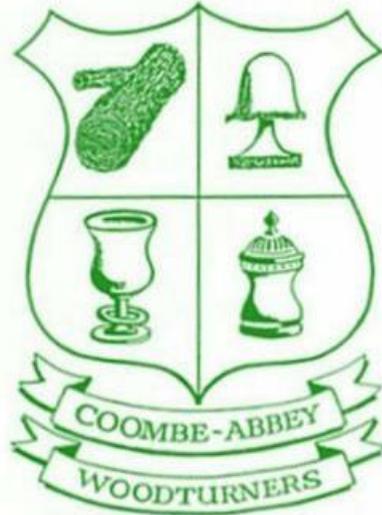


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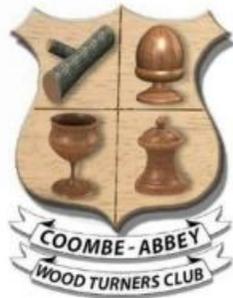
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## From the Editor



Reading the newsletter this month you will realise that the club has been very busy attending events. Very often it is down to the same few people to represent the club. If you could lend a hand at some of these events then you would be welcomed with open arms. The Festival of Crafts will be the next big event and the festival committee are always looking for help especially in setting up and taking down at the end of the two day event. Please get in touch with Alison Elliott (contact number on page 2) if you can oblige.

Have you looked at the club's new website yet? I am sure you will be impressed. John Morgan is doing a great job but he is reliant on others for content. John would like you to supply him with photographs of your work for inclusion on the website, we only have eleven people displaying at present out of a possible one hundred and fifty. Most people have smart phones these days which you can use to take the picture. Please give it a try, Johns email address is on the centre pages of this newsletter.

Finally sad to say we have lost a club member in tragic circumstances. A tribute to Chris Parkin is being arranged. You will be kept informed. **Graham**

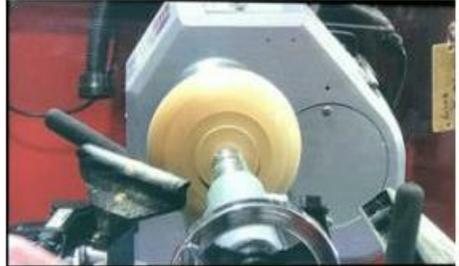
Demonstration Day on Saturday June 29th 2019  
at  
The Axminster Store Nuneaton  
By  
Coombe Abbey Woodturners

Once again Coombe Abbey Woodturners were invited to do woodturning demonstrations at the Axminster Nuneaton store in Nuneaton. Three member volunteered to demonstrate their skills including John Whittle Giles Headley and Peter Wright. The photographs of the days event are courtesy of John Morgan and Martin Hitchiner. John Whittle was the first to take the stand and elected to turn a lidded box with finial. As can be seen by the pictures below there was a good attentive audience to witness John's skill at the lathe.



Giles Headley decided to turn a beaded Hollow Form and the pictures that follow on the adjacent page will show his process for achieving this

although it is a poor substitute for actually being there to see Giles turning in person and to be able to ask questions along the way



The third demonstrator - Peter Wright decided to turn a goblet and as will be seen from the accompanying photographs he has become quite an expert in this field. Notice his method of supporting the bowl of the goblet whilst turning the stem.

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## **This Months Sponsor**

Background Information - The ToolPost ([www.toolpost.co.uk](http://www.toolpost.co.uk))

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The ToolPost is a business established by a woodturner, run by a woodturner and staffed by woodturners. Even our accountant can put a screw into a piece of timber fairly straight (it's OK, he's a subcontractor, not an employee!). Our aim is to supply woodturners with easy access to quality tools through the Internet ([www.toolpost.co.uk](http://www.toolpost.co.uk)), mail order and telephone sales (01235-511101).

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Knowing that turning is often also about learning we also import directly many different DVDs, mainly from the USA, such as the ranges by Mike Mahoney and Cindy Drozda, as well as a wide range of the better UK titles. In fact, Les Thorne's first DVD "No Turning Back" was shot in our training and demo facility, here at the showroom.

We are passionate about woodturning and are keen to share that enthusiasm with you. We have enjoyed visits from Coombe Abbey Club members many times and look forward to welcoming you in the future, be that in person, by telephone or through the internet. Good luck and "Happy Turning" to you all!



