



# Woody's World

1st February 2024

## Back to Basics 2



Firstly, many thanks to Dave and club members, their partners and friends who organised and provided a great spread for the social in January. It was a really successful and enjoyable evening with some lovely company, great competitive items on display and a fun quiz organised by Nick. Well done and thanks to all concerned.

Roger stepped up to do the first demonstration of 2024 with the second instalment of his Back to Basics talk (see first instalment in Nov 2023 newsletter). Thanks to Paul for capturing these notes and photos.

### Back to Basics 2:

As ever Roger opened his talk by stressing once again the importance of wearing efficient PPE making particular mention of being aware of the gap between workpiece and the tool rest, he illustrated this by recalling a near miss he had some years ago, fortunately not resulting in any serious damage to his fingers.

His talk focused on the use of five chisels, a 1" Roughing gauge, 1" Skew, 1/2" Skew and two 3/8" Spindle gauges.

## 1" Roughing Gauge

Roger explained that this tool was in effect three tools in one, with the crown of the chisel being used to quickly rough to dimension, but then demonstrated how the wings of the roughing gauge could be used for fine skew cuts.

He took time to show us how to present the tool to the workpiece, bevel first the letting the tool cut as the angle of presentation was altered, some very fine skew cuts were then made using both wings of the chisel.



For the novices amongst us **NEVER** use Roughing Gauge on faceplate work, i.e. bowl turning, the shaft of the chisel is not strong enough to cope with the lateral forces applied.

## **Skew Chisels**

Recognised by most people as one of the hardest chisels to master, Roger showed how to present the tool using the tool rest set much higher than normal, and only using the last third of the tools cutting edge nearest the work piece.

He showed how to 'plane' with a 1" skew, which, when used correctly, finishes the workpiece to such a level that it doesn't need sanding.



Then, using a much smaller ½” skew, Roger showed how to master cutting small bevels and radii. The smaller skew had the edges of the chisel shaft ground to a soft radius to make for easier movement on the tool rest.



### **Two 3/8” Spindle Gauges.**

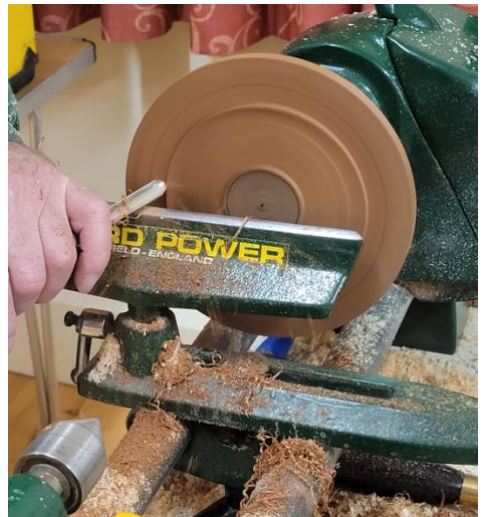
Roger was using two finger nail gauges, one with a standard bevel and one with a sharply cut-back bevel, using the standard bevel Roger showed how to cut radii and bevels, but using the swept back grind demonstrated how much easier it was to make tighter cuts.



Finishing the demo Roger showed how to engage the starting point of hollowing a small hollow form.



The demo should have included a final piece on turning a small bowl, unfortunately the wood chosen was extremely hard mahogany and the club's lathe had insufficient power to cope with the cuts required.



## **Annual General Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**

The next meeting on March 7th will be our AGM, Dave Simms is standing down as Chairman, and we will need a Chairman for the club to survive, NO CHAIRMAN = NO CLUB!

So please make every effort to attend, or this could be the LAST meeting of our club

### **Treasurer's request regarding payments**

Most members are paying by card each week & less cash is available for change, Andy has asked that those preferring to pay by cash please bring the exact amount – usually £6. Thanks in advance.

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

The club depends upon members volunteering to do demonstrations. **Please let Dave know what you can do for the club.**

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

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Demonstrator</b>	<b>Date</b>
Club Christmas social		13 <sup>th</sup> January
Back to Basics 2	Roger Gilbert	1 <sup>st</sup> February
AGM		7 <sup>th</sup> March

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

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