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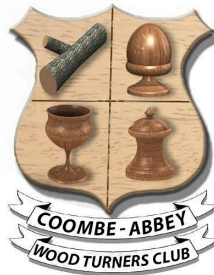
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From the Editor



I understand that numbers for the Christmas party are down this year, that is unless there are a lot of people who are shy at picking up the phone to reserve their place.

If it makes it easier for you, you can email me and I will pass your name and that of any spouse/partner who will be coming with you onto Janine who is organising that side of the party. As for the competitions please do try to enter a piece and you could be a winner.

We have some very active members in our club who should be supported at the events the club attends. One such event is on Saturday 14th December at Axminster store, Nuneaton where Coombe Abbey Woodturners are demonstrating to the public. You don't have to stay all day but I am sure your support in attending would be much appreciated.

One of our members - Paul Fryer did a very good demonstration at Shilton Village Hall in November but if you look at the calendar of events on page 20 of this magazine you will see that we need one more demonstrator to complete the line up at Shilton in 2020. Could you fill that gap? Colin Grundy our events organiser would be very pleased to hear from you if you could.

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

I would like to start by thanking Alec Steedman, Colin Grundy and Don Kildin for training the scouts on Saturday 23rd November.

Feedback from the young scouts was "Brilliant". On the same day we had a wood sale. That turned out to be very successful as we sold most of the wood that we brought up, another sale will be held at a future date. Many thanks goes to Danny Rooney, John Morgan and Martin Hitchiner for setting up the wood sales.



Brian Edwards

Please remember to book your Christmas Party seats as time is moving fast. Let the secretary or treasurer know. Time for Xmas party 12 - 12.30pm, Eating at 1pm.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 4th January 2020 so please turn up if possible to listen to whatever important news we have.

I would like to say it would be nice to see you all at the Xmas party. A great time to eat, drink and be merry - providing you don't drive home.

Hope this finds you all in good health and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Keep turning

Brian.

Pen Launch at Axminster

By Eric Taylor

I went into Axminster just to see how the pen launch went last weekend, Apparently all was well and lots of folk there.

You cannot see it in the photo but there is a sign thanking Coombe Abbey Woodturners for turning all the pens. Not really enough room for a full on picture.



oOo

The 50/50 workshop draw raised £64.00 this month.

The winning Ticket was 281 and the holder of this ticket received **£32.00 and £32.00 went into the lathe fund.** The winning ticket was drawn by Antony in the craft shop at Coombe. Just a reminder to all members you can be in with a chance of winning. It's a maximum of one ticket per member per visit. You have to come into the workshop to buy a ticket.

Put 50p in the collection box, take your ticket, write your name on the ticket left in the book, and wait till the end of the month. Half the money goes to the winner and half to the lathe fund. Good luck to everyone.



One Line Philosopher:

The destructive power of human stupidity is only exceeded by the creative power of humanity.

This Months Newsletter Sponsor.

I would like to thank Alex Cook of Charnwood for agreeing once again to sponsor our Newsletter. I have quite a few items of machinery supplied by Charnwood and I am very happy with the service I received from them and am more than happy with the machinery. Charnwood are now stocking Chestnut finishes and selected Robert Sorby tools and equipment along with a fine selection of timbers including exotics for turning, so a visit would be well worthwhile.

I would urge club members to support our sponsor by buying their excellent Lathes, Chucks and other equipment, but please don't forget to mention that you saw their advert in the Coombe Abbey Woodturners Newsletter.

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A Demonstration by **Paul Fryer**

At Shilton Village Hall on Thursday 7th November 2019.

Report by Graham Ball

Pictures by Martin Hitchiner

Paul's opening remarks at this meeting was that he would be demonstrating pen turning and finishing with a bit of bowl turning. Now I must admit that when I heard him say "pen turning" I felt a bit disappointed thinking how can anyone hold an audiences attention with pen turning. Most of us have turned a pen at sometime or other and in my case it was always to give as presents to close family and when you have exhausted that you tend to move onto other things and projects.

Well Paul soon had me spellbound by his enthusiasm and the amount of time



Paul begins to turn a pen



A very attentive audience

and patience he has given to turning some fantastic pens in different woods and other materials as the accompanying pictures will show. Paul did turn a pen but he spent most of the time showing us his methods of producing all manner of decorated pens including segmented, coloured, textured and a host of other designs. Even old clothing (denim) had been incorporated into a pen. Samples were constantly being passed around the audience for their inspection.

