

SAW – February 2021

Member's Magazine and Information

New Year special



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Happy new year?

We hope so – at least the Zoom meetings are going well and the committee has lots more plans to keep the club entertained, interested and together.. AND.. membership is growing!

SAW Meetings Calendar 2021 - via Zoom until further notice

Log in will be circulated via email 2/3 days in advance of all meetings or are available from the Club Secretary Teresa Goodricke via the webpage or telephone 07951 720220

Date	Meeting	Member Challenges
January Wednesday 27th 19.15 Hours	Club chat	show and tell theme - Lidded box
February Wednesday 24 th 19.15 Hours	Sue Harker - Professional Demonstration – details above	No formal challenge
March Wednesday 24 th 19.15 Hours	Club chat	show and tell theme - Fruit OR something inspired by Sue Harker's demonstration
April Wednesday 28th 19.00 Hours	Stewart Furini – Professional Demonstrator	No formal challenge
May Wednesday 26th 19.15 Hours	Club chat	Show and tell theme - TBA
June Wednesday 23th 19.15 Hours	Les Thorne – Professional Demonstrator	No formal challenge
July Wednesday 28th	TBA	TBA
August Wednesday 25th	TBA	TBA
September Wednesday 22th	TBA	TBA
October Wednesday 27th	TBA	TBA
November Wednesday 24th	TBA	TBA
December Wednesday 8th	AGM Details TBA	TBA

Next meeting - 24th February

Next month's Zoom meeting will be a "Live" demonstration by Sue Harker. So please put it in your diary and watch out for further details. She will be demonstrating Inside Out Turning - sounds very interesting. This will be our first club "live" demo so exciting times. Sue is based Yorkshire and has been woodturning for more than 20 years and is a member of the Register of Professional Turners. When we contacted her last year she felt it was too far to travel to Shropshire for a demo so we are delighted to be able to see her this year, she has said that she likes to demonstrate to a large group so please try to join us. As with a "normal" demo there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and I'm sure Sue will welcome them. We will also be offering the Black Country Woodturners the opportunity to join us at a guest cost of £5 per person, our normal price for guests on a demonstration evening. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Nigel Goodricke

Challenge for March meeting

The challenge is to turn a piece of fruit (i.e. from wood - though I have seen a video of someone "turning" a pineapple - very messy!)

But if you have done enough fruit, then you can turn anything that has been inspired by Sue Harker's demonstration.

SAW's seventh ZOOM meeting – Wednesday 27th January

(Attended by 22 club members – still going up!)

Toys from Santa

Bill Clyne started the story with his own "best present" – a Colwin Way skew chisel.

He then encouraged members to share their woodturning presents:

- Alan Davies had a set of three skew chisels
- John Gibbons had a set of woodjaws for reverse chucking
- Cadi Price had a book to get her started on woodturning
- Teresa was delighted with her Simon Hope hollowing tool – recommending a Simon Hope video on its use.
- Ian Feldmesser also had some hollowing tools – a set of three from Rutlands
- Ted Barber had got another scraper – a heavy duty one
- Nigel Goodricke had got the Axminster faceplate and cone to go on the tailstock

Show and Tell – a lidded box

Alan Davis

- Two small boxes in yew.
- A large box with Oak lid.

John Gibbons

- A chestnut bowl with a lid in yew.
- (John's large tulip bowl from monkey puzzle will be shown in the March Newsletter)



Stuart Ray

- Small bowl with screw on lid.
- Money box with screw on base.
- A small box with inlay top and trapped ring insert.
- A box made from a banksia nut with the seed holes filled with copper.

Julian Birch

- An elm triangular box.
- An acorn box.



Andrew Thomson

- A trunnion box with trapped rings.

John Griffins

- A large box with an insert in lid.

Bill Cole

- An oblate shaped damson box.



Colin Mee

- A snowman box
- with another inside.



John Pitt

- A Russia inspired onion domed box in yew.
- Golden domed box with fluted windows.



Bill Clyne

- A music box



Nigel Goodricke

- A tapered box in cherry.
- A shaped box with a copper ring.



George Powell

- A small rosewood box.

