



**Forthcoming Attractions**

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Demo by John Johnson
- July 7<sup>th</sup> - TBA
- August 4<sup>th</sup> - Hands on Evening
- September 1<sup>st</sup> - Demo by Chris Eagles
- October 6<sup>th</sup> - Hands on Evening
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Demo by ???
- December 1<sup>st</sup> - Hands on Evening

**Hands On Evening and Demonstration**



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As with most of our "hands on" evenings it's a question of can you make one of .....?... This particular Thursday these honey twirlers were the evening's task. With four lathes on the go the results did come in different sizes. You would tend to get rather a lot of honey using the nearer one.

But before we got to actual work Mike Sharman brought in a table display. This was a sort of floral arrangement using barbeque sticks as stems and attempting to turn tulip and poppy heads. He was at great pains to emphasise it was a draft work in progress model!



Will members please note that at the AGM the committee did ask that you bring in ideas and designs. In a club like ours we can all learn from one another.

Back to the main event. Besides the honey twirlers we had a lemon squeezer on display. These are easy to turn but it is not so easy to cut the grooves. The photo shows one where the groove was made using a chisel. But we heard that a fine micro V file could do it as well.



So you can show how busy we are and we are not at the pub I add a couple of photos of us at work.



Last year we had 32 members. This year so far we have 26. We do need to recruit a few more during the year. Also we need to publicise where you can get help in starting and learning the craft of wood turning. Several members started at an evening class at Southam school. For the retired there is some basic training on offer at Age UK - Gilbert Richard's centre- Earlsdon Coventry. Any information on other places and course would be helpful.

### **Trees for turning**

Did you know there are over 500 species of Oak. That tree we often think of as truly English isn't that at all. There's Holm oak and Turners Oak. These according to my book came here when the Victorians went out collecting every plant in sight. There is even a Turkey Oak which an Exeter nursery man "developed". Fortunately for us most of them have similar leaves which most of us would recognise. All have acorns just they vary a bit in size.

As to turning the wood is tough and it is difficult to get a really good finish. It tends to snag with blunt tools. But it will take lacquer well. It will as you would expect last and last.