



WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS

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Chairman's Comments

Our Open Day in September saw us attract a number of interested visitors and I am hopeful a number will join us in future. Thanks again to you all who put on such a good display and demonstration, we are fortunate to have so many willing participants.

Another highlight of our Open Day was the visit and generous donation of Tools, Wood, Turning Blanks & Books made on behalf of a deceased wood turner by his family. I confess to having mislaid his contact details, so if anyone knows the gentleman, please let me know.

I also want to mention the recent extra interests which have been introduced to our meetings, like the Gadgets & Gizmo's and the Wood Recognition Quiz, all good interest exercises, any more "Good Ideas", let us know.

That's it for now, I hope we have a good turnout for Gary Rance our demonstrator in October, you can always be inspired and entertained by Gary. See you All there.
Brian.

Programme 2013

- 6th October: Castle Bromwich Gardens. See below.
- 20th October: Gary Rance Demonstration day
- 17th November: Hands On
- 8th December: Keith Lanchester Demo and Christmas Party.

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Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Apple Day Event on Sunday 6th October

West Midlands Wood Turners will have a stand at this event which runs from 12 noon until 4 o'clock. The gardens are interesting in their own right with many mature trees and different garden environments. On the Apple day, though there will a display of many different types of apples and pears. There will be some for sale along with unusual vegetables. Come along and support us. Details from malcolmthorpe@talktalk.net

Advance notice The Christmas event at Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens will be on the 1st December at 12 to 4. We could do with some turned Christmas decorations to boost our sales table.

Chairman's Challenge for October

A Seasonal Theme, with a Keep It Simple intention to encourage entries .

A Piece of Fruit



Open Day:

There were two competitions during the day, the first a turning competition and the second was a wood recognition quiz.

There were two entries for the Autumn themed and timed competition and the entries were a pair of Carrots by Dave Nash and an Acorn by Phil Stevenson. The Acorn was decreed to be the winner.

(Apologies to both contestants—I did not take any pictures of these items)

The wood identification quiz proved to be more of a challenge than I perhaps expected. There was a good number of entries with 25 items to be identified from blanks, photographs and leaves. The scores ranged from 2 to 14, with congratulations to Malcolm Thorpe for a very good score. (if this had been a degree exam, Malcolm would have a 1st class degree mark).

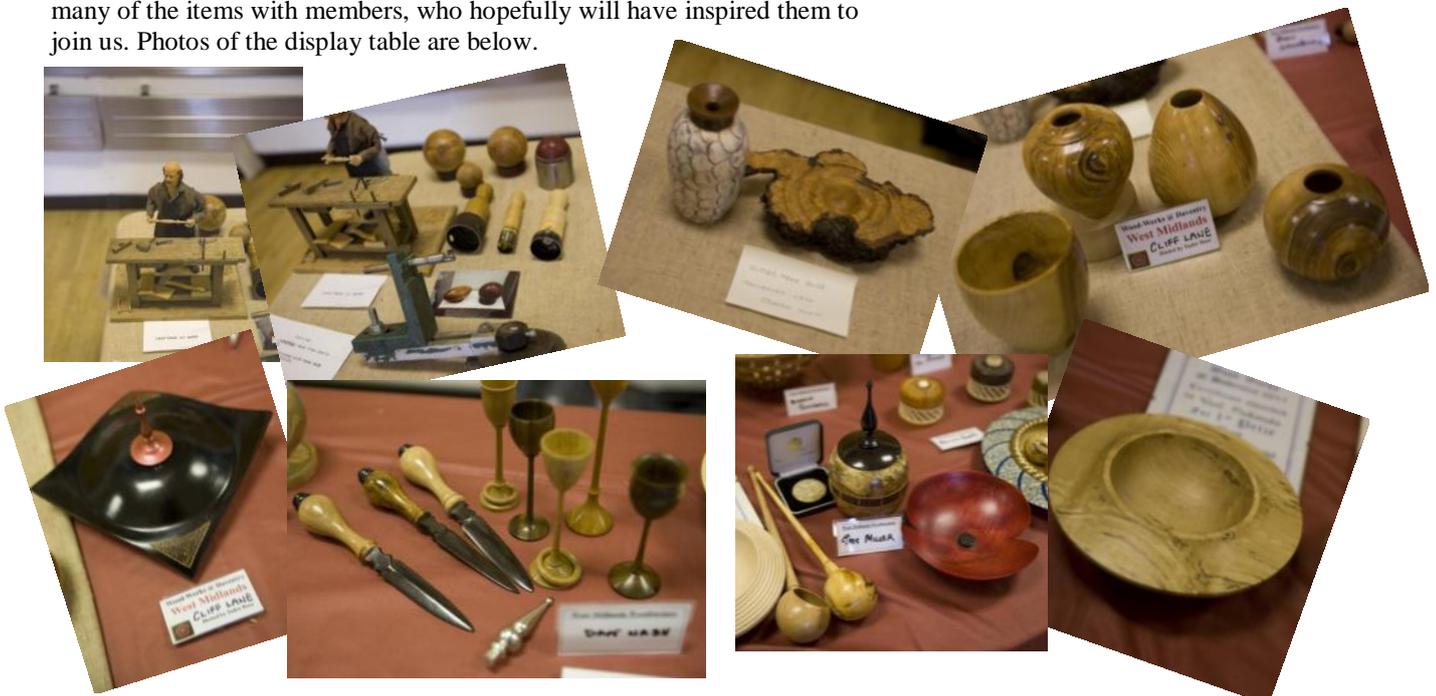
It was interesting that collectively the club correctly identified all the items, so perhaps a good idea for a team quiz at the next AWGB International Seminar!

