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Jack Pallas demonstrated his special way of turning bangles and serviette rings. Jack explained that his aim was to make the bangle and serviette ring from one piece of wood using compression chucking rather than expansion which has a greater risk of breaking delicate bangles.

At this stage he passed around many examples of his work. He explained several methods of holding the blanks which included modifying a Jacobs chuck with nuts welded to a shaft and a rod passed through the headstock, with a threaded bolt in the Jacobs chuck.

Jack then showed a coloured bangle made from MDF and then demonstrated the making of a bangle. He used a wood square mounted on a bolt with shaped spacers to enable the gouge to make the finer cuts. Jack shaped and finished one side then reversed the block to shape and finish the other.

After coating with lacquer and polishing with Tripoli he then parted off the bangle. To finish the inside Jack removed the jaws from a chuck and replaced them with wood round jaws held on by a bolt. He then finished one side and after reversing and finishing the other the bangle was complete. The wood from the inside of the bangle would be used for a serviette ring made in a similar manner to the bangle.

Jack's demonstration provided members with a different idea to make bangles and serviette rings.