



Forest of Bere Woodturners Association

Newsletter

Saturday Club Workshop 10th June 2023

With the absences of both John and Alan, Don put out an SOS for helpers to help get the equipment out and set up thanks to all those who responded. All of our equipment has now been Pact Testing for a further two years thanks to Alec Matthews from the church caretakers. What's App message went out asking members to bring along their own wood and tools and have a go on the two spare lathes.

On lathe one we had Richard with two different turners trying their hand at spindle work..



Photo 1 - Club Member with Richard



Photo 2 - Richard with Daniel looking on

Whilst on lathe two Kate took the chance for hands on with the Skew Chisel, David Moore giving guidance and a helping hand. Then later in the morning Daniel under the guidance of Steve Hugo.



Photo 3 - Kate with David Moore helping



Photo 4 - Daniel with Steve Hugonwatching

The third lathe was set-up for turning pens and describing texturing but unfortunately, those members wishing to make pens were not able to make it so I continued with the second project.



Photo 5 - Don describing the Texturing Tool



Photo 6 - Texturing shown with colouring

During coffee break, we talked about what would be on the menu for next month. Suggested that we try for more hands on with the members bringing along their own projects and tools. Alan would be demonstrating and describing the following month's competition piece and in his absence, John or Don would take over that roll. Where members have brought in their own work for discussion John and Don will be available to give the advice that members require. The tuition for total beginners will be available with wood and tools brought along by the tutor. Thank you all for your help in setting up and packing away and it was a very good morning of woodturning.

Photos by Steve and Jon Churchill written by Don Smith.

West's Wood Show

16th to 18th June 2023



The photo shows the stand at the show.

Firstly, thanks must go to John, Iain and Mike for getting the stage set for displaying all of the members wonderful turned pieces. To Richard for co-ordinating the collection and to Ken for his input.

The club owes a big thank you to John for without his personal friendship with Peter West the club would have charge for the pitch.

The club was well represented with all skills of turning and thanks go to all those who supplied the items to make such a wonderful display. Photo of our stand below.

There was a lot of interest in the members work and in the club. During the weekend, there was interest from 10 to 15 members of the public in coming to see what the club has to offer with the potential of joining.

Club Night 20th June 2023

Welcome and Introduction

The evening started in the usual way with notices and a special mention about the West's Wood Show with thanks given to all those who helped and participated.

Richard then introduced Anna-Marie Bennett stating that she worked for Axminster Tools

Demonstration by Anna-Marie Bennett

Anna-Marie thank everyone for inviting her down to do a demonstration and explaining that the first item that being made would be a Pendant.

Firstly, Anna-Marie stated that she would be using the offcut corners from square bowl blanks. Describing how by using a clock face type diagram. Then showed two types of Pendants that she had already made.

