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From the Editor



This months magazine is dominated by the Minutes of the AGM held on 5th January. I was unable to attend but reading the minutes there was obviously good participation at the meeting. Sadly Eric Taylor has resigned as Treasurer after giving 14 years of sterling service, and Eric was thanked for this at the meeting, but I can add my thanks to that for Eric as we have worked together for 13 years from when I joined the club and in my capacity of both Newsletter Editor and as Secretary for 10 years. Janine Brindley has taken over the role of Treasurer and I am sure everyone will join with me in congratulating Janine and giving her every help in the future.

I was very surprised and delighted to be voted by the committee as Club member of the year 2018. I was also pleased that due to my absence it was my good friend Eric who stepped up to receive the award on my behalf. Thank you everyone, the shield now has pride of place in my living room.

I normally each year, produce a Tri-Fold programme of events for each club member and you will get this shortly, only I have been waiting for the dates of some of these events to be finalized. Most people will get this by email and those without computers will get a printed copy with your newsletter.

Graham

Vice Chairman's Jottings

Hands on sessions (DRAFT)

For the benefit of those who didn't attend the recent AGM and as a reminder for those who did, one of the topics raised during the AOB item was that there hadn't been any hands-on sessions of late. In response it was stated that where hands on facilities had been laid on, there had been little or no take up. I do not want to speculate on the reason behind this here, rather

as there seems to be a genuine interest for sessions to cover pyrography as an example, I would like to propose the following which puts the onus on the club members to suggest ideas for hands-on sessions.

At the AGM, Colin Grundy volunteered to act as co-ordinator for these events. It is proposed that the sessions will be held at the workshop rather than one of the other venues (Walsgrave for example). This has the advantage that if workshop equipment is needed for the session then they are at hand and there is no hire cost for the room.

The process that is envisaged is as follows:

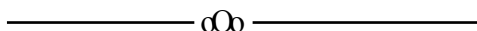
- A member or members contact Colin (preferably via email) for a particular hands-on session, e.g. pyrography or tool sharpening etc.
- A list of these requests will be published in the club magazine, along with requests for individuals to act as tutors.
- When a suitable number (depending on the session) have registered interest and a tutor has come forward a date for the session will be arranged and communicated along with any joining instructions to those who registered for the session. Current thinking is that these sessions will run on either Mondays or Thursdays.
- Should a session be over subscribed then the club will endeavour to organise a repeat session.



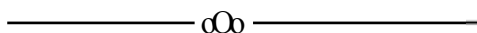
Bob Packer



This process is offered to the membership on a trial basis. It is hoped that members will come forward with their ideas and support these sessions. A session may require the participants to provide their own material, bring their own tools or equipment, protective clothing, etc. Also, where the session provider supplies material for example, then they will need to be reimbursed. These details will be included in the joining instructions. The club magazine will be the primary channel used to promulgate information regarding sessions rather than the web site as not all members have access to the internet. ■



Phil Steele sent in this New Year Resolution by email which he picked up online. How many of us could this apply to?



Results of the Monthly Workshop Raffle

The 50/50 Club raffle sold 50 tickets = £25
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One Line Philosopher:

A man can make up his mind quickly, if he has only a little to make up. *Aristotle*

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I would like to thank Paul Wragg and Barry Surplice of “Henry Taylor Tools” for agreeing to sponsor this issue of our Newsletter. The support given to Coombe Abbey Woodturners in this way by the woodturning trade is essential for helping to maintain a thriving woodturning club. Henry Taylor Tools have also been very generous in the past in donating tools for our workshop at Coombe which opened for the first time in August 2007. The club membership has swelled greatly in this time meaning that there are more and more people taking up the hobby who will be requiring turning tools.

I would urge club members to support our sponsor by buying their excellent turning and carving tools which can be obtained through the local agent - our very own club member - Eric Taylor (no relation). If Eric hasn't got the tool you require in stock, he will be able to obtain it for you in double quick time.

