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Editorial

We find ourselves at the end of another FOBWA year.

As we go forward into the new FOBWA year, we welcome Don Smith as our new Chairperson again. I would like to thank John Webb for his extended term of office, and Ken White for holding onto the reigns after standing down as Vice Chairperson earlier in the year, and our subsequent inability to find a replacement for him.



I can't help feeling that our club is letting itself down by the unwillingness of members to take on the important Committee posts, such as Chairperson & Vice Chairperson. We seem to continually be asking the previous incumbent to carry on for another term of office.

There surely must be someone in our club who has the time to take on these posts. It's not rocket science after all said and done. There is a good Committee to help and to backup the Chairperson. *If really is important for the survival of the club as it stands you know!*

We have a real dynamo in Mick Giles (Mick the Web). He has an awful lot of good ideas, so we should see some new things happening in the coming year.

Thanks Mick! For the excellent website you have crafted for us.

I Look forward to the coming year, and would like to wish the new Officers all the best and thanks for taking up the challenge.

Derek Blake, - Editor.

Please keep sending in as much as you can for the mag. Preferably in A5 page format 9 or 10 point, with a 1cm margine all around, on a floppy, CD, DVD or Email me direct.

Don't forget to visit the website "forestofberewoodturners.org.uk"

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A Message from the Chairman



I think we can look back on a varied and successful year, with a couple of good evenings to come, before the end of 2005. This A.G.M. marks the end of my term as chairman, which I have quite enjoyed, but I must admit after 4 years, it will be nice to hand the responsibility over to someone else. My thanks on this score go to Don Smith our previous chairman who on the understanding that in 2006 there will be a new leader, has willingly offered to stand in for 1 year.

Whoever comes forward would not be short of support from past officers or committee members and would be at their discretion to change the format if they so wish.

Although we had a dip in membership a couple of years back, we are not doing too badly at the moment with about 80 members, but of course we still have room for a few more. It helps us to be able to afford a few more top demonstrators, whose fees are increasing all the time.

In the time I have been in the chair there have been a few changes, we have purchased a new lathe, and together with the previous lathe have made it easier to move the lathes to and from the store. A second hand video camera was obtained cheaply to replace one that was beyond repair. The Website has progressed well after being set up again by Mick Giles, the first site being terminated through lack of use.

To all those who enter the competitions each month, a big thank you, but having said that, it would be nice to see a few more entries on the table, as a lot of effort goes into the project programme and judging, my thanks to those who make it possible.

To those who help in the many smaller tasks to help the club, thank you, those who help set up and clear away each meeting, the refreshments at half-time, the raffle and of course the officers and committee, members who have supported me over the past 4 years, I couldn't have survived without them. I would also like to thank Jim Morris for faithfully running the library each month.

We are still trying to finalise next years programme, as mentioned before fees and mileage charges are increasing so we are looking at more in house support. We are to start with 3 turn-ins instead of 2. The Christmas social will stand, and with the A.G.M. in September it will mean a possible seven other evenings to fill.

We have a Masterclass coming up on 19th November with Tom Kingston, from Weston-Super-Mare at the usual venue. We had the pleasure of Tom for an evening a little while back, it promises to be an entertaining day.

On Friday Nov.11th there is a proposed trip to Exeter for Tools 2005 (ex. Axminster) please book early if you want to go, the wives can shop in Exeter if they want, please see Dave Hayward a.s.a.p.

The magazine continues to give us all good value but items of interest are always welcome, please pass yours on to the editor, Derek Blake.

As I come to my last official function of this term, I would like to wish my successor all the best, however long he stays, but I will continue to help in any way possible, to keep the show on the road, we mustn't let go of this friendly club.

If I have not mentioned all names in my thank you's, it's because I thank you all for the support you have given the club over the past years, it has been an honour to have served as your Chairperson.

Thank you all, and all the best for the future.

John Webb Chairperson

The Year September 2005 to September 2006

The club has been very fortunate over the past 12 ½ years of having very strong committees starting with the inauguration on August 18th 1993 when Eric Warnecke was the Chairman elect until the September A.G.M. when he was elected Chairman and served from 1993 until 1996. Bert Spry then took up the post for 1 year 1996/1997 followed by myself 1997/2001 with John Webb undertaking the last four years 2001/2005.

