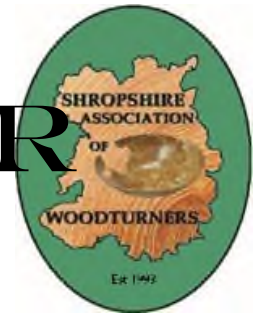


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SAW Newsletter



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Month	Demonstrator	Club Challenge	
		Turners	Advanced turners
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Professional demonstration by John Dilley	A piece inspired by Kade Bolger in January	
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Professional demonstration by Stewart Furini	An example of off-set turning	A piece turned on at least three axes
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	Professional demonstration by Chris Parker	A natural edged bowl	A natural edge bowl 8" diameter
Sunday 16 th June 2024	All day demonstration by Rich Dobney	Something turned from a blank provided by the club	
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	TBA		
Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Club evening	A platter 6-8" diameter to fit through a 1" slot	Another go at using epoxy resin
Wednesday 28 th August 2024	Professional demonstration by Tony Jones	A matching pair	A wheel 8-12" diameter with
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Club evening	A piece of fruit	A Harry Potter style wand
Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	Professional demonstration by Emma Cook	A toy	A toy with movement
Wednesday 27 th 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	

Join us for live demonstration 27th March

John Dilley will be demonstrating at our next Meeting 27th March 2024

John works out of his studios in Somerset and has been turning professionally for a number of years opening his studios in 2019 where he demonstrates to people.

He completed the A.W.G.B tutors' course, and now offers to teach a basic introduction to woodturning

examples of his work can be seen at <https://chesilwoodcraft.co.uk>



John will be demonstrating a 'Teardrop Box' turning

Presentation by Nathaniel Griffiths of Axminster tools (and of TV fame)

After a “no show” at a SAW meeting last Autumn, it was a relief to see that Nathaniel had arrived as arranged to make a presentation. It was worth waiting for!

Lathe maintenance

Both club lathes were set up – the Jet 1220 VS and the Record Power Nova.

Nathaniel first ran through the key components of each – pointing out that the drive mechanism of the Record Nova was inside a sealed unit and relied entirely on electronic control rather than belt drives of varying ratio to adjust the speed. He therefore focused on the Jet lathe to explain that:

- The regular maintenance involves cleaning the lathe bed (with an abrasive cleaning block or steel wool) and applying wax to the bed and the sliding faces of the tailstock and banjo (ordinary woodturning wax will do!).
- Adjusting the nut on each ensures that they don't slip when locked in position.
- The belt should be checked for wear from time to time and replaced if necessary.
- Bearings (in the headstock, tailstock and motor) are sealed so not easily repaired – “just get new ones”
- There's not a lot to go wrong...but if it's the electronics (control) – then it may be cheaper to buy a new lathe!
- An extension bed (if fitted) must be aligned accurately or the tailstock or banjo will jam.

Nathaniel then answered specific questions on the lathes.



Homemade

A bonus for the evening was the offer to answer questions about Nathaniel's experience and a contestant (and eventual winner) of the TV show *Homemade* – broadcast just a few weeks ago.

Questions ranged from how it was organised to the time scales for each stage, the technical and design support, the supply of timber and skills of the presenters.

His rewards were limited to a trophy and to be allowed to keep what he had made – but some items wouldn't fit into the car. The other benefits were a lot of fun, a wealth of experience and, of course, fame! All this at a cost of five weeks in a covid bubble in early 2022.

Nathaniel's presentation was fluent, interesting and entertaining – it's good to know that he's agreed to come back to do a demonstration in early 2025.

Axminster discount

Nathaniel came with his boss Daniel - the manager of the Axminster store in Warrington. And it's nice to know that Daniel is arranging for all SAW members to benefit from a 10% discount on orders by phone or in store – I'm off to Warrington soon!

John Pitt

We will be collating information in due course of those members wishing to take part in the offer

Club Challenges

These will remain the same for the foreseeable future

If you want to take part the two classes are Turners and Advanced and the guest Demonstrator will be asked to judge and give feedback on the items produced

March's Challenge is to Produce an item **INSPIRED** by Kade Bolgers February's Very Good Demonstration of a Lotus Bowl

How to guide @ <https://www.shropshirewoodturners.co.uk/lotus-bowl>

February's Turning 's

We had 14 entries for the Challenges with more items on display table at the last club meeting



Brian Scrivens



Jeff Billing



Mike Caddwick



Julian Birch



Duncan Secker



Julian Birch



Ted Barber



Julian Birch



John Pitt



Alan Davies



Ian Feldmesser



John Gibbons



Julian Birch

Display Table item



Really nice large Bowl, with beautiful grain

At first glance you are lead to believe that this is actually laminated, but no John made this from Monkey Puzzle tree lumber.

The tree is grown in this country has a decorative Dioecious [male female] tree, which is an ever green and grows to in excess of 30mtrs in height



Microphone on stand

Not so impressive when you think of the simplicity of the turning, when you actually think about it as an whole quite ingenious.

Bill,s inspiration for this was from his interest in blue grass music scene, and its not until you actually stop and look closer that you can break down the every day components which its made from.

Well done Bill, I for one was intrigued



Bill Cole

Wig Stands—Repeat request

Members may recall that SAW members contributed about a dozen wig stands to the Macmillan Cancer support centre (See July 2021 Newsletter).

If you wish to make and donate to this brilliant cause , please bring your items for the display table

For those that wish some dimensions / ideas there is a Kade Bolger how to guide on the members page

<https://www.shropshirewoodturners.co.uk/wig-design>

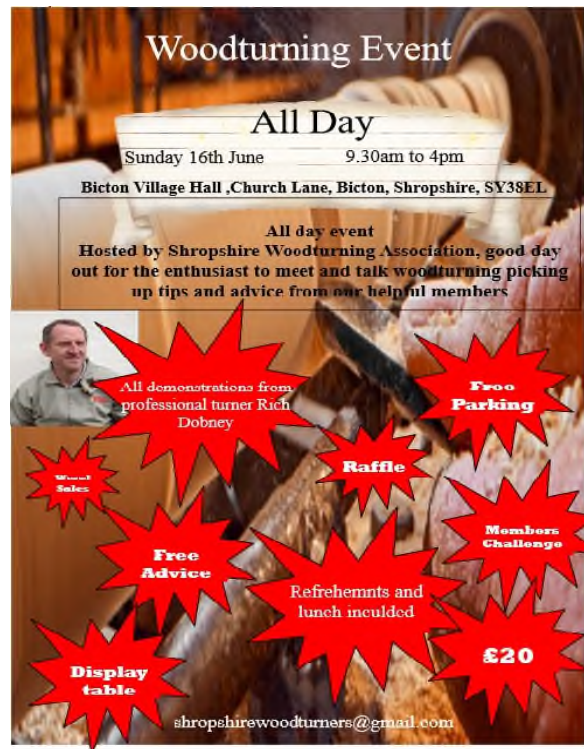
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Events for you diary

Our all Day June event is fast approaching If there anything that members think we should do or include please let us know.

Lets make it a great day



Let us Know, Contact any Committee member
Face to face or email : shropshirewoodturners@gmail.com

Have your say

If you would like to comment or have a 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.

Its your Club

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

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

We are trying to put systems in place to improve our communication between members, and it has been identified that we have had an issue with the email address

So

Members can still email the club at Shropshirewoodturners@gmail.com

or alternatively Paul@oakleaproducts.co.uk where we will endeavour to answer you query ASAP