

Welcome to the first e-newsletter for 2010 from Robert Sorby, the worlds leading manufacturer of woodworking tools.

The aim of the newsletter is to inform woodworkers of the latest products, news from the woodworking field and advise when you can see Robert Sorby personnel demonstrating at national shows, dealer events and Robert Sorby demo days.

#### EVENTS

Due to the weather we had to cancel two events last week, hopefully the email got to most customers and stopped them from having a wasted trip.

There are three events planned this week and next and it is advisable to check and make sure the event is still on.

We do have a full programme of events planned for 2010, this is our busiest year for club demonstrations, 23 booked so far. Two national shows are planned along with numerous dealer shows and Robert Sorby demonstration days.

Thursday 14th January 2010

Robert Sorby demonstration at 'The Woodworking Centre (Sharpend Services), Unit 4 Wellingborough Road, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell, Northampton, NN6 0BT, tel 01604 494549

Friday 15th January 2010

Robert Sorby evening at Plymouth Woodturners, Plymouth, Devon.

Wednesday 20th January 2010

Robert Sorby evening at Black Country Woodturners, Dudley, West Midlands.

Friday 5th March 2010

Robert Sorby evening at High Peak Woodturners, Stockport.

Saturday 6th March 2010

Robert Sorby day (10am to 4pm) at John Davis Woodturning, The Old Stables, Chilbolton Down Farm, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6BU, tel 01264 811070.

Guest turner Nigel Maddocks from Somerset.

This is a replacement day for last Saturday 9th January which was cancelled due to the weather.

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th March 2010

This is going to be the main event this year - Get Woodworking Live at Alexandra Palace, London. Tickets are £10.00 on the day and £8.50 in advance, one ticket is valid for all three days. Ticket hotline 0844 848 8831, website

<http://www.getwoodworkinglive.co.uk>

The show has been totally revamped and there are a number of new and international demonstrators.

For woodturners you can see the following in action :-

Mike Darlow (Australia now Jersey) author of numerous books on the subject of Woodturning.

Andrew the Hatman Hall (UK), watch Andrew create all styles of hats on the lathe, website <http://www.hallwoodhats.co.uk>.

Alain Mailland (France), Alain is one of the original 'artistic' woodturners, check out his creations on <http://www.mailland.fr/>

Mick Hanbury (UK), Mick is very popular on the club circuit and is probably best known for his decorative and piercing work, website <http://www.mickhanbury.com>

Richard Raffan (Australia), Richard is the star turn here, he has been one of the most popular and influential woodturners in the world for the past 20 years.

He is the author of numerous books, has made a number of videos and has demonstrated the world over. Richard has not been in the UK for about 10 years and this may be your last chance to see him demonstrate.

Woodworkers are not forgotten, you will be able to see:-

Rob Cosman (Canada), one of the best at handcut dovetails you will ever see.

Phil Edwards (UK) manufacturer of Philly Planes.

Mick Hudson (UK) representing Clifton Planes from Sheffield on the Turners Retreat stand.

Wednesday 17th to Tuesday 23rd March 2010

Scottish tour, not yet finalised, details will be posted as soon as possible.

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th March 2010

Woodworking show at Timberman, Gwyll Garage, Bronwydd, Carmarthen, SA33 6BE, tel 01267 232621.

If you are a club member and have not had a Robert Sorby demonstration or have not seen us for a few years then please contact me on 0114 225 0700 or [cpouncy@robert-sorby.co.uk](mailto:cpouncy@robert-sorby.co.uk)

#### PRODUCTS

Although we are best known as the worlds leading manufacturer of woodturning tools we also manufacture a wide range of accessories for the woodturner and his lathe. From stebcentres, revolving stebcentres and steb chucks - only available from Robert Sorby, to revolving centre sets and shell augers for long hole boring. As many lathes do not have a built in indexing system we have a universal product which can be fitted to most lathes and used in conjunction with the precision boring system, again can fit most lathes.

One of the most popular accessories is the modular tool rest system which enables turners to have different size round bar rests fitted to a stem to suit their lathe.

For full details check out our website or see you local dealer.

#### WEBSITE

The Robert Sorby website is full of information on the products, demonstrations, news, hints and tips, and more recently movie clips which show many of the specialist tools, only available from Robert Sorby, in use. The Robert Sorby catalogue is now available to view and is downloadable from the website. Go to [www.robert-sorby.co.uk](http://www.robert-sorby.co.uk)

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