



# WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS

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## *Chairman's Comments*

Our AGM Meeting in February saw the current committee re-elected to take care of the business of managing the running of the club. Our future looks healthy as the involvement of members supporting our activities is very high. The discussions at the AGM showed that those people who are involved with the continued development of 'Hands On' Days and our participation in outside events are being well supported.

We are still committed to attracting top line demonstrators to the Demonstration Days and Peter is busy with the 2013 programme, so if you have a particular request, get in touch with him as soon as you can.

Let's not forget the main exercise is to produce turned pieces to as high a standard as possible to the best of our individual abilities. Let's use the club days to share the results of our efforts on the Chairman's Challenge table and the display table. To those who have displayed their pieces recently, thanks for your support and congratulations to the quality of work, I am hopeful it is a motivation to others. We can't always be the best, only the best we can be (philosophical or what)!!

So get to it, Signature Pieces for Daventry, entries into Chairman's Challenge, small sale items for the sales tables at outside events, plenty of projects to keep us busy.

Reg Slack is our demonstrator in March, it has been many years since Reg has demonstrated at WMWT, let's give him a warm welcome with a good turnout.

See you there,  
Brian.

## PROGRAMME 2012

- ◆ March 18th. Full Day—  
Demonstration by Reg Slack
- ◆ April 15th. Three-quarter  
Day— 'Hands On' Day



606 piece Segmented Vase in  
Maple and Purpleheart by  
Tom Badger. (A piece from  
February's Display Table)



*Chairman's Challenge Results for Sunday February 19th. 2012.*

*Sponsored by Earlswood Interiors & Crafts*

Select a tool from your kit, Gouge/Scraper/skew etc. which you could do with some tuition in using . Make a copy of the Handle, identical in dimensions, length, width & shape, bring along as a pair, they will be judged as a pair and hopefully during the 'Hands On' Day we can give you some tips on the correct use of the tool.



First Place — Dave Nash



Second Place — Don Lawrence



Third Place — Kris Cietak

*Chairman's Challenge for March 18th.*

**Change of Rules to Chairman's Challenge for 2012.**

There will be only one class for basic turners, the more able are not allowed to compete. For these there will be a skills competition at the end of the year.

**The Challenge for March is:-**

A Child's Toy, your choice (could be a Baby's Rattle? Spinning Top? Whistle? Wooden Ball etc. )

*WoodWorks @ Daventry 2012.*

As a club we have had great successes at this show in 2010 and 2011 particularly in the turning competitions. Though better than many, our display has, to date, been our weakest link. It is the intention to achieve a higher standard for 2012.

This year our display will be 12 feet by 3 feet, a doubling of the previous size. It would be great if one or two additional members could assist Cliff Lane and myself in the modification of our existing equipment to enable us to excel at Daventry whilst maintaining the flexibility to use parts of the display at other locations as the need arises.

Already planned are the use of TV/DVD as trailed at the AGM and discrete LED's and spotlights. It is also hoped to add additional shelving. This aspect among others is where help would be appreciated. If you can offer your help with the constructional aspects please contact me by telephone at **0121 382 4108**.

**COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR WOODWORKS 2012.**

Members should bring items to the Hands on Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Two additional volunteers are urgently required for the recording, labelling and safe packing of the items. Please volunteer by contacting me as above.

To do well, the more items that we have to select from and the greater the proportion of the membership that contribute the better we should be.

Finally the club display stand at Daventry on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May needs to be continuously manned. More volunteers are needed.

*Bob RIMMER.*



### *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.

#### **Chairman’s Challenge Winners**

Can I remind all winners of the Chairman’s Challenge competition to keep their winning piece for the Daventry 2012 exhibition.

**Next Meeting March 18th.** Demonstration by Reg Slack who will be giving Tools Masterclass.

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 April issue is **March 20th.**

#### ***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*

