



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 Lilly 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

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman	Peter Castle
Competition Secretary	Mike Gordon
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
Webmaster	Rick Thompson
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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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