

## COURSE DETAILS – LONG WEEKEND LW0055

TITLE: WOODTURNING BOWLS

TUTOR: PETER CLOTHIER

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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### AIMS OF COURSE:

This course is designed to be an introduction to the principles of bowl turning. Students attending this course must have previously attended a beginners' woodturning course or have basic woodturning skills.

### WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

During the course you will initially turn a small bowl to learn the various techniques of this specialised form of woodturning. A second project, a platter, follows so that the students extend their repertoire of techniques.

With the knowledge and experience gained from these projects, you will go on to make a bowl of your own design.

### MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

Methods of holding timber while making bowls, such as faceplates, pin chucks, screw chucks and multipurpose chucks, will be comprehensively dealt with during the course.

Timber suitability and selection will be examined as well as tool sharpening (gouges and scrapers) and treatments appropriate to the finished bowl.

### TEACHING METHOD:

Demonstrations followed by hand's on practice at a lathe. You will also receive one-to-one guidance from the tutor.

### EVENING SESSIONS:

#### **First evening session – attendance is an essential part of the course.**

The first session begins after dinner on the first evening. After initial instruction on techniques and safe working practice, you will begin turning your first set piece.

#### **Other optional evening activities:**

The tutor's normal teaching hours are 9.00 – 5.30 pm. The workshops are open until 10 pm. Providing a student has satisfied the tutor as to their competence, they may usually finish off the days' projects. There must always be a minimum of two students in the workshop if the tutor is not present, for safety reasons.

The College Library has a small selection of books on woodturning, which the students may refer to. The tutor will also bring in a selection of relevant books.

GENERAL TIMETABLE: see overleaf

### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

**MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON PRACTICAL COURSES YOU MAY WELL NEED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

Included in the course fee is the cost of timber supplied for the project work. Timber for other items, if needed, may be purchased separately.

**These items will be available for purchase in the College Shop:**

Note pad

Pencils

Additional timber is available for purchase at the College, if required. If you wish to bring some of your own, please do so: 50mm x 50mm and 75mm x 75mm lengths; 50mm to 100mm thick stock for bowls and platters.

**Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:**

**Protective clothing, e.g. smock, overall or apron and sturdy covered footwear**

**\*Tools – if you have your own, to learn how to sharpen them**

**\*N.B. Lathes and turning tools are provided by the College for the course.**

**SAFE WORKING PRACTICE:**

All woodworking machinery is potentially hazardous. Simple and sensible precautions must always be applied.

- 1) Eyes – must be protected by safety glasses or a face screen.
- 2) Lungs and nose: – a dust extraction mask, generally used only during sanding. Dust masks are provided. The lathes all have dust extraction units fitted.
- 3) Clothing – Turners smocks are ideal. Aprons (tied at the back) or overalls, and boiler suits can be used. Trousers should be worn and stout footwear (no open toes) is essential.
- 4) Do not wear: – loose clothing, loose hair and dangling jewellery, as these are obviously potentially dangerous.

**COURSE TIMETABLE** (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

<b>Arrival Day</b>	From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15–9.15	First teaching session.
<b>Daily Timetable</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning classes.</b>
	10.30	Coffee.
	12.45pm	Lunch.
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon classes.</b>
	3.30	Tea.
	5.00	Classes finish.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15	Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
<b>Departure – last day</b>	10.00am	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms.
	3.00pm	Classes finish.
	3.30	Tea then departure.