July 2018



## The 2018 egg and cup competition

Last month saw our first in house competition for a long time. Four teams set out to produce an egg to fit into an egg cup. At ten minute intervals those on the lathe had to swop over to another team member.



Some members had remembered this was going to happen and came duly equipped. But there was one member attired in sandals and who had brought no tools. No heed was given to his cries when he dropped a block of wood that glanced the naked toe.

But generally Nick's rules for the

competition worked well.

Technique varied from team to team with the key difference did you make the egg first or the holder first?

One team decided to try the half and half route with an egg cup finished outside but only partially hollowed out. Final hollowing to follow to match the egg they made. This technique worked surprisingly well and their final product was voted winner by a fine margin at the end of the evening.





Are you quite sure its deep enough

Well I would do it this way



Attack it from the end



I'd let him get on with it







The finished articles

Mick Smetts who did the May demo of "How to make a clean round ball" showed the ball in a finished polished state and he also had a hollowed out version. This hollow item he briefly outlined the method. He will complete his demo at the next meeting in July.



## Notices

Chairman reported that Whitmores Timbers were now housed in part of Good Timbers yard. That said their opening hours seemed rather suspect and it is not clear what the relationship is between the firms.

A couple of members stated that English Hardwood from Kettering were a "better bet" for the sort of supplies club members might need.

## **Forthcoming Attractions 2018**

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

5<sup>th</sup> July Pyrography techniques

Members please bring any pyrography equipment you have so members can try their hand at these interesting design add ons.

2<sup>nd</sup> August

6<sup>th</sup> September Finish of Mick Smetts ball demo

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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