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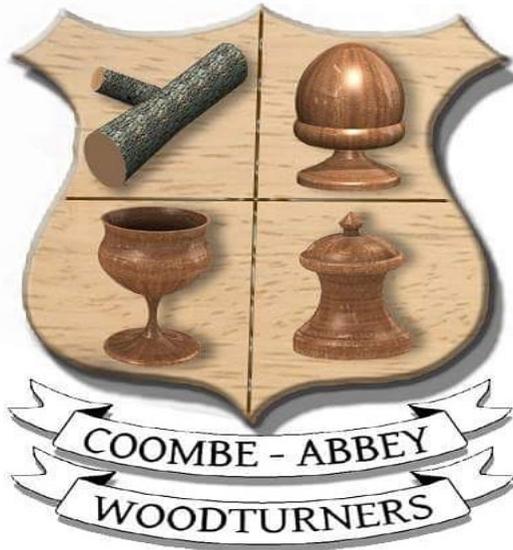
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From the Editor



I hope none of our members have suffered from the dreadful weather we have been experiencing and by that I mean flooding and wind damage. I have been checking my workshop on a regular basis to make sure there is no loose roof felt flapping in the wind. It did happen some years ago but I was lucky and there was no water damage.

Another bad news item is the Corona virus. I have just got over a cold and have been nowhere near china or anyone who has contracted the disease so I just dosed myself up with a cure my wife always used to give me when I started to cough, sneeze and splutter.

In a tumbler squeeze the juice of half a lemon, add two teaspoons of honey, fill halfway with hot water, dissolve two Codis tablets in the water and top up with whisky. Drink up as quickly as possible. The lemon juice and honey was for a sore throat. The codis was for the aching head and the whisky was to put a smile on your face. Does it work? Well the jury is still out on that one but my cold took three weeks to shake off.

My wife never did find a cure for my passion for woodturning thank goodness, she put up with my turned pieces littering the house even though it was she who did the dusting.

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

To start off, I'd like to hope all our members have had a good start to the new year.

I'd like to say we had a brilliant turn out of members to the demo by Pete Moncrieff-Jury. If we could have this amount of support for all our demo's I'd be thrilled. The next one being at Shilton on the 5th March. The demonstrator will be Wolfgang Shultz-Zachau, a new man to our shows and I believe a brilliant demonstrator.



Brian Edwards

Our first meeting at Coombe this year will be on 21st March and Gerry Marlow will be demonstrating so hopefully a lot of you can attend. When using the car park, if the barrier doesn't automatically go up then please take a ticket and have it registered in the visitor centre just before you leave.

A price list will be available at the cafeteria for food you may require.

The wood sale which should have taken place in February has been re-arranged and will take place on Saturday 18th April.

The Daffodil Festival will take place on Sunday 29th March, so please anyone needing passes to get in to unload equipment please get in touch with Eric.

I'm happy to say the new bandsaw we purchased will be in the workshop midweek. Any member who requires assistance using this new item please ask any committee member.

I'm hoping that members are busy in their workshops making new items for sale and for the window display - please remember to put your name on said items.

I'd like volunteers to put themselves forward for the Festival of Crafts. Names to Jill on sub committee please. Help is always needed.

We also need bodies for the open days at Coombe. Your help would be invaluable.

Welcome to all our new members who have joined this year, we hope you use the club often.

Any ideas to make our open days more appealing to all, please send an email or letter to the committee and we will most certainly welcome this. Remember this is your club, we only act on your behalf.

Keep turning

Brian

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Workshop Window Display

We are appealing to members for items of work for display in the windows at the Coombe Workshop. Please put your name on the underside of your piece/s and bring them along on any day that the workshop is open. Thank you.

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Results of the Monthly Workshop Raffle

The 50/50 Club raffle sold 109 tickets = £54.50

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

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Editor

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Valerie Ansell

The club is pleased to welcome Valerie Ansell as Secretary of Coombe Abbey Woodturners. Valerie agreed to take over as secretary following the resignation of John Morgan from the post and as a committee member. John has agreed to carry on administering the club's website where we know he is doing a great job for the club.

Valerie is a relatively new member of this club having joined Coombe Abbey Woodturners on 5th November 2019.

I am sure everyone will join with me in welcoming Valerie and give her our full support.

Editor

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A Demonstration

By

Pete Moncrieff-Jury

On Saturday 1st February 2020 at Walsgrave Baptist Church

Report by Graham Ball

Pictures by John Martin-Law and Martin Hitchiner.

