



Hands-on Extravaganza



Impressions of The Detling Show (by an 'autojumbler')

Wood Turning is fun!
 At least that what I'm told.
 Let's go to a rally and watch the excitement unfold.
 There are chucks for the lathe
 and belts for the chisel.
 Lets get into the hall 'cos it's
 starting to drizzle.
 The crowd is quite large,
 one might even say thick,
 be careful of not tripping over their sticks.
 The stalls there are many
 and the prices are high.
 "Don't worry about that dear
 I did not come here to buy.
 I just came for a look and to listen
 to the chat"
 Five shopping bags later and our
 wallets are flat.
 The woodturners are happy
 they even make jokes.
 Are the saints of woodturners
 really St Holly and St Oak?



Local timber available.....

Sandra has made contact with a local tree surgeon who may be willing to pop down to our meetings as he lives near Robertsbridge. His name is Richard Webb and he can be contacted on 0786 651 2610.
 If you want something specific or just want to see what he has to offer, give him a call.
 You had better warn him Sandra, if he does come down—they are a tight lot, tight as a nun's teapot lid.

The March meeting saw a good turnout for our 'Themed Hands-on'

Peter Smith, in one corner, was gathering quite a crowd with his sharpening session. A number of onlookers were spotted hiding a gouge or two behind their backs, no doubt hoping that our guru would breathe new life into their bevels.

Allan Beecham was thread chasing on the Nova and was later replaced by Dave with his bowl nesting device.

Mick Briggs and Mike Knight were hard at it with their the skew and Peter Castle dealt with finishing.

In case you missed it—At the beginning of this month Axminster put out a recall on a batch of defective left-handed Allen Keys they have supplied. If you have bought one recently, might be worth checking it.



Members' Work



Audio/Visual Update

At the AGM, earlier this year, Bill and Peter were charged with the task of investigating the possible options for a new audio/visual system. This they have diligently done and, after two months of hard toil have got precisely nowhere..... Well, at least some options have been eliminated but very little positive news yet.

Mick B. approached Joe Whites in Hastings and a plasma screen was recommended. Other companies suggested LED or LCD and said "steer clear of plasma"!!! An appointment was then made for Pete C and Dave S. to visit 'Showman Audio/Visual' in Hastings. We turned up but the chap we were meant to see did not. No apology or call to explain. We were asked if we wished to make a second appointment. Answer, no. Next we approached a company in Robertsbridge who are unable to assist with cameras but can give a good price on a Sony TV.

Next we approached the Village Hall Committee to see if we could permanently hang a TV on the wall (we have been advised that modern TV's would not stand up to being shunted around every meeting). The response was no, as they considered that it might be too inviting to any passing tea-leaf.

At last something positive though, the VH Committee suggested that we might be able to use their system. No details available at time of writing but two from their committee will come down at our next meeting to show us what might be on offer. Fingers crossed.....

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Date of next Meeting:
Sunday 13th May
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Candleholders