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Tutor's comment

COPING with COVID

The personal safety of all is given the highest priority. All members must accept responsibility for their own safety and take whatever steps are required to ensure the safety of others.

Covid -19 is a threat to everyone and we need to be proactive in coping with the disease. We are duty bound to follow the requirements as set by the government. Currently Level 2 restrictions apply. However, the aspect of a two-metre safe distance has been added thwarting our wishes to open this week

We await next week's announcement.

This week's STANDOUT Turning Project created by SPENCER HEALD



SPENCER's LOCKDOWN activity just shows what can be achieved if there's some unexpected time available.

Swamp kauri was the wood of choice for the items in picture (*left*) while acrylic with its vast array of colours gives the items a very special look. (*picture above*)

All items show evidence of careful turning leading to fine precision fitting of parts.



This article was included in TT25, **five years ago** (2016).

The club's membership has changed considerably since that time so here's a shot at informing our current turning teams about some effective turning tools..

STEB CENTRES

(available from Timberly Turning - Terry Scott)

Sorby Drive Steb Centre MT2

(for the headstock end)



What's a Steb Centre?

These revolutionary wood lathe drives are an essential addition to every turner's toolkit.

Their design incorporates not just a spring loaded point in stainless steel but also a set of razor sharp teeth which bite into the workpiece.

For the novice turner this offers added security.

By winding in the tail stock the degree of bite can be varied and the centre point firmly located.

In the unfortunate case of a dig-in arising the workpiece simply stops revolving rather than kick back the turning chisel.

This allows the beginner to use his skew chisel with a degree of confidence.

The degree of bite which the Stebcentre creates allows for much more demanding than would normally be expected from a conventional drive.

Views about steb centres expressed by turners

"As a professional I wouldn't be without matched stebs they are worth their cost in my production workshop every time."

"The spring loaded centre also saves over stressing the bearings if you listen to what the lathe is telling you!"

"As far as I'm concerned the Steb centre is the very best thing since sliced bread!"

"I recommend them to every inexperienced turner I have through my workshop. "

" a Steb centre will give new turners a degree of additional protection that is worth the cost many times over."

CLIVE's comment: I have two sets of these excellent devices for turning between two centres (spindle turning). My old spur drive centre needs a visit to the dentist as it has either chipped or lost its teeth. The bearing in my old revolving centre graunches a bit. My Sorby STEBS are simply superb, being easy to fit, secure, effective and safe to use.

Sorby Revolving Steb Centre MT2 (for the tailstock end)



COVID comments overheard in a supermarket

1. Day 7 of social distancing: struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.
2. It's been a blessing to be at home these past few weeks. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the past 20 years
3. If these last few weeks have taught us anything – it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.
4. Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than me.

**SATURDAY 11th
September**

CLOSED

WORKSHOP

Sorry our Saturday morning sessions will not recommence until further notice.

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Remember, if I cannot break it, no-one can!



RICHARD JACKSON continues his highly successful foray into platter making. Illustrations left show images of top and bottom. of the platter.

(Top) features a raised rim from a flat guarding platform and a smooth transition across the inside.

(Bottom) Richard ensures the base gets equal attention with an interesting design and a quality finish.

See you all soon Take care. Clive