



THE SUSSEX WOODCRAFT SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER No 105 NOVEMBER 2017

President: Wendy Quantrill 01273-845977

Chairman: Paul Reader 01444-451979

Secretary: Bob Jubb 01444-232955 e-mail robertjubb7@aol.com

Webmaster: Frank Botterill 01273-890598 e-mail FABlamorna@aol.com

Treasurer: Philip Starnes 01444-453606 e-mail pstarnes@tiscali.co.uk

Editor and membership secretary: Brian Campion 01444-232824 <mailto:briancampion542@gmail.com>

Web address: <http://www.sussexwoodcraft.co.uk>

Hi everyone, here is your latest SWS newsletter. Here are the arrangements for the parking at our Henfield Show in December for those staying all day.

Hi Brian, Thank you for the telephone call and subsequent e mail regarding parking for the craft event at the village hall. I can confirm that we permit the 'doubling up' of parking tickets, i.e. allowing those visitors parking to purchase additional tickets to double the maximum permitted time. Two tickets should be purchased at the same time and then both displayed side by side on the vehicle dashboard. Stuart Slater

Parking Co-ordination Officer Telephone: 01403 215222

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

This autumn has heralded one of the heaviest mast years for a long time of acorns or oak nuts as they are known. Oak galls are plentiful as well. They are caused by a parasitic wasp feeding on the fruit and causing deformity. Recently, I was speaking with someone who had taken some galls, soaked them in water and crushed them, strained off the liquid and added iron sulphate to produce ink. The method used is hundreds of years old and if you visit the archives at Kew, there are papers written by Darwin himself using this ink and it is still legible today! It never ceases to amaze me the versatility/uses of trees. This heavy mast year has taken its toll though as many heavy boughs have dropped during the summer months around the countryside.

LAST MONTHS SPEAKER

John Lloyd gave a very good talk and I learnt lots of great tips from listening to him. His slide presentation showed the step by step process of making a small table with a drawer. The prices that he mentioned he had paid for some of his specialist tools are way out of my league and I suspect this applied to a lot of us. He is someone who is obviously painstaking in everything he does. Another great speaker, thanks Wendy.

MEMBERS WORK

We had three members bring in work. Doug Moyses brought in an elegantly carved little football playing elephant which I thought was very cute.

Bob Jubb brought in a hedgehog Thanks to Frank Botterill for the photos.



I do feel this is an important point of the evening as not only do we learn what projects our colleagues have been or are working on, but I feel we can all learn from this part of the evening. So please do bring in your work. In the past we have had people bring in items that have not turned out as they wanted and it has been interesting to hear how they have overcome the problems.



FEATURE ARTICLE

TWINEHAM TIMBER LTD

A few months ago, I found out about the above timber company which is situated just outside of Burgess Hill, behind Hickstead on the West side of the A23. I recently visited the company and was kindly given a guided tour by the manager, Gary. I have to say I was very impressed. It's a family run business and they have made a very large investment in two large kilns plus machinery, and tools, and a large stock of British timber. (Species listed below) Their timber is sourced locally wherever possible and they supply sawn stock or cut to size and machine to your specific requirements for moderate cost. They have green, air dried or kiln dried timbers in stock and can supply timber for fence posts as well. They also offer a full design & joinery service and employ some highly talented local craftsmen.

They have the capabilities to prepare the timber to your size specification and also make items to order. They supply high quality timber at good value for money on all their products and services. They also supply seasoned hardwood logs for £65 per crane bag which can be delivered to your door for free if you live locally or for a delivery charge of £10 if over 5 miles from Twineham.

So, if you need any hardwood, it would be well worth your while giving them a ring on 01444 881291 or e-mail info@twinehamtimber.com

Species in Stock - Oak, Elm, Holly, Beech, Sycamore, London Plane, Cedar, Cherry, Poplar, Ash, Lime, Yew*, Walnut*, and Purpleheart. *Limited stock levels - subject to availability



THIS MONTHS WOOD QUIZ

How many trees are there on earth.?.....Answer on page 5

AMAZING TREES

Amazon rainforest contains so many woody species it will take 300 YEARS to discover them all

