



THIS MONTH - The Pompey Penmaker...

On 21st August Derek Blake, the Pompey Penmaker will be demonstrating. Derek is a member of the International Association of Penturners and works in a variety of materials as well as wood, including corian and resins, using where possible recycled materials and offcuts. Derek pitches his demos at all woodturning skill levels, so there should be something for everyone, information about useful suppliers' websites will be available on the night. For more information see his website - www.pompeypenmaker.co.uk.

RAFFLE...

The raffle prizes will all be wood blanks apart from Gary Rance's wood & Corian box, as ever great value for the price of a raffle ticket at just £1.00 each.

SHORT REVIEW...

July was a club evening, where we welcomed Tim Lawson back to demonstrate how to cut up a large log during the first part of the evening, followed by Jeff Cordery demonstrating his bowlsaver. We were very grateful to Jon Paine for providing 2 extremely large pieces of cherry and also bringing more timber to sell.

Tim started by cutting 3" off the ends of the large log to remove the cracking produced by end shrinkage. He then marked out the log to indicate how best to remove the pith from the centre of the log, if left in the wood will split from that point.

The log should be cut in multiples of the diameter in order to produce pieces that are effectively 'square' and will produce a full circle when turned (i.e. if the log is 15" diameter it should be cut to 15" lengths). It is always easier to cut down the length of the timber from the side, never down from the endgrain which would make cutting considerably harder. The cutting was done on a large wooden chopping block and the sides wedged with offcuts to keep the log in place. He mentioned that a metal detector is always useful to check for nails etc which would damage the chainsaw.

When Tim cuts logs that aren't going to be used immediately he wraps the ends with plastic bags, sealed with tape to prevent the ends drying out.

Tim finished his demonstration by showing us crotch flitching. This is a way of cutting a log at the point where it splits into branches in order to get the best markings.

In the second part of the evening Jeff Cordery used one of the large blanks cut by Tim to demonstrate the use of a bowlsaver. This bores into the wood to produce a nested set of bowls, considerably saving on the usual wastage when turning just one bowl. Jeff used a Woodcut bowlsaver (cost £250) - a video of this in use can be seen on the Phil Irons website - www.philirons.com/shop201108b/shop/index.php?productID=276. The bowlsaver can be used to create bowls up to 16" in diameter. Jeff also has a McNaughton system, which is more versatile in terms of the shape of bowl but is more difficult to use.

Having first mounted the blank on a faceplate and turned it to a bowl shape with a substantial spigot Jeff set up the bowlsaver mechanism. The lathe was started at around 450 rpm although the speed is not critical. The handle is used to bore the curved blade into the blank (very carefully), it is a good idea to use a brush to remove the shavings frequently as otherwise the blade will get stuck and will be extremely difficult to remove. When the first bowl is removed the centre of the bowl remaining on the chuck is cleaned up and the blank is remounted with the faceplate in order to cut a new spigot and the process is repeated until the required number of bowls have been produced. When completed Jeff waxes the ends of the bowls and keeps them until dry before finishing (Jeff also spoke about his home-made kiln created from an old refrigerator with a heating element).

Thanks go to Tim and Jeff for sharing their expertise.

An extended version of this review can be found on our website - www.cheamturners.co.uk/data/reviews/july-2013-review.pdf.



We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 21st August

ON THE TABLE...



Bernard Sinclair: Plum



Bud vases - duplication practice



Sumac



Gordon Cookson
spalted eucalyptus



Trevor Etherington: Yew charger



Zebrano



Oak



Bill Collins, small thin sycamore



Cherry



Bill produced this interesting sycamore practice piece - taking out thin section with a parting tool and using a grey coloured filler to create an inlay effect

AUGUST MEETING

JIMMY CLEWES

We're getting closer to Jimmy's November Masterclass so please make sure that you have booked your ticket (£10 for members, £15 for guests). You will be able to pay for and collect your ticket at this month's meeting. Due to high demand, if you have not paid by September the ticket will be offered for resale. Also please let us know if you have booked a ticket and are unable to attend.

TOOLS FOR SALE

Brian Ash and Trevor Etherington will both be bringing some second hand tools for sale - profits to be returned to the widows of the woodturners who owned them. Trevor will also have some wood blanks.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB NIGHTS

We would very much like to hear what you'd like to see at our club nights so please bring along 2 suggestions on a piece of paper to hand to Trevor when you sign in.