Thanks to Bob Rimmer for the loan of the blanks, and the National Trust for the donation of leaves.

The remainder of the day was taken up with the usual activities of drinking tea or coffee, consuming packets of biscuits and chatting and gossiping. There was some turning and burning going on and sharpening was available as required.



There was a lot of items on the display table, showing a wide range of skills and interests. The visitors did discuss many of the items with members, who hopefully will have inspired them to join us. Photos of the display table are below.





All in all a nice relaxed day made better by the donation of tools and wood by the family of a turner, Mr W. T. Fox, who sadly is no longer with us. The donated items are to be sold for club funds.



Chairman's Challenge Results: (3 inch sphere)

There were three entries in the Basic Group and two in the Premier Group. The results are:

Premier Group:

1st place



Don Lawrence

2nd place



Dave Nash



Basic Group:

1st Place



Brian Bateman

2nd place



Tom Badger

3rd place



Bill Finnigan

Certificate in Woodturning:

In the June 2013 edition of Revolutions, there was a short article concerning the presentation of this certificate to the first two successful candidates. WMWT currently have three applicants for this award, and our Chairman considers that it would be beneficial if there were a further number of applicants as this could lead to the setting up of a local centre for the candidates and the assessors.

Details of the Certificate requirements can be found at:

cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Creative/Design_and_Craft/7716/7716_Level_1/Centre_documents/7716-13_L1_Woodturning_Qualification_handbook.pdf

I suggest that you copy and paste the address into your browser, as all attempts to hyperlink have failed.

I did have some difficulty in finding this information, and strangely, I can find no reference to the qualification on either the AWBG or Worshipful Company of Turners web sites (other than the announcement in Revolutions).

Those interested should contact Brian Gibbs, in the first instance.

Gadgets and Gizmo's:

Members will recall that we ran a "gadgets and gizmos" session, when quite a lot of items were displayed and explained. We have had an offer from a member, David Hope, to compile a booklet of such gadgets which will then be available to members either through the website or as a paper publication or both. David will need either a photo(s) or a sketch/diagram with a description so that he can put it together. I would be happy to take photos and pass them to David, if this would help.

We do intend to run further sessions, and as the Chairman has stated, should you have any ideas on what you would like please let us know, but we do think the gadgets one is worth repeating, and this would help with this project.

If you can contribute to this please contact Brian Goodall, David Hope or me and we can put it all together.

November Hands-on day

The theme for this day will be Christmas tree decorations. The idea is that we create a Christmas Tree, decorated with turned ornaments which will be passed to a suitable organization after the WMWT Christmas Party. The chairman is seeking a recipient, and we have in mind a Children's home or Retirement home or similar. (If anyone has a contact please let Brian Gibbs know).



Brian Goodall has a bit of a surprise for you, so bring your tools and some off cuts or similar pieces of wood for this job.

Should you have the time and inclination, you could bring some ready made ornaments with you. I am informed that at least 3 members have expertise and experience in this so your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Here are some YouTube links:

[Turning a tree,](#) [Ornament](#) [Ornamental Globes](#)

[Laminated Ornaments](#) (This one is a long one!)

[Nice dangley ornament](#)

There are many more videos on YouTube. I searched for Turned Christmas Tree Ornaments.

Tasty Tips:

From: Nick Agar: After turning green wood to shape, boil for 3 hours. This disrupts the sap in the cell structure, and it leeches out into the water. No cracks or splits on thin walled vessels. (Water goes very dark brown, and other half might easily confuse with consommé, especially if you use one of the pans from the kitchen)

From WMWT member– protect chisels with pipe insulation. Easy to cut to length and cheap.

From WMWT member: Despite what the manuals say, use a wipe of WD40 on the bed ways to lubricate, allowing headstock and tool rest to move easily, and the quick removal of sanding sealer and similar spillages.

That's all for this month!

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The Scout Hut – Main Road - Tiddington – Stratford upon Avon

Meetings held every second Friday in the month at 7.30pm

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All day demonstration on Saturday October 12th 2013 by:

Keith Fenton

Keith's interest in woodturning started when he first used his father's Bidex lathe and continued at school where he was encouraged by an elderly schoolteacher – a retired carpenter. His love for woodturning has never diminished and this shows in his demonstrations. His skills, knowledge of woods, useful tips and sense of humour all combine to make a very enjoyable day.



Cost for the day will be £16 with lunch (fish & chips) or £12 without lunch. It would be helpful if you would send the slip below with your cheque as soon as possible in order to arrange the catering. The demo should begin at 9.30am and finish at 4.30pm approx.

I will be attending the all day demonstration on Saturday October 12th 2013

I will be requiring lunch/ I will not be requiring lunch

NAME:

Please make your cheque payable to Heart of England Woodturners and send it to: Mr David Pledge (Treasurer) 63 Stratford Road, Warwick CV34 6AT