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From the Editor



No demonstrations this month so inside you will find the "best of" this year's demonstrations.

You can also find my report from the Harrogate Woodworking Show. I went on the Friday and saw Roger Smith and Pat Hanley there.

The Christmas competitions can be found on page 20. As well as the usual trophies, there is a new one, the "John Bradbury Memorial Trophy", to be won.

AWGB subscriptions are now due. Lee will be in the workshop to collect them. See page 20 for dates.

The workshop will be open until Friday 22nd December. It will then close between Christmas and New Year for a deep clean. It will re-open on Thursday 4th January.

Our next meeting is the Christmas Party on Saturday December 9th. For £15, you will get a full Christmas meal with all the trimmings.

I am now a First Aider having been on a one day course with St John's Ambulance. Sticking plasters only please.

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all,

First I must apologise to Rob Sheehan our Newsletter Editor for keeping him waiting for my December jottings. I have recently been poorly health-wise and



it had gone completely out of my head that the jottings were due. This is the first time Rob has needed to prompt me for them so my record of prompt submission is not too bad.

I hope all you members are keeping well and looking forward to the Christmas festivities being able to spend time with family and friends.

Of course CAWT will be holding our Christmas party on Saturday December 9th at Walsgrave Baptist church, so I hope you have given your name for this to Lee Cartwright. This year should be something special as we are being treated to a full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Jill Steedman and her helpers must be congratulated for putting this on.

If you are coming to the party don't forget to enter a piece of your work into the competitions, the more the merrier. The list of competitions can be found in the Notices section of this newsletter.

Our AGM takes place at 10.00 am on Saturday January 6th 2024. Please try to attend this very important meeting so that you can elect the officers and committee to run the club in 2024. If you yourself would like to take on one of these roles, you would be made very welcome.

We have been invited to attend Warwick Racecourse on Saturday January 13th 2024 where we will be accommodated in a Marquee along with other crafts. Those who have already volunteered to help will be getting a pass for free entry along with all details of times and directions.

All for now, and I hope to see you all soon.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Keep those bevels rubbing

Regards

Graham

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Les Thorne
18th March



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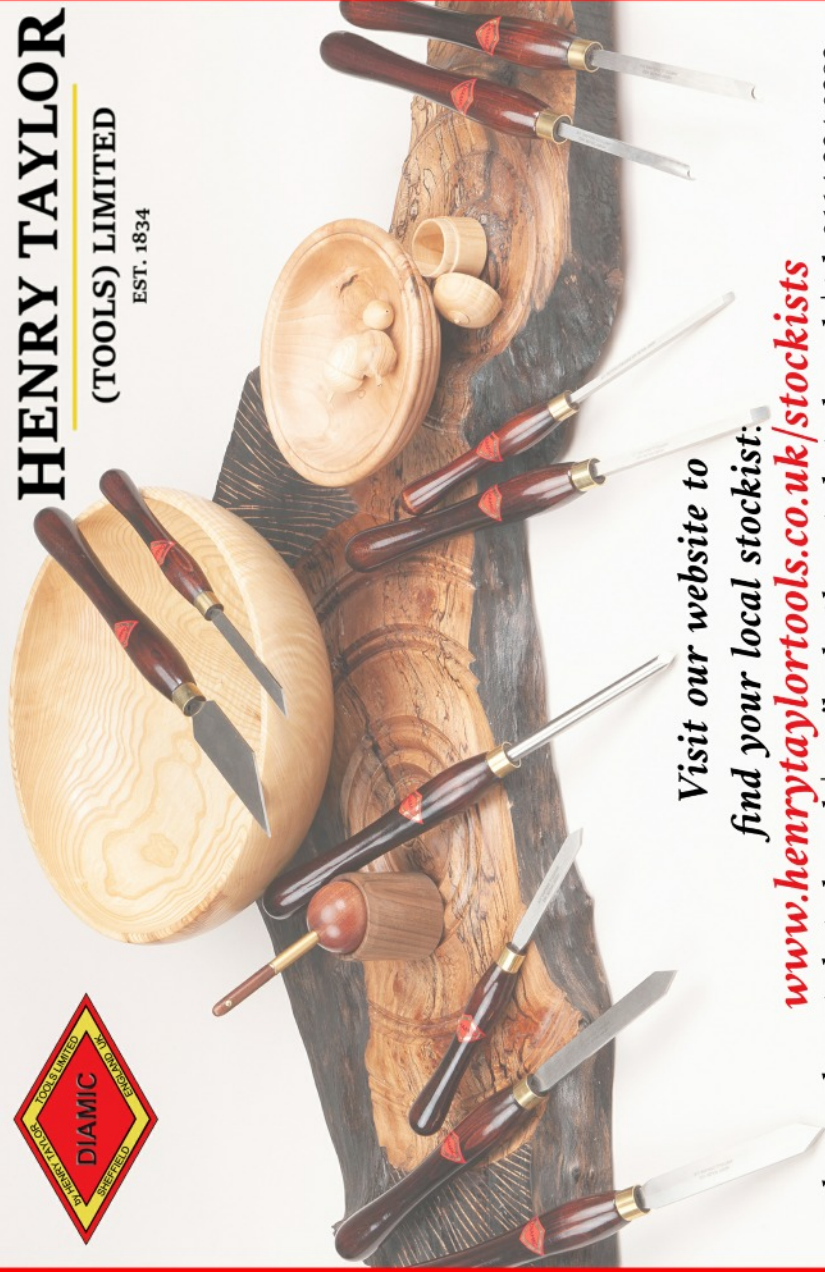
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Steve Heeley
16th June