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Austin and Rhodes

Competition Trophies Namesakes

Where are they now? by Margaret Mitchell-King

The winner of the Austin trophy may like to know that Austin is now being educated in Canada in order to maintain his academic qualifications and his ice hockey. He's at an independent specialist student-athlete school in Toronto, the only Brit, and is studying for his A levels (Canadian equivalents). He's playing for the school's U18 team, who play in showcase tournaments rather than in a league, both in Canada and USA, so he's on the road a lot with study times built in! He's been back for the festive season and undertook his last trial for U18s GB in Dumfries straight after Christmas. This will be his second GB performance if he's awarded a place, but I doubt if they'll win a World Championship Gold medal as they did last year!! Rhodes meanwhile takes his GCSEs this summer and hopes to move to Canada to join his brother, but we will see! He's just been awarded a place in the elite U17s Midlands Conference team (even though he is a first year in that age range) and is through to the final trial of GB U16s, which he will undertake in February at half term. So, that's the update on the trophy names!! Photo below, taken last summer when they trained in Connecticut, USA.



L to R: Rhodes and Austin Mitchell-King

Lastly, and sadly, I would be grateful if you could let the treasurer know, that I have taken the decision not to renew my 2019 membership. It's now been ten years since the death of my father, Cliff King and realistically I haven't had the time to get back into wood-turning. However, I hope the club will maintain the trophies and would like the committee to know that if they need replacing or new discs or whatever we will be happy to fund them. We have always enjoyed learning who they were awarded to and seeing their work, and I hope this will continue. It's been a privilege to read the newsletter and to learn

of the contribution of various members, and long may the club thrive and develop. Therefore we wish the Club continued success and enjoyment, and please don't hesitate to get back to us if we can help in any way. Long may you keep the craft alive and encourage new recruits!

All good wishes for 2019.

Margaret

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Hinckley Road, Walsgrave, Coventry

Present: M. Archer, P. Bickley, S. Brimacombe, J. Brindley, P. Carless, T. Carter, L. Cartwright, G. Cashmore, J. Cooke, L. Crabbe, I. Cooper, M. Cryer, D. Deas, A. Edwards, B. Edwards, A. Elliott, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Greenwood, G. Griffiths, C. Grundy, P. Hanley, G. Headley, T. Hodges, M. Humble, T. Ivins, S. Jones, D. Knight, R. Kubasiewicz, F. Lapper, H. Leaper, S. Leek, E. Lomas, J. Lomas, J. Massey, I. Millard, J. Morgan, J. Napier, P. Nicholls, C. Nicholson, J. Orton, R. Packer, C. Parkin, D. Robins, G. Russell, P. Steele, A. Steedman, Jack Steedman, Jill Steedman, E. Taylor, T. Townsend, J. Whittle, M. Whittle, P. Wood, V. Wood, P. Wright.

Apologies: G. Ball, J. Blake, J. Martin-Law, L. Neat, W. Nicholson, R. Slater, R. Smith, M. Waters, A. Whinray, B. Whinray.

Minutes of AGM held on 06.01.2018: Acceptance of the minutes were proposed by G. Griffiths and seconded by G. Headley with the correction of the Scouts District Commissioner for Bablake's first name - Rosemarie and not Rosalie.

Matters Arising from Minutes of AGM held on 06.01.2018: There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: The past year as a whole could have been better. Support from members at the Daffodil Festival, Monks Kirby was low and the attendance at the Summer Fayre was poor due to Football World Cup matches held that day. However, the sale of raffle tickets was very successful. Sales at the Godiva Festival, Coventry were badly affected due to the positioning of the Green Tent which was away from the mainstream of visitors. A new organiser had taken over the planning and was not familiar with the layout of the site. The organisers have promised the Club this year, the Green Tent will be sited alongside the main area. Chairman thanked all members who attended this event and who gave excellent support over the two days, selling raffle tickets, demonstrating on the lathes and manning the Charity and Sales tables. The Club urgently needs additional tutors for Sundays and Tuesdays. The AWGB will visit the Club for the day and assess members on the tutoring and demonstrator courses. We need at least five members to volunteer and



