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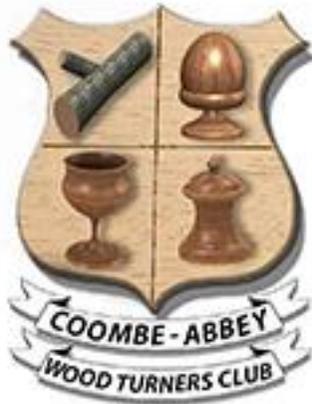
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From the Editor



September seems to have been a busy month for the club. An excellent demonstration by Pat Hanley at the beginning of the month and the Festival of Crafts half way through the month.

I have received lots of articles from members for inclusion in this newsletter and I hope that trend will continue, but for now I would like to express my thanks to those who did contribute a few words and pictures.

The Christmas party will soon be upon us and I would like to draw your attention to the advance notice on page 17 regarding the competition pieces. Time to get turning!

Now I have been asked to give you this **very important information**. There is a new Number plate recognition system installed at Coombe and all members who attend the workshop will have to register their vehicle number again, only one number per person is allowed. You are reminded that this free car parking concession only applies when you are visiting the workshop so please do not abuse the system as it could cause the club to lose this valuable facility. Existing vehicle registrations will not be transferred from the old system to the new one, so please re-register your vehicle.

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

I would like to start my jottings by thanking each and every person connected with "The Festival of Crafts" who worked hard all year to get this event organised.

One point I would like to make; that the members didn't support the Festival in assisting with erecting and taking down of all the equipment when we needed help the most. This is not a separate club at the Festival of Crafts, this is our club that raises lots of funds for us as a whole.

I sadly couldn't get there myself due to illness, but I am really dismayed they couldn't raise assistance from other members.

I feel that if the numbers don't increase at our demonstrations which we hold throughout the year then they will have to stop as the club is losing money on them. Please try and support us at these demo's as it would be a great loss to us.

Two demo's for your diaries are:- October 3rd at Shilton and October 12th at the Baptist Church. Baked Potatoes and bacon Butties for your snacks at the Baptist Church.

Let's see if we can get bums on seats.

We will now be looking for numbers for the "Christmas Party" so please let either Janine Brindley or Marlene Whittle know that you are coming, their contact details are on page 2 of this Newsletter. This is a great day where I hope to see you all.

The lathe we had on trial in the workshop developed a serious electrical problem and has been returned, but hopefully we shall have it back in the near future.

I'll sign off now, so please keep turning and keep well.

Brian.



Brian Edwards

Festival of Crafts Review

By
Jill Steedman

So another successful weekend for the Festival of crafts has been and gone, we were blessed with excellent weather this year.

We had the show opened by the lady Mayoress of Coventry, who also enjoyed a walk round chatting to the stall holders.

I am pleased to say it was more popular again this year, the feed back forms we handed out to the stall holders came back with positive results and also some good ideas for next year's show.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our team of volunteers who give up their time, not just for the weekend but through out the year to make the show possible. Watch this space for more on next year's show and for the figures of how much was raised this year.

Jill Steedman

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The 50/50 workshop draw raised £84.50 this month.

The winning Ticket **892** received **£42.25** and **£42.25** went into the lathe fund. The winning ticket was drawn by Stacey a staff member at Coombe Abbey Park Cafe.

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.



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No matter how much it hurts, failure today just shows you a challenge for tomorrow.

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A Demonstration by
Patrick Hanley

At
Shilton Village Hall on Thurs 5th Sept 2019
Report and pictures by Graham Ball



I was very much looking forward to this demonstration by our own club member Pat Hanley. Pat has a reputation for turning first class fruit and on this occasion he decided to first turn an apple and then



An attentive audience



Pat at work on his fruit bowl

a fruit bowl. Unfortunately on the night I did not get any good photos of the process of turning the apple so I have borrowed some pictures of Pat turning fruit on a later date in the workshop, Friday 20th September to be



An apple in the making



precise. I will not attempt to do a blow by blow description of Pat's technique but I am sure the photos will be invaluable in showing this. A piece of wood was placed between centres and turned to a cylinder and a spigot formed. This then was placed in the chuck and the

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Pat Hanley's screw chuck

apple turned with the bottom half facing the tail stock end of the lathe. A small hole was drilled which would later take a clove but before that would enable Pat to hold the apple on a screw chuck so that he could finish the stalk end of the apple.

All this done Pat sanded and finished



The finished Apple and Fruit Bowl

the apple to a super hi gloss finish.

Next it was time to make the bowl and Pat turned the base and then the inside of the bowl. Unfortunately I had to leave at this point half an hour before the finish but Pat has kindly supplied me with a photograph of the finished fruit bowl to publish in this Newsletter.

I enjoyed this meeting very much not only to watch the excellent demonstration but to meet other club members and catch up with the news.

My thanks go to Len Owen for setting up the equipment and operating the cameras; you did a great job Len. I enjoyed a nice cup of coffee and a biscuit at break time and I am sure everyone else did too, please spare a thought for those members who worked in the kitchen to ensure our needs for refreshment were met.