PROGRAMME FOR 2013...

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| 21 August | Derek Blake, the Pompey Penmaker |
| 18 September | Club night/Demonstration |
| 16 October | Ordinary General Meeting - agenda item: Subscriptions 2014/Club night/Design discussion |
| 10 November | Sunday Jimmy Clewes - all day masterclass |
| 20 November | To be confirmed |
| 18 December: | Christmas social/Frank Clarke competition - topic "Fruit" Beginners: A piece of fruit
Intermediate: Fruit on a platter
Advanced: Fruit in a bowl |

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NEW VIDEO EQUIPMENT

The Committee have now agreed the purchase of new camera equipment, which will greatly improve both the ability to manipulate the camera and members' viewing of demonstrations (no more watching the demonstrator's back). We are now looking for volunteers to control the equipment on club nights - this will no longer require the repositioning of the camera! Please speak to Jeff Cordery if you are interested.

FUTURE SHOWS...

Following his appearance at the AWGB Seminar, Chelmer Valley Woodturners present an audio/visual presentation (not demonstration) by **Curt Theobald** American segmented turner, one of the world's top turners, on Sunday 18th August, 10.00 am - 5.00 p-m at Moutnessing Village Hall, Roman Road, Moutnessing, Brentwood, Essex CM15 0UH Admission £15 including refreshments and buffet lunch. For ticket application forms please contact Louise Biggs at lbiggs@anthemion-furniture.co.uk Work: 01245 400728 Mobile: 07990 843226, Home: 01277 230265 or download an application form at www.chelmerwood.co.uk

FOR SALE

Additional, larger photographs of the equipment below can be viewed on our website:

www.cheamturners.co.uk/news.html

Mrs Cooke-Abbott of West Ewell, tel. no.020 8394 0302 has some of her late husband's woodturning equipment, which she wants to sell. They are all **Elektra Beckum** and consist of:

Lathe

Bandsaw

Scroll saw

No details available



SIP 01360 Variable Speed 900mm swivel head variable speed lathe - unused

Mark Dawson, based in Ashted, has this lathe, bought as a present, along with some wood blanks and tools about 8 years ago - it has never been used and some parts are still taped up! Buyer collects and Mark is prepared to take a reasonable offer. Blanks and tools will be included.

You can contact Mark on dawsonmw@hotmail.co.uk



QUICK TIP

As ever the American

Association of Woodturners

provide us with more useful tips -

in this case it's an article on 'Tear

Out repair' written by John

Lucas., taken from Woodturning

FUNDamentals July/August 2013.

He finds quite often, particularly

on curly woods, it's really tough to get rid of all the

tearout, this article is how he overcomes the problem.

Extracts of articles from The American Association of

Woodturners Woodturning FUNDamentals website are

often featured in this e-shot, with the kind permission

of Kurt Hertzog (via David Buskell). The entire website

is available to those who join the AAW and

Woodturning FUNDamentals provides you with a wide

variety of resources for basic woodturning skills

together with links to other useful information.

If you want to find out more you can join here -

www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/index.htm



CLUB SHOP NEWS (A Members Service)

Don't forget that we also have a stock of **Rustins Danish Oil** 500ml, selling at £5.00 (half that of Axminster) and **WebRax** - particularly good for getting a burnished finish after sanding.

It's well worth trying our shop first before going out and spending money needlessly elsewhere!

CLUB LATHE...

A reminder, particularly for new members, that our Record DML 305 lathe and stand together with tools and chuck is currently available for loan.

To borrow the lathe please let Brian Ash have your details

(phone: 0208 642 8108, email:

brianash@virginmedia.com) by the week prior to the next meeting. Remember that it may be needed for

various demonstrations during the summer months so take advantage of it while it is available.

To comply with the Club insurance, the kit has to be signed in and out again each month.

If anyone hears of events that would be of interest to club members or has any other information/articles to include in the e-shot please let me know - Hilary.

Submissions for next month's e-shot should be sent to **Hilary** by 30th August.

If you have any comments, corrections, or items to add, please contact e-shot editor Hilary - hsinclair@blueyonder.co.uk

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