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the AWGB will visit Coombe rather than members attending the same courses at other locations throughout the country. Chairman thanked all members who helped with the steam engine competition for Woodworks. This year's subject for the Woodworks' competition is a chess set complete with board. Anyone willing to participate, the Workshop will be available on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday by arrangement.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer stated his report would be his last as Treasurer. He will remain on the Committee and continue to look after the Diary in the Workshop, the sponsorship for the Newsletter and liaise with contacts for specific events. He referred to his financial report circulated to members in attendance. The expenses had increased due to the increase in room hire charges, lower attendances by members at demonstrations and increased travel costs claimed by demonstrators. More money has been spent on equipment for the Workshop but this has been paid from No.2 account. All raffle tickets were sold out and this financial gain has offset the increased expenditure for Workshop equipment. Thanks to Alec Steedman for his success with ticket sales. Treasurer stated that the Incidentals expenses included cost of tea and coffee at the Workshop and Shilton meetings. Increased charges at meetings has helped retain satisfactory balances of the accounts. Treasurer hoped a member would volunteer to take over the position which he has held for fourteen years. Treasurer was applauded for his commitment and long service to the Club.

A question was asked why the Club did not charge a fee for the training at the Workshop. Treasurer stated when the original Agreement was signed between Coombe Abbey Management and the Club, it was stipulated that: no rent would be charged; electricity costs would be met by the Club; woodturning training would be provided by the Club to members of the public free of charge. Treasurer stated the Club is probably the only Club insured to train members of the public in the Workshop. Members of the public are asked to pay a £5 refundable deposit. By providing training in the Workshop it promotes new membership of the Club and donations, via charity boxes, to Air Ambulance. Gerald Griffiths enquired about the cost of the Xmas Party. Treasurer stated the cost was £350, taken from the No.2 account. Treasurer was asked to explain the use of the No.2 account. The No.2 account held monies needed for capital expenditure. All monies collected for the raffle were deposited in





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the No.2 account and each year the total collected was split fifty/fifty between the Club's charity i.e. Air Ambulance and Club funds. Treasurer reiterated the offer given by the Chairman re AGWB tutoring and demonstrating courses. AWGB have developed these courses over a number of years, the first tutor training held at Coombe Workshop was attended by Graham Cashmore and Lionel Crabbe. AWGB now provide a DVD for members to work through in their own time. Members can then apply to AWGB for accreditation. AWGB will provide at Coombe Workshop a free one day course for teachers/demonstrators provided five or more members attend. This saves travelling/overnight stay costs if members were to attend the same courses provided by AWGB at venues elsewhere in the country. AWGB loan tools/lathes to new members and offer an annual bursary with attendance at the Seminar held every other year.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Graham's report was read out by the Treasurer. He apologised for his absence due to his wife's ill health. He had produced the 40 page Newsletter monthly throughout 2018 and thanked members for their support by providing photographs, reports, copy and news. He encouraged members to continue to help produce the Newsletter in this way and to contact him with any ideas. There was no change of or charges to sponsors throughout the year. Printing costs remained the same but postage charges increased slightly. Any member receiving a hard copy of the Newsletter who has an email address, please contact Graham to arrange receipt via email (in colour) – this saves postage costs. Graham thanked Eric Taylor for his invaluable help in retaining sponsorship renewals and Andrew Cryer for posting the Newsletter on Club's website each month. Membership figures fell at the beginning of 2018 but this is usually recouped throughout the year. However, this did not happen in 2018 and membership is about a dozen below 150 (peak figure). The reason for this could be lack of teaching provision for potential new Club members on Sundays at the Workshop. Graham wished members a Happy New Year.

All members present were unanimous in wanting the Newsletter to continue. Chairman and Treasurer urged members to support Graham in producing the Newsletter in its 40 page format. Gerald Griffiths proposed a vote of thanks to Graham.

Election of Officers: Chairman asked if any member wished to take on the Chairman's role. No-one responded. Chairman asked for nomina-





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Yandles would like to clarify that it will no longer be holding a Spring Woodworking Show following last year's cancellation of the event. The Company decided that it could no longer risk holding the show following several very wet winters, which resulted in the fields used for car parking becoming flooded.

