



West Midlands Woodturners

Wood Turning and Wood Art

April 2022 Newsletter

Programme of meetings 2022

Venue: Kingsbury Community and Youth Centre, unless otherwise stated.

2022		
24/04/2022	Sun	Demo Richard Findlay
22/05/2022	Sun	Hands On Fluting / Indexing
26/06/2022	Sun	Demo Joey Richardson
24/07/2022	Sun	Hands On Colouring / Texturing
21/08/2022	Sun	Demo Gary Rance
18/09/2022	Sun	Hands On Hollowing
16/10/2022	Sun	Demo Mick Hanbury
20/11/2022	Sun	Hands On AGM Gadgets/Gismo's
18/12/2022	Sun	Demo Steve Heeley

April Demonstration

Richard Findley



Demonstration days start at 9.15 am and conclude around 4.30 pm.

(Setting up from 8.30 am)

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First Aiders

The first aider training was completed on 3rd April 2022

CLUB FIRST AIDERS ARE;

Chris Jones

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David Campbell

Malcolm Edwards

Ted Gill

Rob Huxley



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Chairman's comments

I can hardly believe that April is here already!!

The spring flowers are all out and the days are longer, the clocks have gone forward so barbeques and days out are in our thoughts.

Don't forget we have Richard Findlay at our April meeting and he always brings us something new.

I enjoyed myself at the hands on meeting with my first go at Involuting turning.

I was very pleased with the turnout, 38 members and 5 visitors, 2 of the visitors signed up as members on the day.

It was also great to see a lot more entries to the Chairman's challenge and plenty of pieces on the display table.

See you at our next meeting

Peter H

Secretary' Comments

I was delighted to see so many people getting involved with the Involuting turning theme at the March hands on, some of which had never had a go at Involuting turning before (including the Chairman). Whilst the examples we demonstrated on the day were only 2 pieces as per the Rob Till demonstration, I'm sure it will have fired up some members ambitions to have a go at 4 piece examples.

A note of thanks must go to John Hooper who spent the day with 3 new turners, Jan Jones, Jason Carter and John Powis, giving them the basics and health and safety guidance.

John was helped out in the afternoon by Bruce Edhouse and Malcolm Thorpe who took it in turns to stand with our newcomers whilst they produced some of their first shavings.

I spoke to the newcomers before they left and they had all enjoyed the day and appreciated the guidance they had been given.

I know we are a nice friendly bunch, but it was nice to hear from someone who doesn't know us that well yet, A quote from an e mail Jan Jones sent me *"Thanks Rob. It was a great meeting, and I met some lovely people. Always nice to feel welcomed, and the group excelled at making me feel comfortable."*

On the day we raised £60.00 from the raffle, £22.00 from pen kits, £64.00 from some surplus tools (sold to our new members to get them started) and £12.00 from some wood Ted Gill brought in and donated the proceeds to the club. Thank You.

Cliff Lane has already started work on booking you another exciting line up of demonstrators for 2023, If you would like to see a particular demonstrator please put forward your suggestion to Cliff for consideration.

Another month has gone by and I am still looking for my Apprentice, we **DO** need to get this situation sorted in the next couple of months as I stand down in October.



Rob

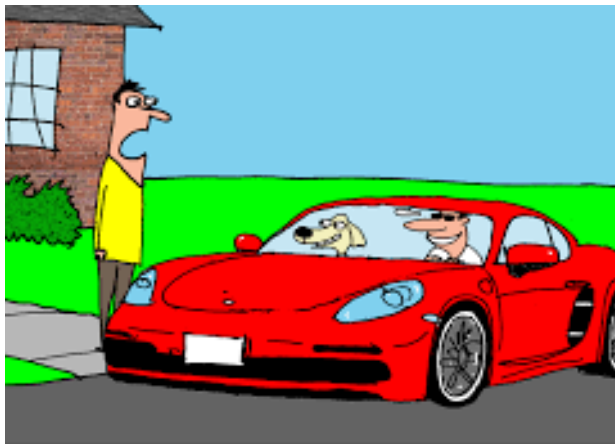
Cliffs Corner

A man is driving his car when suddenly the door of a parked car is swung open in front of him.

He proceeds to smash into the door of the car, ripping it off. He stops to see another man, in a very expensive suit, jump out of the car and screams at him "you just ripped the door off my lovely Porsche!".

The first man says, "You are so materialistic...you didn't even notice that your arm was ripped off in the accident".

The second man looks down for a second, then screams "my Rolex!"



"You won't go for a ride in my minivan, but you'll go for a ride in that guy's Porsche. Some best friend you are."

We celebrated Brian's 90th Birthday with him at the meeting in March. It was actually his Birthday on the day. We toasted with a glass of low alcohol wine and cup cakes which Brian had arranged.



A message from Brian

Thanks to everybody who made my Birthday, yesterday such a special occasion. It was great to talk to so many people, more than I've spoken to in a year!

Once again thanks to everyone.

