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From the Editor



Welcome to the Christmas newsletter. Inside you will find pictures from the

Christmas Party and the competition entries and winners.

Phil Steele is making a full-size Windsor chair as next year's raffle prize. Pictures on page 20.

New member Elizabeth Yates displays some of her work on page 26.

Members are also making a Fire Truck. Pictures on page 28.

Jokes can be found on page 30.

New member Bruce Edhouse recommends a new timber supplier on page 32.

AGM 10am Saturday January 4th, at Walsgrave. Lee Cartwright will collect annual subs after the meeting and also on Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th January from 10am - 12 noon at Coombe Workshop.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members and our Sponsors.

Regards

Phil

Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all,

I am writing these jottings after attending our Christmas Party and Competitions day. Another brilliant feast put on by Jill Steedman ably assisted by Alison Elliott and Anne Whinray.



I would like to thank these ladies for all their hard work on behalf of the club not just at the Christmas party but at our demonstrations throughout the year when they make sure we are catered for with beverages and jacket potatoes. The competitions were organised and managed by Giles Headley and all these went very well so thank you Giles for that and of course for organising the Quiz.

I was amazed at the diversity and quality of the competition pieces submitted for judging. My thanks also to the judges who had quite a task on their hands due to the high quality of the turnings.

We were able to present a cheque for £1000 to the Air Ambulance charity from donations collected by club members and from the "Annual Raffle" which Jill Steedman headed up again for the second year running. Sally was representing the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

You will be able to read Rob Sheehan's report of this event plus photographs within this newsletter. I would like to thank Rob on behalf of the club for all the work he does in producing this newsletter. He is a very busy person as he also teaches in the workshop and supports the club by attending all our outside events.

One person who also works hard for the club is our treasurer Lee Cartwright. Lee also teaches in the workshop at Coombe and his work as treasurer very often goes un noticed liaising with the AWGB and organising our events at Coombe, so thank you Lee your efforts and hard work are much appreciated.

There are so many people who work hard for the club and I cannot mention them all here but I will say a big thank you to them for all their efforts enabling others to enjoy their membership of this club.

I will be giving up the chairmanship of this club at the AGM on Saturday 4th January 2025. I feel that I am not able to work as hard as I should in the role because of health issues and of course age. I can say though I have enjoyed every minute of being a member since I first joined in May 2005. I volunteered to be secretary in August of that year when an E.G.M. was called. I served for ten years in that role having to give up due to my wife needing constant care due to Alzheimers disease. I also took on the role of Newsletter Editor in November of 2005 when I introduced the A5 booklet instead of an A4 sheet. I served in this post for almost seventeen years. You may also know that I operate the video cameras at meetings and still do but if anyone would like to take this over I would be more than pleased to teach you how it is done.

It was so sad when our longstanding member Eric Taylor passed away on 15th April 2024. Eric as treasurer and I as secretary worked together for the club on many occasions most memorably in 2007 when we were successful in achieving a lottery grant which enabled us to open the Workshop at Coombe Country park and equip it with the essential machinery we required. Also the lottery grant paid for the video cameras which we use on demonstration days. I have so many good memories of this club which I will cherish for the rest of my days.

Please attend our AGM at Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday 4th January 2025 starting at 10am and cast your vote for all the other officers and committee members required to run this club in 2025

A happy new year to all our members and friends in other clubs and not forgetting our newsletter sponsors.

Keep those bevels rubbing

Regards

Graham

One Line Philosopher:

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything that you need”
Cicero (Marcus Tullius Cicero)

