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From the Editor

Inside you can find pictures from the Christmas Party and the results of the Christmas competitions. The food was excellent as usual



and it was nice to see lots of entries for the competitions. Congratulations to all the winners. All entries were of a high standard.

Margaret Mitchell-King (who's father Cliff King donated the Austin's & Rhodes trophies) gives an update on Austin's & Rhodes' progress.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Saturday 10th January 2026. Please attend and have your say.

Finally, the calendar of events can be found on the back page 40. Thanks to Paddy Byrne who has booked the demos for 2026.

Please book your place for my Hands-On Pen Turning session at Coombe on Saturday 17th January. I will provide a basic 7mm twist pen kit and pen blank. Places are limited to 4 per morning/afternoon session but you can just come to look if space permits.

Regards
Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hi everyone hope you are all well,

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have reached the end of our program of events for 2025. I would like to thank the committee for all of their support over the year and also to all the members for their hard



work with raising funds for the air Ambulance. It has been a challenging year for fund raising, as many people just have not wanted to spend with the financial uncertainty throughout 2025. But I am so proud of the hard work our club members have put in to raise £1000 for the Air Ambulance again this year. A special thank you to Jill and Alison for their hard work in selling raffle tickets and to those that have supported and helped during the events throughout the year. I don't have to name you all, you know who you are.

The Christmas party took place on the 13th December with around 24 attending and guests. It was great to see a good turnout of pieces turned by members for the end of year club competitions, with some new members entering pieces and the usual suspects also adding their pieces.

Looking forward to 2026 we have been busy looking at what events and demos are going to be in the calendar. Paddy has been busy finding demonstrators and we, as a committee, have been looking at possible new events to help with both raising charity funds and club funds during 2026.

We are hoping to have a tri fold with all information confirmed, as far as possible, ready for the AGM in January.

Club and AWGB memberships are now due and will be taken after the AGM meeting and at the workshop on the below dates.

Sunday 11th January 10am - 11.30

Sunday 18th January 10am - 11.30

Sunday 25th January 10am - 11.30

Membership fees 2026

Club Membership £15. AWGB membership Single £24 - Family £36.

These can be paid using Cash, Card or bank transfer.

I look forward seeing as many of you as possible at: Walsgrave Baptist church. Saturday 10th January AGM meeting.

I hope you have all enjoyed turning throughout 2025 and keep turning into 2026.

That's all from me for now. I hope to see you all in the New Year.

Stay safe, keep turning

Remember YOUR Club needs you and your support.

Kind Regards

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One Line Philosopher:

[&]quot;It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child." *Pablo Picasso 1956*

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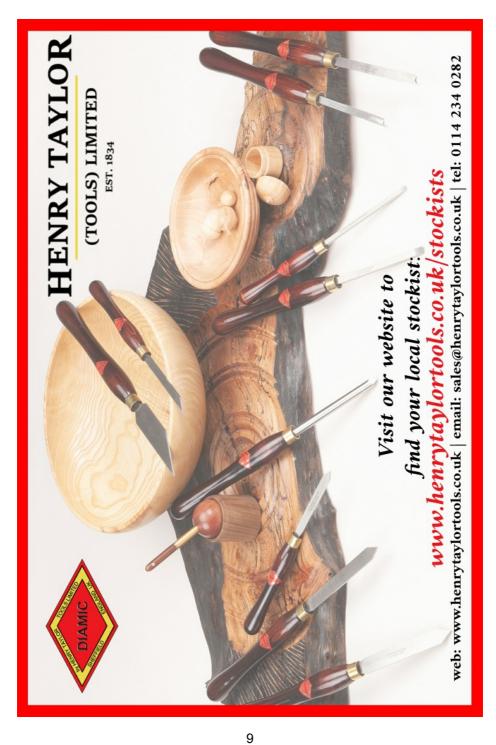
Coombe Christmas Party 2026

Another year, another great Christmas Party. Lots of great food and drink. Giles organised the raffle and competitions. Lee presented a cheque for £1000 to the Air Ambulance representative. I won a bottle of booze on the raffle. What's not to like?

