

# WOODCHUCKER

## SAW Newsletter



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Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

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Month	Demonstrator	Club Challenge	
		Turners	Advanced turners
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Professional demonstration by Tony Jones	A matching pair	A wheel 8-12" diameter with
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Club evening	A piece of fruit	A Harry Potter style wand
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Professional demonstration by Emma Cook	A toy	A toy with movement
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Professional demonstration by Steve Heeley	A Christmas tree	A round jewellery box with lift out tray
December 2024	AGM TBA	Chairman's challenge	

### Club hits Shropshire Star

As reported in our previous newsletter the presentation to Macmillan was made at our regular meeting on the 26th June, This was subsequently published in the Shropshire Star and on there web site.

The full article can be found at :-

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/your-world/2024/07/22/woodturners-support-local-cancer-charity/>



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<https://www.shropshirestar.com/2024/07/22/woodtur...>

#### Woodturners support local cancer charity

22 Jul 2024 — Shropshire Woodturners has presented the Macmillan Cancer Support charity with wig stands. The group, working closely with the local ...

Tony Jones from Worcester will be demonstrating his skills to us on 28th August

## Club Night

A successful club night was held at Bicton Village Hall On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Wood sales, raffle and challenges all proceeded as usual.

The turner's entry for the previous meeting were also judged again for those who re-entered their turnings. Once again there was a very pleasing number entered in each category.



Both lathes were set up and Paul offered advice to several members with and without using a lathe. He also brought his grinder and demonstrated the original 'simple' method of sharpening tools.

This is hopefully the first step in the club being more interactive and encouraging members participation, for problem solving and offering basic tuition to potential new members.

As we all know there is significant monetary outlay if you want to take up woodturning so being able 'to have a go' before you spend is an important function of a club.

We were glad to welcome two possible new members.

As is normal for club nights, there was a lot of talk and discussion between members, something many members have reported that they really like. Much of the chatter was about woodturning but I am sure many other topics were covered as well.

If there is something that you think may benefit these events, please bring to our attention

Julian Birch

# This Months Challenge Table

This Months turning judging was carried out by Members



This Months 1st in class Challenge was the Ian Brierley



This Months Display table



Advanced Turners Work



Julian Birch



John Pitt



Ted Barber

## Making your own Wax

Throughout history beeswax has been adapted to all sorts of art media and finishing's. Its value as a restorer and protector of fine wood furniture and household objects dates at least as far back as the ancient Egypt—traces of beeswax have been found on burial objects, including picture frames and death mask paintings. It is a very pure product and, when mixed with clean organic compounds as a furniture paste or polish, is completely non-toxic.

### PASTE WAX AND LIQUID WAX

Beeswax comes in two main forms. Liquid wax ranges from pour able to a cream texture and is used for large pieces that don't get heavy wear, like wood panelling, bookcases, armoires and dressers, breakfronts and cabinets. It rubs on easily, dries fairly quickly, depending on humidity and heat, and is then lightly buffed to restore finish and shine. Cream wax is a very thick liquid that works the same way thin liquid polish does but is useful for areas that are more exposed to nicks and wear. It smooths on and can be buffed to a low shine or high gloss once dry. Paste wax is great on tables and surfaces that get a lot of wear. It takes a little more work to apply and to buff it off but the trick is not to overload the piece with wax. A little goes a long way.

#### **BEESWAX WOOD FINISH (for bare wood)**

- 1 pound beeswax
- 1 pint turpentine (odourless, if you can find it)
- 1 pint boiled linseed oil

Melt wax. Remove wax from heat source, then stir in turpentine and oil. Before applying to bare wood, warm the mixture to achieve better penetration. Apply with a soft cloth, let dry, then buff with a wool cloth. Old coats can be removed with an organic solvent such as turpentine. This can also be used on leather. (Another wood finish can be made with 1 pound beeswax and 1 pint turpentine, omitting the linseed oil.)

