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## From the Editor



There are a lot of snippets of information and news in this months magazine so you will have to read it through carefully so you do not miss anything.

There is one notice I just couldn't find room for in the following pages so I will include it in my column.

For those who were asking about the AWGB tutor training course it has been decided that you are best to download the course from the AWGB's website and you will be able to go through it at your leisure. When you have completed it and feel confident and there are enough members to take part, this club will arrange for the AWGB assessors to visit the workshop at Coombe to carry out the assessment and issue the certificates and badges on a successful completion.

If you visit the club's website occasionally you will find that it is now closed. The committee is working hard to establish a new site and you will be informed when that work has been completed and a new site opened.

I hope you have taken advantage of the better weather just lately and have blown the cobwebs off you lathe. I really enjoy seeing club members work at meetings.

Graham

## Chairman's Jottings

Hello all,

Hopefully now that the cold weather is coming to a close, we can all look forward to our first outdoor event. The Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby. On Sunday 7th April. It will be held in our usual place and I'm lots of you can attend. We will have three lathes plus the Pole lathe to demonstrate to the public.

For anyone wanting to sell items on the day a table will be reserved.



Brian Edwards

The all day demo with Robert Till was met with great approval from all who attended and the bacon sarnies went down a treat. This will be ongoing each time we go to the Saturday meetings at the Baptist Church - All Welcome -

Our first evening demonstration at Shilton Village Hall is by Terry Smart of "Chestnut Products" and that will be 7th March 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

Going back to the AGM a member asked a question - 'Could the committee do a job description on what they all do'? Eg. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary etc. This is all in progress and should be finalised in the next few weeks for all to read.

I would like to point out that as a chairman I have to remain neutral. I have to listen, and make decisions that sometimes doesn't go down well with everyone, but you can rest assured my outcome should favour all members in the club. The bigger picture must always be looked at to please all or most of the members.

I would like to point out - all committee members have to come with broad shoulders, (they do help) but we try our utmost to get income for the club and try to make each member's visit to the club a good one.

We always welcome items to put into the shop but remember to put labels on them if they are not donated.

That's all Folks

Keep Turning

*Brian.*

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Hi everyone,

1. Well, it is that time again when we ask if you can help with selling our Club's raffle tickets, in support of our chosen charity, the Air Ambulance. All I ask is that you each buy/sell two books: that would raise the sum of £10. If everyone does that it will be a great contribution to the amount we, as a club, donate.
2. The Festival of Craft will be held on 14 & 15 September. The Festival committee members are asking if you would please donate some items for the tombola. They don't have to be made of wood, unless that is what you can give; unwanted gifts or non-perishable goods will be equally welcome.

Many thanks

Alec

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### Results of the Monthly Workshop Raffle

The 50/50 Club raffle sold 126 tickets = **£63**  
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Which means **£31.50** paid to the winner.

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*One Line Philosopher:*

Find out what the 'powers that be' say cannot be done, then do it.

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A demonstration by  
**Robert Till**

at Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday 9th February 2019.

*Pictures by John Martin-Law and Giles Headley*

*Report by Graham Ball*

The first demonstration of the year for Coombe Abbey Woodturners was by Robert Till. We had met Robert once before when he filled in for Steve Heeley at Bulkington when Steve was suffering with an illness. I have received lots of photos and diagrams from John Martin-Law and Giles Headley so I will let these pictures do the talking instead of a blow by blow narrative of the days proceedings.

On this occasion being a full days demonstration Robert decided to start by turning a acorn shaped “Bird Feeder”. As the pictures will show this would entail turning a two part piece which involved spindle work and hollowing. Also there was some hand work involved in cutting out the opening for the seed to be tipped in easily.



Having turned the piece Robert now parts off the lid



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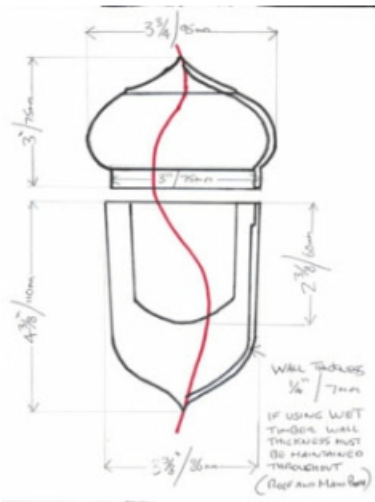


After forming and hollowing the lid the base is fitted and the feeder can now be turned to a finish



Above: The finished piece.

