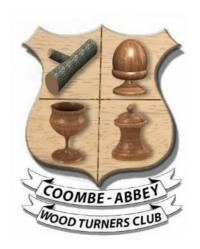
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From the Editor

Congratulations to Jill Steedman who was voted Club Member of the Year. The



presentation picture can be found on page 8.

Margaret Mitchell-King has provided an update on the Austin & Rhodes trophies. See page 10.

Coombe were demonstrating and displaying our wares at Warwick Races. See page 16 for pictures or our Facebook page for video clips courtesy of Martin Hitchiner.

No demonstrations last month so I have looked in my archives and included the demonstration by Andy Lodge at Hinckley Woodturning Club in January 2013.

Thanks to John Whittle, the club's library now includes some new books. See page 34 for details or contact Gary Jones to borrow them.

Our next demo is Ian Ethel on Friday 16th February at Shilton. The full event programme can be found on page 36.

Regards

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all,

I hope you have been coping ok with the awful weather we have been having lately. For me 2004 started off badly as my central heating broke down on New Years Day. It was five days before it could be



fixed. I have been hearing of damage to fences etc courtesy of the recent high winds so I hope everything is ok with you.

A group of club members attended Warwick Races event to demonstrate their skills and exhibit their work on 13th January 2024. I myself did not attend but have had good feedback from some of those who did. We as a club also got a brief mention from ITV Racing who was covering the event.

Our first demo of the year at a club meeting takes place on Friday February 16th at Shilton Village Hall starting at 6.30pm when Ian Ethel will be demonstrating. It will be the first visit Ian has made to this club so I am looking forward to meeting him and enjoying an evenings demonstration. I do hope you will all try to attend this demonstration to help swell the numbers and support both Ian and your club.

Finally I would like to report that long standing club member Graham Cashmore has recently been in hospital and undergone an operation. Graham is now back home and recuperating so I am sure you will join with me in wishing Graham a speedy recovery and we hope to see him soon at our club.

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

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Regards Graham



Air Ambulance Press Release

Coombe Abbey Woodturning Club have raised vital funds to support the lifesaving missions of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA).

Coombe Abbey Woodurning Club is based in Coventry and has over 100 members. The members are amateurs from novice to expert who are always willing to exchange ideas and advice on all woodturning topics from obtaining wood, supplies, equipment, and tools, to improving techniques.

The club held an annual raffle from February to August 2023 to raise vital funds to support the charity, with all prizes hand-made and donated by club members.

Raffle tickets were sold at the club and outside events were also put on such as the Daffodil Sunday and The Coventry Godiva Festival. A display cabinet at the club workshop displays wooden items made by members which are available to purchase, with the funds also going to WNAA.

The club managed to raise a fabulous total of £1,450 to support the £2,300 needed for each rescue mission, as the charity receives no government or National Lottery funding.

Community Fundraising Executive for Warwickshire, Sally Newman said:

"On behalf of the charity I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the Coombe Abbey Woodturners Club for the vital funds they have raised to support us."

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Club Member of the Year

Each year, the committee put forward the names of five club members who have contributed most to the club during that year. No committee member may be nominated. Each committee member votes for one candidate. The candidate with the most votes becomes Club Member of the Year and is presented with a trophy at the AGM.

For 2023, Jill Steedman won the trophy for her and her team's valuable work providing refreshments and food at demonstrations. She also heads up the team organising raffle tickets.

The other club members who were nominated this year were: Michael Archer, Phil Steele, Don Kildin and Peter Wright. All have worked hard for the club with demonstrations, training lessons, helping out in the workshop and at external events.





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Background to the Austin and Rhodes Awards

By Margaret Mitchell-King

Thank you very much indeed for the interesting article and photos on the Austin and Rhodes Awards. Congratulations to the entrants and winners and once again I feel sure it was a highly fought and qualitative range of entries. So, retrospectively this year (my apologies but 'life got in the way' in November/December and I didn't get round to writing to CAWT), we thought previous and the new recipients would appreciate a quick update on Austin and Rhodes. Originally the trophies were donated to Coombe Abbey Woodturners following the births of two grandsons to the late member, Cliff King. Time has flown by since then and the boys are now young adults in their own right, but still enjoy reading the Coombe Abbey Woodturners magazine to find out who has been awarded their respective trophies! This year they took a keener interest in the winners, probably because we printed the colour photos and article out for them!

Both remain professional ice hockey players, combining their sport with studying at degree level. Austin (age 22 years) has finished his second year at Loughborough University studying Automotive Engineering, and is currently on an industrial placement in Ricardo, a global strategic environmental and engineering consultancy based in Radford Semele, Royal Leamington Spa. He will return to Loughborough in September to complete his final year of his BEng.

Rhodes (now aged 20 years) is in his second year at Warwick University studying Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering, with a specialism in Automotive Engineering, attracted by Austin's studies! Like his brother last year, he now searching for an industrial placement in the automotive engineering sector for next academic year.