Teresa Goodricke

- A box made in cherry.
- A laburnum box with a coolie hat lid.
- An oak box with aluminium inlay on lid.



Ian Critchly (contributions by email)

- Green box is American tulip,
- Brown box is magnolia



Review of member contributions - by the Chairman

Ted Barber said he was impressed with the variety and quality of the lidded boxes turning shown in the Show and Tell. He recommended practicing precise lid fitting with any old timber and hence gaining confidence and showed some of his more adventurous ideas – including a hedgehog within a hedgehog, Mrs Tiggywinkle and a teapot type fitting as an alternative to a screw thread.

Q&A

There was a lively Q&A this time! It started with “What is the best tool to ensure a flat bottom to a lidded box?” Answers included a flat ended scraper, a Les Thorne multi tool (various ends), a negative rake scraper (gets right into the corners etc).

Another question was on the best approach to the shape of the join – taper or parallel?

Q&A included a poll on what members most appreciated in the Zoom meetings – the answer was all of it (demonstrations, Show and Tell, workshop tours, Q&A) but there were also helpful suggestions on:

- how to improve the quality of pictures - encouraging contributors to show their work using the screen share function
- how to improve sound – by using the mute more extensively
- how to improve the lighting of each person – set up and adjust *before* the Zoom meeting

There was a suggestion that “Wood identification” would be a useful topic for a meeting – Ted is the obvious person!

Alan Davies informed the meeting that the SAW Facebook page has been re establishment and encouraged members to sign in and register. They can then post ideas and questions.

Finally there was brief discussion on making a mug with a handle... A mug with a circular handle (Julian) and a teacup with a delicately curved handle (Andrew) were immediately displayed!

Home made tools

The pictures and descriptions below are in response to my request for examples of home-made tools and jigs.

Teresa Goodricke - Push Plate - As an alternative (and cheaper) to Button Jaws

Components:

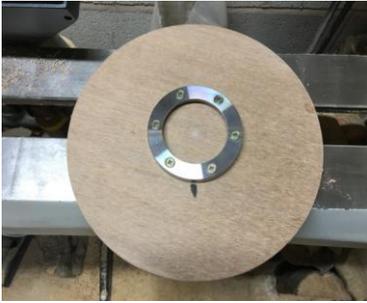
- Good quality 18/20mm Plywood (size sufficient to turn to required diameter)
- Axminster or similar face plate ring to suit 'your' chuck jaws
- Double sided self Adhesive carpet tape
- Router matting



Nigel Goodricke - Lathe Sander

Components:

- Good quality 18/20mm Plywood (size sufficient for sanding disc and support table)
- Turned wooden post to suit your banjo
- Axminster or similar face plate ring to suit 'your' chuck jaws
- Self adhesive Velcro tape (to cover face of sanding disc)
- Velcro backed sanding discs



Andrew Thomson – a wobble clock

Do remember Andrew's "wobble clock"? He said this is described in the Woodturning magazine from about July 2006 and explained:

"When making the wobble clock you need to start with two blanks so that the jig is balanced. I usually make two clocks while I'm at it, but I only wanted one, so the rough looking piece of yew in the picture below is just there to serve as a counterbalance and was never intended for a second clock."

Photos show "the jig I made, essential for making the clock" and the jig as shown in the magazine.



Andrew Thomson – two other jigs

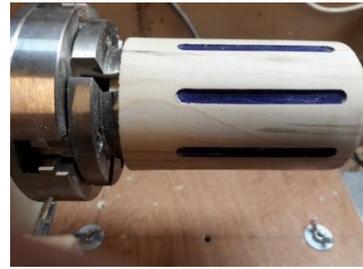
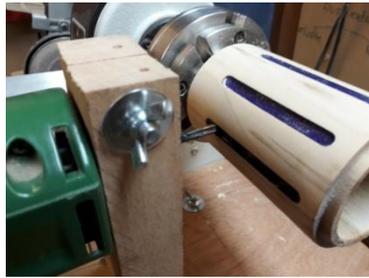
"The device I showed at the Zoom meeting last month. It is useful for smoothing the surface of a sphere after the bulk of the work has been done. Not used for basic shaping, but it should produce a true spherical surface. It is made from a hole saw with the teeth ground off and the edge sharpened. It can be used on any size of sphere within reasonable limits.

