

WOODBITS NEWSLETTER Issue 207 August 2023 Welcome

SHAVINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Our August meeting saw an excellent turnout of 52 members and visitors for a presentation by Martin Saban-Smith and once again we need to thank Tony Taylor for his excellent review of the demonstration in this edition.

Our next meeting is a club night and is on September 12th. Once again, we will be following the format developed at our last AGM, with several member led demonstrations and talks throughout the evening. At this stage I can promise that Grahame Tompkins will demonstrate how to burn and stain woods to enhance any naturally occurring features of your project.

This month's competition

The competition subjects continue to be well supported by members. This month it's a dice shaker for beginners and a piece using two woods for advanced turners. And I also urge you to consider bringing anything else made in your workshops. Last month I noted a collection of knives with beautiful wooden handles. A first for our club and nice to see.

Summer Craft Fairs

The end of the summer may be approaching fast but there are many more opportunities for enjoying the last of the sunshine, including a multitude of Craft Fairs. At the August meeting I asked you to tell me about any events you will be attending and this edition includes a summary list. I do hope that many of you will support our fellow club members in their efforts to promote wood-turning to the wider community.

New faces on the Committee and more new members

Some new volunteers for the club committee have been announced in the past couple of months, and I would like to thank everybody who has volunteered to date.

This month it gives me great pleasure to welcome Chris Squires as our second Club Ambassador. He will be joining Julian Cooke in this role. Their duties include helping new members to feel welcome at our club.

Talking of new members, this month we signed up three more turners, bringing our total to 89. If you are new to the club, please seek out Julian and Chris at our meetings and introduce yourselves, they will be very happy to help you settle in.

I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Adam.

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1st Mel Williams





2nd Phil Walters

3rd Peter Clarke



Advanced



1st Peter Hoare



2nd Harvey Alison



3rd Adam Blackie

Open



1st = Tony Taylor



1st = Phil Walters



2nd Steve Hart



3^{rd =} Grahame Tomkins



3^{rd =} Peter Hoare

Meetings Calendar 2023

2023

Sept.Club nightOct.Stewart FuriniNov.Phil ScoltockDec.Club night

Raffle purchase Diary for 2023-24

I am the raffle coordinator for the forthcoming year. Many thanks to those people who responded to my last request.

If you think you can help for future months, then please contact me. Each month I give £60 to buy about 5 prizes which are then raffled off at a meeting. There is some flexibility as it is offered as a guide. Full receipts are required for each spend made.

If you need to discuss any of this information with me feel free to do so

Steve Beadle Herts and Beds Raffle Coordinator Tel 07720 677456

Competition Subjects

2023	Beginners	Advanced
Sept	Dice shaker	Piece using two or more woods
Oct	Apple	Pen
Nov	Plate	Natural edge bowl
Dec	Christmas tree	Puzzle or game
2024		
Jan	Natural Edged Bowl	20 to 30cm Long Spurtle
Feb	Wool Bowl	12 to 15cm Dia. Bowl
Mar	Something Offset	Ring Finger
Apr	Egg Shaped Box	Egg Cup
May	Goblet With One or More Rings	Dibber
Jun	Lidded Box	Candle Holder
Jul	Something Stained or Painted	Plate or Platter
Aug	Bowl on Feet	Any Style of Rolling Pin
Sep	Hollow Form	An Apple or Pear
Oct	Two or More Woods	Paper Weight
Nov	Pen/Pencil/Brush Holder	Bud Vase
Dec	Pair Candle Holders	Xmas tree decoration

Training Officer

As some of you will know, Phil Scoltock is moving to the south coast and will not be able to continue as our training officer. This role has been split and as the RPT masterclass organising has so many connections with arranging demos, Paul Rowland has kindly agreed to take this on. Phil will continue to handle the arrangements for the October Stewart Furini session - but Paul will now start to make arrangements for the 2024 RPT masterclass programme.

The rest of the Training Officer role is being picked up by Mel Williams. The next BASIC Training event is 19th November.

If you want to contact Mel use training@hertsandbedswoodturners.co.uk.



Pictured above with one of her recent bowls, Mel said 'I've been woodturning for a couple years, I like turning anything that has a purpose. I enjoy taking part in the club's monthly competitions. I have a passion for learning and have been on a few different courses, including some training from club members. I understand that we all have our own way of doing things including how we learn. I am really looking forward to helping people find the right course or person to help them with their training."

