



## THIS MONTH...

On 20th June our demonstrator will be Gary Rance - we don't have a lot of detail about what he plans to demonstrate but "Treen" is the theme. We do know, of course, that Gary always provides excellent and popular demonstrations (a salt bell and off centre pendant were the subjects last July).

## RAFFLE...

The star prize in this month's raffle will be a 4 foot long Yew wood plank, could get 4 or 5 good size bowl banks if or when cut, with other prizes it's always great value for the price of a raffle ticket at just £1.00 each.

## BRIEF REVIEW...

John Stinson gave us a fascinating and wide ranging demonstration and talk about using a pole lathe and green wood turning. He covered the full process from felling a tree to making a chair and demonstrated traditional spindle-turning using a shaving horse and pole-lathe. The demonstration included a range of topics related to working wood out-doors, including making your own green woodworking tools.

John has a 5 acre wood near Cranleigh and runs practical courses there - see page 3 for more details of courses he is running this summer.

Having gone through the somewhat laborious process of setting up his pole lathe, John started by covering making home made tools from scratch using his double bevelled axe (kept very sharp). He then demonstrated the right way to split a log of ash (the best wood for chair legs, tool handles and archery bows, among other things), which was impressively quick and easy, driving a long narrow wedge into the wood and levering it up and down. He spoke about cutting the wood to avoid the pith, splitting the log in half then cutting again, offsetting the pith with equal weights of wood (even if they are not the same shape). He then cut a piece for a chair leg, and moved to his shaving horse

to shape the wood into a cylinder. The shaving horse proved very effective, producing long shavings with the very sharp double handed shaving tool (Bob Higgins produced a creditable cylinder during the break). There are many plans on the internet for making a shaving horse. The wood cylinder was mounted onto the pole lathe where the long cord suspended from the pole was wound round the wood, which is then turned using leg power, lifting the tool off the work on the up stroke. We were given an interesting insight into the history of bodging, most of it in the Herefordshire area and watched a short video of a 1935 bodger working in the woods. John spoke about being relaxed about using power tools where they can be useful - rechargeable ones are particularly useful when working outdoors. He showed us a Veritas Power tenon cutter, which allows the turner to produce a perfect tenon at speed. John also uses the Robert Sorby sizing tool, which is attached to a parting tool to turn spigots to a precise size.

The leg was drilled with an augur and joined to a cross piece - the join becomes immediately tight and no-one could manage to win the £5 which John offered as a prize if the joint could be separated without breaking it.

John spoke about elm, which is used for seats because of it has a close interlocking grain. He passed round a bowl carved from a log with his beautiful carving tools (previously seen at our November meeting). The evening was finished with a showing of a series of videos about how to cut a tree down, and some of how not to do it!

Many of us were introduced to unfamiliar and interesting techniques and thanks must go to John for a very entertaining evening.

An extended version of this review can be found on our website under [Information/Reviews](#).



We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 19th June

ON THE TABLE...



David Buskell received this bunch of yew onions in a Woodturning swap from Stan Jones in Sheffield



Chris Barrett  
Lignum Vitae box



Bernard Sinclair  
Natural Edge apple      Spalted Silver Birch



Gordon Cookson  
Ply Udu drum



Hilary Sinclair  
Cherry box with Black Palmira finial



Alan Elkins  
Unidentified wood - cedar?



John Sutton - Oak



David Buskell  
Mulberry burr



Pat Pierce  
Laburnum



Peter Westermann  
Natural edge cherry



John Abrahams - Spalted Beech



So am I the only one who has done this

NEXT MONTH

**Tim Lawson.** Tim will be demonstrating how to cut up a log - Jon Paine is supplying 2 very large pieces of cherry for this purpose The 2nd part of the evening will use some of these logs to turn wet on the Wivamac including using a bowl saver and how to get more bowls out of a blank

CLUB SHOP NEWS (A Members Service)

**Don't forget** that the Club Shop has a stock of **Rustins Danish Oil** 500ml, selling at £5.00 (half that of Axminster) and **WebRax** - particularly good for getting a burnished finish after sanding.

We have a **discounted supply of Simon Hope's sanding arbors - 36mm and 72mm** and also a very good deal on the sanding discs.

It's well worth trying our shop first before going out and spending money needlessly elsewhere!

PROGRAMME FOR 2013...

