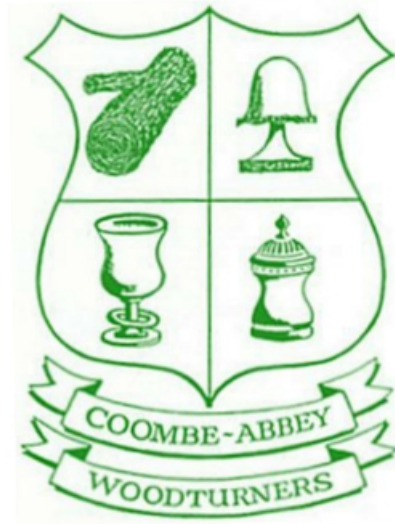


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## From the Editor



Just when we thought we were getting over the pandemic and lockdown restrictions were being lifted, back it comes again to thwart our plans for trying to get back to normal. Groups of six is the limit now which is not good for clubs such as ours but obviously it is in our best interests so we must comply.

Again I am indebted to all the contributors this month for sending in photographs of their work and explanations to go with them. I picked one picture out to go on the back cover from those sent in by John Martin-Law. The smiling face of his granddaughter brought back memories for me of when I was teaching at the club workshop at Coombe. There were so many youngsters creating their first piece on the lathe and their smiling face gave me so much pleasure and encouragement to continue with the good work of passing on our skills to the young.

I am sure many of you will have had the same experience with your children and grandchildren so if you have photos you can share with us please let me have copies to publish in the newsletter. We need smiling faces to lift us from the gloom caused by Covid - 19. Many thanks to you all. **Graham**

## Chairman's Jottings

A big hello to all our members, and I hope this finds you and your families well in these somewhat turbulent times.

A little note to the few members who come into the cafe at Coombe, to be aware of keeping social distancing, and only groups of six. This was mentioned to me by management that we were not complying with the rules. We have all had our hands slapped.



Brian Edwards

Colin Grundy has brought in some Lime wood in square blanks to sell to raise funds for the scout group, so come and purchase some on a Wednesday or Friday. Great for carving or woodturning.

The way this coronavirus is continuing to spread I feel we will not be in the workshop at Coombe this year. Hopefully things will change for the better next year. Fingers crossed!!

As an AGM will not be possible in January 2021, all the committee members will continue stand until another meeting can be arranged next year.

If anyone would like to come onto the committee then please put your name forward to the secretary or any committee member.

I hope you are all keeping busy your workshops, my best to you all.

Please keep turning and stay safe.

*Brian.*

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*One Line Philosopher:*

Do not ask if it is right or wrong. Ask if it will work. Just be careful how you define work.



## A few words from the Vice Chairman

Remember: Hands Face Space.....

We are now receiving the word from Dowling Street that from this Monday coming, the rule of six is coming out, a gathering of only six will be permitted.

What is going to happen to our coffee Woodturning Club, for sometime now we have been having a coffee morning on Wednesday and Fridays with the numbers going up and down each week at the Coombe Park Cafe.

The work shop is all set up and ready to go The floors have been taped out to requirement, the lathes have been spaced and screens are in place for us to use just need the all clear form the Council.

Our coffee mornings are going to be reduced to six people just as the numbers were growing. It's good to chat which the rule of six would affect us or we are breaking the law and we don't want to do that?

I feel it will be a long time untill we are open again but I hope it will be back to normal again soon. As for the AWGB they will be looking for a payment next year.

Today I was asked if I would be Vice Chairman again that is something I need to think about.



Alec Steedman



Coffee Morning at Coombe.

(Photo by Roger Smith)

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## Work by Tony Townsend



A friend's husband recently retired from the Police Force and she asked if I could possibly make a little memento for him. This is what I came up with and he was delighted with my work and must admit I was quite pleased with it myself.



For some reason my Wife is fascinated with ginger jars and I must admit I have made her quite a few different ones. However, she



mentioned that all of them were cylindrical so could I manage anything straight sided ! Most of us will have seen at Demos of routing on the lathe with a bush as a guide . I don't have a large enough diameter cutter so I had to make a fence. That way I could raise and lower the cutter to cover the whole face. Picture of base and fence. Dark ginger jar was first attempt and I was then told a pair would be nice so



hence the second lighter one. The smaller ginger jar is spalted beech dressed with purple heart. Sorry not sure what the wood is on the large ginger jars as I was given a box of assorted wood from a friend in the Isle of Wight - think possibly fruit tree.