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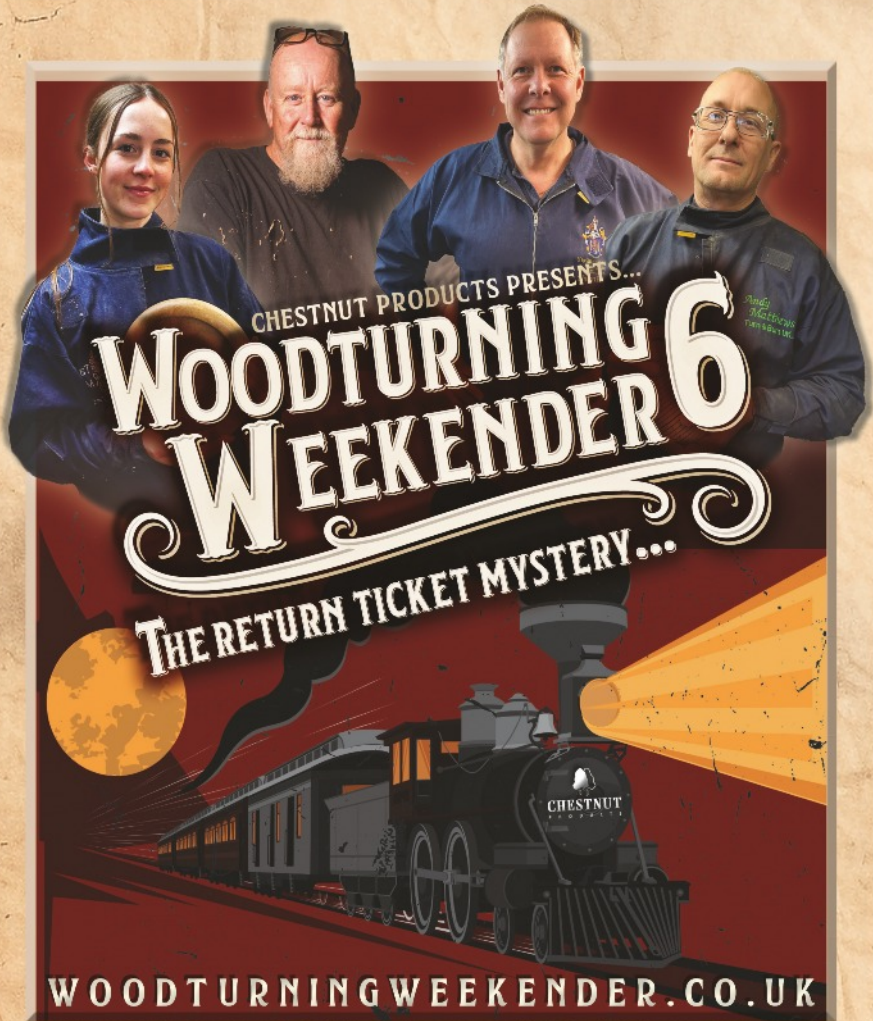
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Christmas Party 2024



Above - Club members and guests from the Air Ambulance and Hinckley Woodturning Club Chairman John Evans enjoying the buffet lunch.
Below - Raffle Prizes and Competition Trophies.





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Below - Sally from Air Ambulance receiving a cheque for £1000 collected by the club over the year.





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Christmas Party Competitions

Rhodes' Trophy

No entries this year so the trophy was not awarded.

Austin's Trophy

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1st - Giles Headley

2nd - Mike Smith

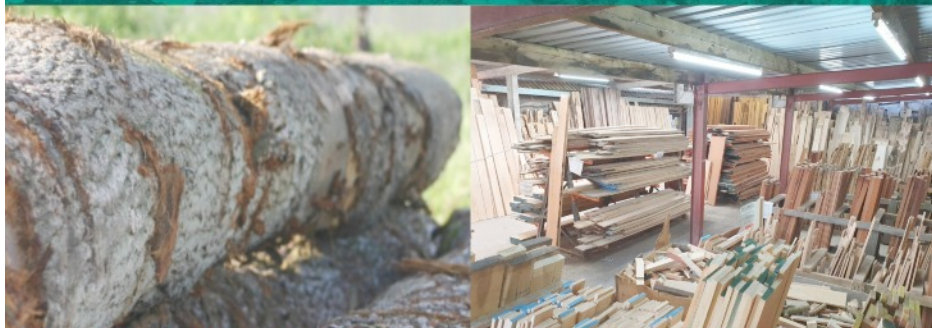
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Below - competition entries



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1st - Lee Cartwright

Below -
competition entries



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Christmas Competitions - continued

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1st - Giles Headley

2nd - Peter Wright

3rd - Peter Briggs

Below - competition entries



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Christmas Competition - continued

Roger Warren-Finding Shield (Woodturner of the Year)

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1st and Woodturner of the Year -

Michael Archer

2nd and winner of the Roy Nichols trophy

Peter Wright

3rd - Lee Cartwright



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Windsor Chair Making

Several club members, led by Phil Steele, are making a Windsor Chair as a raffle prize for next year's raffle. Although it's not finished yet, here are a few pictures of the progress so far. Thanks to Martin Hitchiner for the photos.



