

Shavings No 36 December 2017

The Ulster Chapter Newsletter

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Good bye to 2017, what a great year we have had. All the demos we have had during the year were good. From our new venture in Ballynure in February to the last exhibition in Ballymoney we have certainly put the Ulster woodturners around this year. 2018 starts very soon, and the magic roundabout starts again.

If you have anything that will add interest to this newsletter, please let me have it by email.

For Sales or Wanted

Paul Finlay informs me there is some good stuff on our web site. I had a quick look and there sure is. iwgulsterchapter.com.

Announcements

A big thank you from Jenne McDonald for the Christmas stuff. Don't forget Jenne will attend the March meeting to collect eggs and chickens (ducks) etc for Easter. So get yourself started when you are waiting for inspiration.

Training and help before our demos.

Jim Stevens has agreed to do his sharpening class before the February Demo, so put the 10th February in your diary at 1200hrs. This class is to demonstrate how to sharpen your tools, not to get Jim to sharpen your tools for you. Come prepared to learn the correct techniques.

Calendar of Demos for 2018

The 2018 programme is as follows:-

January 13th, Tom McCosh is going to show us his vase with the graduated sides.

The Competition will be

Category 1 Candle Holder

Category 2 A New Year

February 10th, Danny McGeever.

The Competition will be

Category 1 A friendship goblet.

Category 2 Valentines Day piece

March 10th is Sally Burnett, all day demo.

April 14th Christien van Bussell

May 12th is Kieran Reynolds,

June 9th Seminar, Joss Naigon, all day demo.

Jason Breach will be here in November.

We will fill in the rest of the spaces as soon as we have decided on the turners.

Our first away day will again be at the Ballynature Day in Ballynure. 24th February. If you want to help out let Peter know. If you want to attend the day there will be more details in the January Shavings.

Our competition in January is, for Category 1 a Candle Holder. For Category 2 something that represents the New Year. For Category 1 entrants, please make sure your candle holder has a fireproof barrier between the candle and the wood of your turning. This should be either metal or glass. If you want to watch what happens if you don't fit this see this video. <https://youtu.be/I9wBBUVIocs> If you watch this you will know why it is essential you use a proper insert.

Shavings - December 2017

This Shavings will be a bit shorter than anticipated because Brendan has been struck down over the Christmas period. He has not been well since the AGM day. He has told me today, New Years Eve, that he is feeling a bit better and hopes to get the words for the December demo done next week. This means you will get a bumper Shavings in January with Brendan's report on the December demo.

Meantime I will do a shortened version before the year end. It gives me the chance to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope 2018 is a good year for you all. Christmas at this end went reasonably well with some time spent in the workshop trying to come up with an idea for the New Year competition. I think I have something in mind.

I would encourage all of you to participate in the monthly competition, the reason, competition makes your woodturning better. It also gets you into your workshop to do the thing you like to do, turn wood.

AGM

Our AGM went well with nothing unexpected coming out of the woodwork. The status quo was maintained with no changes to the committee. Stephen is still our Chairman and

I remain your Secretary. Paul Finally was elected as our Treasurer, having taken over halfway through 2017.

Congratulations to Norman McNeill, our Librarian, who was awarded the Roy McKay Trophy for all of the great work he has done for us all over the years. Well done Norman.

Our December competition results and some pictures are to be found below.

Category 1
1st Patsy Cassidy



2nd Brendan Thompson



3rd David Faulkner



Category 2
1st Keith Hyland



2nd Stephen Dowie



3rd Jim Stevens



A couple of pics from the AGM day