Below: The trophies on offer to the competition winners.

Bottom: The raffle prizes.





Christmas Competitions - Rhodes Trophy



1st Rod Young2nd Mike Smith3rd Bob Blenkinsop







The Rhodes Trophy Competition Entries





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Christmas Competitions - Austin's Trophy



1st Peter Orange2nd Carole Nicholson





The Austin's Trophy Competition Entries



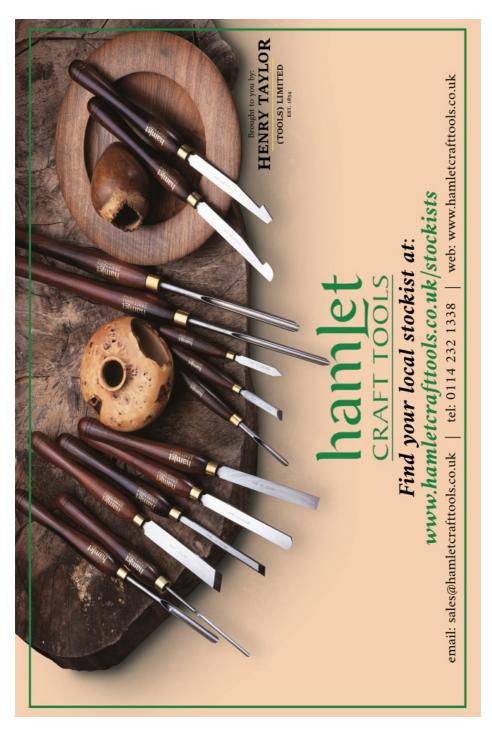
Christmas Competitions - John Bradbury Trophy



1st Rob Sheehan 2nd Lee Cartwright







Christmas Competitions - Jim Elliott Trophy

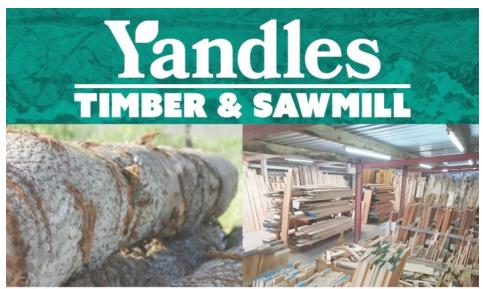


1st Phil Steele2nd Paddy Byrne3rd Peter Orange











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Christmas Competitions - Roger Warren-Finding Shield



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The Competition Entries





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Christmas Competitions - Roy Nichols Trophy



Winner - Carole Nicholson



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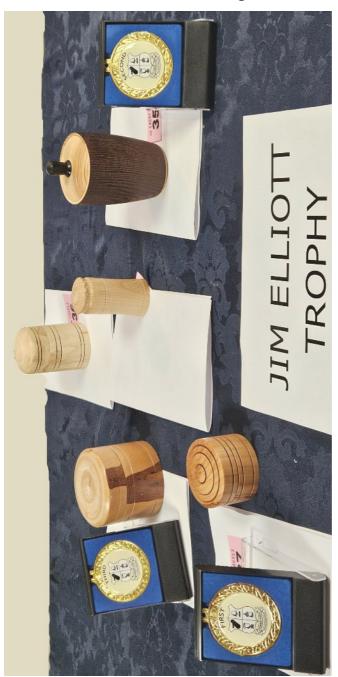


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Jim Elliott Competition Entries



Roger Warren-Finding Competition Entries



Margaret Mitchell-King

Thank you to all concerned for another year of Coombe Abbey Newsletters. As a past member it is lovely to see how the Club continues to thrive. We noted that the competitions were being scheduled for December, and so the participants and winners will have been awarded in time for the January edition, hence my writing now to be included in it.

The Austin and Rhodes trophies were donated by my family, as my father Cliff King and I were members at the time of their birth. It is great to see their trophies still encouraging woodturners. The boys (now 24 and 22 years old respectively) still enjoy hearing about the entrants.

