



# Waveney & District Wood Turners

## E-News

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### April Demonstration.

The demonstrator this month was Simon Hope who has visited this club on numerous occasions. The end result of the demonstration was a small lidded box with a decorative pewter ring on the lid and a blackwood finial. Judging by the varied excellent work on the tables not much description of the box-making is required so I will content myself by mentioning some of the particular parts of the evening that caught my attention.

The first was the great care that Simon took when transferring measurements using vernier callipers and the accompanying explanation, 'keep the left leg on the tool rest and do not let the right leg touch the moving wood'; common sense perhaps but always worth emphasising. (n.b. I am of course referring to the calliper legs and not a new yoga position).

The neat little trick of wetting the wood to improve the fit of the base to lid for jam-chuck use. It was almost as if he had made it slightly slack on purpose just so he could demonstrate it.

I also liked the fact that he had with him a selection of beading tools about which he made various pros and cons comments and although I know there was a sales element attached I appreciated the demonstration of his mini-hollower tools and the mini-skew mounted on round bar to fit his handles.

When it came to making the pewter insert our attention was drawn to the inherent dangers of a naked flame in a woodworking shop and also to the fact that the timber used for the mould had to be thoroughly dry to avoid violent scattering of hot pewter.

The very careful use of cyanoacrylate (CA) glue was also a good example to us all; although he had used activator to set the glue he checked that there was no throw-off before he started turning and as he turned off surface wood and pewter he used more activator to ensure that no unset glue was lurking below the surface.

I also liked the use of the long necked Proxxon angle grinder with the Arbortech blade to texture the surface of the pewter ring and the use of the drum sander in the chuck to add (or perhaps take away is more factually correct) shape to the blackwood finial.



You will have gathered that I enjoyed the demonstration and look forward to David getting him on the list for future visits. Our thanks also to Simon for his critique of the table work

### Points Competition

The winner of the novice table last month was Jim Manton. I could not put a name to the number so Jim appeared as a series of question marks in last month's enews; sorry Jim.

Advanced	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roy Edmunds	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike O'Connor, Roger Rout	3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Ritchie
Novice	1 <sup>st</sup>	Len Stout	2 <sup>nd</sup>	J Manton		

Whilst there are now excellent advanced and display tables it would be nice to see a few more novice pieces.

### Pictures From the Tables



### **Chairman's Choice**

Writing this little piece is already harder than I thought given the number and quality of pieces on the tables this evening. My choice this month is this box by Roger Rout; I just like everything about it especially the beautiful shape. (Pity the photo doesn't match the quality of the piece)



### **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](mailto:woodenpost@btinternet.com) and I will be happy to include it in the next edition. Perhaps you would like to comment on a piece on the table and I will include a "Members Choice" feature.

### **Future Events**

As mentioned last month the Tom Kittle day on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> is now firmly in the diary. The event will run from 10.00am till 4.30pm with a break for lunch. The cost will be £15 and this will include a light snack (sandwich) lunch and teas or coffee. We would like firm bookings with full payment at, or before, our July meeting.

### **Next meeting**

Thursday May 16th *Please note this is not the second Thursday of the month but the third*

The demonstrator is Tom Kittle

### **This Month's Project**

Any piece made up of three or more species of wood (not my idea-honest)

## **Demonstrator Training**

We have been invited by the AWGB to run a course at our club for the purpose of giving competent turners the necessary additional skills to become demonstrators.

This course is open to all and if there is enough interest, we need four participants, we can go ahead and make firm arrangements with the AWGB, Mutford village hall etc.

There is no fixed charge but a donation toward further training would be appreciated.

If you are interested please talk to Eric Smith at the next meeting.

## **Basic/Specialist Training**

We have also been requested by the AWGB to run either a basic turning course for relative newcomers to turning or a more focussed course such as hollowing, decoration etc for intermediate turners.

We are again looking for four participants for either type of course and as before there is no fixed charge but a donation toward further training would be most welcome.

If you are interested in either type of course please talk to Eric Smith at the next meeting.

Happy Turning