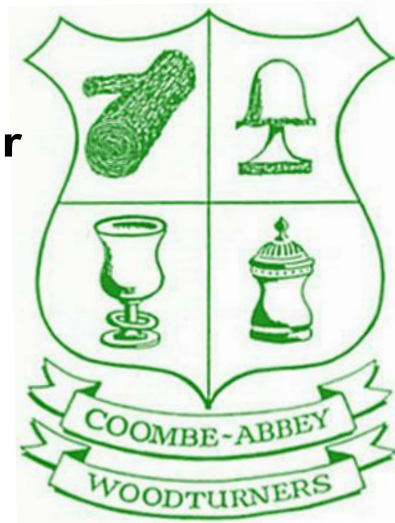


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**Copy Deadline for the January 2022 issue of the Newsletter is:-
Friday 17th December 2021**

**Please forward your News, Stories and Photographs to:-
Graham Ball - Newsletter Editor -**

From the Editor



The days are getting shorter and colder and I can understand if you are struggling to get much done in the workshop, but those with good lighting and heaters will be at

an advantage over others who do not have these refinements, therefore I am appealing to you to come forward with pictures of your work to help fill the pages of the newsletter and a few words description would not go amiss so please get that camera clicking.

The deadline for copy for the January Newsletter has been brought forward to Friday 17th December as the printer who does the hard copies will obviously be on holiday for a while.

We enjoyed a demonstration by Peter Carless on Friday 26th November and that report will be in the January issue.

Please give some serious thought to Eric Taylor's appeal to the membership on page 17.

I would like to wish everyone a "Happy Christmas and A Healthy, Wealthy, Safe New Year". Let us hope that 2022 will see a big improvement on 2021.

Graham

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Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all once again. I hope this finds you all well.

The all day demo on the 13th Nov at Baptist Church was a very poor turn-out. Unfortunately I couldn't get there due to a hospital appointment, but I would really like the numbers to increase at our demo's if at all possible.

The Xmas party has now been cancelled due to the lack of people wishing to go - I do understand that people are unsure about mixing in groups, but this virus is going to carry on with us for a long time, and provided we all take care we can still meet up in groups.

On a brighter note the Demo at Axminster's store in Nuneaton with Peter Wright, Giles Headley and Phil Steele went very well - congratulations to the trio for a great day.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on the 8th January at the Baptist Church, I hope you can all manage to get there, because we are looking to the next year with more details on how we can advance in our training programmes and open days.

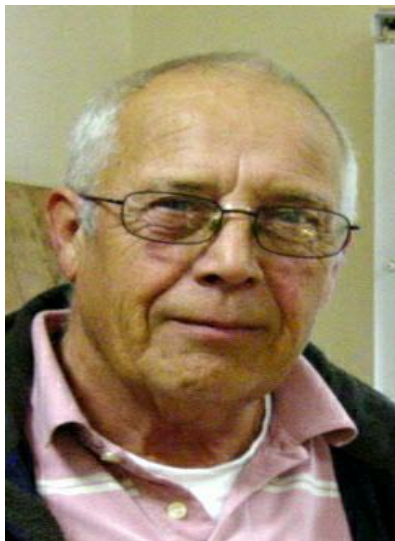
We are now in the process of buying a new Bandsaw as the one we have is now not safe to use.

At the moment we have one meeting booked for next year and that will be Giavanni Deidda demonstrating on the scroll saw. He was asked to return by a lot of members. This will be held on Saturday 12th March at the Baptist Church, an all day session.

I'll sign off now but we would like to wish you all well and hope you all have a great Christmas and a brilliant healthy New Year.

Stay safe and keep turning.

Brian



Brian Edwards

Work by Brian Whinray

Anne Whinray writes:-

Brian has not been doing a lot of Turning during the Pandemic due to back problems but has now completed his first attempt at Segmented Woodturning. It is a gift for friends who gave him the wood many years ago. I'm sure they will be very surprised & impressed with what I think is a lovely piece. of work.



oOo

One Line Philosopher:

Creating Problems = Misery, Solving Problems = Happiness.

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.

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A Demonstration by **Dennis Wake**

At Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday 13th November 2021

Report and Photography by Graham Ball

We welcomed Dennis Wake to the Walsgrave Baptist Church for our meeting on the 13th November to demonstrate his skill of woodturning. Once again the attendance was well below normal levels but this gave us a good opportunity to meet fellow club members and catch up on the news. Besides the demonstration Dennis had brought along a good many samples of his work to show us and a table full of wood blanks etc for sale ably looked after by Dennis's wife. One club member had brought along samples of his ornamental turnings to show us of which one had won him an award.



Dennis Wake started off by turning a lidded box and he stressed all the safety aspects of turning and especially concentrated on telling us the limitations of each tool such as the Roughing gouge which really is properly named as the "Spindle Roughing Gouge". He asked the audience if anyone used it on bowl turning and one hand went up. Dennis then said that he should really cease using it for this purpose and produced a sample of a broken roughing gouge which had been mailed to him by a member of another club who had escaped serious injury when it broke and flew past his head.