As you are all aware John Webb is standing down at this year A.G.M., which means a vacancy, now arises for a new Chairman.

So here is the deal I have been approached by two or three members asking me if I would take on the Chair again, my answer was " If there are no other nomination for the position then I would stand for the interim period of just one year".

My main concern is that the response we have had over the past years for nominations for a Vice Chairman has been non-existent and if it continues in the same vein, then what future has the club got.

So bearing this in mind it is important that a Vice Chairman is appointed at this meeting with the understanding that, that person will be duly elected as Chairman at the A.G.M. in September 2006, if no one is elected tonight then we must fill the position no later than December 2005. The reason for this is if no one takes up the challenge our programme co-ordinator will be instructed not to organize anything beyond December 2006 as we cannot guarantee that the club will still be functioning in 2007.

Therefore hoping that the position will be filled no later than Christmas I have suggested (so that the programme can be issued at the October 2005 meeting) that October 2006 would be a Turn-in, and in November we would organize a club member or members to do a demonstration evening and in December it would be our usual Social evening. This will then give the programmer 12 months to organize the programme from January 2007.

I am sure that with such a flourishing membership that The Forest of Bere Woodturners Association has, it would not be beyond the realms of possibility to find a nomination for Vice Chairman. I am sure that like me none of you would wish to see the club folding owing to the fact that we cannot find willing members who would rise to the challenge and become officers of the club.

John Webb took up the challenge in September 2001 and proved that he had what it takes, so why not do what John did 4 years ago and volunteer your services.

**YOUR CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ENABLE IT TO PROCEED
INTO THE SECOND HALF OF THIS DECADE**

Don Smith

TREASURERS REPORT YEAR ENDING 31/7/05

- Membership** This year 25 members did not renew their subscriptions, and 14 new members joined. The number of members at 31/07/05 was 79
- Credit Balance** The balance at 31/7/05 was £2128.
- Budget** Generally the expenditure was kept within budget, except for the fees of monthly speakers. We were warned during last years AGM of increasing costs of this item. The overspend was nearly £200. This years allowance will be increased by this amount.
- Library** The library receipts were too low to be included in the accounts. The reason given for this is that we have no new books or videos. However there have been new members in the past few years who could benefit from the hire or purchase of these items
- General** Less members mean less income, and the problem of rising costs and failing income has to be resolved

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

The social events and masterclasses, for which tickets are sold, show an overall surplus

Masterclass Nov. 20 th . Stuart Mortimer	£21.00 loss
Xmas Social Dec. 21 st	£30.43 surplus
Masterclass May 22 nd . Mark Hancock	£16.50 surplus assisted by a raffle
Social evening June 15 th	£27.57 surplus.

The "Sale of material" item consists of material kindly donated by Bill Thorne and sold for the benefit of the club for which we are grateful.

The subscription income includes fees paid by 5 visitors at £2.00 each.

The raffle earned more than budget due to donations of extra prizes.
The "Postage and Stationery" item includes the programme and the new Membership Cards.

The "Asset Register" including club equipment and saleable stock is shown this year as requested at last years AGM

P. W. Carver

Treasurer

Trouble with Goncalo Alves?

I am prompted to write this article as a result of a problem, which was shown up by one of our members, who was turning a piece of "GONCALO ALVES" (Astronium Fraxinifolium), which he intended to enter for the "Perforated Bowl" competition at the August Turn-In.

Some time ago, I too was turning a bowl in this species of wood. I had turned the chucking recess and the bowl underside without incident; I then reverse chucked the piece using my expansion jaws in the prepared recess. I started the lathe at about 2000 RPM when the phone rang (as it always seems to when I am busy). I left the piece revolving on the lathe as I stepped away to answer the insistent ringing of the phone. There was an almighty BANG and several large pieces of the blank were ricocheting around my workshop, one of which shattered the fluorescent light tubes over the lathe while another put a dent in my garage door.

