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From the Editor



This month the newsletter has been reduced by four pages as I just did not have enough content to fill the usual 40 page magazine. My thanks go to those members who did send in articles and pictures of their work as without that we would not have a magazine.

I have been looking back over the Newsletters I have produced over the years and taken the liberty of publishing on the back cover a picture which first appeared in 2006. If you have any suitable pictures for the back cover then please send them to me please.

We were all shocked and saddened by the death of John Holtom and that got me counting how many club members had died since I became a member in 2005. The total came surprisingly to 22 members all of whom I knew very well in my capacity of Newsletter Editor or as Secretary when I served the club in this position from August 2005 to January 2015.

The lockdown restrictions are beginning to ease now and I hope that when we are able to hold meetings and demonstrations again all club members will rally round and support the club in all its activities. In the meantime I wish you all good health for the future.

Graham

Chairman's Jottings

Heres hoping all is well with everyone at the present time.

For those members who don't know the cafe at Coombe Abbey is now open for sandwiches and drinks each day 10.30 am.

If anyone would like to pop up on a Wednesday or a Friday to the park for a cuppa and a chat please do - but remember the workshop is not open yet. It still remains shut until the council informs us.



Brian Edwards

I'm sure we would all like to pass our condolences to "John Holtom's" family on their sad loss. He will be sorely missed by so many. It now looks like I may have to buy a "Sat Nav".

Lets hope we get some word in a week or two regarding the workshop opening, I'm sure like myself this would be marvellous for many.

My best to you all.
Please keep well and safe.
Keep Turning
Brian

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One Line Philosopher:

Never accept failure, but you may have to get used to it.

Remembering the Late **John Holtom** (1937 - 2020)

By

Ann and Brian Whinray.

Brian & I were devastated to hear of John Holtom's death 2 weeks ago. John was a lovely man, a very talented teacher & great friend. His patience & encouragement helped Brian learn the new skill of woodturning against all the odds, having suffered a stroke 3 years before. He had the use of only one arm, balance problems & communication issues, so quite a challenge. John built up a great relationship with Brian giving him the confidence to believe in himself. After 2 years we turned our garage into a workshop with a lathe & all the kit. Together Brian & John have produced



The late John Holtom

some amazing creations especially John's speciality, Off Centre turning. Thanks to John he can now produce woodturned masterpieces of his own. Oh how we will miss him. Miss his sense of humour. Chats about his allotment/garden which supplied produce for the neighbourhood & the club. He seemed to have endless supplies of Cherry wood!! He had an amazing voice & sang in the Rugby Male Voice Choir. We went to many of his concerts. I shall miss his hugs!

Apart from his family John will leave a big hole in many people's lives especially at Coombe & Tudor Rose but that hole will be filled with many happy memories.

Our thought & Prayers go out to his daughters Sue and Jane and son Richard.

Brian & Ann Whinray

This Months Sponsor

I am very pleased to welcome Yandles once again as a sponsor of this monthly Newsletter magazine.

I have visited Yandles at Martock in Somerset on many occasions including the one being our club coach trip. As those of you who were on that visit will know there is a wealth of machinery, tools and timber available for the discerning woodturner to make a choice when making that important purchasing decision.

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Editor



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Editor

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Work by Terry Ivins.

Made this Plate out of a piece of mahogany board which at some point was someone's mantel piece above a fire place, it had served as a jam chuck on a few occasions and thought it deserved a better end than the scrap box. The plate is 200.mm x 20.mm and has a very simple finish to it. I used Chestnut Cut and polish and this was followed with a light application of Wax and completed with Microcrystalline Wax.



This is a real play thing and as with many pieces I had a spare piece of beech left over stood there looking at it, thought come on you can make something, so this was what I ended up with. the piece is 125.mm at the diameter and stands 80.mm to the tip of the finial. The coloured areas are Chestnut spirit stain and the detail rings have had gold framing wax rubbed into the grooves, and the piece was finished with the use of Acrylic gloss, to complete the finial was a small piece of a acrylic pen blank.



This is a piece that was made because of a request from my daughter as she wanted some colourful items for her house, so I went to the scrap bin and found a nice piece for her and ended up putting some colour on it for her. Job done!

