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From the Editor



I hope that you and your family and friends are managing to keep clear of this dreadful coronavirus.

I remember visiting Eyam, a small village in Derbyshire some years ago where as some of you will know there had been in the distant past a similar contagious infection that devastated their community causing them to cut themselves off from the rest of society until it was all over. Lots of families were affected and almost wiped out altogether. I remember thinking that this could not happen in this day and age where there is a greater understanding of medicine and health issues – how wrong could I have been.

The club committee have taken the decision to cancel a number of meetings (where a group of people gather together), in line with the government advice. This of course means that there will not be so much to report on in the newsletter with demonstrations being cancelled, so I am appealing to you all to send me articles and pictures which will be of interest to all our readership. Have you got another hobby which you can talk about and maybe illustrate with photos? I would be very grateful for anything you can send to me but if you need to talk just call me on the number shown on page two. If the current confinement means you can get some work done in your workshops then please send a photo of your latest masterpiece, everything will be welcomed. But please stay safe and well. Thankyou.

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

Due to the circumstance beyond everyone's control (Covid-19) the committee has decided as well as Coombe management to close down all events at our club.

This was taken very seriously as our members health is most important. We will endeavour to keep giving updates as and when we get them. As you all know the workshop is closed until further notice.



Brian Edwards

I'm hoping that any member trying to keep busy whilst this illness is around us would like to go to their own little work shop or haven to continue woodturning items for the club. We would welcome any items from yourselves when the club is up and ready to go again.

Colin Grundy (club events organiser) has cancelled the 6th June demo as a precaution. We just don't know how long this shut down is going to take.

At the present time Charnwood have not cancelled their open day in August but this may change.

The committee will keep in touch with you all either by email, website or Newsletter.

If any member requires anything from Axminster this can be ordered online for home delivery as all their stores including the Nuneaton store is now closed

Please take care of yourselves whilst this virus is surrounding us all. My best to each and everyone and I will look forward to seeing you all back at the club in the future.

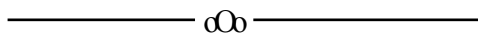
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Brian.



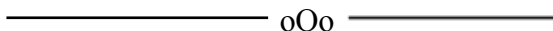
In light of the recent events being cancelled due to the coronavirus, please help us to support the Air Ambulance and our club by selling as many raffle tickets as we can. Please contact Alec Steedman for further information.

Contact details on page 2.



The Monthly Workshop Raffle

The 50/50 Club raffle is now suspended until further notice.



One Line Philosopher:

You don't need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

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Terry Smart of “**Chestnut Products**” has very kindly once again agreed to sponsor this months Newsletter. Chestnut Products became the first company to sponsor the Coombe Abbey Woodturners Newsletter in March 2006 and this has helped the club enormously. A large proportion of our club membership use the Chestnut wood finishing products myself included. We are very fortunate to have a Chestnut agent as one of our club members (Eric Taylor) making it very easy to acquire these excellent products. Please support our sponsor by purchasing from them, and don't forget to tell them that you saw their advert in “The Coombe Abbey Woodturners Newsletter”.

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A Demonstration by
Wolfgang Shulz-Zachau

On Thursday 5th March 2020 at Shilton Village Hall.

Report by Graham Ball

Photographs by Martin Hitchiner

This demonstration by Wolfgang Shulz-Zachau has proved to be the last demonstration before the coronavirus hit to close down our activities for the for-seeable future and it was good to see a good number of members attending.

Wolfgang started by giving us a potted history of his life and how he became involved in the craft of woodturning.



