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Editor's Comments

Seasonal Greetings to you all. May you look forward to another good turning year in 2018.

This an interim edition, because the all important Programme for 2018 has become available, and also I have some very important news about the Committee which every member should reflect upon during 2018. I regret that I was unable to be present at the AGM. That means that there will be no reports on the AGM or Stuart's presentation of his automata, which I had been greatly looking forward to. Unfortunately, on my way to the meeting I was number three in a three car shunt. Glad to say that I was uninjured, thanks to my seat belt, but my car was well mashed, and was subsequently written off by my insurer. The AA brought me and the wreck home at 10pm. I am now dependent upon the good offices of friends to get me to club meetings and back home afterwards, for which I am truly grateful.

Ralph Pooley has again worked hard to produce not only the programme for 2018, but also the details of the new competition announced in this issue.

Alan

The Committee. Important news.

At the AGM, The existing Committee was re-elected for 2018, plus Vanessa Sanderson who is the club Webmaster. The same Officers have served the club well for many years, and now wish to retire. The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and one other give notice that they will retire at the end of 2018. It is hoped that members will give serious consideration to standing for election to the committee at the next AGM. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please speak to any of the current officers, the sooner the better!

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MIDDLESEX WOODTURNERS PROGRAMME 2018.

January 9 th	Stuart King
February 13 th	Workshop
March 13 th	Tony Cliff
April 10 th	Workshop
May 8 th	John Boyd Atkin
June 10 th	Seminar with Jason Smith
June 12 th	Workshop
July 10 th	Ben Dick
August 14 th	Workshop
September 11 th	To be advised
October 9 th	Gary Rance
November 13 th	AGM PLUS
December 11 th	Christmas Party

Programme for competitions 2018

The monthly club competition has been very successful in 2017, with impressively high standards of work being displayed each month. *Starting in December 2017*, there will be an additional competition each month. The full scheme is detailed here.

The existing yearly Challenge Shield will continue as before.

In order to encourage more participation in competitions an additional competition will run in accordance with the programme below, covering 2 entry classes. **Experienced and Inexperienced.** (The competitor deciding which category to enter.) In order to assist members, Workshop Evenings will devote some time to demonstrating items for the competition.

Competition Subjects

December	Christmas Tree Decoration	June	Candlestick	6 to 8 inches	
January	Small Bowl	6 to 8 inches	July	Natural Edge Bowl	6 to 8 inches
February	Bud Vase	4 to 6 inches	August	Small Vase	4 to 6 inches
March	Apple /Pear	September	A Lidded Box		
April	Easter Egg	October	Thin Stemmed Goblet	6 inches	
May	Platter	8 to 10 inches	November	Gavel	

Profile Steve Heeley

Steve Heeley has worked in wood all his adult life, originally as a carpenter and joiner. He took up woodturning as a hobby, but over the years, turning had become his full time occupation. He does Craft and Production work, and also offers tuition. He is on the Register of Professional Turners of the Worshipful Company of Turners, and is an active member of Cannock Chase Woodturners and City of Wolverhampton Woodturners. His website is worth a visit on steve_heelley@yahoo.co.uk Take a look at his two Galleries! Steve says: "Probably the greatest joy of Woodturning is seeing the beauty that nature has created being released as I work. I travel many miles, and go to incredible lengths to obtain interesting pieces of timber that can be turned into Natural Works of Art."



Recent successes at SAW open day.

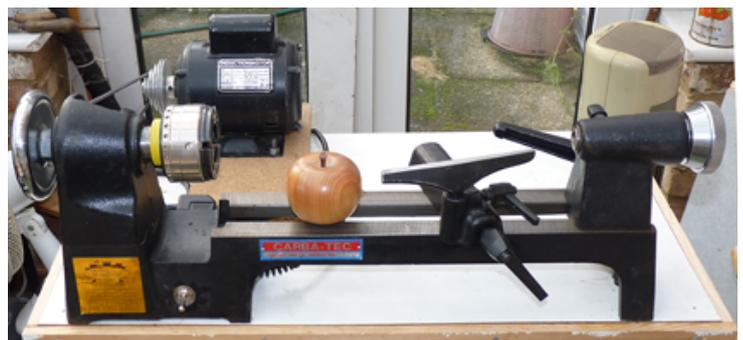
MWA was represented at the recent Surrey Association of Woodturners open day. Amongst the six clubs which attended, MWA W was awarded second place in the Table Display section, and Eddie Morgan was awarded Third in the Open Competition.

Woodworks 2018: advance information.

MWA will again be entering the fray at Woodworks 2018. The Club Competition will be a Spinning Wheel. Can MWA rise to this challenge? Has anyone in the club made a spinning wheel? If so please let the committee know about it.

More about the Carbatec Lathe

The lathe is tiny, as you can see from the apple standing on the bed. Swing over the bed is 6 in diam, and over the banjo is only 4 inches diam. The gap bed swings 8 inches diam, but can accommodate work only about an inch in thickness. With a motor of only one fifth HP the lathe would struggle to turn a platter! Four speeds vary from 700 - 2800 RPM, so thread chasing would be difficult, which calls for some lateral thinking on my part. The machine is heavily built of cast iron, with widely spaced bearings, so I am expecting some smooth turnng. I will let you now how I get on.



Gallery



Vanessa Sanderson



Peter Russell



Ralph Pooley



Derek Pollecutt



Peter Leach



Ben Dick



Tony Champion



Giancarlo Ciuffardi