

August meeting. Thanks to David Tilley and John Davies for providing input for the WW September edition.



Forthcoming Attractions

September 3rd - Chris Eagles demonstrates the making of a necklace stand.

October 6th - Hands On

November 5th - Demo (To be defined)

December 3rd - Hands on

January 9th - Social Evening

February 4th - Demo

August 2009

This month we have an outing to the wilds of Wellesbourne, for a spot of pole ~~climbing~~ turning, cleaving, spoke shaving and broom making.

In July, Dave Simms did a demo of how to make pocket watches, followed by a hands-on session by several members of the same.

Dave was watched by an enthusiastic and mostly well behaved crowd.

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Dave has made many different styles of watch using these movements from Meantime Design. See www.meantimedesign.com/acatalog/Watch_Inserts.html They do a huge range of watch and clock inserts and other nice bits and bobs too.



Dave made a pocket watch from a bit of spalted beech, similar to the one shown here.

He started with the front face, and made the recess for the watch movement. He demonstrated that it's good to have several movements of varying sizes handy, to save on the time taken to do precise measuring!



Having done the front face, it's sanded and treated, then reversed in the chuck and the back of the watch completed.

The fob on the top was made from a small piece of ebony, which was not demonstrated. The ring at the top is from a key ring.

A hole is drilled in the diameter of the watch to fit the fob in. If there is no convenient means of locking the lathe to drill this hole, it's good to have several brave and burly club members handy to hold the chuck to prevent it turning and to watch and laugh at the drill skating around before it makes a hole.



The watches make nice little gifts, and Dave usually sells them on stalls for £10, so they sell pretty well.

Here is a selection of some of watches Dave had with him..



viewing in black and white, it's the one on the bottom right.

One of the watches had a green inlay design on the back. For those of you



The inlayed material is a mix of poster paint, tapioca, fibreglass resin and hardener. I guess what people drink on their evenings off is their own affair...

Having shown how it is done, the hands-on session. It's fortunate that nobody was injured in the rush to participate, or the rush for the tea and biscuits, for that matter.



Several nice watches were made, despite the high standard of heckling from the onlookers.

Who were the Woodies?



Woody Allen: Director, screenwriter, actor, comedian, writer, musician and playwright.



Woody Harrelson: Actor

Sheriff Woody: Actor, legend and toy.



Woody Guthrie: Singer-Songwriter and musician



Woody Woodpecker: Irritating cartoon character.



Woody Hermann: Jazz performer and band leader.

