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From the Editor



Inside you will find pictures of the Christmas Party and the results of the competitions.

Last month I managed to omit the photos from Margaret Mitchell-King's article about the Austin and Rhodes competition trophies. Since the trophies were once again awarded at the Christmas Party, I have repeated the article this month and included the missing photos.

Eric has booked a great line up of demonstrations for next year. See the back page for details.

AWGB subs are due. Lee can't make the AGM so please check out the Notices (page 20) for dates when he will be collecting subs at the Coombe workshop.

In case I don't see you before the AGM, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hello again to all our members and friends in other clubs.

By the time you are reading this, Christmas day will have come and gone so I do hope you had a good time with family and friends. You may now be thinking of



what New Years resolutions to make, well here is a suggestion for one. How about saying you will attend every event your woodturning club puts on. A second resolution could be; I will make an effort to volunteer to help out at my woodturning club's events.

As a club our final event before the great day was our club Christmas party which once again was held at Walsgrave Baptist Church.

Numbers were down compared with pre-pandemic times which was expected but those who did attend I am sure enjoyed the day. I was expecting a poor response to requests for entries to the competitions but on the day I was pleasantly surprised by the number of people entering and the amount of pieces each person entered. The two judges - John Whittle and Keith Brown, our guest from the air ambulance charity, were kept very busy and had a difficult task in choosing the winners and the 2nd and 3rd placing's. The competitions this year was organised and overseen by Giles Headley who did a great job, which I might tell you is not an easy task, but all went very well and you will see the competition tables and winners elsewhere in this magazine as all the photos were taken by our Newsletter editor Rob Sheehan.

Jill Steedman and Alison Elliott put on a grand spread of party food and were helped by Ann Whinray and Michele Stanbridge, again you will see their photos when receiving 'thank you bouquets'. I should mention here that Andrew Clover, partner of club member Gillian went missing

One Line Philosopher:

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people."

- Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

from the hall and was found to be in the kitchen doing the washing up. Thank you very much Andrew for your help.

A raffle was organised in aid of club funds and a good number of prizes were donated. It took some time for all the numbers to be drawn which showed how many there was. Lee Cartwright took charge of this so a big thank you to him and for many more things he organised on the day.

Where on earth would we be without our loyal volunteers.

First up in the year 2023 is the club's AGM which takes place at Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday 7th January 2023. I do hope you can make an effort to attend and vote in a committee to steer the club through the year. If you prefer not to join the committee then why not make a point of volunteering to help out at the various shows we will be attending such as 'The Daffodil Festival' at Monks Kirby or 'Woodworks at Daventry'. The dates for these event will appear in the Newsletter in due course together with anymore which may crop up.

Finally I would like to wish our members, Friends in Other Clubs and Sponsors of this magazine a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Stay Safe and keep those bevels rubbing.

Graham

SAD NEWS

Margaret, wife of club member Patrick Hanley, sadly passed away on Tuesday 29th November 2022.

I am sure all club members will join with me in sending condolences to Pat and his family at this very sad and difficult time.

Graham Ball (Club Chairman)

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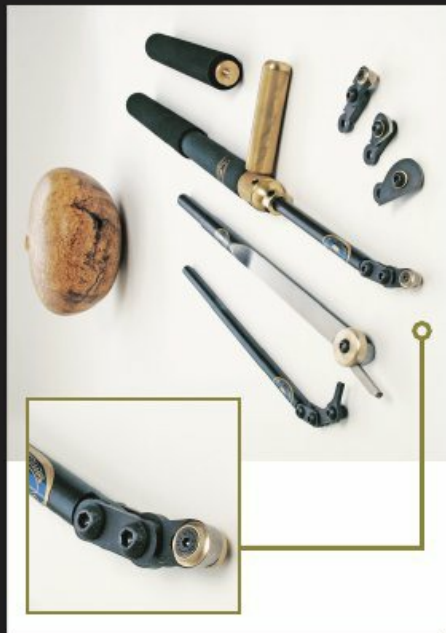
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Rhodes' Trophy

Best piece by a member who hasn't won a competition before.



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Rhodes' Trophy Entries

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Plate Stand



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Cat and Mouse Clock



Roger Warren Finding
Trophy Entries

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Sunday 18th December 11 am - 1:30 pm

Sunday 15th January 11 am - 1 pm

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We need a volunteer to bake the potatoes when Jill can't make it. All training will be provided. See Jill, Lee or Eric.

Harris C of E Academy Rugby

Volunteers needed. Coombe Woodturners have been approached by the school. They would like a woodturning demonstration. Anyone interested in taking a lathe & demonstrating should contact Graham or Lee. Date to be arranged but will be next year.

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Thursday 9th February AGM & Short Demo

Thursday 23rd February Live Demo - Steve Heeley

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West Midlands Woodturners

22nd. January 9.30 – 16.00 hrs Hands On – Off-centre Turning

19th February 9.15 – 16.30 hrs Demonstration – Rick Dobney

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Austin and Rhodes Trophies

by Margaret Mitchell-King

As December approaches and hopefully the Austin and Rhodes trophies will be awarded, we thought past, current and future recipients would appreciate a quick update. 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!

