

The dynamic duo do it again



Dave with his nose to the 'grindstone' and.....well, somebody has got to supervise.



Another excellent session on pen-making by Dave and Mick. Would you believe it, the last session was over two years ago!!! The turn-out was even better than usual and the 'hands-on' that followed was most industrious with all six lathes in use until very late in the day.

Poor old Mick was suffering quite badly with a nasty bug and he retired to bed as soon as he got home. A full recovery since however.

Many thanks to them both for an enjoyable session.

Are you one of those turners

who uses vegetable oils to finish your salad bowls? Do you find that it suffers from stickification after a while? Afraid of using nut oils for fear of allergies? Then read on.....

Have you tried 'food grade' linseed oil? No, I haven't either (yet). Apparently, there are a number of green woodworkers that swear by it.

Beware though, your average linseed oil contains chemicals and dryers that might make it unsuitable. It might be worth going to your local feed merchant frequented by the 'horsey' set as they sell a suitable product which is marketed for horses. It keeps them in tip-top condition and gives them a glossy coat (must try it on you-know-who.....ouch!!!). If you wish to know more about linseed oil visit the website mentioned below.

For the other half of the club [rich ex bank managers], please go to www.highbarnoils.co.uk where you will find a much more expensive product more suited to your refined taste.

Timber, on a lathe, shrinks or expands in proportion to the courage of the turner.



Stop Press:

Summer Competition

Novice: Plain Bowl 8" dia. max.

Interm: Laminated Bowl 10" max.

Adv: Platter 10-14" min/max



The South East Woodworking Show

We have a new show to attend this year. It is at Detling, near Maidstone, on the 1st and 2nd April. Turners in attendance include Stuart Mortimer and Les Thorne plus others. Looks like there will be around 100 trade stands if all are sold. Full details can be found on www.nelton.co.uk (Mick— try dog and bone).

Tickets are 1 day—£7 on door, £5 in advance. 2 day—£10 on door, £7 in advance.



Forthcoming Event that may be of interest....

"I have found your website and was wondering if you would like a pitch at our Summer Fair on Sunday 26th June? Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare run a summer fair every year, which attracts hundreds of visitors. We would like to offer you a pitch for free, with a view to you giving demonstrations to the visiting public. Being very much based in the country, we would like to promote traditional country activities, such as the work you do. We would ask that you didn't sell anything on the day, but would be happy for you to promote your work."

Sharon Williams, Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare, The Broyle, Ringmer, BN8 5AJ, 01825 840747

For Sale:

'All-in-one' wood carving vice, stand and seat, vgc. £50. contact Richard on 01797 252876

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