A jig I thought up for holding a spoon while turning the inside of the bowl end. A bit crude, but it does the job."



John Pitt

One of my router jigs - this one for the straight flutes on my Russian cathedral windows..



Tim Roberts

Tim has a shed full of homemade tools and jigs too.

These are his wedgie sledge and mitre saw jig used to cut the pieces for his amazing segmental turning.



Ted Barber

Ted regrinds old chisels to make purpose shaped scrapers. – sorry, no photos but I have seen them!

Calamity corner

Ted Barber has previously shown his very appealing Mrs Tiggywinkle models. What he has since explained is just how many times it took to get the fit between the head and the body!



Ian Critchly sent a picture of his attempts to make a pyramid box from laburnum and holly. He explained that “Column did start out as a box made of 1 by 1 strips glued up, but I wanted a pyramid shape box.

Thought I'd got the sizes ok so set the saw for the correct angle and cut. Big oops, 1st as you can see two sides are not on form, 2nd the final internal size of said box is so small as to make the time expenditure and cost ridiculous. So far the result sits on the shelf waiting to see if I can think of anything to do with it.



Julian Birch

Julian's contribution is self explanatory.



A story of aiming too thin!

Supporting a Charity

At the beginning of last year I was warbling on to the committee that I felt the club should have some involvement with a local charity as a way of raising funds for the charity and promoting our club. Obviously, with the coming of COVID-19 I forgot about this, we all had more immediate problems to deal with. Anyway, in December I received an email from Andrew Thomson that brought the subject of charity back to me. Andrew had found that he had rather an excess of woodturned items so had gone along to his local Severn Hospice shop to donate them only asking that they display and sell them, not too cheaply, with a label stating they had been made by a member of the Shropshire Association of Woodturners. I thought this was a brilliant idea, so I contacted my local Severn Hospice shop here in Ironbridge and received a very enthusiastic response to my suggestion. So when the shops reopen I shall contact them again and hopefully I can take along 2/3 pieces (I don't want to over burden them) that they can sell and we will get our name seen. This won't give the club or me any financial reward but it will reduce my time spent dusting and longer term it could be very good for the club. I shall investigate a club "label" that can be displayed with all our donated items. So as and when I'll keep you updated and lets see where this leads.

Teresa Goodricke

Nothing to do with woodturning...

Andrew Thomson sent this too

"..but it was the last shot on my camera before the previous pictures. I thought you might like as a diversion. Taken at the Mere in Ellesmere, it shows a goose that I could not find in my bird books so I sent this picture to the British Trust for Ornithology to get an identification. They said it is a "swan goose", a native of China, Mongolia and eastern Siberia. Not quite as exciting as that may sound because quite a few are kept in captivity here and this one may have escaped or been released into the wild. "



A Joke at last!

Medical experts in Dublin today were asked if it is time to ease the COVID lockdown. Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but Neurologists thought the government had a lot of nerve.

Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Many Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and pharmacists claimed it would be a bitter pill to swallow.

Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter." Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was gas, and Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in politics.

Carol Gibbons

Membership changes

If you change your email or address, please advise the treasurer Alan Davies - Alan.ddavies@blueyonder.co.uk

SAW Committee meeting

The committee met by Zoom (how else?) on Wednesday 13th Jan. Key points were:

- The club's financial position remains satisfactory in the short term but income from membership etc will be needed again at some stage.
- Nigel has contacted several professional turners and is arranging further on-line demonstrations
- Ways of attracting new members are being explored – by personal contact, Facebook etc
- The format and content of future meetings continues to be debated
- Meeting dates for 2021 were confirmed – as shown on page 1

For sale

Ian Feldmesser has the following sharpening systems for sale. His contact number is 07824192010



And finally, for the next newsletter “March 2021”

The next newsletter will include a write-up of the demonstration in February by Sue Harker
There will also be an article describing how John Gibbons turns his impressive Monkey Puzzle bowls .

But please keep sending pictures for another **Calamity corner** or another **home-made tools** article.

And some more jokes maybe...

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