We will instead, hold a variety of different events over a two-week period, which will include free sawmill tours, free mini taster courses, a variety of manufactures days, some with guest demonstrations, evening demonstrations with supper and a craft market. This will be supported by numerous special offers and sale days. For further details please check out our website: www.yandles.co.uk

Yandles have recently introduced a breakfast menu in its Café and expanded its Hobbies Website. The Company is also opening a new Packing and Dispatch Centre to cope with the increased demand from online sales. This will be backed up with extra staff to ensure orders are dispatched as soon as possible.

Over the coming year, Yandles plan to expand the teaching facilities and following new machinery being installed in its Sawmill, will be offering a greater range of machined timber. Also, for your records our Autumn Show will be held on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th of September 2019

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tions for Treasurer's position. Janine Brindley was proposed by Mick Cryer and seconded by Gerald Griffiths. Members voted in favour and Janine accepted the position. Chairman asked for nominations for Secretary and Membership Secretary positions for next year. Stephen Brimacombe asked if there was a list of roles and responsibilities for the Secretary and Membership Secretary Role available, to enable members to make an informed decision. There was not any written information but Janine Brindley suggested the Committee could produce a list of responsibilities for each officer. Peter Carless proposed for next year, Committee produce a list of responsibilities for each officer which would then be published in the Newsletter so all members were aware of the role and responsibilities of each officer. John Greenwood seconded this proposal. Re-election of the rest of the Committee was proposed by Peter Carless and seconded by John Greenwood.

Title	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Brian Edwards	Peter Carless	John Greenwood
Treasurer	Janine Brindley	Mick Cryer	Gerald Griffiths
Secretary	Marlene Whittle		
Vice Chairman	Bob Packer		
Events Secretary	Colin Grundy		
	Graham Cashmore	All Committee	All Committee
Committee	Fred Lapper	Members were	Members were
Members 2018	John Whittle	proposed en	seconded en
	Alec Steedman	bloc by	bloc by John
	Jack Steedman	Peter Carless	Greenwood
	Terry IvinsEric		
	Taylor		
Newsletter Editor	Graham Ball		

Chairman stated he wanted the Committee members to compile a list of all the tasks necessary for attendance at events e.g. the Daffodil Festival (07.04.19), Summer Fayre and Godiva Festival so that these could be shared out to relieve the pressure on Committee members. Chairman asked members to volunteer to assist Committee members at events throughout the year.



New members of the Club and Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

Festival of Crafts 2018: Alison Elliott stated at the beginning of the year prospects did not look good for various reasons. As the year progressed things improved and by the end, the Festival only made a loss of £245.12p which was a huge relief. The Festival donated £500 towards the Air Ambulance from reserves built up from previous years' successes. Total of £924.20p held in reserve to start the 2019 Festival. Alison provided an income and expenditure report. The Festival will take place on 14/15.09.2019 and already has five confirmed bookings for this year and many enquiries. Alison thanked all those who helped last year. The Festival Committee have introduced an early booking discount this year for crafters who book before end of June 2019. All goods on sale at the Festival must be handmade. Eric Taylor proposed a vote of thanks for the Festival of Crafts Committee Members for all their hard work in organising the Festival. Updates and information about the Festival are published in the Newsletter. Flyers are available for members at the Workshop and for distribution by members to any events, crafters or contacts who might be interested in attending or having a stall. Alec Steedman informed members Alison Elliott, Jill Steedman, Jack Steedman, Janet Blake, Pete Bickley, Martin Hitchiner and himself were on the Committee of the Festival of Crafts.

Programme of Events: The trifold 2019 programme has not yet been finalised, Graham Ball is awaiting some dates for demonstrations. Colin thanked Bill Nicholson for his work over nine years as Events Secretary. There is one date in September 19 vacant for which Colin hopes a Club member will volunteer so, anyone interested in demonstrating, please contact him. Demonstrators' travel costs are expensive and have to be considered when booking new demonstrators from further afield. Members' low attendance at demonstrations impacts on choice of demonstrators. Colin informed members that there were not any "Hands On" meetings planned for 2019. If members want "Hands On" sessions please contact Colin. Attendance at previous sessions have been poorly attended. Members must take part in the "hands on" and make use of the lathes provided otherwise, it is a waste of demonstrators' time and effort. Member asked if it is possible to say what technique will be demonstrated