Paul, pictured to the right said 'I have only just started my woodturning journey, my background is in the food industry and I needed a creative outlet. I have always been interested in the beauty of wood, as a child I used to watch my carpenter grandfather create beautiful things.

I am especially interested in the diversity of people in the woodturning community and the amazing skills, ideas and products they create. I'm looking forward to seeing these skills in our demonstrator programme.

In the short term you can contact Paul using his personal email <u>paulrowlie@gmail.com</u> but soon he will have a club email.



Demonstration by Martin Saban- Smith - Review by Tony Taylor.

Photos by Andrew Street

Martin devoted the demonstration to showing how the "Golden Rule" can be applied to achieving the most satisfactory proportions in turning a bowl. We are all accustomed to using the rule of thirds to this end, but Martin's contention was that best results are to be obtained by using the precise "Golden Ratio" of 1.618. If a line is divided into a larger part A and a smaller part B, then if A/B = (A+B)/A then this ratio is 1.681. Hence, if you divide the whole line by 1.618 you will get the length of the longer part which satisfies the "golden rule". Martin has kindly provided us with a nice explanation of all this in an attachment to the Newsletter.



Martin started with an 8 inch by 3.5 inch blank mounted on a faceplate ring. He trued up the edge and the face with a pull cut. He explained that a cleaner cut is obtained by keeping the rest and the handle of the gouge low.

The diameter was now 190 mm and this divided by 1.618 gives 117.4, which subtracted from 190 gives 72.6, which should be the diameter of the bowl's foot. (Using the simple rule of thirds would have made it 63.3).

After making a chucking tenon, the foot was defined as above and attention given to making the most satisfactory curve to the side.

Martin explained that the most attractive` shape appears to follow part of the Fibonacci spiral reflected symmetrically across the midline. It was not clear how this exact form was to be achieved in practice, we were shown four curves to choose from, with the desired curve slightly more open than a segment of a circle.

Sanding was carried out with an inertial sander using 120, 180, 240 and 400 grit. Dust was wiped off with methylated spirit then thinned cellulose sanding sealer wiped on. Finishing with Hampshire Sheen gave a nice shine.

After the break, Martin reverse-mounted the bowl in a chuck and proceeded to hollow in the usual way, concentrating on achieving the correct thickness at the edge first, then working inwards. In deciding the wall thickness, an attempt was made to divide the diameter by 1.618 repeatedly till a reasonable result was obtained. This did not appear to have any advantage over simply choosing a thickness arbitrarily to suit one's taste.

Throughout the demonstration, Martin gave a lively commentary with lots of practical tips, which were much appreciated even though the merits of detailed application of the Golden Ratio clearly left some of us unconvinced.





Supporting Club Members at Craft Fairs.

Many of our members attend Craft Fairs. It can be hard work but is often rewarding, both financially and good fun.

Now imagine their delight when a familiar face appears to support their efforts.

This list is for your diaries and calendars. If you are attending, please make sure you visit a fellow members stall.

If you are attending an event this year, please let us know and we will add it to the list. Contact – Chairman@Hertsandbedswoodturners.co.,uk

Date (s)	Event	Link	Club Member
9 th Sept	Arlesey Summer Fête	Free Entry. Arlesey Recreation Ground. High Street, Arlesey SG15 6SN	Peter Clark
		https://www.facebook.com/events/14035267164278 46/ Peter would welcome some company for the day to share the stall – Contact peterh.clark57@gmail.com	Help Welcomed
16th Sept	Celebrating Creativity – Rectory Lane Cemetery Association. Rectory Lane Cemetery	Free Tickets - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating- creativity-in-the-cemetery-part-of-heritage-open- days-2023-tickets-694776423987	Allen Kaye, Chris Squires or Tony Taylor
	 Rectory Lane entrance (off High Street) Rectory Lane Berkhamsted HP4 2DH 	We hope to take a lathe to demonstrate turning as well as tables example items (for sale or display) Contact <u>allen.kaye@bath.edu</u> if you can spend some time with us – either turning or talking with people about our hobby	help welcomed
16 Sept - 7 Oct	Buckinghamshire Craft Guild Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury	https://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/getting- here/	Graham Lester
7 Oct – 23 Dec	Oxford Craft Guild, 82 Derngate, Northampton,	https://www.ocg.co.uk/	Graham Lester
7 Oct - 14 Oct	The Wooburn Festival Visual Arts Exhibition Wooburn Green	https://wooburn.com/visual-arts-exhibition/	Graham Lester
19th Oct	The Worshipful Company of Turners TURNING COMPETITIONS 2023 Pewterers' Hall, Oat Lane, London EC2V 7DE	https://turnersco.com/turning-competitions-2023/ Ticket only (free Tickets) – book here - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/woodturning- connect-2023-tickets-540962211537	Adam Blackie and Bob Marshall
3 - 4 November	Craft Fair Amersham Art Unlocked, Jubilee Hall Amersham	https://2aoh-scouts.org.uk/finding-our-scout-hut/	Graham Lester

