

WSWC club meeting – Monday 18th July 2022 - Multi-turn evening

Club news

Upcoming meetings and news of a special weekend

September meeting – Monday 19th September

We will be pleased to present a demonstration with Ken Hatton.

October meeting – Monday 17th October

We have another of popular multi-turn nights where members can bring along equipment to discuss or demonstrate and there may be opportunities for beginners to have a go. These nights are ideal for exchanging ideas, learning techniques and sharing other interests such as decoration, pyrography and alternative materials etc.

October special demonstrator weekend

On Saturday 29th October we are pleased to confirm an all-day-demonstration with special guest demonstrator Colwin Way. Ticket Price will be £15.00 per person for the whole day.

On the same weekend, Sunday 30th October we will present a Masterclass again with Colwin Way. The price for this very special event will be £40.00 per person and is limited to a maximum of eight participants.

Important: Our Secretary, John Woods, will start taking bookings for both events in September, **not** before.

November – Monday 21st November

Annual General Meeting and Malcom Fox Challenge

The Malcom Fox Challenge for 2022 is a Box. This can be ornamental, plain or decorated, threaded or straight fit lid.

Crowfield Fete – Saturday 16th July

The club put on a demonstration and held a tombola at Crowfield Fete. Club member, Martin Taylor is also involved with the organisation of this fete. Martin had pre-erected an 'Event Shelter' for us, and power was also provided.

The weather forecast predicted a warm dry day – OK, very warm.

We (Mike Charnley, Stuart Clarke, John Woods) arrived at approx. 11:00am to set up the lathe and tombola stall.

Next to our stand was a barbeque stand. They started cooking around 12:30 and the smells were very tempting.

The event opened to the public at 1.00pm and after a few minutes we started getting people coming along to chat and have a go on the tombola. Throughout the rest of the afternoon, we had a steady flow of people visiting us. Some asking about turning, some interested in the club, and some just having a go on the tombola.

At 4:00pm they started auctioning off the produce. It was interesting hearing some of the prices that things were going for. A bunch of Rhubarb being sold for £3.00 – Stuart had seen some for sale just down the road for £1.00 a bunch.

We started clearing away the lathe and tools about 4:40pm, but we still had some tombola sales going.

The event closed at 5:00pm and we cleared everything away.

We had been under a canopy all day, and it was quite warm with a nice breeze blowing through. But when we ventured into the open it was hot.

Overall, we took £104.00 on the tombola. The proceeds of this were split between the club and the fete. A very nice event.

Well done Martin (and the rest of the organising committee).

Multi-Turn evening – report by John Woods with thanks (Editor had overheated!)

With temperatures cooling down to 32 degrees C at 19:30hrs, it was going to be a warm one. The Met Office had issued a Red Alert, and advising people to stay indoors, stay cool, and stay safe. The temperatures were going to be about the highest ever recorded, and very high UV levels. Naturally, several members had already advised that they would not be attending, and many more did not attend this meeting. In fact, we had four ‘demonstrators’, four other members, and two visitors. Fortunately, the air conditioning in the hall worked very well. On arrival to set up, the hall was already at a comfortable temperature (compared with outside) and giving the air-con a blast brought the temperature down further. The refurbishment of the hall was very much appreciated.

For the evening we had four demonstrators. Three lathes and one sharpening system.

Stuart had brought along his Pro-Edge sharpening system, as a follow up to his excellent demo last month on sharpening. He explained more about the different grades of abrasive belt that he uses on this system.

Ian had brought along his mini lathe and a couple of items that had previously not gone right and were potential candidates for the wood burner. Ian was going to show how to recover these to become finished items.

Mike was going to show how he turns a ‘wader’ bird. This was inspired by seeing Eli Avisera make one of these a few years ago. This was thwarted slightly when Kim turned up with an item she was having problems with. Mike then discussed with her, chucking techniques, shape and form of this item, and different gouges to use. This item was then refined to something more pleasing than it had been.



Martin set up his lathe when a couple of visitors arrived. Joseph and Ken had seen us at Crowfield fete. Joseph tried turning at the fete (he had turned before) and came along to the club to see more, and have a bit more tuition. Under Martin’s guidance Joseph turned down a blank, then with Martin’s help they made a bud vase.

