

Forthcoming Attractions

Feb 7th	@ 7.00 pm	Graham Ball
Mar 7th	@ 7:30 pm	A G M
Apr 4th	@ 7:00 pm	Malcom Hill
May 2 nd or 9th	@ 7:30 pm	Members demonstration
June 6th	@ 7:00 pm	Peter Fagg- Platters from around the world
July 4 th	@ 7:00 pm	TBA
Aug 1 st	@ 7:30 pm	Hands on members demo
Sept 5 th	@ 7:00 pm	Richard Findley
Oct 3 rd	@ 7:30 pm	Hands on or members demo
Nov 7 th	@ 7:00 pm	Viv Harvey
Dec 5 th	@ 7:30 pm	Hands on or members demo

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Our last meeting in 2012 saw our own Dave Simms show off some of his skills in making watch and clock cases. Unfortunately our camera has given up the ghost so we had no detailed view to see on the screen.

The two examples shown here were displayed at our meeting in November. The bullet clock was the main feature of Dave's work during the evening. The mantelpiece clock does fetch a good price if you want to do sales.



As Dave pointed out clocks and watches in whatever form are more attractive than your average candlestick or bowl.

Starting with the bullet clock Dave had already prepared a 'cylinder'. Then the first task was to cut out the rebate to house the clock part.



Before anything else you need to try inserting the clock part. You may need to make adjustments. Interestingly the shape of these bullet clocks derives from the wing mirrors on 50/60 cars. The next stage is to shape up the bullet remembering that the



remaining piece will be the base. This curve needs to be smooth and continuous otherwise the final object will look quite odd.



Having parted off the bullet, work can start on the base/stand. In the above photo you can see the piece is nearly formed. Before parting off the bullet part was sanded, going through the grades, and finished with "Speed and Ease".

At some point in the evening a tip was suggested by our chair. This was I suspect when Dave started sanding or at least making the final cuts. As we all know end grain can be very difficult to get smooth. In some cases it remains very open textured and rather spoils the overall effect. This can be mitigated by applying a weak PVA solution to the area and allowing it to dry. As an experiment I tried this with wallpaper paste and it worked. I also tried mixing wallpaper paste with decorating

filler- the cheap white powder stuff, and that worked to. It was a one off experiment on a bit of rough wood so do not take this as gospel.



Above you have Dave's finished (without clock) bullet clock.

Dave then went on to show how to make a pocket watch case. As before he had a prepared a round bar, which could make several cases. The steps are as before- cut out the holding for the watch part first. Then curve the front face.

Part off the slim block you will need for the watch.

Reverse the piece holding it in the chuck using the groove you made for the watch part.

Curve the back face of the watch and finish off.

