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From the Editor



What a busy time of the year it is. Our wonderful club has taken it all in its stride due to the organisational capabilities of the committee and the wonderful way the members have stepped up to the plate and helped out when required. We had our second demonstration day at Axminster and thanks for this success should be extended to the turners at this event.

The other major event was the Christmas Party which was a complete success thanks to Janine, Jill and all the helpers which are named in Janine's post party thoughts on page 17.

The competition again saw a drop in people entering which was disappointing but there was one extra piece entered this year so someone brought in a few items. Please don't be shy and try your skill and luck next year.

I would like to thank everyone who has supplied me with articles and photographs for the newsletter this month, the deadline had been brought forward because of the Christmas shutdown which resulted in a lot of pressure for everyone me included.

I would now like to wish you all;
A Very "Happy New Year".

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

Wow! The Christmas party went so well this year I feel I need to congratulate Janine and Jill for all their hard work in organising this. And well done to all the members who assisted in getting the room ready for our party.

The turned items you brought in for the competitions were all second to none. Thank you all for participating.

Chris Fisher and his wife Nicola were guests of



Brian Edwards

honour, and they both said the turned items were excellent, so keep the good work up. Perhaps next time more members will join us by bringing more items in for all our competitions next year.

The committee would like to thank Phil Steele for (last minute.com) in making the skittles for our party, this was enjoyed by so many. So well done Phil.

The money raised from the “Festival of Crafts” and the “Annual Raffle” for the Air Ambulance amounted to £2,146.00 and a cheque for this amount was presented on the day to Trish Connolly representing the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Congratulations to Alec Steedman for his continuous hard work in selling the raffle tickets throughout this year.

With the new year fast approaching the AGM will be on the 5th January at 10am, so please turn up if possible.

Many thanks once again to the members who turned up at Axminster's Nuneaton store on the two Saturdays (10th Nov and 1st Dec) to support the club members who were demonstrating turning.

Once again

A Happy Christmas to all and a happy , Healthy New Year.

Keep turning

Brian.

Coombe Abbey Woodturners Demonstrating in Store at Axminster - Nuneaton

Saturday 1st December 2018

Pictures by Martin Hitchiner

Report by Graham Ball

On this page we see Paul Fryer demonstrating at Axminster. Paul has been a member of Coombe Abbey Woodturners since October 2011 but this is the first time I have had the privilege of seeing him turn. On this occasion Paul decided to turn a bowl and then embellish the outside with colour. The finished article as you can see from the picture is very pleasing to the eye. Well done Paul.



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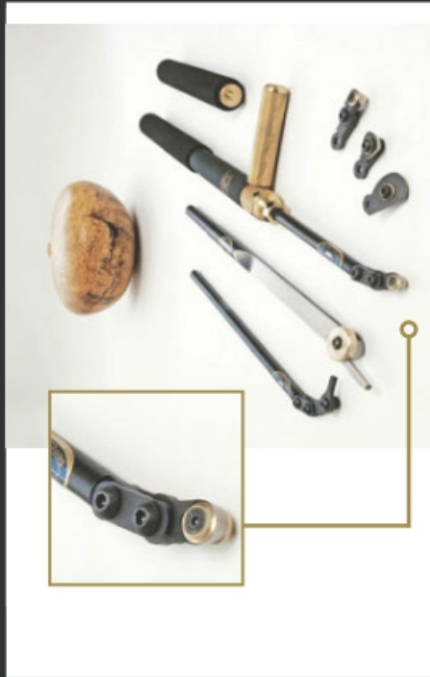
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Peter Wright who joined Coombe Abbey Woodturners in August 2007 at about the time when the workshop was first opened is a regular in the workshop on Tuesdays, either teaching others or doing his own thing. Peter chose to turn Christmas trees which of course is very seasonal at the moment. We didn't see any of these in the competitions Pete.

Below you can see the finished tree together with other items he turned earlier and brought them in for display.