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Calendar of Events

2019

February 9	Robert Till	
March 7	Chestnut Products	Shilton
March 9	Stan Bryan	
April 4	John Whittle	Shilton
April 7	Dafodil Festival	
April 21 &22	Easter at Coombe	
May 4	John Boyne-Aitken	
June 1	Sue Harker	
August 1	Paul Hannaby	Shilton
September 5	Lionel Crabbe	Shilton
October 3	Robin Barlow	Shilton
October 12	Stuart King	
November 7	Pat Hanley	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)

NEXT MEETING

A Demonstration by Robert Till

Walsgrave Baptist Church 10am Saturday February 9th., 2019.

Robert Till has been turning professionally for nearly five years and has been on the demonstration circuit for three years.

Since his first encounter with a lathe as a schoolboy, he now enjoys all aspects of woodturning.

The projects he hopes to demonstrate are:-

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Spindle work/involuted turning

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Coming Up

A Demonstration by **Terry Smart** of Chestnut Products

At Shilton Village Hall

On Thursday March 7th at 6.30pm

Terry will be demonstrating a number of products and of course he will be answering all those questions we have on finishing our work.

at a particular meeting. Chairman said the professional demonstrators would not give details of their demonstration in advance. The only turner that did this was the Tiny Turner, Emma Cook. Colin said some demonstrators will give details but others will not. Treasurer said most professional demonstrators keep a diary of what they have demonstrated at particular venues and will try to do something different if booked again at a later date.

Lee Cartwright proposed opening the Workshop on a Thursday for training and charging members who attend, a nominal fee e.g. £2.50 each. Treasurer pointed out that the original intention of opening the Workshop on Wednesday and Friday was to help/assist members with their wood-turning problems. There is no reason why the Workshop cannot be opened on a Monday or Thursday for members. This has happened in the past for tool sharpening and pyrography sessions. The Workshop can be opened every day of the week but it is stipulated by Coombe Management, a Committee Member must be present to open up and lock up the Workshop.

Member stated Coombe Abbey Country Park had been awarded a £500,000 lottery grant and asked whether any of the money would be spent on C.A.W. Chairman replied “No”. The money would be spent on leasing additional land for extending the carpark and “Go Ape” installation in the woods.

Member stated she was interested attending a pyrography session, John Whittle agreed to provide this. Stephen Brimacombe suggested a register of interest for members to sign up for courses. Treasurer stated that he could refer to the monthly Newsletter containing details of all Committee Members and their phone numbers to register his interest. Chairman regularly states in the Newsletter if anyone wants training at the Workshop to contact him. He has not received one telephone request. Mick Cryer reports that Andrew Cryer states he does not get any feedback with reference to the website.

Colin Grundy agreed to act as contact for members wanting any training sessions arranged or members willing to demonstrate.

2019 Charity: Air Ambulance was proposed by P. Wright and seconded by John Greenwood. Air Ambulance was voted 2019 Charity.

Club Member of the Year: There were five nominations and Graham Ball was voted anonymously Club Member of the Year by the Committee.



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Presentation of Competition Awards: Eric Taylor accepted the Club Member of the Year Award on behalf of Graham Ball. M. Archer won the Warren-Findings Trophy and the Austin Trophy. D. Knight won the Rhodes Trophy and the Jim Elliott Trophy. L. Crabbe won the Roy Nicholls Trophy.

A.O.B: *Health & Safety/Risk Assessments* Tony Carter enquired whether there was a limit on the number of people attending the Workshop at any one time. Treasurer replied there was no specific number stipulated. Member asked if a risk assessment had been carried out. Treasurer confirmed that the last risk assessment was carried out three years ago.

Concessionary Discounts John Greenwood asked if a discount was available at the Café to Club Members. Treasurer confirmed discount was available to members and free parking only when members attend the Workshop. Also discount is available at the Shop, providing member is known as a woodturner from the Workshop.

Coventry City of Culture: Gerald Griffiths enquired whether Club had been issued with a list of events. Chairman replied a list of events had not been received and Club had not been invited to attend events.