Wolfgang Shulz-Zachau



Wolfgang started his demonstration by allowing the audience to select the wood (Yew) for making a bud vase. There followed an in depth teaching mainly aimed at absolute beginners within the club but I am sure that others present managed to glean some knowledge throughout the demo. Tools were explained and their correct use with emphasis on the roughing gouge

and Wolfgang quite rightly said that its true name was “Spindle Roughing Gouge” and should not be used on cross grain work at all. A spindle gouge was used to do the final shaping but Wolfgang also demonstrated using the skew chisel which as we know can be difficult even for the more experienced woodturner. This was rather a large bud vase being turned on a small lathe so when it came to drilling the hole in the piece Wolfgang was





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not able to use the tailstock with Jacobs chuck fitted so this was removed and a spindle gouge was used to begin the drilling process. After a certain depth of hole had been reached it was now possible to re-fit the tail-



stock and chuck with a drill mounted in it so that a hole could be formed to an exact diameter to enable a plastic, or was it a glass test tube to be inserted therefore allowing water to be held in it for the flower bud.



Sanding brought the piece to a smooth finish so that the final wax finish could be applied and Wolfgang completed a very nice object.

For his second project of the evening Wolfgang decided

to make what I would call a ladies scarf or cravat buckle, with a separate wooden pin for holding the scarf in place.

We were shown a jig which Wolfgang uses to hold the wood whilst he turns the off centre piece and then he proceeded to use this on the lathe.

I would say that this project was aimed at the more experienced turner but I am sure that everyone present was entertained and learned a lot watching the piece come to fruition. The final part of this project was turning the pin and Wolfgang achieved this in double quick time.



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I enjoyed this demonstration as I am sure everyone else did, it was good to mix and catch up with other members news and see their woodturning which were brought in to show us and as I said at the beginning this was before the lockdown due to the Covid-19 virus was in place.

My thanks to Martin Hitchiner for taking the photos of this demo and Len Owen for very ably operating the video cameras.



Other pieces of work by Wolfgang Shulz-Zachau





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June 6	Clem Ansell	Cancelled	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:-*

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**The information below was sent out to those members
with an email address.**

Coombe Abbey Woodturners

To all Club Members,

I have to inform you that because of the increasing problems relating to the Coronavirus, certain meetings and events listed below have been cancelled in the best interests of members health.

- 1) Demonstration with Gerry Marlow at Coombe on Saturday 21st March
- 2) Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby on 29th March
- 3) Demonstration by CAWT at Axminster Nuneaton store on 4th April
- 4) Demonstration by Robin Barlow at Shilton on Thursday 16th April
- 5) Open days at Coombe on 12th & 13th April (Easter Weekend)
- 6) Woodworks @ Daventry on Fri & Sat 15th and 16th May.

The workshop will be closed tomorrow Sunday 15th March and teaching non members in the workshop suspended untill further notice. Club members can use the workshop on the days it is normally open for the time being.

I will keep you all informed of any other news as it becomes available, and please pass this information on to any member you know who does not have a computer or access to the internet.

To all club members.

I have further news of closures and cancellations to share with you:-

The visitor centre at Coombe Park is closed until further notice and this includes our workshop and the cafe.

The Godiva Festival July 2020 is cancelled.

Party in the Park at Bedworth 11 July 2020 is now cancelled.

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Terry Ivins writes

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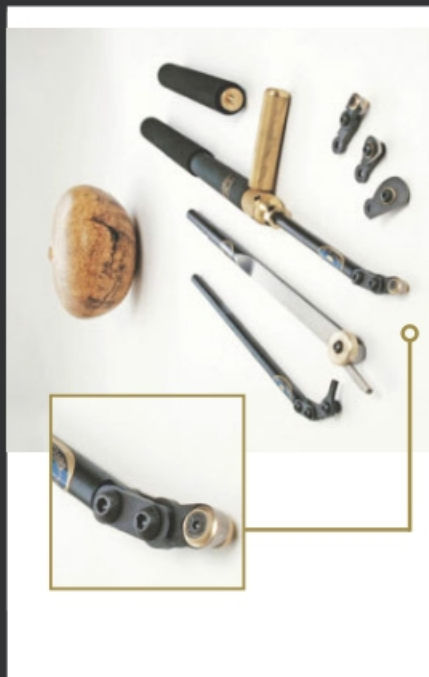
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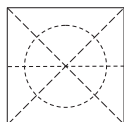
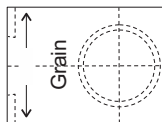
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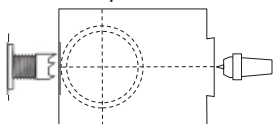
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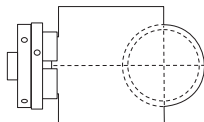


