



YewTurn

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Notes from the Chairman

Greetings All,

Welcome to the September addition of YewTurn.

As I write this rain is threshing down on the window and at 7 o'clock it is already getting dark. It appears that summer is over and autumn is almost upon us, which for me means less time outside and more in the workshop woodturning.

If that is the case, summer ended well for me with fine weather last weekend when I was at Folk East with Darren Breeze. As part of the preparation for this event, where I was helping Darren, I made sure that my craft insurance was renewed. This started me wondering how many of those among you who sell their produce or give demonstrations actually have appropriate insurance.

If you are demonstrating at an AWGB affiliated club meeting or event you are covered by the group insurance. However, if you are selling or at any other venue you need to ensure that you either have your own public and product liability insurance or that it is provided by the organiser.

On the subject of insurance, do you have sufficient cover for the equipment in your workshop? I did a quick inventory of mine and estimated a value of about £4000 without trying very hard.

Last month we had a demonstration by Tom Kittle who, as always, treated us to an amusing and interesting evening, details of which follow later in this edition.

I spent today using the club bowl saver to convert the remainder of the infamous spalted beech into rough bowl sets as somebody else wants to use it. This beech has been very challenging and will continue to be for a while yet. Some parts of it are beautifully spalted and solid but others will end up as firewood.

I have recently acquired a suitable pump and in the winter months I hope to make a vacuum chuck. Most of its construction should be fairly straightforward with the swivel being the difficult part, it may be necessary to purchase a suitable one. I will let you know how I get on.

As I have a vacuum pump and some rather pukey wood I wonder if it would be possible to vacuum impregnate the wood with resin. Has anybody tried doing this? If you have please let me know how you did it.

Don't forget that we have the bowl saver, lathe and other tools available for members to use, please talk to me or any committee member if you would like to borrow something. Please be aware though, that whilst the equipment is in your possession it is your responsibility to take care of it and you will be expected to return it in good condition and make good any damage if you cause any.

Do you keep a turning ... Barry



Club Night demo 4th September by Mick Hanbury



Mick is a skilful and artistic woodturner who has been turning for over 20 years. He is listed on the Register of Professional Turners as well as being a member of Association of Woodturners of Great Britain. Over the years Mick has developed a unique style of decorative finishes to his pieces and is well known for his beautiful finial boxes, elegant spiral stem goblets, and delicately patterned platters.



Tickets now on Sale



NORWICH WOODTURNERS

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PRESENTS

A Woodturning Demonstration by

Sue Harker



ON SATURDAY 3rd October 2015

09:30 till 16:30

AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, WROXHAM ROAD,
SPROWSTON, NORWICH, NR7 8EW (NEXT TO THE POLICE STATION)

TICKETS £10.00

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR
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TEA & COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE

For further details please contact:

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Last Months Club Night Demonstrations by Tom Kittle



Tom's demonstrated the various techniques he uses for his 'parsnip' form boxes. Tom started off with a piece of yew and showed us how he achieved the desired forms and his technique for hollowing.

There was also a discussion on how to mounting forms using T-Nuts with threaded rod, Tom also had many examples of possible plinth shapes and forms.

Tom draws a lot of his ideas on form from other mediums such as ceramics and recommends visiting the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts for inspiration ([Link](#))

Display Table



Subhash
Laburnum



Paul Disdle
Recycled HPDE



Alan Carver



Ron Lansdell
Eucalyptus/Mahogany



Maurice Hanchet
Acaia



The AWGB will have a display table and advice clinic at the European Woodworking Show held on 12th and 13th September 2015 at Cressing Temple Barns, Essex.

If you have not been before it is a good day out with demonstrations of all types of woodwork and plenty of opportunity to window shop or add more tools to your collections.

www.europeanwoodworkingshow.eu

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Forthcoming Events In The 2015 Diary

Friday 4th September	Mick Hanbury RPT
Friday 2nd October	Brian Partridge
Saturday 3rd October	Sue Harker RPT - An All Day Event
Friday 6th November	Andy Coates RPT
Friday 5th December	Competition Night & Membership Subscriptions

Club Tools Available For Loan

Record DML305 Lathe,
Record 6" grinder with Axminster sharpening system,
a Woodcut Bowl Saver,
Sorby texturing tool,

Sorby Eccentric Chuck,
a Record DX1000 Dust Extractor,
an Ashley Isles Unichaser,
Axminster reciprocal carver.

All these tools are free to borrow, just go and have a word with a member of the committee.