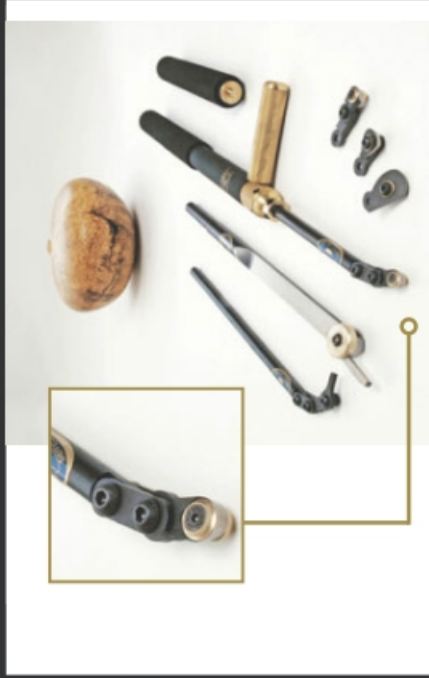


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Above: The two simple components of the pen press. One for the headstock spindle and one for the tailstock.
Right: The pen press being used in the lathe.



Paul had trialled all sorts of ways of doing things connected to pen making and he passed on all his findings to us so that we would not fall into problem areas as he had done along the way.

The second part of Paul's demonstration was given over to bowl turning and for this he produced a log taken from the trunk of a tree which he had pre-cut in half intending to turn each half into a natural edge bowl, one hollowed from the bark side of the cut log and the other from the sapwood side. This again was interesting and Paul showed his turning skills in doing it, sadly time was not in Paul's favour but we got the idea as to how these bowls would turn out to be on completion.

In conclusion I would like to say that Paul put on a very professional demonstration which was well structured to interest members of all turning capabilities. The tools, jigs, templates and samples he brought along supported his dialogue admirably which you don't always get from



Samples of some of Paul's pens which were passed around the audience



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Above: Materials used by Paul in the making of some of his pen styles

Below Left: A pressure pot used by Paul to make resin castings.

Below Right: Paul begins to turn a square edged bowl.





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Top Left: Turning the square edged bowl and taking care to keep hands and fingers clear of the wings.
Top Right: The underside of the bowl is taking shape.

some professional turners. I remember once when a professional turner from Norfolk came to demonstrate at our club and all he brought with him was a Gladstone bag which held some of his tools and a few bits of wood and that was for an all day demonstration. In my view a demonstrator should bring along samples of his/her work to display so that we the gathered audience can see and marvel at that demonstrators capabilities. Paul, you ticked all those boxes for me at your excellent demonstration, I hope to see you demonstrating again for our club.



The bowl completed except for sanding and finishing.

Note: Paul was offered payment for his demonstration and recompense for materials used, this he refused and asked for it to be put into the club equipment fund (some call this the lathe fund). Thank you Paul, the club is very grateful for your generosity. ■



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Items of members work on the table at the meeting at Shilton

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There are a few members asking about Charlie's tree that we planted at Rough Close Scout camp site. It is planted in the chapel at the camp site and as you see is thriving.

Alec.

Editors Note for New members:

The late Charlie Elliott was Chairman of the club before the present chairman Brian Edwards



Christmas Party & Competitions

Saturday 7th December 2019 12.30pm for 1.00pm

The party will again take place at Walsgrave Baptist Church.

Note:

To book places at the Christmas party please contact Janine Brindley giving the name of each person who will be attending so that a seating plan can be arranged. A charge of £5 per person can be paid on entry. Janine's contact details are:-

Tel: 07931 417378. Email: treasurercawt@yahoo.com

Graham Ball assisted by Alison Elliott will be organising the competitions.

Don't forget to enter your pieces into the competitions, these are:-

“Roger Warren-Finding Shield”

This competition is open to all members.

Submit a turned item of your choice

“The Rhodes Trophy”

This competition is only open to members who have never won a prize in any competition organised by the club.

Item to be entered should be:- **Any turned item of your choice**

“The Austin's Trophy”

This competition is open to anyone. Item to be entered should be:-

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December 7 Christmas Party & Competitions

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March 5	Wolfgang Shultz-Zachau	Shilton
March 21	Gerry Marlow	Baptist Church
April 16	Robin Barlow	Shilton
May 16	Rick Dodney	Baptist Church
June 6	Clem Ansell	Baptist Church
September 3	Roger Gilbert	Shilton
October 1	TBA	Shilton
October 24	Gary Rance	Baptist Church
November 5	Peter Woods	Shilton
December 5	Christmas Party	Baptist Church

*All meetings in **bold** typeface are held in the Walsgrave Baptist Church, Hinckley Road, Coventry, CV2 2EX. 10am to 4.00pm. Others are as shown:-*

Shilton Village Hall, Wood Lane, Shilton, CV7 9JZ (by the Sports Field)

NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting

Walsgrave Baptist Church 10am Saturday January 4th., 2020.

