



# West Midlands Woodturners

## Wood Turning and Wood Art

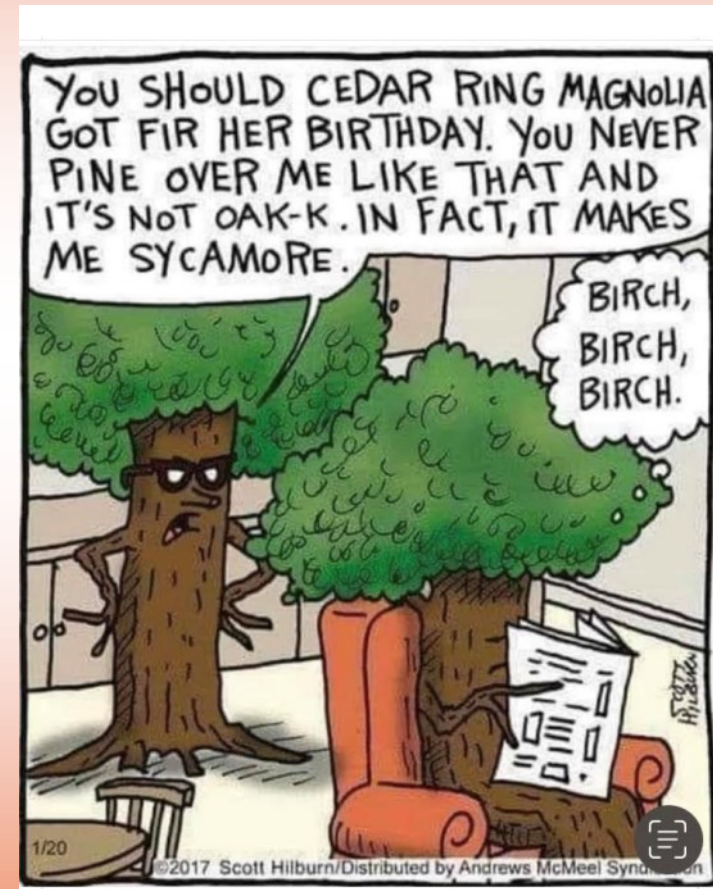
### April 2023 Newsletter

#### Programme of meetings 2023

16 April	Demo	Les Thorne
21 May	Hands On	Box turning and threaded lids; BRING AND BUY SALE
25 June	Demo	Martin Saban-Smith
16 July	Hands On	Work holding and jam chucks
20 Aug	Demo	Mick Hanbury
17 Oct	Hands On	Christmas ornaments
15 Oct	Demo	Margaret Garrard
19 Nov	AGM and Hands On	Colour and stains
17 Dec	Demo	Rob Till

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

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



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### Chairman's Comments:

"March's meeting was a hands-on day and we saw a fantastic turnout in spite of losing an hour's sleep as the clocks went forward. There were only four lathes in use and I gave a short lesson on the setup and use of the cameras so we shouldn't have a repeat of last month's demo where we nearly didn't have any cameras and TVs.

Phil Stevenson assures me everything is moving forward with plans to attend Woodworks at Daventry in May and I have been volunteered for one half of turning a pair of candlesticks but we don't know any more details of the competitions yet. Let's hope we hear before the day!

We are planning on holding a 'Bring & Buy' sale during May's hands-on day so start hunting out all your unwanted turning tools and kit and bring them along to add to the sale table. There will be no charge for selling items but if you wish to make a donation to the club, I'm sure our Treasurer will gratefully accept your offerings.

And finally next month's demonstrator is Les Thorne who has demonstrated for us previously and always puts on a great show. I first met Les over twenty years ago so am looking forward to seeing him again at Kingsbury."

### Outside Events 2023

12th—13th May Woodworks@Daventry

18th June New Hall Mill

6th August New Hall Mill

28th August New Hall Mill (Bank Holiday Monday)

### IMPORTANT REQUEST

The club urgently needs items for the Pick-A-Peg which features at outside events such as at New Hall Mill and raises funds for the club. Small items are required, such as mice, hedgehogs, bud vases, door wedges, mushrooms, napkin rings. The club has sufficient light pulls at present! It would help greatly if everyone could turn one or two items and donate them to the club. Good lathe practice!

Cliff brought along some examples to inspire us!



