



MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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MAY MEETING

Emma Cook will be joining us to demonstrate on 21st May. Emma has been turning since she was 16, and is now teaching and demonstrating, along with her other passions of woodcarving and jewelry making. You can see a gallery of her work on her website www.thetinyturner.co.uk.

AXMINSTER DISCOUNTS

I have been in touch with Axminster Power Tools regarding their offering discounts to club members as well as to woodturning clubs. Unfortunately, there is still no real news on this front.

They have still not set up their registration system for woodturning club members, but said that this should be happening soon - and that they would be in touch with Club Secretaries once the system was in place.

VINTAGE RALLY

The club is once again going to be demonstrating in the Craft Marquee at the Mid Wales Vintage Machinery Club's annual rally. This year's rally is on 29th May and takes place at Red House Farm, Caersws, Powys.

We should have two lathes set up and demonstrating, plus a table where the items made can be displayed for sale. If you are in the area, please come along and support the club.

Help to set up and clear away on the day are always gratefully received - and free tea and coffee is available to helpers. We usually start setting up around 9am and clear up at around 4pm.

If you have any items of turned work you could

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Carno Community Centre

May 21st : 11:00 - 5:00

Emma Cook

June 25th : 11:00 - 5:00

Paul Hannaby

July 16th : 11:00 - 5:00

Les Thorne

August 13th : 1:30 - 5:00

"Hands On"

September 17th : 11:00 - 5:00

Gerry Marlow

October 22nd : 11:00 - 5:00

Nick Agar

November 19th : 1:30 - 5:00

"Hands On"

donate to the club to sell on the day, we would be grateful. We usually make some money for club funds selling turnings at this event.

The Vintage Rally is a good day out for all the family, with plenty of vintage tractors, cars, lorries etc on display, a large car boot sale and other stalls and attractions.

WANTED RAFFLE PRIZES

Please remember to bring something for the raffle table at the next club meeting on 21st May.

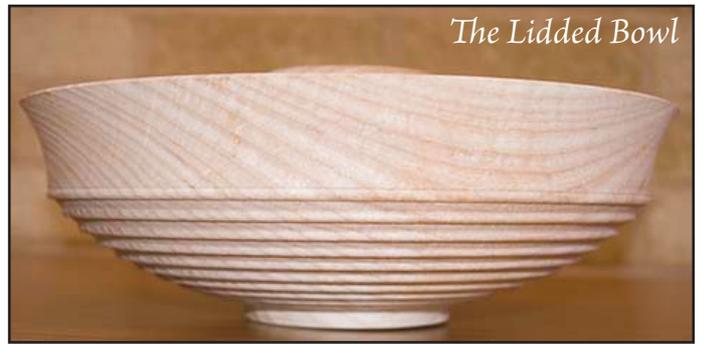
MARK BAKER



Mark Baker gave a fascinating demonstration, spending much of the day making a large lidded bowl from ash. He used this project to show us a number of different techniques, including the use of a simple bowl-saving system to recover the wood from the centre of the bowl blank to use to make the lid of the bowl. He also used bead-forming tools to make the beaded decoration on the bowl sides and the lid.



Using the Bowlsaver



The Lidded Bowl

Unfortunately, just as Mark was finishing the lid of the bowl, there was a problem with the tail-stock on the club's Axminster lathe. The addition of a clamp was enough for Mark to complete the bowl lid, but we could not repair the tailstock sufficiently for Mark to be able to continue with his planned demonstration of spindle turning.

He decided to show us how to make a square winged bowl with wings pointing upward and downwards, and a tripod foot, instead - as this project did not need the tailstock.



The Winged Bowl

In case anyone is wondering - the tailstock problem turned out to be a stripped thread on the cam bolt. There is a 2-3 month lead time on a replacement part from Axminster Power Tools, so Pwl managed a repair of his own which involved drilling out, tapping and use of a suitable new bolt and nut. He thinks his repair is a better job than the original!

MEETING COSTS

Members : £9 each, Family Members : £15 per family
Guests of members : £10 each, Non-members : £15.00 each

CLUB CONTACTS

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