The first demonstration of 2020 for Coombe Abbey woodturners was given by Pete Moncrieff-Jury who had decided that off centre turning was going to be his subject for the day long demonstration. Almost fifty members had gathered to see Pete's demo.



Almost fifty members gathered for this demo

He started by telling us he was going to attempt four pieces in the day, two of which would be off centre spindle turning and the other two would be faceplate work. Samples



Pete Moncrieff-Jury



Some turning has now taken place



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of these items were shown to us so we could understand what the finished item would look like.

Pete was joined today by his wife Mo, who was very talented in the art and craft of pyrography and colouring decoration of finished turnings so we had virtually two demonstrations going on at the same time as Mo busied herself with decorating a platter with ivy leaves, butterflies and assorted bugs.

Pete decided that he would start by making a brooch and the attached pictures will help to show how he mounted this off centre to start the turning. Surprisingly for me Pete uses Hot melt Glue but emphasises that the glue must be very hot and pressed onto the glue chuck immediately and very hard holding it there for a few minutes until cooled a little. I think there were a few doubting Thomases in the room but Pete proved us all wrong when he used a fair amount of force to test that it would not come adrift whilst turning.

Next was an off centre bowl using a similar method of mounting to the last piece. Again the pictures will show the procedure followed.



A finished ornament complete with scarf pin.



These three pictures show the bowl in progress.



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On the right is the bowl straight off the lathe and below some ideas of how it could be finished



Pete then went on to demonstrate some off centre spindle turning and the first piece was a candlestick or tea light holder



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In some cases when Pete wants to join different parts of a piece together he favours a 10mm spigot pushed into a 9mm hole when the wood is soft enough to do this. To speed the process of turning the spigot he has mounted a sharpened 10mm spanner and fixed it into a tool handle. (see picture).



Left: Quirky but fun. The candlestick/Tea light holder Pete turned today was based on this item.

Right: A few more of his off centre candlesticks.



We will now have a look at what Pete's wife Mo was busying herself with whilst the woodturning demo was going on.



I think you will agree that Mo Moncrieff-Jury is a very talented individual.





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Calendar of Events

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March 5	Wolfgang Shultz-Zachau	Shilton
March 21	Gerry Marlow	Coombe Visitor Centre
April 16	Robin Barlow	Shilton
June 6	Clem Ansell	Baptist Church
September 3	Roger Gilbert	Shilton
October 1	TBA	Shilton
October 24	Gary Rance	Baptist Church
November 5	Peter Wood	Shilton
December 5	Christmas Party	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:-*

Shilton Village Hall, Wood Lane, Shilton, CV7 9JZ (by the Sports Field)

Please Note:

Gerry Marlow's Demonstration which was to have been at Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday March 21st., has now been moved to Coombe Visitor Centre. If this proves to be successful the other meetings at Walsgrave may follow. Please check the calendar of events each month to see where the demonstrations will take place.

Tutors

We need more people to teach woodturning on Sundays at the workshop. If you can spare either a morning or afternoon to teach then the committee would be very grateful. Please enquire by contacting any committee member who will be able to give you further information on the subject.

NEXT MEETING

A Demonstration by Wolfgang Shultz-Zachau

at

Shilton Village Hall On Thursday 5th March 2020

6.30pm to 9.00pm approx

Wolfgang was born in South Germany and has lived in many different parts of the world before finally settling to live in the West Midlands. Wolfgang is an IT professional and had a number of hobbies before being bitten by the woodturning bug. Wolfgang is a member of both the Black Country and West Midlands Woodturners.

He has a website at <http://www.fuzzyturns.org.uk>

Coming Up in March

Gerry Marlow will be demonstrating on Saturday 21st March 10am to 4pm approx, in the Miller Suite located above our workshop at Coombe Abbey Visitor Centre. Gerry has been turning and demonstrating for over twenty years. As part of his demonstration he will show decoration using various jigs and fixtures. Hopefully we will also be introduced to ornamental turning on a Rose Engine.

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The visitor centre have a list of current members and I will keep them informed of changes.

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at the Pete Moncrieff-Jury demonstration?



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In conclusion I must say what an enjoyable day it was. An excellent demonstration with plenty of ideas to take home and try out yourself. The items of members work were stunning and it is such a pity there was no name tickets with the pieces so that the makers could be recognised.

Let us not forget also that Jill Steedman was in the kitchen with her helpers looking after us with our food and beverage needs.

