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From the Editor



Welcome to 2024.

Starting on page 8, you will find my pictures of the 2023 Christmas

Party and the competition winners.

We had an excellent Christmas dinner followed by cakes, mince pies and cheese.

Giles came up with the quiz questions again this year and there was lots of head scratching going on. For those of you who didn't attend, I'm sure Giles would be happy to provide a copy.

There were plenty of entries for the competitions and the standard was very high, with some superb pieces entered. Pictures start on page 12.

I managed a first, a third and a fourth in the competitions that I entered. The judging sheets helped in identifying where I can do better next year.

Happy New Year

Rob

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Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all,

By the time you are reading this the Christmas day festivities will be over and you should be looking forward to welcoming in the new year. I do hope you enjoyed your Christmas with Family and friends.



Coombe Abbey Woodturners held our Christmas party on Saturday December 9th 2023 and we were looking forward to a hot meal this year with Turkey and all the trimmings. We were not disappointed as Jill Steedman and her helpers put on a splendid feast cooked to perfection. Everyone I spoke to about it said they were more than pleased with their meal.

As usual the annual competitions took place very ably organised and run by Giles Headley who I would like to thank in these pages for the work he put in organising not only the competitions but also arranging the quizzes to occupy everyone whilst the competition judging took place. No doubt you will be reading Rob Sheehan's report as Newsletter editor in the pages of this magazine.

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 then get another member to put your name forward as the proposer.

We have a list of demonstrations and events to look forward to in 2024 including once again the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby and the Godiva Festival at Coventry Memorial Park. Hopefully all these events will be supported by you our members and don't forget that our workshop at Coombe Country Park continues to be popular with a lot of our members so if you would like to come along and swell the numbers you would be most welcome.

Once again we will be attending as a club 'Woodworks at Daventry' in May. We will soon be embarking on the group project of a Christmas

Carousel to be entered in this years competition. The competitions which will take place over the days of the event haven't been decided on yet but when they are we will need volunteers for taking on these projects so please give that some thought.

As I stated in last months newsletter 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. We now have a list of people attending who's names have been sent to the organisers. These individuals will be getting an email from me with all the necessary directions and details for attending this event and will be getting a pass for free entry which hopefully we will be handing out at our AGM.

All for now, and I hope to see you all soon.
Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.
Keep those bevels rubbing

Regards
Graham

One Line Philosopher:

“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one’s courage”

Anais Nin

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Christmas Party 2023



Above - Members start to arrive for the Christmas Party

Below - Presentation of flowers to the excellent catering team
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Second
Lee Cartwright

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Mike Smith



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Second - Peter Orange





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Competition Winners - continued



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Tuesday January 2 No meeting
Tuesday January 16 Demo by Rob Sheehan (off centre candlesticks)
Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 11th January Club Demonstrator
Thursday 25th January Richard Findley
Contact Colin Smith 07939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 21st. January Hands On – Inverted Turning
Contact John Hooper 0121 354 8464

West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 23rd January Geoff Warr
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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.

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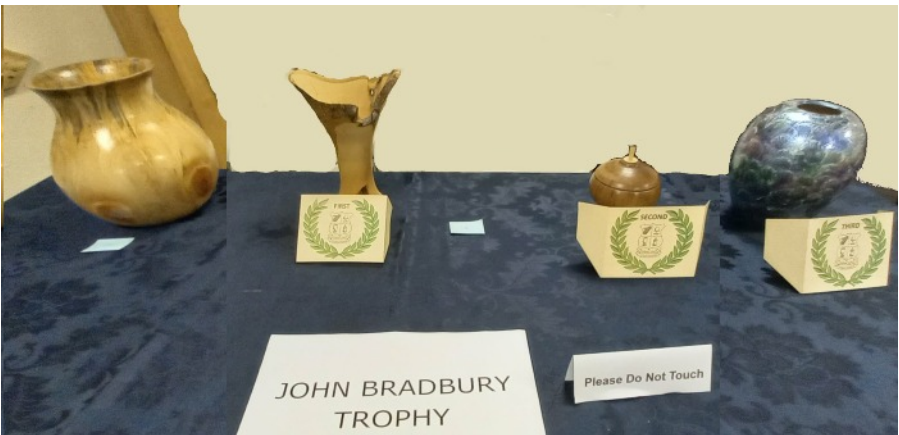
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Competition Entries - continued



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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

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

**Annual General Meeting
Saturday 6th January at Walsgrave Baptist Church
10 am start**

Coming up

Friday February 16th Demo by Ian Ethel