On this page my first picture - the egg is a kaleidoscope. The centre piece is Douglas Fir I believe. The end goblet was made out of wood given to me from a friend in the Isle of Wight but alas I don't know what it is, but I like the grain.



The second picture - The clock is purple heart and ash. The mechanism I got from a Demo at Waslgrave probably 18 months ago so thought it was time I used it.

The third picture - The 2 tier box is Wenge and ash and I thought it looked a little bit different to other stuff I'd made.

The fourth picture - A spalted beech flask.

Never tried anything like this before .

As you can see I have been reasonably busy and tried to make a few

more unusual things in between helping out with the gardening but trying to enjoy the sunshine.

Take care all of you. *Tony Townsend*





## Work by Malcolm Waters.

Hi Graham,  
I see you have been asking for photos for the newsletter. I have attached some photos of some pens I have made recently. Two are sycamore and the others are burr elm, all finished with Chestnut sanding sealer (undiluted) and Microcrystalline Wax. There's also a picture of an elm bowl, finished the same way.

Take care,  
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## Work by Colin Grundy



Hi Graham,

Here are a few pictures for the newsletter of two of my pieces of work during lockdown.

The Oak Platter was inspired by a YouTube video. The rim is spirit stained to give an autumnal effect.



lacquer then treated with copper gilt cream. The bowl hollow has been coated with copper leaf.

The Offset Bowl was inspired from the demonstration by Peter Moncrieff-Jury, just prior to lockdown. The wood is ash and is sprayed in ebony



The toadstools are something Jane and I spotted on our local Boris walk here in North Warwickshire. They have been created in Yew by a local man who also makes bird boxes, bug hotels and wooden signs.

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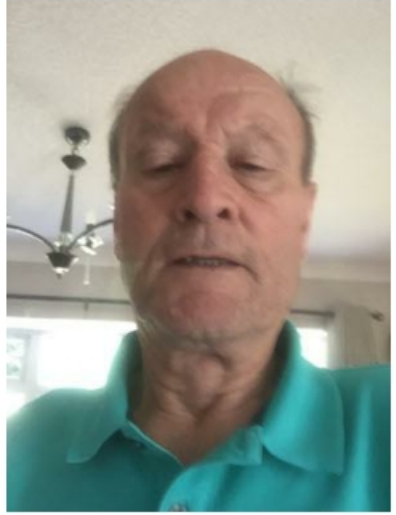
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**Work by Tom Badger**

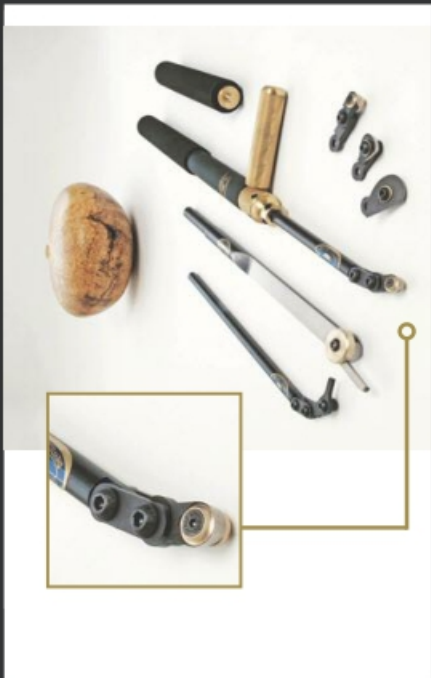


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## **An Appeal by Eric Taylor**

You may be aware that at the AGM in January 2020 Graham Ball our Newsletter editor gave 12 months notice of his intention to resign from the position of Editor. Some thought that a replacement had come forward already but this was not the case so we are still looking for a volunteer to take on the role of editor of our magazine.

Graham has told me that he would be willing to help the new editor to gradually take over if necessary, and knowing Graham I am sure he will have plenty of useful tips and help to pass on to the eventual new editor.

