



MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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From your Chairman

First of all can I thank Colin Panter for the photos and short explanation which were included in the recent newsletters. If you could send Kym any photos of something you have made recently that would be much appreciated.

Chucks and Jaws

These days most lathes sold in the UK have the standard 33x3.5 thread. Older lathes which we very often see in the second hand market will have a variety of threads. Record, Sorby and Nova all use the threaded insert design for all these odd threads which are cheap to buy therefore keeping our own chucks in use.

The Axminster series of chucks have threaded bodies in only a few thread options. Very often chucks come in a package which will include the 2 inch jaw set which is a good general purpose set for most small projects. After that I would suggest that a set of 3 inch jaws and 2 inch gripper jaws. If you are into making very large deep bowls you will obviously have to move up to the purchase of 4 or 5 inch sets.

When I am asked which is the best chuck to buy I always say to look at the cost of jaw sets which you may purchase in the future. I think Axminster and Record are probably the best value. I have some Axminster jaws which I bought in the 1990.s which are in regular use.

Weather Stations & Insert Clocks

Here are some tips which may prevent disappointment when making these items.

The movement I am using is 125mm in diameter and will require a hole of 75mm.

- The wood should be well seasoned without any large knots
- I mount on a screw chuck to turn the back, which will include a 80mm dovetail recess
- Another useful idea is to part hollow, say to 70 mm and leave it for several days before completing the partial recess in the back
- Reverse the blank onto the dovetail jaws and complete the recess. There will be a change of sound as you break through to form the polo mint shape
- Now you can complete the frame with your own design
- Sand and polish

As promised I have included some photos of the boxes which I wrote about last month.

Best wishes John



Boxes by John Morgan



Barometer by John Morgan

MEETING COSTS

Members : £9 each, Family Members : £15 per family
Guests of members : £10 each, Non-members : £15 each

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