



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes from the Editor

This has been one of those up and down weeks.

It started well, with me being asked to turn 60 pen kits for a display at work. What could be better than doing your hobby, using the best kit Axminster can provide and getting paid to do it? Then we had a good demo from a new member to the club, Mick Littlehales. See inside for details.

Unfortunately, things went downhill rapidly after that. My computer refused to start up. It just displayed the BSOD (Black Screen Of Death not to be confused with the Blue Screen Of Death which is much easier to diagnose). Thankfully I also have a laptop, so I Googled for possible solutions and after two days I found a fix. So I am back in business and can write this newsletter.

The Coombe Abbey craft show is only a few weeks away on Saturday 13th September. Axminster will be there, so come and meet Jamie, our new deputy manager who will be manning the stand. We need local shows like this, so please support it by coming along, enjoying the demonstrations and spending some money!

Regards
Rob Sheehan

Mick Littlehales 19/8/14

By Rob Sheehan



Mick is a new member of the club and has already contributed to the sharpening hands on that was run earlier in the year. This was his first demonstration. Mick's first project was a three sided box. The square ash block was mounted between the headstock spindle and a hollow centre. Using the ghosts of the corners flying past, Mick cut a curve from the upper corner to the base, leaving a

chucking spigot at the base. The spigot was then gripped in a chuck and the outside sanded from 150 grit to 400 grit. Mick used liquid paraffin as a finish as it is food safe. He then hollowed out the centre until he reached the corners. A cut parallel to the lathe bed is need-



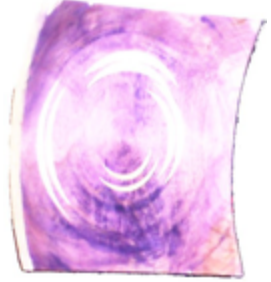
ed until the bottom of the curved wings is reached. The walls can then be curved inwards to match the outside shape. Mick then cut a recess for the finial lid, sanded and finished the box as before. He then removed the chucking spigot.

The finial blank was then mounted in the chuck and turned to round. Mick used a 3/8" bowl gouge to rough out the shape followed by an oval skew chisel to add the detail. He then sanded and finished as before.



Mick's second project was a square bowl with an offset pattern. The poplar (tulip wood) blank was mounted between centres. Mick used a 3/8" bowl gouge pull cut to shape the bottom and leave a chuck spigot. The spigot was the full depth of the jaws to allow the bowl safely to be offset. Mick then used a scraper to finish the outside shape. The piece was then mounted in the chuck so that it could be hollowed out. To follow the grain, hollowing should be done centre outwards. However, the corners

are vulnerable, so hollow from the outside inwards until solid wood is reached. Again, Mick used a scraper for the final finish. After sanding, Mick applied a purple spirit stain all over. He then offset the piece by moving one side of the bowl slightly further out of the jaws. Mick then used a 3 point tool to create two grooves near the outside of the piece. He then offset the next side of the bowl and created another two lines further in towards the centre. Mick repeated this will the other two sides, creating a series of eight grooves. Offsetting corner to corner would have produced a different pattern.



Mick's final project was a spinning top from rose wood and spalted beech. The rose wood spindle was turned from a pen blank. The beech was mounted between centres and a chuck spigot cut. After mounting it in a chuck, Mick shaped the bottom and drilled a hole to match the spindle. He then shaped the upper surface and parted off. Given more time, he would then have created a launcher for the spinning top.



Mick's hand made mobile tool cabinet

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WOODTURNING CLUB EVENTS 2014

August	19th	Demo	Mick Littlehales
September	2nd	Hands on	
	13th	Coombe Abbey Craft Fair	
	16th	Demo	Tony Wilson
October	7th	Demo	Adam Stephens
	21st	AGM	
November	4th	Hands on	
	18th	Demo	TBD
December	2nd	Hands on	
	16th	Christmas Social	

Next Demonstration

Tuesday 16th September Tony Wilson

Next Axminster Events

Fri/Sat 26/27th September	5th Birthday - lots of demos
Sat 11th October	Jason Breech, woodturner
Sat 1st November	Phil Irons

Coombe Abbey Craft Fair

Sat 13th September