



# Trafford & District Woodcraft Club

## NEWSLETTER

Club Website: [www.traffordwoodcraft.co.uk](http://www.traffordwoodcraft.co.uk)

**JANUARY 2020**

### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Having recovered from the rigours of Christmas and in my case a persistent cold dragging on for a month we are now ready to face 2020. For me it's a bit easier as we are shortly off to Barbados and BVI.

Our last event was, of course, the Christmas party which went well with a good number of guests. We were faced this time with a suitably wood based quiz courtesy of Trudi Thwaite.

The club has made a good start to 2020 with good attendances and several potential new members. We even seem to have demand from young people, after the recent female influx. Looks like we might eventually reach the modern age!

One of the striking new things is the improvement in our storage. We now have everything in one place and are in the process of making it even better to save lifting. One of the side benefits is that the equipment can be cleared away much quicker without the need to fit it like a three dimensional jigsaw in the three cupboards.

Thanks to the help of Julian's grandson, Will, we are finally getting the website in shape. At the same we are commencing a review of our club documentation which otherwise can rapidly become out of date.

The first demonstration of the year is on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and provided by member, David Thwaite. No doubt this will be another of his great evenings which will encourage most members whether experienced or novices in Wood Turning.

**Robin Walling**

### **FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS**

February's demo will be our very own David Thwaite.

See the bang up to date full 2020 diary section of this newsletter and on your notice board for full details of 2020 demonstrations/events.

### **COMPETITIONS**

The 1<sup>st</sup> competition of the New Year is in February, and every other month after that. February's topic is An egg cup.

Don't forget there are 3 categories, and in each you may submit up to 3 entries in each category.

1. Turning
2. Carving
3. General woodwork

See the diary section of this newsletter and on your notice board for full details of 2020 competitions.

## OUTDOOR EVENTS

We are well on with booking outdoor events for 2020 and looking at some possible new events. Already confirmed and booked are

- ♥ Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> John Leigh Park Altrincham
- ♥ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June Sale Lions Father Fun Day at Worthington Park Sale
- ♥ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of September Hayfield Sheep Dog Trials and Show at Little Hayfield

New faces and new woodwork are always welcome, as are members who are prepared to help at end and start of day.

If you have only just joined you may not know why we do these fairs, so here goes

1. To advertise TDWC and get new members
2. To help members sell their stuff and if they want to attract commissions.

N.B. TDWC book and pay for these events and deduct 10% fee to cover fees.

2020 Xmas Party is on December 15<sup>th</sup> and will be the last meeting of 2020. The mega raffle is always a good fundraiser and with this in mind I have already started off a box of suitable raffle items. I will put this in the Club store cupboard so that members may add items throughout the year. We must have had a few Xmas pressies this year that didn't take our fancy!

Julian Birtwell

### **Do you like your cuppa?**



**If so, please remember to pay your 50p**

**towards the cost of the tea, milk and biscuits.**

**Where else can you get Tea and Biscuits for 50p?**

### **AN INVITATION**

The Cheshire Guild of Woodturners are holding an all day demonstration on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April** with **Gary Lowe, the Tartan Turner**

They invite our members to the event.

Tickets are £12.50 in *advance* (£15.00 on the day) and includes refreshments during the day and a light lunch.

It will commence at 10.00am and run till around 4.00pm.

at the Village Hall Plumley WA16 0TR.

More details:

<https://www.cheshireguildofwoodturners.co.uk>



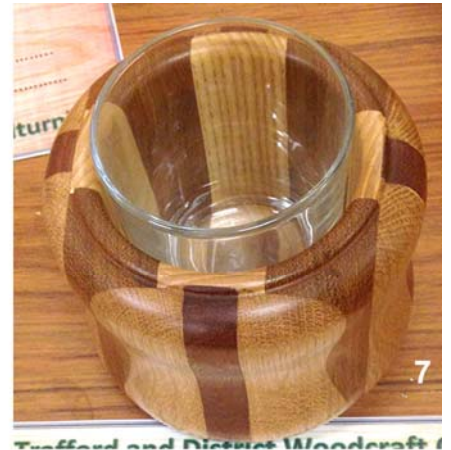
**Shown Right: Woodcraft by David Thwaite (top) and Brian Ledsham (below)**  
**Full details of the Christmas Competition Entries shown overleaf.**



