



# NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB

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### Notes from the Editor

The most memorable thing about Saturday 10th September, was the rain. Heavy at times with a constant drizzle till mid afternoon. I was demonstrating at Hartshill Hayes. Quite a bit of interest from the few that braved the weather. At least the new Axminster gazebo kept me and my lathe dry.

Coombe Abbey Woodturners were also holding their Festival of Crafts on the same Saturday and following Sunday. I went on the Sunday, when it was bright and sunny. They too had suffered from poor attendance on the Saturday, but the car park was full on Sunday afternoon. A good show, as usual, with lots to see and many familiar faces.

Inside, you will find my demonstration report. Alan Truman turned a cake stand in one of our best demonstrations this year.

Regards  
Rob Sheehan

# Alan Truman 16/8/2016

By Rob Sheehan



Alan showed us how to turn a two-tier cupcake stand in Sycamore and Yew. He was also selling kits, so we could make one ourselves, for a reasonable £10.

Alan mounted the larger Sycamore blank on a screw chuck and squared up the edge using a 3/8 bowl gouge. He then turned the bottom slightly concave before cutting a chuck recess. Alan left 3/4" of timber outside the recess to act as a foot before creating a gentle ogee curve on the bottom and rounding over the edge. He then power sanded 120 grit to 240

grit, sealed the base with Chestnut sanding sealer (thinned 50/50) and waxed it with Briwax, applied with 0000 wire wool.

After holding the piece using the chuck recess, Alan flattened the face and drilled a centre hole 5/8" wide and approximately 5/8" deep. He then marked the diameter of the central boss, before removing material to leave the centre raised. Alan refined the taper of the centre boss, flattened the plate and left a raised ring around the outside, followed by power sanding. For decoration, Alan burned two rings into the surface of the plate and textured the areas between, before sealing and waxing as before.



Alan turned the smaller top plate in a similar fashion. Being smaller, the top plate only had one decorative ring and didn't require a foot on the bottom. The central boss was also correspondingly smaller.

Alan then turned his attention to the spindles between the plates. Using smaller O'Donnell jaws, Alan mounted what looked like a wooden pen blank, between the chuck and tail centre. He then used a roughing gouge to turn it to round and a skew chisel to smooth it out. Alan marked a 1/2" long spigot at each end and, using vernier calipers set to 5/8", he cut the spigots to match the holes in the plates. The spigots were finished with a chamfer and under cut to ensure a clean fit to the plate. The shape of the spigot was then cut with a spindle gouge. Alan marked some decorative lines and used a piece of Formica to burn in the lines. He then sanded 120 grit to 400 grit before sealing and waxing as before. After aligning the grain direction, the spigots were inserted into the holes in the plates. The top spigot only needed one spigot, with a ball on the other end to act as a handle.



**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY**  
**WOODTURNING CLUB EVENTS 2016**

October	4th	Hands on. Pyrography with Steve Obrien
	18th	Demo      Andy Lodge
November	1st	AGM      Followed by Hands On
	15th	Hands On. Pen Turning with Rob Sheehan
December	6th	Christmas Social
	20th	No Meeting

Next Demonstration

Tuesday 18th October Andy Lodge

Next Axminster Event

Fri/Sat 14/15th October	Woodturning with Colwyn Way
Fri/Sat 11/12th November	Woodturning with Jason Breach
Sat 10th December	Woodturning with Steve Heeley

Warwickshire Exhibition Centre Events

Thu/Sun 13/16th October	Midland Model Engineering Show
Fri/Sun 11/13th November	International Model Boat Show