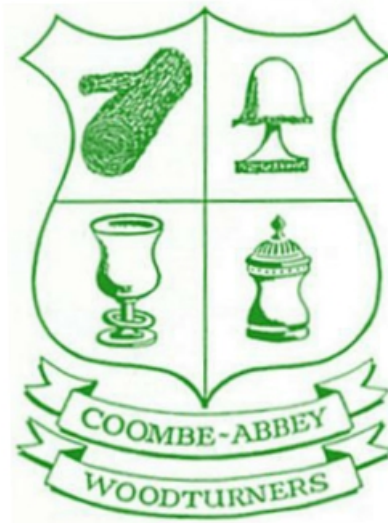


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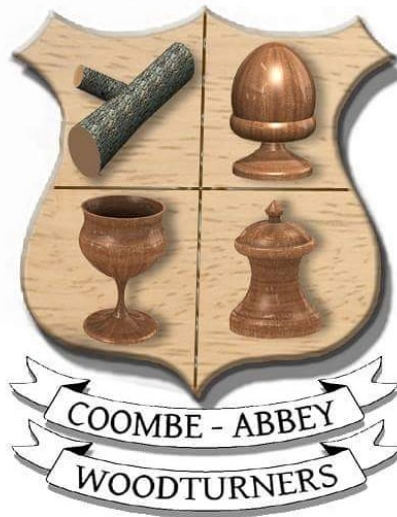
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## From the Editor

A New Year begins and our expectations must be rising after such a dreadful 2020. I hope you all had a reasonable Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year.

This months magazine has some content from 2005 when I was first voted in as Newsletter Editor. I have all the newsletters on my computer from that date to the present day, a total of 182 Newsletters. Whilst I am very grateful to all those who have contributed to the Newsletter through this pandemic I needed to fill some blank pages and my daughter understanding my predicament suggested articles from the past so here goes with a few.

The 'Your Turn to Talk' Editors interviews were a great success and the Derek Rogers one was the very first of these. You will find this on page 26. Each month I asked virtually the same questions to judge what members responses were and it was through this that the club's workshop was secured as this is what most people wanted. It wasn't that easy though as we had to jump through hoops to get Lottery Funding to make it possible but that is another story. I hope you enjoy reading this months Newsletter but please still keep sending me pictures of your work. Thank You.

Graham



## Vice Chairman's Jottings

Hi folks

Looks like we are going to be in lockdown for a bit longer, Just keep our fingers crossed that 2021 is a better deal for us all.

Sad news for our Chairman Brian his Son passed away on the 26 11 2020. So I would like you all to think of Brian and his family, at this difficult time.



Alec Steedman

It is hard to say much as there is nothing really happening. I hope you all read Janine's entry in the news letter about the membership for the coming year.

Having read all 40 pages of the News Letter I would like to thank all the members for sending in their work to Graham. Many thanks to Graham for producing the News Letter for this mad year. Many thanks to all and I hope you all enjoy Christmas the best you can

Sending Christmas wishes to all from myself and Jill.

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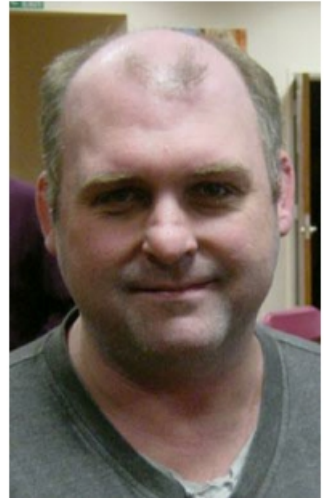
Hi Graham

Hope you are well. I have managed to get a 2nd bowl out of the plank of elm. Here is a picture of them together the larger one is the latest one the smaller bowl is what I shared with you a few weeks ago.

Have a good x-mass

Cheers

Paul.