AWGB TURNING COMPETITIONS 2023

Held in conjunction with the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain.

Who can enter?

Members of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain. There are two classes: the **SENIOR** Competition and the **RAY KEY** Competition for those under 21 at the date of the competition. The late Ray Key BEM was President of the AWGB and held the Master in Turning award from the Worshipful Company of Turners.

Theme

For both the SENIOR and RAY KEY competitions, any turned piece with no restriction as to subject, size or style.

Details

Any combination of legally sourced materials may be used. All work to be created by the competitor except for commercially made components such as screws. The piece must be primarily turned on a lathe, there are no restrictions on embellishment however fractal burning may not be used.

Competitors may enter up to two different pieces in either category, none of which should have been entered in any other Company competition.

Piece(s) may be offered for sale at the exhibition.

Prizes

SENIOR Competition: A gold medal and £250 for first, a silver medal and £175 for second, and a bronze Medal and £100 for third.

RAY KEY Competition: A trophy and £150 for first, a silver medal and £100 for second, and a bronze medal and £50 for third.

No competitor will be awarded more than one prize in any one category.

Entry

General Conditions of entry, including times for delivery, judging, prize giving, viewing, and collection of entries after the event can be viewed here: General Conditions of entry 2023

Come and watch JASON BREACH

I was sent a flyer from the secretary ay East Herts Woodturning club advertising a one day demonstration they have arranged. Please contact Glynn directly if you are interested. The club website is <u>East Herts</u> <u>Woodturning Association</u>

> Jason Breach - Demonstrating in person at East Herts Woodturning Club on Sunday 22 October 2023 10 till 4 at Sawbridgeworth, Herts, England Cost £25 to include sandwiches, tea, coffee and biscuits Simon Hope and Martin Pidgen will provide retail opportunities Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis For more information and ticket purchases contact glynn.goodwin@gmail.com

Record Power on-line Demos

Some of you may remember LockDown and the rush to offer on-line demonstrations. While the need to stay safe at home has relaxed now thankfully, some turners and organisations are continuing to offer such.

I get emails directly from Record Power about their series of free demonstrations and asked them to send me a general statement and link that I could share with members. See below.

The Live Sessions online platform is a free-to-join meeting place, where woodworking enthusiasts from all over the world come together to learn and share ideas.

Join us in an environment where you can interact with others, share your knowledge and enjoy a fun and entertaining demonstration.

Each event is supported by the Live Sessions Turning Team - a panel of accomplished woodturners from around the world to share their knowledge and woodturning know-how.

You will find an excellent learning environment for woodturners of all abilities, with expert advice and tuition!

Register online for the next session at: www.recordpowertv.com

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Library

WoodArt Products 35K Micro-drill detailer kit - INC 15 assorted cutters

Suitable for drilling, piercing, carving, and texturing. This handpiece has been developed from laboratory tooling and adapted for craft use. It incorporates two spaced sealed ball bearings on the chuck shaft for strength and smooth running. This is coupled to a powerful high-speed DC motor.

With suitable cutters, this is suitable for drilling and piercing on <u>thin walled</u> wood-turned items, and surface carving / texturing on wood-crafted items.



August 23 Update - This item is currently on reserve for Mark Aizicowitz.

Robert Sorby ProEdge Sharpening System

The Robert Sorby ProEdge offers effortlessly repeatable sharpening every time. Hugely versatile, this industrial strength machine is built to last and delivers astounding 'factory finish' results without fail. Perhaps the <u>most simple</u> to use sharpener on the market, this system replicates the industry standard of achieving a flat grind using the preferred method of belts over traditional grinding wheels.