Left: Here is Robert's plan so that you can make your own.



Following on from the above project Robert decided to turn a Discus bowl which would give him the opportunity to demonstrate ebonising and the use of a gilt cream.



This picture shows the shape Robert wanted and he sands it to a very good finish as any imperfections will show up worse by the finishes.



This shows the lovely grain in this piece of Ash which Robert is using.





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In these three pictures top left and clockwise is the process for the ebonising and gilding. It can be seen in the picture on the right how important it is to make sure there are no tooling marks evident which will show up on the finished piece. The next piece was similar in shape but colouring techniques were demonstrated.



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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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2019

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The final piece of the day was an inverted candlestick although sadly Robert ran short of time and was unable to finish it, but what he did manage to do in the time was quite informative to us, here again the pictures will explain most of what we saw.



Two pieces of wood fixed together with Glue and Paper Joint



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Separating the two pieces of wood



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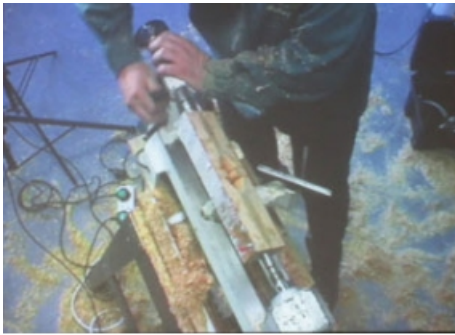
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Preparing to turn the piece to a spindle



The two ready for turning



Shaping the piece in progress



Bringing the piece to the finished shape.



Left: A finished candlestick Robert had brought with him for display.

That brought Robert Till's demonstration to a close and everyone I spoke to afterwards agreed that we had been admirably entertained with a first class woodturning demo and a professional presentation.

Looking at the programme for 2019 our events secretary - Colin Grundy has booked a variety of professional and amateur demonstrators for our entertainment this year which is something to look forward to.

*Editor.*

Robert had brought along a few pieces of his work to display, all of excellent quality. These are shown overleaf together with pieces by our own club members.



## Work by Robert Till



## Club Members Work



Clockwise from Bottom Left:  
Pyrography by Alec Steedman  
Selection of pens by Paul Fryer  
Streptohedrons by Giles Headley (after David Springett)  
Open Segmented Vase by Pat Flynn

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## Calendar of Events

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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
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Stuart King</b>	
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 Terry Smart of Chestnut Products**

At Shilton Village Hall

On Thursday March 7th at 6.30pm

**For more details turn to page 24**

## **Membership**

Have you paid your membership?

If not make your cheques payable to Coombe Abbey Wood Turners. Collect your card in person, Janine is usually in the workshop Wednesday morning, Or post your cheque to:-

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Have you collected your membership card? If you've paid you can collect your AWGB and Coombe Abbey cards from the workshop, ask any member of the committee when you come into the workshop. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Emergency Contact Details**

While at Coombe Abbey during the last week of February the conversation turned to "First Aiders" in the workshop. While we appreciate those who are first aid trained who offer their services it was thought that it would be prudent to have a list of names/numbers for next of kin "just in case".

This list would be stored in the workshop and only used for emergency situations. If members do not want to have their details included it is not obligatory, but if you do decide to give these details write them on the list the next time you come into the workshop.

## **Coming up**

### **A Demonstration by Stan Bryan**

Walsgrave Baptist Church 10am to 4pm approx.

Saturday March 9th., 2019.

**For more details turn to page 24**

## Festival of Crafts 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Are you a “crafter”? You may not know that all Coombe Abbey Woodturning Club members are entitled to a 50% discount on the full cost of a stall pitch at the festival of craft at Coombe Abbey.

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and don't forget to let us know you are a club member.

If you have “crafter” contacts who may be interested in booking a pitch please pass on Alison's contact details.

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Just a quick shout out to ALL woodturners.  
I Will be supplying bacon batches in the morning at all future  
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Thank you Jill Steedman

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## Forthcoming Demonstrations (by Colin Grundy Events Sec.)

