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September 2010 Newsletter

Hello again,

My, am I having problems. I bought a new computer and transferred various bits of stuff over, and then back again, and so when I got down to writing this I came a right cropper. However my son Jethro was able to sort me out and here I am again.

Our demonstrator was **Andy Lodge**, back after a two year gap. He was making one of his Lidded vessels out of Yew. He showed some of his earlier efforts and the way the design of them had progressed.

•From a log 11" x 4" he faced both ends and put a chucking point on each end having parted the top piece for the lid off....never part all the way across while the work is turning as it will jam!!

•he then proceeded to rough shape the outside before tackling the inner boring and turning

•using an large drill bit he drilled out a hole the depth of the vessel, withdrawing each time to clear debris and then using various tools including the Robert Sorby scraper he enlarged the inner sides of the vessel.



3 previous models



boring the centre out



•Andy Lodge



Turning lid detail



Finished vessel

- Andy then went on to finish the outside of the vessel creating a lipped opening for the lid.
- Having attached the lid blank he proceeded using his 3/8" spindle gauge, to shape the lid with its finial. Note the overhanging shape of the lid when fitted to the bottom to give lift to the object
- the vessel was finished off with sanding sealer and a polish using **Connuba wax** on his mop head which fixes in the chuck.
- He also demonstrated his **sharpening disc** made of MDF with a self-adhesive Aluminium Oxide (180grit from car spare shops) sheet fixed on. This allowed him to both sharpen awkward bits and make new turning tools from blank round HSS. The MDF fitted in a chuck.
- One other point **was never to quench H.S.S.** As this would destroy the tempering of the steel.

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- Our supply of reserve Raffle prizes is getting very low so please dig deep.
 - Our demonstrator for October is one of my favourite turners, **Bob Chapman**, as the other chap can't attend. I can highly recommend Bob as being an ex teacher he knows how to put his message across. He has written many articles for Woodturning Magazines over the years.
 - This month also sees what you have been getting up to with your entries of a **Decorated platterCompetition**. It has been really pleasing to see so much work coming in as it does inspire others.
 - DON'T forget to bring any overdue **Tapes** you have borrowed. **Peter** is working very hard transposing them onto DVD.
 - A reminder also from last month, to get your tickets for the North of England Woodworking show at Harrogate.
 - The Northern Federation of Woodturning** groups was wound up on 12th Sept, but will pay each clubs insurance for the coming year out of surplus funds, the remainder going to charity. The committee will decide about insurance for 2012 and let members know .
 - Thanks to **Brian and David** for bringing in their work to be photographed. Can **Douglas Burgess, Tork McRae and Malcolm Dutton** please bring in about 6 items to be photographed and put on the clubs website.
 - I am including some articles from **Mark Mercer** about "chucking", and **Harry Ellis** on his "Bell-tape". Well done those two. I know **John Birdsall** has sent in another article, but have misplaced it for the moment....ah, ah!!!!
 - I'm going to announce this now: the club is in negotiations with a charity shop in **Holmfirth** regarding selling items from our club, and contributing to our designated charity...**Kirklees Hospice**. In the run up to Christmas they are going to want to be selling quite a lot of stock....so here is a chance for **Huddersfield Woodturning club** to do something a bit more positive than it has done in the past. The prices of the turned items will be more realistic, and staff won't be able to buy them at knock down prices. Everything will have a definite price agreed by the club. What the shop add on to the price is up to them. So.....we need as many items as possible made between now and the end of November. Small is going to be beautiful as regards to items sold, as well as more creative work of sizeable proportions, ie a wide range of things to make and sell.
 - If you haven't really entered many of the competitions this year, then now is your chance to make amends and put something back into the community. So far this year we haven't done very much towards our chosen charity, but that can change with your help and support. Make an effort, put in that bit extra, show that you do care and are willing to help others who cannot help themselves...thank you.
- Phew! That's enough I hear you mutter.

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