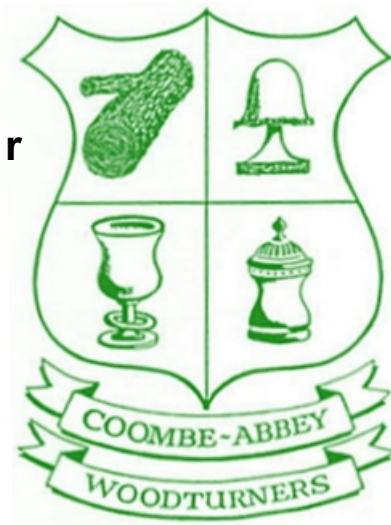


NEWSLETTER

September

2020



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Website: <http://www.coombeabbeywoodturnersclub.net>

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From the Editor



I am very concerned for the state of the world today, mainly because of the ongoing Coronavirus. So many businesses are closing down and I am afraid there will be more to come (see page 20).

The newsletter has been hard hit this month with very few contributors, meaning fewer pages so my thanks to all those who did send in something for the newsletter otherwise we would have just had a book of advertisements.

I had intended to include some of my latest work in the magazine but a rare mishap in the workshop put paid to that, eventually I will tell you all about that unfortunate setback.

I hope you will read the Chairman's Jottings on page 4, as Brian has all the latest news to tell you and some of it is quite sad.

I do hope you will photograph your work both old and more recently made and forward it to me to include in the October issue please, at the moment that will be the only way of being able to produce a Newsletter for you.

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

A big Hi to all our members, and here's hoping you are all keeping well. It's so difficult to find things to report or say due to this past six months so be patient.

Unfortunately as of now we still don't have an opening date for the club but it could possibly be the end of September.

"Fingers Crossed"

We will inform you as soon as we find out.



Brian Edwards

Our sincere condolences are sent to Len Owen on the loss of his dear wife. May she rest in peace.

I am sure we will join together in wishing a speedy recovery to Ann Flynn wife of our member Pat Flynn who suffered a heart attack and was rushed into hospital. Ann is now back home and is on the steady road to recovery.

We are still meeting on a Wednesday and Friday at Coombe for a cuppa and chat, all welcome 10am to Noon. It would be nice to see some new faces. We have our cuppa from the cafe.

Here's hoping you are all trying to keep up your turning and keeping busy
Please keep safe and well

Keep turning

Brian.

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Pete on 07817751911, or email him on southsouthltd@gmail.com

For technical matters please contact

Shane on southsouthtrading.uk@yahoo.com

Regards,

Pete Seagrief

The work of Pete Wright

I have been busy in the garden growing some produce but also spent some time in the workshop making a bowl of fruit for my Daughter-in-law's Birthday. Am hoping she likes it.

Keep safe.

Regards

Pete





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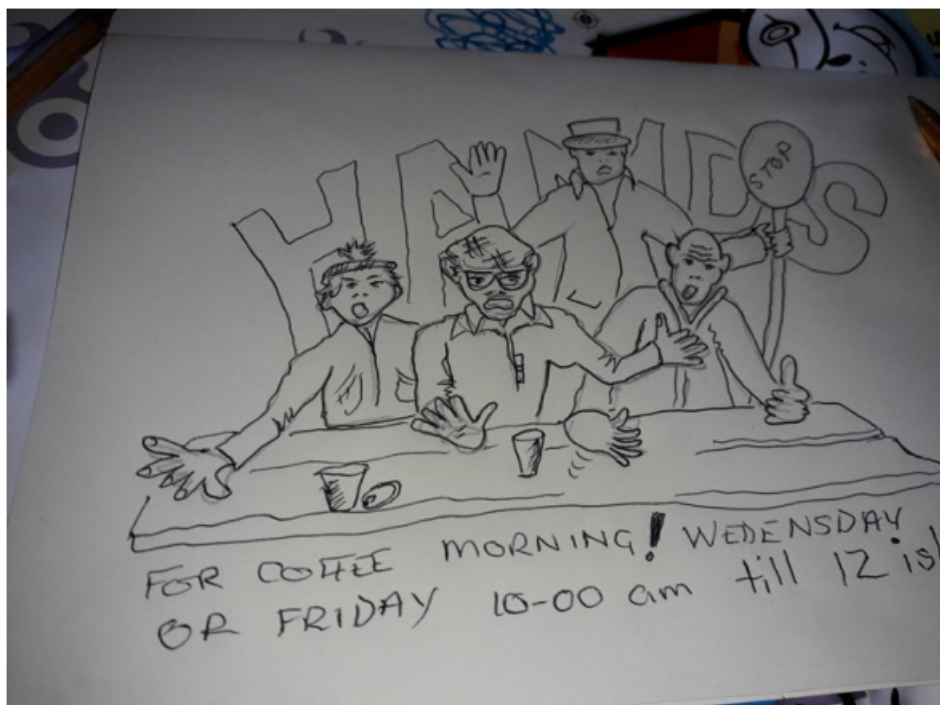
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sharing expertise