Last season Rhodes captained the GB U20s team in the IIHF World Championship held in Kaunas, Lithuania. Team GB came back with the World Silver Medal so Rhodes now holds both Bronze and Silver at U20s, as he ages out of that age group (Note: brother rivalry as Austin holds Silver (U18s) and Gold with GB U20s!)



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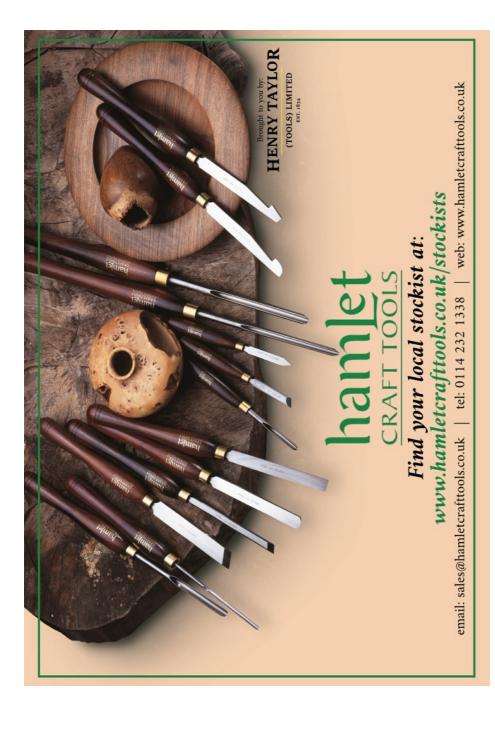
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Background to the Austin and Rhodes Awards - continued

Both boys attended The Hill Academy in Toronto after their GCSEs, in order to pursue their ice hockey careers alongside their education and Rhodes spent a further year in the States playing for Wisconsin Rapids in the UPSHL. During the same year Austin played his first professional role (Offence/ Forward) for Telford Tigers helping them to win the National Ice Hockey League (NIHL is Tier 2 in the UK), even scoring the penalty shot winner in one game where both regulation and overtime resulted in a draw! He then moved to Peterborough Phantoms for logistics (travel) although this year he is living at home during his industrial placement and so has an hour and a half commute for one hour of training twice a week (same as his brother but to Telford). Rhodes is now in his second season with Telford Tigers and is one of the top ten scoring Defence players in the NIHL. Last season he won the Telford Tigers Defenceman Award, and remains a popular player amongst the fans. One highlight of the year though was that both boys played in the Tom Watkins Testimonial Game, with Austin being invited back to Telford to play in one of the four teams taking part. As we rarely get a photo of them both playing together, it is a pleasure to include one of these rare photos! To say the least it's a challenge trying to maintain studying at degree level alongside their professional commitments, especially with a 56 game season, September - April. The furthest rink in their League is Solway, Dumfries, and the furthest south is Bristol, so over a season they cover many thousands of miles either by team bus or car. The festive season saw an abundance of matches (hence my earlier comment that 'life got in the way') with most games being a sell-out. Ice hockey is the largest indoor sport in the UK, thankfully more often or not followed by fans on streaming rather than TV coverage, which perhaps would rather ruin its exclusivity!

Therefore, we hope this resumé will be of interest to the current membership and we wish you all continued success with your woodturning and every good wishes to the Club going forward into 2024.

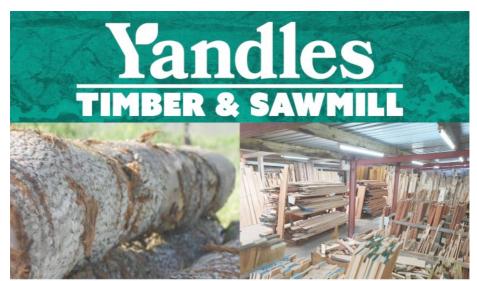
Kind regards, Margaret Mitchell-King



Background to the Austin and Rhodes Awards - continued



Tom Watkins Testimonial Game, Telford, August 2023. Rhodes, (left) plays Defence, and Austin (right) plays Offence (Forward).



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Coombe Abbey Woodturners at Warwick Races 13/1/2024

The club was asked to demonstrate at Warwick Racecourse on Saturday 13th January. This is a new venue for the club and with the prospect of thousands of visitors, we readily agreed. Phil Steele took his Pole Lathe and we took the small powered Jet lathe. We also took items to display, to sell and items for charity. Thanks to Martin Hitchiner for the photos and posting clips of the event on our Facebook page.

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Middle:

One of the stands.

Bottom:

A marching band that played between races.

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Andy Lodge Demonstrating on 16/4/13 At Hinckley Woodturning Club



To loosen up a bit since it was his first demonstration in a while, Andy turned a miniature chess pawn about 10mm tall. He used a spindle gouge with the wings swept right back. He also used a small skew



chisel and a narrow parting tool.