Above - steam box for bending the arms.

Right - team leader Phil Steele.

Below - arm bending jig.



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Members' Work

Hi Rob,

Having joined the club this year and been asked on several occasions to allow a photo of my various pieces to be taken for the newsletter, I am pleased to now be able to submit for the next publication, a photo of the finished article for my 2024 '12 Trees 4 Christmas' project, inspired by my youngest brother Rob, who gave me my first woodturning lesson, whilst I was visiting him on holiday for Christmas 2023.

He advised me to join a club when I got home and have some lessons and after a serendipitous walk at Coombe Abbey, with some friends on our return in February..... the rest is history - Happy Days and a New Hobby.

Thanks for your teaching and assistance

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Coombe Workshop Project - Fire Truck

Club members are also working together to make a wooden Fire Tuck.



Some of the components, waiting to be assembled.





**The assembled Fire Truck,
waiting to be painted.**



Jokes

Kindly provided by Cliff Lane (so don't blame me!)

Why is it, all the people who know how to run this country, are too busy driving taxies or cutting hair?

A man stopped off to get some money from the hole in the wall:

A tramp came up to him and asked if he could spare any money.

The man said, "If I were to give you any money, would you spend it on drink, cigarettes or gambling then?"

The tramp said, "No sir."--

The man said, "If that is the case would you please come home with me, so I can show my wife, what can happen to somebody who doesn't smoke, drink or gamble."

A man and his wife are sound asleep in bed when the phone rings. The man picks up, listens for a second and says, 'How the hell would I know, you idiot? I'm not a weatherman,' before slamming down the receiver. 'Who was that?' asks his wife. 'Wrong number. It was some jerk asking if the coast was clear.'

Today we would like to thank Albert for his service to the company. Albert is someone who does not know the meaning of impossible task, who does not know the meaning of lunch break, who does not understand the meaning of the word no. So we have clubbed together and bought Albert a dictionary.

An elderly man went to the doctor and said he hadn't been feeling too well. After examining him thoroughly, the doctor produced three different types of pill.

"Take the green pill with a big glass of water first thing in the morning; take the blue pill with a big glass of water after lunch; and take the red pill with a big glass of water just before you go to bed at night." He told his patient.

Startled to be on so much medicine, the old man stammered, "What exactly is wrong with me doctor?"

"You're not drinking enough water."

I wonder what my parents did to fight boredom before the Internet.
I asked my 17 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

Before my surgery, my anaesthetist offered to knock me out with gas or
a boat paddle.

It was an ether/oar situation.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes.
That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll
have their shoes.

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Noah.

Noah who?

Noah good Christmas joke?

What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?

Anything you want, he won't be able to hear you!

Christmas is always a Claus for celebration.

May you get everything you want this year, and myrrh.

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Mary.

Mary who?

Mary Christmas!

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Anna.

Anna who?

Anna partridge in a pear tree.

New Wood Supplier

Hi Rob,

A new wood supplier is opening in Leicestershire Mount St. Bernard's Abbey is a Cistercian monastery in Charnwood Forest. They are opening their new shop in mid- November to supply Woodturners, carvers and other woodworkers with top quality timber and blanks that are harvested from their estate. Timber is supplied in various thicknesses after felling, milling and drying. Currently there are Spalted Beech, Ash, Cherry, Oak and English Elm available.

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Best wishes
Bruce Edhouse (Coombe Club Member)

Editor's note - I haven't had time to check this out, so if anyone pays a visit, please let me know how you get on. PS - their web site does not show the timber products yet.



Items For Sale

Disclaimer

The club is not responsible for any item appearing on this page. The buyer and seller must make their own arrangements as to the condition, suitability, delivery, payment and price etc.

Ken Croft's wife is selling his lathe, turning tools and machinery. Collection only, from Coventry.

If you are interested, contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122 or robsheehan@virginmedia.com. I have enclosed a few pictures here. The rest will be sent on request. I have not been given any prices.



