



MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

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From your Chairman

The Committee has agreed to cancel both July and August meetings. We have also cancelled the demonstrator for September but may be able to go ahead with in a slightly different way with myself as demonstrator for only half a day. This is all subject to Welsh Assembly guidelines and Carno Community Centre re-opening for bookings. We shall have to see how things pan out as we are gradually coming out of lockdown. Please stay safe and keep that 2 metre rule as often as possible.

Good News.

I have now completed my model of the Allis Chalmers tractor as you can see from the photo. This has been quite a challenge with some parts like the rear wheels. These I had to do a second time as my original idea did not look right. In all I think it has taken me at least a month to complete. As I said earlier sometimes it is good to have a long term project which may include some new and difficult parts which may not be done on the lathe.

John's finished tractor



Making boxes

A couple of years ago I went through my store of wood to select pieces suitable for small boxes.

These I part turned with a spigot on both ends and a parting tool cut to identify the bottom and lid. By now they are ready to complete. When we have seen a demonstrator make a box with that close almost suction fit we all know that by the next day the lid is tight and has gone oval. Another thing I do sometimes is to part hollow the bottom and the lid and leave like this for a couple of months extra. By next month I should have some photos in the August Newsletter.

What's Next

I have small toolboard in front of the lathe which sort of has evolved over the years. Callipers, rulers, forceps, chuck keys, bottle brush, faceplate rings, sanding pads and a lot more. I really need to re-do the layout as there are screws, nails, magnets, holes used, it's a real jumble.

My workshop is a brick garage so I have just repainted some of the walls with emulsion paint. Polishes, stains seem to spread everywhere near the lathe.

Now to my lathe. I have spent time with a little bit of basic maintenance. The tool rests have all been filed and finished with emery cloth, then a rub down with some lubricating wax. With an old paintbrush I cleaned all the fins on the motor, it's surprising how much dust was trapped. Then the belt was checked for condition and tightness. Lastly I took out the tailstock barrel to reveal a gunge of oil and dust. That was a surprise.

Taking photos.

My regular walk takes me across an oil seed rape field, into the woods and back down along the edge of the field. I have taken my camera with me every time so I have a very detailed record of the changing seasons. It has really made me appreciate and find the small things in nature.

Best wishes John

Hollow Form Vessel

Colin Panter

Constructed from plywood laminated with an unidentified wood that looks related to mahogany, with a Utile rim. The plywood is faced with oak (it came from left over scraps of floorboards), two oak faces glued together in the body of the vessel with a single oak layer on the two outer faces. All together there are six layers of 3/4 inch plywood and three layers of the "mahogany" style wood, and the rim was turned from an end grain piece of utile. Fortunately there were no major visible plywood voids. In fact the whole assembly was surprisingly stable, there was no movement during or after hollowing but keeping a reasonable edge on the tools required very regular sharpening. Once the edge had gone, the plywood grain tore badly.



2020

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS *Carno Community Centre*

September 20th : 10:30 - 4:30

Rick Dobson

October 18th : 10:30 - 4:30

Jason Beach

November 15th : 1:30 - 4:30

"Hands On"

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WANTED RAFFLE PRIZES

*Please remember to bring something for the
raffle table at the next club meeting after
Coronavirus*

MEETING COSTS

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

CLUB CONTACTS

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