



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairman's Comments.

This month I must bring you up to date with the work of your committee.

In an effort to take us forward as a club our first new initiative is to hold an Open Day on Sunday 16th. August with the primary aim of inviting as many visitors as possible to come and see us on the day with a view to seeing a Display of Members Work --- watching demonstrations of how it's done --- with the opportunity to have a go, obviously under one-to-one supervision. In effect an extended 'Hands On' Day with a Tool Sharpening Clinic--- a Band Saw Maintenance and Set up Clinic (if you haven't seen Derek's session before, don't miss it you will get better results from your bandsaw afterwards). We shall have our Sales Table set up for fund raising to be shared by the Club Funds and the school PTA (so get yourself busy for items for sale please).

We have invited the school pupils, parents, teachers and PTA members to come and see us. We aim to get as much publicity out as possible via the freebie press and hopefully local radio to expose us to as wide an audience as we can. Does anyone know of another Woodturning Club in Birmingham?, we hope to spread the word!! Our aims are simply to Promote Woodturning as craft --- Promote West Midlands Woodturners as a Club --- Encourage others to Have A Go --- with an invitation to Come and Join Us.

I must say the positive response from members is very encouraging, so can I repeat the request for a good number of Display Table Items, it's not a competition it's aimed at showing as wide a range of turned items as possible, from all levels of ability. You can also help us publicise the Day -- Word of Mouth is the best Publicity!!

Another initiative has progressed to make our meeting dates more 'Formal' which over time have lacked a definite structure. Dave has whipped us into shape and produced an Annual Programme which we aim to commence in 2011, 1st. Sunday of every month 1/2 Day 'Hands On' 2pm - 5pm. 3rd Sunday of every alternate month Full Day Professional Demonstration 9am--4:30 p.m. The 2010 programme has been booked already so we will have to follow the dates as already allocated.

We have also decided that 'as and when' we have minuted management meetings the approved minutes will be posted on the Club Forum for comment and discussion. I reckon that's enough for now, see you All on the 28th. (a momentous day in recent history!!).

Brian.

Chairman's Challenge June 28th.

A Trio of Different Fruits showing an element of Colour or Texture.

Chairman's Challenge Results – 31st. May

To the 31st May Challenge entrants can I apologise for the mix up in the scoring system which we aim to overcome. As the standard of the pieces was so high can I ask you to bring them to our next meeting for another 'Go'. Please let us redeem ourselves.

Programme 2009

June 28th.– 'Hands On' – Half Day

July 26th.– Tony Wilson – Full Day

Other Items

May 17th. School Spring Fair – Many thanks to all who contributed to the School Fair, we raised £92.57p.

Annual Membership Subscription.

You will have seen in AGM minutes that it was agreed that there should be an annual membership fee, this year it is £10 and due retrospectively from 1st January.

Our Next Meetings

Sunday 28th. June 'Hands On' - Half day. Start 2p.m 'til 5p.m. (£3.00) Don't forget a cup for your tea.

Items for the Newsletter.

If anyone has any items for the Newsletter please note that the deadline for the July issue is June 30th.