

Waveney & District



Wood Turners

## E-News

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### September Demonstrations.

This month there was not one demonstration but up to seven stations covering many aspects of wood turning, and beyond, to entertain us.

I cannot write in any detail on most of the areas as I did not have time to visit them all and I suspect that applied to most of us.

As a club we are grateful to those who took the time to prepare something for us and to help make the evening the success I believe it was. In no particular order our thanks are due to:-

Roger Groom for sharing his expertise on spindle turning. Roger was brave enough to let me loose with a skew chisel and under his keen eye I was able to produce a passable finish on a piece of beech and came away determined to do as I was told and practice for a few minutes every time I go to the workshop. I know also that his comments to me helped others who were watching.

Nick Shore gave a fascinating insight into a piece of rippled ash (as well as showing some superb finished pieces) and its 114 year history.

Eric Smith again brought along his scroll saw and small bandsaw to demonstrate the mysteries of and skills required to produce amazing pictures in relief; a discipline called intarsia.

Brian Partridge, our AWGB representative had driven up from Essex and used the club lathe to demonstrate some off-centre turning.

Len Stout brought a huge range of kit to allow members to have a go at pyrography and also demonstrated how to make wire elements of different shapes for the Peter Child system. Several members had a go and one or two showed a real talent for it.

Andrew Bailey ably demonstrated the intricacies of pen making using a basic set of equipment and 7mm slim-line pen parts; it is clear that with some imagination and care in finishing some striking results are possible.

David Ritchie and Ken Rodgers not only demonstrated the Pro-edge sharpening system but re-shaped several tools for members over the course of the evening whilst passing on tips about shape, bevel angles and techniques.



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- 1 David with the pro-edge sharpener.
- 2 Having a go with the pyrography gear – trying something new is what the evening's about.
- 3 A slice of rippled ash from the trunk in the small picture.
- 4 Rippled ash bowl by Nick Shore, a beautiful piece.
- 5 Andrew Bailey, with an attentive audience, turning pens.
- 6 Brian Partridge on the club lathe.
- 7 Brian again in full flow during the critique.

Once again a huge vote of thanks to those who so ably demonstrated their skills and passed on their knowledge to the benefit of the members.

Given the work that goes into preparing and setting up these evenings it is considered that one per year is enough (or maybe more than enough). Please give it some thought and let the committee know if you have any comments or suggestions for other hands-on topics.

I was so involved in the events that I forgot to take photographs of the table entries so please accept my apologies. I promise to try harder.

### **Sotterley Saw Mill Visit September 18<sup>th</sup>**

We are indebted to Ben Sutton of Sutton Timber for allowing this visit and grateful to Nick Shore for facilitating and organising this event. Those who wanted were given a guided tour of the operation by Nick who explained the business from start to finish and showed all the various operations required (and time needed) before the felled tree was suitable for the carpenter/joiner to put to use.

There was some timber for sale, including some oak burr, and many of us took advantage of this to add to our workshop stock.

The evening was completed with tea and cake (and more cake) provided by Jane so a very big thank you to her. Jane graciously declined the invitation of one member to supply cake for our monthly meeting; such a pity.

### **Chairman's Choice**

No chairman's choice this issue as I didn't take photographs of the items on the table

### **Next meeting**

Mark Baker will be the guest demonstrator on October 9<sup>th</sup>. As well as being a good demonstrator Mark gives an excellent critique on table items and makes very positive learning points; it's worth bring your work to put on the table.

### **Future Events**

The Nikos Siragas evening is booking well but there are more spaces available if you wish to bring a friend. Please speak to David at the meeting.

Following a successful December social last year it is intended to repeat the format again this year. We will be looking for provisional numbers in October with firm bookings and payment at the November meeting.

## **AWGB News**

As of the end of this year the AWGB will be dispensing with the old membership card and stickers: they will be replaced with individual printed cards and a new one issued each year.

The membership fee remains unchanged at £16-00 and existing members will not have to complete a membership form unless their contact details have changed or they wish to complete or alter their gift aid declaration.

They remind us that the year end is December 31<sup>st</sup> and are requesting, as ever, that we collect the money before then so that they get it before the year end. We would ask your co-operation in enabling us to meet this obligation.

Happy Turning