Not put off by this strange occurrence, I put another piece onto the chuck and started the lathe at about 180 RPM to true up the blank. There was again a very loud BANG and the pieces flew apart as though an explosive had been hidden inside the blank. Both these pieces of wood were very dry and dusty.

I told Dave Hayward at work the next day that I would never turn this wood again; he and I had a good laugh about it. However a short time later, Dave got hold of a piece and attempted to turn a bowl from it. Only to be confronted with the same phenomena. The usual smiley face of Dave was missing as he told me of his experience.

Mick Giles was the next victim of the exploding wood phenomena as he was turning that piece for the competition; it literally flew apart on the lathe at about 1800RPM he told me. He thought that he had just nicked it with his gouge. When he and I were talking about it, he was amazed when I recounted Dave's and my encounters of the worst kind. Not too sure what to think, Mick took the remains of his bowl across the hall to our resident wood expert Bill Thorne, who in his usual bluff manner told him not to be so daft. Bill then put the piece onto his lathe, yes you guessed it, and it too shattered.

On close analysis of all the offending pieces from all these encounters, it would seem as though this timber has a very low sheer strength across its grain. Both methods of chucking have been tried, Expansion and Compression, so that is not the reason for this phenomena.

Has anyone else been zapped by this wood? If you have please Email me, I really would like all the evidence about this wood.

In the meantime if you are going to turn this species of wood. "TAKE GREAT CARE" And be sure to wear a good face shield.

Derek Blake

Drilling on Lathe.

Wood held in headstock

Make sure the head and tailstock are properly aligned by checking that the points of the centres touch when brought close together.

With the lathe running cut a 'V' in the end of the wood to receive the end of the drill bit. For ordinary jobber bit cut the 'V' to the full diameter of the drill bit. For a centre pointed bit, such as a forstner bit or a brad point bit, a small 'V' cut with the toe of a skew chisel used in scraper mode will suffice.

When the drill bit is in the tailstock chuck and offered up to the wood, the point of the bit should sit exactly in the 'V' cut. If it does not, the hole will not be drilled true through the centre. If problems exist start by checking for dirt or dust in the chuck, straightness of the bit, and check that the wood and drill bit are entered properly in their respective chucks.

Drill using the slowest speed (200 to 400 revs) and keep the hole clean of swarf by removing the bit often. Take it easy until the bit has truly created a short length of hole. Too much pressure to start with can push the bit off line, especially on some wood where there is a big difference between the hardness of the summer and winter wood. Experience will tell you how often to remove the bit, try every half inch of hole drilled, If the swarf is packed tightly into the flutes then try removing more often. If the swarf is still loose then it may be possible to take an increased length at a time. Tight packing of the swarf can create heat, which will damage the wood or start a fire, it can send the bit off line, or it can cause the bit to become bound tightly in the wood.

Drill bit held in the headstock

This method needs the utmost care, as the wood is held in the hand, and is potentially dangerous. If the drill bit sticks, the wood will be turned against the pressure from your hand. This method should be used only for small diameter holes (say, up to 8mm), at least until you are sure what you are doing.

The wood needs to be centre marked at both ends. The tailstock end can be just a hole with an awl, but the mark, or hole, in the drill end should be sufficient to stop to drill bit from wandering as the drilling process begins. In many instances an awl is enough to create something suitable.

The tailstock centre may be live or dead, but it is useful if the point cannot penetrate too far into the wood. The centre has to give the pressure to send the drill through the wood, so with soft wood some sort of shoulder on the centre is desirable. A ring centre works well.

Set the wood between the drill bit and the tailstock centre and tighten up until the wood is just held. With the lathe set to run at a slow speed (200 to 400 revs) hold the wood steady with one hand and turn the power on with the other. Keep holding the wood to prevent it turning and wind the tailstock up so the drill starts to cut. The wood must be removed from the drill often to prevent the build up of swarf. Once the hole has progress in far enough to establish its direction, in some instances, it is possible to dispense with the tailstock and just push the wood onto the drill holding it by hand only.

John Hilton.

