

Waveney & District



Wood Turners

E-News

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February Meeting

As I was unable to attend this meeting (a severe case of woodworm) I am grateful to Dave Ritchie for the words and pictures for this article (he hasn't mentioned copyright) and indeed for all the pictures in this edition.

This month saw the first visit of Shaun Clifford.

Shaun has graduated over the years from starting turning at the age of 11 becoming a tree surgeon for his middle years before coming back to turning a few years ago. Most of his turning is done in wet wood and is predominantly bowls and hollowforms, for this evenings demonstration he turned a **Flying Winged Bowl**.

The selected wood was an 18" X 10" wet cherry, this had a sawn flat on one side sufficient to take a face plate and is probably the largest section of wet wood turned on the club lathe. Having mounted on the face plate Shaun proceeded to turn the edges what were to be the bottom of the bowl using a 19mm bowl gouge working from the centre to the outer edge, this removes a lot of



the weight quickly. Changing to a slightly smaller gouge he created a spigot taking care to turn from the spigot to the outside ensuring he did not make contact with the wings. Having now defined the curve of the underside he was able to remove some of the top side material using a bowl gouge and a pull cut from the centre to the outside of the wing. Still turning from the original position he worked from the front of the lathe using a French curved scraper scraping up hill very carefully and finished with a shearing cut. Shaun explained that most of his turning takes place over the end of the lathe bed for his hollow forms and bowls, the only way he could simulate this was to stand in front of the lathe to make the cuts, this is not a preferred practice, but needs competence and experience to complete. Shaun explained that he had turned logs weighing upwards of 50kg working from the end of the lathe with one chucking point only.



Running downhill using a negative rake scraper (made from an old skew) he finished off the underside taking great care not to hit the wings as to do so would be extremely painful! As the wood was wet, sanding was done in conjunction with a heat gun (paint stripper type) and sanded to 800 grit on the under side with a drill mounted sander always working down hill. N.B. Always use a disc smaller than the inside curve to avoid becoming air born, clear dust between grits because on wet wood a build up will spoil the surface as you progress through the grit range.



The piece was then reversed and mounted on the spigot into a standard chuck. Using a 3/8" bowl gouge bevel rubbing and drawing the tool back from the centre until contact is lost and then turning a cutting edge moved slowly forwards avoids dig ins on the wings, changing to a 1/2" swept back bowl gouge he then removed the centre. It is very important on all large pieces to remove the centre mass as late in the project as possible to minimise centrifugal force on the outside edge.



The centre of the bowl was finished with a shallow ground conventional bowl gouge and after sanding would be finished with a matt oil. Shaun believes the beauty is in the wood not in what's added afterwards



Finished winged bowl



Witch Elm 26"!!

Tables.

The new system of splitting those preferring critique and those not seems to have had the desired effect. This month we had 32 pieces across the tables lets hope for 33 next month! Shaun did a critique on some of the pieces on the table and commented that it was the best showing he had seen at any club! Well done all.

Selection of choice pieces.

Ivan Tatnall



Money boxes with a clever lock system.

Ken Rodgers



Root Cherry bowl,

Roger Rout



Natural edge bowl in
Acacia Burr

Selection from the Novice Table



Selection from the Advanced Table





May I add my thanks and congratulations to all those who had a piece, or pieces, on the tables I wish I had been there to see them

An Article from Colin Brown

I attended the AGM earlier in January. Of the many good ideas to come from this meeting, one was for the experienced turners amongst us, if they so wished, to make themselves available to help us beginners. A list of those willing to offer their services would be produced. I believe that quite a few volunteers have already put their names down.

A couple of days after this meeting I was contacted by Dave Ritchie asking if I would like to have a mornings turning with him, an offer far too good to miss.

A few days later I arrived at David's door only to see a massive bandage wrapped around his little finger, he had cut the tip of his finger off! I will leave David to tell you how this came about.

Despite the pain, he was still very keen to show me the rudiments of using a skew chisel, bowl turning and some spindle work. Despite the notoriety of the skew chisel I was able, with David's help able to form beads. He also gave me an insight into tool sharpening.

I must add that at times he was in real agony with his finger problem, the jarring from showing me how to carry out the exercises on the lathe must have been really hurting. Nevertheless he was determined to offer his help.

He was so keen to help me and he has already asked when we will be having another session.

I feel that I must thank David for his patience and willingness to pass on his knowledge. Thanks must also go to David's wife Margaret who provided the coffees.

An excellent day enjoyed by all and all because of a good idea muted by a member at the AGM. I hope that a few more of us newbies will take up these opportunities given by our experienced turners.

THANKS DAVID!

My thanks to Colin for this contribution. I can also attest to the fun and learning to be had in David's workshop, and indeed one or two others. Please see the next article.

Workshop Visits and Turner Mentors.

We have a list of names of experienced turners who are willing to assist those of us with less experience; if you would like to add your name to the list it would be greatly appreciated. David and Eric have been investigating the AWGB insurance cover and have it on good authority that turning activity sanctioned by the club is covered. If you want to help others and be covered it is essential that you add your name to the list as your help will then be documented as club activity. (nb cover is for turning activity only).

Scout Jamboree August

It is still not too late to volunteer to help introduce these young people to your hobby. Just half a day during the week would be welcome I believe but for more details please speak to Roger Groom

Club News

Nigel Organ, a long standing club member, is seriously ill in hospital. His wife asked us to pass on the news so that you would understand why he was no longer attending meetings. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Nigel and his family at this time.

Roy Edmonds has recently had to visit hospital following a fall but we understand he is on the road to recovery; best wishes Roy.

Future Events

Do not forget to book your place on the Beginners Woodturning Course (April 12th here at Mutford) if you wish to attend. Application forms are to be found on the AWGB website and should be filled in and sent to Brian Hensby either by post or

Next Meeting

On March 13th we have a return visit of one of my favourite demonstrators. Tom Kittle will be demonstrating whilst entertaining (or perhaps that should be the other way round).

Happy Turning