The piece itself stands 100.mm tall and at its widest is 110.mm , it was painted Matt black in-



side and was also ebonised externally with two coats, then I used three colours of metallic paint, Gold, Green and Blue. The colours all had flow medium added to the individual colours and great care, (if you believe that you will believe anything), was taken in applying the colours to the surface of the piece and once all the surface was covered I wrapped it in a piece of Cling film and gently applied light pressure to the film and

moved the film across the surface which literally mixed the paint together over the surface of the piece, you do however need to remove the cling film slowly when you are happy with the potential surface pattern. The dried piece was finished using Acrylic gloss and a total of 4 coats was applied. In between the coats I cut back using 0000 wire wool, very lightly and, an application of Burnishing cream was applied after coat 3 and the final coat 4. ■



Work by Pat & Ann Flynn

Hi Graham

Just a few more pieces I have created since last month

The Wood flower picture and flower arrangement on a wood base are Ann's creations

Hope you both are keeping o.k

Regards

Ann & Pat



WOOD FLOWER PICTURE
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on a wood base





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| September 3 | Roger Gibert | Shilton |
| October 1 | TB | 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*

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Wood and Tools Sale

Owing to the sad death of John Holtom there are a quantity of wood blanks and tools for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items then please contact Eric Taylor who will be arranging said sale at a suitable time in the not too distant future. As you will appreciate we have to be covid-19 safe and inline with government guidelines so it may mean that an appointment will have to be made.

Please enquire via Eric Taylor on **Tel: 02476 328831**

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Work by Bill Randle

Hi Graham,
After working in my garden for a while, my lathe felt neglected so here is my latest project. Salt and Pepper shakers and stand made in oak. Hope you like them.

Best regards
Bill Randle.



Editors Note: Very eye appealing and at first glance it would appear easy enough to make, but closer inspection will reveal that the base was turned with a lot of skill and I would guess on two or even three axis points. Congratulations Bill.

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Work by Roman Kubasiewicz

Hi Graham

I hope that you and all the other members and families are all well and coping in these troubled times. After reading the last edition and admiring



the wonderful turnings and other works of art I thought I'd submit a few works of my own.

After using up my last two bowl blanks to try

out my new hollowing tool I thought I'd try something different, so enter a few mice and an owl (that took some working out for me – thanks u-tube). A few small spinning tops for my granddaughters led to making a larger one with pull string,



and again thanks to u-tube I finally found something to make with those pen blank scraps and some small magnets left over from a fishing game I made some time back – fridge magnet mushrooms.

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Work by John Morgan

John has made a few segmented pieces using the closed segment process but now he is embarking on the open segmented method but with a difference. Instead of building up the piece on the lathe John has opted for the vertical jig method which some of us are familiar with, but the controls are much different to



what we are used to. John explains: My jig will allow me 29 inches high by 24 inches wide with out modification.

On the left is the jig and zeroing plate with a waste block screwed and waiting for a base for new project.

Second picture shows the Jig and computer to control it

Accurate to a micron.

The third picture over the page shows the software that controls the stepper motor, as you see the green light energises the motor. Once you have zeroed it then you just click next and it will move to the next position where you