Regards,

Brian

Robin Barlow Demonstration review (February)

Project 3

A box with an eccentric lattice top
(in Oak)



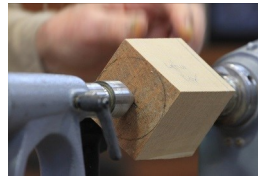
Project 4

An Apple in Spalted beech

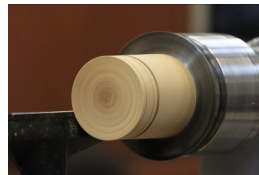


Project 3

The blank was turned to round between centres and a tenon created to fit the C Jaws.



After fitting in the chuck the front face was cleaned up, the depth of the lid was marked with a parting tool at approx. 30mm, the piece was marked using a 3 point tool to cut a groove 5mm in from each end.



The grooves would be used for both a depth guide and also a chucking point later in the project.



A 8.5 mm hole was drilled in the top to a depth of 10mm.

Using the hole, a homemade jig was fitted in the hole by a dowel.



An off centre hole was drilled in the lid using the jig as a guide. The depth of the jig was measured and 10mm added to calculate the overhaul depth to drill as only 10mm depth was required into the lid.



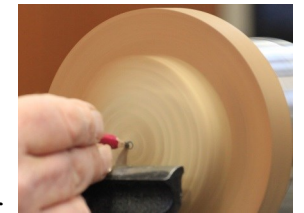
The lid section was parted off and the second part of Robins eccentric box jig fitted into the chuck which had pre fitted dowels which would be used to mount the lid.



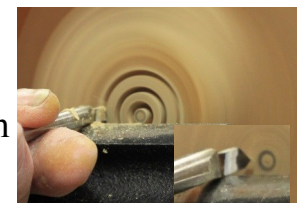
A piece of double sided tape was used to hold the lid in place.



Using a pencil the centre was marked.



A home made tool approx. 3mm diameter was used to cut grooves at approx. 5mm intervals towards the outer edge of the lid. Lathe speed was 1,000 rpm. The 5 mm depth had been marked on the tool.



A skew was then used on it's side as a scraper to soften the top edges of the grooves.



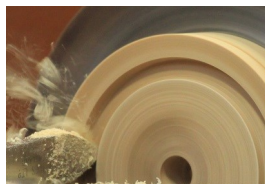
A final sand and the top of the lid was completed.



The lid was removed from the jig and placed into the C jaws using the previously cut groove as a location point.



A parting tool was used to define the inner edge of the lid and a combination of spindle gouge and scraper to remove the waste.



Once a lot of waste had been removed the depth was checked which should be 10mm, this would leave 5mm to cut the underside lattice.



Cutting the underside lattice was the same process as the top, starting from the centre and working outward. Robin used a light to check the breakthrough to the top lattice.



The lid was removed from the chuck and the box section re-fitted into the chuck. The internal diameter of the box was marked on the piece as a guide to hollowing out.



Robin used the same method of hollowing as he had done in the first project, a spindle gouge on centre height and push in the gouge turn to 10.00 o'clock position and using a pull cut remove the waste.



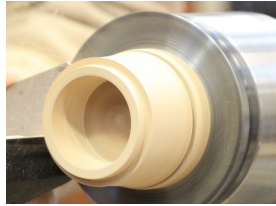
Once the hollowing was completed the tenon was adjust to fit the lid.



The box was shaped which removed the location groove and then sanded.



The depth was measured and the box parted off.



The waste left in the chuck was made into a jam chuck so that the box could be fitted.



The bottom was cleaned up and decorated to complete the eccentric lattice box.



Project 4

The piece of beech was put between centres, turned down to round and a chucking tenon created.



Once the piece had been fitted into the chuck the total size of the apple was marked and then 1/3 for the top and 2/3 for the bottom marked.



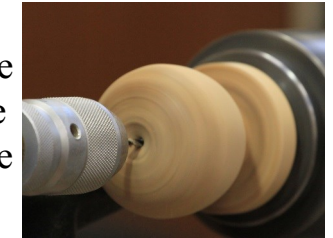
First the top third was shaped using a spindle gouge. A parting tool was used to define the bottom of the apple and also give clearance when shaping the lower section.



The lower section was shaped.



A 4mm hole was drilled to accommodate the stalk and would also enable us to use a screw chuck to hold the piece whilst the bottom was finished.



The pieces was sanded.



A coat of wax was applied and the apple polished before being parted off.



A home made screw chuck was fitted into the C Jaws.

The chuck is simply a piece of wood turned to fit the chuck with the face slightly dished. A hole drilled in the centre and an appropriate length screw fitted.

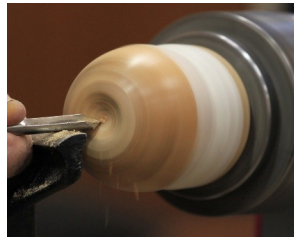
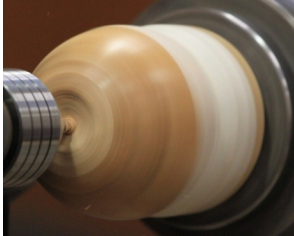
Robin had added a small leather pad to his screw chuck to prevent damage to the finished surface of the apple.

