Woody's World

4th June 2026

Hollow Vessels

Please see Summer Barbecue news below. Please confirm AND bring a raffle prize to our July meeting, thank you in advance.

Nick was kind enough to offer to demonstrate how to turn a 'hollow vessel' or 'hollow form'– usually described as a vase-like or urn shaped piece with an internal cavity that is significantly wider than the opening at the top.



Those of you present on the night will know that we suffered a couple of technical issues so Nick was really only able to prepare the outside of the vessel. We will have to revisit in a couple of months for the hollowing of the "internal cavity" which is the bigger challenge.

Nick chose a piece of oak which he mounted between centres and made round. He created a male spigot in preparation to hold the piece in a chuck for hollowing. The spigot was dovetailed for the jaws using a skew. TIP – Nick advocates making the spigot just shorter than the depth of the jaws so that the trued-up surface of the piece rests on the front surface of the jaws rather than the end of the spigot resting on the inside surface of the jaws/chuck.



He then marked up the outside surface of the piece to show the high point of the 'urn'. He used a spindle gouge to create the curved outer surface. TIP – pivoting is the key here to get the curved shape. If you only use your arms to

move the tool rather than pivoting your body, you will end up with more of an angular surface rather than a curved one. This type of shaping is an ideal time to practice the pivoting move and develop a muscle memory that means you'll do it time and time again…and on the dance floor.



Once satisfied with the shape, sand and finish as desired ready to be turned around into the chuck.

This is where we had to stop but we will continue with "Hollow Vessels II - The internal cavity" in a couple of months.

Other news:

Competition July 2nd:

Our next club competition will be judged at club night on 2nd July. Prize and winners medal up for grabs….and the trophy.

The challenge is to make a coaster ie the sort of coaster that you rest your glass or cup upon, not the sort that goes from port to port at sea…for instance:



Summer BBQ – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 1st August 1pm

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.
- Bring your own crockery & cutlery.
- Garden games will be laid on.
- Raffle (please bring a raffle prize to our July meeting)
- Please confirm whether you'll be coming at July meeting



Please save the date and time – and (again!) let us know at July's meeting whether you will be coming along.

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		
Thu 2nd July	7pm	Focus on Sharpening & Coaster Competition
Sat 1st Aug	1pm	BBQ at Offchurch Village Hall and playing field – please see separate section for detail
Thu 6th Aug	7pm	tbc – poss. Back to Basic 2 or Hollow Vessels 2
Thu 3rd Sept	7pm	Autumn Open Evening
Thu 1st Oct	7pm	Pen Making - Paul
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

Chair & Demonstrations	Paul Liggins	pliggins445@gmail.com
Secretary	Alan Begg	alanrbegg@hotmail.com
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Treasurer	Mike Jones	cmike.jones@btinternet.com
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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
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.