Masterclass with TOM KINGSTON

SATURDAY 19th. NOVEMBER 2005

On Saturday 19th. November 2005 The "Tom Kingston" Masterclass will be held at The St.John Ambulance Hall, Havant.

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[19-May-05]

<u>FOREST OF BERE WOODTURNERS COMPETITION PROGRAMME 2005/2006</u>	
<u>BEGINNERS</u>	
Oct '05	Christmas Project. A flexible toy
Nov.	A turned Bird table suitable for wall fixing. To be presented to Rowan's Hospice
Dec.	A group of Toadstools presented on a non turned base i.e. Tree stump
Jan. '06	Four individual Napkin holders of equal dimensions
February	Goblet 50mm x 150mm Bowl size not to exceed One third of total height
March	Combined Project - <u>See April</u> Bowl 70mm x 150mm Bring bowl only
April	Lid in contrasting wood (<u>to fit March Bowl</u>) With a 50mm high finial
May	Pair of Carrier Bag Handles. Bring with carrier bag
June	Ball finial turned to measurements. In supplied drawing
July	Off centre spindle turned object 200mm min. length
August	Pestle and Mortar
September	A turned Garden Feature that combines wood with other materials. i.e. Rope, Metal, Glass etc.
NOTE	Given dimensions plus/minus 10% All projects at least 80% turned

Some John Hilton Ditties

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Experience is what lets you recognise a mistake when you make it again.

COMPETITION WINNERS FOR 2004/2005

GROUP WINNERS

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Membership No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>Beginners</u>	1 ST	129	EDDIE TAYLOR	225
	2 ND	265	COLIN HOLMAN	196
	3 RD	220	DAVID JENKINS	164

<u>Intermediates</u>	1 ST	207	MICK GILES	571
	2 ND	173	JOE LEA	251

NO 3RD PLACE AS ONLY TWO ENTERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

<u>Advanced</u>	1 ST	153	KEN BRIFFETT	566
	2 ND	242	PETER HALLAM	552
	3 RD	243	MICHAEL DENTON	486

Cup Winners and Overall Positions

Winner of the "Woodturner of the Year" Cup

207 (Intermediate)	MIKE GILES	119
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Winner of the "Don Smith Challenge Cup"

153 (Advanced)	KEN BRIFFETT	113
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<u>Runners Up</u>	3 RD	242 (Advanced)	PETER HALLAM	108
	4 TH	243 (Advanced)	MICHEAL DENTON	94
	5 TH	129 (Beginner)	EDDIE TAYLOR	57
	5 TH	173 (Intermediate)	JOE LEA	55
	7 TH	264 (Beginner)	COLIN HOLMAN	48
	8 TH	220 (Beginner)	DAVID JENKINS	40

FOREST OF BERE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITION RESU LTS 2004/2005													
MEMBERSHIP NO	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTALS
BEGINNERS													
129 E TAYLOR			10	10	9	10	9		9				57
196 M D SCOTT		9			10								19
220 D JENKINS		10								10	10	10	40
236 L BANFIELD													0
251 D RINMER													0
264 C HOLMAN							10	10		9	10	9	48
265 A COLLINS									10				10
INTERMEDIATES													
173 J LEA			10	9	9	9	9	9					55
207 M GILES	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	119
ADVANCED													
2 J HILTON		8											8
124 R DANIELS													0
151 B GURNEY													0
188 R SMITH													0
153 K BRIFFETT	10	10	8	10	9	9	10	10	8	10	9	10	113
189 R LACEY									10				20
222 T JONES		8	7										15
224 M SKIFFINS				9	7								16
237 J HORN													0
242 P HALLAM	8	9	10	8	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	9	108
243 M DENTON	9	6	9	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	94