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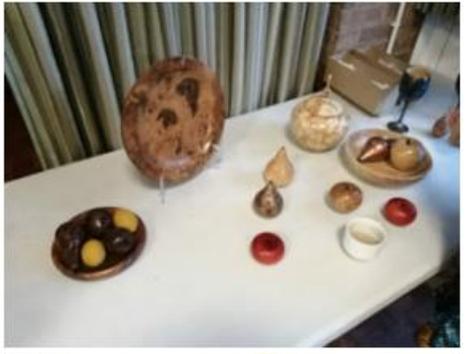
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An Update on Club Activities

By
Eric Taylor

It is quite awhile now since I last wrote any update on club activities both at the workshop and elsewhere, first of all let me say the workshop is still functioning and is the source of our new members, young and older, male and female, yes we have a few ladies on the register and also a few youngsters who are generally quite keen.

The workshop is now open Sundays a.m. Tuesday 10 until 4.00 for teaching, it is also open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays always depending if there are enough members needing it. We do also run any special training on Mondays and Thursdays when requested.

Then of course there are the days when we are displaying our expertise elsewhere, for example the regular Monks Kirby, or Godiva and in the last two years Bedworth Park, there are also Charnwood open days, where we see a number of you visiting even if it is free barbecue, then of course nearer to home we get requests from Axminster at Nuneaton to do a show, which seem popular with the general public.

The main function of the club are the arranged Thursday evenings at Shilton and the Saturday day meetings at Walsgrave, these seem to be a little less popular, yes we have regular members coming but numbers are dwindling, I for one miss seeing all of you that have been in the past, many of you I have known for quite awhile and it would be nice to see you now and then. I cannot deny it would help with finances, the fees for the hire of the rooms has gone up also the cost of the demonstrators, very often these have to be subsidised out of club funds, which isn't good news. The average number of members at the meetings used to be 50/55 but of late we are sometimes down to 35. I know some of us are getting older and do not like venturing in the evenings, but it would be nice to see you. I know that I have resigned as the club treasurer but I am still on the committee and working for the good of the club, as all the committee are doing. So please come and support us at the arranged meetings.

The next meeting is on Saturday 12th October at the Walsgrave Baptist Church. Demonstrator is Andy Coates.

My best wishes to you all and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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Thank you to everyone who gave and thank you for a fantastic night we had a lovely time. Janine and Jim.

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Annual Raffle Report

This year it went well even without our members chipping in, apart from the yearly hand full of members that always sell tickets, thanks to those people. It's a shame that the rest of the members don't help, if each member took two books we would have been on track for selling them all. We only had 60 books left in the end. Pause for thought if you help it would help the air ambulance and club at the same time.

Alec Steedman

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Advance Notice

The Committee have decided on the following for the 2018 Xmas competitions:

Rhodes' Trophy (open to anyone who has not won before):

Item of own choice

Jim Elliot Trophy (open to anyone):

A decorated Bowl of your own choice.

Roger Warren-Finding Trophy (open to anyone):

Item of own choice

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Festival of Crafts 2019 in Pictures

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October 3	Paul Bellamy	Shilton
October 12	Andy Coates	
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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Just to whet the appetite for **2020**, Colin Grundy our Events secretary has listed a few demonstrators who have confirmed their bookings

February 1	Pete Moncrieffe-Jury	Baptist Church
March 5	Wolfgang Shultz-Zachau	Shilton
March 21	Gerry Marlow	Baptist Church
April 16	Robin Barlow	Shilton
October 24	Gary Rance	Baptist Church

NEXT MEETING

A Demonstration by Paul Bellamy

Shilton Village Hall 6.30pm to 9pm approx.

Thursday October 3rd., 2019.

Paul will be demonstrating “ Turning without a Chuck”

Colin Grundy

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A Demonstration by Andy Coates

At

Walsgrave Baptist Church On Saturday 12th October 2019

10.00am to 4.00pm approx

"Andy Coates is full-time professional wood turner who lives and works in Suffolk in the market town of Beccles. Andy writes for Woodturning magazine, teaches, demonstrates to woodturning and woodworking clubs and at several private activity event clubs in the UK. Andy will be a presenter at the 2020 Irish Woodturners' Guild Symposium in Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Andy turns anything and everything and is as likely to be turning a replacement tool handle, restoring antique furniture, turning in batches or making speculative decorative work to sell.

After a workshop fire in December 2016 a new workshop was opened on an old WWII USAF Officers' camp beside an old airfield close to where he lives. The move was temporary to provide somewhere to restore and repair equipment and consolidate after the loss of tools, equipment and wood stock. Andy is still there two and half years later...there's far too much stuff to move again...

