Lankan Pewter/2

I met Chris Masters while Lyn and I were in Sri Lanka over Christmas/winter of 2014/15. (See The Pewterer, Volume 6.1). Chris runs his small business, Lankan Pewter, from a town 80 kilometres (or some three hours' drive) or so south east of Colombo. Chris is innovative, always looking for new items to add to his range. Here are two new ideas, still under development.

Chris said: "I added a16 mm carnelian bead, for the body, to my existing elephant, and put him on a bottle cap. We found suitable bottles to make Olive Oil and Vinegar dispensers. We added a spice rack with three jars and labelled: Cardamom, Chillies, Cinnamon. We think it looks nice.   I have labels, also, for coffee, green tea, black tea for larger bottles. (Soy Sauce, Fish Sauce anyone?).

"I think it will adapt for, say, salt, pepper and mustard in small jars. We will use pink/white 16 mm beads for the salt, and black 16 mm beads for the pepper. We are now making a mustard spoon with a 10 mm yellow bead, and an adaption of a failed elephant bell (the sound was not good) for a cap for the jar, tall enough to hold the spoon. There could also be labels 'Wasabi' and 'Tamarind Paste' for the same jar. We have not yet decided whether to sell them as sets; or to sell separate bottles and racks, and let people collect the sets. This is under development. I want to make products that are not easily copied and cloned in resin."

Alan Williams

PS It was while I was talking to Chris about his jars that he told me about his new designs for a Kandian chess set. Please see the separate article, intended to be published in the next issue, on that subject.