



# Woody's World

July 2021



**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

## **Turning an apple**

Ken and Roy demonstrating how to turn an apple was our first real meeting after the lockdown. We have lost members during those months of staying in and this evening there were some away anyway having got sight of freedom to go out.

As a result we easily met any of the government's criteria for not being too close to each other. Also since all wore face masks conversations tended to be repeated rather a lot.



Two lathes were in operation.

Perhaps that's overstating it as Ken had difficult most of the time using the mixture of parts with some of his own.

So step one is to start with a short block and turn it into a round short cylinder.

Then you turn what is a broadly shaped apple with the fat side away from the chuck.

It will now be uniform in shape which apples never are so you can regig the block by no more than two mm to shave off a little of the uniformity.



Now refit the “apple” the opposite way so the stalk end is away from the chuck. This move gives you space to carefully shape a dimple for the stalk. In Don’s case he actually turned the stalk very delicately at this time.



Some members said preferred to just make a dimple shape and then angle a small drill hole to take a stalk. This move again is to simulate an actual apple stalk which rarely come straight at ninety degrees out of an apple.

Choice of wood is important. Heavy grain is hard to finish. But as someone pointed out it depends where to apple is on show. Generally this apple will be part of a group of turned objects such as pears, mushrooms etc.





*Thanks to Mike Sharman for recording these notes*

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## **AGM**

The AGM was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. Nick Milton has stood down as Chairman due to work commitments, and a new committee was elected, as shown below.

The full minutes can be seen on the website (under 'meetings').

**STOP PRESS:** the Village Hall committee have reduced our rent to £9 per meeting for the next 2 years!

## Forthcoming Meetings

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

5 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	TBA
7 <sup>th</sup> October	TBA
4 <sup>th</sup> November	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	TBA

*Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.*

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