The exact number has long been a mystery but was estimated to be 16,000. Researchers looked at museum collections which confirm this estimate. Based on current rates, it will take another three centuries to find the remaining 4,000, most of which are thought to be very rare. While there may be many species in tropical rainforests, these often exist in low numbers over large areas. Amazon plants and trees play critical roles in regulating the global climate and sustaining the local water cycle. The forests they form are home to the huge variety of animals found in the



Amazon. But their greatest riches yet may be the compounds they produce, some of which are used for medicine and agriculture. Nigel Pitman, The Field Museum's Mellon Senior Conservation Ecologist, said: 'An international team of botanists tallied up the number of species in more than half a million museum specimens collected in the Amazon between 1707 and 2015, and we came away with a list of 11,676 Amazonian tree species. 'We interpret this to mean that our 2013 estimate of 16,000 species is good, and that about 4,000 of the rarest Amazonian trees remain to be discovered and described.' Since 1900, between 50 and 200 new species of tree have been discovered in the Amazon every year. Mr Pitman added: 'Our analysis suggests that we won't be done discovering new tree species there for three more centuries.' Because much of the data from the museums was hundreds of years old, the study relied upon the digitalisation of many collections. Mr Pitman said: 'We couldn't have written this paper without digitisation efforts. 'All of the information we needed was in the same place, so we didn't have to go through every individual museum in the world. 'We were able to use data not just from The Field Museum, but from museum collections everywhere.' The results of this study could prove an invaluable resource for ecologists studying the Amazonian rainforest. Hans ter Steege, from the Naturalis Biodiversity Centre, who led the study, said: 'We're trying to give people tools so they're not just labouring in the dark. 'The checklist gives scientists a better sense of what's actually growing in the Amazon Basin, and that helps conservation efforts.'

AMAZING TREE FACTS

Not all rainforests are tropical

The Great Bear temperate rainforest in western Canada is home to the extremely rare Kermode "spirit" bear. A subspecies of black bears, their white coat is caused by a recessive gene, but it makes them expert fishers as they are harder to see. Whilst most of the Great Bear rainforest is protected, parts of it are still under threat from logging for timber. The Sitka spruce that grows there is particularly prized for making guitars, violins and mandolins.

THIS MONTHS JOKE SPOT

The wheel of my grocery cart was making a horrible scraping sound as I rolled it through the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping and saw a cartless woman, I offered it up, explaining, "It makes an awful noise, but it works."



"That's okay," she said, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

THE AMAZING WORD OF WOOD



Two widely differing subjects for you this month which I feel sure like me, you will be amazed at. The rickshaw is all done in bamboo and a true work of art. As is the eagle, or it will be when finished.

THIS MONTHS YOU TUBE LINKS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HKmYNut61A>

Fantastic scroll saw items

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouph7Z3jnH4&t=748s>

Bangle from C.D.s

FUTURE SWS TALKS

Nov 8th Continuation of Chris Graces wood carving talks

Dec. 13th Paul Reader Christmas Special!

2018

Jan 10th Closed

Feb 14th Closed

March 14 Resume of Christmas Show

April 11 Bernie and Chris demonstrating letter carving.

When you are out and about at wood shows or exhibitions, if you see any person you think might be a candidate to give us a talk, please do ask them or at least take a note of their details and pass it on to Wendy or any of our committee member so we can maintain the great speakers we have had. We are always open to suggestions for new speakers and we do need your help and input to help with this.

Please also let me know of any shows or exhibitions you think may be of interest to our members so I can include them in the section below.

EVENTS FOR 2017

December

Fri 1st Setting up for our annual show at Henfield

Sat 2nd SWS Annual show at Henfield Village Hall

EVENTS FOR 2018

MARCH

23rd, 24th The Midlands woodworking & Power Tool Show, Newark showground, (10am to 4pm)

JUNE

16th, 17th (Provisional date) West's Wood Fair, East Dean Near Chichester

Please note:- as it is possible some shows may be cancelled or have the dates changed. Please check with organisers before travelling

ANSWER TO THIS MONTHS WOOD QUIZ

In a blockbuster study released in Nature, a team of 38 scientists finds that the planet is home to an estimated 3.04 *trillion* trees, blowing away the previously estimate of 400 billion. That means, the researchers say, that there are 422 trees for every person on Earth.