



Woody's World

5th August 2021



Turning a pear

Last month we did apples, this month it was pears.



working with the rough wood in the chuck.

There was some discussion about the tools to be used. Roger preferred to use a small skew, where Ken used a spindle gouge.

Ken made the observation that the rest needs to be higher for a skew than for a spindle gouge.

Ken and Roger started the evening off with a demonstration of how it should be done. They both started with short lengths of apple branch, supplied by Ken.

While Ken preferred to use a drive centre, Roger mounted the wood in a chuck, turned a spigot and re-mounted with the spigot in the chuck. He prefers to do this as he regards it safer than



Roger suggested that it is better to use the long point of the skew, as it is easier to see where you are cutting.

Ken used a Dremmel to bore small holes in either end of his pear: one to hold the stalk (that he had prepared beforehand), and the other to hold a clove, which makes a life-like calyx.



Roger's pear



Ken's pear

More observations that were made during the demonstrations:

- Always stop the lathe before adjusting the tool rest!
- When using a drive centre, remember to put the thread protector on, otherwise you will have difficulty removing the drive centre (as Ken discovered!)
- You can use the long edges of a big roughing gouge as a skew.

Once they had finished the demonstrations, a couple of others had a go, and you can see all the results below.



Roger then decided to turn a mushroom!



The Chairman

At the beginning of the meeting Ken announced that, due to health problems, he would be standing down as chairman in December. Dave Simms, vice-chairman, volunteered to fill the post of chairman from December until the AGM in March 2022.

Ken pointed out that according to the club's constitution, if there is no-one prepared to take on the role of chairman, then the club could no longer operate, and would have to be dissolved.

Forthcoming Meetings

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

2 nd September	<i>Pyrography</i>
7 th October	<i>TBA</i>
4 th November	<i>TBA</i>
2 nd December	<i>TBA</i>

Remember: members who demonstrate may receive payment.

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