Sharpens bench, framing, carving and turning chisels, drill bits, plane irons, knives and garden tools.

August 23 Update - This item is currently on loan to Mike Pearson

Details can be seen here - <u>https://www.robert-</u> sorby.co.uk/sharpening/proedge/wped01a-proedge-system



Lion Art Deep Hollowing Tool

Take all the stress out of deep hollowing. Here is the latest version of Tony <u>Taylor's Lion</u> Wood Art deep hollowing jig.

It comes complete with instructions and a user guide.



Crown Spiralling Tool + Knurling Tool

This miniature spiralling and texturing tool <u>brings</u> a new dimension to decorating turned work. Use it to add a multitude of patterns, textures, and effects to enhance your work.

It comes complete with two spiralling <u>wheels</u>; a seventeen tooth and a twenty-seven tooth. The wheels are high speed steel, suitable for both hard and soft woods. Made in England.



More details can be seen here - https://www.axminstertools.com/crown-mini-spiralling-tool-952463

The club also added a standard Knurling tool. Simply adds texture to your work and at around 10 inches in length, very easy to use.

Hamlet Brother System 2 Deep Hollowing system.

It's a monster tool, 26 inch handle and an extension almost as long, <u>virtually limitless</u> depth potential with this.



Details can be seen here -

https://www.toolsandtimber.co.uk/hamlet-big-brother-system-2

CAPTIVE RING CUTTER

and he helped out with <u>it's</u> sourcing for the library. It is used to produce rings that remain captured in the workpiece. It can be used Left and <u>right</u>. <u>handed</u> and is 9.5mm 3/8" in diameter.



Details can be seen here - https://www.axminstertools.com/crown-cryocaptive-ring-tool-3-8-506467

WOODCUT BOWLSAVER BOWL CORING SYSTEM.

The Woodcut Bowlsaver Bowl Coring System's simple design is easy to use for turners of all abilities. Core a (maximum size) 14" x 6" blank in less than five minutes.

The options include ¼", 1" and 25mm toolpost holders and MT2 and MT1 tailstock adaptors. So it should fit most lathes.



Details can be seen here -

https://www.axminstertools.com/woodcut-bowlsaver-bowl-coring-system-951128

TYME CUB Benchtop lathe

Thanks to club member Keith Goddard for his offer to add a small lathe WITH a starter set of tools to our Tool Library.

He has a Tyme Cub lathe that club members can borrow. It will be particularly useful to any NEW MEMBERS who do not yet have a lathe and would like to try turning at home. It's a bench mounted

lathe so needs very little space to set-up.

More details on the Tyme range of lathes can be seen here. http://www.lathes.co.uk/tyme/

Axminster AWSL Benchtop Lathe

The club has three AXMINSTER AWSL lathes that club members can borrow. It will be particularly useful to any NEW MEMBERS who do not yet have a lathe and would like to try turning at home. It's a bench mounted lathe so needs very little space to set-up. The lathe can also be lent with a beginners set of woodturning tools.



More details on the Axminster range of benchtop lathes can be seen here.

https://www.axminstertools.com/axminster-workshop-aw205wl-woodturning-lathe-230v-107699



HOPE carving jig.

Fits into the banjo and is fully adjustable. Allows the chuck to screw on and then hold your workpiece at a comfortable angle in front of you to carve and, or paint.

A nice feature is that the axis is indexed so when you loosen the handle to <u>move, it</u> doesn't fall and damage your work piece.

We have the full range of tool posts and chuck threads, so it will fit most lathe beds.



August 23 Update - This item is currently on loan to Harvey Alison

More details can be seen here.

https://hopewoodturning.co.uk/lathe-accessoires/jigs/hope-carving-jig/172/hope-carving-jig-withm33x3.5-chuck-thread?c=47

Peter Child Artist's Pyrography Machine

Widely regarded as the machine of choice by many professionals. Powerful enough to create dense textures and patterns. It is slim, light and comfortable to use. manufactured by Robert Sorby, the build quality and attention to detail is of the highest standard.

Perfect for precise detailed work, warms from cold in 2 <u>seconds</u>. The club model includes a range of pen tips to try and comes with a range of nickel wire so you can make up your own pen tips to suit own project.