From Alec Steedman

Not been doing much wood turning as I'm slowly emptying my shed which is taking a long time. I didn't know I had so much stuff. Anyway I've still put pen to paper.
Alec



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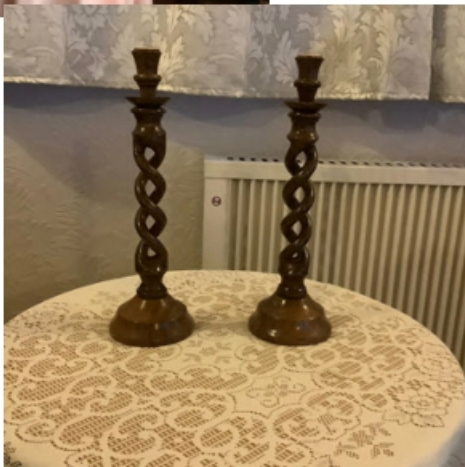


My wife Sara, asked for a large artificial flower vase for the top of the stairs.

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The work of Tom Badger



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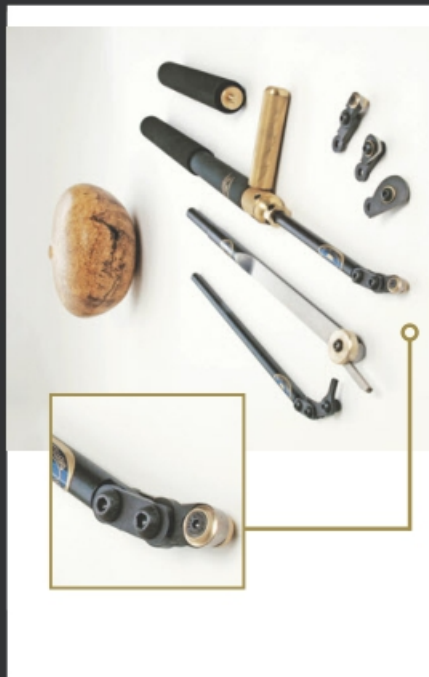
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I understand how disappointed you may be to receive this news, and I don't think it's an overstatement to say that, after 23 years of trading, it really is the end of an era.

I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for your custom over the years and can wholeheartedly say that without you, we wouldn't have had the energy to keep pressing on.

I'm sure you'll want to know when we're closing; At the moment, our aim is to continue as usual until the end of September but if anything changes, you'll be first to know. We also hope that we will be able to open our doors during this period, but we will also announce details and dates of that in due course.



On a personal note, it's been my privilege to serve The ToolPost (in all its forms) on and off for the past 23 years when my father, Peter, founded the company from our home and garden shed in 1997 - look how far we've come. I couldn't be more proud of the brand, the team (including Jen and Faith), the community and the incredible reputation we've built in the industry alongside so many great people, suppliers and brands.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without my father's vision and tenacity, to bring the best of the woodworking world to a small part of South Oxfordshire, making products/brands accessible which had never been offered before and working with manufacturers to further develop those which were. I hope you will join me in your own way, to raise a glass to Peter for all he has contributed to the industry (more than many will ever know) - perhaps now he can actually enjoy his retirement...

On behalf of the entire team here at The ToolPost, thank you for joining us on our journey - [and enjoy the sale!](#)

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