



# CUTTING EDGE

June 2019



## Cane Caps and More



The May meeting began with the notices given by Chairman, Maggie Wright. These included the sad news that Daphne Smith had died. Daphne and her husband Peter were regular club members until she suffered a stroke in December 2014. Our sincere condolences go to Peter and family .

It had been some months since the last hands on, so there was an opportunity for new members to get some practice and advice. Lynn Chambers demonstrated how to turn cane caps followed by an acorn shaped fence post finial. Lynn also showed and described a handy string holder to put on a cane beside you in the garden when tying up plants. The cane caps are so much more attractive than the plastic tops available commercially and offer potential for different designs as we saw from some turned by Anne Smith.

Sandra Day ran through several other garden projects giving a quick outline of methods and showing some examples. If any members are interested in turning these items please ask for a handout which has basic instructions. Garden accessories offer a very good opportunity for practising turning techniques particularly the use of the spindle gouge and skew chisel. Given that the items will be used in the garden, the odd slip or mishap is not quite so serious as it would be on an artistic piece. If well turned using attractive wood they also make good gifts.



Lynn Chambers turning a cane cap

Above left to right, newspaper pot maker(two parts), pot tamper, wigwam finial, string holder and acorn finial. The newspaper pots are suitable for seedlings and can be planted directly into the soil when the plants are big enough. Other ideas included garden lines and bird boxes.



Dibbers, the largest with planting depths burnt on.

Many thanks to Lynn for stepping up to the lathe and for his time preparing for the demo. Thank you to Brian Rowson and team for managing the audio visual equipment.

Thank you also to all members who helped during the day, setting up the lathes etc. and clearing up afterwards



Anne Smith's novelty cane caps



Members busy at the lathes with more experienced members helping out.

## Members' Work



Lidded pot by Gareth Garner.



Hollow form by Fred Mitchell.



Square and natural edge bowl by Gary Woodhouse.

### For sale

1 electric Makita Mitresaw (needs service) and 1 electric chop saw £25.

1 Large half log of Yew (2ftx18"x12-15") £100.

Dry, part seasoned and wet blanks and boards varying sizes and prices.

Photos available.

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### This month's meeting

Colin Smith, the AWGB south east area rep will be giving a talk and demonstrating.

### Summer Competition

The summer competition is fast approaching and hopefully members have their entries well under way. For those who have not started yet, here is a reminder of the subjects.

Novice class      Three blind mice

Intermediate class      A set of napkin rings.

Advanced class      A pair of 1/12 scale chairs.

Founder's cup      A piece showing innovation

### More Sad News

Members will be sorry to learn that Allan Beecham has died. Allan, a professional turner, was a founding member of our club. We send our condolences to his family.

### July Meeting

#### **Summer Competition and Barbecue**

July 21st 10.00-4.00

Please bring your entries and a plate of food to accompany the barbecue. All partners and friends welcome.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and	
Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
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