Austin graduated in July 2025 with a high class of BEng, a Diploma in Business Studies and a £100 award for the highest dissertation mark - not bad for an ice hockey player training twice a week with a 54 game season throughout September - April! Austin has since chosen to pursue his professional sporting career by going full-time, and secured a contract in the Elite League (top UK League, the one that Coventry Blaze play in) for Glasgow Clan. It was a tough call to move to Glasgow, but he went for the quality of the coach and his management team. He's currently living the dream (but with only one day per week off!) training every day and playing home and away games each weekend. Needless to say, we prefer to see him on his away matches as they're nearer to home than Glasgow! Austin plays Offence (Forward) as #No 11 for the Clan and has previously been a GB player at U18 and U20 levels.

Rhodes meanwhile, is back at the University of Warwick following an industrial placement year, and is now in his final year, so it's a tough call to combine his ice hockey with his studies and exams. Rhodes plays in the League below Austin, the NIHL (National Ice Hockey League) the second top league in the UK. However, he is also on a two-way contract with Belfast in the Elite League and again did pre-season training with them and has played a few games when called upon. He is the top Defence player for Telford Tigers, his NIHL team, and also a previous GB player at U18 and U20 levels.

So, to all members of the Club we wish you a very productive 2026, and long may the club continue to thrive. Congratulations to the new winners of the December competitions.

With warmest wishes,

Margaret Mitchell-King and family.

Margaret Mitchell-King - continued



Austin #11 for Glasgow Clan

Margaret Mitchell-King - continued



Rhodes for Telford Tigers #91



Tim's third lesson, a natural edge bud vase. Taught by Rob Sheehan.

Christmas Jokes

I got a universal remote control for Christmas.

That changes everything.

What do you call an old snowman?

Water.

Who does Santa call when his sleigh breaks down?

The Abominable Towman.

What's a reindeer's favourite singer?

Beyonsleigh.

How did Rudolf learn to play piano?

He was elf-taught.

What do you call a Yeti with a six-pack?

An abdominal snowman.

What nationality is Santa?

North Polish

What do you call Santa when he loses his underpants? Saint Knicker-less.

What do you call a broke Santa?

Saint Nickel-less.

A snowball in your left and right hand, what do you have? Frosty's full attention.

What's the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? Snowballs.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Noah. Noah who?

Noah good Christmas joke?

What's green, prickly, and flies through the air? A holly-copter.

Why is everyone thirsty at the North Pole? No well.

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

How does Darth Vader know Santa is real?

He can always sense his presents.

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?

Santa walking backward!

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 January 6th Hands-On

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Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 22 January Richard Findley Demonstration

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West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 18th January Hands On – Fruit

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West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 7th January TBD Wednesday 21st January TBD

Contact Tom Donnely 01327 349093

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Trent Valley Woodturners

Wednesday TBD

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Workshop Notice

Coombe Abbey woodturners

As agreed at the AGM on the 4th January 2025

From 1st February 2025 we will be introducing a £1 entry fee into the workshop for all members.

This will include the use of the workshop & equipment Also to include tea & coffee you will also get entry into the 50/50 raffle each day you come into the workshop.

Clarification to the above notice:

The charge does NOT apply to tutors who are teaching a student, nor to committee members when attending a committee meeting.

This will not cover all costs but will go a some way to helping the club to run the workshop through the year and give members a chance of winning a little more money each month.

Thank you for your support

The Committee

Calendar of Events 2026

Jan	10	Sat	\mathbf{W}	AGM
Jan	17	Sat	C	Hands-On Pen Turning
Mar	14	Sat	W	Chris Parker
April	12	Sun	Daffodil Festival, Monks Kirby	
May	1/2	Fri/Sat		Woodworks at Daventry
Sept	5	Sat	W	TBD
Oct	23	Fri	S	Ian Ethel
Nov	14	Sat	W	Robert Till
Dec	12	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 Saturday 10th January, Walsgrave Baptist Church

Coming up

Hands-On Pen turning Saturday 17th January, Coombe Workshop