More details can be seen here.

https://www.ockenden-timber.co.uk/toolsaccessories-pyrography-c-107_545/peter-child-artists-pyrography-machine-p-2152

Charnwood Pen and Keyring Turning Kit, 1 and 2 Morse Taper and Bottle Opener Mandrel

This complete 1 MT AND 2MT Pen turning kit contains all the tools you need to start pen turning.

- MT1 and MT2 <u>Colleted</u> Type Mandrel
- 5 x 7mm Bushes
- PENBT Pen Barrel Trimming Tool
- PENTI Pen Barrel Insertion Tool suitable for 6mm – 15mm diameter Tubes
- PBD7 7mm x 95mm long HSS drill bit
- Bottle Opener Mandrel
- Key, Ring and Bottle opener kits.

The collet type mandrel is quick to adjust and offers a strong action.

The collet that secures the mounting shaft ensures that the shaft is locked and centred in position to guarantee a perfectly centred pen.

The shaft slides inside the collet so that it can be lengthened or shortened to adapt to the length of the pen to be made.

The kit consists of 7mm HSS drill bit, pen tube insertion tool, barrel trimming tool, collet type pen mandrel, bushing set for 7mm pens.

AND here is a very useful guide for making pens - everything you'll need to know if you are new to pen making - <u>https://youtu.be/E-bzXki7Lf4</u>

Details about our kit are here. https://charnwood.net/product/pen-turning-kit-2-morse-taper/

August 23 Update - This item is currently on loan to Peter Hoare

Planet Long Hole Boring Kit Deluxe – MT2

The new <u>Botur</u> Long Hole Boring Kit comes with a 2MT centre and a 5/16"x 24" Lip and spur boring bit for making lamp stands or drilling out other spindle work on a lathe.

With the lathe running, simply drill into to the workpiece through the tailstock and Hollow rotating centre in small steps until you get about halfway. Then remove the workpiece and change the pointed tip on the drive centre to the counterbore <u>piece</u>, and insert the drilled hole in the workpiece over the counterbore.



Use the centring rod through the tailstock to centre the workpiece on the undrilled end while tightening up the tailstock. Then continue to drill through the remainder of the workpiece.

More Details can be seen here. <u>https://charnwood.net/product/planet-long-hole-boring-kit-deluxe-</u> mt2/

Paul Howard Sphere Jig

Designed by Paul Howard and now available from Hopewoodturning.

This jig fits onto lathes with a <u>center</u>, height of between 125mm (10" <u>swing) to</u> 280mm (22" swing)

For lathes with a <u>center</u> height of 300mm (24" swing), a riser block has been purchased separately.

Developed by Paul over the years into the solid, accurate, and easy-touse jig.

The standard jig fits onto most flatbed bars. We also have the adaptor for round bar lathe beds.



Please see the videos available to show the setup and use of this jig. There are three videos and <u>they</u> <u>can</u> be seen here. Please watch all three. - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p3iVSOhiE0</u>

July 23 Update - This item is currently on loan to Mel Williams.

Ashley Isles 16 TPI UNI-CHASER MALE & FEMALE THREAD CHASING TOOL

16 TPI UniChaser developed in conjunction with John Berkeley.

This one tool chases both male and female threads.

The club kit includes:

- 16 TPI Uni-Chaser Male
 & Female Thread
 Chasing Tool
- Uni-chaser (threadchaser) RECESS TOOL
- Uni-chaser (threadchaser) ARMREST

A useful and simple guide to using this tool can be found here on You-Tube

Tenfer Woodturning Steady Rest for 12 inch Swing Medium Size Lathe

Compatible with 12"/ 310mm swing lathe. The Lathe steady rest is great for eliminating the vibration and wobble while turning long and slender pieces. The base of this steady rest has adjustable spacer blocks providing a secure fit on lathe beds. The non-marring wheels have a wide range of <u>movement</u> so it can be used as a bowl rest as well as a steady

rest.

Base to top: 400mm. Center height: 155mm

- This steady rest is compatible with 310mm / 12" swing lathe. Easy installation, no additional hardware required.
- The position of each wheel can be adjusted individually. Which gives it a wide range to easily adapt to any turning pieces from 13mm to <u>150mm</u>
- Can be used for turning long spindles like baseball bats, table and chair legs.
- The wheels are made of Non marring soft material, and it has high strength to tightly hold the pieces.
- Heavy duty construction ensuring safe and excellent control.

This item can be made available to members via Peter Clark, who has generously offered to lend this specialist tool to any member who would like to try before they buy.