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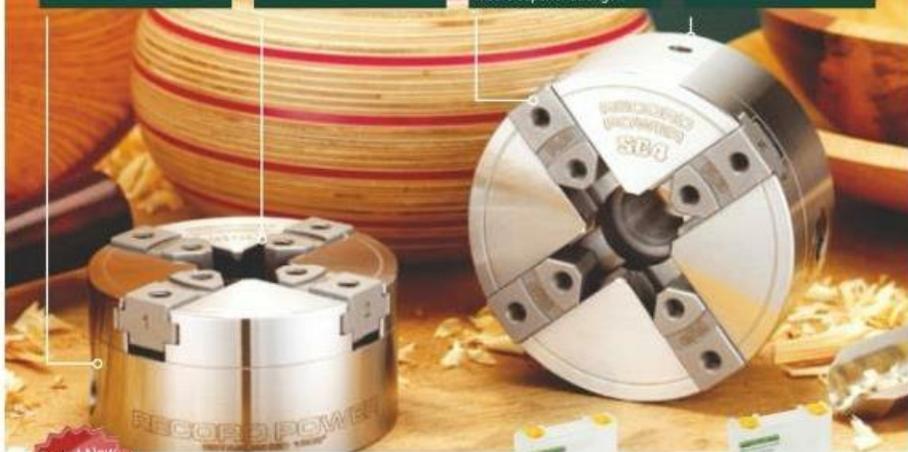
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# The Godiva Festival

By  
Alec Steedman

*Pictures by Martin Hitchiner*



Well it was a clear day of July that we joined the Memorial Park team at the Godiva festival.

To demonstrate how the lathe is operated, and what can be



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We were in a different place this year and it was much better we had our cars parked outside of

the marquee. So the equipment was not too far away to lift to the tables, there was about eight



members there to handle things. We did have the pole lathe set up but the wood was too dry we

tried to turn it but it was difficult for us let alone the kids so we gave it a miss. We still had the two lathes at the top end



with two operators. The lads made up a name plate for one of the spinning wheel people which were sited next to us. There was a slow flow of people buying tickets but in the end we



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did well. Sunday, yet another day, to get ourselves into today there were three lathes on the



go and a great flow of people and a good flow of ticket buy-

ers. There was also a few buying the charity items which were on display. We had a lot of handouts for the Festival of Crafts. Over all it was a good weekend.■



## Get Together in the Park

At Bedworth on Sunday 14th July 2019

By

Alec Steedman

*Pictures by Martin Hitchiner*

After the field trip that Jill and I went on around the Bedworth Swimming baths we finely found the right way to the park thanks to Martin. Once we had set up and settled



down we were off. There was a lot of different stalls around the main arena. The most visited must of been the tea and batches. We had to try the breakfast batch yum yum! There were fun fair stalls, the Owl man who was walking round with a Raven on a lead, it was a most unusual site, also Donkeys. There was five people representing the club and we sold a few raffle tickets on the day. It was good to get together. ■



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October 3	Robin Barlow	Shilton
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Stuart King</b>	
November 7	Paul Fryer	Shilton
December 7	Christmas Party & Competitions	

*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)*

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### **Attention all Club members**

**We want to get more club members to give us pictures of your work and a brief explanation for the website gallery, Not everyone is a professional turner so don't think to yourself that they are not good enough to be on show, we are all at different levels. So why not take the plunge, they can be sent to me John Morgan at the email address below.**

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## **NEXT MEETING**

### **A Demonstration by Paul Hannaby**

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## **Tool Sharpening Sessions**

To be held in the workshop at Coombe.

On a Monday or Thursday

If you are interested in joining one of these sessions please contact either Brian Edwards or Marlene Whittle giving your name and preference of day.

Contact details are on page two of the Newsletter.

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## **Demonstrations 2020**

We are busy putting together the demonstrators for next year's programme. We have a number of very excellent turners among our club members, some of who have given an excellent presentation. If you would be prepared to do a session on an evening at Shilton Village Hall, please get in touch on [cawtevents@btinternet.com](mailto:cawtevents@btinternet.com).

We have the opportunity to book Margaret Garrard, a professional turner from Swaledale in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. Margaret produces some extremely artistic pieces, and I am sure she will be a very interesting demonstrator. Due to the distance Margaret will have to travel, she will need accommodation on the Friday night. The date would be 15<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to put Margaret up, please get in touch with me on the above email address.

