



WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS

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Chairman's Comments

There was lots of activity at our Hands On Day in June. It is encouraging that some of our recent members are getting involved and taking advantage of the skills and advice on offer on these days. Attendance was down however, no doubt coinciding with Father's Day had an effect, so we will try and arrange the diary of events to avoid clashing with these days in future.

July sees a demonstration by Mick Hanbury and I noticed an enthusiastic comment in Revolutions regarding Mick's work and techniques, I am sure we will have a good day.

Just a reminder for turned items for the sales table at Hatton, take a look in Revolutions at the last two pages, Executops, they seem like suitable items, and not too challenging!!

That's it for now, see you in July.
Brian.

PROGRAMME 2012

- ◆ July 15th. Full Day—
Demonstration by Mick Hanbury
- ◆ August 19th. Full Day—
'Hands On' Day.
- ◆ September 16th. Full Day—
Demonstration by Dennis Keeling





Chairman's Challenge Results for Sunday May 20th. 2012.

Sponsored by Earlswood Interiors & Crafts

A piece of involuted turning, as demonstrated by Sue Harker. No size restrictions.



First Place — Phil Stephens



Second Place — John Hooper



Chairman's Challenge for June 17th.

A pair of pens using Bic refills (pairs being matching or complementary).

Premier League Chairman's Challenge Projects

I believe there is a need to have a regular challenge project and I would welcome some suggestions as to how we could arrange the projects and also the regularity. Two options to consider and start the thoughts going,:

- 1— Continue as the original Open Challenge i.e., same as Basic Project with enhanced design, decoration and embellishments;
- 2— A bi-monthly project based on a piece produced by the visiting Demonstrator.

Can I ask that the premier group spend some time with Brian Bateman and me during our lunch break at the July Demo Day meeting.

Thinking caps on, anyone with a suitable suggestion please include yourselves!!

Brian.

Proposed Visit to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery.

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, 'Pinto Collection of Wooden Artefacts'.

It has been suggested that we ask to view this collection as a group from West Midlands Woodturners. This would be an opportunity to see the whole collection, normally there are only a few pieces on display.

I have made contact with the museum, and the curator will be in touch to offer to accommodate our request. Anyone who may be interested in joining us on a visit please let me know. The venue will be at the Museum Collection Centre in Nechells. I am assured it is a wonderful venue with plenty of parking. It would be daytime on a Tues/ Wed or Thurs. No date has been set yet.

Brian (Chairman).

Hatton Country Gardens 4/5th. August.

Everything seems to be going to plan and members will have received a separate email giving more details. Those not on email a printed copy is enclosed with this newsletter.

Tim will keep everyone posted with any more information from Hatton, but meanwhile can you make some small sale items suitable for children (spinning tops, pens, etc).



Items by a Junior Member —
Oliver Porter



General Information

'Hands On' Days 2012.

It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting that the 'Hands On' days will now be **FULL** days and will commence at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 5.00 p.m.

The fee for the day will be £5.00.

Members are requested to contact Tim Davies by the previous month's meeting at the latest, if they wish for a particular tool or cut to be demonstrated. Remember these meetings are for your benefit, please make use of them.



Newsletter

I am finding that my free time is diminishing and I would like someone else to take over the production of the Newsletter. I have been producing it for some time now and it would probably benefit from a fresh mind and a new point of view.

Please consider this matter carefully as I am afraid that unless a volunteer is forthcoming the Newsletter will probably cease to exist.

Brian Goodall.

Next Meeting July 15th.. 'Demonstration by Mick Hanbury.

This is a Full Day.

This will commence at 9.15 a.m. and finish at 4.30 pm. There is a £10.00 fee for the day.

Helpers to set out tables and chairs from **8.30 a.m.** please.

Do not forget your sandwiches and a mug for your tea/coffee.

Items for the Newsletter

If anyone has any items for inclusion in the Newsletter, please note that the deadline for the July issue is **July 22nd.**

Axminster Tool Centre

We have set up an account with "Axminster Tool Centre" whereby club members can get a 15 percent discount on anything purchased from the woodturning section of the catalogue.

This can only be achieved by placing your order with Brian Gibbs or Les Saunby who are the administrators of the account. You can only place an order through the Club, you cannot take advantage of this offer by approaching Axminster directly.

For more information or to place an order please ring:- Les Saunby on 0121 308 1076