



West Midlands Wood Turners

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PROGRAMME AND DIARY DATES

Date	Event
18th October	Jennie Starbuck Demonstration
15th November	AGM and Hands On
29th November	Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens- Christmas Event
6th December	Mick Hanbury Demonstration and Christmas Lunch
2016 Meetings Programme	
17th January	Hands on - bowl turning
21st February	Andrew (the hat man) Hall Demonstration
20th March	Hands on - spindle turning: table lamp
17th April	Simon Hope Demonstration
15th May	Hands on - goblets
12th June	Tony Walton Demonstration
17th July	Hands on - cylindrical boxes
21st August	Steve Heeley Demonstration
18th September	Hands on - pen turning
16th October	Sue Harker Demonstration
20th November	AGM and Hands on - open hollow forms
11th December	Mark Baker Demonstration and Christ- mas Lunch

NOTICE

The first Annual General Meeting of West Midlands Woodturners (Ltd) will be held at 10 am on Sunday 15th November 2015 at Water Orton Primary School. Water Orton. B46 1SB



November Demo Jennie Starbuck

Jennie's website:
www.artycraftywoodturning.com/

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.

Bridge Closure:

The narrow bridge over the river Tame has been damaged and will be closed for up to 6 weeks from 5th October 2015. Please use another route to avoid delays. Details here: <http://tyburnmail.com/2015/10/05/six-week-closure-for-water-orton-bridge/>

We tried something new for our September hands - on meeting when we were joined by Steve Heeley. Steve started with a short demonstration of the basic cuts, and then spent the day giving one to one tuition to members. He covered both spindle and bowl turning and, by request, did a tutorial on tool sharpening using the club grinder and jigs.



Steve was kept busy all day with a queue of willing volunteers. I hope that all that wanted tuition managed to get some time with Steve, I know that everyone that used the lathes and those watching will have benefitted greatly. There were six lathes set up and they were all fully occupied all day. Members that I have spoken to agree that the day was a great success but please let me or one of the committee know what you thought.

There were 31 members and 6 visitors present. The Chairman's Challenge maintained the quality that we have come to expect, but the number of entries was lower than expected with only 8 pieces.

The Display Table is vitally important because it shows visitors the wide range and quality of the work done by WMWT members, please bring in work, even if it has been on display before remember that none of our visitors will have seen it.

The raffle raised £53 thanks to the generous support of members.

First Aid Certificates were handed out to those members that had successfully completed the first aid course earlier in the year, well done to all of them.

Thanks to Ken Beresford and Steve Simmons who both worked non stop at the last meeting making alterations to our new storage area.

Thanks also to Dave Reynolds who generously donated £50 to the club from a commission that was passed onto him by Brian Goodall.

There is a report later in this newsletter on our recent visit to Coombe Abbey Festival of Crafts and we also attended Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Apple Day. The proceeds so far from sales and pick a peg amounts to £526 with one more event still to come this year. **But** (I bet you can't guess what's coming next) the successful sales has meant that our reserve of sales items has reduced to virtually nil so I am asking for your help in building up our stock of items for the sales table and pick a peg. Remember we are not asking for gallery quality pieces just "craft fair" items.

To give you an idea of numbers; when a full pick a peg board is emptied it raises £88 for the club and requires 35 prizes. I estimate that we need around 300 pieces to cover the planned events for 2016. This number is easily achievable between 57 members and only equates to 5 items per member. I hope you will all agree that the potential benefit to the club is worth the effort. I would like to think that most of us could easily produce at least one item per month to donate to the club.

I have produced a list of prizes that have been popular and will give regular updates on the items that we are low on. If you would like a demonstration of how to make a particular item let us know and it can be included at a hands on meeting. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Please indicate which of the items below you are willing to make and donate to the club for the Sales Table and Pick-a-Peg,

If you have made things that have sold well please add them to the list.

Please feel free to make as many pieces as you want, and let me have the form.

Cliff



Your Name:

Item	Number	Item	Number
Mushrooms		Eggs	
Small bowls		Goblet	
Bud Vase		Door Wedge	
Apples		Pears	
Spinning Tops		Whistles	
Vase		Box	
Mouse		Birds	
Candle Holders		Hedgehog	
Pendants		Bangles	

Your Suggestions:



An elderly man and a teetotal minister were sitting next to each other in an aeroplane. As the flight had been delayed, the crew announced that passengers would receive complimentary drinks by way of an apology.

When the flight attendant came round with the drinks trolley, the old man requested a whiskey and soda. "And what would you like?" she asked the teetotal minister.

"I would rather commit adultery than drink alcohol!" he snapped.

The old man looked confused and, handing his drink back to the attendant, said:

"I'm awfully sorry; I didn't know there was a choice."

Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th September 2015

It was an early start on the Saturday morning and when I arrived at Bob Rimmer's house at 7am. He had already loaded the car and we were ready to set out. Apart from one missed turn it was an easy journey and we arrived at Coombe Abbey Country Park just after 7.30am. Malcolm Thorpe, Tom Badger and Phil Stevenson were already there so we set about unloading the cars. We had been allocated space in a 40 feet x 20 feet tent which we were to share with Coombe Abbey and Tudor Rose.

We organised our space into three areas, a display table with tiered shelving for club and commission sales, the Pick a Peg table, and a club lathe for demonstrations. We were set up well before the 10am opening time and we even had time for bacon sandwiches before the visitors started arriving. The rest of the Saturday team was Dave Hobbs, Vance Lupton, Paul Brown and Wolfgang Schulze - Zachau.



