



CORNWALL
ASSOCIATION OF
WOODTURNERS



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Dave Chamberlain, Dave Sadler, Sue Butler, Lawrence Moody,
Colin Gooch

Turner Of The Year (TOTY) Runs from November to October



Categories for Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

January - Box - Any turned item with a lid

February - Natural Edge Bowl - A turned bowl with a natural edge

March - Goblet - A drinking vessel with a stem

April - Open - Any turned item

May - Hollow Form - A hollow item where the inside has been turned blind

June - Miniature & *Collaboration* A turned item that when complete fits inside a 35mm film case *Collaboration* - see below

July - Toy - A turned item allowing you to use your imagination

August - Platter - A shallow plate, flat for at least 3/4 across the inside base

September - Bowl - A bowl turned from any wood

October - Decorated Turned Item - A turned item decorated in any way

November - Matching Pair - A pair of turned items of the same size

December - Open, *Collaboration Trophy* & *Christmas Trophy*

Open - Any turned item *Collaboration Trophy* and *Christmas Trophy* see below

Collaboration Trophy in June and December - An item undertaken by 2 or more members from different categories: Junior, Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced (Guild)

Christmas Trophy

'AN OBJECT WITH WHEELS' is this years Christmas Trophy competition, For which there can only be one winner.

At least part made on a lathe. - All entries will be put to the test!!!

Medal winners for February 2024
'NATURAL EDGE BOWL'

ADVANCED CATEGORY



Gold Medal to Mike Hosking



Silver Medal to Pete Stubbs



Bronze Medal to Nick Dodge

Medal winners for February 2024 'NATURAL EDGE BOWL'

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY



Gold Medal to Ron Ashenden



Silver Medal to Morag Clark



Bronze Medal to John Bray

Medal winners for February 2024
'NATURAL EDGE BOWL'

NOVICE CATEGORY



Gold Medal to Tom Mellish



Silver Medal to Chris Gladwell



Bronze Medal to Marten Holmes

Medal winners for February 2024 'NATURAL EDGE BOWL'

BEGINNER CATEGORY



Gold Medal to Melanie Grigg



Nothing entered for Silver



Nothing entered for Bronze

LES THORNE DEMO DAY 17th FEB

On Saturday 17th February a group of our members were thrilled to host professional woodturner Les Thorne for a visit, talk and demonstration.

Les has been on the Register for Professional Turners since 2001 and shared his immense knowledge and experience with our club.

His informative talk covered numerous styles of cuts and techniques.

This included an in-depth tutorial on how to make delicate finials, which take great skill and precision.

Les kept us chuckling with his sharp but good-natured humor, especially his gripes about working with sycamore wood.

For his demonstration, Les turned a beautiful bowl from (hated) sycamore wood with an inlaid ring of contrasting padouk wood. Despite his disdain for sycamore, the result was simply stunning.

Throughout the day, Les fielded many questions from our engaged club members, proving he is as talented at teaching as he is at woodturning.

Lunch was provided, as usual, by Vicky and as always, was delicious.

With all the laughs and inspiration, our woodturning club thoroughly enjoyed hosting the witty and knowledgeable Les Thorne.

We look forward to applying the many skills we gleaned from him to our own projects.



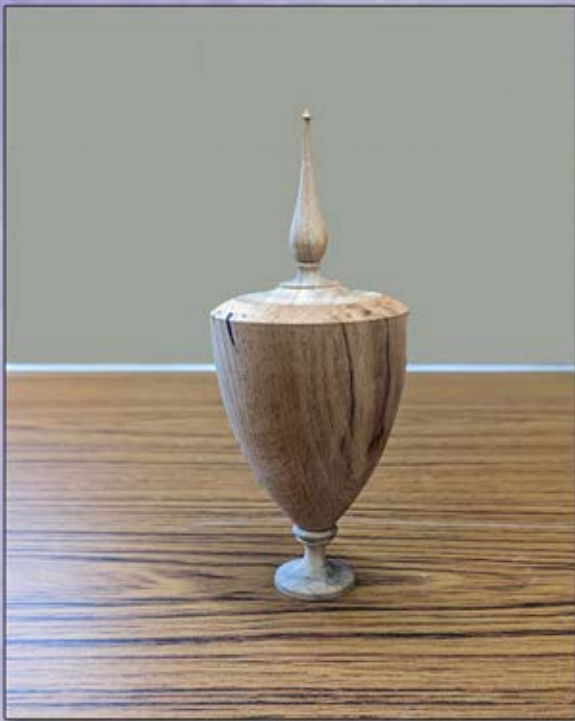


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**TUTORS
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With many thanks to Les.

