



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes from the Editor

Inside, you will find the demos by Gary Rance and Terry Smart.

The AWGB have asked if anyone is interested in attending the Creative Craft Show at the NEC 31st October to 3rd November to help out on the AWGB stand - manning or turning! Contact Roger Phebey trade@awgb.co.uk or phone 07843 370006 if you are interested.

Terry Smart, producer of the Chestnut range of products. is organising another Woodturning Weekender on 1st/2nd Saturday/Sunday August 2020. See Chestnut's website for further information. I enjoyed the last one and I have already booked my place for the next one.

It is AGM time again. This will be held on Tuesday 5th November, followed by a hands-on session. If you want to raise any issues, please let me or another committee member know or speak up at the meeting.

We are attending the Hinckley market Christmas lights event on Friday 22nd November. Please bring donations for our stall and raffle donations for the Christmas social evening on December 17th. Don't forget the competitions: Christmas bowl & spinning top.

Axminster have a re-launch of their pen ranges on Saturday 26th November. Come and see me turn a few pens.

Regards Rob Sheehan

Gary Rance 20/8/2019

By Rob Sheehan



Gary's first project of the evening was an "idiot stick". This was a very amusing spindle turning project for the majority of the audience who knew the secret, as those who didn't know the secret, tried in vain to hook the plunger on the rubber band and make it snap back into the tube. Using a 5" long by 1" square piece of pine, Gary drilled a 7mm hole approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ the length. He then turned it to a cylinder, rounded the end (but left a flat) and turned a bead at either end. Gary drilled a hole through the side of the tube to intersect with the central hole, approximately 10mm from its end. After sanding, sealing and finishing the main body, he got an audience member to thread a piece of rubber through the cross hole. Gary then turned the matching plunger - a rounded bulbous end with a 6mm dowel, long enough to reach into the body past the rubber band, with a notch to hook onto the rubber band. Again, this was sanded, sealed and finished. Gary then demonstrated the process of carefully inserting the dowel into the hole, twisting it to hook onto the rubber band, pulling it out to stretch the rubber band and producing a loud crack as the plunger was snapped back into the body by the rubber band.



Gary's next project was a pear, turned from a 3" cube of laburnum. (3" to maximise the use of a 3" x 12" blank). Holding it on a screw chuck, Gary turned it to round and reduced the top diameter to the finished size, followed by starting to round over the bottom. He drilled a 3mm hole in the top before sanding, sealing and finishing it to a high gloss (gloss sells better). Gary used home made jam/screw chuck to hold the top while he finished the bottom. A clove in the bottom and a hazel twig (soaked in ebony stain) inserted at an angle and glued in with Titebond II glue, completed the piece.



Gary's third project of the evening was a 14" diameter picture frame. By angling the cut to remove the centre, he can get four pieces from the 14" blank. In a show of his excellent control, Gary turned a series of four beads in a single flowing motion.



Gary's last project was a Christmas decoration in Maple. Another lesson in the use of the skew chisel that had been modified so it only had a millimeter or two of blade, so control had to be precise.



Terry Smart 17/9/19

By Rob Sheehan



Terry replaced John Johnson who was unable to attend. Terry explained how his company, Chestnut Finishes, only has 3 members of staff. Quite amazing that he can run a YouTube channel have a weekly newsletter and run a business with so few people. Terry has produced a useful chart (on the back of the catalogue/price list) showing which finishes can be used on top of which base coat. He explained that any finish can be

used on any wood but it is important to choose the right finish for the project. Is it for display only, will it be handled, will it come into contact with food etc. Terry then demonstrated his finishing process on a pre-prepared wooden cylinder. He sanded 80 grit, 120g, 180g, 240g, 320g and 400 grit, followed by green Nyweb pad 400 grit, red 600g, orange 1000g and non-abrasive white Nyweb. This was followed by a tack cloth (kept in a sealed jar). One coat of (un-thinned) sanding sealer was buffed up using burnishing cream. Terry also demonstrated his waxes, lacquers, friction polish, ebonising lacquer, gilt cream food safe finish and his 3 mop buffing system.



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB EVENTS 2019

November	5th AGM	followed by Hands On
	19th	tbd
December	3rd	Steve Heeley
	17th	Christmas Social