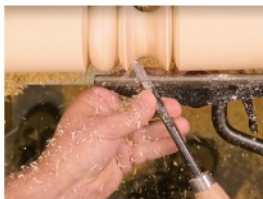
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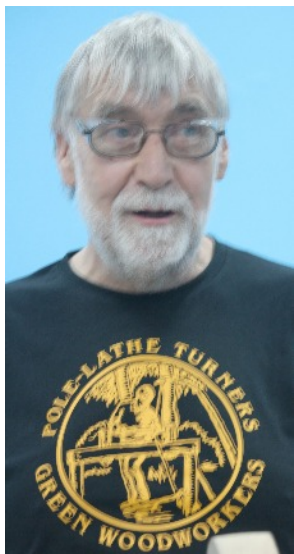
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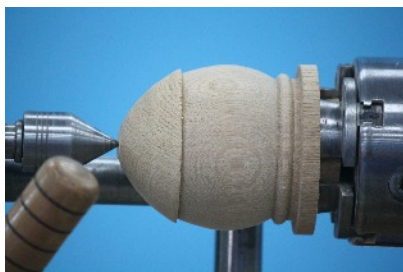
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Phil Steele &
Peter Wright
9th September





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Paul Fryer
20th October





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Booking Training Sessions

Michael Archer is now handling all training session bookings.

Please phone him.

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

AWGB Subscriptions Now Due

Lee Cartwright will be in the workshop to collect the £31 club + AWGB subscription on the following dates:

3rd/10th/17th December

7th/14th/21st January

Cash, Card or Bank Transfer is preferred.

Cheques must be made out to "Coombe Abbey Woodturning Club",

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Christmas Competitions

Rhodes' Trophy

Open to anyone who has not won before. Turned item of own choice.

Austin's Trophy

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Jim Elliot Trophy

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Tuesday December 19 Christmas Party

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Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 14th November Fun Night, raffle & auction

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West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 17th December 9.15 – 16.30 Demonstration – Rob Till