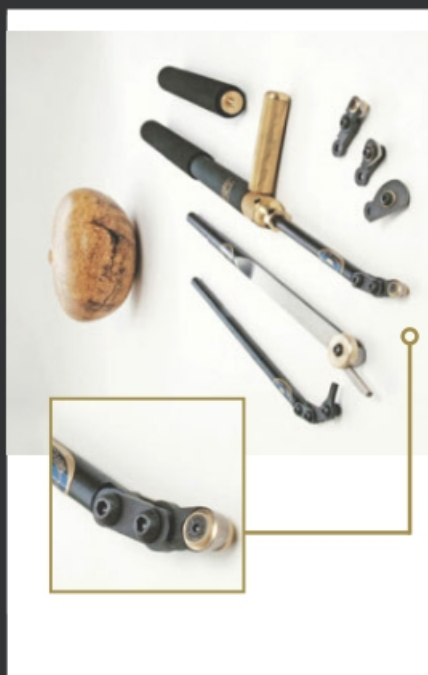


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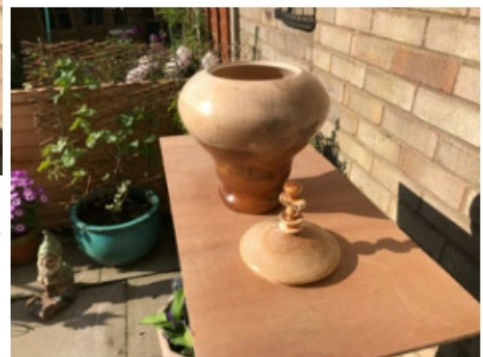


Hair Brooch for John's wife Sara who wears it every day for work



Above and Right:

An urn for a friend who's dog had died



Below: "Cigar Pen"



A Commission with a difference. by Graham Ball

Talking on the phone with my eldest son the conversation came round to wood-turning. 'Would you like a commission Dad?' He said. 'Now that depends on what it is and how much it pays' I replied. It's a "Darning Egg" he said for Vika (she's my grand daughter). Well I must admit that I had never heard of a darning egg before but I did know what a darning mushroom was as both my mother had one and so has my wife.

I accepted the commission (unpaid I hastily add) and a quick look on the Internet and a few came up to choose from.

Vika, bless her, chose this easy one pictured here which I turned in just a few minutes after I had chosen a suitable piece of wood (Beech). The finished article was posted to my Grand daughter and she is perfectly happy with it.



Darning Egg in Beech

Now the flood gates have been opened and I am starting on a list of items wanted by family members but this time more difficult segmented pieces. Still unpaid though! Good job I am not turning for a living.

I try not to be a nuisance to the neighbours by making a lot of noise so I had my workshop fully insulated to deaden the sound. In the cold weather it is easy to warm up with a small fan heater I have and in the hot weather it appears to be a few degrees cooler than outside. It also helps to keep the

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Recently she asked me if I could mend a Cobra for her. I hate snakes, can't stand the things. Visiting Zoos with my two boys when they were young I always tried to avoid the reptile house. Any-



way I accepted the challenge of repairing the Cobra and the pictures above and below show a before and after situation. The head of the snake in the vertical position ready to strike had been jointed and glued to the

coils of the body but had snapped off and split so I resolved this by drilling up the vertical piece, turning and gluing in a wooden plug and then drilling a small hole to enable a 6mm threaded insert to be screwed in. Then from underneath the coils at a point where the vertical part needs to be fixed I drilled a hole to allow a 6mm bolt to be screwed into the threaded insert. Of course glue was also used between the two surfaces to add to the strength of the joint.



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- * Reluctance to cook
- * Reluctance to perform housework
- * Reluctance to work, except in support of woodturning
- * Physical craving for free time to turn
- *Nonsensical muttering
- *Unwaivering impulse to purchase tools, wood and finishes
- *Inability to recognize characters faces from favorite TV shows.

Beware!!! If you come in contact with a human affected by woodturning, then be prepared to talk about tools, wood and finishes for hours on end even though no one has asked.

This has been a public service announcement...Scientists who discovered the dangerous substance, said... "Woodturning addiction is real!!! The purchasing of tools and wood can be expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense".

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Axminster Tools & Machinery (Nuneaton)

An Important Update

Due to a paperwork mixup, Axminster Nuneaton will now open on **Friday 3rd July** (not Tuesday 30th June as stated on the Axminster website and my previous email).

Opening hours are as per my last email but just in case...

Sun closed

Mon closed

Tue 8 - **5**

Wed 8 - **5**

Thu 8 - **5**

Fri 8 - **5**

Sat 9 - **2:30**

So I get to enjoy a few more furlough days of sunshine.

Regards

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I came across this sculpture made of segmented pieces of wood at "Newnham Paddox", near Monks Kirby, Warwickshire. I asked my wife Marcia to step into the picture to give a sense of proportion. First shown on the rear cover of the November 2006 issue of the Newsletter. *Editor*