



June 2024 Newsletter

Dear Members,

I'm afraid it's my turn to do the newsletter this month, so here goes..!

June is normally considered to be a part of summer, but it certainly didn't seem like it at our hands-on clubnight! Damp and chilly, it felt as if we'd gone straight to October. Several people looked shivery. In an attempt to remedy the situation, John and I spent a good 5 minutes staring at the thermostat control, wondering which buttons to press to wake the thing up, before I had the bright idea of googling the instruction manual. I downloaded the 40 page manual to my phone and, skimming through, came across a function called "quick veto" allowing a short-term boost in heating, just what we wanted. I thought we did well to figure it out!

It wasn't the biggest crowd we've had, but the enthusiasm among those present more than made up for any shortage in numbers. There were some really impressive entries to the month's competition, "live edge".



Top-left: a fine spalted beech bowl (Anita); top-right: a beautiful thin live edge bowl (Charlie; sorry I forgot the wood!); below: a fine large (horse chesnut?) platter (Tony Seeney; money for scale is mine!).

Both lathes were running and low-level chatter filled the air. Iain made a nice little bowl on the Record, while newcomer Cally had a go on the Vimarc under Charlie's expert guidance with Tony Halcrow looking on. It is of course a privilege to have the attention of two such experienced turners while on the lathe, yet it can also be somewhat unsettling to be so closely watched! Cally didn't show it though, and we hope she will be back!



The activities were fuelled by tea, coffee and an excellent home-made chocolate cake that Anita brought along. All in all it was a very pleasant evening.

The next clubnight will be on the 11th of July and also a hands-on night. The competition for then is "off-centre bowl" so I'll look forwards to seeing any contributions!

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