Contact John Hooper 0121 354 8464

West Northants Woodturners

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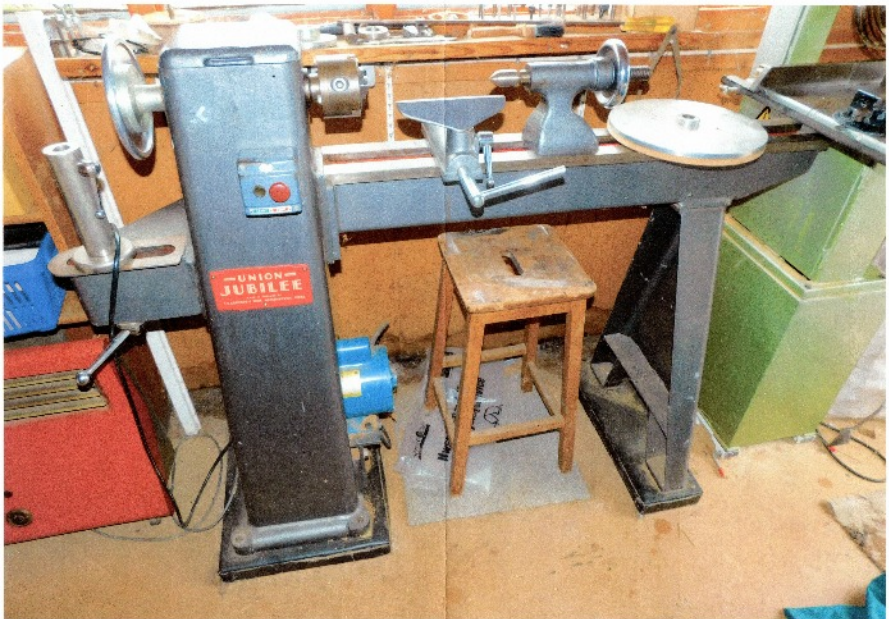
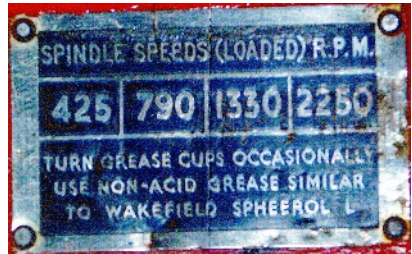
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Martin Saban-Smith



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AWGB



Harrogate Woodworking Show 2023 - continued



Various turnings and carvings



Vase by Giles Headley

One Thursday during the summer, a lady visited Coombe Abbey with her dog and stopped by at the workshop to ask if we could make something for her. It turned out that the dog was deceased and its remains boxed up in her handbag! She just wanted a block or cylinder of attractive timber to put the box in and be left on display at home. Discussion ensued and, having offered to have a



think, I designed a 2-section vase that would have the lower part hollowed to suit the container and the upper part drilled with a blind 3/4" hole to 4" deep. That met with the lady's approval so I set to with the turning. It eventually took two attempts - the first log split from end to end after rough turning the form. The piece was then remade from ash, donated by Rod Young. A trial fitting of the box in the lower section was conducted and necessary adjustments then made before parting off the chuck mountings and completion with microcrystalline wax. The vase measures 310mm tall x 115mm diameter at the widest point. After delivering it to her, the lady sent a photo of the piece on display captioned "...I couldn't be happier." She paid £50 for the vase, which has been transferred to the club charity account for donation to Air Ambulance.

Regards

Giles

Vase by Giles Headley - continued



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Christmas Jokes

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?
Because they were two deer!

How does a snowman lose weight?
He waits for the weather to get warmer!

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
Do you smell carrots?

What should you give your parents at Christmas?
A list of what you want.

What does a grumpy sheep say when wished “Merry Christmas”?
Baaaa humbug!

What kind of ball doesn't bounce?
A snowball.

What did one snowman say another snowman?
You're cool.

What did Santa do when he went speed dating?
He pulled a cracker!

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?
He was picking his nose!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite!

What do a train set and boobs have in common?
Both were made for kids but dads can't help playing with them.

What's the difference between a Christmas tree and a man?
A Christmas tree will stay up for 12 nights, has cute balls and looks good with the lights on!

Calendar of Events 2023

Saturday December 9 Christmas party 12:30 Walsgrave

Calendar of Events 2024

Saturday January 6 AGM Walsgrave
Saturday January 13 Display/Demo at Warwick Racecourse
Friday February 16 Ian Ethell Shilton
Saturday March 16 Chris Parker Walsgrave
Saturday April 20 Mick Hanbury Walsgrave
Friday/Saturday May 10/11 Woodworks at Daventry
Saturday July 13 Gary Rance Walsgrave
Saturday September 7 Steve Heeley Walsgrave
Friday October 18 Lee Cartwright Shilton
Saturday December 14 Christmas party 12:30 Walsgrave

Meeting Locations:

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

*Shilton Village Hall, 6:30pm - 9pm
Wood Lane, Shilton, CV7 9JZ*

Next Meeting

Christmas Party

Saturday 9th December at Walsgrave Baptist Church

12:30 pm start

Coming up

Saturday January 6th AGM