

# OCTOBER 2025

## HWA Newsletter



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Club Member Demo – Mike Haselden**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Christmas Quiz and Social**



### 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.

explanations of the demonstrators actions and techniques. The committee, is wondering how much this level of detail is valued by club members, 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!

### 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.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Ho, ho ho! Are you thinking about Christmas yet? Well, we are, as we look forward to our annual Christmas Quiz and Social evening, coming up on December 1<sup>st</sup>. More details to follow via email.

As usual, the Christmas Social meeting will be a competition evening. The theme this year is "Inside Out Turning". Perhaps like me, this will be a chance for you to try out something new.

Phil

### NEWSLETTER FORMAT AND EDITOR

As you are aware, we don't have anyone to produce the newsletter.

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

## OCTOBER MEETING – Les Thorne

A great evening as always when Les demonstrates. Thanks to Pete for these photos, which give a flavour of Les turning a beaded bowl.



## 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 Newsletters

We were asked about a good finish for charred timber. Burning wood to colour it is very popular, and can give some very good effects.

In a way, this question is similar to one we covered a few weeks ago, about finishing laser engraved wood. The most important thing here is to make sure that any soot or bunt debris is removed from the surface first, as this will prevent any coating from adhering properly.

Once this has been removed, pretty much any of our products will be fine to go on the wood, just pick the one best suited to the item being made.

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If something is toy safe, is it also food safe? Not really, on this one. In particular, a lacquer had been requested to be used on a small cake box.

I don't know why a lacquer had been specified, the only reason I could think of was so that it could be washed, but this is a big ask even for a lacquer.

My suggestion here was to make the box around a glass or plastic insert that could be removed for cleaning and hygiene.

Although, would the cakes be in direct contact? If paper cases were being used, this should, I'd imagine, remove the need for the food safe aspect?

The best choice, of course, would be our Food Safe Finish, although obviously this is an oil, not a lacquer.

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A question came in about which finish to use to avoid any yellowing of the timber, which was particularly white, in this case. And, a satin finish was required.

The water based finishes are usually best for this, and as a subtle finish was required, it would come down to either the Acrylic Satin Lacquer or the Satin Wipe-On Poly. Either will do the job, it depends on what method of application is preferred.

Lemon Oil is also a candidate here, but, being an oil, this can darken the timber more than is desired.

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A question about the Buffing System to finish off with, this week.

This one is about the Dome Buffs; will they achieve the same finish on the inside of a bowl as the one the Buffing Wheels give on the outside?

The answer is yes...but it can take a while.

The Dome Buffs are much smaller, and their pattern of contact is very different to the wheels. We'd suggest using a bit more speed with the domes, and spend longer with each grade to get the best finish possible. Your patience will be rewarded!

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## OCTOBER GALLERY