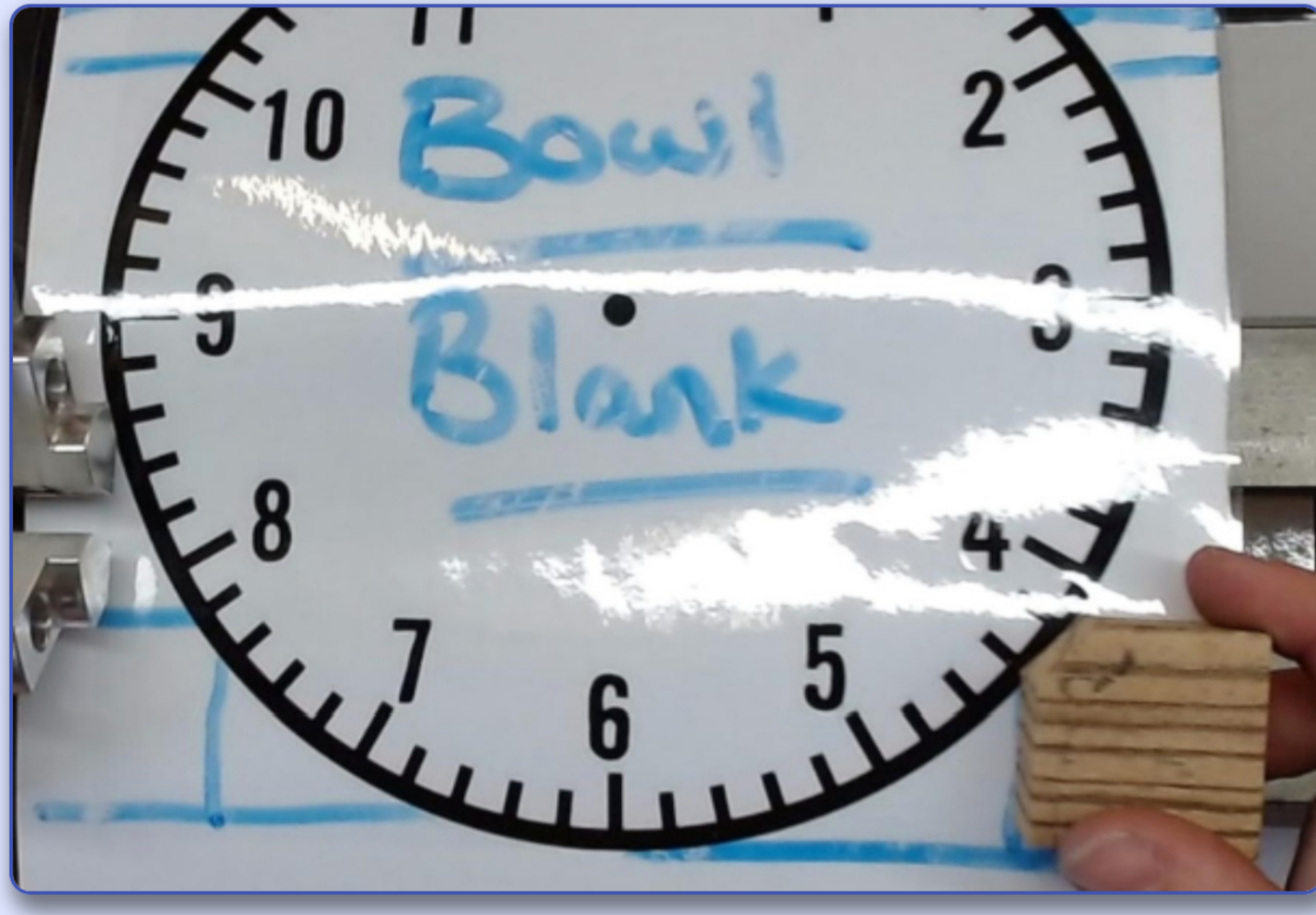


Photo 1 - Clock Face Showing Offcut Corner



Photo 2 - Pendants

Selecting a 15mm square section of Box Wood by 80mm long it, placed into the jaws of the chuck and was ready to start turning. The clock face diagram came into play again to describe that when turning towards the headstock the spindle gouge would be facing 10 to the hour whilst turning towards the tailstock it would be facing 10 past the hour.

