



# WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS

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## *Chairman's Comments*

Our Hands On/Open Day was a mixed bag of success and disappointment. We had a great turnout of club members doing demonstrations, eight lathes on the go, most of, if not all of, the day. Plenty of enthusiastic activity and a decent number of visitors showing an interest which will hopefully increase membership. It was a little disappointing our numbers were down on members attending, you missed a good day.

Our format changed a little and we had two timed challenge pieces, one mid-morning and one in the afternoon. Congratulations to Malcolm Thorpe and Phil Stevens who were adjudged the winners. Much debate ensued as to the final judging!!

I think I can envisage Hands On days being All Day affairs, any thoughts?

It is appropriate to mention our Club Display Stand, the quality on show demonstrates a massive leap forward in standard over the recent past and many congratulations to everyone who contributed. The variety and ingenuity was a pleasure to see and much commented on by our visitors.

I hope by the time you read this, every member will have received the Equipment Appeal letter, please return asap if you are able to support the initiative so we can progress quickly, (please make cheques payable to West Midlands Woodturners).

See you in November for Frans Brown demonstration, you won't be disappointed, try your best to be there.

Brian.

## *Margaret Ford, thanks and best wishes.*

Margaret Ford who has looked after us with drinks & "bikkies" for a good while now, three years I think, has not been well lately. Unfortunately she doesn't feel able to carry on with the 'catering'.

I am sure you will all join me and say a massive 'Thank You' to Margaret for her efforts and hope that she makes a good recovery and can manage to get along with Peter to Club meetings and enjoy the days.

Thanks Again, Margaret with best wishes from us all.

## PROGRAMME 2011

- ◆ November 20th. — Full Day — Demonstration by Frans Brown.
- ◆ December 11th. Half Day — Christmas Party and Presentations.
- ◆ January 15th.. — Full Day — Demonstration by Stuart Mortimer.





*Chairman's Challenge —Results for October 18th.*

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Basic Class*

My apologies, I am sorry that I do not have any photographs of the Chairman's Challenge for October as I was away on holiday. If anyone did take any photographs I would be grateful for copies to put on the web site. **Brian Goodall**

First Place— Don Lawrence

Second Place— Dave Nash



*Open Entry*

First Place — Tim Davies

Second Place — Malcolm Thorpe



Item from April's Display table. Segmented bowl by Tom Badger.

Item from July's Display table. Winged bowl by Tim Davies.



Item from July's Display table. Bowl by Dave Nash



*Chairman's Challenge for November 20th.*

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**Basic Class — A Christmas Decoration.**

**Open Class — A Matching Pair of Christmas Decorations**

*Cherry Burr for Sale.*

I have received the following e-mail:

*"My name is Tom, I am a tree surgeon from Wolverhampton. I have a large cherry burr which I have seasoned and am ready to part with and was wondering if you are interested in purchasing it at all. I would like to see it go to someone who can use it properly so let me know your thoughts. Thank you."*

I have received some more information about the burr.

*"I measure it as being roughly 22 inches in width and 19 inches in height. Its very heavy and has been seasoning outside under shelter for 12 months. I would like to get £100 for it as I know it can be used to make some very tasteful and expensive wood crafts. How does this sound to you or to anyone from the club ?*



This is a photograph of the burr.

If anyone is interested please contact me, Brian Goodall

*Christmas Social and Presentation December 11th.*

Just a note to jog your memory and to give you chance to look around for something suitable for the gift exchange, everyone to bring a gift to the nominal value of £2.00. A woodturner brings a gift suitable for a woodturner and guests bring gifts suitable for guests.



