

# West Riding Woodturner

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Deadline for inclusion of items in the next newsletter: 15 June

## Andrew Hall

Andrew's demonstration on hat making was excellent throughout, from his video showing how he harvests his timber, to the finished half-size hat he produced during the evening.

Starting with a large lump of wet sycamore which he'd kept under water ever since the tree was felled, he explained every step as he quickly shaped the upper surface of the hat and used coloured crayons to colour the 'hatband' - a narrow strip of slightly raised wood just above the brim of the hat. This half-sized hat is about 10" diameter but Andrew also explained how to find the size of a hat to fit your own head.

Unfortunately the evening was marred by David Moon's uncharacteristically difficult behaviour and Andrew had to be quite firm and make him stand in a corner, behind a box lid, until he learned to behave properly



When the brim and the exterior of the hat were shaped, it was reversed in the chuck in order to hollow it out, refining the shape and taking it all down to a thickness which would allow it to be bent into shape later on. To achieve this Andrew

arranged a lamp behind the brim and used the light to judge the thickness of the brim and the crown of the hat. Impressive stuff. He then reversed the hat again to finish the top of the crown, again using lights - this time battery



operated LED lamps inside the hat, to guide him to the final thickness.

The hat is then left to 'rest' for an hour before putting it in clamps to bend it to shape.

All in all this was a fascinating demonstration, made all the more interesting by Andrew's clear, step by step, explanations.

## Announcements

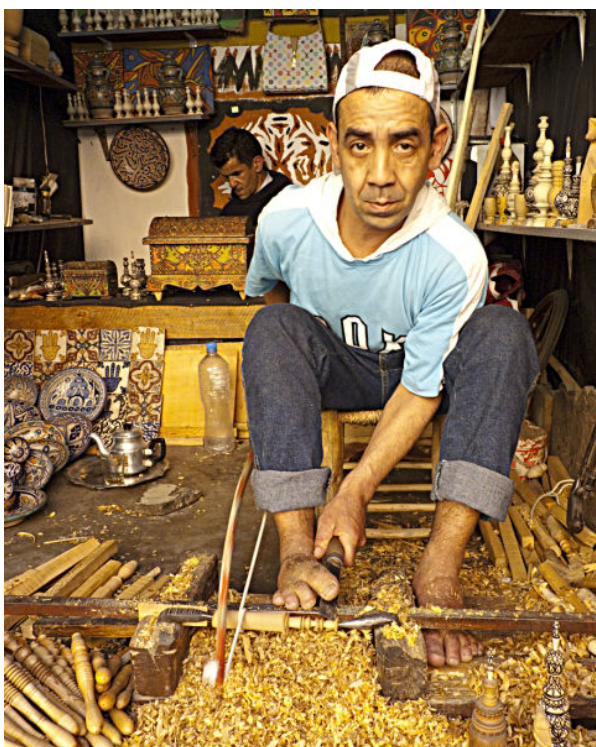
- Next month there will be a spinning top competition. Entrants will be timed making a top and then the time it will spin for will be measured. Subtracting one from the other will subsequently reveal the winner.
- Woodfest Wales takes place on 4th-6th June and items are needed for the sales table to raise money to pay for the marquee next year.
- Paul Wright and Bob Chapman are to be co-opted onto the committee.

## Erratum

In the last newsletter I said that Paul *White* had been elected to take charge of the computer and video equipment. This came as a surprise to Paul *Wright*, who thought he had been elected. It was quite likely a shock to Paul White, too, who probably thought he'd been elected when he wasn't there to refuse - a technique now known as 'doing an Olga'.

## Turning in Marrakech

Ex-member Frank Reynolds, who many of you will remember, emailed me recently to say that while on holiday in Marrakech, he came upon a scene which he thought might interest us.



The rather mournful-looking turner is operating a bow-lathe with his right hand, holding a skew chisel with his left hand and guiding it with the toes of his right foot. Amazing!

## Free Wood

A Mr Khan rang me from Nab Wood (a couple of miles from the club) to say he'd an oak tree cut down that was free to a good home. He did reveal that it was cut down about twenty years ago! Ring 07815185292 if you're interested.

## Do you use email?

If so, it will save the club's money if you agree to receive the newsletter by email. At present, twenty members get their newsletter by email. They get theirs first, and the pictures are in colour, so if you would like to take your newsletter this way, email me at [bob@bobchapman.co.uk](mailto:bob@bobchapman.co.uk) and I'll add you to the email list.

## The Library

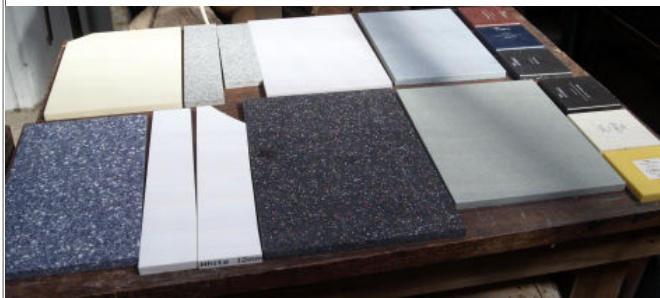
Last month I mentioned the new DVD's that had been purchased for the library. It may also be worth mentioning that the library has got some thread chasers and a Sorby texturing tool that members can borrow. If you fancy trying either of these techniques borrowing the tools first might save you the cost of buying them if you don't take to it, or persuade you to part with the cash if you do!

## Corian offcuts

I had an email a couple of weeks ago from a lady named Susan Hoy at a company called Cutting Edge ([susan.hoy@cuttingedge-uk.com](mailto:susan.hoy@cuttingedge-uk.com)). The company manufactures worktops and so on, and sells off the offcuts of Corian. I asked for more detail and received the following info:

*Hi Bob - thanks for your email, nearly all of our Corian is 12mm thick and can vary from small pieces to pieces 500mm x 400mm - for some of our other woodturning customers we send by courier a box of 10 kilos of assorted pieces for £35.00 including VAT and carriage by overnight courier. We can send smaller amounts if required.*

I took the plunge and bought 10kg for £35, and the photo shows what I got:



The table is 2 feet x 3 feet, and is nearly covered. Mostly white and shades of blue. If you are interested you can phone Susan on 01296 662888.

## Rogue's gallery: No 1



Ian 'the eggman' Taylor has long been envied for his talents, especially his ability to (continued p8)