

Your Turn

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Shaving already?

Cover Story

Shavings fly as Callum shows Les Thorne how it's done at the August Turn-in.

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Dave Gibbard, editor.

Hampshire Woodturners Association

The Association meets at the Railway Institute, 2 Romsey Road Eastleigh (02380 612270) on the first Monday of each month (the second if the first is a bank holiday).

Meetings start at 7.30 and finish around 10.00. Most meetings feature a talk or demonstration about a turning or related subject by a club member or an invited guest. Several times a year we have "turn-ins" with a number of lathes being operated by members demonstrating various techniques. There is a club shop selling various turning sundries, and a library. The "trading post" enables members to advertise things for sale or wanted.

Every month members are invited to bring work for the gallery and there is usually a critique of selected items. There is also a monthly project for novices with the opportunity to discuss the problems encountered and overcome. Refreshments are served at a mid evening break when members can catch up with the latest gossip. A raffle rounds off the evening.

Membership is £17 per year with a joining fee of £5 for new members. Potential new members are welcome to come along and visit us without obligation or charge.

There's a Web Site too. Check it out at www.hants-woodturners-hwa.co.uk

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EDITORIAL -

Apologies for the somewhat lightweight issue this time due to the distraction of personal problems.

A number of difficulties have come to light about the distribution of Your Turn.

Some of you receiving printed copies have complained about the quality, particularly of the pictures. I hope you will see an improvement this time.

Some of you on the list for downloading from the website have not been receiving Email notification when a new issue is available on the site. Hopefully this has been rectified this time, though a routine check on the website would have revealed each new issue which comes out by the middle of every other month.

It also seems that some members have Email addresses but do not have internet access, so they can't download from the website. This includes some who use their Company Email address. Alan has changed the new members form to ask about internet access as well as Email address. Those of you who have given us an Email address who do not have access to the website on the internet should let Chris West or Alan Sturgess know.

Dave Gibbard – Editor

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Mountbatten school teach-in

The Club's initiative to obtain lottery funding for a new lathe and audio-visual presentation equipment is being progressed by Chris West. Part of the justification is to promote our craft and the skills involved to the wider community. So it was that Chris and I (Dave Gibbard) were invited to Mountbatten School, Romsey during their end of term week. The pupils had some freedom to choose what they wanted to do and it was on the whole the less academically inclined ones who came to our sessions. Despite warnings from the staff about short attention spans we were impressed at the amount of interest the pupils showed, particularly when invited to have a go. We were pleased that they were allowed to do so and that the craft department still had so much "dangerous" machinery of their own. You hear so much these days about schools running scared of litigation which could result from injury to or interference with the kids that this was all quite refreshing. Long may it last though I sensed it is under threat. We were pleased that so many of the staff came round to have a look including the head who tried her hand with the embarrassed assistance of yours truly. Shut up Chris.

The school identified a chuck and a few good gouges as the items that could make a big improvement to their equipment at relatively modest and affordable outlay.

We were pleased with our efforts during the day and the response of the pupils most of whom went away clutching a light pull and apparently keen to have another go.



Chris kicks off at Mountbatten school

1 August – Turn in

Derrick Hilton and his wife Ann from Dorset Woodturners were to have been giving a demonstration about combining turning with weaving but their daughter had been taken to hospital and was in intensive care so of course they had to cancel. Their daughter was given little hope but the latest news is that after 2 major operations she is out of bed and making progress. I'm sure we all hope she continues to do so.

It was left to Les Thorne and Stuart Matthews to do the turn in. I believe this was Stuart's first appearance at a turn in. Nice to see some fresh blood – how about some more of you? Junior member Callum Hardie showed the way by assisting Les, or was it the other way round? (Cover picture)

Roy Nailor did the critique on the member's gallery. The novice project was a sugar bowl. Some nice bowls but it would be nice to see a few more.



Mountbatten school pupils queue for a turn.

REVIEW OF EVENTS – Continued

5 September – John Johnson, Inverted Turning



John demonstrated the art of inverted turning by making a table lamp.

Simply put, a square blank is turned between centres to a cylinder with a waist, leaving the ends square. The next step is to cut into 4 quarters lengthwise and each quarter rotated 180°. John didn't actually do that but proceeded with one he'd prepared previously. The 4 quarters thus inverted are glued together so that the waist is inside. The assembled quarters are then turned to a long barrel shape allowing the waist to break through.

The ends are turned to spigots for the base and light fitting. A hollow tube is turned and fitted inside the stem for the cable, with a central joining collar to allow its length to be adjusted.

Sounds simple? Some of the 75 members who were there will no doubt try it and let us know. How about some Naomi House candle sticks in December with inverted turned stems?



John's wife Maureen had seen it all before



John admiring Harry Butler's burr whilst delivering the gallery critique.

4 September – Jimmy Clewes workshop.

Unfortunately we did not get enough members signing up for Jimmy's workshop so it had to be cancelled.

A lot of effort goes into organising these events and cancellation was a shame for the club and for Jimmy. It would be helpful if those of you who have a view about the reasons for lack of interest could make your opinion known to the committee or write to me at Your Turn.

COMING EVENTS

3 October

- Terry Smart, Chestnut Products

Chestnut products have become the first choice of finish for many woodturners. Tonight Terry will be demonstrating the use of some of the items from his impressive range.