At Shilton Village Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> **March, Terry Smart** from Chestnut Products will discuss and demonstrate best practice on the use of many different finishes, explaining how they work and what their purpose is, as well as how to apply them, what to apply on top and underneath and their expectations and limitations.

Questions are welcomed from the audience and these often take the demonstration in a totally different direction from the original course.

A range of Chestnut Products will also be available on the evening to purchase.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> **March, Stan Bryan** will be demonstrating at **Walsgrave Baptist Church**. Stan lives in Conisborough with his wife Sue who is a great help as well as an artistic advisor. He is a retired electrician and turning wood has been a long time hobby, starting with bowls and furniture repairs, i.e. table legs, clock finials etc.

After watching Bing Pho both live at demo's and on DVDs Stan became smitten with thin wall and decorated turning.

Stuart Mortimer was also a great inspiration and after seeing him at a demo in Harrogate he was hooked on open bine work.

Stan says, "Every new piece of wood is like a Christmas Present for you to open and discover the beauty inside, whilst enjoying the pleasure of like-minded people is the icing on the cake".

During Stan's upcoming full day demonstration he will be sharing how to make the thin legged ladies and also an open bine vessel.

## Hands on Sessions

A number of names have been received for members wishing to experience pyrography at a hands-on session. Our treasurer, Janine Brindley has taken the lead for organising this session and will be in touch with the entrants with joining details.

Other topics that have been suggested are tool sharpening and methods of finishing projects. Members who are interested in either of these topics should contact Colin Grundy, either by text to the number in the Club Newsletter or email via the Club Secretary. ■



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## Pyrography at Coombe Abbey Workshop

Following on from the jottings by Vice Chairman in the last newsletter a number of members have been in touch with Colin Grundy asking for a session on using pyrography. The names have been passed onto Janine Brindley who has offered to run the session for members.

### For the sessions to run

Members to bring their own pyrography kits, (if you don't have a kit you need to contact Janine directly as there is a possibility of loaning on the day.)

It would be useful for members to bring an old hand towel or cloth.

Janine has planned these first sessions for developing pyrography skills. These sessions will be about making different marks with the pyrography pen. If this is too basic please contact Janine and discuss what you want the sessions to be about.

It has been decided to run the session with a maximum of 6 people. Please contact Janine directly, as soon as possible, if you would like to attend one of the following sessions.

Specify which session and make sure you give your contact details.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am to noon –4 places available

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am to noon – 4 places available

Janine's contact details

Email [tresurercawt@yahoo.com](mailto:tresurercawt@yahoo.com)

Or text 07931417378

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## Activities in the Workshop

The pictures show a husband and wife who attended for further instruction to take them along the path of woodturning the couple are Matt and Gio Cooper who were accompanied by their daughter who entertained herself on her tablet making her own designs come to life.

Gio was being instructed by John Whittle and made a small bowl which as to be expected was of a pleasing shape and form from the collaboration of the two, the end result gave great pleasure to both as it should to many who are in the early stages of turning, to be able to hold an item turned and finished to a very good standard from a piece of timber that was in some cases raw, ugly and almost overlooked.

Husband Matt was being guided by Lionel Crabbe and they were undertaking a slightly more ambitious piece, a Goblet with a stem involving spindle work, again as to be expected the piece was of good form and proportion. the test for many new turner was in the hollowing and the required tool control "finding the bevel" along with a sharp gouge but this will come in time and with a little bit of practice and a bit more practice. Best of luck to the both of you and keep making those shavings. *Terry Ivins.*

This vase on the right was brought into the workshop by a member of the public who wanted a lid and a base for the piece. I believe a couple of different lids



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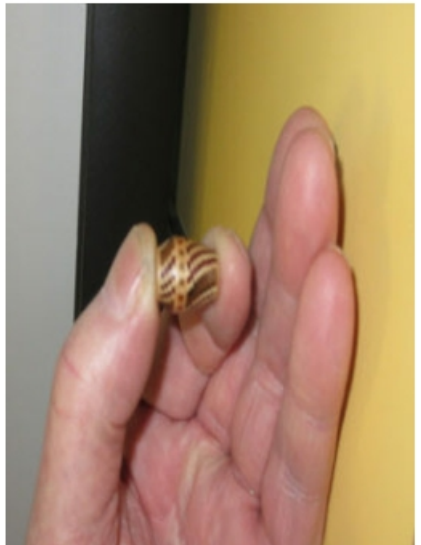
and bases were tried out before a decision was made.

