

WEST PENNINE WOODTURNERS

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April Meeting

We had two different jigs for sphere turning on show, the Simon Hope model and one available via eBay. Unfortunately the eBay model couldn't be demonstrated properly because the toolpost on the jig didn't match either of the Club lathes and despite the efforts of Bill and Gary it wasn't safe. Everything went well with the Simon Hope jig until Martin made the mistake of not looking what he was doing and made a pig's ear of it. As Martin explained these jigs should only be considered if you intend to make a lot of balls (that doesn't sound right) as they are expensive (£225 for the SH) and take some time to set up. It is possible to make your own jig (David Springett's book 'Woodturning Wizardry' shows how) or you could just do it by eye.

The competition was for a box and was Judged by Martin Payne (A Class) and Bill Kitchin (B Class)

A Class 1st David Mackin 2nd Bill Kitchin 3rd Paul Lythgoe

B Class 1st Boriss Stepanovs 2nd Linda Longley 3rd Ian Longley

Tea Brewers Thanks to Dave Mackin and John Waddington

Tiny Turner

There will be a full day demonstration by Emma Cook, also known as the Tiny Turner, on Saturday 29th April. To keep costs down it has been decided that members attending the demo will now provide their own lunch. We will, of course, still provide tea and coffee. Cost for the day will be £20 and a spouse will only be charged £10. This arrangement is only a trial.

May Meeting

This will be a "hands on" evening concentrating on Bowl turning. You should bring your own tools, if possible, as this would help if you have any problems. The Club will provide the wood unless you are feeling generous and would like to bring some.

The competition will be Open and we will need volunteers for judging.

Tea Brewers Rod Fairbrother and John Gray

You Tube

Even if you can't understand German try using HolzWerken, Drechseln, Drechsler or Kugel for searching. Some of the results are quite fascinating. Word of warning – don't use the subtitles because it doesn't help, in fact some of the translations are hilarious.

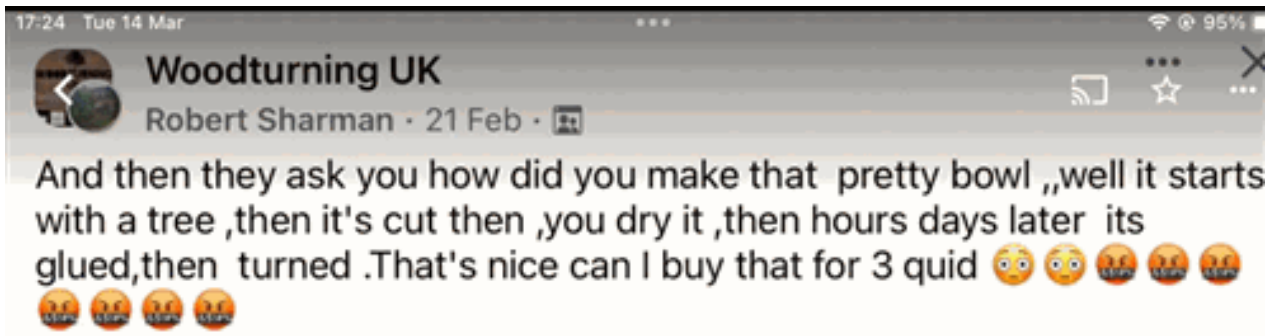
Joke of the month

A senior citizen proudly drove his new Aston Martin convertible out of the dealers. Taking off down the motorway he accelerated up to just over 100mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Wonderful" he thought as he flew down M6, enjoying the feeling as he increased his speed. Looking in his rear view mirror he saw the blue lights of a police car behind him. "I can get away from him, no problem" he thought as his speed increased. Suddenly he thought, "what the hell am I doing, I'm too old for this" and pulled over onto the hard shoulder. Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up to the side of the Aston, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in five minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason for your speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go".

The man looked seriously at the officer and replied, “Years ago my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back”.
“Have a good day sir”, said the policeman.

Forlorn Request

I am always looking for items for the newsletter –anything.



Thanks to Neil Garthwright for this