



Woody's World

8th May 2025

Turning Pens



We held our May meeting at the Cubbington Hobby Centre. This is an excellent asset for the local community that has been envisioned and created by a few dedicated people in the Cubbington Community along with the support of funding and local business to make it work. They should be proud of their achievement. A couple of views inside.



Paul is an excellent turner of pens who put on a great demonstration of the art which went down very well with the visitors that we had on the evening. He turned one wood and one hybrid (ie wood + acrylic) pen from blanks and pen kits illustrated below.



Pen blanks can be cut from various woods, formed from acrylics which can give a wide range of lovely designs or a mix of the two where wood is combined with acrylic. You'll see examples of these in finished pens below.

The 'guts' of the pens come as kits from specialist makers...beware bargains! The blanks are prepared carefully to spec to fit the kits.

A blank for each of the cap and barrel parts of the pen is carefully drilled to fit the pen kit dimensions.

The brass barrels from the kits are then glued, inserted into the pre-drilled blanks and left to dry.

The ends of the barrels are then trimmed carefully to clean away any excess glue and square up the ends of the blanks. Careful attention needs to be taken not to round over the barrels.

The blanks are then assembled on to the special pen mandrel for the lathe using the bushings provided



to keep the blanks separate and secure for turning. These are turned down to just bigger than the bushings ready for finishing.



Paul finished his demonstration piece with mesh abrasive finishing with superglue/CA and activator followed by wet & dry to 2400grit.



The various pieces of the kit and the finished blanks are then assembled. This can be done on a special pen vise or, as here, on the workshop vise but ensuring soft surfaces are used to prevent damage.

The hybrid blanks being prepared and finished below offer an almost infinite variety of creative designs with a stunning finish.



...and you'll never be short of a pen again with an inside pocket like this!

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 – unless stated otherwise

2025		
Thu 5th June	7pm	Turning a whistle - Nick
Thu 3rd July	7pm	Fishing Floats - Andy
Thu 7th August	7pm	Mastering the Skew - Roger
Thu 4th September	7pm	Open Evening
Thu 2nd October	7pm	Visiting demonstrator from Weedon Club
Thu 6th November	7pm	Exploring Resin - Ray
Thu 4th December	7pm	Christmas Trees Mick
2026		
Sat 10th January	7pm	Club Social
Thu 5th February	7pm	Captive rings - Nick
Thu 5th March	7pm	tbc

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