



## A little bit of what you fancy!

For the November meeting members had the opportunity to learn, pick up tips and get advice on various different topics relevant to woodturning. Subjects covered were thread chasing by Mike Knight, finishing by Maggie Wright, pyrography by Sandra Day and bandsaw use and tool sharpening by John Turner.



Mike Knight demonstrating thread chasing closely watched by Brian Rowson and Peter Hawes.

Thread chasing was of particular interest to the advanced turners as it is relevant to their competition subject. Several members took advantage of Mike's expertise to increase their turning skills.

The pyrography table created a lot of interest although not many members were brave enough to have a go.

The subject of sharpening always brings feelings of apprehension to novice woodturners so John had plenty of members hanging on his every word.

Maggie had a large audience as she discussed the finishing products and techniques she uses for different applications. She had also provided a handout with some useful information for all of us.



Alan Capon trying out the basic pyrography pen



A selection of Maggie's work showing examples of a wide range of finishes.

All the subjects proved popular and created much interest.

There are many skills associated with turning other than working on your blank at the lathe. I think everyone found something to help extend their turning knowledge. I personally found it stimulating to have a serious go at the pyrography and now feel inspired to do more. It has also made me think about other forms of enhancement with which to experiment.



Birch dish with pyrographed blackberry design and turned blackberries by Sandra Day

Hopefully members will have learnt a lot and we shall see some of the results in the competition pieces.

## The Richard Haselden Cup

Members will be pleased to know that from now on we shall refer to our new competition as The Richard Haselden Cup since Richard has most generously donated a cup to be awarded to the winner. Many thanks to Richard.

I am quite sure plenty of members would love to be the first winner so with only one more entry for this year, can you produce something really special to clinch it?

### A selection of entries for the Richard Haselden Cup



The Richard Haselden Cup



Lidded pot in spalted beech by Bob Hollands.



Above, Cake platter by Brian Rowson.

Above right, A three legged piece with mushrooms by Peter Hawes

Right, Tealight holders by Lynn Chambers.



### Reminder for this month's meeting.

Winter competition and social.

See November issue for details.

Hopefully everyone has made something for the competitions. We do not want the novices putting the rest of us to shame again.

Bring your partners and a plate of food as well.

### Pepper Mills

Do you need a cruet for your Christmas table or perhaps to give as a gift?

Axminster have a demo on turning pepper mills at Sittingbourne on Saturday Dec 19 from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Open to all.

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### Next month's meeting

January 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am

Mr Sean Hellman on bird carving