It is available via Amazon - Search for "Tenfer Woodturning Steady Rest"

The full library list and the associated rules can be seen via our website -

https://hertsandbedswoodturners.co.uk/membership

Tool Library Contact Adam Blackie 07941 270640 treasurer@hertsandbedswoodturners.co.uk

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For Sale and Wanted

Lathe and Accessories

I recently included some items for sale by David Vesey in Berkhamsted. I checked with him and he only has his large lathe left for sale. For interest I looked around on ebay and found an advert for the same lathe with more photos – the only difference was that Davids has a longer bed. – see link below. Allen

VB36 Master Bowlturner Wood Lathe 240v Single Phase | eBay

For Sale

David sent the following:

'VB 36 lathe with long bed and various accessories. Motor is 3HP. Bought in 2007 and had amateur use only.

Small and large faceplates, adaptors for m33x3.5 and Myford ML8 threads, pin chuck. Vicmark 120 chuck with box and bowl jaws, Taylor 3 jaw metalwork chuck. Hollowing arm which fixes to the tailstock, long bar rest for hollowing, curved rest.

Price including accessories. £4,950, buyer to arrange collection.

Comparable lathes are perhaps the Vicmark VL300, Oneway 2436 or Robust Amercan Beauty. The current VB36 price new from Steinert is c. £16,000 with short tailstock.

If anyone is interested they would be welcome to visit and inspect in Berkhamsted.

Price negotiable

Kind regards, David Vesey, Berkhamsted'. <u>dgvesey@btinternet.com</u>



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For Sale – various items

Steve Hart (our membership secretary) has the following for sale Axminster – Disk & amp; Belt Sander – Please see the attached photo's – runs well. Lightly used, and replacement belt and disks. £40 ovno.

Sealey 8" – Bench Grinder – Please see the attached photo's -runs quietly – bought originally to upgrade my 6" grinder but never used by me. Paid £40 – any sensible offer will be considered.

Offers accepted if both wanted.

Happy to demonstrate in Walkern or bring to club night to view/pick up.

Contact – Steve Hart, 07508004511





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Apple wood available

Jake Jackson (not one of our members) contacted me offering some green apple wood. He lives in Croxley Green

He said the main branches range between 20-35cm in diameter and range 80-100cm in length and then one extra slightly smaller.

The larger ones would have to be cut down in size to be moved as they are too heavy to carry.



He is unsure as to their value but is open to small offers. He does need for them to go soon. If you are interested please contact him directly as below.

jake_jackson@me.com

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Bandsaw for Sale

Keith Goddard, one of our members is selling a bandsaw. See photos.

Anyone interested please contact Keith directly.

He said 'Most of the proceeds are going to the club. I have just fitted a new blade and there is a new spare blade. It is fitted with wheels and the stand has a very useful cupboard.'

Price £100 Keith 07740238491



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Multiple items for sale

Chris Squires is managing the sale of woodworking and woodturning items for one of his relations.

There are far too many items to list individually or indeed photograph and it might be easier if you contact Chris directly and ask about particular bits of kit you are interested in. It does include a large lathe. Dependant on interest Chris may arrange an open morning when people can come and visit.

His contact details are at the end. The photos below give just a flavour of what is for sale. There are often multiples of things.





































This is a photo of the lathe with extended bed.

The photos are just a selection of what is to be sold. Please contact Chris directly if you are interested -

stanleysquires@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01707329552.

Poetry Corner

Vintage viewing On three small screens came my way this Saturday

Passion for sporting action knew no bounds When three diverse sports did the rounds On a sport's pyramid of highest level will Top heavy with talent and amazing skill Everybody present was in for the kill

Simultaneous viewing, there was no eschewing Through iPad, mobile and tv screen, all three at once were seen With the click of a switch to each new address Brought immoral excitement, too much to suppress 1, Budapest world athletics,2, Lords one hundred cricket 3, Bayonne based international rugby, just the ticket The dilemma?!...... Which to support, which to address True warriors on show of every type This was real,there was no hype

Batons and feet flew around the track Sixes and fours rained with classic shots, no hack Tries and tackles and slick kicks and passes Warranted throughout, filled raised glasses Indeed The techno transported armchair attendee of equal persuasion Derived such pleasure from this occasion

Two hours of euphoria, watching sporting greats, gloria

Martin Sexton.

Saturday 26th August. 2023