



# West Midlands Woodturners

## Wood Turning and Wood Art

### October 2022 Newsletter

#### Programme of meetings 2022

Venue: Kingsbury Sports and Community Centre, unless otherwise stated

2022

16/10/2022	Sun	Demo Chris Parker (changed from Mick Hanbury)
20/11/2022	Sun	AGM Hands on Gadgets and Gizmos
18/12/2022	Sun	Demo Steve Heeley

**Demonstration Days:** Start at 9.15 and conclude about 4.30pm

**Hands-on days** start at 9.30 and conclude around 4pm.

(Setting up from 8.30 am for Demonstrations and Hands On meetings)

#### Change of meeting date

Due to a double booking issue, the meeting in January is now to be held on

**Sunday 22nd January 2023.**

Members are asked to note the change in date.

#### Chris Parker—demonstrator for the October meeting

As a full time Turner, artist, demonstrator & teacher. I enjoy being able to pass my knowledge onto others . My passion for this craft is as strong now as it was when I started. I enjoy texturing my turned pieces with various



techniques from a simple wire brush to more advanced techniques. I like my pieces to be organic & individual. I find inspiration for my textures and forms from various places but most notably from the ancient ceramicists.

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on 20th November 2022 at Kingsbury Sports and Community Centre at 10 am.

Any member wishing to make a proposition should pass their proposition to the Hon Secretary, together with the name of the seconder, 14 days before the date of the meeting. Propositions can be accepted from the floor at the meeting, at the Chair of the meeting's sole discretion.

Members who are unable to attend may give their proxy to the Hon Secretary no later than 5 days before the meeting.

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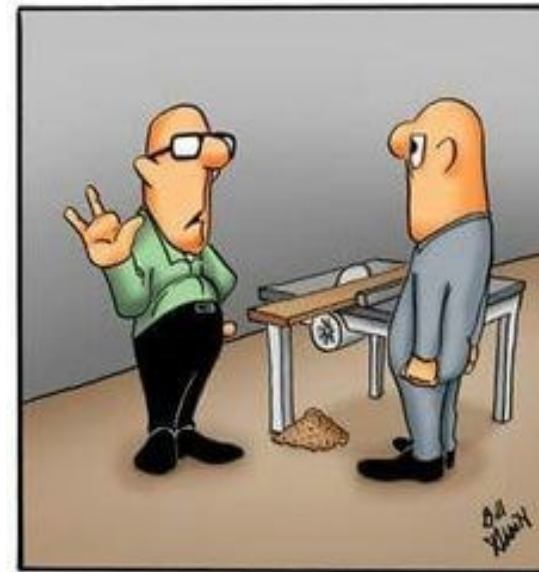
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Please note:

Cliff Lane is trying to rearrange with Mick Hanbury to see if he can fill one of the two vacant spots for next year because he had to cancel for this year due to a double commitment.

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“Don't tell me how to work safely!  
I've been at this job for five years!”

## Chairman's Comments

We are now into October and Christmas gets closer. This brings with it Dark and Cold but the trees are starting to get some Autumn colour.

Last month's Hands-On meeting was well attended (approximately 40) and the raffle raised £53. We had a good number getting guidance on hollowing.

Thanks to everyone who came together to make it a good day.

There was a good display and a few entries in the Chairman's Challenge.

I am looking forward to seeing Chris Parker on the 16th October and I look forward to seeing you there.

I have just received notification from Warwickshire Wood of a Milled Timber Sale at Kingsbury Water park , Woodyard and Pole Barn, B76 0DY, on 22nd October from 10am until 3pm.

Keep turning.

Peter H.

NB. John Hooper has informed members that parking at the water park is not free. Unless you have a season ticket, a single visit costs £4.50, no matter how long you stay.

## Demonstration at Baddesley Clinton—change of venue

Phil Stevenson has informed the club that the location of the next National Trust woodturning demo scheduled for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 29th and 30th October has had to be changed from Baddesley Clinton to Packwood House. The preferred sheltered area at Baddesley Clinton is no longer available and rather than risk bad weather under a gazebo at Baddesley, the demo will now take place up the road at Packwood House, where the club can be assured of good sheltered accommodation. All are welcome. Club members who are not National Trust members can get free admission.

A poster for a timber sale event. The background is a light-colored wood grain. The text is centered and reads: 'Warwickshire Wood Milled Timber Sales Saturday 22nd October 2022 10AM-3PM'. Below this is a bulleted list of details. At the bottom left, it says 'Woodyard & Pole barn Kingsbury Water Park - B76 0DY jamestaylor@warwickshire.gov.uk'. At the bottom right is the Warwickshire County Council logo.