**Woodworks at Daventry Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May 2023—a message from Phil Stevenson**

I haven't had any more updates from Tudor Rose about Woodworks so here are just a couple of reminders for now -

\* Don't forget to bring any items you might have for the display stand to our next meeting - last chance! We've already had some great pieces but the more the merrier and we want to represent as many of our members as possible.

\* If you are planning / hoping to use the lathe during the event and especially if you are participating in the competitions, don't forget to bring your tools and any timber you might need. There has been no notification that Tudor Rose will supply timber as they have in the past so we need to bring our own unless notified otherwise.

\*Set-up on the Friday is from 7.00am so may I request that the equipment transport team (ie Malcolm Edwards) and the display stand team (Malcolm Thorpe and Bob Rimmer) remember to set their alarm clocks! I'm sure some others will be on the early shift (myself included) to help out and to pay a visit to Greggs for breakfast.

ITEMS FOR THE DISPLAY TABLE SHOULD BE BUBBLE-WRAPPED AND CLEARLY LABELLED.

As usual, contact me with any questions [phil@stsvnsn.co.uk](mailto:phil@stsvnsn.co.uk)  
I'll pass on any final details at our next meeting.



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE BRING AND BUY STALL AT MAY'S MEETING. START LOOKING IN YOUR TOOL STORES/ WORKSHOPS/GARAGES/WORK SPACES FOR ANY TOOLS YOU KNOW THAT YOU WON'T USE ANY MORE BUT SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT.**



## WMWT Chairman's Challenge 2023

Month

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced (artistic)

April

A Hedgehog

A cat

An animal for a child's present



May

Bowl (approx. 100mm in diameter)

Bowl (150mm with incised decoration)

Bowl (with decoration)



## Results of Chairman's Challenge January 2023

Novice Group: apple or pear (1 entry)

1st place: Sarah Norell



2nd place: xxx



3rd place: xxx



Intermediate group: Bowl with three pieces of fruit (2 entries)

1st place: Malcolm Edwards



2nd place: Chris Chambers



3rd place: xxx



Advanced group: Bowl with five pieces of fruit (4 entries)

1st place: Malcolm Thorpe



Joint 2nd place: Kris Cietak and Keith Lanchester



Keith Lanchester



MARCH DISPLAY TABLE



Dave Hobbs



Dave Hobbs



Joe Rollings



Joe Rollings



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Malcolm Edwards



Dave Nash



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Graham Hunt



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**MARCH DISPLAY TABLE**



Malcolm Thorpe

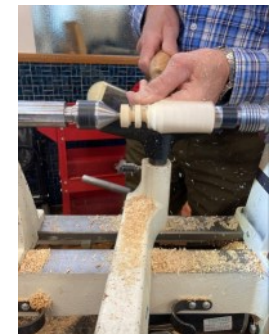


Cliff Lane

## March Hands-On day: goblets and captive rings

While most members got started on demonstrating and turning goblets and captive rings—or garden dibbers in some cases, some volunteers were trained in how to set up the cameras and televisions. This is needed in case any of those currently responsible for this can't attend and we need reserves. Keith efficiently and clearly took five of us through the various leads and their connections and then we practised using the remote to control the cameras. There was a sensible suggestion that at the next demonstration, some/all of us who participated in the training, had a go during the next demonstration to cement what we learned. The process of setting up the cameras and television screens seemed logical and was not too terrifying!

Meanwhile, round the hall, there was much demonstrating of how to turn a captive ring on a goblet stem and quite a few members had a go themselves, with varying degrees of success and finesse. None of the rings were seen flying round the room, although several members confessed that this had happened in their own workshops!



Several members shared their favourite tools for making captive rings and there was quite a range from commercially available to home-made.



Finally, in answer to the question “WHY... Would you make captive rings?” asked by several members, the answers varied: “Because I can”; “because it is good practice for tool work”; “because they look decorative”; “because they are fun to do”; “because they keep non-woodturners guessing about how they are done....”

Some remained unconvinced and turned their attention to making garden dibbers—useful rather than (purely) decorative and also employing sound basic skills.



## **Acknowledgements**

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter, particularly Chris Chambers for the photographs, Phil Stevenson for the Daventry information and Brian Goodall for distributing it. Thanks also to those at the March meeting who demonstrated making goblets, captive rings and garden dibbers and supported others to have a go themselves.