# Woody's World

## 2nd July 2026

## Sharpening

We had a good evening Sharpening at our July club night. Members brought tools along for advice and a go on a grinder, a sorby pro-edge and a tormek to understand the various pros and cons of the different approaches.
It was good to see plenty of hands on work and discussion and many said that they had 'learned a lot' - which is what it's all about.
Nick's large sharpening guides are already on the Website Newsletter section between April and May's newsletter…but I will save them again for ease.









# Other news:

## Competition News:



Congratulations to Dave Simms who won our July challenge to make a coaster…a lovely piece of work. Sadly, my photos of Dave's winning piece and all of the other entries did not come out clearly…thumb on lens.

But here's Dave with the cup to keep until next time, along with his winner's wooden medal and a bottle of wine.

**Our next competition will be judged by us all at our meeting on Thursday 3rd September**. The challenge for that competition is **"Something for the kitchen"** – no tighter brief than that - could be a bowl, egg cup, pepper mill, trivet, cocktail stick, kindling or anything you reckon you might use in the kitchen. Good luck.

## Summer BBQ : Saturday 1st August 1pm

**IF you haven't yet confirmed but would like to come, please email me via m.widmer@btinternet.com & let me know how many you will be.**

2026 is the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Club and we agreed that we should celebrate this with an afternoon 'late lunch' barbecue on Saturday 1st August at Offchurch Village Hall and playing field from 1pm for members, their families & friends (Hall available if weather unkind). It will be:



- Bring your own food to barbecue and drinks to drink.
- BBQs to cook on will be supplied.
- Crockery & cutlery WILL be supplied
- Garden games will be laid on.
- Raffle (please bring any other raffle prizes on the day.)

Thanks to those who have already confirmed and also to the lovely range of raffle prizes donated so far.

## Open Evening Thurs 3rd September:

Our open evening will be upon us soon and it's an important evening for the club to recruit new members that will help keep us going.

**We would raelly appreciate your support in making it another success.**

To show what woodturners do, we will hopefully have 2 lathes operating but we would also like:

- A great display of members' work – please bring along a range of your stuff on the evening. We need all standards of work to show how woodturners develop their skills and ability. Please bring your pieces on the evening so we can set up a lovely display.

- As many members as possible to chat to visitors and show that we are a friendly and welcoming club – this seemed to work well last year and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thank you in advance.

## Forthcoming Club Meetings

Meetings are normally on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm** in Offchurch Village Hall, CV33 9AL unless stated otherwise

| **2026** | | |
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| **Sat 1st Aug** | 1pm | BBQ at Offchurch Village Hall and playing field – please see separate section for detail |
| **Thu 6th Aug** | 7pm | Pen Making - Paul |
| **Thu 3rd Sept** | 7pm | Autumn Open Evening |
| **Thu 1st Oct** | 7pm | Hollow forms 2 - Nick |
| **Thu 5th Nov** | 7pm | Inside Out - Ray |
| **Thu 3rd Dec** | 7pm | tbc |

As always. If you have any particular requests for demonstrations (or to do a demonstration), discussions, techniques, tools and their use, wood types etc, please ask at a meeting or have a word with a committee member and we will see what we can do. We are all on the same journey and every question is a good question.

## Committee 2026/27

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| **Chair & Demonstrations** | Paul Liggins | pliggins445@gmail.com |
| **Secretary** | Alan Begg | alanrbegg@hotmail.com |
| **Special Events** | Ray Burden | rayburden1@btinternet.com |
| **Treasurer** | Mike Jones | cmike.jones@btinternet.com |
| **Comms & Competitions** | Mike Widmer | 07484 270479 m.widmer@btinternet.com |

Following the AGM in March 2026 the roles & responsibilities of the Committee (as above) and associated members are shown below.

If you would like to help run the club or become a committee member in the future, please have a chat with one of the team…all help welcomed.

| Role | | Responsibilities |
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| **Chair** | Paul Liggins | Leader with overall responsibility for ensuring quality and efficiency of the club. |
| **Demonstrations** | Paul Liggins | Agree topics, arrange internal and external demonstrators for club nights. |
| **Secretary** | Alan Begg | Arrange committee meetings, write and circulate minutes, maintain membership list, output of AGM. |
| **Treasurer** | Mike Jones | Manage the finances and 'back office' operations (eg hall bookings, insurance, bank etc). Take subs and raffle money at meetings. Maintain attendance record. Create year-end report. |
| **Communications** | Mike Widmer | Newsletter, ongoing club email comms, ad hoc comms, Facebook, event promotion. |
| **Competitions** | Mike Widmer | Agree competition programme, comms, organise space, judging method, prize. |
| **Special Events** | Ray Burden | Christmas, Open Evenings, BBQ. |
| **Refreshments & Raffle** | Andy Smith | Provide the necessary for half time sustenance and entertainment. |
| **"Kit man"** | tbc | Ensure lathe and accessories etc are fit for purpose and identify need for spares or repairs. |
| **Camera Operator** | Dave Hyde | Set up camera for live view of demos. Ensure batteries charged, cables function and look after camera. |