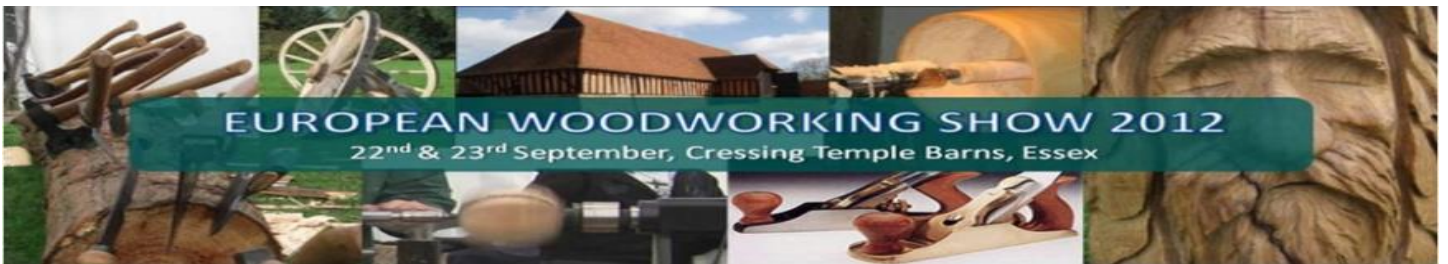




*Mick
be nimble...*

Candlesticks were the order of the day , last month, and Mick showed us how.

His tutoring obviously hit the right spot — I was speaking to a couple of new members afterwards who found his demonstration most instructive and pitched at the right level. Theory was then put into practice with a number of members sweating over a hot lathe.



Next Month's Competition

As we have a number of new members it might be worth running through the procedure for next month: The main competition consists of three categories Advanced, Intermediate and Novice. If you do not know which category you are in ask Mick Briggs as it makes a difference as to whether you have to make a bowl of fruit, a bowl of fruit or a bowl of fruit so check to be sure. Each piece entered is marked out of ten by every member, the highest overall scores win.

We then have The Beecham Cup for which anybody can enter. The criteria is the same each year and the judges (3) will be looking for an item with an innovative shape and design.

Then we have The Bill Thurlow Cup. This is marked by partners alone and we ask them to nominate the piece they would like most to take home.

As this tends to be hungry work we employ three-star Dunlop Re-tread chefs to provide a succulent BBQ. To accompany their masterpieces we ask you to bring some tasty morsels, nibbles, salads, sticky puds etc. You have a complete month so let's see you knock out some of your favourite home-made dishes. We promise that they will not go to waste.



Members' Work



Try this.....

There is no need to change tail centres when you require a ring centre. By using a plumbers olive over a live tail centre a perfectly effective ring centre can be obtained. 15mm copper or brass olives can be obtained for a few pence - (or free from a friendly plumber). Simply place the olive over the point, bring up the tail stock to nip the work piece in the usual way, rotate once by hand to ensure it's centred correctly before finally applying moderate pressure.

Admit it.....you're jealous!!

I was recently asked to remove a Hornbeam which had a completely spherical burr 24" in diameter



which completely surrounded the trunk. As soon as it was down and cut into two, it developed a nasty shake from top to bottom. Even so I have got 5 bowls (4 cored) out of the first half and still have the lump you see in the LH photo. I will save that for a rainy day.



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Date of next Meeting:
 Sunday 19th August
 The Bill Shepherd Extravaganza
 plus
 Critique
 (bring your items for appraisal)