



# CUTTING EDGE

December 2011



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eyed  
Monster?

Last month Mike brought in one of his fantastic pieces requiring a steady hand, patience and an awful lot of skill to produce. Many, handling it with extreme care, admired it and were in awe of the intricacy required to turn such a delicate piece with so many barley twists!!!

Not so our Chairman? The truth will out. Within a few seconds of gaining access to the piece it was in two. We could not believe it!!! Nobody actually saw the dastardly deed but rumours were rife. Let us assume that it was an accident and say no more.....unless you know otherwise?

#### What a mess....

Texturing was the subject for the hands-on session last month with a member taking the lead with a short demo. What a mess it was too. No preparation, only the wrong tools available and no timber to turn. Sack him.

Without further ado, five lathes were then set to work as soon as Maggie let us off the leash. Various areas of weakness were tackled with gusto with quite a number of novices willing to give it a go.

Just as it should be, you learn much more by trying it yourself



**We are now in December** and a number of members (5) have yet to pay the July Subs!!! If I recall correctly we passed a resolution some time ago which proposed that any member with subs outstanding after three months would be drummed out of the club. We would not wish to go that far.....yet.....but are your initials in this anagram? If so give it some thought :-

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#### Stop Press....Items for sale

Axminster 'Perform' CCL Variable speed Lathe on bench  
£110

'Perform' Bandsaw CCB £100

'Perform' Dust Extractor BB100 and Vacuum cleaner £35  
20 Turning Tools £100

All items hardly used, somebody giving up turning.

Also—Axminster M300 Lathe for sale £75

For further information contact Maggie

#### Useful Tip....

Is your banjo sticking? Are you having trouble moving your toolrest around the bedbars?

Cleaning the banjo shaft does not always help so paint it with thinners and slide the ring up and down to soften the muck inside. Wipe as you go and it will then be as smooth as a baby's ar...m.



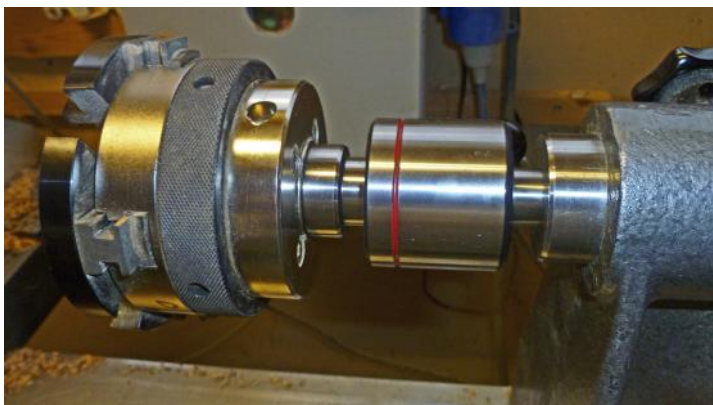
# Members' Work



## Santa came early.....

I said that I am not buying any more 'toys' and I meant it. I swear to you that a big chap in a red coat with a white beard landed on our roof and gave me this.

Do you recall Chris Eagles 'pulling' his spindle work rather than 'compress' it between centres? Well, RDG Tools have got the ideal live centre for this work. It is a heavy duty, double bearing centre with a 2MT fitting at one end (threaded to take a rod) and a 3/4" x 16 tpi male thread on the outer end.



I made one out of boxwood (the thread had to have some ptfе tape on it as I think the pitch of my chaser was slightly different) and ran it on a large live centre.

It wobbled a bit but I managed to finish my candlesticks with it.

This one however, looks the business, very solid and well worth £26 inc. delivery (even if it is not Santa).

Shout if you wish to have a look.

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Date of next Meeting:  
 Sunday 15th January  
 Hands on  
 Natural Edged Goblets