Your chance to air your views and elect a club committee for 2020.

Coombe Abbey Woodturners will be demonstrating again at the "Axminster Store Nuneaton" on Saturday 14th December 2019.

The theme will be Christmas themed articles:-
"Snowmen Tree Decorations" etc.

As always your support would be greatly appreciated.

"The management of Coombe Abbey are currently reviewing their car parking provision. As members of Coombe Abbey Woodturners we have **very generously** been given free parking when the workshop is open.

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The visitor centre have a list of current members and I will keep them informed of changes.

If you visit Coombe Abbey on days when the workshop is not open you will have to pay to park.

If you have any issues with this please speak to Coombe Abbey committee member"

Janine Brindley

Club Treasurer.

Coombe Workshop Shutdown Times Christmas and New Year

	Close Down	Re-Open
Tuesday Group	17 th December	7 th January
Wednesday Group	18 th December	8 th January
Friday Group	20 st December	3 rd January
Sunday Group	15 th December	5 th January

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Have you booked your place for the Christmas party yet?

Don't delay there's a few places left

(More details on page 18)

Christmas party 7th December we have to be out of the hall by 4.30pm.

Pay on the Door £5.00 per head.

Any special diet requests please contact Janine Brindley a.s.a.p (vegetarian/vegan etc)

Thank you.

Janine Brindley

Treasurer

Coombe Abbey Wood Turners



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A Visit to the North of England Woodturning & Power Tool Show.

By
Alec Steedman.

Hi everyone, we set off in the morning before the sun was up so to speak. There was Pat Hanley, Graham Russell and myself. Some people were concerned about the floods, but there was a lot of water on the fields but none to make us change route. The traffic was okay not as many traffic jams as last year.

Once we got to the front door we headed to the cafe for a batch, roll or cob what ever you call it, they call it a nap, whatever, it was wonderful.

Then after filling in our raffle tickets which were free, we opened the doors and all of a sudden it was like a boys toy shop with all the different machines.

The North of England Woodworking & Power Tool Show. There was a tremendous amount of stalls some the same as last year like Trend, Charnwood, Record Power and lots of handtools.

The Tiny Turner also The Blind Turner with his wife and dog it was good to see their demos, I even walked around and we all bought something it was really good. There was a few club members walking round it was a good day.

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Is Santa Very Rich?

Jimmy's Dad asked his son if he had made out his Christmas present wish list. Jimmy said yes and handed his dad the list.

Dad said, "Jimmy there are some very expensive items on this list".

Yes dad said Jimmy but don't worry I will ask Santa for those and you can buy me the cheaper ones

The 36/51 Scout Group in the Workshop

A report by Alec Steedman

Well other year is coming to an end and time to give the scouts a wood turning experience towards their badge work.



This Saturday we had two young scouts to have a go at turning a bowl. The tutors for the day were Don Kildin and Colin Grundy who was a Scouter himself at one time. Anyway

you know it takes sometime to finish a bowl for someone who has not turned, but they did a good job.

In the afternoon there were two more to have a go and once again they did well.

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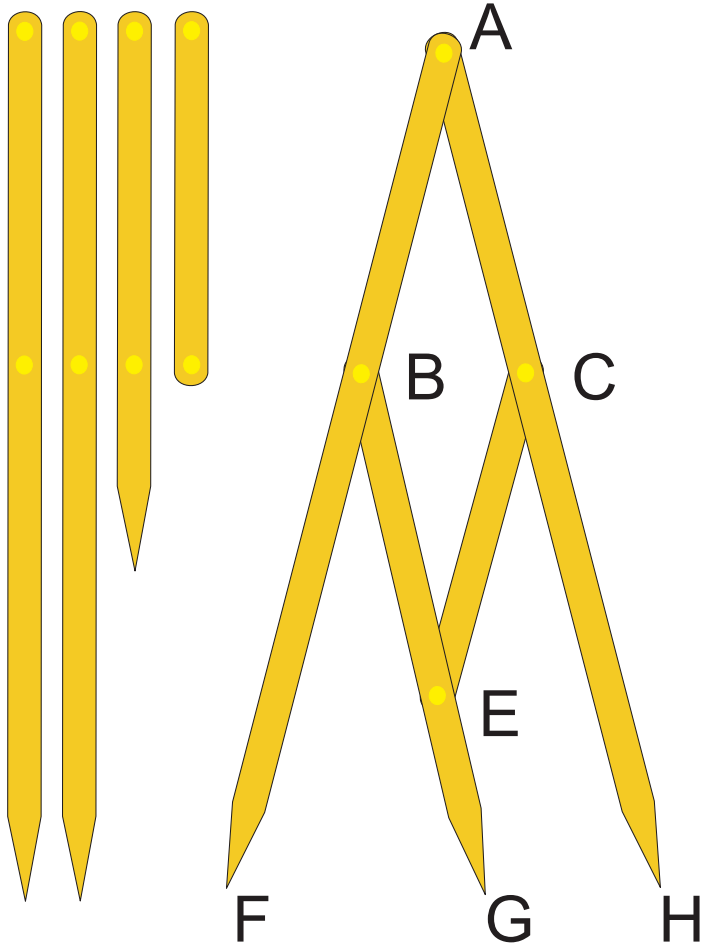
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A Wood Sale at Coombe Workshop

