

OXON WOODTURNERS' CLUB

October Newsletter

Dear Members,

This month we had an excellent demonstration night by Tony Halcrow, one of our Club's founding Members.

Tony started the demonstration by making a baby rattle from some English Ash that was collected locally in High Cogges. He described the project as simple enough that any of us could do it; Tony explained that he's not a professional turner, and that we are all capable of turning as he does.



Baby rattle turned from English Ash

The holes were drilled in the faces of the spindle blank before starting, and decoration was added along the way by use of a spiralling tool and a point tool. The hollow cavity was intended to take a bell but Tony could not find it; a couple of coins were substituted but I'm sure a wooden ball or two would perform equally well.

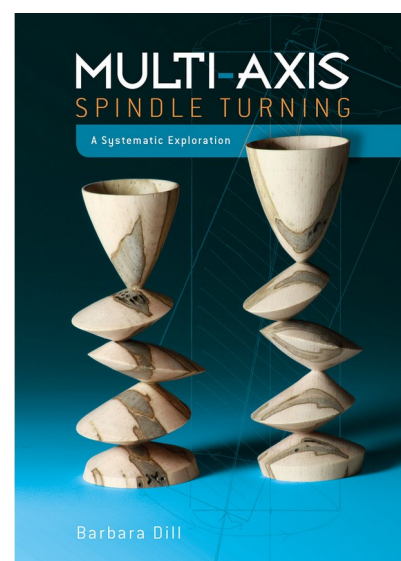
Tony then moved on to the second project of the evening; a multi-axis goblet. He started by drilling the end of the blank with a modified spade bit, and proceeded to demonstrate the principles of turning on multiple axes and the shapes that result.



The audience asked for a captive ring on the stem of the goblet, and Tony gladly demonstrated, emphasising that we are all capable of making them. He then proceeded to make a second ring, small enough to pass through the first, before finishing the stem and parting off.

Those of you who would like to find out more about multi-axis turning are directed to the excellent book by Barbara Dill; I have a copy on my bookshelf and I know that Tony has worked his way through most of it too.

[Find it here on Amazon.](#)



The competition project for this month is a **baby rattle** or a **multi-axis spindle turning**, as inspired by Tony's demo. The next Club meeting is on 10th November and will be a "hands-on" session.

Finally I'd like to thank everyone for the beautiful wedding gifts that were presented; they are very thoughtful and will be well used.

Happy turning!

Dan