

# This week's

## TUTOR'S TIDINGS



Week 18

Friday 3rd June, 2016

### CLUB NEWS

1. The Thursday evening session continues to be well supported with capacity turnouts. Members of this group are involved in a wide variety of individually selected projects. It's especially good to note the influence of the recent Terry Scott weekend with several club members now adding "embellishments" to their work.
2. Our two new Thursday turners are making great progress with Stage One projects. **SHANE** is using his new Supernova2 chuck and sanding equipment with a superbly coloured kauri bowl. **CHRIS** is already onto module five and should have his project completed next week. Great work fellas!
3. **Speaking of next week.....it's the final week of the current THURSDAY 10-week course and, as is usual, we celebrate our turning journeys by bringing a plate for a shared supper.**
4. **EQUIPMENT:** A compound sliding vice for the drill press has been ordered. Parting chisels are difficult to find but TWO of these have been found at *Timberly Turning* together with a set of the three Beall buffing bars. All Beall gear is now stored in a larger container placed on a shelf at the back of the workshop.
5. **DAVID** Mollekin is making a display board which will post the names of members who are authorized to use the various club machines. In order to have your name posted you will need to undergo a series of machine safe-use training sessions and then be accredited accordingly.
6. At the next working bee all lathe-rack gouges (10mm, 13mm and 19mm) will be ground to **a consistent bevel angle**. Following appropriate training all members will be expected to sharpen tools as needed.

## PROJECT Plans Series - No 2

### Turner Challenge - Honey Dipper (a useful practice-with-the-skew-tool project)



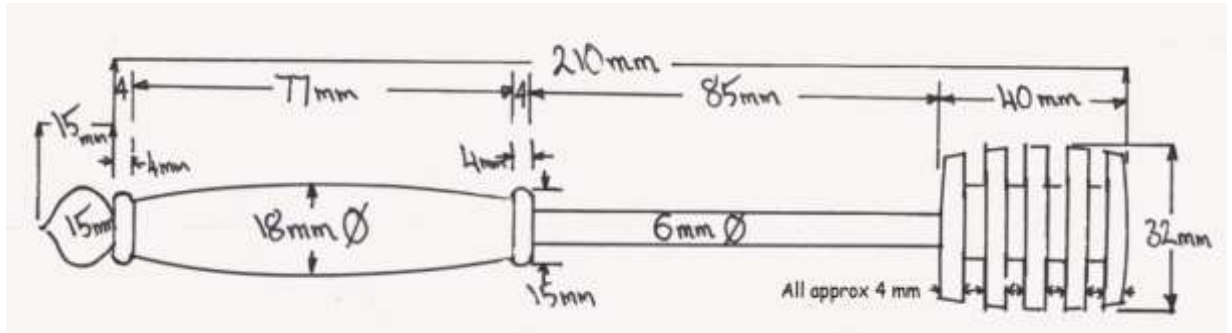
Before we begin, please note:

**Tools required:** *Spindle roughing gauge (SRG), 3mm parting gauge, 10mm Or 13mm spindle gauge, skew and small-ended scraper*

**Note:** The dipper can be made in sections if turning such a long thin stemmed piece is a worry. However by supporting with fingers and using a skew to plane down the stem, it can be achieved from one piece.

**Stage 1:** Mount a blank between centres and bring to the round using a **spindle roughing gauge**. Shape the head first this should be at the tailstock end. Once the general bulbous shape is made, use your 3mm parting tool held at right angles to the wood to mark down forming the honey retaining grooves. Once you have formed 5 equal grooves finish shaping the head end faces.

*Tip: sizes of the grooves are not important. Aim for equal spaces*



**Stage 2:** Move on the handle end which should be at the headstock of the lathe. Shaping can be done initially with the spindle gauge and finally with the skew or scraper.

**Stage 3:** Once the sections have been formed at each end, only the stem is yet to be completed. This is left until last so as to keep rigidity in the piece. Reduce the diameter gradually and evenly. Practice using the skew or spindle gauge on its side. I would suggest you do not use a large tool as the bevel contact should be kept light.  
**Definitely not a job for the SRG!**

*Tip: Beware! do not to have too much tailstock compression as this will cause the dipper to bend. Keep the lathe speed high as the diameter is small at this stage.*

**Stage 4:** After sanding at slower speed, use a food safe finish if you intend getting your dipper mucky by actually using it!

# DATES and EVENTS to put in your diaries

- Saturday 11th June:** 9.00am – 12 noon - Working bee at the workshop. Chainsaws, old paint brushes and willing hands needed.
- Friday 17th June:** 5.30pm – 8.30pm **Robert Sorby** tool demonstration. Open to all club members and other interested turners. All welcome to observe a skilled operator showing “how-to-do-it” turning techniques.
- Thursday 23rd June:** **6.00pm – 7.15pm - Terry Rillstone from *The Fibreglass Shop*, corner of Lake Road and Somerset Street Frankton, will demonstrate and provide information about RESIN embedding techniques. This is a special event for a get-together of the club’s Tuesday and Thursday session members. This invitation is extended to **WGW (Guild)** and any other interested persons.**
- Wednesday 6th July:** 7.00pm - The next committee meeting. Club members wishing to have any useful ideas promoted at the meeting should approach any committee rep to discuss the matter.
- Sunday 10th July:** 11.00am – 3.00pm - The Club’s mid-winter celebration to be held at the residence of Grant Taylor. Format will be a Pot-Luck shared dinner. Members to display items turned in the past six months. More information about this event will be included in future TTs.

Have you had some tool sharpening training yet? If not, then do set a time with me for the first of several 5-minute sessions over the coming weeks.

Cheers **CLIVE**

# What's happening in our workshop?



## Persistence

**JAN** worked in a determined way to complete her WINI-wood bowl.

(What's WINI-wood?)

Persistent STRIA hung around for a while, but with the use of freshly cut sanding discs and the right techniques, the stria enemy was defeated.

## Opposites

**DAVE Moodie** used contrasting coloured woods for his skillfully crafted lidded pot.

Patience, care and an eye for shape are essential ingredients in his recipe for success.

Great work here Dave.



## Challenge



**When DAVID Mollekin** arrived at the workshop with a log of heavily-barked wood the decisions had to be made about the approaches for cutting and the best and safest chucking methods needed.

Two hours later a lamp holder emerged. Hidden under that thick bark was the most amazingly-coloured wood.



***MURRAY** has given his bowl quite a lift with an excellent embellishment.*



*This is **CHRIS's** first experience at bowl turning. Methinks there's more good work to come.*



*A little bit of artists' paint adds interest to **MURRAY's** bowl*



***MAURICE's** beautifully crafted lidded bowl shows off its colours being enhanced by the Beall buffing system.*



*Design and colour make appeal and add other dimensions to a turner's work eh **MURRAY.***

OK that's the TT for this week. After the poor showing by the Chiefs last week I'm glad of a month's rest from Super Rugby. Next up at Rugby Park it's a game against the mighty Welshmen. No predictions here but I expect supermarkets will experience a run on LEEK SOUP after the game.