Thanks to you all. ■



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Activities in the workshop



Above: Ian Dayman Proudly displaying a small bowl made out of a piece of Elm approximately 200.mm x 60.mm, the bowl is of nice form and has decoration shown to the major diameter in the form burn line highlights. Ian completed this bowl with the guidance of Pat Hanley and is very pleased with the results shown in the attached pictures.





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Above:
The work of Pat Hanley

Below:
Roger Smith and John Bradbury. Produced this segmented bowl.

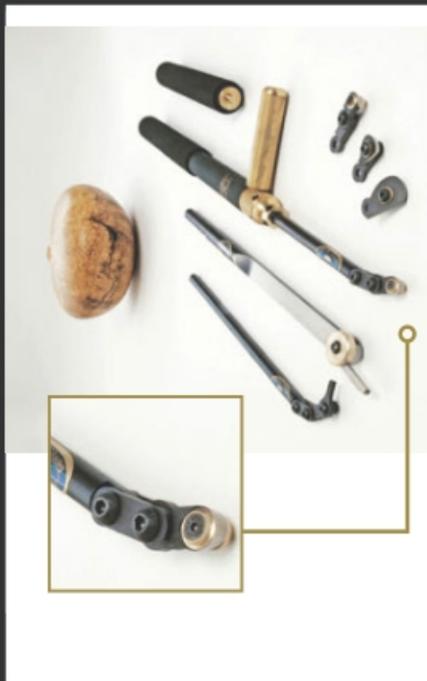


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Above:

Roger Smith has been busy again making the above small vase with turquoise ring highlights.

Below:

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Working with wood and resin is right on trend and in this national demonstration, our store specialists will provide an introduction to resin, using our new range of EcoPoxy products. Together these offer an ideal solution for woodworkers, artists and craftspeople looking to explore new creative possibilities in their work.

During this demonstration we'll make a small project, providing technical guidance and useful tips which will help you achieve professional results in your workshop from the outset. We'll provide details of the tools and accessories you might need and highlight some of the pitfalls when starting out working with resin. We'll also share some of the reasons why we stock EcoPoxy products, which are proven to provide outstanding all-round performance, clarity and durability while remaining environmentally friendly. We look forward to seeing you there!

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)

Equipment for Sale

For Sale

Woodturning Lathe, Record CLO 24 x 12, $\frac{3}{4}$ x 16 tpi, 1MT (including original instruction manual), good condition, with sturdy homemade stand £90.00

Nova Supernova 2 package, Complete (Scroll Chuck ($\frac{3}{4}$ x 16 tpi), 50mm jaws, Spigot jaws, Woodworm Screw Chuck, Universal chuck spanner, hex key wrenches, jaw fixing screws), excellent condition £80.00

Lathe accessories (4 prong drive (1MT), 1 off; Rotating centre (1MT), 1 off; Faceplates, $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 16 tpi, 4 off, various sizes; Tool rests, 4 off) £25.00

8 turning tools: Skew chisels (1", 1/2", 1/4"), Roughing gouges (1", 3/4"), Fluted parting tool (3/16"), 3 point tool, Spindle gouge (1/2", fingernail profile) £50.00

Henry Taylor HS85 3/8" Superflute Bowl Turning Gouge (Unused) £25.00

Jacob's Drill Chuck, 0-1/2", with 1MT mandrel and key (good condition) £5.00

Kity 613 Bandsaw (cut 200mm), fair condition, including original manual £80.00

Would consider sensible offer for the lot.

Buyer(s) to collect **Contact: David Arnott, 01926-842110**

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For sale

Record DML 24 lathe. £70. **Contact Eric Taylor on 02476 328831**





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



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

March 3	Hands-On	Pen Turning
March 17	Demonstration by	Rick Dobney
Contact	Steve Obrien	01788-521527

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Tudor Rose Woodturners

March 12	Skills Night	
March 26	Steve Heeley	
Contact	Stan Bird	01788-813162

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West Northants Woodturners

March 4	Gary Rance & March Competition
March 18	Geoff Warr
Contact	Tom Donnelly 01327 349093

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West Midlands Woodturners

March 15	Demonstration - Rob Till 09.30 - 16.00hrs
Contact	Rob Huxley :- 07824 660112 or secretary@wmwoodturners.org.uk

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Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

March 11	Demonstration by Steve Heeley
Contact	Mike Holliday 01452 523551



A Pedestal Box with open twist finial by John Morgan. (See page 30)