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HWA Newsletter



Monday 5th October. Professional Demo – Les Thorne

Monday 2nd November. Club turn-in

Monday 7th 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.

HWA MONTHLY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supports the HWA monthly raffle.

Our thanks this month to HWA members who donated prizes.



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](#)

YOUTUBE – FAVOURITES?

As well as those from Tom and Steve, there are lots of YouTube channels provided by woodturners, some of which are very helpful teaching channels.

Here are 4 of my favourite providers of woodturning teaching channels:

Richard Raffan

Richard Findley

Tomislav Tomasic

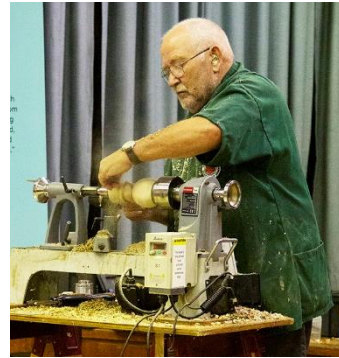
Kent Weakley (Turn A Wood Bowl).

Which are yours? Let me know of channels you like watching and I will put them in a future newsletter.

Phil Hewitt

September Meeting – Club Turn-in

Thanks to Richard Bray for manning the lathe and getting us thinking about Christmas! Thanks to Pete Broadbent for all the photos.



TERRY'S TOP TIPS

Extracts from the Chestnut Newsletters

We had a request for a food safe, heat proof finish. Food safe we can do, but heat proof is another thing. I'm reluctant to call any finish heat proof; it's too open ended (think of getting a dish straight out of the oven), and it's a lot to ask of any finish.

Obviously, our Food Safe Finish will meet the first requirement, and being thin it's not really going to be damaged by heat, but nor is it going to offer any protection to the timber.

The best I could suggest was our Wipe-On Poly. It's not technically Food Safe (there's no test we can apply to it), but knowing it's composition I'd be happy to use it on a food item. It's also very tough, and will provide a high degree of resistance to heat damage..

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Another emailer asked about applying Melamine Lacquer over a Cellulose Lacquer. Whilst Melamine Lacquer is cellulose based, and should be chemically compatible, other elements in the question raised concerns.

I had the idea that several coats of lacquer had been applied. The Melamine Lacquer is much harder than a lacquer; it will go over a single coat of a Cellulose Sanding Sealer without any problems, but several coats of lacquer (or sealer) are problematic. The usual issue that would present would be that the Melamine Lacquer would crack, as the nitrocellulose lacquer is too soft to support the Melamine Lacquer.

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Some products come in both aerosols and tins, for example Melamine Gloss Lacquer, but it also applies to the Cellulose Sanding Sealer.

We were asked if the product in the aerosol is the same as that in cans. The answer is yes, they are,

and the real point of the query was to find out if they were compatible with each other, which they are, of course.

If I'm working on a small item (such as a pen), one of my favourite finishing methods is to build up a couple of coats of the brushing/wiping lacquer, and apply a final coat of the aerosol version.

The logic behind this is that it's less wasteful; spraying small items inevitably means there's some overspray which doesn't go on the target. But spraying nearly always gives a better finish, so using it on the final coat gives the best of both worlds...

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Here's one that's all about changing the colour of our Wood colours Spirit Stains.

Someone wanted a lighter colour, and wondered if adding White to it would be a good idea. I felt not, in this situation. Adding White would make the colour pastel, which I didn't think was what was wanted; a 'weaker' colour would do the job better, so I suggested diluting the stain. Spirit Thinners is the best for this, but Cellulose Thinners can be used as well.

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Another recent question asked if it was imperative that a Sanding Sealer be used under Melamine Lacquer.

It's very strongly recommended; a sealer does a number of important jobs, including filling the pores of the wood and binding it all together, and it makes the first coat applied to bare wood easier to sand.

BUT, if you've run out of sealer and need to get a job finished quickly, you can omit it, and use the first coat of lacquer to do some of the job of the sealer. Thin it about 20% so that it soaks in better to bind the wood together.

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION GALLERY



Graham Newnham – 1st place



Richard Bray – 2nd place



Steve Howell – joint 3rd place



Steve Howell – joint 3rd place