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*One Line Philosopher:*

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*Editor*

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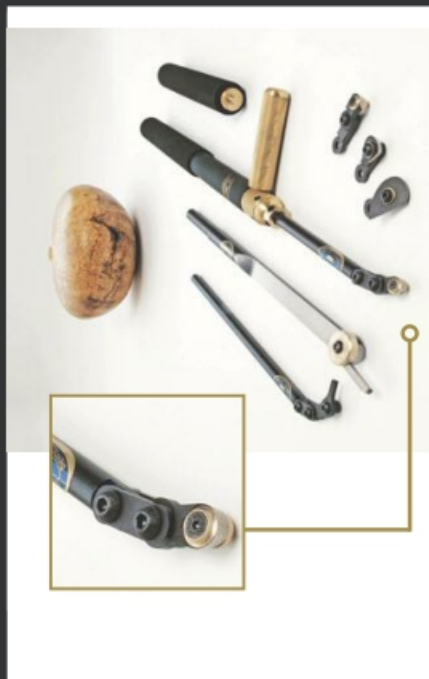
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## Work by Don Kildin

Morning Graham just like to a send you a picture of a violin I have just finished Brian said you might include it in the next news letter. Have a great Christmas and New year hope to see you in the new year

Regards

Don.





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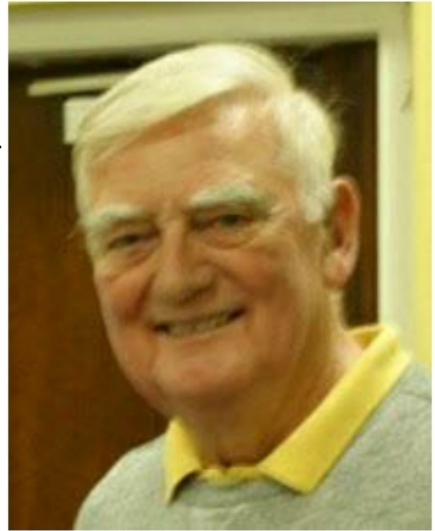
## Work by John Martin-Law

Dear Graham,

I hope you are still continuing to keep safe and well and trust we will be able to meet sometime during the first half of next year. I have attached photos of a few items recently turned although the photograph does not do justice to all the glitter on the wooden Christmas tree decorations. These were turned from the legs of some chairs given to me by our neighbour instead of going to the tip. The Acrylic Christmas tree decorations are from kits supplied by Axminster and given to me as a birthday present by our daughter and family. The last decorated pot made in Magnolia is for our eldest granddaughter who lives with her family in Scotland and who we have not met for a year due to the Pandemic restrictions.

Best Wishes

John





## Work by Philip Stephens

Something you may find interesting. Is that I have been looking into converting a standard lathe into an Ornamental lathe with some success See pictures below.

Phil

*Editor's Note:*

I am hoping that Phil will tell us more about his exploits into ornamental turning.







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## Work by Michael Archer

Hello Graham,

Hope you are well and keeping safe. It will be so nice to get back to some kind of normal after this pandemic. I have made a skeleton clock using Buckeye from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The decoration is what started off to be a hand carved owl, but ended up looking more like a sea eagle, so I added a fish for good measure.

For Fathers day this year, three of my granddaughters gave me a new spectacle case engraved "We love you to the moon and back", so during lockdown, decided to make a fruit bowl inlaid with the same sentiment and included their names, Charlotte, Iris and Ivy-Mae. The wood is made of Tulip with wooden Disney font letters encased in epoxy putty resin.

For my sins, I have made two more bowls to include the names of my other grandchildren. You know what its like Graham, You



cannot make for one without the other. Have sent you two pictures of the bowl and one of the clock. Forgive my photography!

Keep well and give my regards to Brian, the Committee and club members.

Michael.

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## Work by Jim Lomas



Scarf Pin



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## Blast from the Past

*Starting on page 20 I am delving through past Newsletters to help fill the pages of the current Magazine during these difficult times when the club cannot meet because of the covid restrictions. Many of the contributors are no longer with us which is quite sad but it will bring back fond memories for some of our older members.*

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**A Few Words on Memberships**  
**By**  
**Janine Brindley (Club Treasurer)**



A huge thank you to all of you who have already renewed for 2021. I cannot thank you enough for adding the £1.00 to bank transfer or enclosing the SAE, it helps with costs and so I get your address correct for the return of your membership cards, it also helps my writers cramp.

