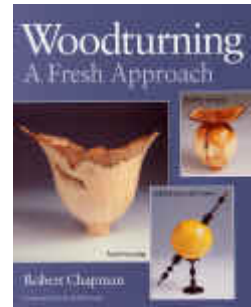


Bob Chapman RPT - Making a box - July 21st 2004

Reviewed by Club Reporter (photos Robert Chapman)

It was a rare honour for Bob Chapman to visit Cheam as he restricts club demos in order to concentrate on exhibition work. The main subject for the evening was a box made from a square blank. This project features in his book – good to see he brought the instructions along with him!



The base was started by making a hole with a drill or gouge. This was followed by a technique of back hollowing, applying the gouge in the area between 12 o'clock and three o'clock on the blank. This is cutting in what is usually called the wrong direction, but as Bob showed, it works. Practice on scrap wood first if you try this at home.

The final piece was signed and presented to a young turner in the audience who originally came along to our stand at the Worcester Park Scouts event and was fascinated by the lathe. It was good to see him at a meeting and nice of Bob to donate the piece to him. Let's hope it will give him inspiration and Cheam will get a new young member.

Cheam enjoyed a masterclass from one of woodturning's respected artists.