**FOREST OF BERE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS 2004/2005**

MEMBERSHIP NO	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTALS
BEGINNERS													
129 E TAYLOR			38	40	30	45	38		34				225
196 M D SCOTT		39			41								80
220 D JENKINS		40								41	45	38	164
236 L BANFIELD													0
251 D RINMER													0
264 C HOLMAN							40	37		39	45	35	196
265 A COLLINS									39				39
INTERMEDIATES													
173 J LEA			47	36	32	44	44	48					251
207 M GILES	50	53	43	46	39	46	52	51	49	46	44	52	571
ADVANCED													
2 J HILTON		40											40
124 R DANIELS													0
151 B GURNEY													0
153 K BRIFFETT	51	45	36	50	42	49	51	50	41	50	48	53	566
188 R SMITH									50		52		102
189 R LACY													0
222 T JONES		40	33										73
224 M SKIFFINS				46	31								77
237 J HORN													0
242 P HALLAM	47	42	50	40	46	51	43	48	47	47	44	47	552
243 M DENTON	48	35	44	39	40	40	40	37	34	45	44	40	486

<u>FOREST OF BERE WOODTURNERS COMPETITION PROGRAMME 2005/2006</u>	
<u>INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED</u>	
Oct'05	Christmas Project. A Flexible Toy
Nov	A Turned Bird table with Roof, suitable for wall fixing To be presented to the Rowan's Hospice
Dec	A 300mm Wooden Cheese board with decorated rim
Jan'06	<u>Intermediate</u> A Stave constructed Container <u>Advanced</u> A Stave constructed Lidded Container with Veneer inserts. Internal size 120 x 90mm
Feb	A turning which exploits the qualities of Crotchwood
Mar	Accurately turn the form shown in the measured drawing supplied. 4 Coffee Table Legs
Apr	Select, interpret and enlarge a piece of Jewellery to make a wall feature. Bring Jewellery or Photocopy with turning. Shortest dimension 400mm
May	Tubular Lidded box 120mm min. length. Displayed in horizontal plane
June	A Wind Operated Musical Tube
July	A turned and decorated Obelisk from 100mm sq. section off-cuts. Total lengths of off-cuts 1m. Height of Obelisk between 600 – 900 mm
Aug	A Broad Rimmed Bowl with circular inserts
Sept	A turned Garden Feature that combines wood with other materials. i.e. Rope, Metal, Glass etc.
NOTE	Given dimensions plus/minus 10% All projects at least 80% turned

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UPDATE

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www3.simpatico.ca/frank.luet/GHWG

You then right click on the item FBWA Newsletter, it will then automatically download the colour magazine in A5 format to any folder you choose on your computer. You will then be able to read it or print it from Adobe Acrobat.

Derek Blake Ed.

**ANOTHER GOOD CLUB
NIGHT
20th April 2005**

As mentioned before things are usually set up before I arrive despite my early arrival, this month I was home early so I thought now is my chance to be even earlier and help set things up especially as it was a turn in with three lathes working.

To my surprise as usual all but a few minor bits it was all done.

Well done Ken and the handful of members who obviously camped outside for days in order to get there before me.

By the official starting time there were about 60 club members gathered. Three lathes had been set up and Bill had organised his two bench grinders to demonstrate the grinding of tools. A number of items set up in the gallery section, the library of books and video's were on the table along side the competition pieces.

The raffle prizes were laid out and tickets on sale, this months newsletters were on the table.



Bill Thorne showing how to grind.

Ken stood in for the chairman tonight and welcomed us all including some new members; there were the usual odd bits of info before introducing the various club members who were to be our demonstrators for the evening. Dave Comley was on the club lathe and demonstrated multi centre turning; he turned a collection plate as apposed to the usual candlesticks.



Dave Comley Multi centre turning.

John Hilton turned an 8" dia bowl especially asked for by myself as I always get bouncing and ribs when turning the inside.

I'll keep you posted on any improvement; if you don't hear anything for a while then I'm still working on it. As I had asked specifically for this item I spent most of my time with John and the bowl. He showed us that nearly every stage of turning has a multiple choice of mounting the piece on the lathe. In a box was a chuck with all the necessary accessories to suit all applications, I need to research this as I'm seriously thinking of getting another chuck but hadn't seen a box of goodies like this before. I took my bowl gouge in for John to try and it raised a number of issues worth looking into. My thanks to John and hope I can remember all his good advise.



John with attentive audience.

Bill Thorne as I mentioned earlier did a surgery on tool grinding and Don Smith showed us his skills at turning long stemmed goblets with captive rings.

