

Stormy Weather

Sadly our February meeting had to be cancelled due to damage caused by storm Eunice resulting in loss of power at our venue. High winds continued for several days with trees coming down across the country. The silver lining of course, being plenty of opportunities for woodturners to acquire some useful timber.

The planned practical on turning fruit will be postponed until April.

In the meantime here are some more entries from the January monthly competition.



Yew apples on an ash platter by Pete Hawes.



Spalted beech pot by Gareth Garner.



Ramen bowl and chopsticks turned by Rick Thompson.



Pens turned by Lynn Chambers.



Maple and beech bowl with lattice worked lid by Mike Moon.



Black poplar burr bowl by Chips Bishop, one of a collection, see over.

Members' Work



A while ago members were circulated with the offer of Black Poplar in return for some of the timber returned as bowls - I accepted the challenge which became rather more than a bit of turning! The tree was still uncut and impossible to move without a fork lift, anyway I managed to use my chain saw in a confined barn to extract enough to produce a few blanks, however the timber was still damp and so soft it couldn't be held safely by screws of any kind. I resorted first to a stabilising soak and dry out, then a good deal of ac glue and epoxy filler to produce these ranging from : the 13 X 4 burr down to a 7 1/2 X 3 1/2 still changing shape, crack ridden, epoxy filled smaller bowls. Nevertheless I think the owner of this rare tree should be pleased. I still have a couple more pieces of burr but they are in our airing cupboard where they will definitely stay until next year.
Chips Bishop. November 2021

Chips still has one piece of this timber left to turn, the largest of all. We look forward to seeing it finished.



Smoker by Rick Thompson



Musical jewellery box in hawthorn with marquetry by Sandra Day



Nesting boxes by Richard Hasleden.

March Meeting

March 20th 10.00am - 4.00pm

Professional demonstration by
Kevin Hutson

Please bring your own mugs and wear masks if you wish.



Large rectangular bowl by John Turner.

April Meeting

April 24th 10.00am - 4.00pm

Hands On

Turning fruit with Greg Collett and square edged bowls with Gareth Garner.

Please bring tools and suitable wood, 75x75x100mm long spindle blanks for fruit and 100x100x50mm thick blanks for bowl turning.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
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