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Woody's World

The Newsletter of



2016

Woody's to the fore

The woodworking show at Daventry got good coverage in Woodturning magazine. This is our only good local show these days and quite a few members attended. Not only did members go but we put on a stand and got a mention in the mag.



The turnings – including the old-style telephone, soldier and clocks – on the Offchurch Woodturners' stand certainly caused people to stop and look

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Back to last month's meeting where members were asked to bring along their own hollowing tools. Nick had already got hold of several and we were able to compare. Later in the meeting members tried the various tools for themselves. Generally my view from the stands so to speak was that the more expensive the better job it did. But that is really too broad a statement since each tool had its good points and those who had them tended to be loyal to their choice.



The cutter shown above is typical of the more costly tools. The cutting edge is small and there is a cover to the blade which controls the amount of cut. With nearly all these tools you cut or rather shave off small amounts but in a very controlled fashion. To sharpen the edge use a diamond sheet to put an edge back on.

Most of the hollowing tools have long handles and some come with extenders to the handle. As you can see in the picture below you get good control of the cutting edge. But there again you are only cutting a sliver.



One of the cutters tried had a square shaft. This meant that you could rest the shaft on the toolrest - the angles of cut were effectively taken care of. This cutter did offer great control with not too much effort. Some of the others meant you were peering into the hole trying to see if you had got the angle of the cutter correct.



Look in any catalogue and you can see that the price of these specialist hollowing tools is around £150.

That is rather a lot for one chisel unless you intend using it quite a bit. There are cheaper versions which are essentially scrapers. These were reported as being quite effective although not as good as the genuine hollowing

cutter. That is it really, for cutting in awkward places you cannot just use a bowl gouge as you cannot get at the 'overhang'. One interesting comment that was overheard was "I split my bowl in two and glue it together afterwards". Now that is a good idea.

Members' pieces





Simple but very effective bowl starting out as a six sided block with contrasting wood glued on, then turned as normal.



Note the coin alongside to give scale.

Forthcoming Attractions - 2016

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections

Aug 4 th	Richard Findley	7pm
Sep 1 st	Hands on	7pm

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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