All the demonstrations had a constantly changing audience throughout the evening; imagine demonstrating and being the only person in that corner of the room! It would give me something else to write about though wouldn't it?



Dod's Goblet with captive rings.

We had the usual mid way coffee/tea break. Ken thanked the demonstrators and got the raffle underway, there was the usual good selection of prizes on the table tonight and I had two numbers come up which doesn't seem to surprise anybody any more. The usual tidying up crew leapt into action sweeping and putting things away, guys were collecting their turned items and coats with the usual goodnights, and as if by magic the hall was quiet and deserted like we'd hadn't been there at all. And there goes another good club night.



An Item from the gallery.

Written by Boots April 05

Photo's also by Boots

Social Evening Wed. 15th.June 2005

Ray Mathews and I arrived at about 7.10pm. to find the hall buzzing with chatter.



About 53 people had turned up for the social tonight. There was a lathe set up at one end of the hall for the usual fun turning competition. Various quiz sheets were being passed around for the brainy ones to show their skills. Ray quickly went around the hall with his camera to get the pictures for me to add to this write-up, whilst I did the rounds of meeting the people who had input for me for the next magazine etc. I visited the club library and took out a video to use for my book/video review, (see next mag. edition). Jim Morris our librarian told me that there had not been much interest shown in the library. Come on folks the library is pretty well stocked and it only costs 50p for a book and £1.00p for a video for the month, so don't be shy have a look what's on offer eh!

I also took the chance to have a look at the monthly competition table, which had six entries of eggs for the beginners and boxes within boxes for the remainder, and to have a short chat with Eric Warnecke the chief judge.



One of the Egg entries for the comp.

Eric told me that the entries were of a good standard but few in numbers. There must be a reason for this, which the next committee will have to tackle very early next season.



Another Egg entry.

The usual chairpersons briefing was followed by Robin Lacey, (who is a voluntary worker for "Tools for self reliance charity")

asking for help in producing 150 London screwdriver handles for an order going out to Africa soon. He supplied copies of drawings for us to follow when making them. I gave a quick talk to the members on Mick the webmaster's behalf explaining how the new web quiz, now starting on our website, will work. The prize this time is £25.00's worth of "Chestnut Products" donated by their Terry Smart. Don Smith then explained the turning competition for the evening, there were to be three teams of five turners each producing a garden dibber as quickly as possible from the supplied softwood.



Some of the dibbers.

The hall became alive with chatter and laughter, as the dibber turner's efforts were met with good-natured banter. All around the hall little huddles of people were trying to solve the quizzes. Most of the brainy ones seemed to be the member's wives.

I took this opportunity to have another look around the hall. The gallery table was again showing examples of work to stretch the imagination. A lot of people visited the gallery table and many admiring glances were evident. On the library table I found that Bill Thorne had donated some items such as wood dyes and finishes along with some clock making parts etc. for people to take, for a small donation in the box. Well done Bill. I bumped in to Arthur Ellis at this point, it was very nice to see him about at the club again after his recent illness.

It was soon time for the buffet. Due to the initial lack of numbers, it was decided not to have a BBQ this year. Instead Mrs Smith and Mrs Webb and helpers had set up a buffet in the back room. Well-Done Ladies! You produced another culinary masterpiece for us. Don was on hand to serve up the wine, and Ken White and Mick Scott made tea or coffee available.

Some members had asked Don Smith if it was possible to run a coach to the Axminster Wood show again this year. All those interested should contact Don at the next meeting. Cost will be dependant on numbers, and is estimated at £13.60p for the coach and £6.00p for the show fee. The show will be on Nov.10th,11th, & 12th.

Eric was spotted with tools in hand doing his bit for the turning competition.



Eric showing how it should be done.

Team 3 won the turning competition with 33 points for their dibbers. Each winner won a can of beer. Mrs Gurney and Mrs Hilton won the quiz.

The winners of the monthly competition were announced, which was followed by the raffle.(I did not win anything again Mick).