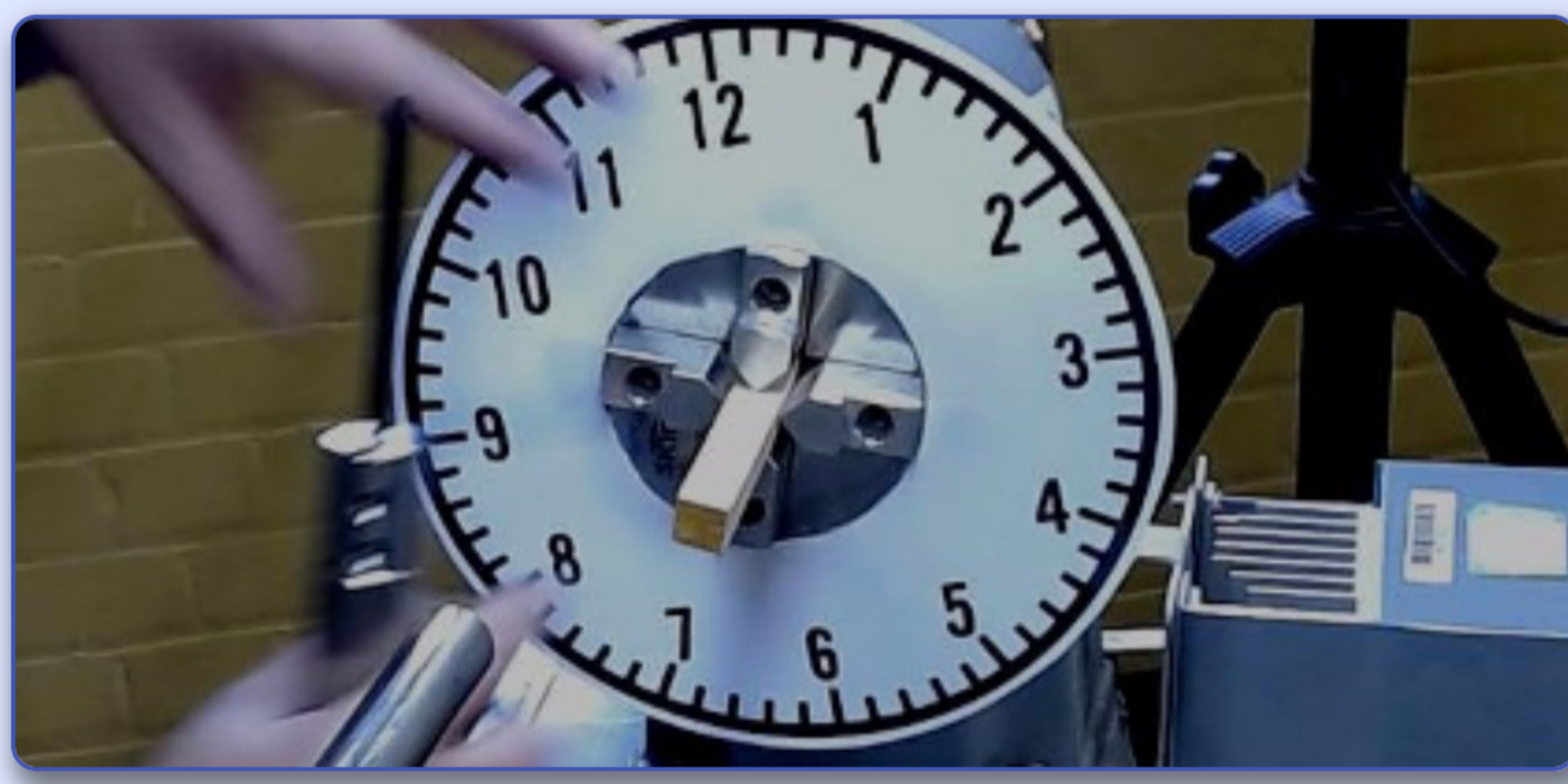


Photo 3 - Describing Angle of Tool



Photo 4 - Partially Turned Pendants

Anna-Marie continued turning the Pendant explaining that she would sand each part as it became thinner so that you maintained the strength as it became thinner.

Photo 5 shows the piece with the reduced end which would take the wire binding. (The wire Bindings are available from Hobbycraft or on line at BEADS UNLIMITED).



Photo 5 - Finished Pendant Before Parting Off



Photo 6 - Pendant Without The Binding

It was time for a break and Anna-Marie took questions whilst the rest of the members enjoyed a cuppa it was time for Richard to call to order to start the second half.

Richard introduced Paul Nesbitt from the Surrey Woodturners Association; it was Paul's privilege to present to Peter Noot and Mike Sharp a Medallion for the work that they had entered into the SAW October 2022 Open Day Competition.

Anna-Marie's second demonstration was using another offcut from a bowl blank would turn a very fine disc Pendant.

Photo 7 shows the blank between centres with the intended shape that she wants to achieve held above it. Photo 8 shows it taking shape. Photo 9 is showing the use of a Vernier to get down to the required thickness and. Photo 10 shows the piece mounted in the soft jaw chuck ready for the final stage.



Photo 7 - Blank Between Centres



Photo 8 - Partially Turned Item



Photo 9 - Using a Vernier

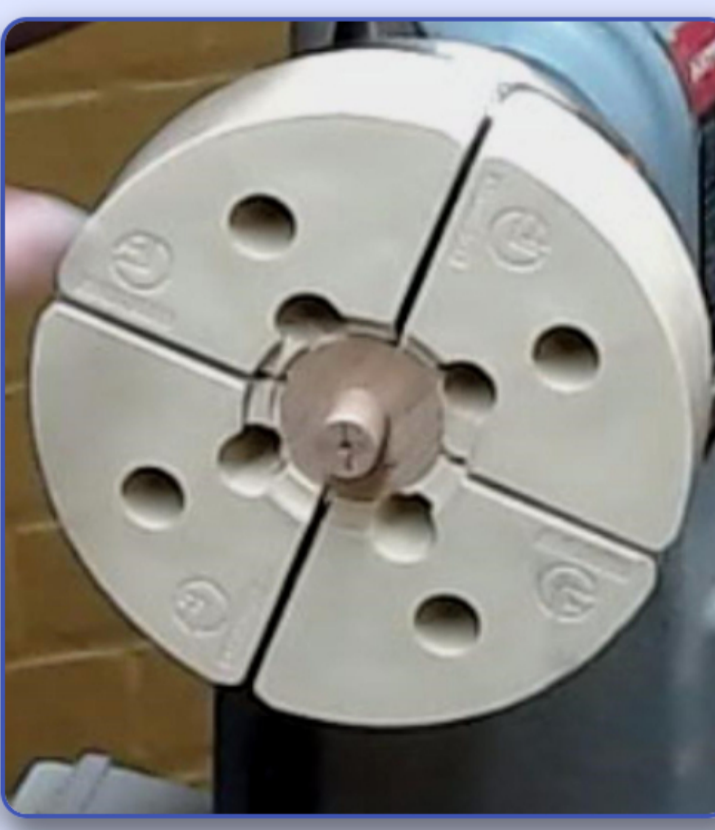


Photo 10 - Soft Jaws

The long spigot now needed shortening and turned into a dome shape, when achieved, Anna-Marie picked up a handmade tool for the final stage. Photo 11 shows the dome taking shape.



Photo 11 - Disc in the Soft Jaws



Photo 12 - Using Special Tool



Photo 13 - Finished Pendant

Photo 13 shows the dome turned 90 degree to the disc, by looking at the grain formation, you can see the movement between them. This ended the demonstration to a round of applause with thanks given by Alan, as Richard had to return home.

The last two photos are of the Competition Table and Gallery.



Photo 14 Competition Table



Photo 15 - Gallery

Written by Don Smith with photos from the club computer plus myself.