#### **BEESWAX WOOD CONDITIONER (for previously finished wood)**

- 1 ounce beeswax
- 1 pint turpentine
- 2 cups water
- 1 ounce Ivory soap flakes

Shred wax into turpentine; cover and leave in a warm spot. Shake container from time to time.

Bring 2 cups water to a boil.

Add soap and stir until dissolved. Add it to the wax/turpentine, stirring briskly until an emulsion forms.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY TIP:** Beeswax melts at 143-148 degrees. It is pliable at 100 degrees. All waxes will ignite explosively when they reach their flash point temperature. To melt beeswax safely, place it in the top of a double boiler, or place the container of wax in a larger container of hot water. Do not melt beeswax in a microwave, as it could become hot enough to ignite. Do not cover the beeswax while melting in a container of water, as steam may condense on the inside of the cover resulting in water in the wax.

**MEASURING TIP :** To measure a small amount of beeswax, grate it before melting.

# Dates for diary

## Forest of Dean Woodturners Club

All day demonstration by

**Rolly Munro**  
from New Zealand

A rare opportunity to see Rolly in action!

Village Hall  
Weston under Penyard  
ROSS-ON-WYE  
HR9 7PA

on **October 12th**

Tickets £20

*Ticket price includes lunch and refreshments*  
Free parking

For more information email

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www.forestwoodturners.co.uk



## Forest of Dean Woodturners Club.

All day demonstration on using texture and colour by

**Chris Parker**

Sunday September 8th 10am  
Village Hall, Weston under Penyard,  
ROSS-ON-WYE, HR9 7PA

Chris will be demonstrating his unique style and showing a range of colour and texturing techniques.

Tickets £20

*Ticket price includes lunch and refreshments*

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**Association of Woodturners of Great Britain**

**Development and Training**

### Member Training Workshops

**Kate Kitchen**

Tingley, Wakefield

**11th July 2024**

Beginner/Intermediate  
Novelty Animals

**Dennis Wake**

Hartlepool Enterprise Centre, County Durham

**7th September 2024**

Intermediate  
Platter

**Colwin Way**

Crow Valley Woodturners, The Highway, Croesyceiliog, Wales

**27th September 2024**

Intermediate/Advanced  
German Nut Cracker

**Mick Hanbury**

Turners Retreat

**1st October 2024**

Intermediate/Advanced  
Bowl & colour

**Gary Rance**

Wendover, Buckinghamshire

**11th October 2024**

Beginner/Intermediate  
Humming Top

**Simon Hope**

Great Bromley, Essex

**16th October 2024**

Intermediate/Advanced  
Turning spheres

**Chris Parker**

Leyland, Lancashire

**6th November 2024**

Beginner/Intermediate  
Texture and colour

These workshops are subject to restrictions at the time and unfortunately may need to be cancelled at short notice. Preference will be given to those that have been allocated places previously that were cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact our Training Officer - email at training@awgb.co.uk.

**If a workshop is oversubscribed, there will be a ballot for places.**

**To apply - visit the AWGB website: www.awgb.co.uk and download an application form and send to the coordinator shown on the form. Or complete a 'Training Workshop Application' web form. Only fully completed application forms will be considered.**

We are striving to improve our communications

Your committee members

- Chair - Jullian Birch
- Secretary - Paul Plant
- Treasurer - Brian Scrivens

email the club at [Shropshirewoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:Shropshirewoodturners@gmail.com)

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where we will endeavour to answer you query ASAP

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### Have your say

If you would like to comment or have any suggestions for the club, why not let us know either by email or contact a committee member – and say if you'd like it to be published or just discussed by the committee.

### We need to know your views—Its your Club

The next newsletter will be in early May – your opportunity to share information and ideas with fellow SAW members – so send me photos, notes, websites etc and they will be included next time.

Perhaps you could write some tips on a chosen topic – as was done in some past Newsletters.

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The 2024 seminar will be held at Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire on the 4-6th October 2024.

They have a superb line up of top class international presenters to educate and inspire! [Seminar website](#).

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