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**Wood 'n' things**  
*News Letter*

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*Challenge Trophy Winner  
of an Owl  
goes to.....*

# Editors Workbench

Summer is here and July has started with hot sunshine. And another great turnout of members to see the second part of Steve Heeley's demonstration

Well, it has taken a couple of months to finally catch up with the outstanding News-Letters, so here is the August edition hot off the press.

As you can see the last two months have been very interesting and informative and long many this continue. We have gone from famine in our competitions to feast with five entries last month.

Looking forward, the programme continues with the same and our thanks go to Dawn and the team for arranging the demonstrations and events.

This year we were not at the Kings Bromley Show, but instead we have arranged to go to the Whittington show and share a gazebo with Paul Bellamy. The show is on Saturday 1st September. All contributions will be gratefully received and if you would like to display your work, that would be wonderful too. If you can help by volunteering to man the stand, we would be most grateful.

Enjoy the read.

# Meeting Calendar

## September

### Fri 7<sup>th</sup> - Demonstration by Emma Cook - The Tiny Turner

Emma, hails from the great county of West Yorkshire and standing at the mighty height of 4 feet, 10 and a half inches, you may be able to understand why I adopted the business name of 'The Tiny Turner'!

“I adore working with wood because it has a story and a soul of its own” said Emma. “Each piece has lived its own life and that is what makes it so unique”.



Her work is outstanding, as you can see from the few examples below.

For my demonstration, I am planning to make a Christmas ornament, *see below* (inclusive of fairy lights). I will have lots of them on the night, so that members can have a go at making one themselves.



## *September (Not October)*

### **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Demonstration by Paul Bellamy - Sharpening Techniques**

Please be aware that our October meeting has been moved forward to Friday 28th September.

In May 2012, Paul Bellamy nervously took to the stage for the first time at his home club. Paul has demonstrated at other clubs and events, but this was his *début* at Mid Staffs. Now visiting us for the umpteenth time, Paul will demonstrate sharpening techniques (something I am personally looking forward too as I am trying to setup a new sharpening gadget).



## **Forth Coming Competitions**

### *September*

#### ***Challenge Cup - Paperweight***

Follow on from our demonstration in August, our theme for the September Challenge Cup is a paperweight. Below are a few examples, selected from the internet, that may inspire our members into something spectacular.

Be inspired and who knows.



## *October/Late September*

### *Novice Trophy - An Apple or Pear*

Having gathered the harvest in September each year, this months competition is topical and is an Apple or Pear.

Several examples are shown below and getting the right proportion is always a challenge.



## **At Our Last Meeting**

### **Steve Heeley - Large Candlestick - Part 2**

*(July Meeting)*

Having produced the base and first part of the candlestick at our June meeting.



Steve chose the wood for the upper part of the candlestick and proceeded to turn this into the interesting shape (see below) ready for the router to give the fluting.



Bringing onto the lathe to do the fluting is Steve very own super doper gadget, plus steadying weight (a taped on chuck head to act as a counter balance). Using the lathes registration plate, Steve proceeded to move the router back and forth to produce four flutes as an example of how is was done.



Steve then turned his attention to the top of the candlestick which would hold the candle. He had purchased a polished aluminium holder from Ikea and wanted to make sure it fitted the top.

The end result was stunning and he gave the finished article to MSWA to help raise club funds.



Thank you Steve for your generosity and an excellent demonstration.

*Phil Williams*

# Competition Results

## Challenge Trophy - An Owl

What a difference one month makes. This month we had five entries for the Challenge Trophy, making a hard fought and very close run competition.

In 4th= place was C (John McElroy) and E (Jane Russell), in 3rd place was D (Dawn Hop-ley), in 2nd place was A (Philip Watts) and in 1st place is B (Hugh Field).

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**



Our congratulations to all entries and to our winner Hugh Field.



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### Come & Join Us

We usually meeting on the first Friday of the month between 7:00pm and 10:00pm. Visit our website [www.mswa.co.uk](http://www.mswa.co.uk) and click on the Meeting Calendar to confirm the dates.

### We Meet At:-

Etchinghill Village Hall  
East Butts Road  
Etching Hill  
Rugeley  
WS15 2LU

### How to Join

MSWA encourage new members to develop their skills of wood turning. To obtain a Membership Application Form, visit our website and click on the Contact Us in the menu bar and download an application form.

### Advertisement



Mike Taylor likes working with Alder Wood. If you would like to try this hardwood or have tuition on Pole Lathe Turning then contact Mike on 07871 994959 and mention MSWA.

### Past Chairpersons

Ken Allen	1990-1997	Peter Worrall	1997-2005	John Smith	2005-2010
Dawn Hopley	2010-2012	John Smith	2012-2013	Philip Watts	2013-2016

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