

Turn Around

The Newsletter of The Village Turners

February 2002

February Meeting

We were very grateful to Graham Booth who kindly agreed to demonstrate lace bobbin turning. From what everyone else thought was scrap when he'd finished, he then proceeded to amaze us all by producing candlesticks and plates, albeit at dolls house sizes.

Nothing goes to waste in Grahams' workshop!

The following article is for the benefit of anyone who missed the meeting.

Thank you Graham.

East Midland Lace Bobbin

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1. Speed'n'eze friction polish gives a good finish: the finish must not mark or stain thread.
2. Overall length may vary from 100mm (common) to 110mm.
3. Wood must be fine and close-grained. Traditionally, fruitwoods would often be used. The Bobbin illustrated is of a simple design; there are many more complex and ornate styles available from bobbin makers.
4. Final finish must be perfectly smooth so as not to snag the lace thread.



- a. 8mm long, 7mm dia.

- b. 25mm long, 3.5mm dia. is Erin (Doors) preference but 20mm is common.
- c. 4-5mm long, 7.5mm dia.
- d. 55mm long, 7.5mm dia (max). Shape and length may be varied.
- e. 6.5mm long, 6mm dia.
- f. 6mm long, 5.5mm dia

Jim Craig

As a new member, I asked Jim to tell us about himself. Next time, Paul Jowett will fill us in.

Prior to my retirement in April 1998, I decided that I must have some form of occupation to keep me active during my retirement, and since I've always been involved in woodworking, first as an apprentice joiner and cabinet maker in Scotland, until National Service came along!! and from then on more as a hobby and spare time occupation, I decided that I'd like to be involved in something which entailed working with wood. I decided that I'd like to try my hand at Woodturning.

I'd previously dabbled a little many years ago on a Black and Decker Lathe attachment, I'm sure many will remember those, it was a bit limited if I recall, and I think I turned a piece of mahogany into a sort of Lighthouse Shape

I've been turning more seriously now for about 2 years, and really enjoy it, but I'm still very much the novice and have lots to learn, especially in the spindle turning department, and mastering the dreaded Skew chisel (which fills me with dread every time I pick it up!!)

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I think I'll probably specialise in bowl turning, and deep vessels, but I do intend to concentrate a bit more on the spindle turning side and try to reach an acceptable standard, after all there are many projects on that side which interest me, table lamps, pepper and spice mills being among them.

At the moment I can't say that there is any particular wood I like to turn, and my recognition when it gets to the more exotic timbers is a bit lacking, I suppose I don't really mind what the timber is as long as it is nicely figured, and often that isn't revealed until the item starts to take shape, it's particularly satisfying when it does turn out to be a bit of a gem

What do I hope to get out of club membership?, so far I've been impressed by the friendliness of the members, all of whom seem more than willing to give helpful and constructive advice, I'd like to tap in to the knowledge and experience of all those, learn from them, develop the kind of skills they have, and in doing so become a competent turner myself.

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Hints & Tips

To save getting finishes on the lathe bed, lay a piece of ply across the bars. Screw and countersink down through the ply into a bit of scrap just wide enough to fit snugly between the bars so that the ply can slide along but not off the bars.

Ferry Meadows

We have been asked to demonstrate out at Ferry Meadows again this year but this will be in addition to, not in place of, a normal club meeting. We will be looking for volunteers when we have some dates. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

Club Visits

We hope to arrange some visits for you for later in the year. If there is anywhere you would particularly like to visit, please inform any member of the committee.

Stop Press

Woodwork Show Sunday 17th February
Barnwell Village Hall, 10:30 to 16:30,
admission £1.50

Next meeting 2nd March 2002.
Brian Norris (Secretary)

MEETING PROGRAMME 2002

Date	Event	Venue	Notes
2 Mar 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	
6 Apr 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	
4 May 2002	Demonstration	130 Garton End Road	John Berkeley will demonstrate how to turn Victorian screw puzzles
1 Jun 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	Date may change
6 Jul 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	
3 Aug 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	
7 Sep 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	
12 Oct 2002	Demonstration	130 Garton End Road	John Johnson will demonstrate a variety of items including a vanity mirror, a clock or barometer and some inverted turning.
2 Nov 2002	Club Meeting	130 Garton End Road	
7 Dec 2002	Club Meeting / A.G.M.	130 Garton End Road	Venue may change

These dates are correct as at 13 February 2002 but please check before making a journey
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