Please remember that by paying our AWGB membership fees we are helping to support ourselves and the smaller clubs. We benefit directly by having reduced insurance costs for the workshop and, when we do resume, reduced insurance for demonstrations and outside events. We apply for a grant to help cover cost of demonstrators throughout the year – this is still available for 2021 and we will apply for it again. There is also the possibility of a Covid-19 support grant arranged specifically aimed at helping clubs who are in imminent danger of closing. We also use your membership fees to cover the outstanding costs of publishing the newsletter, we have some sponsorship, but we still have a few costs to cover. We also have costs to maintain the website.

As a club we continue to offer support to our members through the newsletter edited by Graham Ball, telephone calls between friends who are acquainted through the club, our website. Please continue to be a member, now more than ever giving us all that extra opportunity of camaraderie and shared experiences that our club offers.

We look forward to seeing all our members in the future at the club, at demonstrations or at outside events when any and all of those things are again part of our lives. In the meantime, keep turning and sharing your work through pictures or write ups. Keep in touch with club friends as often as you can. Remain positive and above all stay safe.

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Janine will be sending renewals and new member details to the AWGB no later than the end of January 2021.

# Christmas Party and Competitions

December 17th., 2005

About forty members and guests attended this years Christmas Party at Walsgrave Baptist Church. The event was organised as usual by Don Johnson and his wife Mary, who were both ably supported by Jim Elliot and his wife Margaret.

A wonderful buffet tea was provided which was enjoyed by everyone present with food to spare.

The games played were table skittles, long alley skittles and magnetic darts. Two quizzes made everyone put on their thinking caps. The winners were table four and would you know it; Wes Howarth was a member of this team. Table five brought up the rear and won the booby prize. Raffle prizes included two turnings by professional turners Tracy Owen and Stephen Cooper, bottles of wine and a thick roll of sandpaper.

The competitions this year were judged by members:- Wes Howarth, Doug Trinder, Margaret Mitchell-King, and Pat Marson of the charity we have been supporting this year.

This years winners of the competitions were:-

## **Roger Warren-Finding Trophy**

Patrick Flynn.

Large Segmented Bowl

## **Rhodes Trophy**

Derek Rogers.

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## **Austen Trophy**

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Pat Flynn's Bowl



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Ken Tatham's winning top, Stationary and spinning.



The three winners receiving their trophies from Pat Marson

Lionel Crabbe who has done sterling work manning the charity stall this year made a presentation on behalf of the club to Pat Marson Nurse Manager of the "Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit". The sum collected over the year was a magnificent £783.18.

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Entries for the three categories of competitions



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## A Workshop Demonstration Weekend November 19th - 20th., 2005

Club member Ron Craythorne opened his workshop once again for the 7th., year in succession for a turning demonstration weekend.

Ron was joined by two other club members - John Bradbury and Bob Heathman and all three were ably assisted by more woodturning friends and their wives.

Sixty members of the public attended on the Saturday and were treated to some fine woodturning displays as there were three lathes in operation producing a wide and varied



Ron Craythorne at his lathe

type of work. Items of turning were on display and a good selection was available for sale in the workshop, and further items were to be located in the house where Ron's wife Joy and the other ladies were providing refreshments on this sunny but cold day.



Joy Craythorne with a wonderful display of turned work

A small entrance fee was charged and raffle tickets could be bought, as there were three prizes on offer for the lucky winners.

Another forty people attended on the Sunday making this a very successful and enjoyable

weekend. A proportion of all money taken was donated to the chosen charity who received a cheque for the magnificent sum of £310. ■

## **YOUR TURN TO TALK ..... Derek Rogers.**

Derek Rogers was born and brought up in Coventry and has lived here all his life.

On leaving school at Christmas in 1946 Derek found himself two weeks later in January 1947, working on the track at the Humber factory in Coventry building the "Hillman Minx" engine, working alongside his father, and this is where he stayed for all of his working life (44 years with the same company) up to the age of 60. Derek then took a part time job in a school as maintenance man which he held until he became 65 years old.

Derek still lives in Coventry with his wife Gwen. Derek and Gwen have three children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Derek in his workshop.

### **Q How and when did you become involved in woodturning?**

It was about 1991 when at one of the shows, NEC I think, I had seen a professional woodturner turn some captive rings, I thought I would have a go at that, so I had a black & Decker drill, set up in a stand on the bench. The problem here was that when the drill was switched on it started at full speed, the noise was terrible, and you needed to wear earplugs.