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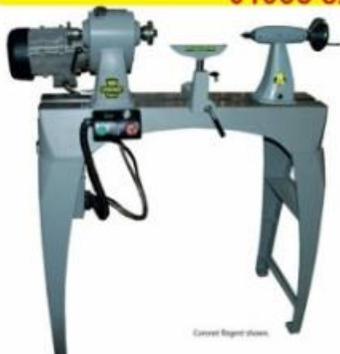
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Taper: 2 Morse Taper

Spindle Thread: M33 x 3.5

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Max. swing over bed: 460 mm (18")

Spindle speeds: 250 - 3800 rpm

Taper: 2 Morse Taper

Spindle Thread: M33 x 3.5

Quill travel: 90 mm

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Activities in the Workshop

It was Sunday 1st September and to give the Chairman a rest coming to the workshop, I stepped in his place on overseeing the workshop and opening up for that day. There were two youngsters coming in for lessons, which I'm glad to say they had lessons before. Their names are Finlay and Teegan Hornshaw, brother and sister, two fine children. We got off to a slow start with Finlay as the tutor didn't turn up, these things are out to test us so it looked like I was up to teach him. Finlay had brought



Teegan at the lathe and showing her very nice bowl

a box in where the lid wasn't fitting right I said yes I can see. Then the door opened and there stood a figure of a man that can teach, it was Jim Lomas I



Finlay at the lathe and showing his lidded box with finial

asked if he could help this young man out he said yes. So we were all set and running. With Jim Lomas and Don Kildin at the helm for teaching. The youngsters were taking every thing in, Teegan was full of beans, but they did really well even cleaned up after them not like some of our members. I was engaged in a conversation with the parents and dis-

covered that the granddad was the first one to come to the club to have lessons but he hasn't been well for some time, we wish him well. As they say another day at the office.

Alec Steedman





From start



... to finish



Serving and supporting Coombe Abbey Woodturners

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sharing expertise



Another pen turned by Alec.



Above: Bowl of fruit turned by Malcolm Waters in his own workshop
The bowl is Ash, the pear is also Ash, and the apples are Elm and Spalted
Beech. All buffed on Chestnut buffing system.

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**HENRY TAYLOR TOOLS
&
CHESTNUT FINISHES**

Any item from the catalogue can be supplied
15% discount on Henry Taylor tools and
10% discount on Chestnut finishes
for Club members

Ring: Eric Taylor on 02476 328831

Equipment for Sale

FOR SALE

POWERCRAFT ROUTER AND TABLE

With instruction book.

Unused **£25 O.N.O**

Contact Gerald Griffiths on Tel: 024 7646 7765

For sale

Record DML 24 lathe. £70.

Contact Eric Taylor on 02476 328831



For Sale

Charnwood Lathe, Selection of Turning Tools and Wood.

Club member Don Robins is relocating to the south due to health reasons and needs to clear his workshop. You will need to visit Don to see what's on offer and negotiate a price.

Contact Don Robins on tel: 02476 602138



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



In Store Demonstrations at
Axminster Tools & Machinery (Nuneaton)

Saturday 12th October 10:00am - 4:00pm

Nuneaton Store - Chris Fisher - The Blind Woodturner

Chris Fisher, also known as the Blind Woodturner since he lost his sight in 2008, will be in-store covering lathes, chucks, jaws and turning tools.

You will be inspired by Chris as he shares his passion for woodturning. Chris constantly challenges himself, exceeding all expectations and demonstrating how seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome through tenacity and self-belief.

Join us for a demonstration not to be missed as Chris puts his unique spin on the craft of woodturning.

Saturday 26th October 10:00am - 2:00pm

Nuneaton Store - Craft Pen Turning Lathes, Kits and Blanks

In this national store demonstration, we'll introduce novices and more experienced woodturners to the lathes, tools and techniques you'll need to begin turning your own pens. With a choice of many wood and resin blanks, pen kits and finishes now available in store, the creative possibilities are almost endless.

During the demonstration, we'll cover blank preparation and mounting, tool selection and use, design considerations, shaping and finishing. Our store specialist will share sufficient practical guidance to enable you to make a start on pen turning almost immediately.

Remember, if you buy any Craft lathe, we'll provide you with a free three-hour introduction to woodturning with one of our team specialists. For this demonstration, we recommend joining us at the start and staying through to the close to make sure you get the full benefit of each stage of instruction.

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)

HAMLET TURNING TOOLS

If your preference for turning tools is Hamlet, then you will be pleased to know that these very fine quality tools can be purchased through our very own club member, Eric Taylor. All tools displayed in the catalogue can be supplied.

Ring: Eric Taylor on 02476 328831

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

October 1	Hands On	
October 15	Hands On	
Contact	Steve Obrien	01788-521527

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Tudor Rose Woodturners

October 10	John Johnson	
October 24	No Meeting - By Election Count	
Contact	Stan Bird	01788-813162

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West Northants Woodturners

October 2	Adrian Finch & October Competition	
October 16	Hands - On Evening	
Contact	Tom Donnelly	01327 349093

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West Midlands Woodturners

October 20	Demonstration Greg Moreton	9.15 - 16.30 hrs
Contact	John Hooper	0121 354 8464

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Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

October 9	Gary Rance	
Contact	Mike Holliday	01452 523551



A very nice and unusual clock turned by Gillian Henley-clover