



WEST MIDLANDS WOODTURNERS



August 2017 Newsletter

2017 Programme of meetings

Venue: Water Orton Primary School, unless otherwise stated.

20th August	Keith Fenton Demo
17th September	Hands On: Fruit
15th October	Dave Atkinson Demo
19th November	AGM and Hands On : Spirals
10th December	Mark Hancock Demo and Christmas “buffet”

Programme of “outside” events

28th August	New Hall Mill. Sutton Coldfield
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Demonstration days start at 9.15 am and conclude around 4.30 pm.

(Setting up from 8.30 am)

Hands On days start at 9.30 am and conclude about 4.00 pm.

Don't forget your lunch and a mug!

Meeting Dates for 2018

Day	Month	Meeting
21	Jan	Hands On
18	Feb	Demo
18	Mar	Hands On
15	April	Demo
20	May	Hands On
10	June	Demo – NOT 3rd Sunday
15	July	Hands On
19	Aug	Demo
16	Sept	Hands On
21	Oct	Demo
18	Nov	Hands On & AGM
16	Dec	Demo & Xmas presentations

Demonstrators for 2018 are being booked and members will be notified when the bookings are confirmed.

Themes for Hands On days will be published when agreed.

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Reminder

Nominations for all committee positions require the following:

Nominee: (who must have been a member for at least 12 months)

Proposer:

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Nominations must be submitted to the Hon Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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Chairman's Comments

New Hall Mill 9th July.

Because this venue is local it meant a fairly leisurely start for me to load a lathe and the pick a peg equipment into my car and arrive at the mill for 8.30am.

10 club members had volunteered to set up and run the stand for the day. We had the use of a larger gazebo so the set up was a little different but it all went smoothly and we were ready well before the 10am opening time.

The weather was dry and sunny and I am told that there were 500 visitors on the day. The Sales Table and Pick a Peg did brisk business and club funds will benefit. We all had a really enjoyable day and my thanks to Anne and everyone at the Mill for making us so welcome. We are lucky to have a hard core of volunteers that turn out and work hard at these events. All members benefit because outside events raise money for club funds which helps to buy equipment and keep club fees from increasing. They also raise the profile of WMWT which in turn encourages members of the public to visit the club and some of these decide to become members. My reason for mentioning this is that most of us have been doing these events for many years and we will always welcome new volunteers to the team to ensure our continued success.

Hands On 16th July

Another busy Hands On with 7 lathes set up. The theme for the day was turning natural edge pieces. The secondary theme was power carving using a Dremel. All of the lathes were kept busy and around 10 members tried their hand at carving a leaf with a Dremel.

There were 39 members present including one new member that signed on the day so a warm welcome to him. We also welcomed 3 visitors that came to us from our attendance at Water Orton Carnival.

Holidays continue to affect numbers for the Chairman's Challenge and

display tables. I am sure that when you are all fully rested from your holidays CC and display table numbers will be back to normal.

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Cliff's Comicals

Clubbers in Leeds are now known to be injecting liquid ecstasy directly into their mouths with syringes. The practice is known as E by gum.

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Two gas company employees were making house calls. The younger man decided to wind up his senior colleague by taunting him about his age.

"Maybe I'm no longer in the first flush of youth," said the older man, "but I bet I can still outrun you."

"Right,. You're on," said the younger man. "How about a race around the block?"

With that they began running as fast as they could around the block. The two men were neck and neck all the way but as they approached the final corner, they were amazed to see an elderly lady sprinting alongside them.

"What are you doing?" they panted.

She replied, "Well, you were at my home checking my gas meter, so when I saw you running away, I thought I'd better run too."

Outside events:

Demonstration days at Packwood House.

We had a fairly low profile couple of days at Packwood House in late July, our team comprising Malcolm Thorpe, Tom Badger and myself, Phil Stevenson. We had a very good location to set up the lathe and display, sheltering under the eaves of a barn to protect us from the odd rain shower, but overall the weather was quite kind to us. We had a reasonable flow of visitors and a few entertaining chats with all ages of the Great British public.

The National Trust has a reputation for attracting retired couples on a gentle day out for a stroll and a cuppa and we did indeed see plenty of them, but one of the objectives of inviting us to Packwood was to engage with families and we had a good number of younger adults and kids to entertain and inform.

Malcolm and I alternated on the lathe and Tom did his usual excellent job of chatting with everyone. We did sell a few items, although not as many as at some other recent events; we still have lessons to learn nevertheless we can make a small contribution to club funds and also to the National Trust.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable couple of days in the loveliest of settings - a bit of banter, a bit of woodturning, a wander around the beautiful surroundings of Packwood House. Oh, and we mustn't forget we had free ice-cream!

Phil Stevenson

New Hall Mill 9th July



Chairman's Challenge Results: *July*

Novice Group: Babies Rattle

1st Place: Les Wilkes



2nd Place:

3rd Place:

Intermediate Group: Goblet with twist or spiral stem

1st Place: Darren Smith



2nd Place: Graham Hunt



3rd Place:

Advanced Group:

1st Place: Ted Gill



2nd Place: Malcolm Thorpe



3rd Place:

Display Table: *July 2017*



Chairman's Challenge for August

Novice Group: Acorn



There are many demo's about turning an acorn on YouTube.

Intermediate Group: Natural Edge Bowl

Advanced Group: Manta-Ray Bowl

Reminder for holders of WMWT club Shields.

Current holders of shields are asked to return them by the October meeting.

This is so that the names of the winners for 2016/7 can be engraved and added to the shields in time for the presentations in December.

Making a Canon and carriage.

At the meeting in July, we were visited by David Horrocks with a friend, Joanne. David brought with him a barrel of a canon which he had made, using a car as a lathe.

Whilst this is not a method that WMWT would recommend, David has to be congratulated on his innovative approach, when making something that clearly would not fit on a traditional hobbyist lathe.



Big Stuff !!

A bowl being turned by Ed Moulthrop



September Newsletter

As I will be unavailable for most of August, Wolfgang has agreed to produce the next newsletter.

Please send reports, photos, articles and comments and anything else for the

newsletter to him at:

wolfgangs@manticoreit.com,

by

5pm, 31st August 2017.

Ed.