7 November Dave Foote, Chair making

Ex Chairman Dave has become an accomplished chair maker. He's back tonight by popular request to show some more techniques and tips.

Programme for 2006

Bob Hope, in his usual efficient way has almost got next year's programme sorted out. No fewer than 6 visiting presenters are planned for the evening meetings. Full details in the next issue.

26, 27 November

- Hillier's Winter Wood & Plant Fair

This time HWA will be part of a new winter format at Hillier Gardens & Arboretum which will include other crafts, gifts and plants. There will be a charge for visitors of £1.75 and a charge for participants of £25 per 6' table per day. Part of the proceeds will go to Help the Aged so most of us could benefit.

Ron Broadway who is once again organising our part in the event would like to hear from members wishing to take part. Call him by the beginning of October on 01962 865680.

December Meeting

Don't forget to make your Candle holder(s) for the Naomi House children's hospice charity which we are supporting at the December meeting. A bit of seasonal fun in a very good cause.

NOVICE PROJECTS by Ian Woodford

November project – cake stand.

There are many different types of cake stands around but I would like you to make a single or double tiered one. Either will have a central stem with some kind of handle on the top of the stem. If you make it double tiered then the top tier should be slightly less in diameter than the base. Whichever you do the base needs to sit securely. You could make the central stem in a contrasting wood for added effect. The easiest way to make the handle is to drill a hole through the top of the stem and glue in a turned component either side. However you will need to mark this out very carefully else the hole could end up off centre. For ease of cleaning the entire stand should be finished in a food-safe oil. Take your time over this project and the result will be a very attractive item.

December project – a hanging pomander.

Hanging pomanders are usually for large cupboards like wardrobes and help to keep the air smelling fresh. A few months ago, at a club turning evening, I made one of these so if you watched you will be able to make one of these easily. It involves two spindle turned components and a central hollowed hemisphere with holes drilled through the sides. Following the diagram should make the project an easy challenge. It makes it look really attractive if the globe is made from a contrasting timber. I make them from laburnum with maple top and bottom sections. The top section has a 3mm hole drilled through so a cord can be passed through for hanging. This cord is secured to the bottom section by an eye screwed into it.

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Novice Project, Hanging Pomander, continued...

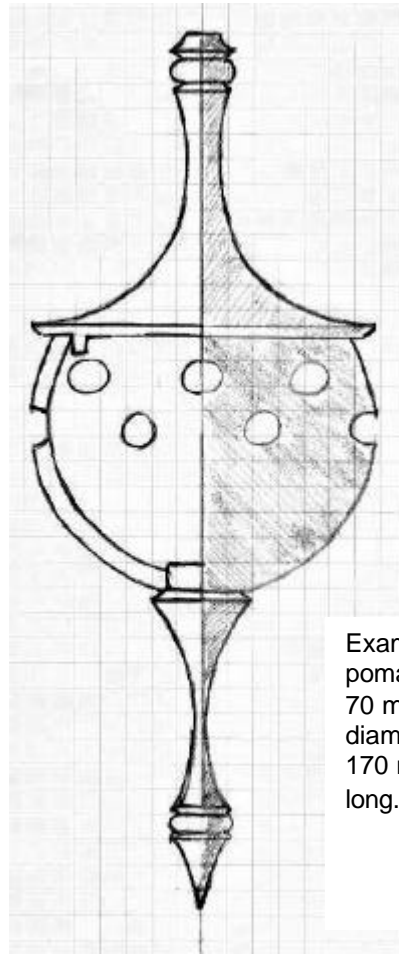
Drill the hole in the blank first and then centre on the hole for the turning. This ensures that the hole is central. If you drill after the turning you run the risk of the drill wandering off course and breaking through the side of the stem. This top section should be a loose jam fit in the central hemisphere so it can slide up the cord to enable refilling the globe with fresh pot-pourri. The bottom finial is glued into a 10mm hole drilled in the base of the globe.

It is best to drill the holes around the globe after the outside profile is turned but before the inside is removed. The holes should be about 6mm in diameter and 8 are all that's necessary around the globe. Two rows look good and the bottom row should alternate the top. If your lathe has an indexing system then this process will be easy, otherwise careful marking is required. The holes also act as a useful guide to wall thickness when hollowing, which should be about 3 or 4 mm.

An alternative way to make the central globe is to hollow a banksia nut. This way the holes are inbuilt but you run the risk of the holes breaking free and requiring the use of super glue.

Take your time with this and have fun, as it's the last project of the year.

Ian Woodford



Example of pomander, 70 mm diameter, 170 mm long.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to

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TRADING POST

Ex member Dave Frost has a 3 year old Delta 5" bandsaw for sale with spare blades, mitre and rip fence. The price is £25 and Anyone interested may contact Dave on 01962 735450 or jackf@tiscali.co.uk

George Gale's Coronet No 2 is for sale. Upgraded with 5 speeds and phosphor bronze bearings. Complete with bench. Excellent value in good working order for only £65. Contact George on 023 8026 5195.

SIGNING OFF

My wife was quite a keen line dancer before her accident. She was getting around with the aid of a stick prior to another operation to sort out her damaged hip.

That cheeky Chris West saw her walking with her stick and offered the encouraging suggestion that since she can't manage line dancing at the moment she could switch to pole dancing with her stick instead.

Now Chris also needs an operation. In his case it is to have a walking stick surgically removed.

Dave Gibbard, Editor