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September 2011 Newsletter.

Dear friends,

I must begin with an apology for the state of my photos which are not very good this month...something about the focusing. When I recently had the sensor cleaned I was told that the Auto and Manual focusing was not quite right...too true.

However those who missed **Sue Harker** must be disappointed as she did a very good demo for us. She was accompanied by **Graham**, her husband.

Her piece was to be a Precision drilled vase with additional neck. She began with a 4" square by 4 ½" piece of Elm, duly roughed with Roughing gouge and a chucking point for her Vicmark 100 chuck.

She then drilled a series of **9mm concentric holes** in the end grain using **the Robery Sorby Precision Drill attachment** which sat in the place of the Tool-rest. The chuck was locked and using her own device, commenced to drill the 2 sets of holes. The outside ones being 58mm deep, the next 53mm

Sue Harker

The R.S. Precision drill attachment

refining the neck

- These holes were then filled with some **Fastglass Resin** with appropriate colour.(spray inside of holes with Sanding sealer to stop leakage inside the holes). Mix hardener when right colour set.
- Mix in a Paper cup (not plastic as it melts) Sue used **Glitter flakes**, and wore gloves. Any leftover resin can be used to make Pendants or Circles to insert into recesses.
- Sue then shaped the the outside of the vasewhich then showed up the 'glittering' resin.
- Sue then drilled a ½" hole down the vase and hollowed out using the **'Rolly Munroe Hollowing tool'**, remembering to put in the small rebate to take the neck later. Then sand and seal.
- The neck was next to be turned and fitted to the base vase having had a ½" hole drilled all the way through and enlarged at the vase end. It was glued and then the top enlarged using a 3/8" spindle G.

- **Tip**: the smaller the base the more delicate the piece looks. Also always rub in Sanding sealer.
- When finished Sue polished the vase using the Beale Buffing System. Sue kindly donated it to club and charity funds. A very accomplished performance. Another **TIP** she gave us was....entering club competitions really helped her turning develop.

Club News.

- Next month on 13th Oct is our next meeting where Peter and Joe will lead discussion and advice on Building your own **Vacuum chuck**.
- There will be a table for you to bring any bits of equipment and/or tools that you no longer need, and sell them. Please put on your own price and people can then barter. This is your opportunity to de-clutter some of the tools you no longer use, or have used once and thought...don't like that really!
- The next competition for October is to make a '**Drinking vessel**'. Please do have a go, remembering Sue's words of wisdom. It really is nice to see a lot of peoples work
- Russell Kebble (of ASK TOOLS) will be bringing his 'shop' , so if there is anything you need either give me a call or ring Russell on 01924 440610 or go to his website at www.asktools.co.uk . Russell's shop carries quite a range of Woodturning accessories and he is quite competitive.
- May I also remind to bring in any items that you have made for our next Charity/club event, which is at "**Art At The Altar",** in November, held at **St John's church in Penistone**. I do heartily recommend that you attend this wonderful event and see the wide range of craft fare on sale. Last month **Shirley Clarke** came up to me and handed over 3 pens, and **Alan Beaumont** also gave me a couple of turned Laburnum pieces...thanks.
- With Lee Charlesworth help we hope to have some timber at the next meeting...thanks Lee.
- Some of you may want a reminder of The North of England Woodworking Show at Harrogate which is 18-20th Nov, 10am to 5pm. Tel. 01749 813899, price £8, concession £7. Many of the club attend.
- Mark Mercer has kindly taken over development of the new cupboard which we hope to have installed asap. Funds have been made available from club funds, a lot of which have come from selling items through '**Hens Teeth**', and at Honley show, so do please try and make something to sell. It does allow you to experiment and hone your skills and you will also be putting something back into the community through our latest charity "Forget me Not" the childrens Hospice in Kirklees.

Well folks thats it for now. It has been a busy time for me having had my brother and his wife over from Australia; getting all those outdoor jobs done while the weather is fine...repairing the shed roof and then painting on some preservative, re-varnishing all my 13 Hardwood window frames. Then its time to tidy the garden a bit....oh! and get some Woodturning done. No rest for some people...I hope you are the same.

See you all on Thursday 13th October , 7pm at Wooldale Community Hall.

Chris Park
(Secretary of Huddersfield & District Woodturners)