

JULY 2025 HWA Newsletter



Monday 4th August. Club turn in

Monday 1st September. Club Member Demo – Tom James

Monday 6th October. Professional demo – Les Thorne

HWA FACEBOOK PAGE

Do you know we have a Facebook page **'Hampshire Woodturners Association'** and a members only Facebook group called 'Hampshire Woodturners Association Members Area'. Follow the page and get event updates and interact with other members, and post items of interest, or any questions etc in the members group.

HWA MONTHLY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supports the HWA monthly raffle.

Our thanks this month to club members who have donated raffle prizes. These donations allow us to raise funds to support the club's many activities.

Personal donations are always welcome, any wood blanks, unwanted tools etc can also be included as raffle prizes.

NEWSLETTER FORMAT AND EDITOR

As you are aware, Dave Simpson has been our Newsletter Editor for the past few years and has stepped down, due to other commitments, and as yet we have had no volunteers to take over.

It is a big commitment to prepare the newsletter every month, particularly to provide detailed

explanations of the demonstrators actions and techniques. The committee is wondering how much this level of detail is valued by club members? The newsletter is currently prepared by busy members of the committee, and so we will try out a briefer format. We will still send out club news, but less information about the details of the activities at our club evenings. Please let the chairman know your thoughts!

CLUB FEES

Thank you that most people have now paid their membership fees. If you are now remembering that you haven't yet paid, please do so as soon as possible! Thankyou. The cost this year is £36.

OTHER EVENTS

There are two events that fall outside of the normal club nights. These have been organised by Richard Bray:

Les Thorne workshop day – DATE CHANGE – NOW Sunday 17th August 2025

This is club day out at Les Thorne's workshop at Four Marks. We have had to change the date to Sunday because of a booking mistake by our friends at Four Marks! As previous visits, there is no input from Les regarding teaching so we will man each of their 5 lathes with an equal split between experienced turners and novices. This is ideal for those new to turning and gives you the

opportunity to work with a more experienced turner for the day. If you are interested, let Richard Bray know.

Full day demonstration – Greg Morton – 11 October 2025

Richard Bray has booked the professional woodturner Greg Morton for a full day live demo at last year's venue - the Fryern Community Centre at Chandlers Ford. This will take place on Saturday 11th October 2025 .

The anticipated cost to members of £20 to £25 per head depending on amount of people attending.

Again, these events are a great way to see a professional turner, but for a full day rather than a couple of hours for an evening. If you are interested, let Richard Bray know.

JULY DEMONSTRATION – PAUL NESBIT

We were grateful that Paul Nesbit was available at short notice to provide the demonstration, after a late cancellation of our original demonstrator due to illness.

Paul demonstrated how to make a bowl with an octagonal rim, and then how to use offset turning to make a bowl with a triple curved rim. The pictures (thanks Kev for taking them) give a flavour of the evening.





YOUTUBE CHANNELS

A reminder that **Tom James** and **Steve Howell** have both got YouTube channels that showcase their woodturning, give hints and tips and demonstrations on different woodturning methods. Please take a look and subscribe to their channels.

Tom James: [The Welsh Woodman](#)

Steve Howell: [The Hampshire Woodturner](#)

TERRY'S TOP TIPS

Extracts from the Chestnut Newsletter

Our first question this week asked if Tack Cloths are considered food safe. A refurb project on a rolling pin was being planned, was it safe to wipe the surface with the Tack Cloth to clean it after sanding?

The sticky part of the Tack Cloths is a hydrocarbon resin, which if transferred onto the wood wouldn't food safe... BUT the tack cloths are designed to collect dust off the surface and not leave any residue behind, so unless the wood is scrubbed hard with a tack cloth—which it shouldn't be—this won't happen.

So in short, under normal use, the Tack Cloths are food safe.

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Another question asked about UV protection, and which of our products have UV filters in them? UV filters help protect a finish from the sun's rays, and will also help slow down the bleaching effect of the light. Only exterior finishes really need this

protection, so our Finishing Oil, Acrylic Gloss Lacquer and Acrylic Satin Lacquer include these.

Our Spirit Stains are inherently highly fade resistant, using any of the products above will help them keep their colour even longer.

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At a recent demo, a question was asked which was why 'toy safe' didn't also mean food safe. I believe there are lots of reasons for this, but the most compelling are especially relevant for fruit being kept in a wooden bowl, but apply to many other situations:

- Foodstuffs in a bowl are likely to be there for longer; days, maybe even weeks. This allows more time for any contaminants to transfer into them.
- Fruits, especially, contain acids etc which could react with the coating and encourage something unpleasant to cross over.

I always think we probably worry too much about this issue, but when asked about it, we always provide as honest an answer as we can.

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"What's the difference between Ebonising Lacquer/Ivory Lacquer and a normal paint?" we were asked recently. It's a fine, but important, difference between them. A lacquer is usually harder wearing than a paint.

More importantly, these lacquers are heavily pigmented to give their colour, but not so much as to obliterate the grain, which was always the intention. This means the lacquers follow the contour of the grain, colouring them without hiding them, and allowing the use of Liming Waxes and Rainbow Waxes etc on top of them, to highlight the grain beautifully.

JULY GALLERY







