



*Mid-Staffs Woodturners
Association*

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Wood 'n' things
News Letter

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We are Back.....

Editors Workbench

We are back...Our first meeting for nearly two years and it was a meeting of two halves. Firstly, we held a shortened AGM, where our Chairman, Mike Taylor, welcomed back the good turn out of members and the Clubs future with a sound member base. Financially the Club is on a safe footing, especially thanks to an anonymous donation. All the officers were re-elected and the second part of the evening continued with a Pole Lathe demonstration and "Gipsy Flower" making lesson.

Phil Williams

Meeting Calendar

April 2022

Fri 1st - Ted Gill - A New Project Idea

Sounds very mysterious and something I am sure that will rekindle your interest in woodturning.

At Our Last Meeting

Pole Lathe Turning - Mike Taylor

(February 2022)

The art of pole lathe turning, a skill that has been going for thousands of years. A skill that Mike has developed and is keen to show us how it is done and the tools he uses. As he presses down on the treadle, the tool is brought in contact to cut the wood and as he releases the treadle the tool is dis-engaged while the wood spins in the opposite direction. He makes it look so easy.



Mike makes a variety of items to sell in his wood turning business, spoons, bowls, platters and many more things and one of those items are Gipsy Flowers. It was fascinating to watch Mike whittle away at a small branch and produce wonderful flowers.

A truly very interesting demonstration...thank you Mike



Phil Williams

Competition Results

Items Produced by our Members During the pandemic

Due to the shortened meeting, the intended completion was postponed to the following month, but here is a collection of items brought to the meeting.



Forthcoming Competition

April

Novice Cup – Perfect Pear



Always very difficult to get the right proportions, but very rewarding when you do and it is finished. Makes a great centre table display and always a very novel gift.

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<h3 style="text-align: center;">Come & Join Us</h3> We usually meet on the first Friday of every month between 7:00pm and 10:00pm. Visit our website www.mswa.co.uk and click on the Meeting Calendar to confirm the dates.	<h3 style="text-align: center;">We Meet at:-</h3> Etchinghill Village Hall East Butts Road Etching Hill Rugeley WS15 2LU
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Past Chairpersons

Ken Allen	1990-1997	Peter Worrall	1997-2005	John Smith	2005-2009
Dawn Hopley	2010-2012	John Smith	2012-2013	Philip Watts	2013-2016
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