Both are now professional ice hockey players, combining their sport with studying at degree level. Austin (age 21 years) is in his second year at Loughborough University studying Automotive Engineering, and Rhodes (age 19 years) has just started at Warwick University studying Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering. Both boys attended The Hill Academy in Toronto after their GCSEs, in order to pursue their ice hockey careers alongside their education, but after leaving High School, Austin's signing with Brampton Admirals in Ontario didn't materialise due to the pandemic, so he returned home. Fortunately, his GB U18 opportunities weren't affected, although one year at U20s was, and he holds an IIHF World Championship Gold Medal at U18s, and Bronze at U20s. Rhodes on the other hand managed a gap year after his A level equivalents, playing out in the States for Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings in the USPHL, but sadly was unable to represent his country at U18s despite being selected, again due to the pandemic. However, last year he made the GB U20s team, returning with a World Championship Bronze medal and has just secured a place in this year's team and will travel out to Kaunas, Lithuania to take part in the IIHF World Championships 11-18th December. As it'll be his last chance at U20s level, we hope Team GB will be in the medals one way or another!

Austin played his first professional role (as a Forward) for Telford Tigers last season, 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. Due to travelling logistics he has moved to Peterborough Phantoms for the 2022-23 season, and is enjoying the new challenge. Rhodes secured his first professional

role this season, being head-hunted by Austin's former Coach, and is now a key Defenceman for Telford Tigers. It goes without saying that both players do a lot of travelling to games and training! Last season Austin was also on a two-way contract with Coventry Blaze in the Elite League (Tier 1), and this year they have also secured Rhodes on a similar contract (see photo). To say the least it's a challenge trying to maintain studying at degree level alongside their professional commitments, but if you really want something, then strive you must!

Therefore, we hope this resumé will be of interest to the current membership and we wish you all continued success with your wood working endeavours and every good wishes to the Club going forward into 2023.

Kind regards,
Margaret Mitchell-King



Austin #21 Coventry Blaze
#24 Peterborough Phantoms

Rhodes #19 Coventry Blaze
#91 Telford Tigers

Monkey Puzzle Vase

By Giles Headley

Please find attached a couple of pictures of a recently completed vase from a lump of Monkey Puzzle given to me by fellow Coombe member Steve Leek.



Ship's Wheel Clock

by Rob Sheehan



After finding a picture of a ship's wheel clock in a woodturning magazine, I decided to make one for the Christmas competitions. I had just one week. The first job was to make an 8 segment cutting jig. After a bit of trial and error, I got the

required 22.5° cutting angle. After selecting an 80mm diameter, gold rimmed clock from Axminster, I drew the design on paper. An inner ring 110mm diameter looked right with the clock, together with an outer ring of 200mm. This left a 25mm gap for the inner spindles. The outer handles would be 30mm long. The inner ring was rough cut from solid Walnut and trued up on the lathe. The clock needed a 50mm hole so I cut through with a parting tool and nibbled away until the clock fit. I then added two decorative beads. Using the paper template, I cut 8 Walnut segments. Before gluing, I drilled through-holes for the 8 outer and inner spindles. I then glued them together and used two rubber bands as clamps. Using a 10mm hole drilled in scrap wood as a template, I turned 8 pieces of Walnut to size, cut a bead 30mm from the end and shaped the rest by eye. I left a 6mm spigot on the bottom to fit through the hole in the outer ring and lock into the inner ring spindles. The 8 inner spindles were turned to 10mm diameter and 25mm long. I turned a bead top and bottom and left a 10mm long spigot on

the end to fit into holes in the centre ring. After turning the outer segmented ring to size, I started the glue up. A few of the inner spindles needed sanding to make them fit. One hole must have been drilled out of place as one piece needed "persuading" to fit. Several coats of lacquer later, I'm pleased the result.



Christmas Tree Hangings

By Giles Headley

Attached are a couple of pictures showing hanging decorations made from two small chunks of spalted beech found in the pub's firewood bucket. Sadly I was grassed up having liberated them, so the finished pieces were returned



to the pub to sell for their chosen charity. The finials etc are blackwood retrieved from Chris Parkin's workshop, the contents of which Phil and I continue to gradually clear. The decorations are 45-50mm dia x 125mm long.



Christmas Jokes

What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? Wait, there's myrrh.

Who is never hungry at Christmas? The turkey - he's always stuffed.

Knock, knock! Who's there? Noah. Noah who?
Noah good Christmas joke?

Knock, knock! Who's there? Mary. Mary who?
Mary Christmas!

Knock, knock! Who's there? Anna. Anna who?
Anna partridge in a pear tree.

Why do mummies like Christmas so much?
Because of all the wrapping!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

What falls at the North Pole and never gets hurt?
Snow!

What's the most popular Christmas wine?
I don't like Brussel sprouts!

What's every parent's favourite Christmas Carol?
Silent Night.

How is Christmas exactly like your job?
You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

Why is it so cold at Christmas?
Because it's in Decembrrrrrr.

Calendar of Events 2023

January 7	AGM	Walsgrave
January 12	Tutor Assessment (Coombe workshop reserved)	
February 17	Pat Hanley	Shilton
March 18	Les Thorne	Walsgrave
April ??	Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby (To be confirmed)	
April 29	Clem Ansell	Walsgrave
May 12/13	Woodworks@Daventry	
June 16	Steve Heeley	Shilton
July 8	Emma Cook	Walsgrave
September 9	Two Members Demos	Walsgrave
October 20	Paul Fryer	Shilton
December 9	Christmas party 12:30 start	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

AGM

Saturday 7th January at Walsgrave Baptist Church
10 am start

Coming up

February 17th Pat Hanley Shilton Village Hall