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Now here is a man who should not need any introduction. Phil Steele joined Coombe Abbey Woodturners in November 2010 and has made a name for himself making stools and chairs. Phil is an asset to our club volunteering (or being pressed) to help out when needed either on the pole lathe or any other project the club undertakes. His demonstration at Shilton village hall was very well received and on the previous demo day at Axminster, Nuneaton Phil was again behind the lathe. This time Phil decided to show his audience how he turns a leg for a Bar Stool.

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Activities in the Workshop

Right: Work in progress at the Coombe Workshop



Left: Is Danny Rooney telling the camera man that it is tooth hurty in the afternoon or is he showing off after visiting the dental hygenist



Latest new member Colin Hornshaw has turned a bowl that he can be very proud of



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Janine Brindley has been busy with the pyrography machine and colouring technique. Well done Janine you have a special talent



Giles Headley has been busy turning and the enhancement of these little men was completed by Pat Hanley and Alec Steedman. ■

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A Few Thoughts Post Christmas Party

By
Janine Brindley



Pictures by Megan

Here we are again that time of year – December 8th the annual club Christmas Party. For me a little different to last year – a lot calmer and I



felt a lot more organised.

Jill Stedman and I had met a few times and discussed the menu, the shopping and any of the responsibilities for getting the food prepared and ready for the 1pm start. We had volunteers Edna, Irene, Carol, Ann and Janet. On the day we had the added bonus of another volunteer Ilene. Thank you ladies you were all magnificent. Jill organised the kitchen preparation and clean up afterwards. Thank you I definitely had a lot of the pressure taken off my shoulders due to Jill being in the kitchen.

On the morning, thanks to Eric for opening up at 9am, there were lots of volunteers helping to set up the room. Jim, Martin, Brian, Mick, Gerald,



John, Alex and John. I am sure there were others and I appreciate each and every one of you for helping, thank you. Marlene arrived to give us the floor plan and the seating arrangements. She does a fantastic job of co-ordinating this and she goes the extra mile to give



everyone a place card.

We had a photographer this year, Megan, she managed to take some behind the scenes and more traditional photos for us, thank you for your work.

Jim wrote and oversaw the quiz (the answers are printed in this newsletter for those of you who were asking).

We had two games this year bar skittles and Shilvoek. I would like to make special mention to Phil Steele for making the skittle game at





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March 7	Chestnut Products	Shilton
March 9	Stan Bryan	
April 4	John Whittle	Shilton
May 4	John Boyne-Aitken	
June 1	Sue Harker	
August 1	Paul Hannaby	Shilton
September 5	TBA	Shilton
October 3	Robin Barlow	Shilton
October 12	Stuart King	
November 7	Pat Hanley	Shilton

*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)

Coombe Workshop Shutdown Times Christmas and New Year

	Close Down	Re-Open
Tuesday Group	18 th December	8 th January
Wednesday Group	19 th December	2 nd January
Friday Group	21 st December	4 th January
Sunday Group	16 th December	6 th January

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NEXT MEETING

AGM & Hands-On

Walsgrave Baptist Church 10am Saturday January 5th., 2019.

Your chance to air your views and elect a club committee for 2019.

The meeting will be followed by a Hands-On session.
Also club shop and Library.



very short notice thank you for your timely, hard work on this. For those of you who had a go, we were all put to shame by our special guest Chris Fisher, the blind turner, he had a go on the Shilcock and

scored 99, the top score of the day. Says a lot about the rest of us. Oh well we can always try again next year! For those of you who brought raffle prizes thank you there were definitely a wide selection. I'm sure there will be another item written about the turning competitions but what fantastic work. It would be brilliant to see more pieces next year. We need to celebrate our talents. I hope for those of you that attended you enjoyed yourselves. I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New



year. I look forward to seeing you all next year at the club and especially at next years' Christmas Party. *Janine.* ■

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Coombe Abbey Wood Turners Christmas Quiz 2018 ANSWERS

ROUND 1:

Picture quiz flowers and nature

1. Oak tree
2. Daffodils
3. Cornflower
4. Daisy
5. Camellia
6. Snap dragon
7. Poppy
8. Forget-me-knots
9. Dahlia
10. Dandelion

ROUND 2:

Picture quiz name the animal

1. Emu.
2. Komodo Dragon
3. Wombat

4. Possum
5. Red Panda
6. Tawny Owl
7. Swift
8. Whippet
9. Weasel
10. Lynx

ROUND 3:

Picture quiz name the famous person.

