



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

An Associated Club of the AWGB

Ian had a few announcements before we got fully underway.

Colin Smith has a schedule of Kids Days at Amberley Museum. He is also short on helpers for Mother's Day on 10th March. In April we have a further 3 Kids Activity Days on 5th, 12th, and 19th again he is looking for volunteers.

If you haven't signed up for the Awards Evening being held on 17th, May you need to hurry up and contact Steve Savage.

Our beloved Chairman has asked if members could please wear their membership cards as ID or better still but a club shirt and have your name tastefully embroidered across your chest. This would help him and our overrated Newsletter Editor from forgetting your name as both of us have the memory span of a goldfish.

Today's demonstrations were all to do with pen turning and finishing. If you have never tried pen turning it comes highly recommended also the club has a multitude of blanks available. Our demonstrators were (in order of height) Will Geyelin, Colin Willetts and Andy Heath.



As a slight aside I know Ray Thompson complains about a shortage of demonstrators but this month we had Will and last month Sam Crick, who must be two of the tallest members. In order to get them in the photos I could have done with a small scaffold tower.

Just to show how exciting pen turning can be I have added a picture of a mandrel that Will made himself.





The first photo is pens by Colin Willets and the second is pens made by Andy Heath.

Also on display was Ray Burton demonstrating the art of sharpening.



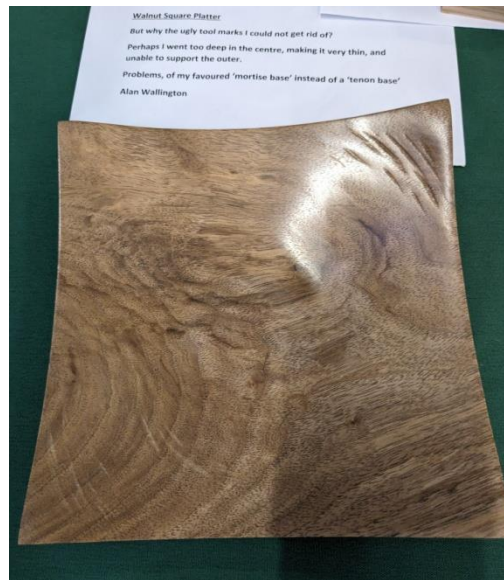
MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL TABLE:



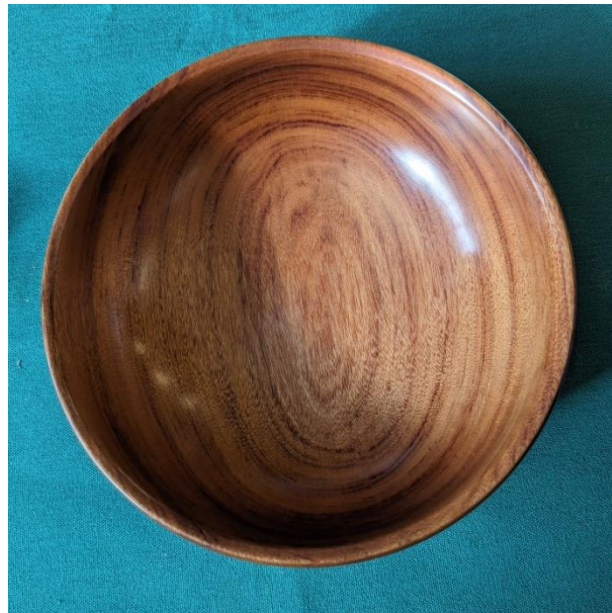
A pot pourri bowl by Jim Harris and figures by Terry Hooper



A segmented vase by Lionel Thain



A small walnut platter by Alan Wallington.



Just as I got to realise that any item without a name on was by Ray Thompson (first photo) then someone else added another bowl to the table. So, Richard Foster take a bow.

NEXT MONTH:

An all-day event featuring Richard Findlay. Richard has visited us before.

So, bring your lunch.