

Many thanks to John Reck who resolved a website issue for me this week. I have used WORDPRESS to build the site & they regularly update the software adding new features or rectify problems found. This time one of their updates prevented the website from being displayed and I was at a loss to fix it. Fortunately John was able to sort it out for me & I appreciate he is available for me to call upon.

David Jagger has started carving a chess set & was looking for some advice as to the best timber to use.

Albert Bak from the Know Woodies advised when he carved his chess set he used Huon Pine for the white pieces as it is pleasant to carve. He used Blackwood for the black pieces which were more of a challenge as the timber is harder to carve. However both timbers provide natural colouring.

The link below was provided by Albert to advise which timbers were best to carve & some pictures of his work. All the pieces were carved using witting knives. Many Thanks Albert

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vj76249oiw21hg6/AADYJS9m9XQ4XuOvuzMI2Rgka?dl=0>

This week Nick Ciuffetelli advised he has been doing some woodwork at home. He finished his entertainment unit and his record player is working. Currently he is working on a pasta making board for his sister. Unfortunately the cold weather & rain have kept him out of the workshop.

Today I am spending it on the computer to catch up with the thing I put off because I would prefer to work in the garage. Its days like this that I am jealous of John Hanley & his work space as he has a potbellied stove in there to keep the place comfortable.



Not a lot of opinions were expressed as to which was the best finial. This could have been because the colouring in the photos was hard to differentiate between black & polished wood. However the results were No: 7 (on the left) had the most first votes. It had the long finial & stand in polished wood.

No:3 (on the right) had the most votes overall. It was similar to No: 7 only it had the black finial & stand.



The ZOOM Trial this week has 6 attendees. The meeting is starting off a lot easier. The main discussion was around finials and went over the allotted 30 minutes. Most had a cup of tea/coffee in their hand or a sandwich.

In future it could be used for:

- Special Interest Groups to get together to talk on ideas or issues.
- Committee meetings
- Or at General Meetings where some members want to see a guest speaker but cannot attend

I am looking to schedule the next ZOOM trial for next Thursday @ 2pm just in case Wednesdays do not suit.