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Woody's World

The Newsletter of



2019

Know your mushrooms

Or how good advice can get a bit confusing

This month saw the members turning Mushrooms. A sort of gentle competition between teams. Although the use of the term teams is perhaps a misnomer, as one group had one person in it and another four.

The more experienced members would hover in the background with the occasional suggestion as to how "it might be better if you..." or "do you always hold the chisel that way?"



With the advent of a tea break the enthusiasm somewhat dispelled and members tended to watch other others in the hope they made a hash of it. But no one did make a hash of it as you can see from the photos.

Here we have members setting up for the challenge



There was one problem with the electronically controlled lathe.

It kept throwing the circuit board out. The offending lathe can be seen in the first photo on page one. As often happens when something unexpected happens there was a pause whilst speculation ran round the room. "It's never done that before" "I used it last month and it was OK then"



After reflection that, whatever it had been it wasn't now, we managed with three lathes.

The offending control box

Someone brought along a tool for specifically under cutting the head of the mushroom. Basically it is a 'scraper' which did perform very well. Although as someone pointed out "You'll pay £40 quid for that and you will have saved all of ten minutes."



That said those who tried it did rather like it. The finished mushrooms showed a variety of shapes.



Mushrooms produced prior to the meeting and from a variety of branches. Note how the bark has been kept on. (Work of Roy Nicholls)?



*Produced at the meeting.
No one's owning up to who did what*

Other notes for members

King's Hill Nurseries are having an craft fair open day on Saturday Sept 14th. Ken will be attending and would like some assistance please. Members can send any items for sale but they must be marked up in price.

The post Christmas "do" will be on 11th Jan, that's a Saturday.

Forthcoming Meetings 2019

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

5th September *Double axis square top bowl (Mick)*

3rd October *Back to basics and tool sharpening*

7th November *Pre Christmas work*

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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