



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

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An Associated Club of the AWGB

Welcome to another edition of the amazing multi-coloured and purple prose newsletter.

So I hear you ask what has been happening in the world. The answer is not a lot. My son and daughter have both had their first Covid jabs. My son had no reaction other than a slight headache the following day and it's too early to tell with Beth as she only had hers late on Friday (30th April).

Scot, Keith and Andy Heath are still doing their live streams on YouTube and Stewart Furini, having recovered from a close encounter of the Covid kind is now back, with a lot less hair, having an outbreak of colouring and texturing. So now I appear to be the only long-haired scruffy b****r left in the club.

Stewart's latest video shows him using the largest scraper I think I have ever seen, I'm not certain I would even have the strength to lift it!!!!!!

My thanks to Colin Willetts for the second part of his Olive Bowl adventure

Olive Bowl part 2

Part 1 ended with me pondering how I was going to reverse chuck the bowl and hold it to remove the spigot.

Most sanding had been completed and any bits of loose bark removed from the voids. I decided that retaining a foot would be impractical as it would have to be large if it was to be stable and there was not enough sound wood available, so instead settled on a flat base.



I started to part off, cutting in about ½ inch and refining the curve to blend in with the intended base.

Given the amount of imbalance I thought it safer at this point to stop the lathe and saw through the remainder.



A piece of scrap wood was mounted in the chuck, slightly domed to match the bowl, and padded with a piece of router mat. With tailstock support the spigot was turned away leaving the bottom slightly dished and a small pip still under the revolving centre.



At this point I decided I had better check that it would balance OK on the flat base. I drilled a hole in some scrap wood for the pip and tried it. It fell over!

Back to the lathe, I enlarged the base a little and now it just manages to stand upright.

The pip was then removed with carving tools and the bottom sanded.

It was given four coats of Chestnut finishing oil, one coat a day, using a brush to cover it and then wiping the excess off after a few minutes.

The finished bowl



Final dimensions: 9" dia x 4 3/4" high. For safety notes see last month's newsletter.

Alan Wallington has also provided some details of how he removed the spigot a natural edge bowl.

Removing the Spigot from a Natural Edge Project.



This is a centre that I use to hold a chuck in the tail stock. I recommend a slight encouragement with a wooden mallet to ensure a good grip. Although this centre has a 1 inch by 8 tpi thread, adapters to over threads could be used.

I purchased this from Turners Retreat, however I do believe they have a few problems at present. (Editors note their website seems to be up and running at the Moment).



This allowed me to re centre the project into a slightly modified doughnut chuck. I turned a mushroom, which tenons into the doughnut to hold into the turned centre of the project. Once aligned in the doughnut the tailstock chuck was removed. Once the spigot was turned off, I was able to put whole thing into plastic sack, ready for my pals wood burning stove!

HOT TIP:

I think I saw this particular tip on Emma Cook's (aka The Tiny Turner) YouTube.

Fix a strip of Velcro to your lathe to put your abrasive on. That's assuming you are using the abrasive as sold by the club shop.

NEXT MONTH:

I'm still looking for ideas or contributions as usual. If anyone has any **Hot Tips** please let me know.

MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL TABLE:

See the Club's website for examples of work done by club members.