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*One Line Philosopher:*

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# Open Day at Coombe

Sunday 21st July

By

Alec Steedman

*Pictures by Martin Hitchener*

Well it was a slow start with a handful of club members that were there, the same old handful.

As it happened things got off to a good start with Brian at the helm in



the workshop getting the new members sorted with a tutor thanks

to Gerald Griffiths and Lee Cartwright. While the other men struggled on with erecting the gazebos and setting out the things.



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## Obituary Chris Parkin

It was with great sadness and shock that we learned of the death of Chris Parkin who was involved in a road traffic accident on his motor-bike in the Monks Kirby/Withybrook area on Sunday 14th July 2019.

Chris who joined Coombe Abbey Woodturners on Tuesday 17th July 2012 was an asset to the club always willing to give a helping hand and



The late Chris Parkin



tables for Coombe Abbey Hotel which he made in his own very well equipped workshop at his home in



using his van to move equipment to and from local events where the club was involved.

Chris was more than willing to help individual members also and was very generous with his time and not expecting any reward for his efforts. Chris's latest project for the club was to manufacture miniture picnic



Burbage Leicestershire. Some pictures of this project were taken and are included within this report.



**Christopher Parkin's funeral will take place at 10.15am on Thursday 8th August 2019 at The Heart of England crematorium Nuneaton.**

Pat Parkin has asked if anyone can pass on their thoughts and memories of Chris for the service?



Three display drawers Chris produced for Giles Headley family at this very sad time.



I am sure that all who knew Chris would like to offer their condolences to the

RIP Chris. you will be sadly missed by Coombe Abbey Woodturning Club ■



One of the Picnic tables being used to hold Hors-d'oeuvres at Coombe Abbey Hotel

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## Activities in the Workshop



**Left:** New member Ian Franks with his turnings after taking a lesson in the workshop.



**Right:** New member Avril Walker with her very nice bowl



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## In Store Demonstrations at **Axminster Tools & Machinery (Nuneaton)**

### Nuneaton Store 'Beat The Boredom' Summer Workshop - Pen Turning

Our 'Beat the Boredom' Pen Turning sessions will help young people with a flair for creativity make a unique pen to take home - an ideal gift or stationery item for the start of term. We'll help with some of the preparation, allowing time for our young makers to understand how to use the lathe and chisels safely, and then shape and finish the pen. We'll provide all the materials, plenty of hands-on guidance - and protective wear to ensure a safe and rewarding learning experience for all.

\*Maximum of two children per session, ages 10-14, all children must be registered to participate. Please register your interest through Eventbrite. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times while in the store. All tools and materials will be provided by Axminster store. Photographs will be taken during the workshop, please advise the tutor if you do not wish your child to be included within any future marketing.

### Nuneaton Store 'Beat The Boredom' Summer Workshop - 3D Scroll Saw Bird

Scroll sawing provides a great way to produce a fun, interesting take-home project in less than an hour. During our 'Beat the Boredom' Scroll Saw sessions, our store team will help young creators cut out and sand down the shapes required to make a 3D slot-together bird. Scroll sawing is a test of hand-to-eye coordination which is challenging yet absorbing - and will open young minds to further creative possibilities. Where time permits, we'll show how pyrography could be used to add detail to the bird and suggest special paints available in store to finish the project at home.

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The above events will be held throughout August please visit the website for details of days and times.

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

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

As always all the events are free to attend.

*Jade Haywood (Store Manager)*

## 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

August 6                      Hands On  
August 20                     Demonstration by Gary Rance

Contact                      Steve Obrien      01788-521527

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### Tudor Rose Woodturners

August 8                      Clem Ansell  
August 22                     Club Night

Contact                      Stan Bird            01788-813162

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### West Northants Woodturners

August 7                      Geoff Warr & August Competition  
August 21                     Gerald Hubbard

Contact                      Tom Donnelly 01327 349093

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### West Midlands Woodturners

August 18                     Demonstration - Gary Rance    9.15 - 16.30 hrs

Contact                      John Hooper        0121 354 8464

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### Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

August 14                     Rick Dobney - AWGB Demonstrator and Tutor

Contact                      Mike Holliday      01452 523551



Novelty clock made by Brian Edwards Club Chairman. (See page 30)