Ken Croft's Equipment For Sale - continued



Equipment For Sale - continued

Chris Trivett 0116 2312 954 or via email chrisptrivett@gmail.com is selling some machinery on behalf of his Father-in-law. Collection only, from near Market Bosworth.
 Editor: I have not seen the equipment so I can't advise on its suitability. Chris is not a member of the club.

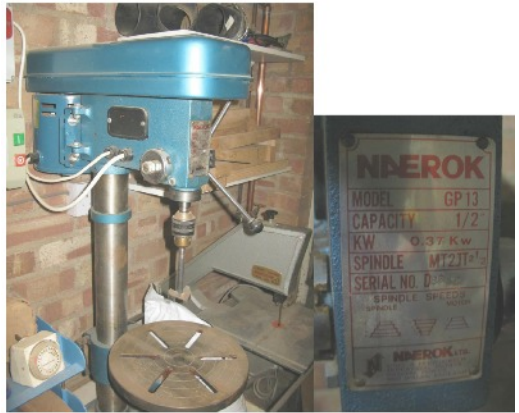
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Lathe



Chris Trivett Equipment for Sale - continued

Pillar Drill



Bandsaw



Extract System and Planer Thickness



Circular Saw



Equipment For Sale - continued

Peter Smith - Items For Sale

For sale: an Axminster Awwsl100 lathe with two chucks and various other things. A set of Henry Taylor chisels and an Axminster Dust extractor Awede2. I'm looking for £450 Ono. I'm in Nuneaton.
Contact: petersmith11353@gmail.com



Equipment for sale - continued

Chest of Drawers For Sale

Don Kildin has restored this chest of drawers. It is for sale. Contact Don if you are interested.



Teaching at Coombe Workshop

The latest new trainees at the Coombe workshop were Emma & Sam Barker. Emma was taught by Rob Sheehan, Sam was taught by Lee Cartwright.



Notices

Booking Training Sessions

Michael Archer is now handling all training session bookings.

Please phone him on 02476 448311.

Do not book a session without Michael's prior agreement.

Donations Needed

Members are also asked to provide charity items for events and the display cabinet at the Coombe workshop. Raffle prizes are also needed for the Christmas Party.

AWGB & Club Subscriptions

The AWGB annual subscription has increased from £21 to £24. Treasurer Lee Cartwright will collect annual subscriptions after the AGM and also on Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th January from 10am - 12 noon at Coombe Workshop.

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Tuesday January 21 Demo Chris Grimshaw

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Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 23 January Richard Findlay demonstration

Contact Colin Smith 07939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk

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Sunday 19th. January Hands On – Pen making

Contact Chris Jones 07580 195561 crjones5691@gmail.com

West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 15th January Viv Harvey

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Free listing for members offering demonstrations, tuition & commissions.

The help and fellowship of both amateur and professional members.

Displays of members work at major exhibitions and shows.

Major international seminar every two or three years.

Support for members from our regional representatives.

A comprehensive and cost effective insurance scheme for Public Liability and All Risks insurance cover for all clubs.

Calendar of Events 2025

Month	Date	Day	Location	Event
Jan	4	Sat	W	AGM 10am Start
	18	Sat	C	Segment making. Graham Ball
Feb	??	Fri	S	Snail, Paddy Byrne
Mar	14	Sat	W	Paul Hannaby
Apr	??	Fri	S	Segmentation. Bill Nicholson
May	09/ 10/	Fri/Sat		Woodworks At Daventry
May	18	Sat	C	Sharpening. Rob Sheehan
Sept	6	Sat	W	Scroll Saw. Giovanni Deida
Dec	13	Sat	W	Christmas Party

Meeting Locations:

(W) Walsgrave Baptist Church, 10am - 4pm
Hinckley Road, Coventry, CV2 2EX.

(S) Shilton Village Hall, 6:30pm - 9pm
Wood Lane, Shilton, CV7 9JZ

(C) Coombe Abbey Workshop 10am - 12 noon, 1pm - 3pm
Brinklow Rd, Coventry CV3 2AB

Next Meeting

AGM

10 am Saturday 4th January.
Walsgrave Baptist Church

Coming up

Sat 18th Jan. Segment making. Graham Ball. **Coombe Workshop**