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May 2010 Newsletter

Dear members,

Welcome to another riveting instalment of **the Huddersfield Woodturners rag**.....in fact we need a name for it. Just thought that we could have a naming competition.....with a bottle of my homemade as winning name, what say you? Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

I hope you weren't disappointed by **Tracy Owen** and the rate of knots that he worked during the evening. He brought the platters that he made for the Woodturning magazine along.

His first project was a **square edged bowl form with curved and pyrographed edge** made from a 8" x8" x3.5" block of Ash.



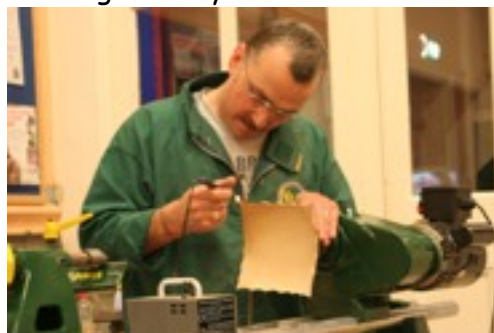
The bottom bowl shape

Turning the inside from the edge.

Tracy Owen

The process was quite straightforward using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " bowl gouge to rough the shape with a pull or shearing cut; cutting the dovetail with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " spindle gouge; finishing cuts with the $\frac{1}{2}$ " B.G. in a shearing motion as well as shearing cuts with a round nose scraper, sand to finish to 400grit; reverse and working from the Edge inwards a bit at a time, use a $\frac{1}{2}$ " B.G to shape the inside(see photo No. 2.

When finished shape each edge with a **sanding Bobbin**, also burn the edge with a **Pyrograph pen** for decoration. **Tracy** also used a **Chattertool** on the base as added feature. He reversed again to finish off the base by holding the work between the tailstock and a former in the chuck held with non-slip matting. Finally he coated it with a liberal amount of **Danish oil**.



Burning the edge.

The two pieces in Woodturning magazine.

With 50 minutes left Tracy embarked on his second item of the night...a lidded box with finial made from an 10" x3" x3" block of Yew.



The Yew lidded box



The Square edged bowl form with shaped edge

Tracy put a chucking point on both ends—one for the base the other for the top and finial. After parting off he shaped the base and hollowed it out; then started on the lid by fitting the lid into the base, followed by working on the finial. Finally he made a dummy chucking spigot onto which he put the base to finish off the "foot". He kindly donated both pieces to the club for the auction.

www.tracyowen.com

An all round brill demonstration especially under pressure to finish on time. Our next demonstrator is **Alan Truman** from Nottinghamshire on Thursday 10th June at 7pm. Don't forget **Raffle prizes** as we were hunting round last time for stuff, thanks to those who brought last month.

Club News.

- **Gordon Summers** wishes to stand down from the committee due to health problems, but will continue to attend the club. Many thanks Gordon not only for your words of advice at committee, but of running the raffle over the years which I hope you may be able to continue with.
- A local Tree surgeon, a **Mr Stephenson** (01484 326264/07867 784521) has kindly donated some Cherry, Cedar and Monkey Puzzle logs to the club which Harry and myself have split and sealed and **will bring to the June meeting to sell for club funds**. Mr Stephenson would welcome enquiries regarding timber supplies.
- Don't forget your **two Light pulls for the June competition**. One or two to donate to the hospice a must. August competition is for a Natural Edged bowl of any size or shape, newly made! In the absence of John Birdsall **Harry Ellis** who came second last time, will judge the competition.
- **Tracy Owen** gets his handles and sanding stuff from www.hopewoodturning.co.uk (Simon Hope)
- Don't forget the **Gary Rance** day at **Sheffield Woodturning club** at only £12 all day, including lunch!. Tel. **Lesley Churton** on 01142 302511.
- Please keep bringing in items for show, as not only can you be pleased others take an interest in your work, but it gives a little incentive for others to think "I'll have a go at that"
- A message from **John Birdsall**:- Yet again I am exhibiting at **The Art Market** in the Market Hall Holmfirth **on the first Sunday only - 6th June 2010. Also 13th, 10-4pm**

This is a brilliant event forming part of the Holmfirth Arts Festival and well worth a visit. Follow this link to see what else is happening. <http://www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/>

- Well that's all folks for now. On 10th June bring along:- **Light Pulls, Raffle prizes, Money for wood**, oh, and your good selves.

Cheerio for now.....and my legs are much better thanks!

Chris Park (Secretary Huddersfield & District Woodturners)

