



Peter Castle's Christmas Creations.



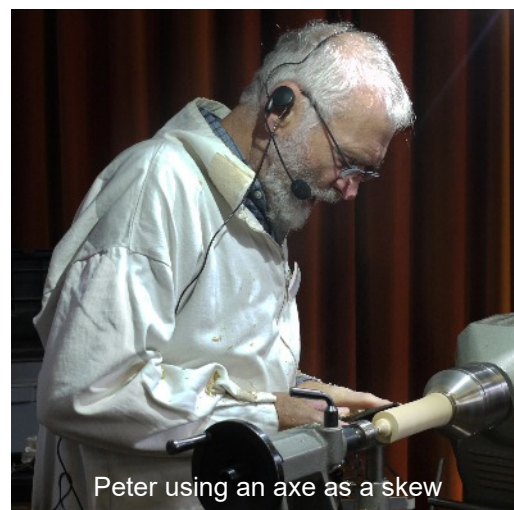
The October meeting began with the notices given out by Chairman, Maggie Wright. She also told a cautionary tale about the importance of concentrating when turning, particularly with irregular shaped work. Following several distractions, a natural edge yew bowl which she was turning exploded into flying pieces. Fortunately there was no serious injury but it demonstrates how important it is to wear protective equipment.

The hands on session began with Peter Castle showing members how to turn Christmas novelties and puzzles. Peter explained that having been without a workshop for some time, his turning skills were a little rusty. However he proceeded to give us a very helpful demo. Thank you Peter.

The first item was a snowman. After mounting the wood , Peter roughed it to round and smoothed it with a skew chisel. For the benefit of the beginners, he concentrated on the correct use of tools, particularly the skew chisel. He discussed all the various forms of the skew and demonstrated that even an axe could achieve a good finish if sharp and presented correctly. He continued shaping the snowman showing how to use the spindle gouge.

Peter then moved on to a Christmas tree, turned in a similar way to the snowman. He used the skew chisel to lift the wood fibres to achieve the textured look of branches. Both these items could then be coloured as desired.

Peter followed this with a spindle turned puzzle consisting of two pieces of wood and an elastic band. The main piece should be drilled lengthways to a depth beyond halfway then a hole drilled right through at right angles about halfway along. An elastic band will be threaded through this hole. Using a spindle gouge Peter turned a ball shape on the end to act as a handle then turned the rest to a pleasing shape as desired. The end needed to be flat where the inner section butts up to it. The inner part was turned and a notch cut to catch the elastic band on the inside. The idea is to catch the elastic band and ping the inner section.. To finish, Peter showed us examples of other puzzles to entertain us at Christmas.



Peter using an axe as a skew



Puzzle demonstrated by Peter



How was the nail fixed? (No joins in the wood)



How do you remove the ring without breaking anything?



How do you open this puzzle?



There is a ball inside this tower. How do you get it out?



Imp in the bottle. The bottle has a weight in the round base. How do you persuade the imp to lie down?

Members' Work



Maggie Wright's Christmas decorations



Clock by Mike Pollard



Cannon by Jim Moger



Lignum vitae bowl by Brian Blanks



Segmented pot by Paul Filsell



Mike Pollard benefiting from Maggie Wright's experience.



Hands on discussions

Laminated work by new member, Mike Herriott

Winter Competition

Hopefully most of you will have been working on your entries for the competition.

For the benefit of new members here is a breakdown of the event.

Novice, intermediate and advanced classes. Entrants to make something from the given piece of timber. The wood may be cut and rejoined but no other added wood allowed. Small embellishments are permissible.

Frank Elworthy Cup. Open class for spindle turning, supporting work allowed but judging is for spindle work.

Charlie Newson Cup. Guests vote for the piece they would most like to take home.

Richard Hasleden Cup. Culmination of monthly entries. Judging takes place during the morning followed by a buffet lunch. Please bring a plate of food. Drinks will be provided. There will be entertainments during the day including a talk on crop circles, followed by a critique and presentations.

Friends and Partners welcome.

Would last year's **cup winners** please remember to return their cups.

December Meeting

Winter Competition and Social

December 8th 10.00 am

Please see details above.

Wanted Bandsaw

If you know of a bandsaw for sale please contact Jayne Brown email jaynemarshall@sky.com

November Meeting

November 17th 10.00 - 4.00

Jason Smith demonstrating.

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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