As the lidded box was deemed to be spindle turning Dennis used this tool to rough out the wood and explained that he would be putting chucking

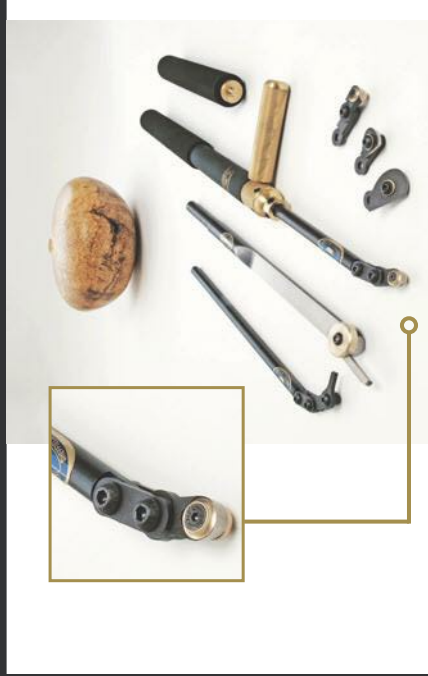


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pains on both ends and the parting it through at an appropriate point along its length. This done he remounted the main part of the box and proceeded to hollow this portion out. I will not go into detail of how he turned the end to fit the lid but can say that you really need to attend these demonstrations to get those details for yourself.

Dennis then told us he would turn a candlestick to hold a glass container with a tea light in it. Here again it was spindle turning but with more details such as beads and coves so this took us further into the skills of tool control using a spindle gouge.

The final item that Dennis turned consisted of three pieces incorporating both, spindle turning and bowl turning and he showed us a sample he had turned earlier to give us an idea of the piece in question.



The piece sitting on the lathe bed Left is the finished article which was turned in front of us as a demonstration in turning and design and we were invited to do a critique as we should always do on our own work as this is the best way of improving our skills.

I would like to thank to thank Dennis for his demonstration and am sure there would be club members who would take





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Once again it is time to thank Jill and Alison for their efforts in the kitchen and also Anne Whinray who gave some help when needed.

We also have to thank those who helped to clear up at the end of the demonstration but we do need more people to help on these occasions It is noticeable that some members arrive early to help set up and are the last to leave because of the tidying up afterwards.

Last but not least, a big thank you to Len Owen for bringing along all the video and Audio equipment and setting this up and operating the cameras throughout the demonstration. This is a big help in letting the audience see on screen a lot of the action on the lathe which otherwise would not be visible to us. ■



A Splendid display of ornamental work by club member Malcolm Thorpe



A Display of work by Dennis Wake.



A good selection of timber for sale brought along by Dennis Wake and his wife.



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January 8 CAWT AGM Baptist Church

March 12 Gianni Deidda (Scroll Saw) 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:-*

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Next Meeting Coombe Abbey Woodturners

Annual General Meeting

On Saturday 8th January 2022 at Walsgrave Baptist Church
10.00am.

Club and AWGB subscriptions are now due for 2022 and can be paid at this meeting. £10 + £18 = total of £28.00 per individual member.

Coming Up
A Demonstration by Gianni Deidda
Walsgrave Baptist Church 10 00am to 4pm approx.
Saturday March 12th., 2022.

A Return Visit by Popular Request

Notices

Events Secretary

The club committee are looking for a new “Events Secretary” mainly to engage demonstrators for our meetings at Walsgrave Baptist Church and Shilton Village Hall. If you can help the club by volunteering for this post then please either contact a member of the committee or attend the AGM in January and offer your services then.

Librarian

Did you know that the club owns quite a few books on woodturning and other wood related subjects. Well Alan Edwards has been our librarian for quite a few years now and has decided that he is no longer able to perform this task, so we are looking for someone to take charge of the books and bring a selection to our meetings where they can be booked out to members on loan for a very small cost.

If you are able to take on this responsibility please get in touch with the chairman or any committee member and register your interest in helping the club in this way. Thank You.

Newsletter Editor

We desperately need a new Newsletter Editor to take over from Graham Ball who has been doing the job for the last sixteen years. Graham gave twelve months notice to relinquish the post two years ago but because of the difficulties the pandemic has caused he served another twelve months so that everyone could be kept in touch with club affairs. Graham will be retiring from the post imminently which will leave the club without a newsletter and therefore no means of communication so I implore you on behalf of the committee to come forward and take over this job. Graham has said he will give the new editor every assistance to ease into the role.

Eric Taylor (Committee member) Coombe Abbey Woodturners.

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Demonstration at Axminster Tools Nuneaton Store

On Saturday 20th November 2021

Axminster Tools invited Coombe Abbey Woodturning club to demonstrate their skills at the “Nuneaton Store”. The club accepted the invitation and three members volunteered to do the demonstrations.



Peter Wright working on the lathe.

Peter Wright started off first with a small social distancing seated audience. It was good to see that most of the seating was occupied and there were a few people standing at the back of those. A video camera and monitor was set up so that everyone could see the action quite plainly.

The other two club members doing demonstrations were Giles Headley and Phil Steele although I could not stay long enough to enjoy their contributions.



Phil Steele completed the final Demo session

It was noticeable that there were a lot fewer members of the public attending the demonstrations although I am told that Axminster did do a good trade in selling items to visiting members of the public. There were also many club mem-



Giles Headley took the second Demo session



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bers giving the three demonstrators their support.

There may be some people who have not yet visited this Axminster store so included in this article are some pictures taken on the day of certain areas to give you a taster of what you can expect when visiting which I am

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Hinckley & North Warwickshire Woodturners

December 7	Christmas Social	
December 21	No Meeting	
Contact	Steve Obrien	01788-521527

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Contact	Tom Donnelly	01327 349093
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West Midlands Woodturners

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Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

December 8	Christmas social event	
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Contact	Mike Holliday	01452 523551
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Coombe Abbey Woodturners

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New Year

