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November 2010 Newsletter

Hello Everyone

In November we had the pleasure of Tony Wilson visiting us again. He had a new design for a suspended bowl and which could provide the inspiration for a range of new ideas. The project was made from sycamore and comprised of 4 parts. The candle holder formed a detachable pinnacle, allowing access to the post which could support 1, 2 or 3 bowls. The number of bowls to be supported will determine the profile of the post. The bowl blank was approx 2.5 inches by 12 inch dia. Before turning Tony emphasised the need to raise one side of the blank about .5 inch before drilling the 2.75inch hole 1 inch from the edge. This ensures that the bowl will ultimately sit square on the post. The post started as 4 x 18 inch



piece of beech which was hollowed at top to take the candle holder. This only needs to be in two parts when more than 1 bowl is offered to the post. The upper bowl would have a smaller mounting hole than the dia of the candle holder. The base was 8 x 2 oak.



The second project was 16 x 2 beech to be made into a bread board. Tony preferred a rim on the board to catch crumbs and also to make a simple etching which in his experience added individuality and substantial value.

Tony's Top Tips- He advocates cutting on the centre line. For hollowing bowls- align gouge onto centre height, bevel facing away from turner & push away towards centre; keep tool horizontal. When making candle holders ensure there is a barrier between candle and the wood such as a glass holder. When cutting end grain recommends a spindle gouge. For cutting boards recommends sycamore which can be anti-bacterial and does not need finishing. Where sealing is necessary use food safe sealer.

Club News.

- Joe has made his own vacuum chuck for £50 and will be pleased to advise anyone who is interested
- Our next meeting is 9th Dec and is the Christmas AGM. Not only that we have an **Auction of Demonstrators work**; we have the **Christmas Food at the Faith Supper**; and most important of all YOU have the chance to have **YOUR** say in **YOUR** club. YOU also have the opportunity to put a little back into the club by **Volunteering** (helping others) your time in some of the jobs that need done to keep **YOUR** club running.
- A big thanks go to **Mark Mercer** for the Abrasive pads he brought the other month to sell for the club. The sale made an amazing **£45 10**, as well as Fred Bambers books making £12.50.
- **Turners Retreat** are having an Open day on Sat. 11th Dec 10am - 4pm well worth with 5 Demonstrators. Have a look on their website...just Google Turners Retreat.
- The club have again been unsuccessful in their Lottery bid, we think they keep moving the goalposts, but we will keep persevering.
- The **Northern Federation of Woodturning Groups** has officially been wound up as of 14th Nov. 2010. They have insured all clubs until 1/1/2012 with remaining funds, after which we will be getting our insurance and Public Liability through our usual insurers and through Associate membership of the **AWGB** (Association of Woodturners of Great Britain).
- The committee held a meeting on 22nd Nov, the main points of which will be announced at the **AGM**.
- **Robert Tyas** has been to Holmfirth to hand over the items to sell at **Holmfirth Tradecraft shop** in the hope this venture will raise more funds for the Hospice than merely taking the items to the Hospice shop. Other items the shop did not want to sell have been put in a sale of Craft work in Penistone at an exhibition called "**Art at the Altar**", in St John's Church.
- One of the issues the club needs to address next year is that of **PUBLICITY**. Can you please put your thinking caps on as to how to address this problem? We do need more members, especially members willing to lend a hand. We do know that everyone has other commitments but so to do the committee members...it's only fair to **share the load**, I'm sure you will all agree!
- The Christmas Competition is for a **Christmas Decoration or Candle Holder**, and remember you can Donate it for Charity.
- For members receiving newsletter by e mail I have attached an article by **Mark Mercer**

From Chris, a very big Thank you to all members who help keep YOUR club running, from the Tea makers to the accounts keeper to the Sweeper upperers, and also to ALL those who have brought in items for the **RAFFLE**, without which we might go under!!! Keep them coming no matter how small

In case Chris doesn't get to the next meeting (he has to go back in hospital to get his Hernias sorted out before Christmas) he wishes us all a Happy Christmas, a Good New Year and be good to your partner

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Richard Ogle - vice chair Huddersfield **Woodturners**