



# MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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*a branch of*

The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

## *Newsletter : May 2016*

### **MAY MEETING**

Our May meeting has Dave Atkinson coming to demonstrate for us. Dave is a new demonstrator to the club, and has recently taken on the responsibility of being AWGB Chairman. I wasn't able to find a website for Dave, but a quick internet search revealed he does have a Twitter account and there are plenty of photos of his work to see on various woodturning club websites. Please note that our May meeting is on the 22nd May, which is the fourth Sunday of the month, not the third. This is due to your secretary misreading her calendar when she booked the hall. Many apologies, normal service will be resumed next year!

### **CAERSWS VINTAGE RALLY**

The club will be demonstrating again at this year's Vintage Rally on 30th May. The Rally is held at Redhouse Farm, Caersws and is open from 9:30am - 17:30pm. Please come along and support the club - and if you are able to help out with setting up the kit or packing up at the end of the day, you will be particularly welcome.

We should have two lathes demonstrating and will be selling the work we make for club funds. If you have any turnings you can donate for the club to sell on the day, please bring them along to either the May meeting or to the Vintage Rally.

The Rally is well worth attending as there will be many vintage machines, tractors, cars, etc on display and working, along with an excellent car boot sale which has many stalls selling tools, equipment and other vintage items along with the usual car boot offerings.

## **2016**

### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

*Carno Community Centre*

**May 22nd : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Dave Atkinson*

**June 26th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*"Members' Day"*

**July 17th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Steve Heeley*

**August 21st : 1:30 - 5:00**

*"Hands On"*

**September 18th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Margaret Garrard*

**October 16th : 11:00 - 5:00**

*Andrew Hall*

**November 20th : 1:30 - 5:00**

*"Hands On"*

### **MEETING DATES 2017**

Are now booked - so for your diary they are:  
15th Jan, 19th Feb, 19th March, 23rd April,  
21st May, 25th June, 16th July, 20th August,  
17th Sept, 15th Oct & 19th Nov.

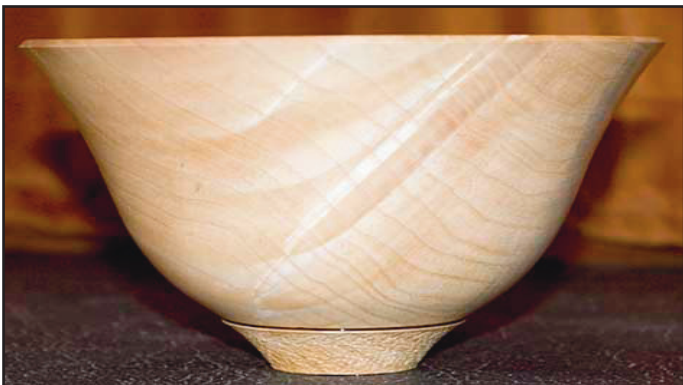
### **WANTED RAFFLE PRIZES**

*Please remember to bring something for the  
raffle table at the next club meeting on  
22nd May*

# TRACY OWEN DEMONSTRATION



Tracy started his demonstration by making a small bowl in quilted maple (*shown below*), with a decorated foot. He decorated the foot using a texturing tool and showed reversing the bowl using a home made friction drive.



His next project was a platter in maple. He decorated the rim by cutting with an arbortech both with the lathe running and with it stopped. This decoration was the ebonised using ebonising lacquer. Once dry, the lacquer was cut back lightly with sandpaper and the revealed wood stained using chestnut spirit stains. Gilding wax was then used to highlight the decoration before the whole platter was finished with acrylic lacquer.

He continued by making his most complex project of the day: an orbit off centre bowl in olive ash, which demonstrated eccentric turning, and the use of a vacuum chuck to reverse and finish the bowl. The completed bowl is shown below - unsanded to show the excellent finish Tracy gets straight from the tool.



He finished by making the end grain vase with natural edge shown in the photo below. This was made from a green log of acer and he was careful to keep an even wall thickness and to hollow out the bottom of the foot to avoid splitting as the wood dries.



## 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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