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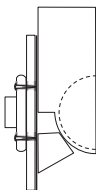
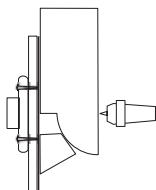
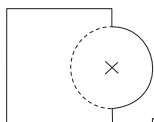
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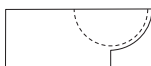
Remount in a chuck and cut the emerging part to an exact hemisphere. Sand this surface.



Remove the wood from the chuck and saw off the chuck bite. Then separate the block into two halves. One half may be wasted or used to make a second Emerging Bowl. On the piece you plan to finish, carefully measure and mark on the flat surface of the bowl the exact centre of the diameter. Attach the wood to a faceplate. Hotmelt glue is recommended. To ensure that the centre of the bowl is at the centre of the faceplate bring the tailstock up to the central mark you made.

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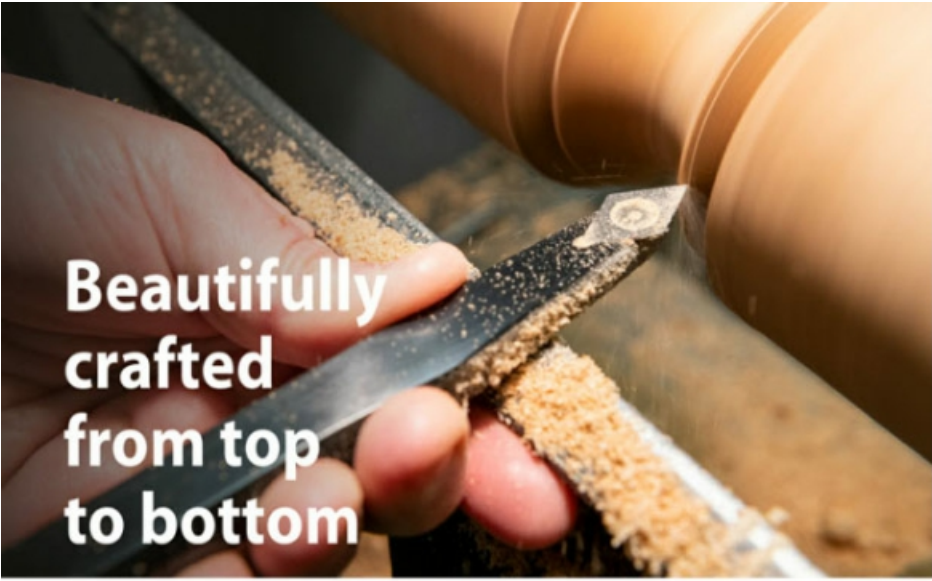
Congratulations to
Jim and Edna Lomas

Editor



I am sure that everyone within the club would like to join me in congratulating Jim and Edna Lomas on the occasion of their sixty fifth wedding anniversary. We were privileged to have them both with us at our last meeting at Shilton where they brought along a photograph taken on their wedding day and also a card from the queen marking their achievement.





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

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Hinckley & North Warwickshire Woodturners

**Following Government advice,
all club meetings have been cancelled for the time being.**

Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

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Meetings cancelled until 9th July

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West Midlands Woodturners

All club activities are suspended until further notice.

Contact Rob Huxley :-
07824 660112 or secretary@wmwoodturners.org.uk

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Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

**Given the advice issued by the government guide lines the AGM for April 7th
has been cancelled as have all monthly meetings until further notice.**

Contact Mike Holliday 01452 523551



This piece is by club member Pat Hanley