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## August 2011 Newsletter

Dear members,

Welcome to my July contribution. The summer hasn't really been that bad, but I doubt if many have been in your workshops! Mine has seen some activity, but I can really get down to some more work now visitors and maintenance jobs are complete. I've not even had time for a holiday...ah...I hear you say.

July saw the dependable **Mick Hanbury** return, this time with more creative and decorative techniques to add to our work pieces.



Mick Hanbury  
colour



Using the Arbortek



using a Diffuser to apply

The premise was to turn a **Sycamore Platter** and decorate the upper surface. The following tips I found quite useful:

- He mentioned the new **Boron Nitrate** sharpening wheels (£140) which give a very fine and polished finish to his tools, and are said to last a lifetime.
- He uses '**Step**' turning to remove waste, ie small cuts rather than long ones
- He keeps the rest as close to the work as possible, and following a 'shearing cut' to finish, he applies a wax (80% Liquid paraffin and 20% Beeswax mixture) to the surface before sanding. This vastly reduces the amount of dust given off as the dust just 'falls down' being impregnated with the wax.
- He used the **Arbortek** (a small chain-saw) in a clockwise direction and away from his body as the picture shows, and with a very light grip. It does take a bit of getting used to.....price about £150
- He then used a **spiralling tool** nearer to the centre before applying colour and hollowing the centre.
- He applied the Acrylic colour (any decent Art shop) using '**Diffusers**' which at £5 each are very much cheaper than powered ones. You can clean them with spirit or have a different one with different colours. The diffuser sits in the bottle and suitably gloved and protected work area, you just blow the paint on.



The finished Platter



a selection of Lidded boxes



Harry's winning entry

- The black paint was applied with a Sponge brush (Meadowhall Hobbycraft). He then put in a small v groove, to highlight the black; then he applied some green wax to the 'Spiralled part'; then he hollowed out the

middle. DO NOT apply the wax where you are going to paint as on the underneath, before sanding to reduce dust.

- Paint the hollow with the **Black acrylic**, let it dry before applying the **Irresdescent acrylic** colours. This involved adding three different ones on a piece of plastic, and then dipping a finger in each and 'finger painting' in the hollow of the Platter. The colours show better against a black background.
- One other tip, before applying colour, is to remove any debris from the cuts using a small shoe-cleaning brush. The whole surface, when dry, was sealed with an **Acrylic lacquer spray**.
- **Mick** was very helpful and informative throughout the evening. Instead of donating the finished Platter he gave us a copy of his latest DVD "**Satellite Bowl**", which brings together many aspects of Woodturning skills and techniques. This is available to borrow from our Lending Library...see Brian Davies.

## Club News.

Monday after the club meeting the **Committee** met to discuss various aspects of club life and how to move it forward. As usual it was noted, a tad disappointment there was not enough commitment from some members who just turn up and then go home. A club must be the sum of all its members who actively participate and put themselves about a bit. There is nothing wrong in helping out now and then. I'm sure **Shirley Clarke** and **Bob Barnes** would just love a chance to mingle and chat to members instead of being behind the serving hatch every month. All it takes is a couple of you to say...eh up, me and so and so will have a go at doing the teas, can't be that hard to make tea and coffee!....any offers?

- On Thur. 8<sup>th</sup>. September we have **Sue Harker** appearing. A well known demonstrator and colourist, one not to miss.
- Under the inspiring resourcefulness of **Mark Mercer**, the club cupboard will probably get sorted by Christmas. It will need many helpful hands to build it, probably one Saturday or Sunday.
- With **Pat Cliffe's** determination we are still trying to gain extra cash from whichever fund will part with Neighbourhood and Community funding. It is a thankless task, trawling through all the paperwork to find the right fund to apply to, and then submitting a claim, needing bank statements, referees, copies of this and that paper/committee meeting notes.
- Our principle charity/club fund turning making member **Doug Burgess**, has been unable to go into his workshop for several weeks now due to some surgery. Which means that the rest of us will have to try very hard to produce items to sell at the forthcoming **Art At The Altar**, which is in November. Our new found source of selling our wares through **HensTeeth** and raising money for charity and the CLUB is proving very successful, and we would wish it to continue.....but it needs everyones help!
- With **Lee Charlesworth** help we hope to have some timber at the next meeting...thanks Lee.
- At the October meeting we will have **Russell Kebble** and his shop which he advertises in Woodturning magazine, namely "Ask Tools".. If there is anything you especially want ordered let me know. We will also be having a '**Bring and Buy sale of Tools and Equipment**' ...whereby if you have anything you no longer use and want to sell it on, then please do so, but do price it up yourself.
- The next competition is for a "**Drinking vessel**" to be judged at the **October** meeting. It does not necessarily have to be for human use!!! But must be watertight.
- The committee members also want to know which demonstrators you might want to see next year. Peter, our chairman, is already planning next years syllabus, so get in quick if you desperately want to see someone again who inspired you.
- I must also say thanks to **Richard Ogley**, our vice chairman, for getting out last months newsletter, it does take some effort, and I see he has managed to keep the standards going, albeit it was a tad toooooooo large a file for some, but the content was fine.
- Some of you may want a reminder of The North of England Woodworking Show at Harrogate which is 18-20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am to 5pm. Tel. 01749 813899, price £8, concession £7. Many of the club attend.

So, with a little room to spare, I come to a close again. One final bit of news is that the club is in a much more healthier financial position, and will thus be able to go ahead with building the new 14' cupboard. Like most things in life it will take a bit of effort to build, but I know you will **all** want to volunteer to help build/finish this project..

**Chris Park**

(Secretary of Huddersfield & District Woodturners)