1. Angelina Jolie
2. Katherine Hepburn
3. Lisa Kudrow
4. Martin Sheen
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- 7. Czech Republic Prague
- 8. Indonesia Jakarta
- 9. Sri Lanka Colombo
- 10. Thailand Bangkok

ROUND 4: General Knowledge

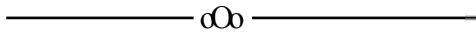
- 1. Norwich
- 2. John Lennon
- 3. 15
- 4. Malaria
- 5. Saturn
- 6. Cagney and Lacey
- 7. The District line
- 8. Jessica
- 9. 77
- 10. Escape to Victory

**ROUND 6:
Who said?**

- 1. Nancy Astor
- 2. Oscar Wilde
- 3. Alan Bennett
- 4. Jo Brand
- 5. Groucho Marx
- 6. Bruce Forsythe
- 7. Barry Cryer
- 8. Edwina Currie
- 9. Sophia Loren
- 10. George Burns

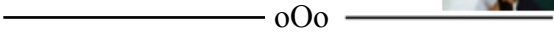
ROUND 5: Name the capital cities of the following countries:

- 1. Belarus Minsk
- 2. Belgium Brussels
- 3. Brazil Brasília



Results of the Monthly Workshop Raffle

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One Line Philosopher: All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.
J. R. R. Tolkien.



Christmas Competitions 2018



The quality of work entered in the competitions remains very high and it was good to see that there were some new members entering their pieces, However the number of entrants was down compared with last year but there was one more piece entered than last year.

Just a few facts: This year as in 2017 there were four competitions and five awards to be won. Besides the normal Rhodes, Austin's and Warren-Finding competitions the "Jim Elliott Memorial Competition" is in its fourth year and of course we have the "Roy Nicholls Trophy" award for runner up in the Roger Warren-Finding competition.

Eight members entered a total of twenty one pieces spread over the different competitions thus:-

Rhodes Trophy	4
Jim Elliott Memorial/Trophy	1
Austin's Trophy	4
Roger Warren-Finding	12

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The Panel of Judges

Left to Right:- John Whittle, Marlene Whittle, Jim Lomas, Trish Connolly (Air Ambulance Rep), Nicola Fisher, Chris Fisher.

The results

Competition	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Rhodes Trophy	David Knight	Lee Cartwright	Anne Whinray
Austin's Trophy	Michael Archer	Janet Blake	Alec Steedman
Jim Elliott Memorial Trophy	David Knight	N/A	N/A
Roger Warren-Finding Shield	Michael Archer	Lionel Crabbe	John Martin-Law



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The Presentations

Club Chairman Brian Edwards made the presentations

The Rhodes Trophy



Anne Whinray achieves third place

The Austin's Trophy



Alec Steedman Takes Third Place



Lee Cartwright takes second Place



Janet Blake Takes Second Place



David Knight achieves First Place



Michael Archer achieves First Place

The Jim Elliott Memorial Trophy

Only one entrant in this competition which is surprising really as the designated item for turning was a seasonal ornament. We have seen recently in the newsletters that a number of people have been turning Christmas trees and snowmen etc.

The Roger Warren-Finding Shield



John Martin-Law takes Third Place



Lionel Crabbe - Second Place - takes the Roy Nicholls Shield



David Knight Achieves First Place



Michael Archer Achieves First Place



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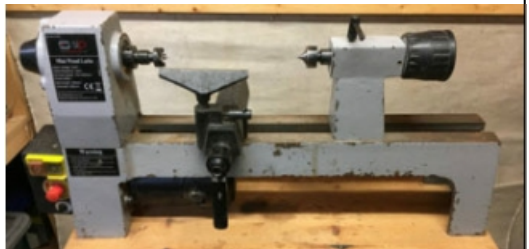
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