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Newsletter July 2011

Dear All

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our 3 new members who attended the last meeting: Terrance Exley from Dodworth; Martin Binns from Holmfirth, and David (Jack) Jackson from Scholes.

This month our guest turner was **Ian Clarkson** and his first project included cutting and shaping part of a branch from a eucalyptus tree with a chain saw in the car park. He even managed to shape a blank without other aids - don't try this at home in a hurry! Ian emphasised that eucalyptus dries out dramatically and can change the shape of a finished item.



The blank was screwed onto a faceplate. After turning the outside it was covered in a stain of vinegar & steel wood which gave an "ebonised" finish. Having re-mounted and shaped the inside he added decoration with an Arbortech professional cutter mounted in a hand grinder.

For the 2nd project Ian turned a piece of sycamore, but with the centre being the end grain advising not to use a screw chuck on end grain. He demonstrated different techniques for turning wood this way. The 3rd project was to make a natural edge bowl in pear and like the previous two, mounted on a faceplate. Finally Ian demonstrated making earrings suggesting using Yew, Burberris, small decorative wood, diamond wood or possible laminates. To hold the small diameter pieces he suggested the central part of the chuck, without the jaws. He sourced the metal fittings from 21st Century Beads, now moved to Wakefield area, tel no 01924 240947.



Ian recommended reading Richard Raffan's book "Turned Bowl Design" which he finds inspiring for shapes and the relationship of of curves, depth, foot & width of foot. For anyone interested the book was published in 1987 ISBN 0-918804-82-5. He also suggested leaving a foot on the inside of a bowl that is rough turned so that the outside can be reshaped following drying out.

He completed his demonstrations basically using three hand tools - 3/8th & 1/4inch bowl gouge and 1/4 inch bowl gouge. Unusually he also turned outside of bowls from the outer edge working to the centre.

Ian was not inhibited with experimenting with designs and techniques and he gave a lively and rewarding performance.

Events and Shows

This last month saw the club exhibiting and demonstrating at Honley show 11 June and being part of the Holmfirth Art week fringe event at Christ Church New Mill 2 to 9 July

The proceeds from Honley show was £198, and £194 from Holmfirth Art week. We agreed that the proceeds were to be split between the club and our charity "The Forget-me-not Trust". Huddersfield Woodturners total sales were £243 with 20% going to MacMillan Cancer. The Honley show was quite well attended but not the Christ Church in New Mill. The Honley show is a very well attended annual event, attracting a wide audience. Most items sold at both events with nothing in particular selling out. Most of Doug's fruit sold, as did the mushrooms and Dibbers. The Earring holders were snapped up. The degree of craftsmanship was very good and comments at all times pleasing, though some of the exhibitors at HensTeeth suggesting that we could have asked more. We are learning at exhibiting and we had some good sales, bearing in mind general financial situation. Perhaps before another event members would like an input into pricing.

Club News.

- Well done with all the entries of work to sell, and of the overall amount of good quality items we had to sell. However, selling £400 worth of items now leaves us depleted. Our next big charity selling event is Art at the Altar which starts 14th Nov 2011 in Penistone
- Our next demonstrator is the dependable Mick Hanbury on Thur. 11th Aug at 7pm
- The club competition for August is to make a Lidded box of any size, shape or colour, texture or finish.
- One point worthy of note and which was brought to our attention that we DO NOT use Walnut Oil to finish off pieces of our work whether we sell or not. Apparently we had some very attractive and practical items to sell at Holmfirth Art week, and which were finished in Walnut Oil. More and more people are suffering from "NUT Allergies". Even if the buyer were warned it's finished in Walnut Oil, they may let a friend handle the item who does have a Nut allergy. Possibly taking this to a further conclusion - anything that we make and therefore handled could also provide a threat. So we need to be certain of likely effects of our finishes.
- The answer to Chris's puzzle saw in June's Newsletter was "a Drag saw". It was on show at Honley.
- There will be a Committee meeting on Monday 15th Aug at 7pm at the Sovereign pub as usual.
- A reminder to members to view the Newsletters on the Club Website <http://www.huddersfieldwoodturners.ork.uk> you have to type in the passwordWOOLDALE all in capital letters, when you click on "newsletters" option This is for security reasons
- Lee Charlseworth will be bringing the wood as promised...hopefully. Many thanks in advance Lee.

Keep on turning!

Richard Ogley
Vice Chair