Club Nights.

Our monthly demonstration night featured club chairman Dave Chamberlain sharing his knowledge and experience on turning lamp bases.

With years of lamp base making under his belt, Dave highlighted both the recommended method and his own preferred techniques.

Despite having to deal with a few gremlins that were hiding in the lathe, Dave showed us the various tools designed for the drilling of the

centre of the lamp bases and then showed us his own personal approach which he has refined using trial and error throughout the years.



Thanks Dave, for taking the time to share your expertise.







This month's 'borrowed' article from Woodturner.

Microwaving wood is an effective drying method

I believe that I am on to the solution; it has worked well for the last several turnings.

I reasoned that, for the bound water to break through the cells, they must be heated past the boiling point - some turners boil their wood for hours but the outside of the wood must not dry faster than the inside or bad cracks will occur.

I place a mug of water in the microwave - about 8oz - along with the partly turned piece.

I place a turned 255mm bowl about 38mm thick in the microwave and set it on high for 15 minutes.

For thinner pieces I reduce the time.

After the oven stops I wait until the piece is completely cool before I open the door.

This could take over an hour.

You want the outside to absorb some of the moisture.

If the wood is warm, the moisture will dry too fast and will cause cracking.

I remount it on my lathe and finish turning.

My moisture meter should read less than 10%.

Some pieces should be returned to the oven for 1.5-3 minutes after turning and before finishing. The turner must be the judge about how long.

The turning is now ready to apply finish.

My turning can be completed in one day.

Some pieces do develop small cracks but nothing I cannot fix with sanding dust and CA glue.

Bill Smith

CLUB NOTICE BOARD AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Further information on the details of our new bank.

We now bank with NatWest, Truro.
The club account details are:
NAT WEST, TRURO

For membership payments, etc please use:
52-41-31
45336644

For 100 Club BACS payments please use:
52-41-31
45336636

Please note that these details supercede the incorrect ones published in last months newsletter.

Upcoming Events. Club Nights.

March

Asymmetric Turning by Nick Dodge.

TOTY - This months category is 'GOBLET'.

However for this year, (being so close to Easter),
Morag has changed the category to

A GOBLET CONTAINING A TURNED EGG

April

A Maritime Disaster by David Harris.

TOTY - This months category is 'OPEN'.

DEMO NIGHTS.

Usually held twice a year.
We invite professional
turners from across the
country to come
to the club and demonstrate.

READERS CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have anything to contribute, please contact me at
webmaster4caw@gmail.com

This month we actually have a contribution from a member!
So very many thanks to David Crocker for the following article.



As the Cornish sun sets, casting a warm glow over the Wheal Jane workshop, the hum (rattle?) of spinning lathes fills the air, accompanied by laughter and the occasional whirr of a tool meeting wood.

For the budding woodturner, joining a welcoming community like Cornwall Association of Woodturners is an invitation to a world of creativity, skill-sharing, and friendships.

Entering the club as a novice woodturner can be intimidating, but fear not the Cornwall Association of Woodturners prides itself on its warm and inclusive atmosphere.

Whether you're a seasoned professional or just unwrapping your first set of turning tools, You're sure to find a mentor eager to share their expertise and passion.

Woodturning is not just a craft; it's an art form that allows individuals to transform raw pieces of wood into intricate, functional pieces.

Within the club's walls, you'll find a diverse array of turners creating everything from classic bowls and vases to things that don't necessarily have a name yet!

The club encourages members to experiment, offering workshops and demonstrations that expand horizons and inspire new projects.

At the heart of Cornwall Association of Woodturners is a sense of community that transcends the shared love for turning.

Regular meetings, collaborative projects, and even friendly competitions create an environment where members grow not only as artists but as friends.

Whether you need advice on perfecting a technique or just want to share the joy of completing your first project, the club is there for you.

I'm not good at meeting new people or trying new things, and I walked in with trepidation and curiosity, and I found a great bunch of people.

The club has been a guiding light (my only light) in my woodturning journey.

The encouragement, the knowledge-sharing, and the laughter we share makes every meeting a highlight of my week.

So, thanks to everyone for putting up with me asking the same questions every week and still getting the same things wrong.

I have really enjoyed becoming a member of this club and I look forward to evenings where I don't ask so many questions.



