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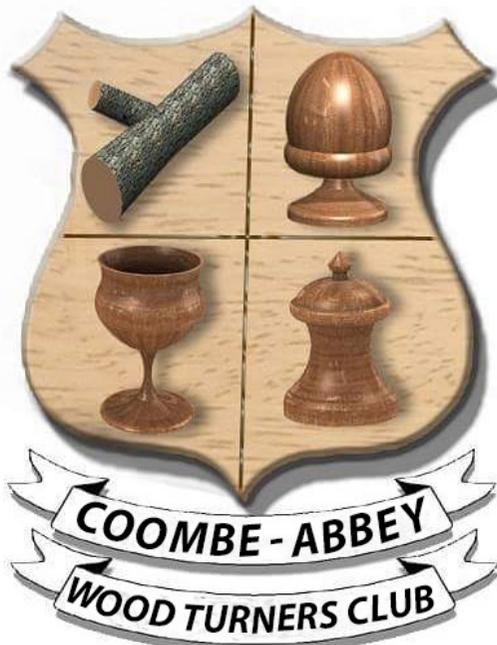
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## From the Editor



I am sorry if you are receiving this edition of the Newsletter a little later than usual but things have been hectic for me to say the least. I have been away for a weeks holiday in Somerset where I hasten to add I did make it to “Yandles” and spent a little money on essentials.

After returning home I started to work on the newsletter but had to abandon that when my eldest son and family came to stay. The day they left my daughter came to stay for a few days and only when she left to go home did I manage to finish the work on the newsletter, (Thursday 30th July).

Once again I am indebted to club members for supplying me with pictures of their work as without that I am afraid there just would not be a Newsletter at all. So if you have not contributed yet then please try to get some pictures to me for the September issue, it does not have to be your current work we would all just like to see what you have been up to over past years.

The committee are talking to the Coombe management to see if they can open the workshop in the near future so watch this space and check your emails to see when this can happen. It will be subject to certain restrictions though, to ensure everyone's safety.

Graham

## Chairman's Jottings

A brief outline to all our members as to how things are going this year.

When we get permission to re-open the workshop we will all have to adhere to the council guidelines.

- 1) Social Distancing
- 2) Face masks at all times
- 3) Hand cleanser will be at the door
- 4) Only 4 members in workshop at any time

There will be no tutoring until further notice  
I Hope everyone is agreeable to all the rules

On the bright side Axminster is now open with the same conditions we all have to follow.

I'm hoping this finds you all well and I'm looking forward to seeing you all once we get a date from the council.

Onwards and upwards and keep turning.

Keep Safe

*Brian.*



Brian Edwards

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*One Line Philosopher:*

Many mistakes look stupid with hindsight, foresight is usually less clear.

**Work by Brian Edwards**



## **This Months Sponsor**

### Background Information - The ToolPost ([www.toolpost.co.uk](http://www.toolpost.co.uk))

The ToolPost is a business established by a woodturner, run by a woodturner and staffed by woodturners. Even our accountant can put a screw into a piece of timber fairly straight (it's OK, he's a subcontractor, not an employee!). Our aim is to supply woodturners with easy access to quality tools through the Internet ([www.toolpost.co.uk](http://www.toolpost.co.uk)), mail order and telephone sales (01235-511101).

We also have a substantial and well-stocked showroom in Didcot, close to the A34 trunk road, where, for instance, more than a thousand different woodturning tools are on display - that's more, we believe, than anywhere else in the world under one roof!

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Knowing that turning is often also about learning we also import directly many different DVDs, mainly from the USA, such as the ranges by Mike Mahoney and Cindy Drozda, as well as a wide range of the better UK titles. In fact, Les Thorne's first DVD "No Turning Back" was shot in our training and demo facility, here at the showroom.

We are passionate about woodturning and are keen to share that enthusiasm with you. We have enjoyed visits from Coombe Abbey Club members many times and look forward to welcoming you in the future, be that in person, by telephone or through the internet. Good luck and "Happy Turning" to you all!



