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Woodturners*

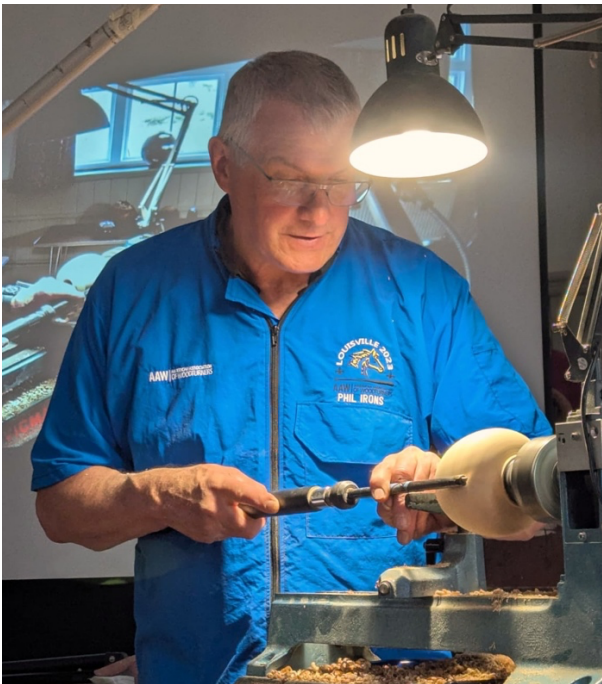
Newsletter

June 2025

Dear Members,

this month's Club Night was on Tuesday 4th June. Unfortunately, we again had a disappointing turnout by members but it was otherwise a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

This month we hosted a demonstration by Phil Irons (his website can be found at <https://www.philironswoodturning.co.uk>). Phil states that his primary concern is the form of the finished piece and this was clear in the large number exquisite examples he brought for display.



He took us through his process for hollowing an end grain hollow form and explained his use of various tools, some of which might be new to members. He made particular note of his choice of tool handle length (with a home-made extension piece) and his standing position to reduce fatigue and increase precision.....he turns all day, so such things are very important to him but equally applicable to the hobby turner.

Further examples of Phil's work:



He also demonstrated his equipment for laser etching his details (or indeed anything else) on the base of each piece. This can be done in any font at any size and will even etch logos and photographs. One interesting project he is working on is a funeral urn with a message in the deceased's handwriting etched around the side. A great way to add value to a piece if you have the throughput to justify the cost.

Competition

This month's subject was **a live edge**.

Intermediate and Beginners

1st Chris Hallsworth
(Ash)



2nd Joe Brash
(Laburnum)



Advanced

1st Charlie Jones
(yew platter with spalted beech ball)



2nd Tony Seeney
(humungous slice of Ash with very unusual graining)



Another thing that Phil showed us was a ceramic slip stone he got in America. It was every effective in quickly touching up the edge on his scraper and he swears by it. Dan found a similar product on an interesting website: <https://heinnie.com/spyderco-ceramic-file-slip-stone-sharpener>

Dalmann will be holding another open day on Saturday 21st June with demonstrations from Martin Saban-Smith. Details can be found at <https://www.dalmannuk.com>

Next Club Night is on Tuesday 1st July

This will be a hands-on. One lathe will be for members to try out whatever they wish and the other will be demonstrating inside out turning.

Competition theme for July is a **Matched Pair**



All the best and see you in July, Chris