

August 2016 - Keith Fenton



There was an excellent turnout to welcome Keith Fenton to the club for the first time and it was also the first time that club members had ever seen Keith. We were not disappointed as Keith gave a very professional, interesting and entertaining demonstration of the making of a pepper mill.

Usually I detail in my review the steps that the demonstrator followed but in Keith's case there was an excellent handout which not only details the steps but also has many useful references to suppliers etc, as well as a Salt and Pepper Mill Fact Sheet which could be supplied with each mill in order to satisfy common customer queries. Find the handout on [Keith's website](#).

Some additional notes to supplement Keith's Quick Guide are ...

- The "spring" recess was turned using a homemade tool fashioned out of an old scraper (Crown also sell a recess tool)



- At each stage it is important to sand, seal and wax as access will be denied as the body and then the top are drilled shaped and reversed in the headstock



- After fitting the top mechanism it is important when fitting the body mechanism that the ceramic insert does not get damaged. The best way to achieve this is to mount a 32mm socket in the tailstock and use this to press the fitting into the body as shown below ...



It took just 2 hours to complete the project, including a top quality finish of which the audience where very impressed. Thanks to Keith for an excellent demonstration.

