



# Woody's World

6th April 2023



## Threads

This evening Dave Simms gave a demo on how to use the thread and cap from a plastic water bottle to create a removable handle in a darning mushroom within which darning needles can be stored.

Whilst the days of the darning mushroom might be numbered, this useful technique could work in a number of applications where a thread is required.

Other examples below include threads from a toothpaste tube, a super glue bottle and a cosmetic cream tub:



Removing the thread from the bottle is best done by first rough-cutting the body of the bottle away, mounting the opening on to a jam chuck and using a Stanley knife to cut upwards into the spin of the lathe. Use the same technique to remove the flat top from the cap leaving only the thread. Caution should be taken to check the bottles are not too brittle.

Dave used a piece of spalted beech to turn the head of the mushroom sanding through to 320 grit.

The bottle top thread was glued in using 2-part epoxy. CA glue does not work with bottle tops. Clear gorilla glue was suggested from the audience as an alternative.



The mushroom head was then reversed on to a pin chuck to finish the top. Sanded through the 320 grit and finished with Microcrystalline polish. Hard polishes are recommended for items that will be handled although they do tend to leave a white residue in open grained wood. Ideally leave for 20 minutes before buffing and a few days to harden.



Next Dave turned the handle of the darning mushroom from another piece of spalted beech. The handle was turned to a comfortable shape and a tenon sized to take the bottle thread.



Once sanded to 320 grit, Dave drilled into the handle from the thread end to take the darning needles. The handle was finished in the same way as the mushroom cap and parted off.



The finished article:

Next time we'll be having a sock making demonstration so we have something to darn!

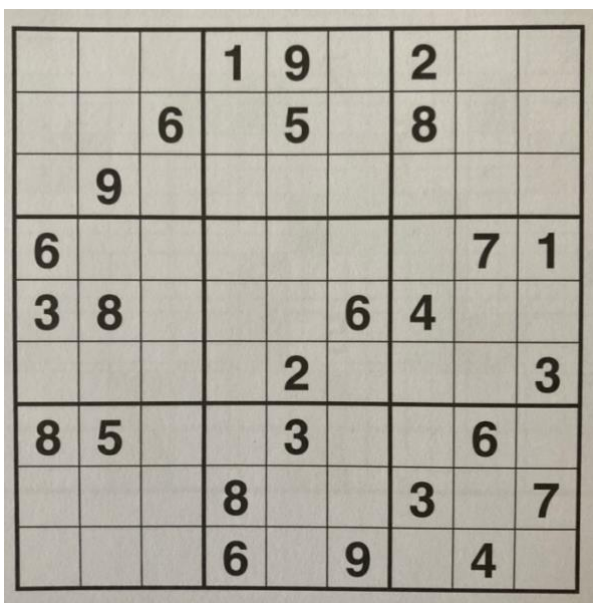


## Daventry Show

Please come to the meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> with at least 3 of your pieces to be displayed on our stand at the Daventry show.

Please ensure your pieces have your identifying mark/label securely attached underneath/discretely and are wrapped for protection.

There's a bit of space so here's a Sudoku.



## Woody's World 'scribe'

Thanks to Jan for pulling together Woody's so well but the baton has now passed to me – Mike Widmer. I am new to woodturning so happy to take any constructive feedback on demo reports if you think anything was missed, after all, it's a learning opportunity for all.

## Forthcoming Meetings

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

Subject	Sponsor	Date
Off Centre Turning	Mike Smets	11 <sup>th</sup> May
TBD		1 <sup>st</sup> June
TBD		6 <sup>th</sup> July
Skew Chisel Hands On	Nick Milton	TBD
Segmented Turning	TBD	TBD

***If you have any requests or ideas for future meetings, please mention it to Dave Simms.***

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