From start ....



... to finish



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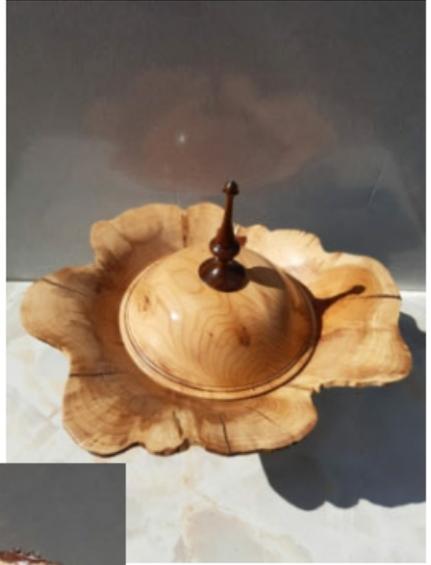
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**Work by John Whittle**

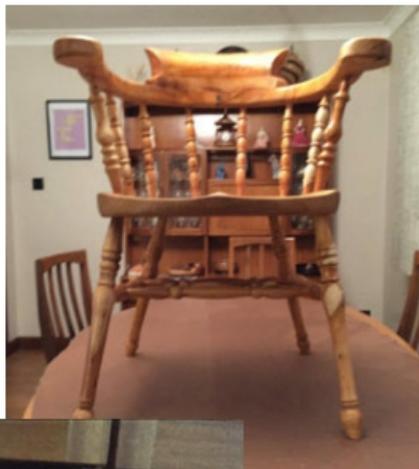


Pictures on this page are of John's "Tree Burst Vessel"  
On the left is a close up of the lovely carved Lid.



John's Grandson Thane, visits "Stick Man" at home (a "converted" wooden tree stump with a front

**Work by Tom Badger**



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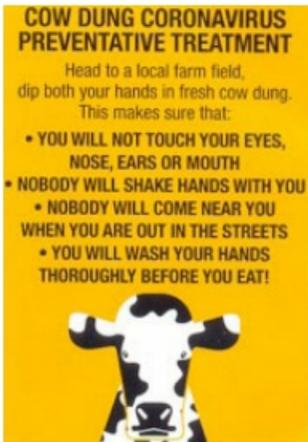
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## Two more pieces of Work by Tom Badger.



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Left:

This was sent in by Phil Steele. I am not sure whether he has tested it out to see if it really works but in future I will personally be giving him a lot of space? *Editor.*

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October 1	TB	Shilton
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Gary Rance</b>	<b>Baptist Church</b>
November 5	Peter Wood	Shilton
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Baptist Church</b>

*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 Holton 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**

## Festival of Crafts

As part of the sub committee we have decided to cancel the “**Festival of Crafts**” this year. But we are hoping to go ahead with it next year and the date will be Saturday 21st August 2021, this will be a one day event so we can re-launch and bring it back.

*Martin Hitchiner*

## Have you paid your membership for this year?

If you have your Coombe Abbey membership card and your AWGB membership card then you've paid.



If not could you contact Janine Brindley as soon as possible because your membership fee helps to maintain the workshop even when we're not there.

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**Work by Pat & Ann Flynn**



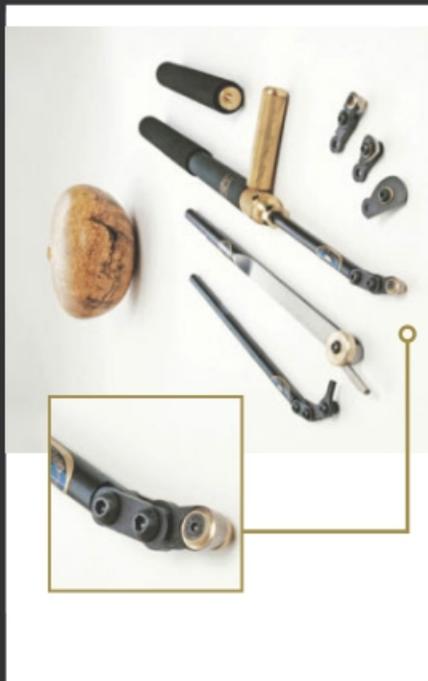
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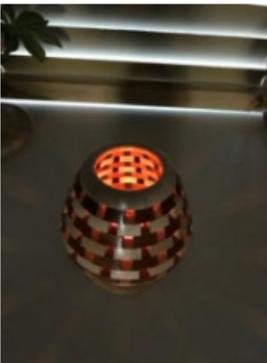
## Work by John Morgan



