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April 2011 Newsletter

Dear Members,

I knew it was coming but just when? I only found out last week...I'm back in Barnsley General to have my double Hernia seen to on the day before the Royal Wedding! Probably be in for 4/5 days as its not key-hole but big rip you open stuff!!! Enough of me, dependable **Richard and Peter** will take over my roles of newsletter writing, though I'm a bit chuffed to miss **Margaret Goddard** on 12th May, our next Demonstrator. I intentionally didn't linger at her stall at the Northern Woodworking show as I knew she was coming to our club!

We were entertained on 14th April by **Clive Brooks** from Robert Sorby Tools along with **Dave Green** from Turners Retreat (bringing tools and accessories to sell). Clive kicked off with the **Steb-centre** and **Steb chuck** centre closely followed with the **Patriot chuck**. A very versatile chuck indeed with many accessories but unable to be used as an Off-centre chuck as the jaws are untractable!



Clive Brooks



Spiralled edge on bowl



using the Pro Edge sharpener

I was quite impressed with the **R.S. Spindle Master** and its versatility...depends if you do a lot of Spindle work though? Very easy to keep the edge sharp with a small Diamond file, good at doing Finials. The **Sovereign Ultima** system of Handles I thought were ok if you were just starting out turning and wanted a versatile system, or wanted to do BIG turning work where you needed a stable and heavy handle to avoid vibration. The extra screwable short handle I thought well thought out by Sorby.

Clive then moved on to the **Spiralling and Texturing system**, which at £140 is not what people can really afford. Admittedly it does give very good results and does embellish ones work and turns something ordinary into a different class! I did like the edge he produced on his bowl....but it did take 5 goes!!!.....something about being the right diameter to work properly!

Robert Sorby had also done their research on the **Multi-cutter** which made deep hollowing look so easy but the Small S. Ultima syst. was a mere £125.

Hint: when doing an undercut bowl leave wood in the middle to give balance to the work.

The final demo was on the **Pro edge sharpener**. Again I was very impressed, but like most people I have a good sharpening system (a **Tormek**). But it did make sense, belt sharpening, lets face it, thats what people use in industry. I'll have to save up though...£315.

Club News:

--We have two BIG events coming up and we need turned items to both SHOW and SELL. So you need to be trying to make things. Not necessary big items, but varied. Get into some of your catalogues and magazines in the evening to boost ideas. I gave lots of ideas last month if you are stuck. Work on items you are familiar with and remember the piece of Beech you got from Steve Booter, that is for **Junes competition** which will be just in time for both the **Honley** show on 11th June, and the **Holmfirth Art-week** beginning 3-8th July (set up 30th July). Remember you can make more than one item from the piece of wood.

Already three members have donated items for the two big events. Also be aware that the more you turn and practice, the easier it will become, the more you will remember about techniques you have learnt, and the quicker you get. Thus you will get that enthusiasm to try more adventurous work. **Doug Burgess** has recently got into thread making and is streaking along.

--thanks, and well done to everyone who entered the April competition for the Square-edged bowl and though I won, I did like the one by **Malcolm Dutton**. (on RHS 2nd from front.)



Square-edged bowls by members

--our newest member **Stuart Mortimer** is to be Mentored by **Robert Tyas**, part of our newly adopted scheme you voted for in February.

--**Graham Stancliffe** has access to some Cherry wood. If you would like some please give him a call on 01422 373763. It is a newly cut down tree.

--you are now associated members of **Wooldale community Association**. With **Tom Jenkins** as our club rep. on the Wooldale committee it was deemed by the Woodturning committee for us to join as individuals. There are benefits to both parties.

--**Peter Donovan** our Chairman has taken home all the DVD's and Tapes in order to catalogue them all. This should make it easier to choose one of a particular theme.

--thanks also to the many people bringing in Raffle prizes. Just remember that if your prize has suddenly disappeared from the table it is because there may be too many and will be available when we are short of prizes.

Well folks...that's all for now. I will be along in two months time to see **Bob Chapman** on 9th June.

Chris Park (secretary Huddersfield & District Woodturners)