



Waveney & District Wood Turners

E-News

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November Demonstration.

This month saw the return of a regular visitor when Bill Care, whose chosen topic was off-centre turning, showed us far more than the topic suggested. The answer to his first question 'who likes using the skew chisel' was clearly only a few of those present. He then proceeded to rough down a piece of branch wood, clean up the end grain, and cut vee grooves, coves and beads all with a rolled-edged skew chisel. I have the sample piece and I can assure you the tool finish is very good. Fortunately by this time we had managed to sort out a small problem with the camera (basically-no-one could see)

So onto the main item, a letter opener blade, which was turned on three parallel centres from a piece of box-wood. The three centres were marked on each end of piece, the offsets being about 3.5mm either side of the centre and the square section was roughed down to the round and a small spigot cut at one end (onto which a handle would be fitted); the piece was driven by a step centre.



Bill at the lathe

Whilst still on centre the piece was tapered on a curve toward the headstock end to form the outer profile of the blade.

The piece was then turned on the first offset centre and then the second taking great care not to apply too much pressure from the tail stock and also to take very fine cuts as by this stage the piece was very thin at the headstock end. Finally the piece was removed from the lathe and the ends, used for drive and tailstock support, were sawn off and the blade was given a quick sand by hand before being passed round for inspection.

For the sake of completion Bill then turned a handle to fit the spigot on the blade; the use of the spiralling tool for decoration was unfortunately not successful and the handle was re-shaped to remove all signs of the attempt.

After coffee Bill used half a six inch long by five inch diameter piece of branch wood to turn a small square ended natural edged bowl for the express purpose of demonstrating the importance

turning the chuck spigot of any bowl to a suitable size and shape. His method of re-chucking in this instance was to squeeze the bowl between a firm sponge pad glued to a turned block held on a screw chuck and the tail stock fitted with a ring centre. The original chuck spigot of about two inches was then turned to create an appropriate sized foot for the bowl; all in all an entertaining demonstration.

We also welcomed Jean Huish who had a wide range of consumables for sale. She had travelled some way so I am pleased to report that her sales justified the journey and we expect to be able to invite her again in the future.

Points Competition

This months winners were:-

Advanced	1 st Roger Rout	2 nd Roger Groom	3 rd David Ritchie
Novice	1 st Mark Leggett	2 nd Eric Smith	3 rd Chris Hoare

Advanced Table



Novice Table





Display Table

Thanks to all who put pieces on the tables this month, I am sure the pieces provide ideas and inspiration for many of us.



Two pieces that I particularly liked (sorry but I do not know the creators of these pieces but I will publish their names in the next issue.

Articles etc.

If you have something that may be of interest to other members, eg a how to do it (in my case how do you do it?) article, or something to sell or maybe something you want, email me at woodenpost@btinternet.com and I will be happy to include it in the next edition.

For Sale



This 'Trugrind' jig is still for sale as far as I know. A bargain at £40-00.

If you would like to acquire it contact me and I will put you in touch with Mike O'Connor who is dealing with it on Jim's behalf

Next meeting

Thursday December 13th.

The demonstrator is Tom Kittle who will be showing us some Christmas decorations.

This Month's Project

There is no monthly project as such this month but the two annual cups are on offer.

The Derby Cup for the best on show faceplate turning.

The Gordon Stewart Trophy for the best spindle turning on show.

Tom Kittle has kindly agreed to undertake the difficult task of judging these competitions and we are looking forward to seeing full tables.

Thanks (and a reminder)

Thanks to those of you who responded to last months request for early payment of your AWG subscriptions. To those who forgot please take the opportunity to pay them at the December meeting. Early payment makes life so much easier for our treasurer (it also enables us to claim a small discount for the club).

Annual club subscriptions remain at £12-00 and are payable at the AGM in January.

Happy turning