The newsletter produced in its present format over the last fifteen years is sent to all club members and some people in other clubs and also to the sponsors of the magazine, and is also on the club's web-site from which it can be downloaded worldwide. It would be a great loss if we could not carry on producing this useful and interesting communication, therefore I appeal for volunteers to come forward to take over and carry on producing our monthly newsletter.

To register your interest or to answer any questions you may have.

**Please get in touch with me Eric Taylor on 02476 328831**

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### **Retiring from Axminster**

**Finally**, I am about to retire from Axminster after 10 years. I shall miss the staff and the customers (well most of them). I shall not miss getting up at 6am on cold winter mornings. And no, I'm not available for baby sitting, dog sitting or anything else, I already have a long list of things to do before I can relax and enjoy my retirement.

Regards

Rob Sheehan



Rob Sheehan



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**If there is anything you would like to be brought to the attention of fellow members please get in touch with the Editor. Contact details on page 2.**

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At the time of writing I am informed that club member John Scotchbrook is in hospital after suffering a stroke. I am sure that all members will join with me in wishing John a speedy recovery to good health and hope to see him once again at our meetings whenever that will be possible.

*Editor*



**Work by John Martin-Law  
Assisted by Grand Daughters Eve and May**



Hello Graham,

I attach a few photos of one of our 10 year old granddaughter, Eve, making a noughts and crosses game and with her 8 year old sister, May, decorating boxes I made, and then sealed and polished them afterwards so they could take them home. Of course the one in the workshop

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*John*





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## Work by Pat and Ann Flynn



Photo 1



Photo 1 and 2 (miniatures) - This is a display of miniature pieces I have made over the years - the smallest piece measures 11mm x 11mm and the the biggest piece is 90mm x 50mm



Photo 2

Photo 3 and 4 Closed Segmented Vase - This is the largest closed segmented vase I've done to-date. It has 72 segments per ring (a total of 4070 segments)



Photo 3



Photo 4

Photo 5 open segmented vase having 72 segments per ring



Photo 5



Photo 6

Photo 6 Yew Ladder wall clock



## For Your Amusement

***I think the only way  
to do Christmas this  
year is to kill the  
turkey, and have 30  
people over for the  
funeral***



The **Coronavirus** has affected everyone including Snow-white and the seven dwarfs which includes:- Doc, Grumpy, Bashful, Sneezy, Happy, Sleepy and Dopey.

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**Our in-store demonstrations, Introduction To Woodturning sessions and interactive areas will remain unavailable for the time being.**

# Introducing the Brand New Range of Woodturning Chucks and Jaws

We are extremely proud to introduce the brand new range of Record Power woodturning chucks and jaws. This exclusive new range has been developed using Record Power's extensive experience and knowledge of woodturning in conjunction with a group of highly experienced professional and hobby woodturners, to bring you the ultimate in quality, versatility and value.



#### Precision Engineered Gears

Super Geared True-Lock™ technology ensures high levels of accuracy to provide smooth and solid operation.



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The SC3 and SC4 feature a jaw fixing which will not only fit the Record Power series of Jaws but is also fully compatible with Nova and Robert Sorby brand jaws.



#### Heavy Duty Jaw Slides

The improved and enlarged jaw slides give unsurpassed holding power and load bearing ability. They are made from high tensile steel, reinforced with nickel and copper and heat-treated to ensure superior strength.



#### Sealed Backing Plate with Full Indexing

The SC4 features a strong backing plate to protect the gear mechanism from dust and 72-point indexing around the full circumference.



**Brand New Exclusive Jaw Range**  
Fully compatible with Nova brand chucks.



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SC3 Geared Scroll Chuck Package



SC4 Professional Geared Scroll Chuck Package



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## Lathe For Sale

I'm looking to sell my father-in-laws Elu DB180 lathe and wondered if one of your members might be interested, as it's in Kenilworth? He bought the lathe new, probably in the late 1980s but unfortunately became allergic to wood dust very quickly so its had very little use. It comes with a face-plate, two Vari-form chucks, a set of Diamic chisels and a bench (this needs some tlc). I can supply pictures and I think you will be amazed at the wonderful condition it's in. We are looking for £300 for the lot.



Contact Charles Smith on:-

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The magic of being able to create something yourself is clearly shown on this young girl's face. Please turn to page 20 to learn more.