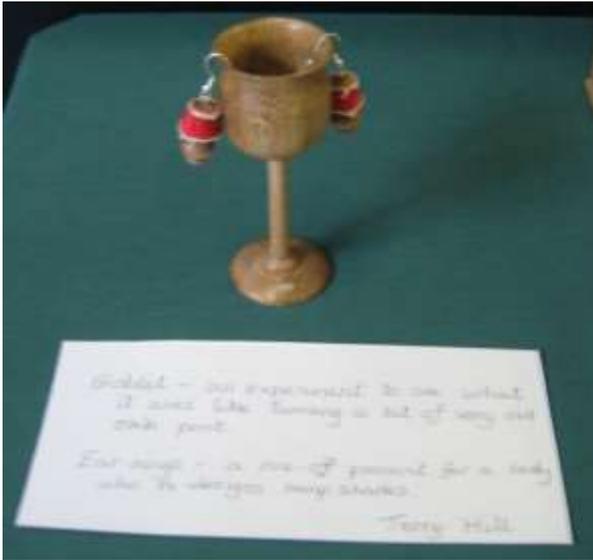


Terry's homemade hollowing tool



Show and tell table

Terry Hill



Paul Tansley had a box full of tree decorations; I just picked a few to photograph



And a cake stand? I am not sure what the light curved piece is but it is not wood



Dave Newson's turned and carved goblets? In the style of Nikos Siragas



NEXT MONTH:

Our next meeting on 2nd January 2022 is on Carving. (no nothing to do with turkeys).
Should have said Wood carving

More Woodturning Weekender News:

Announcing Our Line Up!

GET ON BOARD!

Hi Stewart

Yes, it's time to reveal our line-up for Woodturning Week3nder: Full Steam Ahead! We normally like to reveal this over the course of a few weeks, but we're a bit late this year and we wanted to get the details out quickly. We know that Weekender tickets are often good Christmas presents...

So here they are, our demonstrators for 2022. We've got two great Conkers LIVE favourites, Darren Breeze and Richard Findley, a great young turner called Nathanael Griffiths who we've been working with for a while now, and the fantastic Joey Richardson completing our star line-up. We'll be telling you more about each of them in the New Year - but you can check them out on the Woodturning Week3nder website - there's a link below.

Our 2022 Venue

We've got a great venue for 2022; [STEAM](#), the Museum of the Great Western Railway in Swindon. There's plenty of room, loads of parking (we'll have a very discounted rate for this - watch this space) and great access. It's right next door to the Swindon Outlet Shopping Centre, so there's loads of places to eat nearby but there will also be catering in the hall at realistic prices. Swindon has a huge amount of accommodation, ranging from B&Bs to budget hotels to luxury hotels, so it's easy to make a weekend of it. And the venue is walking distance from the train station if you don't want to drive.

All of your favourite Weekender features will be there; the Long Weekender on Friday night, our social meal on Saturday night. Popcorn Media are coming back to supply the audio-visual again. And we'll have plenty of room to have other attractions around the hall to keep you occupied when the mainstage isn't in use. More details to come - or see the website.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Its ok, we don't need car park attendants (remember that one??)

If you've been to one of our Weekenders before you know how enjoyable it is, how friendly it is, and how worthwhile it is. But there are some poor souls out there who don't know what they're missing... can you help them see the light?

We want as many people as we can fit in, to experience the Weekender; the more the merrier we say. So if you've been before, please tell your woodturning friends about it, and let's make this the best attended event yet.

(And no... it's not about us making money. The more tickets we sell, the more we'll put back. We'd love to be able to supply free teas and coffees, maybe subsidise the catering, things like that).

TICKET OFFICE IS OPEN

I'm afraid this lovely venue means that there are likely to be a number of bad train related puns, sorry - it's just too good to ignore!

But, the good news is that tickets are now available to purchase from the Woodturning Week3nder website. Just click the link at the bottom of the page to go there, read more, and get yours!

In case you've somehow missed this, or are new here:
The Woodturning Weekender takes place on 30-31 July 2022
at STEAM, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2EY.
See website for more details.

Don't forget!

Your ticket admission price includes:

- All the demos on that day
- Opportunities to chat informally with the demonstrators
- Access to the clinics and displays/demos taking place around the venue
- Affordable on-site catering
- Subsidised parking

Click on the link below to go to the dedicated Weekender page, tickets are very limited and will go on sale soon!

Any questions? Just hit 'reply' and ask!

Terry