The apple was screwed on and the tailstock brought up for support.

The bottom was shaped until there was only a small spigot left to be removed once the tailstock had been pulled back.

The small spigot was removed and then the bottom finally shaped taking very delicate cuts. Robin added masking tape to this piece as he had drilled the 4mm hole for the stalk which was slightly too big for his screw chuck so had to improvise a little.

A 3mm hole was drilled to accommodate a clove which is normally used to finish and imitate the calyx/stamen.



The bottom was then waxed and polished. This would normally be your apple completed after the fitting of your stalk and clove.

Robin decided to do something different and had done this for his grandchildren.

He brought up the tailstock for support and drilled 2 x 6mm diameter holes approx. 30mm apart into the apple.

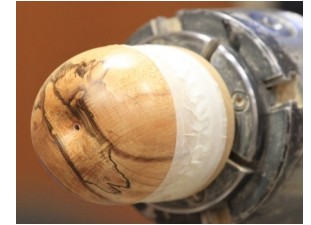
The stalk and clove fitted and also a little worm he had made earlier.

Review by Rob Huxley

If anyone else would like to volunteer to write the review for the Richard Findley demonstration please let me know.

John and Chris take probably around 350 photos on the day and are a great Aide-memoire combined with your notes to assist in writing the review.

Rob



Chairman's Challenge results: March 2022

Novice Group Goblet (3 Entries)

1st Place: Paul Burchell



2nd Place: Chris Chambers



3rd Place: David Jackson



Intermediate Group Goblet with Spiral stem (2 Entries)

1st Place: Kris Cietak



2nd Place: Joe Rollings



3rd Place



Advanced Group Goblet with spiral stem, lid and finial (4 Entries)

1st Place: Darren Smith



2nd Place: Graham Hunt



3rd Place Rob Huxley



Chairman's Challenge : April 2022

Novice Group

Artists Paintbrush



Intermediate Group

Rolling pin with loose handles



Advanced Group

Harry Potter wand with tapered spiral



Chairman's Challenge : May 2022

Novice Group

Egg



Intermediate Group

Cup and Ball



Advanced Group

Newton's cradle



March 2022 Display Table

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Peter Hockley



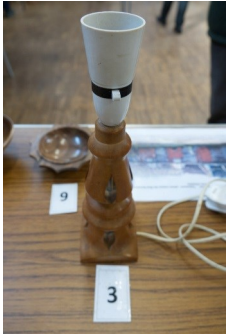
Peter Hockley



Malcolm Thorpe



Chris Chambers



Bruce Edhouse



John Lewis



Dave Hobbs



Dave Hobbs



Paul Burchell



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Malcolm Edwards



Malcolm Thorpe

(made at Baddesley Clinton)

March 2022 Display Table

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Joe Rollings



Ted Gill



Ted Gill



Keith Lanchester

Bruce Edhouse has put his wood turning on the back burner at the moment, He has been learning to mig weld and has started fabricating an outboard system as he cannot buy one for this particular machine.

I'm sure we will see some much bigger pieces from him once he has the system in place.



Keith Lanchester mentioned to me at the last meeting the passing of Nigel Fleckney which was announced in the revolutions magazine. I'm not sure if you all realized it was Nigel from English Hardwoods who had visited us at the club on many occasions.

RIP Nigel



NIGEL EDWARD FLECKNEY
12th January 1949 – 23rd December 2021

For Sale

Lathe stand for Axminster Trade AC355WL/AT350WL lathes.

See <https://www.axminstertools.com/axminster-craft-stand-for-ac355wl-lathe-104794> for details. £65.00

Contact Dave Campbell Dgcampbell1952@hotmail.com

We have a selection of tools which we are selling on behalf of Pete Blakeys wife Barbara. I have attached a word file to the newsletter which has details. If you are interested please let Chris Jones treasurer@wmwoodturners.org.uk know and he will bring them to the next meeting.

Wanted

Kris Cietak mentioned to me the possibility of buying abrasives in bulk and then splitting it between club members to save cost, I understand this has been tried before and wasn't very successful. If enough members contact me and show an interest I will look into it again.

Turning Blanks, A couple of months ago I purchased a selection of blanks and brought them along to the club for members to purchase, is this something you would like me to do again? If enough members show an interest I would be happy to do this.

Let me know Rob

Acknowledgment

Thank you to:

Cliff Lane

Humour

John Hooper

Photography

I have had a request from a lady who needs a wig stand.
Any Volunteers.

Dear Secretary

I'm a cancer patient and would like to obtain a carved or turned wig stand could you possibly put me in touch with someone in the Warwickshire area who could help?

Regards

Christine Wilson

If you have any articles or information on Wood Turning that you feel would benefit other member's of the club, please forward them to me and I will consider them for publication in the Club Newsletter

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