



Another One for Gardeners

In April Gareth Garner showed members how to make a pot former for biodegradable newspaper seed pots. Last month Fred Mitchell demonstrated turning a dibber and depth marker for transplanting seedlings.

After the notices Fred began by mounting a piece of oak roughly 2"x8" long. He used crown centres, also called steb centres, for a secure hold. He roughed the blank to round then raised the tool rest as he was going to do most of the work with a skew chisel which needs to be cutting just above centre. Fred marked the handle section turning it to a comfortable size to fit the users hand.

Fred likes to do this part first although normally the thinner tailstock end would be worked first to avoid vibration as the timber becomes thinner. He began with a v cut then rolled the skew over into the v to produce the bead. Fred then moved onto shaping the bottom tapered section before returning to the handle section. He finished shaping the coves in this part with a gouge before refining and finishing the shape with his skew chisel. See pictures right.

Sanding could be done at this point if required.

Using the skew to make small v cuts, Fred marked off the divisions for planting depths. These could be accentuated by burning with a wire. The shape at the handle end could also incorporate a flat section for winding on string and the dibber could be used as a garden line. To complete the dibber, Fred turned the ends away with his skew and used a parting tool for the last little bit.

Thank you Fred for your demonstration. Hopefully it will encourage members to become confident with the skew chisel.



Members getting hands on with Fred's project



A selection of Simon Hope's projects entered for the Your Way Project

Members Work



Flower container turned by Howard Baldock.



Archer's Manchurian thumb ring and box by Sandra Day.



Bowl turned by Brian Pope.



Scoop turned by John Packer.



Keith Peirce turned this bee skep string holder.

Summer Competitions

For all competition details and rules please see the club website or your April newsletter.

All entries should be handed in by 10.15 am.

There will be no Your Way Project this month but entries for the Richard Hasleden monthly competition should still be submitted.

Summer 2025 Cup Winners, please make sure you return the cups for this meeting.

July Meeting

July 19th 10.00-16.00

Summer Social and Competitions

Please remember to bring a plate of food to accompany the barbecue.

Partners/friends welcome

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman	Mike Pollard
Competition Secretary	John Packer
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Mike Pollard
Librarian	Gareth Garner
Newsletter editor	Sandra Day
A-V co-ordinator	Brian Rowson
Hands On	Pete Hawes
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August Meeting

August 16th 10.00-16.00

Hands on with Mike Gordon

Turning a spurtle - more skew work

Please bring your tools and blanks.

Blanks need to be 8"-10" long x 1.5"(200 -250mm x 38mm square or pretuned to 35mm