Item from July's Display table  
Bowl in Apple by Brian Bateman

### Woodturning Equipment for Sale

I am an ex-woodturner having stopped through ill health. I have a number of items for sale and have taken the liberty of attaching a list on the chance that your members may be interested. Everything is in excellent condition and in good working order. Should you need further information and/or address, please email or ring. I live approx.60 miles from Water Orton. **Roy Heaps**.  
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CORONET Model No. 3 woodturning lathe. Spindle speeds 425, 625, 925, 1360, 2000 rpm With stand, chisels and many accessories	Offers around £650
RECORD Model No. 0 woodturning lathe. Spindle speeds 450, 950, 2000 rpm With chisels and chuck	£250
DELTA Jig Saw and drill attachment	£90
Pattern books	£10
DRAPER Model BDS366 Disc Sander 1420 rpm Belt 4 x 36 ins Disc 6 ins Includes 3 spare belts and 2 discs	£80
RECORD Power Bench Drilling Machine Model RPD 58 Speeds 450, 700, 1080, 1680, 2600 Drill chuck 5/8	£200
TORMEK Supergrind model 2000. Water cooled. With leather polishing belt.	£180
Attachments for above	£57
RECORD Joiners vice	£25
MULTISTAR Combination chuck. D jaws	£50
MULTISTAR jaws - 2 sets	£10
O'DONNELL Sharpening Jig with diamond dresser for jig & spare jig bracket	£70
16 Saw tooth bit set plus extension bar. Comes in wooden box	£25
Woodturning smock size XL	£5
Box of mixed bottles of polish	£10
Pen Mandrel kit plus bush kits, assorted pen and propelling pencil kits	£15
Woodturning gauges - assorted . For chisel and shapes	£10
6 books on woodturning and routing	£35
Assorted videos including set of 6 'Dennis White Teaches Woodturning'	£10
BOWL BLANKS AND SQUARE SECTION HARD TIMBER Assorted large bags	£10





*Butcher's String Box*



I first saw this item turned by Isaac Foden, one of the WMWT Members, and I had filed the design away in the old grey matter. I have a Nephew who has just had his 18th birthday and has got himself a job as a butcher's apprentice. As a present, I decided to make him one of these string boxes. I had to call on the grey matter but as you see I got there in the end. I don't know if butchers still use

these but the idea seemed to have a lot of different domestic uses or adaptations for home, kitchen and workshop alike. The design could be modified for lots of different container issues, for example a biscuit barrel, tea bag caddy, perhaps a matching kitchen set for whatever you use.

Anyway back to the butcher's box. Butchers twine usually comes like the white roll of string above. You will see this unwinds from the outside, whereas the other ball unwinds from the inside. You may encounter tangling due to the way the string unravels. The only solution I have come up with, as yet, is to put a central dowel in the base to take the spool and keep it in place.



An obvious reminder but it may save a little grief, if you are to laminate the sides like in this example where there are twelve strips of wood, remember to divide 360 by 24 for the cut angle, not 12. Because in the one shown the body is twelve pieces, six of Beech and six of Mahogany, they are cut as barrel staves with a 15° inward sloping angle. You need to divide by 24 as there are 12 pieces with 2 sides each. Simple, but easily overlooked. Each stave is cut to 4½" in length and approximately 1⅛" wide, glued together and allowed to dry. The stave ring had a ¼" tenon cut at each end. Top and bottom of the box were pieces of Mahogany about 1½" thick. A groove was cut into the top and bottom to accommodate the stave ring tenons. The centre was removed from the top. The top and bottom were glued up with pva glue and fitted to the staves and cramped to dry. Once dried the inner and outer surfaces were held between jamb chuck in head stock and base has centre point mark for revolving centre in tail stock. Turned to finish then sanded and polished. That just left the lid and knob to be turned. Once that was finished a hole was drilled through the centre of the lid to allow the string to come through. A simple but practical and useful project. I hope you enjoy it.

Brian Gibbs



*General Information*

**Hatton Country World**

We have been booked to do a Hands On/Demonstration at the above venue for two days on Saturday 4th. and Sunday 5th. August 2012. Please put these dates in your diary and make every effort to come along and support the club.

**Woodworks 2012.**

The Tudor Rose club are once again putting on their 'Woodworks Show' at Daventry. It will take place over the week-end of Saturday and Sunday the 13th. and 14th. May. The club will be attending and attempting to better their excellent efforts of the last two years. Once again we would be grateful of your support.

**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.

**Programme 2012.**

The programme for 2012 has been finalised and the pocket programmes will be available at the next meeting. It will also be on the website.

**MO MEAD** (African Blackwood and Exotics)

Mo is back in circulation and has a new web site at <http://penturning.co.uk/>

**Next Meeting November 20th.**Demonstration by Frans Brown

This is a Full Day.

This will commence at 9.15 a.m and finish at about 4.30 pm. The fee for the day will be £10.00.

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

Don't forget a mug for your tea/coffee and sandwiches for your lunch. We need volunteers to help with the tea.

*Items for the Newsletter*

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