Workshop/Lathes Phil Steele said the Workshop does get busy at times, would it be possible to acquire a larger Workshop or look at replacing the lathes. Chairman said it was not possible to acquire a larger Workshop but work is in progress re replacing the lathes. Treasurer stated when the Workshop was started up at Coombe, the lathes were considered the most suitable for training purposes. They were never intended to be used for producing large projects. Phil Steele asked if the Coombe Management could be asked again whether another room could be made available for the woodturners. Chairman replied that he asked this question on a regular basis but the answer was the same – not possible.

Lottery Grant Giles Headley enquired if there was any news about the Lottery Grant. Chairman replied that this was in progress, all the paperwork (submitted three times) had been acknowledged just before Christmas, accepted and will be processed in ten weeks.

Website Mick Fitzpatrick said he had just made an application for pyrography training to the Club website and will await a reply. So contact for training is quite easy and straight forward.



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Attendance at Shilton Mick Fitzpatrick asked how well the Thursday evening sessions are attended. Chairman replied the sessions are well attended – more than the Friday evenings sessions were at Bulkington. Attendance is usually about 45 to 50 members which cover the costs, more so if one of our Club members is demonstrating. The Baptist Church venue makes a loss and Club funds make up the difference.

Raffle Tickets/Tombola/Scouts' Weekend/Letters Alec Steedman announced that the raffle tickets would be on sale soon and suggested each member takes two books of five tickets to sell. If members have any items (non-perishables) for the Festival of Crafts Tombola stall please take them to the Workshop. The Club is planning a scouts' weekend at Coombe this year in December and need members willing to attend and, assist with training young people to become woodturners of the future. Alec Steedman suggested members could write a letter to the Committee if they do not want to use email, phone or website, the Committee will deal with your request. Chairman stated he had only received one letter during the four years he had been Chairman and that was a complaint from a non-member.

AGM Agenda & Minutes Stephen Brimacombe suggested distribution of AGM Agenda and Minutes would be cheaper via email or the December Newsletter than printed copies. Treasurer responded that it cost £20 for the print run which is cheaper than using the Newsletter. Not all members have access to email, computers or printers.

Assessment for Teachers Gerald Griffiths asked whether members needed to be assessed prior to teaching juniors. Chairman replied that it is necessary to have a parent, guardian or carer present when teaching under eighteens. Colin Grundy stated, with reference to DBS checks, provided the junior's leader or legal guardian is present, the answer is "No". Treasurer stated he had checked with AWGB who stipulate that anyone under eighteen years old is classed as a minor and, provided you have got it stated in the Workshop "there must be a parent or guardian present at the time of training", the Club is covered. Chairman said from tomorrow (06.01.2019), there will be a book available in the Workshop containing all the Club's policies and procedures relating to health & safety, parental guidance etc. in accordance with the Council and government regulations.

A vote of thanks was proposed for the hard work undertaken during the year by the Committee and Officers. ■

Activities in the Workshop



Above: Alex Craner has turned this interesting bowl. If you are interested in segmented work Alex there are a few members of the club that can give you good advice.

Below: Finlay Hornshaw has turned what could be an interesting piece. Let us see the finished article Finlay, I am sure there are plenty people waiting to see your finished project.



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Obituary
Ron Craythorne
1936 - 2019



It was with great sadness that I learned from Bob Heathman of the passing of Ron Craythorne on Monday 7th January 2019. As well as a good friend Ron was also a keen woodturner and club member, always willing to offer his services and exhibit his turnings at our outside events and where possible he was very happy to demonstrate to the public on his Nova Comet lathe. When his wife Joy was alive Ron opened up his workshop annually to the public assisted by Bob Heathman and John Bradbury charging an entrance fee and selling raffle tickets with the proceeds going to a charity which he and Joy supported.

As Newsletter editor I interviewed Ron for the January 2007 issue when I was running a series of articles entitled “Your Turn to Talk”. I have reproduced a little of this interview below which some members who knew him may find interesting.

Ron’s funeral will take place at 1.30pm on Friday 8th February at Holy Trinity Church Hinckley followed by a short service at the Heart of England Crematorium Nuneaton.

I am sure everyone in the woodturning club will join with me in offering our sincere condolences to Ron’s two daughters at this very sad and difficult time.

