



# WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS

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## *Chairman's Comments*

Hatton to 'Hands On', August has been a busy month for WMWT. We are also going to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery Collection Centre to see the Pinto Collection of turned antiquities. For a relatively small club I think the membership as a whole are to be applauded for their energies and enthusiasm in promoting Woodturning as a craft and WMWT in particular. What I am surprised about is our inability to encourage others to join us. I feel sure all our visitors are given a warm welcome and should anyone have a view to the contrary I would like them to let me know.

Our next opportunity to promote WMWT is via our Open Day on 21st. Oct., the format for the day will be a Hands On style day, with our trusty band of club demonstrators and hopefully with a good display table. Some thought needs to be given to publicity and promotion. I will try and get my usual advertisements in the What's On pages of the local press. I will try and produce a Poster and some leaflets. Thinking caps on please to see who we may be able to invite from our own circle of friends, family and acquaintances to may be encourage some latent talent! Please make sure we keep 21st. Oct our Open Day marked on your calendar so we have plenty of 'meeters & greeters' available on the day to enthuse any visitors we have.

Regards to all and see you in September,

Brian.



**Piece by Cliff Lane**

## **PROGRAMME 2012**

- ◆ September 16th. Full Day—  
Demonstration by Dennis Keeling
- ◆ October 21st.— Open Day
- ◆ November 18th.. Full  
Day— Demonstration by  
Mark Hancock





*Chairman's Challenge Results for Sunday July 15th. 2012.*

*Sponsored by Earlswood Interiors & Crafts*

Hollow Form Vase with Narrow Neck Insert.

**Basic Level. (Five entries)**

*First Place— Phil Stephens*

*Second Place—Brian Bateman*

*Third Place— Dave Hobbs*

**Premier Group (One Entry)**

*Cliff Lane*

Sorry that there are no photographs due to the editor being unable to attend the meeting at the last minute.

### *Hatton Country Gardens*

A very successful week-end which saw a minimum of eight lathes in operation, a beautifully presented display table and a large sales table. Many thanks to the twenty members or so who manned the lathes and stands during the two days and also the many members who came along in support.

The location of the marquee on the site meant that only two cars could load and unload at any one time, but with many hands to help this did not prove to be a handicap and the whole operation went very smoothly. Although attendance was down that week-end due to the Olympics, thunderstorms on both days made our marquee the place to be and our sales table did well.

That the show was a success was proved by the fact that we have been asked to make it an annual event.



**Piece by Ted Gill**





*Chairman's Challenge for September 1th.*

Goblet shaped Trophy, similar in shape & form as attached, mounted on an integral plinth of appropriate proportions that can be used as a Presentation Trophy.



***Demonstrator Training***

I have had a request from two people in the club for a Demonstrator Training Course. This is a one day course run by the AWGB. Is there anyone else who would be interested in taking part in such a course? Ideally we need two more people and then we could run it at Water Orton and use the club's equipment.



**Piece by David  
Hobbs**



### *General Information*

#### **Next Meeting September 16th..** ‘Demonstration by Dennis Keeling

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.



### *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.

**I have been underwhelmed by the response to this notice which appeared in last month's Newsletter. You have until the end of the Year!**

Brian

**The days are going by, only 4 months to go!**

### *Items for the Newsletter*

If anyone has any items for inclusion in the Newsletter, please note that the deadline for the October issue is **September 23rd.**

#### ***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*