



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE
& HINCKLEY
WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes From The Editor

Inside you will find my report on the demonstration by club member Chris Grimshaw. Chris is new to the club and also new to woodturning, so it was very brave of him to offer to do a demonstration. Despite a few catches, it proved to be an interesting demo and Chris produced a very acceptable lidded pot. I hope that his example will encourage others to have a go at demonstrating.



Our next demonstration is on October 1st, when club member Bob Smith will turn a hanging vessel. This year's Christmas challenge is to turn a hanging vessel, so pay attention and don't say you haven't been warned.

Timber supplier Dalmann Ltd are having an open day on Saturday October 19th. There are demonstrations and talks and, having taken over the timber business of Styles and Bates, they also have a good selection of timber. Not that I need any more timber but I'm planning to go. They are based near Hungerford/Swindon so it's a 1 3/4 hour journey for me from Nuneaton. Dalman Ltd RG17 8AB.

I recently brought in some timber blanks, kindly donated to the club by Colin Pack, a former member of the club and former chairman of Coombe Abbey woodturning club. I hope you make good use of the timber that you bought and, for those who took some timber for free, I hope to see your pieces donated to the club in time for the Hinckley Christmas light switch on, on Friday November 22nd.

Our AGM is on October 15th, followed by a hands-on session. Please attend and, if you have any ideas/suggestions/complaints, speak up. It's your club and we want to hear what you want to see.

Bad news. The AWGB is putting up its subscription from £21 to £24.

Rob Sheehan
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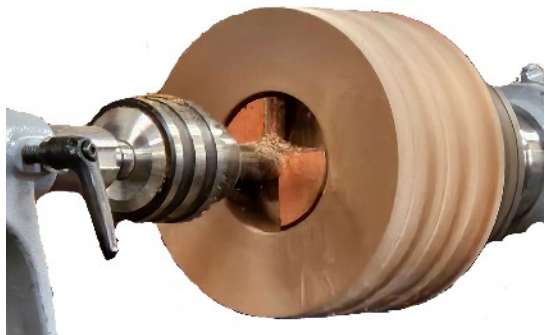
Chris Grimshaw 3/9/24

Turning as a newcomer to woodturning

Chris is new to the club and new to woodturning. Apart from some help at the club and from his sessions at Bulkington, Chris has picked up his ideas and techniques from YouTube. He started turning on an Axminster AW240WL lathe (5 speed belt change) 2 1/2 years ago but upgraded to



an Axminster AW355WL lathe which he got at a good price as the Axminster Nuneaton shop was closing down. Starting with a Sapele blank 4" long by 6" square, Chris had already cut the corners off on a bandsaw. He mounted it on a screw chuck and used a bowl gouge to turn it to round and to clean up the base. Using a parting tool, Chris cut a chucking recess and used a skew to create dovetail sides to the recess. After seeing it done elsewhere, Chris left the timber in the middle of the recess and turned it into a button. Using a spindle gouge followed by a skew chisel (used as a scraper), Chris rounded over the bottom corner and flattened the sides. He then used a round nosed scraper to cut three coves up the side. After sanding from 120 grit to 400 grit, Chris used alcohol to remove any dust before spraying with Hampshire Sheen's matt sanding sealer followed by a coat of Hicote Clear Lacquer. Chris' favourite finish is Liberon Oil but this takes time to dry and requires many coats so it is not



suitable for use during a demonstration.

Having used the recess to mount the piece in a chuck, Chris used a Forstner bit (from Amazon) to hollow out the centre. Switching to an Easy Tool hollowing tool with a square TCT tip, Chris hollowed out further, leaving a 15mm thick side wall. Both the Forstner bit and the Easy Tool



hollower were very effective in removing material quickly and cleanly. Using a Parting Tool, Chris then cut a recess on the inside edge of the rim on which the lid would sit. He sanded as before, removed any sanding residue with alcohol, sealed and applied two coats of lacquer.



The lid for the pot was made from a piece of Oak 1" thick and 6" square. Chris had already cut off the corners. He trued up the edge with a bowl gouge and cut a small spigot on the face to fit his O'Donnell jaws. He then used a Parting Tool to create a recess 10mm wider than the spigot and used a bowl gouge and a skew chisel, as a scraper, to round over the outside edge. Chris sanded, sealed and lacquered it before mounting it on his O'Donnell jaws. He trued up the bottom of the lid and used calipers to measure the recess in the pot body and transferred the measurement onto the lid. Using a Parting Tool, Chris cut a matching spigot on the lid and kept trying the fit until he was happy with the size. He then re-mounted the pot body on the chuck and fitted the lid with support from the tail stock. He then shaped the join between the two. Further sanding, sealing and lacquering finished the piece.



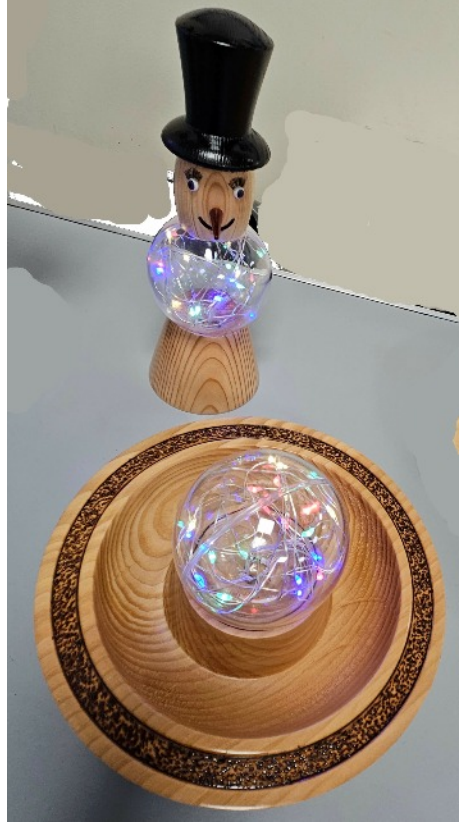
Some of Chris' Work



Chris uses Milliput and resin to enhance his work. His finishing skills come from his time at sea when one of his first jobs was to prepare and lacquer ships hand rails to a high quality finish.



Members' Work



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB EVENTS 2024

July	2nd	Hands-On	
	16th	Hands-On	
August	6th	Demo	Paul Hannaby
	20th	Demo	Bob Smith - Square Bowl
September	3rd	Demo	Chris Grimshaw
	17th	Sharpening Hands-On	
October	1st	Demo	Bob Smith - Hanging Vessel
	15th	AGM followed by Hands-On	
November	5th	Demo	Pat Byrne - Snail
	19th	Hands-On	(Stand design)
	22nd	Hinckley Christmas lights switch-on	
December	3rd	TBD	
	17th	Christmas Party	

Events at Other Clubs

Please contact the club to check times/dates/locations before attending

Coombe Abbey
Friday October 18th demo by Lee Cartwright
Shilton Village Hall 6:30pm - 9pm