NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes From The Editor

In this issue, you can see pictures from the demonstration by Wolfgang Schulze-Zachau. He turned a 2-up and 2-down square platter and part turned a bowl with a ring.

I have also included pictures from the 2026 AWGB seminar held in Stratford-on-Avon. Thanks to Giles for providing some of the photos.

The club is 25 years old this year. In celebration, we have changed our logo (see front cover) to add the 25 years. We have also had new shirts made with the new logo. We celebrated the 25 years with pizza, cake and a new club photo. Contact me if you want an electronic copy (free of charge) or a printed copy charged at cost.

Our AGM went smoothly as usual. We decided not to put up the club fees and we decided to trial a card machine. The committee is unchanged. After the success last year, we will be running teams alongside the normal Hands-On sessions.

The club will have a charity stall at the Hinckley lights switch-on event on Friday 20th November. Please come along between 4pm and 7pm to help out.

The Christmas party is on Tuesday 15th December. The main competiton is a Fungus-related turning. We will have he usual spinning top competitions, quiz and buffet.

Our room at Hatters Space is due to be renovated after the next meeting. We will still meet there but we will be in another room. Details TBD.

Our next meeting is a Hands-On on 3rd November. We also have two demos. Bill Bennett on 17th November and Paddy on 1st December.

Rob Sheehan
Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Web Site Manager

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Wolfgang Schulze-Zachau 6/10/26

Wolfgang gave us two choices for the evening demo. The first was a 2-up and 2-down square platter. The second was a bowl with a ring. We chose the platter. As it happened however, he managed to turn the platter and also the outside of the bowl..

Starting with an 8” square of Holly, Wolfgang flattened the bottom and took some mass off the blank so he could speed up the lathe.

He added a chucking spigot and shaped the bottom of the bowl into a gentle ogee. Using a push cut to avoid breakout, Wolfgang undercut the corners to leave four downward curves.

Holding the platter on the chucking spigot, he flattened the top.

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Again using a push cut, Wolfgang cut the four corners. This time, they had an upward sweep. The combination of downward sweep on the bottom and upward sweep on the top produced a dovetail shape at each corner.

He then hollowed out the centre to follow the shape on the bottom.

Using an inertia sander, Wolfgang sanded the middle of the platter. The wings were left till later.

Using a waste block, shaped to fit the top curve of the platter, Wolfgang prepared to remove the chucking spigot.

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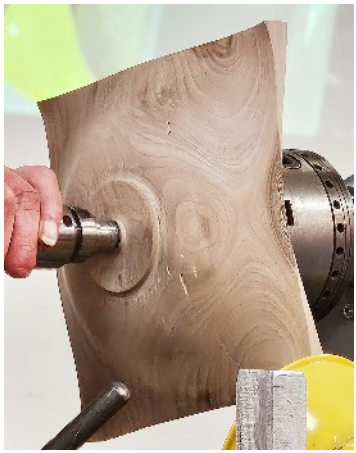
Using just friction, Wolfgang brought up the tail stock to hold the platter so he could remove the chucking spigot.



Wolfgang curved the outside of the spigot and coved the inside, converting the spigot into a foot for the platter.

Using a sanding disc in a Jacobs chuck in the rotating headstock, to sand the corners.

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Now the magic. Using a large sanding disc in the headstock, Wolfgang sanded away two opposite corners on the topside of the platter. This removed the upward sweep and matched the platter thickness into the downward sweep.

Wolfgang then sanded away the downward sweep on the other two corners, just leaving the two upward sweeps.

He then finish sanding the corners.

The bandsawn edges of the platter were then sanded.

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The finished 2-up and 2-down square platter.

The upward sweep and downward sweep of the corners, can be seen here.

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Bowl with a Ring

The starting blank for a bowl with a ring. This was Wolfgang's second project for the evening

Wolfgang shaped the bottom of the bowl, leaving a ring of wood around the centre.

The finished outside of a bowl with a ring.

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The finished outside of a bowl with a ring. Bob Smith took it home to hollow the centre and apply a finish.

Some of Wolfgang’s work

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AWGB Seminar 2026

Held at the Crown Plazza hotel in Stratford-on-Avon. 10 demonstrators. 5 simultaneous demonstrations, 4 times a day over 2 days, plus master classes and sharpening clinics. There was also a gallery of work and trade stands.

Emma Cook gave 3 different demos during the weekend.

"Northern Lights" hanging form.

"Fusion of Glass and Wood"

Resin lidded hollow form.

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Gary Rance.

4 piece candlestick.

