



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes from the Editor

Inside, you will find the demo by Robin Barlow. Robin turned three pieces. The first one, a box, was such an unusual shape that many of us didn't have a clue what he was doing until the final assembly.

Woodworks@Daventry is not far away. Please bring in some pieces for the club to display. We would like to display a piece from every member of the club, so bring in your best piece(s) that have been turned since the last event. It is on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th May, It's free to park and free to enter. Please also support the club and the event by attending and buying some raffle tickets. Tea and coffee are available and the cake is especially nice.

Now for some sad news. Long standing club member Tony Orlebar died on 2nd April aged 79 years. The funeral will take place at the Heart of England Crematorium, on Wednesday 1st May, at 10:15 am.



Regards
Rob Sheehan

Robin Barlow 19/3/2019

By Rob Sheehan



Robin's first project was a three part box. However, as the turning proceeded, some of us were a little unsure as to exactly what he was making!

Robin started with a 4"x2"x2" piece of ash for the base of the box. He drilled two 6mm diameter holes, 1" deep, 18mm apart. The diameter matched some brass rod that will be used later on in the project. This was turned to round and shaped like the nose of a rocket. Robin then sanded it and stained it with

Chestnut spirit stain. Robin recommended that gloves be worn when using the stain, unless you want to go around with black fingers for a week. He then parted off the base, using a undercut to make the base sit flat on a table.

The next piece turned, was the bottom of the box. Using a similar size piece, two holes were drilled to match the spacing of the holes on the base. Robin then cut a chamfer on the top and



a smooth curve down to a narrow rounded point. He made several refining cuts to the curve, to ensure it matched the curve on the base. Robin hollowed the inside and cut a small shoulder on which, the lid would rest. He then sanded, sealed and finished it with a clear lacquer.

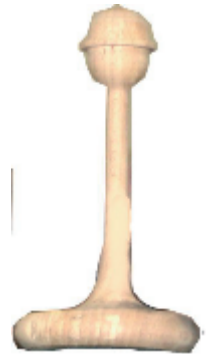
Next came the lid of the box. Another piece of ash was turned to round and a small spigot cut to fit inside the bottom of the box. The inside of the lid was domed slightly and decorated with a few lines. Robin then chamfered the lid outwards from the spigot and domed the top. The dome was finished by re-chucking the piece on the spigot. The top was sanded, sealed and lacquered as before.

Robin's second piece was an ebonized ash bowl with gold wax highlights. The bowl was a simple ogee shape, with a wide rim. Robin power sanded the outside to get the smoothest finish. Robin then used a bronze brush to open up the softer summer grain rings. He then ebonized the outside with Chestnut



acrylic ebonizing lacquer. Robin then sealed the lacquer with Chestnut acrylic sanding sealer. Using a gold coloured wax, Robin applied it sparingly, all over the outside of the bowl, with a finger. He then removed the excess, with finishing oil on safety cloth. The safety cloth is less absorbant than paper towels or cotton cloths. Robin then mounted the base spigot in a chuck, to hollow out the inside. Using the principle of 1/3s, he made the rim 1/3 and the hollow 2/3 the diameter of the bowl. He angled the rim slightly downward into the bowl. The inside was sanded, sealed and finished with Renaissance wax (a type of micro crystalline wax).

Robin's last demonstration was a piece of off-centre turning. Unfortunately, my picture doesn't show the stem off centre from the base. Robin used a steb drive centre and a live centre. Initially on centre, Robin turned a bead to form the base. He then moved the top end about 1cm off centre and the tailstock end about 1/2cm off centre. Robin then turned an off centre chuck spigot at the base end. Mounting the spigot in the chuck, Robin proceeded to turn the bowler hat and narrow stem.



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WOODTURNING CLUB EVENTS 2019

March	5th	Hands On	
	19th	Demo	Paul Bellamy
April	2nd	Hands On	
	16th	Demo	Robin Barlow
May	7th	Hands On	
	10/11th	Tudor Rose Woodworks at Daventry	
	21st	Demo	Brian Cokerill
June	4th	Hands On	
	18th	tbd	
July	2nd	Hands On	
	16th	Demo	Roger Gilbert
August	6th	Hands On	
	20th	Demo	Gary Rance
September	3rd	Hands On	
	17th	tbd	
October	1st	Hands On	
	15th	tbd	
November	5th	AGM followed by Hands On	
	19th	tbd	
December	3rd	Hands On	
	17th	Christmas Social	