

April 2015 Meeting - Multi-turn Evening

Six of our members kindly volunteered to demonstrate their skills and to answer all the questions that get raised during these informal evenings.



Mike Charnley

Our chairman, a reluctant demonstrator and also a little camera shy gave a polished performance while making an attractive vase.

The outside shape was turned first then he bored a hole down the centre and then opened out the neck of the vase. The finished shape is very pleasing.



Trevor Branton

Trevor spent his time showing how he turns various designs of ring savers. He had a small display of some of his designs. There appears to be quite a scope to exercise your creativity and design with these apparently simple objects.



Maurice Sore

In this demo Maurice was making wall clocks and in particular was showing how he made and fitted the dowels to signify the hours.

He had found on the internet a way of making dowels using a metal plate with a particular array of holes drilled through it and a further final sizing hole. An electric drill was used to hold a square section stick and to drive it through the hole array which acted like a pencil sharpener. The rough sized dowel was then forced through the sizing hole to give the final dimension.



Ian Cameron

Ian had taken the method of making a scoop as shown by Carlyn Lindsey and devised an alternative way of holding the piece to hollow out the scoop.

He used spigot jaws in his chuck and used PVC tubing over the individual jaws so that he could grip the bowl of the scoop without damaging it. He stressed that care must be taken that a firm grip was obtained.



Tic Challis

Tic had been persuaded to demonstrate her excellent skill at pyrography. Tic was working on a plate and had designed a knight facing his lady and very cleverly used the grain contrast in the wood—the light to frame the delicate lady and the dark the knight.



Luke Manning

Luke was using borrowed tools and a borrowed lathe and showed why he is skilled at turning. He made a lidded box which had a pleasing shape, though he admitted he could have made the lid easier to grip. However, to turn out this fine box at such short notice was an excellent achievement.



A big thank you to all our demonstrators for an enjoyable evening.