



Five Stations Fun



A good number of members arrived for the five stations meeting in November. After the notices, which included reminders for the winter competitions and a few words about Wizardry in Wood, everyone began at a station of their choice. These were as follows, turning Christmas gonks with John Packer, finials with Mo Draper and captive rings with Mike Moon. Maggie Wright was demonstrating all aspects of finishing whilst Pete Hawes showed everyone how to replace a lathe bearing plus some general maintenance tips. Members were able to spend time on each topic, practising techniques and having their questions answered before moving on to another.



Above and left, Members busy at the five stations.

Finished pieces were judged at the end and Gareth Garner was deemed the winner. Anastasia Malaveta was highly commended. Many thanks to the five leaders for all their preparation, time and guidance.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up all the equipment for the meeting and of course to those who helped clear up afterwards. Once again, thank you to Adrian Dubery for running the raffle and Mike Moon for managing the refreshments.

The Your Way Project

Some pleasing bowls were brought in for the November Your Way Project as seen on the right.

There will be no project for December as the winter competitions will be taking place.



Richard Hasleden Cup Entries



Coloured work by Rick Thompson.



Incense holder by Anne Simpson.



Jayne Brown turned this coloured platter.



Goblet with captive rings turned by Lynn Chambers.



Spalted bowl by Adam Baker.



Gareth Garner turned this nativity set.



Willow bowl turned by Howard Baldock.

Wizardry in Wood

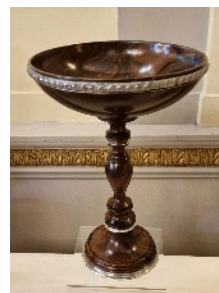
Members will be aware that Wizardry in Wood took place at the end of October. Several members attended. Maggie Wright had a stand at the event and Mike Gordon was demonstrating pole lathe turning. Here is a short report from Maggie.

Wizardry in Wood happens every four years and gets continually bigger and better. This year it was in the splendid Plaisterers' Hall, near the Barbican, probably the largest livery hall in the city. The Worshipful Company make a huge effort and there was plenty to see with many displays, demonstrations and talks.

I had a stand next to Les Thorne and Gary Rance, so we had lots of laughs. Our own Mike Gordon demonstrated his pole lathe almost continually with quite a few visitors having a go, including Stuart King, who is an expert. It was lovely to see several of our members there. Adam looked after my stand whilst I grabbed some lunch. Altogether it is a wonderful display of all aspects of woodturning.



A competition entry by Maggie in English walnut and pewter.
Maggie's stand.



Mike with Stuart King.



2025 Draws to a Close

The December meeting will be the last of the year as 2025 draws to a close.

The club has seen old friends leaving and new members joining. It has been a successful year with a good variety of activities and demonstrations both from club members and professionals in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Notable highlights have been the acquisition of the new lathe and sharpening system made possible by a national lottery grant. The successful application was put together by Lelly James and the club is indebted to her for her time and hard work. John Turner played a big part in getting the lathe ready for use in the hall and for making a storage box for the Robert Sorby sharpening equipment. Gareth Garner organised the purchase of the latter and has been overseeing its use at meetings.

Regular helpers include Mike Moon, in charge of tea and coffee and Adrian Dubery who runs the raffle. Brian Rowson with Roger Smith and team do a great job setting up the audio visual equipment. This involves an early start for them especially when outside demonstrators are visiting. Then of course there are all the members who regularly help with setting up tables and chairs and clearing up at the end of meetings. Last but not least are the committee members who keep everything running smoothly. Thank you to everyone.

December Meeting

December 7th 10.00-16.00

January Meeting

January 10.00-16.00

Christmas Social and Competitions

The winter social will follow the usual format.

Competition entries to be handed in by 10.15

Judging will take place during the morning with entertainments during the day. These will be followed by an appraisal of the entries before the announcement of the winners.

Please could members bring a plate of food towards the buffet lunch. Drinks will be provided by the club.

Friends and family are welcome.

AGM and Critique

Do come along to support the club and have your say.

Committee members need to be elected or re elected. The post of competition secretary is vacant and nominees are welcome.

After the AGM there will be the usual critique. Do please bring some of your work in to share with others. Perhaps you need some advice or maybe you are particularly pleased with a project. Whatever your standard, everyone started as a beginner so advice is offered not criticism.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and	
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Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Mike Pollard
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*Wishing all our readers a
Joyful Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