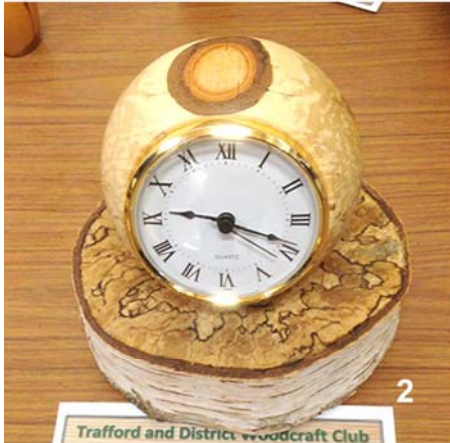
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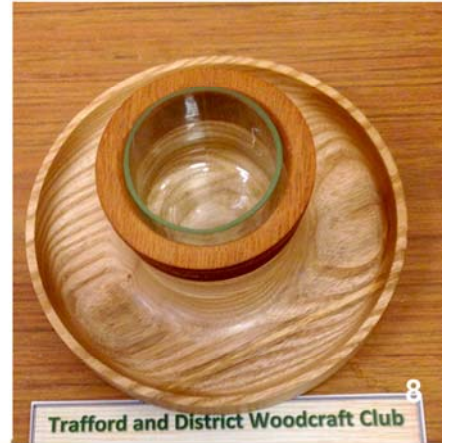
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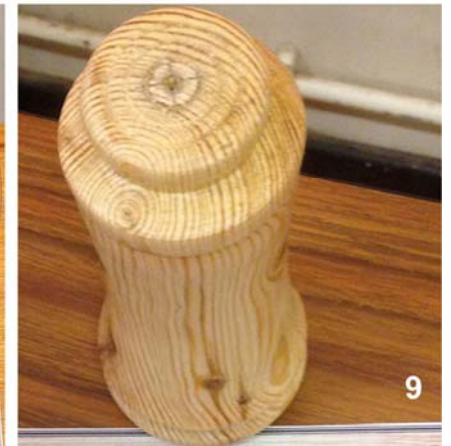
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**THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION** had four classes: Wood Turning, Wood Carving, Woodcraft and Wood Turning First Entry. Each were well supported and provided a great display at the Christmas Party.

Wood Turning: 1<sup>st</sup> John Willson (1), 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Ledsham (2), 3<sup>rd</sup> Julian Birtwell (3)

Woodcarving: 1<sup>st</sup> Andy Wilkins (4), 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Wilkins (5), 3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Garry (6)

Wood Turning First Entry: 1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Chadwick (7), 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Chadwick (8), 3<sup>rd</sup> John Axon (9)

Woodcraft: 1<sup>st</sup> David Thwaite (10) 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Ledsham (11)

*Photos by Julian Birtwell*

## Trafford & District Woodcraft Club

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*If you change email address, it is really important to inform the Hon. Sec. so we can ensure you get the newsletter*

## TRAFFORD & DISTRICT WOODCRAFT CLUB

DATE	TIMETABLED CLUB NIGHT EVENTS	BI MONTHLY COMPETITION
2020	<b>DEMO nights 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays monthly 18.30 – 22.00. (Feb to Nov)</b> <b>except April when due to Easter it is 1 week early on March 31<sup>st</sup></b> All other 'Normal workshop' Tuesdays 18.30 – 21.30	3 classes -Turned - Carved - General woodwork
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	David Thwaite - Woodturner TDWC member	Competition – An eggcup
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Feb 18 <sup>st</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Ledsham – Woodturner TDWC member	No Competition this month
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Tiny Turner aka Emma Cook – Woodturner &amp; Carver</b> <b>** N.B. THIS DEMO IS 1 WEEK EARLY DUE TO EASTER BANK HOLIDAY **</b>	Competition - Any item with a natural edge
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	TDWC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by Normal club workshop	
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Clarkson - Woodturner and Tree Surgeon NEW TO TDWC	No Competition this month
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
SUNDAY JUNE FRIENDS OF JOHN LEIGH PARK ALTRINCHAM **BOOKED**		
Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave ATCO Atkinson - Woodturner	Competition – Something for the Bran Tub
Jun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
SUNDAY JUNE 21 <sup>st</sup> SALE LIONS FAMILY FUNDAY @ WORTHINGTON PARK booking to be confirmed		
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Jul 7 <sup>th</sup>	Paula Keary - Bodger <span style="float: right;">NEW TO TDWC</span>	No Competition this month
SALE ARTS TRAIL SATURDAY & SUNDAY JULY**date to be confirmed**		
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Heeley - Woodturner	Competition – A 'T' light holder
Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Fisher RPT 'The Blind Woodturner'	No Competition this month
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
SATURDAY TIMPERLEY COUNTRY FAIR @ LARKHILL TIMPERLEY **date to be confirmed**		
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
SATURDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> HAYFIELD SHOW & SHEEP DOG TRIALS **BOOKED**		
Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Sep 29 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Julian Birtwell – Woodturner TDWC member	Competition – A box/bowl with a lid
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pete Osborn - Woodturner NEW TO TDWC	No Competition this month
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop + committee meeting	
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
SALE ARTS TRAIL XMAS BAZAAR - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED		
ASHTON ON MERSEY VILLAGE XMAS FAIR - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED		
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Normal club workshop NO DEMO IN DECEMBER **see 15 <sup>th</sup> below**	
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop	
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 18.30 – 22.00	Club Xmas Party - free entry to members & partners. Food & drink donations most welcome. Sorry not a rave, just good seasonal fun!!	Competition Your favourite item not seen before @ TDWC
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Closed -- Merry Xmas & A Very Happy 2021	
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Closed -- Merry Xmas & A Very Happy 2021	
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2021	<b>DEMO nights 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays monthly 18.30 – 22.00. (Feb to Nov)</b> Xmas Party on December 14th 18.30 – 22.00. All other 'Normal workshop' Tuesdays 18.30 – 21.30	-Turned - Carved - General woodwork
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Normal club workshop <span style="float: right;">**NO DEMO IN JANUARY**</span>	No Competition this month