The vase had JB on the bottom and I am not sure what JB will think of this but to my mind I would say the lovely segmented vase has been spoiled. But as they say the customer knows best!



A relatively *New Member* Antony Dunn who with help and a little guidance from Lee Cartwright turned this small bowl from a piece of Teak. The bowl is approximately 120mm in diameter and stands 45mm tall, the piece is well finished and the lesson was only Antony's third. All in a very nice piece and the smile on Antony's face illustrates the pride with the result. Very well done keep making the shaving's Antony. *Best wishes*

The four pictures below are of work displayed at the Robert Till demonstration at Walsgrave Baptist Church. I am not sure whose piece is the “Mice on Cheese Board”, but the others are the work of Pat Flynn. *Editor*



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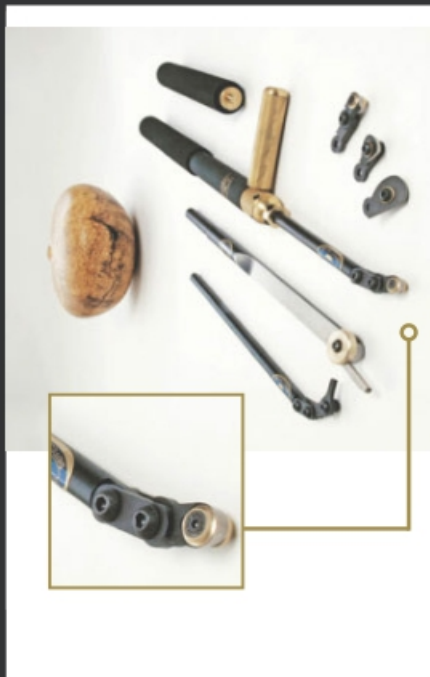
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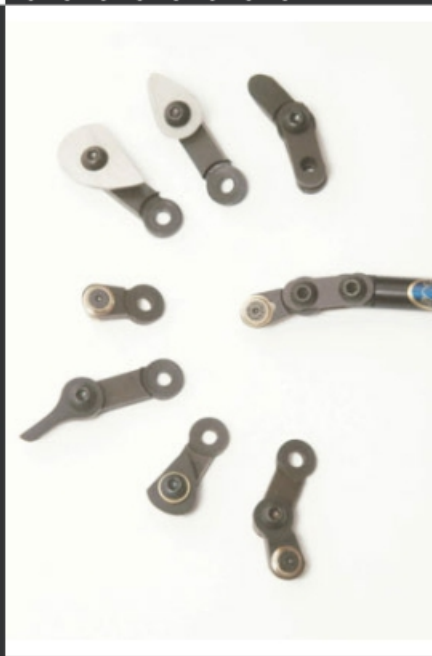
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## Woodturning Weekender

Well known finishing suppliers and magazine sponsors Chestnut Products are 25 years old! To celebrate they are throwing a party thinly disguised as a woodturning event. Called the Woodturning Weekender it boasts four top name demonstrators from the world of turning showing their skills and offering inspiration over two days, 3rd and 4th August 2019.

The Saturday starts off with Stewart Furini, known to many for his YouTube channel showing different decorative ideas and techniques backed up with a solid knowledge of 'real' turning - something often missing on some YouTube channels. In the afternoon the stage is taken over by Phil Irons who needs virtually no introduction.

On Sunday Gary Lowe RPT starts proceedings and is followed in the afternoon by Emma Cook (aka the Tiny Turner); both of them have a natural ability to convey their thoughts and demonstrate and will be producing some thought-provoking work.

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The event is being held at the Springfields Event Centre in Spalding, Lincolnshire, and tickets start at £20.

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March 19	Paul Bellamy	
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March 28	Brian Cockerill	
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### West Northants Woodturners

March 6	Roger Gilbert & March Competition	
November 20	Steve Heeley	
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### West Midlands Woodturners

March 17	Hands On - Pewter and other materials-	9.30 - 16.00 hrs
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### Gloucestershire Association of Woodturners.

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