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Wood 'n' things

News Letter

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*Another excellent
Demonstration.... Thank you*

Editors Workbench

It was great to see the Club back in full swing at our last meeting. Our previous meeting, in July, “was a first” for the Club, we gathered away from our usual meeting place of Etching Hill Village Hall and went to Mike Taylor’s “woodland retreat” There, eight members of the club were able to travel to Little Wenlock to enjoy the hospitality of tea and a BBQ in the fresh air of Shropshire countryside. A good time was had by all.

Phil Williams

Meeting Calendar

October 2022

Fri 7th - David Atkinson - A Leaf Shaped Bowl

Our next club meeting is on Friday 7th October at 7pm. Our demonstrator for the evening will be David Atkinson from Northwich in Cheshire. This will be David’s first visit to MSWA. He was originally booked to come in 2019, but then a certain pandemic cancelled everything. So three years later than planned and we are really looking forward to meeting David at long last.



At Our Last Meeting

The Lighthouse Project - Paul Bellamy

(August 2022)

Local professional woodturner and good friend of the club Paul Bellamy provided a very interesting demonstration in August. His project was a lighthouse table lamp which looked very fetching once completed.

The project included various techniques and the use of a number of tools all of which both the experienced turner and those of less experience would be familiar with.



In his usual organised and methodical approach, Paul took us through the spindle turning of the lighthouse column all the while giving the audience the tips and advice built up over years spent at the lathe.

He then went on to show how he bored the hole for the elec-

trical flex not using the traditional long hole boring attachment, but by using a ¼ inch bowl gouge. This is something a lot of the audience hadn't seen before. Despite the "boring" jokes Paul reversed the column and the flex holes aligned perfectly.



The "brick work" pattern was quickly completed and then the base was turned using "bowl" turning techniques but all of the time great care was shown to ensure all of the tenons and relevant holes were of the correct size so things fitted perfectly.

The last part of the demonstration was the making of the cap of the lighthouse which captured the round perspex tube which enabled the lighthouse to cast its light.



As always during the demonstration, Paul passed on tips and amused us with anecdotes about his experiences in the "turning world"

A great project for turners of all abilities and a very enjoyable evening was had by all and we hope to see Paul again soon.

Mike Taylor

Competition Results

Novice Cup - Wine Bottle Coaster

(August 2022)

This month, we had three entries competing for the Novice Cup. Each of the entries showed our members had recollected details from past demonstrations and the winner is.....

A



B



C



In joint equal 1st place was B (made by Will Rose) & C (made by Andrew Woollett) and in 3rd place was A (made by Diane Read). Well done to all who took part in this competition.

Club Member's Showcase

As always, it is a pleasure to be able to showcase some of the work from our members. The first is a beautiful work of art, combining many different pieces of wood. The second is layered pieces of wood that have been turned into 4 bowls (three being turned offset and the 4th centred). All 4 can be separated or rotated to align or offset the grain.



Our final example are two long stemmed single flower coloured vases and the thickness/thinness of the stems being a real credit to the maker.



Forthcoming Competition

October

Novice Cup – A Decorated Item. Paint or Inlay

Our October competition will be very similar in concept to our September competition and maybe all our novices will be inspired by what was entered.

So, let your minds run wild and just image what you can achieve for your entry into the competition. Here's a few examples:-



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Come & Join Us

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.

We Meet at:-

Etching Hill Village Hall
East Butts Road
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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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