By

John Morgan

Saturday November 23rd was a very busy day at Coombe Abbey Workshop. We had 6 members of the 36/51 scout group each making a bowl under the supervision of some of our experienced turners, thanks to them for giving up their Saturday.

Running alongside the training we held a wood sale in the Atrium.

The wood for sale today was kindly given to us by Karen Ellis the widow of a local wood turner.

We were able to sell £250 worth, Raising £125 for the club lathe fund and £125 for Karen.

There will be another sale in the near future, dates and times will be advertised on the website and in the newsletter.

Thank you to those that came for your support and help with the sale.



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In Store Demonstrations at
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Saturday 14th December

10:00am - 4:00pm

Nuneaton Store - Woodturning With The Coombe Abbey Club

Free Woodturning Demonstration

We're pleased to welcome Coombe Abbey Woodturners into the store, to share their passion for turning. They're a friendly club of 140 or so members, based in the Coventry area.

Throughout the day a number of club members will turn various projects, offering hints and tips along the way. The members are always willing to exchange ideas and advice on all woodturning topics from material and tool selection to improving turning techniques.

Saturday 14th December

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Nuneaton Store - Children's Christmas Workshop

Free Children's Woodworking Session

With Christmas fast approaching, this may be the last chance young creatives have to make their own Christmas decorations. This year, our popular 'Beat the Boredom' workshops will show Santa's elves how to make a Christmas Tree mobile, using a few basic tools and materials. During the session, our store supervisors will guide budding crafters through each step to make a bespoke decoration to take home. This will include simple saw cuts, drilling holes and using a scroll saw to make the components, before decorating with pyrography and assembling with garden twine. We'll suggest some special paints to add any finishing touches at home.

Please book early to avoid disappointment as only limited spaces are available. The free event is open to children between ages 7-14 who must be accompanied by a parent for the duration of the workshop. Parents may also be required to provide some practical assistance, so there must be one adult accompanying a maximum of two participating children.

So come and benefit from a wealth of experience for free.

Website: <https://www.axminster.co.uk/stores/nuneaton/>

Full details of all our events can be found on the Axminster web page.

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Jade Haywood (Store Manager)

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Equipment for Sale

For sale

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Due to a woodturners death his widow is trying to sell his equipment which consists of the items in the attached pictures including:- Table Saw, Bench Grinder, Extractor and Union Graduate lathe with box of accessories. Reasonable offers are invited from club members.

In the first instance contact either Brian Edwards on Mob:- 07455 088747 Or John Morgan on Mob:- 07816 912648



Activities of other clubs in the Midlands area

As a matter of courtesy and to ensure that there is space available to accommodate members wishing to visit other clubs demo's, please use the contact telephone number where shown.

Hinckley & North Warwickshire Woodturners

December 3	Steve Heeley	
December 17	Christmas Social	
Contact	Steve Obrien	01788-521527

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Tudor Rose Woodturners

December 12	No Meeting - Election	
December 19	Christmas Social & Competition (10 minute challenge)	
Contact	Stan Bird	01788-813162

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West Northants Woodturners

December 4	Technique Improvement & December Competition	
December 18	CHRISTMAS To Be Advised	
Contact	Tom Donnelly	01327 349093

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West Midlands Woodturners

December 15	Demonstration – Steve Heeley & Christmas Buffet	9.15 - 16.30
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Contact	John Hooper	0121 354 8464
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Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

December 11	GAW Christmas Social	
Contact	Mike Holliday	01452 523551



Coombe Abbey Woodturners
Committee

Would like to take this opportunity to wish all

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New Year