Mary Rose Pepper Mill.
Copy of a 500 years old pepper mill found on the sunken ship Mary Rose.

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Pascal Oudet

Hidden Joint Box.

The blank is split between growth rings, allowing the join on the finished box to be hidden by the growth rings.

The starting blank. Sandblasted or wire brushed to expose the growth rings. It is then cut on a bandsaw between rings.

The finished egg shaped box. Pascal used an insert, made from the same wood, to join the two halves.

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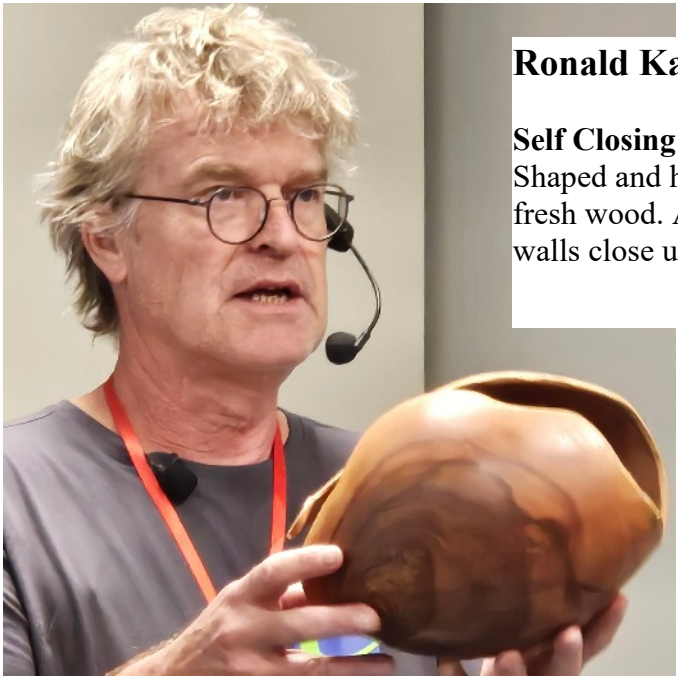

Ronald Kanne

Self Closing Hollow Form
Shaped and hollowed from very fresh wood. As it dries, the thin walls close up the gap.

Oval Box with Threaded Lid
The recessed lid fits into a routered slot.

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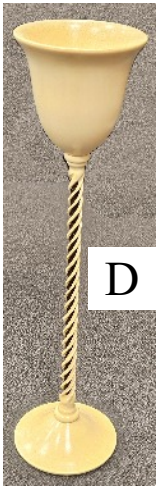
Stuart Mortimer

A; Basic Hollow Form with Open Twist
B: Tazza with rope edge and open twist stem.
C: Matching goblets with open twist stem and solid twist core.
D: Goblet with twisted stem and different coloured solid core.



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Emmet Kanne
President of the Irish
Woodturners Guild

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Katie Armstrong
Youngest member to have joined the Register of Professional Turners.

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Phil Irons
World-renowned woodturner.

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Club member Oscar had 3 pieces on display in the gallery.

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Gallery pieces that caught my eye.

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More gallery pieces that caught my eye.

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25th Anniversary Celebration

The club started 25 years ago at the North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (hence the club's name). Here are a few pictures from the celebration, including a photo of all members who attended. I can provide a copy of the photo if you want to print it yourself. I plan to get 8" x 5" copies printed for anyone who wants one.

As part of the celebration, we have a new logo and had new shirts made. Instead of the usual biscuits, we had a special treat of pizza. John Evans' nephew also made us a special cake for the occasion.

Members’ work on display at the celebration.

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The outside of the bowl above, was turned by our last demonstrator Wolfgang Schulze-Zachau. Bob Smith hollowed it, re-sanded it and finished it.

Members' work on display at the celebration.

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Members' Work

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July	7	Demo	Bob Smith
	21	Hands-On	
August	4	Hands-On	PAT Testing
	18	Hands-On	
	22	Barwell Carnival	
	29/30	Chestnut Woodturning Weekender	
September	1st	Demo	Tony Jones
	15th	Demo	Martin Randall
October	6th	Demo	Wolfgang Shulze-Zachau
	10/11	AWGB Festival of Woodturning	
	20	AGM followed by 25th Anniversary	
November	3	Hands-On	Christmas Theme
	17	Demo	Bill Bennett
	20	Hinckley Christmas Lights Switch-On	
December	1	Oval Box	Paddy Byrne
	15	Christmas Social	

CLUB EVENTS 2027

January	5	Hands-On	
April	?	Stand at Chris Parker's Northern Show	
November	2	Demo	Richard Findley

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