ITEM	SIZE/COLOURS	PRICE
WOOD BLANKS	Various types and sizes including pen blanks***	***From £1.50
ABRASIVES & ACCESSORIES		
Mirka Abranet	70 x 125 Mixed Pack (80, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400 Grits)	£4.00 per pack
	80 Grit: single pieces	£1.00 each
Hook & Loop	150mm x 0.5m - 6 x Mixed Grits	£9.40 per pack
J Flex	115mm x 1m - 80, 100, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400, 600 Grits	£3.00 each grit
Mirka Carat Flex	115mm x 0.5m - 180, 240, 320, 400 Grits	£0.80 each grit
Nyweb		£0.50
Sanding Paddle		£8.20
Interface Pad	70mm x 200mm	£7.00
Mirka Backing Pad	10mm	£10.00
Robert Sorbey Pro-Edge Abrasive Belts	Ceramic: 80 grit or 120 grit Aluminium Oxide: 180 or 240 grit	£4.85 each £2.50 each
FINISHING PRODUCTS		
CHE STAIN		
Cellulose Sanding Sealer	Spray	£9.00
Cellulose Sanding Sealer	500ml Can	£10.80
Acrylic Sanding Sealer	Spray	£8.10
Woodwax 22	450ml Clear	£11.00
	450 ml Medium Brown, Golden Brown, Mellow Brown	£10.25 each
Liming Wax	450ml	£12.00
Microcrystalline Wax	225ml	£11.40
Cu'n Polish	225ml	£14.00
Hard Wax Oil	500ml Gloss or Satin	£16.50
Ebonising Lacquer	400ml Acrylic Spray	£8.50
Burnishing Cream	500ml	£13.20
Friction Polish	500ml	£16.20
Tung Oil	500ml	£10.80
Lemon Oil	500ml	£10.80
Finishing Oil	500ml	£10.20
End Seal	1.050ml	£9.90
Spray Lacquer	400ml Acrylic: Gloss or Satin 400ml Melamine: Gloss	£8.10 £9.00
Spirit Stain	25ml Golden or Mid Oak - Brown, Red, Light or Antique Mahogany	£1.50 each
" "	25ml Teak, Pine, Rosewood or Yew	£1.50 each
" "	12 x 25ml Pack of Mixed Colours	£15.50
OTHER		
Club Mix Cellulose Sanding Sealer	1 Litre (Diluted 50/50)	£7.00
Food Safe Chopping Board Oil	Natural (no additives)	£4.00
CA Glue	20g Medium Viscosity	£1.20
" "	50g Medium Viscosity	£4.60
" "	50g Low Viscosity (Thin Grade)	£5.00
Beeswax Stick		£2.25
Liberon Coloured Wax		£3.75
Pitt Type Glue Sticks		£0.75
Hot Melt Glue Sticks	11mm x 270mm	£0.25
Superglue	Gorilla, Sealix or Loctite Bostik or Poundland	£5.00 each £1.00 each
PROJECT KITS & ACCESSORIES		
Bud Vase Tubes	Small: Single or Pack of 5 Medium: Single Large: Single	£0.25 or £1.00 £0.20 £0.50
Mini Key Ring Pen Kit	Chrome	£2.75
Cigar Pen Kit	Satin	£4.50
Pen Kits	Silimine	£2.60
Inserts	Silimine	£2.00
Refills	Silimine	£8.50
Ymm Tubes	Pack of 4	£2.20
Twist Pen Refills	Blue or Black: Single, Pack of 5 or Pack of 10	£0.50, £1.75 (5) or £4.50 (10)
Pen Bags	Various Colours: Single	£0.60
Pen Boxes	Plastic: Single	£0.50
Candle Cups	Brass: Pack of 4	£6.50
" "	Brass Finish: Single	£1.00
" "	Steel with Bezel: Single	£2.50
" "	Copper Finish: Single	£1.00
" "	Tea Light Cups	£0.75
PROJECT KITS & ACCESSORIES		
Bottle Openers - various finishes		£4.50
Letter Opener		£4.70
Pepper Grinder	6 inches Ceramic	£4.45
Photo/Note Holder		£3.20
Lamp Holder, inc Plate		£5.00
Lamp Holder, inc Plate	Safety Switch Version	£5.50
Letter Opener		£3.00
SUNDRIES		
Safety Glasses		£5.50
Safety Overglasses		£5.50
Empty Squeazy Bottle Dispenser with Nozzle	250ml	£1.00
" "	500ml	£1.50
Face Plate Ring	Charmwood	£13.00



Club Clothing:

Polo shirts - £12.50 +VAT

Sweatshirt - £15.50 +VAT

Full Zip Fleece - £19.95 +VAT

Full Zip Smocks - (Lovells Workwear) - £40 +VAT

Baseball caps @ £9 + VAT.



If you wish to order any of the following (which include embroidery) please email susanbutler29@hotmail.com

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THANKS FOR READING
AND SEE YOU NEXT
MONTH.