There was heavy rain on the Saturday morning but it slowly started to ease off and had stopped by lunch time. The dry afternoon brought in good crowds and lots of interest in our stand



Sunday was dry but visitor numbers were noticeably down on the previous day, this was partly due to it being Heritage Weekend. Despite the lower numbers we had a steady flow of visitors to our stand. We had many compliments on the quality of our display over the weekend and lots of interest in the work being done on the lathe.

The team for Sunday was Malcolm Thorpe, Tom Badger, Phil Stevenson, Bob Rimmer, Cliff Lane, Paul Brown, Wolfgang Schulze Zachau, and Malcolm Edwards. Taking part in a show like this for two days is hard work but we all enjoyed it and everyone got involved and worked well together. The effort put in was rewarded by the raising of £256 from sales and pick a peg, we had already sent off a cheque for £50 to pay for our pitch so the net result was £206 to add to WMWT club funds.



I only had time for a quick look at the other attractions but there were craft stalls, food outlets, chain saw carving, and a children's fairground ride. There was another large tented area with more craft tables, two or three wood turners selling their own work, and Axminster Tools.

I want to send my thanks to the members of Coombe Abbey Woodturners for their hospitality and for offering us access to their workshop and the use of their tea making facilities. Thanks also to the Coombe organising committee for their hard work arranging the weekend.

Cliff

Photos by Bob Rimmer



How many members does it take to fetch a cuppa?

Who's that bird?



1. Notice of the meeting is given in accordance with the Constitution (Article 11.1.2)
2. The required quorum for the meeting is two thirds of the members eligible to vote (Article 12.2)
3. Voting will be by a show of hands with a simple majority to carry the issue. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman will have a casting vote, which is binding on the meeting. (Article 13)
4. Any proposal or motion which, by its nature, changes any part of the Company's Objects as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, will be deemed a Special Resolution under the terms of the Companies Act 2006, and will require a 75% majority to be carried.
5. Motions proposed and seconded by members should be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM (Article 11.1.3). Motions can, at the Chairman's sole discretion, be accepted from the floor, during the meeting. All motions and proposals shall comply with Article 11.1.1.6.
6. The Officers and Committee members are subject to re-election annually and nominations for all positions are sought. (The restrictive terms of Article 10.5 have not yet come into force).
7. Nominations can be received by the Honorary Secretary up to the commencement of the meeting, and at the Chairman's discretion, during the meeting. Nominations for Officer and committee positions should be made by a Proposer (who may be the candidate) and a Seconder, and subject to Article 10.2.1.
8. Existing Officers and Committee members who are willing to offer themselves for re-election do not require a Seconder.

The Constitution (Club Rules) is available on the Club's website at: www.wmwoodturners.org.uk.
The Articles of Incorporation can be inspected by prior arrangement with the Honorary Secretary and will be available at the AGM.

Proxy Votes:

Members who are unable to attend may arrange for Proxy voting, to be cast by either the Honorary Secretary, or a nominated member. If you wish to arrange for proxy votes, please contact the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible, but not later than 14 days before the AGM.

Existing Officers

Company Director: John Hooper

Committee members

Honorary Chairman: Cliff Lane
Honorary Secretary: John Hooper
Honorary Treasurer: Les Saunby
Vice Chairman: Malcolm Thorpe
(seconded April 2015)
Events Manager: Peter Timms
Equipment Manager: Ken Beresford

Non -committee roles:

Newsletter Editor: John Hooper
Webmaster: Brian Goodall
External Events: Malcolm Thorpe
Hands on co-ordinator: Phil Stevenson
Health and Safety: Peter Blakey
First Aid co-ordinator: *Vacant*
Assistant to Equipment Manager: Steve Simmons

Additional roles currently vacant:

Assistant Secretary
Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Editor
Assistant Webmaster

The existing committee considers that the additional roles would constitute a succession plan, particularly in the light of Article 10.5, and would help to spread the increasing workload as the club becomes more active.

Please note that committee meetings are held during "normal working hours" i.e. Monday to Friday - 9am to 5 pm. Usually meetings are held bi-monthly on a Friday afternoon, and candidates for the committee may need to make suitable arrangements with their employer to facilitate attendance.

Novice Group: 4 entries Christmas Decoration

1st Place: Dave Hobbs



2nd Place: Dave Reynolds



3rd Place: Paul Brown



Intermediate Group: 1 entry Christmas Decoration

1st Place: Brian Bateman



Advanced Group: 3 entries Christmas Decoration

1st Place: Steve Simmons



2nd Place: Cliff Lane



3rd Place: Malcolm Thorpe



CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER

Novice Group: Plain Bowl



Intermediate and Advanced: Quaich

A Quaich (quaigh, quoch) is a special kind of shallow two handled drinking cup or bowl in Scotland. It derives from the Scottish Gaelic *cuach*, meaning a cup.

Source: Wikipedia



EXHIBITIONS AND SHOWS	
Date	Event
30th & 31st October	Paskins Autumn Show, Kidderminster
20th & 21st November	Harrogate Show
28th November	Rob Sheehan at Axminster, Nuneaton
3rd to 6th December	Cannock Chase Woodturners at Innovation Centre

INTERESTING TREES

The Bicycle Tree Brig-O-Turk

<http://www.owenphilipson.com/blog/2010/05/23/the-bicycle-tree-brig-o-turk/>

<http://www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk/discoveries/newdiscoveries/2009/The+Bicycle+Tree>

Rainbow Eucalyptus

<http://www.amusingplanet.com/2011/10/rainbow-eucalyptusthe-most-colorful.html>

Deadline for articles, photos and sale items for November Edition:

Monday 2nd November 2015

Please send materials for the newsletter to :
Secretary@wmwoodturners.org.uk

If you want to send paper based materials, give me a ring on 0121 354 8464 to make arrangements.