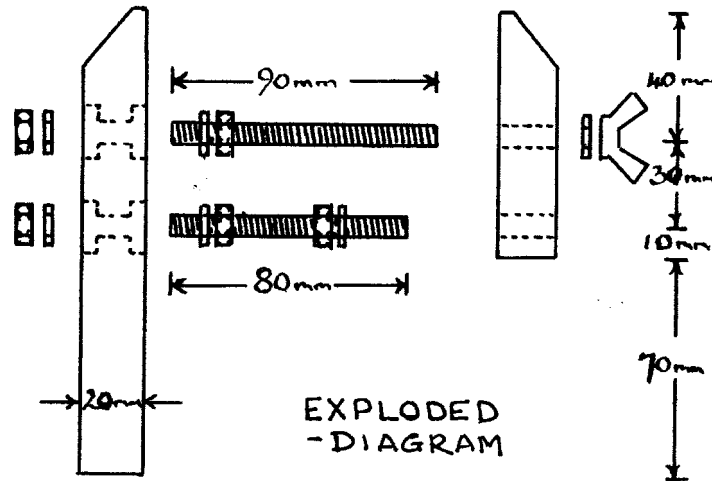
That was the end of another good club night. We all cleared up the hall and said our goodbyes, before making our way home.

Written by Derek Blake

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A Useful Home Made Hand Vice

Shown below is a hand vice I made, but the shape of the jaws can be to suit your requirements. They may be tapered almost to a point or be hollowed out to hold a rod either across the jaws or at right angles to them. They can be either narrow or wide to suit the job in hand. Although called a hand vice it can also be held in a larger vice, which may be too large or rough for the job in hand.



The basic construction is easy, being but two pieces of hardwood with two bolts to hold them together.

First shape the jaws to your requirements and drill two holes in each piece to receive the bolts. The use of bolts is possible but the thread must be full length. I used two lengths of long thread (or threaded rod) 6mm diameter, 5 nuts, one wing nut and six washers. The nuts on the fixed side I put on with locktite. When forming the countersink for these nuts remember you have to be able to use a box spanner on them, so make the countersinks large enough. The inside countersinks enable the jaws to close on each other, the outside ones to enable the vice to lay flat if needed and for appearance.

The single nut between the two jaws is to hold the jaws parallel when the wing nut is tightened, so in use the first operation is to set this nut so the back of the jaws are fixed to the same thickness as the piece to be held. Then with the workpiece in place tighten the wing nut. The jaws should finish up parallel over their length in order to get a good hold.

John Hilton

Welcome to the Forest of Bere Woodturners 2nd Web Quiz

This quiz is the same one, which appears on our web site, and also on the paper slips available on club nights. It is printed here for those who do not have access to the web, to tear out (or copy) this page and hand in to a committee member for entry into the quiz, (whenever you get the time, no need to do it now)! **There is a prize to be won. Terry Smart from Chestnut products has offered a £25.00 pack of products to the winner.**

Question 1 *This question was set by Terry Smart of Chestnut Products*

It is important to either keep cloths used to apply some oils (such as Lemon Oil and Finishing Oil in a screw capped glass jar or lay them flat to dry before disposal as they can spontaneously combust. This is because the oils give off heat as they dry; this reaction is called?

- Isothermic
- Exothermic
- Hyperthermic

Question 2 *This question was set by Les Thorne who visited us in May 2005*

The bevel on a tool refers to what?

- The ground or honed part of a tool
- The cutting edge
- The burr caused by grinding

Question 3 *This question was set by Mark Hancock who visited our May 2005 Masterclass*

What ratio is often used in design and is known as "The Golden Mean"?

- 1 to 2.289
- 1 to 1.004
- 1 to 1.618

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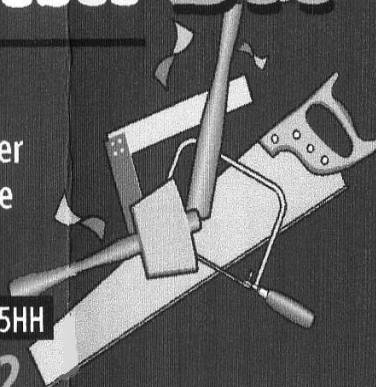
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