Graham Ball

(Newsletter Editor)

Ron Craythorne was born in Burbage, Leicestershire. He lived in the area known as “Three Pots” for two years before the family moved to a house his father built in Coventry Road Burbage. Ron lived in this house until he was married and then moved to his present house in Wood Street, Hinckley.

Ron attended the Burbage junior school and the Westfield secondary school in Hinckley.

Ron's father Fred Craythorne had his own Carpentry business based in Burbage which Ron joined on leaving school at the age of fifteen. Ron served a five year apprenticeship with his father and attended the Hinckley college where he studied and passed first his City and Guilds intermediate exam and then his City and Guilds finals. The Carpentry business was moved into its present site in Wood Street Hinckley, renting it from the then owner. When the property owner died Fred Craythorne had first option to buy the property which he did, and this was when Ron and his wife Joy moved into the house adjoining the business. Ron's father was still living in Burbage at this time.

Ron was found to be diabetic at the age of fifteen just when he was about to leave school and this condition prevented him from being called up to serve in the forces.

Fred Craythorne passed away when Ron was aged twenty nine and Ron has run the business ever since.

Q When did you take up woodturning

1989. It was when I retired and I was looking for something to do and thought I would have a look at woodturning.

Q What make was your first lathe?

I started with a Myford ML8

Q What make is your present lathe?

Its a Myford Maestro. This lathe has the variable speed control. I mentioned to John Bradbury that I wanted a better lathe and that I had been happy with my Myford lathe, so he took me over to Nottingham to see the Maestro. Which I bought and returned one Saturday morning with the van to collect the new lathe. I also have the small Nova lathe which I use when travelling to Hands-On meetings and demonstrations. This is a great little lathe and ideal for this purpose. The Coombe Abbey Club have one and the visiting professionals all seem to get on well with it.

Q What aspect of woodturning do you most enjoy?

I enjoy spindle work more than bowl work.

Q Where is your preferred venue for selling work?

In actual fact I now sell quite a bit from home as people have got to know me from the open workshop demonstrations. I generally sell quite a bit at Coombe Abbey visitor centre, but I don't care for craft shows as you can spend all day there and not sell enough to make it worthwhile, although the "Burbage Common" craft fair has been very good for me.

Ron Craythorne RIP

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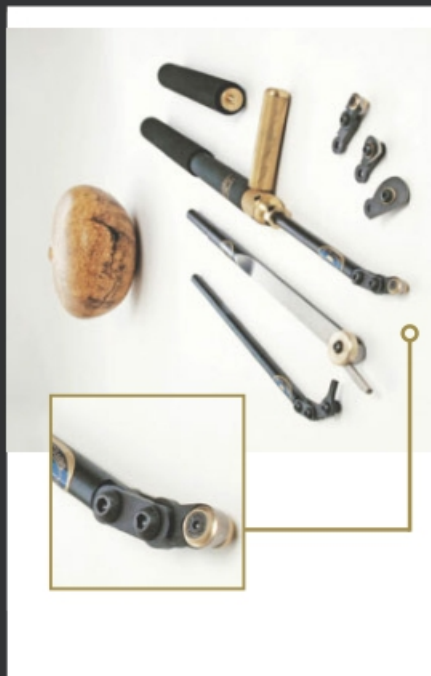
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Jade Haywood (Store Manager)

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To all Coombe Abbey Woodturners HELP!

The music group my pre-school grandsons attend, castanet kids, is short of instruments. They get no funding from anywhere and any instruments they can afford are usually cheap plastic and break easily. The children range from 9 months to 4 years old and are quite lively.

The teacher has asked me if I could make anything out of wood. So if any of you know of any plans or could make something, they would be very grateful, anything that makes a noise would do. These need to be robust enough to last, but small enough to too be held by tiny hands. (Nothing that could be swallowed)

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Eric Taylor receives the Club member of the year award on behalf of Graham Ball. Michael Archer receives the Roger Warren-Finding Shield, Michael Archer receives the Austin's Trophy, David Knight receives the Rhodes Trophy, David Knight again receiving the Jim Elliot memorial Trophy and Lionel Crabbe receives the Roy Nicholls Shield.

