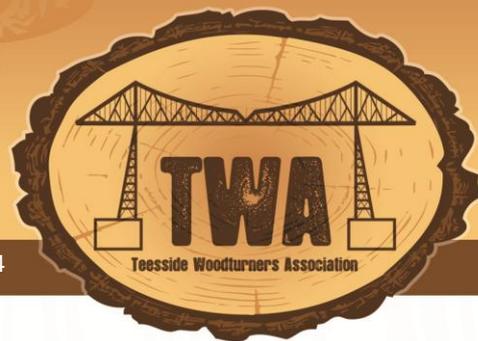


Turning Point

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Newsletter



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Welcome to an unexpected August edition. As things have worked out your newly retired (from work) editor is home with time on his hands after some work by another sort of craftsman. A great deal has happened since the last edition and even though I have not been present, various correspondents have been keeping me up to date. The downside of retirement is the loss of access to some very good (and cheap) printing facilities, so the paper version may be delayed until a suitable replacement is found. I see no reason why the digital version should not press on regardless and we'll deal with the 'Luddite tendency' when we can. Pete R

July 1st Table-top Turn-out



Nigel Coates shows us how the worm can turn !



Brian Haggath shows what Yew can do



Dave Muckle does us a small service

Quite a variety for a small turn-out, this week we managed some individual pictures to give a little more detail.



. . . and Stan Lax gives us 'Russian Hats'?

Dave Bowkett donated these pens to the 'Pens for Heroes' Appeal



Stan alerted us to a plea for hedgehogs to support a 'Forest School' for children with disabilities, in Eaglescliffe, who had had their funding withdrawn!

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July 8th Table -top Turn-out



Probably the biggest single collection of one type of object we have ever seen and a fantastic response to last week's appeal. Too many contributors to mention but Thank You All.



Frank Bowman



Mick McGee

Competition News:

We are seeing many and varied exhibits on the table each week which has encouraged us to organise another competition, this will be held on **Wednesday 9th September**. It will be an open competition so you are free to let your imagination run riot. There will be two classes - *Craftsman* and *Novice*. It is extremely difficult to decide which members qualify for each class so we have decided that Novices will be anyone with a membership number higher than 260, i.e. joined after September 2011. That is a very generous range but the hope is that it will attract more entries. If anyone in this range feels that we are being insulting to their skills then by all means feel free to enter your piece in the Craftsman class. The competition is being sponsored by John Burdett who has very generously given £60 for prizes. We have decided to offer that money as Axminster vouchers - i.e. Craftsman class 1st prize £30, 2nd prize £20, 3rd prize £10. The vouchers can be redeemed on line, by telephone, by post or in person at their shop. If none of these are convenient then there will be plenty of members willing to buy them from you. I can redeem them as part of the routine orders I put in to Axminster. The club will provide vouchers for the Novice class of 1st prize £20, 2nd prize £10 and third prize £10.

Judging will be by vote from the members present on the night. Each member will be given two slips of paper, one for each class, and he will be asked to enter just one number on each. The entry with the highest number of votes will get 1st prize, etc. This judging method means that all members get a chance to choose their favourite piece and it avoids controversial decisions by dedicated judges. We hope to see many and varied entries, particularly from the novices. You have six weeks to prepare your masterpieces so let's get cracking, (no that's an unfortunate word in the circumstances) let's get started and happy turning. Brian Haggath

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July Pro Demo: David Lowe RPT

Our July demonstrator was David Lowe RPT and he started off by explaining the difference between Art Deco and Art Nouveau. David then went on to produce a nice Art Deco lidded bowl with a finial. The bowl was ridged inside and out and hilarity ensued when David found that the piece of timber for the finial was too small. However, in true Blue Peter fashion, he already had one turned up. He did then go on to demonstrate turning a finial. David also started a quiz off between the members about the points he had raised at the start and one member won the prize which was a bread knife blank. There were twelve questions in all and one member managed to get thirteen answers !!!!!!!

David went on to produce a nice T-Lite candle holder from Ash which he textured and ebonised and then applied a Lavender coloured 'Buff It' wax to the textured surface. This produced a fine holder which would grace any table.

All in all a very good demonstration by a pleasant demonstrator making his third visit to our club with something different to show.

David Muckle RPT



July 22nd Table-top Turn-out

Helena Kilvington

Dave Muckle

Dennis Wake

John Oldham

Ted
Thurston

David Lowe
(Demo)

Colin
Mortlock

John Basford

David Otterson



July 29th Table-top Turn-out

Nigel Coates

Frank Bowman

Robbie Cooper

Colin Mortlock

Norman Sanders

Thomas
Atkinson

Events Diary

August

19th Tony Wilson

September

16th Gerry Marlowe RPT

October

21st Sue Harker RPT

November

18th Mick Hanbury RPT

TWA 'Smalls'

Quite often I have a bit of space, like this one, remaining after all of the main articles have been written composed or formatted. Sometimes it is too small for articles and too large to fill by just making other stuff bigger. It seems to me that we could use these spaces to advertise, within the club, tools and other bits of equipment that we don't use any more or that someone bought us but we didn't really want etc. There might be stuff we would like to buy or wonder if anyone else could lend or doesn't want.

I will be quite happy to accept small ads for such items - to be used as and when. All you need to do is drop me an e-mail, or a note on club night. (We can preserve anonymity and just put people in touch with each other.)

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