Andy next demonstrated the use of Fimo® polymer clay. These come as small tubes

of clay with pat-

terns running down the centre - a bit like a stick of rock, but each one is only 5mm diameter. He

was selling packs of 10 clay sticks and little pots of clear resin and hardener for £10. Various designs - fruit, flowers, flags etc are available





I will not cover the turning of the small lidded box. We have seen that done before. The novel aspect of this demonstration was the use of Fimo, so I intend to concentrate on that. Having turned a box, Andy cut a recess in the lid. The recess was undercut so that the resin is trapped in the recess. The recess was approximately 5mm deep. Andy uses a scalpel to cut slices off the Fimo sticks. He then stores each design in a different







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pill box compartment until they are needed. Andy covered the bottom of the recess with a thin layer of resin/hardener mix. He then used the tip of a scalpel to pick up each slice of Fimo and place it in a ring around the recess. A slight adjustment of the spacing may be necessary to get a good fit. A second ring, inside the first, is then placed I position. This continues until the design is complete. Andy then covers the Fimo with another layer of resin/hardener mix. To remove any bubbles from the resin, Andy places the box lids in a covered Pyrex dish. This is then placed in a vacuum bag for 5 minutes. Andy lets the resin cure for two days before turning the box lid. He uses a spindle gouge to flatten the end and clean up the join between wood and resin. Andy sands from 180 grit to 1200 grit before polishing the resin with Pound Shop brasso or T-cut.

Andy's next project was a Cabriole leg. This involves off-centre turning. Diagram 1 shows the various centres to be used for a leg for a round table. For a square table, the offset centres must be marked towards the flat sides of the leg, not towards the corners. With the leg on true centres, Andy turned the leg to round, leaving a square pummel. He then turned a chamfer and a half bead at the top of the leg and a bead at the bottom of the leg. Using only the off centre mark at the bottom of the leg, Andy cut a cove in the bottom ³/₄ of the leg. The depth of the cove is determined by the amount of unturned wood at the back of the leg. Stop turning when this is 15mm wide. Andy then mounted the leg on the true bottom centre and the off centre at the top. He then turned another cove in the top ³/₄ of the leg. This time, the width of unturned wood is 20mm.

Andy's last project was a tool sharpening jig (see diagram 2). Using an offcut, a jubilee clip and a pencil, this jig allows Andy to create the very swept back wings of his spindle gouge.



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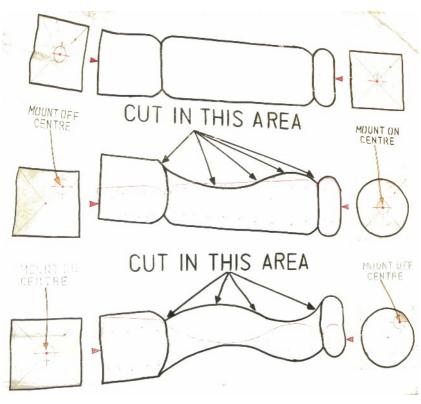




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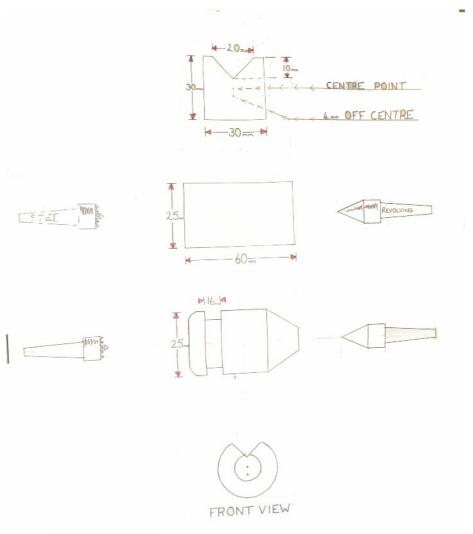




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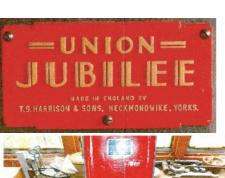
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Activities of other clubs in the Midlands area

As a matter of courtesy and to ensure that there is space available to accommodate members wishing to visit other clubs demo's, please use the contact telephone number where shown.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday February 6 Demo by Nick Adams Tuesday February 20 Demo by Bob Smith

Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 8th February AGM & Short Demo

Thursday 22nd February Chris Parker (The Bald Woodturner)

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

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 18th February Demo by Richard Findley

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West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 7th February Adrian Finch Wednesday 21st February Gerald Hubbard

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Trent Valley Woodturners

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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
Sunday April 14 Daffodil Festival Monks Kirby
Saturday April 20 Mick Hanbury Walsgrave

Friday/Saturday May 10/11 Woodworks at Daventry

Saturday/Sunday July 6/7 Godiva Festival

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

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Next Meeting

Friday February 16th Ian Ethel Shilton Village Hall 6:30pm start

Coming up

Saturday March 16th Chris Parker (The Bald Turner)