**Warwickshire Wood**  
**Milled Timber Sales**  
**Saturday 22nd October 2022**  
**10AM-3PM**

- Milled in 2017- Stacked/Air dried/End grain sealed in our onsite pole barn
- Slabs - 2" & 3" thick (Yew, Ash, Sycamore, Cedar, English Oak)
- Beams - ?? (Yew, Ash, Sycamore, Cedar)
- Sustainably sourced from Warwickshire
- Cutting service available at an extra cost
- Cash or card payments accepted in the visitor centre between 11:30am - 2:30pm
- Green woodcraft course promotions
- Advice, discussions & a chance to meet like minded people

**Woodyard & Pole barn**  
**Kingsbury Water Park - B76 0DY**  
**jamestaylor@warwickshire.gov.uk**



# Chairman's Challenge September 2022

## Novice Group: Christmas Tree (3 entries)

1st place: Chris Chambers



2nd place: Paul Burchell



3rd place: Jan Jones



## Intermediate group: Christmas tree with finial (1 entry)

1st place: Malcolm Edwards



2nd place: xxx



3rd place: xxx



## Advanced group: Involute Christmas Tree decoration (2 entries)

1st place: Keith Lanchester



2nd place: Darren Smith



3rd place: xxx



**Chairman's Challenge: October 2022**

**Novice Group: Lidded box**



**Intermediate group : Stacking/double box**



**Advanced group : Square box with Threaded Lid**



**November 2022**

**Novice group: Natural edged bowl**



**Intermediate group: Hollow Form Pierced**



**Advanced group: Hollow and Pierced sphere**



DISPLAY TABLE SEPTEMBER 2022



Brian Goodall



Joe Rollings



Joe Rollings



Malcolm Thorpe



Malcolm Thorpe



Malcolm Thorpe



Malcolm Thorpe



Dave Nash



Dave Nash



Bruce Edhouse



Bruce Edhouse



Dave Nash



Ted Gill



Bruce Edhouse



Bruce Edhouse



Dave Nash



Bruce Edhouse



Peter Hockley



Dave Nash

## REPORT ON HANDS-ON DAY HOLLOWING

With a number of members sharing their expertise on hollowing and bringing along a wide selection of hollowing tools, shop-bought and home-made, the day was both enjoyable and instructive.



For example, Bruce brought along a wide range of tools for hollowing, some of which he had made himself, including one (above, right) which he had made using a large bolt from a lift shaft mechanism.



Members explained their preferred tools from a range of sources, a favourite being the Simon Hope carbide tool with a 6mm or 8mm cutter. Many different types were demonstrated with an emphasis on carbide cutters that keep their edge much longer than HSS.

Many of those who attended had a go at using the variety of tools and different techniques under the guidance of their more experienced colleagues. More experienced hollowers worked alongside each other comparing notes and guided less experienced or novice turners in the best way to use the tools and approach the hollowing.



There was guidance in particular about using swan neck tools to undercut the rims of hollow vessels, with a reminder that the curved part of a swan neck tool should never extend beyond the tool rest.

A variety of hollowed vessels was exhibited alongside the tools which were used to produce them.

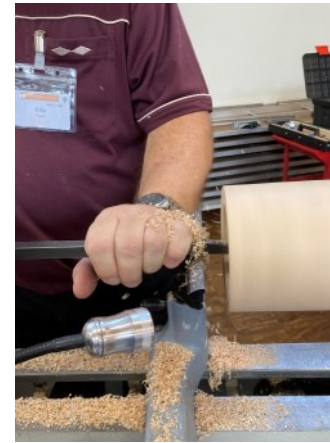




As club members collaborated, a variety of forms emerged and different approaches were tried.



John demonstrated how to control the tool by positioning the tool ready for cutting then squeezing the fingers to make the cut.



Turners at all levels of experience shared their exploration of hollowing as a range of hollow forms began to emerge during the day.





And he'd been soooo patient with me all day!

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**A-boring we will go.....**



## MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Several members, across a range of skill levels, shared their thoughts about hollowing. Bruce advised patience when hollowing. Sharp tools are essential—don't be tempted to delay sharpening for "one more cut, one more cut..." Keep practising—it takes time to perfect the relatively difficult skill of hollowing. Drill a hole down the blank first then scoop out from the middle using a pull cut. Check the wall thickness frequently leaving some thickness on the outside for refining the shape. His favourite tools are the Simon Hope pro-hollower with a 6mm cutter and the Hamlet Big Brother. He marks up the tools for the correct presentation.

Jan said that she had learnt a lot during the day, having only hollowed a shallow bowl previously. She had learned the correct way to hold and present a range of tools though her favourite is still the Simon Hope 6mm carbide tool. She felt that she had also benefitted from using calipers to gauge wall thickness.

Darren has made a significant number of hollow forms and advised keeping tools sharp as the number one factor in successful hollowing. He also advised watching the overhang of the tool on the tool rest ensuring the greatest amount of support as well as keeping the centre line for smooth cutting. His favourite tools are the Simon Hope carbide one and the Simon Hope hollowing tool with a "picker" cutter. He is looking to buy the Simon Hope camera rig for very accurate hollowing and to assist with more challenging hollowing like the Viking helmet that he did.

Dave Hobbs commented that his favourite tool was the Sorby Hollowmaster and he likes using the "picker" cutter for roughing out. He also likes the swan neck tool for shaping the undercut of vessels. He advised boldness when hollowing—give it a go!

Thank you to everyone who brought in tools and shared techniques during a very informative and enjoyable day.

### Acknowledgements:

Thank you to Brian Goodall and John Hooper for the photographs.

Phil Stevenson and/or Joe Rollings have offered to write the review of the October demonstration, for which many thanks as I will be on holiday.

If you have any articles or information on Wood Turning that you feel would benefit other members of the club, please forward them to me to be considered for publication in the club newsletter.

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Turning tip of the day goes to Cliff:

“Make sure that the outside of your hollow form is bigger than the inside.”

Who would have thought!!!???