

# Lottery Lathe Ready for Action.



At the August meeting, members arrived to find the club's new lathe installed and ready for use. The club was fortunate to receive a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund to purchase the



replacement lathe and accessories. Once again, thank you Lelly James for the successful application.

John Turner organised the delivery of the lathe and fitted the retractable castors. John then transported the lathe to the club where he set it up with the help of Roger and Anne Smith, Pete Hawes, Gareth Garner and Maggie Wright. Many thanks to them for their hard work and time.

Left, the new Stratos FU-230 long bed lathe ready for action After the notices Gareth Garner stepped up to put the lathe through its paces with his demonstration of a bird's mouth bowl for the hands on meeting. See photos at the bottom of the page.

Gareth began by explaining how to mount the 3"x 3" blank for his project. It was a piece of branch wood but mounted sideways so the centres on each side needed marking with care for symmetry.

Gareth mounted the blank and turned the rough shape and a chucking tenon. Gareth suggested that a smaller size produced a better shape than something bigger. He also explained that wood cut in the winter was more likely to retain the bark for a natural edge than that cut in the summer which would be full of sap. Gareth worked on the shaping using a push cut to shape the bowl and a pull cut to blend in the base. At this stage the outside would be sanded and finished.

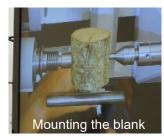
Next Gareth mounted the blank in the chuck to begin hollowing. He cut in at an angle to achieve the bird's mouth shape and once happy with the shape, he hollowed out the inside more using both pull and push cuts. Gareth checked the depth to avoid going through the bottom of the bowl. It would then be sanded and finished at this stage. The chucking tenon could be left as a foot or the bowl could be reversed by using a jam chuck whilst ensuring a secure fit and taking gentle cuts.

Many thanks to Gareth for another good demonstration inspiring members to start work at the lathes.



## Gareth Reviews the New Lathe

Gareth felt the lathe was really smooth and straightforward to use, the tailstock moved smoothly along the bed and he liked the way the control box could be positioned either side so all in all, very good to use.









Marion Brunt hollowing her bowl with some guidance from Lynn Chambers.



More members busy at the lathes.



Keith Youngs using the new lathe.

Hopefully all members will enjoy using the new lathe at future meetings.

Thank you to everyone who helped set it up for the meeting along with the other lathes and equipment, the audio visual equipment and everything else needed to make the day a success, not forgetting everyone who helped clear up after the meeting.

## Members' Work



Bob Hollands' spalted beech bowl.



Metal edged bowl by Howard Baldock.



Large sculptural piece by John Turner.



A collection of twig pots turned by Gareth Garner.

September Meeting September 21st 10.00-16.00

#### Hands on with Rick Thompson

Turning a Party Popper Cannon

Please bring your tools and blanks 60mm x 60mm square x 200mm long softwood or hardwood

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A turned hollow form in yew by Mike Moon.



Also in yew, a lidded box turned by Rick Thompson.

### The Your Way Project

There were some good examples of whistles on show in August .



The subject for September is a bird's mouth bowl and for October, a party popper cannon so do come along to Rick Thompson's demonstration.

**Please note** The Your Way Project is not part of the Club's competitions. It is to encourage members, particularly novices, to have a go at turning something specific to bring in each month for sharing with others.

There is however, a monthly competition, The Richard Hasleden Cup.

Members are encouraged to enter a piece of work of their choice, turned in the preceding month.

Points are awarded for turning skill, finish and innovation with points accruing throughout the year. There is a handicap system in place to level scores between classes.

October Meeting
October 19th 10.00-16.00

**Demonstration** 

**Terry Smart from Chestnut Finishes** 

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