



MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

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APRIL MEETING

Mark Baker will be demonstrating at our April meeting - as you may have seen advertised in the latest *Revolutions*. Please note that usual members meeting charges of £9 for members and £10 for members' guests will apply at this meeting, the meeting charge of £15 shown in *Revolutions* is for non-members! Mark Baker is a well known woodturner, editor of *Woodturning Magazine*, and has several published several books on woodturning to his name, so will hopefully give us an interesting and entertaining day of demonstrations.

ACCOMMODATION

From time to time, the club needs to provide accommodation to visiting demonstrators, and rather than the club having to pay for B&B, various committee members have been able to accommodate our visitors overnight. However, sometimes this option is not available and we'd like to know if any of our members might be able to help out - particularly with our June meeting this year. If you think you might be able to accommodate a visiting woodturner (*usually for the night prior to our meeting*), please get in touch with John Morgan or any other committee member and let them know.

WADKIN LATHE

The club has received a rather unusual offer. A small bespoke furniture company in The Leighton Centre, Welshpool, has an under-utilised Wadkin RS Gap Bed lathe and offered club members who have the need to turn something very large an opportunity to use it. It has a 3200mm bed with a sliding carriage and a steady. It has the removable part of the bed so you could probably turn something about 600mm diameter. But then there is always the bowl turning side. I have the tri-pod foot, floor standing, cast iron tool rest so size that side will depend on just how brave you are! There is currently no chuck available, but the company are hoping to buy one soon. If you are interested please contact Paul Phillips, Director, Hot Lobster Ltd. Telephone 01938 558852, Mobile 07779 092615, Email: www.hotlobster.co.uk.

WADKIN LATHE

Bill Seward in Chirk has a quantity of freshly felled yew if anyone is interested. Please contact Bill by email on wpseward@doctors.net.uk if you are interested.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Carno Community Centre

April 23rd : 11:00 - 5:00

Mark Baker

May 21st : 11:00 - 5:00

Emma Cook

June 25th : 11:00 - 5:00

Paul Hannaby

July 16th : 11:00 - 5:00

Les Thorne

August 13th : 1:30 - 5:00

"Hands On"

September 17th : 11:00 - 5:00

Gerry Marlow

October 22nd : 11:00 - 5:00

Nick Agar

November 19th : 1:30 - 5:00

"Hands On"



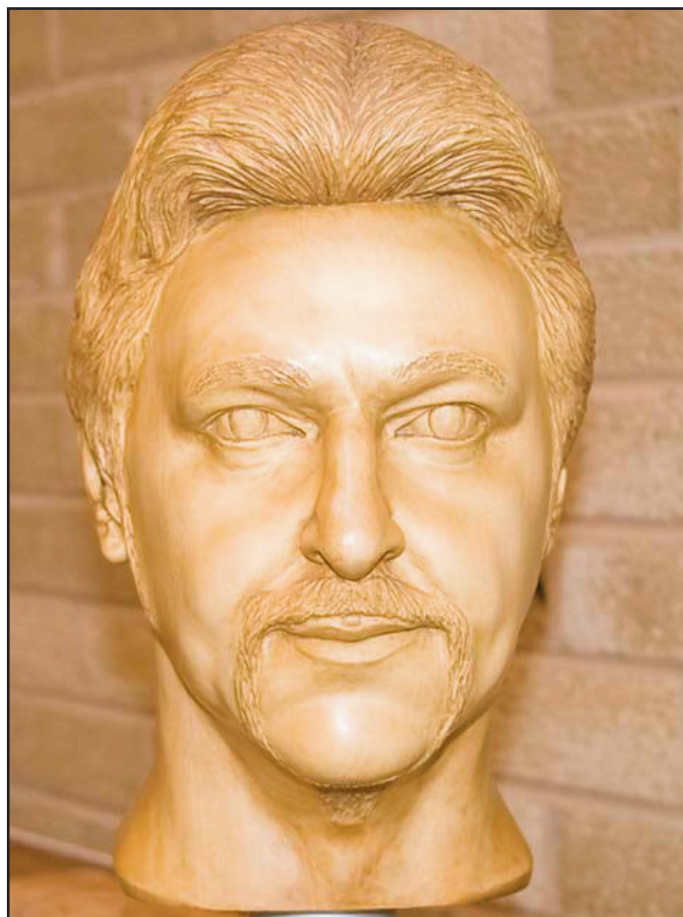
Lovely carving of hares by Mieke Kommers

MIKE PAINTER



Mike Painter is an Ecclesiastical Master Carver who spent much of his career working on carvings for churches and historical building such as Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, etc.

He brought a large selection of his carved works, the photographs here show the Green Man in Oak (*below*) and the Self Portrait in Lime (*right*)



He spent the day explaining the tools and techniques for both sharpening and wood carving, and demonstrated several simple carving techniques. He demonstrated some of the tricks and shortcuts that professional carvers use.

I was amused when he said that work for cost-sensitive clients often contained carving "shortcuts" that save time and money - like using incised veins in leaves rather than carving veins which stand proud of the leaf surface. I shall have to look next time I'm in an ecclesiastical building with carved decoration!

WANTED RAFFLE PRIZES

Please remember to bring something for the raffle table at the next club meeting on 23th April.

MEETING COSTS

Members : £9 each, Family Members : £15 per family
Guests of members : £10 each, Non-members : £15.00 each

CLUB CONTACTS

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