- 19 June** Gary Rance - Treen
- 17 July** Tim Lawson demonstrates how to cut up a log. The 2nd part of the evening will use some of these logs to turn wet on the Wivamac including using a bowl saver and how to get more bowls out of a blank
- 21 August** Derek Blake, the Pompey Penmaker
- 18 September** Club night/Demonstration
- 16 October** Ordinary General Meeting - agenda item: Subscriptions 2014/Club night/Design discussion
- 10 November** **Sunday** Jimmy Clewes - all day masterclass
- 20 November** to be confirmed
- 18 December:** Christmas social/Frank Clarke competition

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## POLE LATHE TURNING WEEKEND

John Stinson has let us have some details about his pole lathe turning weekends. He says "At the moment I've got a couple of places free on a bow making course 13/14 July. I'm charging £50 for the first day (covers food and the air-dried bow-blank). £70 for both Sat and Sun. Sunday we'll be making arrows and doing some target practice.

I'm doing a pole-lathe turning weekend with Surrey Woodturners and am charging £25 per person for one day, including food again. Maximum 4 people pole-lathe turning, plus I can fit in one bowl-carving too - total 5. I may be able to run another in August or Sept if there's any interest.

I'm planning to make bread or pizzas in the new wood-fired pizza oven on all the events.

Prices aren't really aimed at making any money - just to cover costs and make sure people turn up once they've committed. (Takes a lot of setting up and I don't want people pulling out if there are a few drops of rain forecast...).

The woods are just outside Cranleigh - about 12 miles south of Guildford."

## BETHLEM GALLERY

The Bethlem Gallery was founded in 1997 to showcase the inspirational talents of artists who have experienced mental health difficulties from South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.



It is currently holding an exhibition entitled "Raw Materials - work from wood" exhibition by Sue Burbridge, which includes turned vessels, crafted boxes and cabinets and monoprints taken directly from the tree's form. The exhibition continues until the 21st June Wednesday - Friday 11.00 am - 6.00 pm. Find out more on their website - [www.bethlemgallery.com](http://www.bethlemgallery.com)

## SARAH MYERSCOUGH GALLERY...

After the success of COLLECT at the Saatchi Gallery in May, the gallery will continue the curated exhibition in our West End space, with new pieces by many of the artists. This is the tenth year we have specialised in international turned and carved wood in contemporary craft and design and through research we are continually adding new artists into the ongoing dialogue, of what is 'craft' and how it sits in relation to 'fine art'. Our ethos has always been to promote traditional skill based artists that produce contemporary innovative and sculptural design, highlighting their continued significance within the advancement of new technologies.

If anyone hears of events that would be of interest to club members or has any other information/articles to include in the e-shot please let me know - Hilary.

Submissions for next month's e-shot should be sent to

Hilary by 3rd July

If you have any comments, corrections, or items to add, please contact e-shot editor Hilary - [hsinclair@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:hsinclair@blueyonder.co.uk)

## USING CALIPERS WHILE TURNING

Courtesy of the American Association of Woodturners we bring you a quick video tip from Beth Ireland on how to measure a tenon on a spindle turning using spring calipers (not digital). Bear in mind the safety precautions you should take when holding metal equipment to fast turning wood - Beth wears full face protection. However it's a quick and useful way to make sure you have got your measurements right first time. Remember if you want access to these useful tips, and much more you can join the AAW [here](#).



## EUROPEAN WOODWORKING SHOW 2013...

The European Woodworking Show is once again being held at Cressing Temple Barns in Essex on Saturday and Sunday, 21st/22nd September. This show includes the whole range of woodworking - wheelwrighting to woodturning, different forms of carving to chairmaking, basketmaking to bodging, sharpening to pyrography, boatbuilding to furniture making & much more.

Tickets are being held at 2012 prices - £10 for Adults, Concessions £8 on the day - advanced purchase is Adult £7.50, Concessions £6.50 for a single day.

Cressing Temple Barns near Witham in Essex is a scheduled ancient monument. The site has its origins in the 12th century and is home to the two finest Templar barns in Europe, one of which, dating from 1205, is the oldest timber framed barn in the world.

The site is made up of a group of remarkable farm buildings, the barns, a Templar well and a Tudor walled garden.

The European show is based in the historic barns, large marquees, the open cart sheds and open space. It is 90% wheelchair accessible (one first floor area). Plus great food stalls and St Peter's Brewery.

For more information visit their website -

[www.europeanwoodworkingshow.eu](http://www.europeanwoodworkingshow.eu)

## RECORD LATHE...

A reminder, particularly for new members, that our Record DML 305 lathe and stand together with tools and chuck is currently available for loan.

To borrow the lathe please let Brian Ash have your details (phone: 0208 642 8108, email: [brianash@virginmedia.com](mailto:brianash@virginmedia.com)) by the week prior to the next meeting. Remember that it may be needed for various demonstrations during the summer months so take advantage of it while it is available. To comply with the Club insurance, the kit has to be signed in and out again each month.