

Fungi fun for all.

Our June meeting was a little different from the norm as there was no demonstration of any sort. After the notices, it was straight on with the turning. Attendance was down but members were put into teams and each team asked to produce an arrangement of fungi on a sculptural base. There was plenty of choice when it came to timber to use, some green, some dry and various species so we hoped to see some variety in the finished work. There were a few examples of mushrooms brought in by members to give everyone some ideas.

The hall soon became a hive of activity and the morning seemed to pass very quickly. At the end of the session we had the usual break for the raffle followed by lunch.



John Turner turning multiple mushrooms watched by Mike Samme.

Having refreshed ourselves, it was back to work at the lathes. As the afternoon progressed, several pieces began to take shape and the finished arrangements were placed on the table. Richard Hasleden kindly judged the displays and picked out his favourite.

A selection of members' fungi



Richard's choice

As most members will know, I took over the role of newsletter editor from Peter Castle last year. Peter did a great job not only putting it together but taking the photos and editing them. When I took over, Roger Smith generously offered to take the photos as he had recently had a new camera. Of course it takes time to learn the ins and outs of using more technical cameras to get the best pictures. It also takes time to learn how to edit the photos and up until now I have had no experience of this apart from a few basics. Having recently upgraded to a more comprehensive photo editing programme, I hope to become more proficient.

So while members were turning their fungi, Peter Castle had a session with Roger and camera and then took me through some of the editing possibilities. There are so many different options which seem to interact with each other I think it will be a while before I achieve Peter's results. Hopefully between us, Roger and I will get the hang of it and members will see an improvement in photo quality over the coming months.

During the afternoon session when members had completed their individual fungi, some of them took advantage of the club DVDs describing and demonstrating various turning techniques. They are a valuable aid for beginners.

Thanks must go to Brian Rowson for setting the screen up for this purpose. It is good to see members making full use of club equipment.

Members' Work



Yew bowl by Bob Hollands



Mahogany box by Nigel Myers



Elm vase by John Turner

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday August 20th 10.00 - 3.00

Jason Breach will be demonstrating box making at the Axminster Sittingbourne branch.

Jason is an internationally recognised turner and will cover all aspects from timber selection to more elaborate box designs

Saturday September 17th 10.00 - 4.00

Also at Axminster Sittingbourne, **Mark Sanger** will be demonstrating his unique turning skills. Mark is also an international turner and winner of the Axminster Ready Steady Turn event 2016.

Into the Trees

September 3rd and 4th

Similar to the Bentley Woodfair, this event in its second year, is being held at Pippingford Park near Nutley. See www.into-the-trees.co.uk

For Sale

Reminder for this month's meeting.

Summer competition July 17th

Remember to bring your entries, your partners/friends and food to compliment the bbq.

Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the village hall as a contribution towards the cost of the recent refurbishment. Please be generous with prizes and buy lots of tickets



Bosch RT60 Router Table. As new £30.00
Contact Peter Castle 01435883435

SIF 16" scroll saw, pinned and pinless blades. £25.00
Dremel plunge 335 attachment, new, boxed, never been used, £17.00.
Contact Gaya Taylor 07956817133.

Next Month's Meeting

August 21st 10.00am

David Edwards
Metal spinning

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Greg Collett
Librarian	David Spice
Newsletter editor	Sandra Day
A-V co-ordinator	Brian Rowson

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