### **Q Have you had any professional tuition?**

Only off Roger Warren-Finding who started running classes at Coombe Abbey in about 1994. I enrolled through the Council and started with Roger together with about eight other students. The cost of a full days tuition was £6 and this went on for about two years, when Roger then suggested starting a club in Coventry. This was when the "Coombe Abbey Woodturners" was born.



**Q What Make was your first lathe?**

Forgetting the Black & Decker drill, my first proper lathe was a Record DML 24. which I used for some time before upgrading to satisfy my growing turning ambitions, to a Record CL2, which allowed me to turn bigger diameters and up to 36" long.

**Q What is your present lathe?**

I have two lathes, a "Record RMPL 300" which can accommodate 12" between centres and my big lathe is a "Nova 3000" with 8 speeds which I bought two years ago from "Good Timber" at Nether Heyford. The lathe was on display there and included the outboard turning attachment. The people at Good Timber carried the lathe out to my car so that I didn't have to do any lifting at all.

**Q Do you specialise?**

No I don't specialise in anything, I like to have a go at everything that comes into mind. I don't turn many bowls these days as there appears to be bowls everywhere so I do more spindle turning, like my Victorian lady



Just a small selection from Derek's vast collection of pieces. Notice the Disneyland Castle in the background and the Victorian lady at front right, also far left the Wading Birds which Derek made after a picture in a book took his eye.

with a little umbrella and the Castle which I call Disneyland, The Wading Birds was copied from a picture in a book when I thought I would have a go at recreating them in wood.

**Q Do you sell your turned pieces?**

Yes at shows which the club attends, it all helps to to make a couple of bob, and also I have turned for charity where we gave 20% of our sales to the charity. On one occasion we turned nothing but mushrooms and sold them for 50 pence each, where all of the money made went to the charity.

**Q How long have you been a member of Coombe Abbey Woodturners?**

Since its inception in about 1994.

**Q What aspect of club meetings do you most enjoy?**

The camaraderie, the friendship, knowing you are among chaps who love doing the same thing as yourself, turning wood, or like my wife says ‘going out and buying an expensive bit of wood, sticking it in the lathe and turning it to sawdust’.

**Q Do you attend other clubs meetings and demonstrations?**

No I don’t go to other clubs but I have been to seminars like the AWGB seminar which was held at Warwick university where I served as a Steward.



Vase in Merranti, hollowed and sculpted with a leaf pattern

**Q Whose woodturning work do you most admire?**

I haven't got one particular person that I admire but I do like Jimmy Clewes, Garry Rance and Ray Jones who are all good turners and their work is first class.

**Q What advice would you give to a person contemplating taking up woodturning?**

The best advice that can be given is - don't go out and look for an expensive lathe or buy lots of turning tools, as you would need an absolute fortune, and then find out that woodturning is not your cup of tea. So I would say get a reasonably cheap lathe for a start, and only get yourself about 4 tools, a spindle gouge, bowl gouge, definitely a parting tool, and roughing Gouge, and it's surprising what you can do with those four tools. A skew chisel is good if you are confident in using it. Also do try and get advice off an experienced woodturner in their use.

**Q What direction would you like to see the club take in the future?**

My personal feeling is that I would like to see more people involved at our "Hands On" sessions, actually using the lathes instead of always sitting in the background and letting the same people do the turning each time . They need to learn how to handle the tools but they don't improve because they don't get the free personal tuition. ■



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## Lime Wood

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## Sad News

It is with the saddest heart that I pass on the following news. Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection, and complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, two children, John Dough, and Jane Dough, who has one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to Pay their respects, including Mrs. Buttersworth, Hungry Jack, The California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart “cookie”, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still, as a crusty old man, was considered a roll model for millions.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

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**BACK COVER PICTURE.....submitted by Barry Coles.**

This tree is a Baobab Tree which, it is said, looks as if it has been planted upside down. This tree is in the Limpopo area of South Africa just south of the border with Zimbabwe. It is thought to be the largest living organism in the world and has a girth of 42 metres. It is hollow inside and contains a two room pub with a small bar!