Above & Right:  
These two pictures show Johns vertical jig for building up open segmented work



Above & Right:  
A brandy glass shaped tea light holder



Left & Right:  
With the tea light lit and showing the rays on the table.



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John's second and much larger vessel



First and second vessels together showing the difference in proportions.

## Work by John Martin-Law

Dear Graham,

I trust you are keeping well and safe and it is difficult to know when we are likely to recover from the current situation and return to normal activities including club meetings. At least the garden and vegetable plot is doing well!

I note that you're still maintaining the club monthly magazine in order to keep things alive and requesting help to fill with interesting details. Therefore I have attached 6 items turned to give as a 'Thank

You' present to people in our small village of Sibson thanking them for the help given to us and other mature residents whilst we are still self isolating.

The first two are made of Sycamore, the first decorated with Acrylic paint with wire burns either side and a slice of unknown wood with the inside stained with yellow dye and, the second decorated with a 'Rub On' transfer and then both polished with

a series of buffing wheels after sealing.

The third one, a box made of Sycamore, is painted with Bronze and Silver metallic Acrylic paint and buffed up too.



The fourth and fifth bowls are made of Cherry the first of them textured with Elf texturing tool and then marked with permanent red marker pen with wire burns either side. The lady climbing a rope, drawn with permanent black marker pen, was to camouflage a crack



- quite effective I thought.

The 6th and last, a shallow bowl made with Mahogany and again

polished using a series of buffing wheels after sealing.

The ladies have all expressed their gratitude and one called round this morning, who received the second vase, stating it in



now displayed in pride of place on their mantle piece and also asked if her sons could see how it was made after Corona Virus has been out to rest.

Regards  
John.



## Work by Paul Fryer

I just got back from a holiday in Scarborough. And yes it rained 1 day so I visited the local woodturning shop.

I forgot to take any photos but it was just outside Scarborough down a small country lane and then a dirt track.

I met David Lowe a professional woodturner based there and had a good discussion.

I was amazed at their stock of UK woods, it turned out they have their own sawmill. As you can see by the picture, in my opinion quite reasonably priced. These are a few bowl blanks I purchased. If in the area well worth the visit. I have been back on the lathe playing with pens again, this

time using burl wood, metal honey-combed & resin, brewing oats, whiskey barrels, cocoa beans, pencils, pine cones, and I have even tried using wood.



I am also in the process of making 2 coffee tables using some tools purchased off of Brian to make the mortices and tenons. 8 frames 4 for each table. I just need to start

gluing up, routing out the windows for the glass, making the tops and making the model railways that will be displayed in them.

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I'm selling my wood lathe and wanted to share it with you before putting on eBay. I've had it for a few years and it's only had light use. It is all in very good condition and well looked after.

As you can see, I have collected many tools, extras and wood that I'm also looking to move on. The photos aren't extensive but show a good amount of the important things, all that are included in the sale.

I'm looking for a fair price and open to offers. It looks like the lathe itself might be worth around £300+. With the newly purchased Axminster chuck, pen mandrel, all of the chisels and wood stock, I imagine £500+ would be reasonable for all of it. But, like I say, I'm looking for a fair price and open to offers and suggestions on selling price. I might even be able to deliver it to someone local. I'd be very happy with a £500 cash sale.

**Contact:- Tim Pritchard on 02476 339438**

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