



Perfecting Pommels and Eccentric Exercises.

Unfortunately Andy Coates who was due to demonstrate last month, had to cancel his visit due to ill health. We wish him well.

At short notice Peter Castle stepped up and organised some exercises for us all which proved most useful. He began by demonstrating how to turn a pommel on a spindle, the sort of thing one would see on a table leg or staircase baluster where there is a transition from square to round. He explained why it is crucial to mount the square exactly on centre as the round must be equidistant to the square edge on every side. Peter used the skew chisel to make the entry cut and a parting tool to cut away to the round. The corners of the pommel are best rounded over to meet the cylindrical section. This is done gradually to avoid bounce. Peter demonstrated body movement to keep the cut fluid and smooth.

Next followed some discussion on the use of the club's Nova lathe and its controls as not many members are familiar with it. David Spice was able to explain in more depth about the speed control and settings.

We then moved on to the next exercise which was eccentric turning. Peter marked the diagonals on the ends of a square blank and drew a circle about 1/8" away from the centre. He then numbered the intersections 1-4 and marked the corresponding ones on the other end.

Next he mounted the blank not between centres, but between opposite numbers ie 1 and 3 then turned it as normal but taking care as the tool was inclined to bounce. Having achieved the desired shape the piece was then remounted reversing the numbers to get an offset shape. There are obviously various permutations for this off centre turning and some planning and forethought would be needed as to the end result but this exercise gave us an insight into the possibilities.

Thanks go to Peter who once again kept us on our toes despite not having his own tools.

After the demonstration members prepared to have a go themselves whilst the raffle took place. We had the usual lunch break and then got down to turning.

Members in action, giving and taking advice



Members' Work



Vase in apple by Robert Hollands



Box and stand in walnut and mahogany by Marion Blunt



Tazza by Gaya Taylor



Mahogany bowl by Brian Blanks



Spindle turning extending a table pedestal by Ian Boyland

For Sale



Elektra Beckum Lathe similar to photo. £110
Contact Peter Castle: pcandjc@gmail.com
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Reminder for this month's meeting

July 16th 10.00am

Summer competition and barbecue.

Please bring your entries, your partners/friends and contributions for lunch, salads, desserts etc.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Greg Collett
Librarian	David Spice
Newsletter editor	Sandra Day
A-V co-ordinator	Brian Rowson

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Dates for the Diary

September 17th 10.00-4.30

Club day incorporating the AWGB Birthday Bash
Phil Irons demonstrating

Please remember you need to book tickets for this event £5.00 for members and their guests, £15.00 for non members. Tickets include Burwash Beauties (sausages and french bread) and drinks but members will be asked to provide accompaniments. Tickets will be on sale at the July meeting. Please book early so that we have some idea of numbers.

We would like a display of members' work so please select 2 or 3 pieces of your work to bring in August so that a varied display of all standards can be organised.

Axminster Sittingbourne branch

Saturday 29th July 10.00-4.00

Power carving with Arbortech

Saturday 15th August 10.00-4.00

Power carving with Saburr Tooth.

I believe there will be a chance to try these tools.

Next Month's meeting

August 20th 10.00am

We are hoping to arrange an outside demonstrator but this is to be confirmed