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Chairman's Comments

By Eugene Grimley

I do hope that you all are enjoying the Spring weather. We still do not have any definite information that would allow us to plan for our future but we are hopeful that we will be able to get back to our demos and meetings by the end of the year.

We are trying to keep in contact with as many of you as possible through "Shavings" and our fortnightly Zoom meetings. Please feel free to contact us – our details are at the end of this "Shavings".

Tuesday evenings on Zoom are going well but if there is anything you would like to see in "Shavings" or on Zoom do get in touch by emailing [shavings](mailto:shavings@ulsterwoodturning.co.uk) or Mark.

Our exploration of Dust extraction – at a recent Zoom meeting highlighted how we can protect ourselves. Remember, if you don't have dust extraction or even if you do the first and most important element of protection is a dust mask, disposable or permanent, or a pumped air full face visor. Your PPE is the first and most crucial line of defense. Dust extraction/filtration is 2nd in line but will only work if properly maintained. Plan a routine for cleaning and replacing the filters in

- Disposable dust masks (FFP2 as a minimum) are just that – DISPOSABLE – and will work out expensive in the long run
- Respirators/Half masks (Air Ace, Elipse, Trend Stealth, ...) – filters need to be cleaned regularly and eventually replaced
- Powered Respirators (Air Shield, Power Cap,) – filters need to be cleaned regularly and eventually replaced
- Air Filters (Micro Clean, Record AC400, Jet,....) – filters need to be cleaned regularly and eventually replaced

- Dust Extraction/systems -- filters need to be cleaned regularly and eventually replaced.

All of the above will only protect you if they are working properly and you **MUST** wear a Respirator regardless of the dust extraction in your workshop/shed/studio.

In conclusion I would like your opinion on IRDs . What do you think of Record Power having the same turners ie Theo Haralampou and Andrew Hall being on every time? Based on what I saw with Cindy Drozda I know what type of IRD I would choose for the future (and I am not a fan of IRDs). Your opinion on these and any others you have watched would be appreciated.

IRDs And The Future

Will the availability of Remote Internet Demos change meetings?

This is a difficult one. It is likely that some previous visitors to the Wood Shed may say they are only available for an IRD demo which would/may impact on our future programmes. When you can get a superb live demo by Cindy Drozda for £7.20 via an IRD in your own home it is questionable whether people would pay £25/£35 to see her or similar turners live in the Wood Shed. This will warrant

some deep discussion and no doubt people will have strong views but it may be the case that the economics just don't stack up. What is more important, however, is the opportunity for social interaction and sharing of ideas with fellow woodturners that visits to the Wood Shed provide. What type of programme or organisational structure can or should we put in place to maintain this as we move forward. Doing nothing is also an option of course.

IWG News

It now appears that the IWG Executive has decided that no membership fee will be collected until December 2021 for the next membership year 2022.

The Executive has also indicated that Limerick and District Chapter will be providing a free demo via Zoom on Thursday next 29th April at 7:30pm.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82738593356?pwd=VDQ0ZDNVTkhJbVpLd1R4ZG9ERWR2dz09>

Wood Shed News

Hopefully we will all be able to visit the Wood Shed again once retail premises are open again on Friday 30th April. Remember Sam and Linda will still be dispatching orders by

mail and carrier if you can't attend in person Tel 028 94433833.

IRD Round-UP

AAW – The recent demo by Cindy Drozda on Saturday 24th April doing what she called a Wildfire Challis - a natural edge burr goblet cost \$10 (£7.20) for AAW members \$15 (£10.84) for others. Check out the AAW website for up and coming demos

Conkers Live – The next demo is on 12th May when Kirsty Dalton will be the Demonstrator.

Record – Now when you register once they will automatically send you details for every demo just like Conkers Live. Apparently they are attracting huge numbers of viewers.

AAW

A fair number of Ulster Woodturning members have joined the AAW. The Magazine, online printed materials and educational materials are outstanding and well worth it in comparison to what is available elsewhere. Take a look

<https://www.woodturner.org> You will also see details of the AAW virtual symposium taking place in July for members featuring world renown turners eg Nick Agar, Nick Cooke, Stuart Batty amongst others.

Zoom Update

The next Ulster Woodturning Zoom meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 4th May when Mark will explore processing wood. If you don't receive the email with the link phone or email [Mark](#).

As our Zoom meetings are a collaborative effort please feel free to get involved by doing a short demo, presentation or leading a discussion. Contact Mark with suggestions and offers.

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Children's Hospital.

Thanks to everyone for the great effort before Easter. Jenne was delighted and was able to share out some of what we made. For the summer Jenne has asked if we would have time to help her by making

small to medium sized bowls for the older children and for the babies she would appreciate rolling pins, rattles (captive rings) and rings. Details are in the table below. Arrangements for delivery/collection will be published when available.

	Item	Material	Size	Sanded	Finish
1	Bowls	Any wood	Max Ø175	120/180 only	NO FINISH
2a	Rolling Pins	SAFE WOODS ONLY	Ø25 x 100mm to 150mm	To 320/400	
2b	Baby rattles/ captive rings		Max 100 long	To 320/400	
2c	Rings		Ø50 x 10 thick	To 320/400	

eggs/chicks/etc that they received at Easter from the magnificent amount we provide to Jenne **even in lockdown!!!!**

Data Protection

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If your information is removed, you will no longer receive any official communication (emails, telephone calls or correspondence) from Ulster Woodturning or the Irish Woodturners' Guild.

Comments and suggestions should be forwarded to the Shavings Editor

Eugene has received a thank-you letter from the Ulster Hospital for the