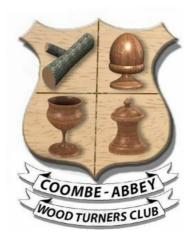
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Plenty of member's work and jottings to see this time. My thanks to all for their

contributions this month.

According to reports, Gary Rance's demo was well attended. I missed it as I was at Yandles open day/craft fair down in Martock, Somerset. It's a 3 hour drive down the M5. Mike Archer was also there, so you can see his and my photos.

Paul Fryer, Carole Nicholson, Mick Cryer and Chris Price have also contributed articles this month. Thanks again.

Only a few attended the hands-on sharpening session at Coombe on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October. From my time at Axminster, I know this can be a problem for some people. Learn to sharpen - you know it makes sense.

The AWGB seminar is on 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October and the Harrogate show is back on 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> November. The Christmas party is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December so get working on your competition pieces. Details can be found on page 22.

Rob



# **Chairman's Jottings**

Hello everyone I hope you are keeping well and enjoying your turning.

We as a club attended the Godiva Festival which was held in the Coventry Memorial Park in September. Numbers of visitors were down compared to pre-



pandemic times and this could also be caused by the council introducing a charge for visitors on the family field where we were situated in the Greenspace Tent, however we had quite a few enquiries about woodturning lessons and many leaflets were handed out. My thanks to everyone who volunteered to help in transporting equipment, setting up and manning the stalls. The two powered lathes had some use and a few items of members work were sold. Mick Cryer did a great job in manning the charity stall and many items were sold to support the Air Ambulance, our chosen charity.

At the recent demonstration day at Walsgrave Baptist Church our numbers did increase somewhat but we need a lot more to attend these events to be able to cover our costs. That said we were treated to an excellent demonstration by Gary Rance and everyone present seemed to enjoy it very much. Gary passed his turned objects around the seated audience for them to inspect each piece and I can tell you that they were all perfect as you would expect from a professional such as Gary.

I am now looking forward to the next demo at Walsgrave which takes place on Saturday 8th October when David Atkinson will be demonstrating so please make a note on your calendar or in your diaries, I would so like to see you there.

I would like to say thank you to Terry Ivins for stepping in to take over the diary for organising the teaching on Sundays and Tuesdays at the Coombe workshop this was due to the recent illness of Eric Taylor who I am pleased to report is a lot better but still not back to full fitness.

*One Line Philosopher:* "Even while they teach, men learn" – Seneca the Younger I attended a Committee meeting on Sunday 18th September at Coombe and Terry was teaching a disabled lad the art of woodturning. (see photo). I was talking to this boy's dad and was so pleased to hear that he had a small SIP lathe at home and had made a few simple things like snowmen etc. So good to see youngsters in the workshop again after the problems of Covid.

I am pleased to report that the Tudor Rose woodturning club are attempting to put on the "Woodworks @ Daventry" show next year. Coombe Abbey Woodturners have



agreed to attend and this will hopefully take place at the usual venue on Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th May 2023. It has not yet been decided what the inter club competitions will be but there is plenty of time for that to be announced. Here again we will need volunteers to transport equipment and man the display table besides needing volunteers to take turns on the lathes demonstrating our skills to the visitors. If you can help in any way please get in touch with me, it is not too soon to put your name forward.

I have just returned from the planned Sharpening session at the Coombe workshop and although I enjoyed my time there I was sorry to see so few members there. A couple of people got in touch with me prior to the event saying they would have liked to attend but unfortunately they had prior engagements. Rob Sheehan brought along his "Wolverine" sharpening jig together with his Creusen grinder and I took charge of the "Pro-Edge" machine. It was really a hands on session of sharpening and went down very well with those who were in attendance. This session could be repeated if there is enough interest from members.

Until the next time

Stay Safe and keep those bevels rubbing.

Graham

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Cheers Paul F.











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#### **Two-Axis Bowl** By Carole Nicholson

Hi Rob,

Following our demo on the two axis bowls I was inspired to have a go but had no idea on how to source

suitable wood. Graham Ball kindly offered to size some for me and gave me the name of Sykes Timber in Atherstone. They were very helpful so I went over and bought a piece of poplar which I then dropped off to Graham. After his holiday and mine I went over to Hinckley to collect the pieces. Nick (my husband) and I scrounged some scrap plywood from the Canal & River Trust where we volunteer. Nick cut it to size and did the paper joints for me. I'm quite pleased with the outcome although my finish with the tools wasn't as good as I would have liked. I didn't persevere too long with various grits, settling (as usual) for shape rather than finish. I may use a spray lacquer sometime.







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# **Godiva Festival 2-4 September** Photos by Martin Hitchiner











#### **Godiva Festival - continued**













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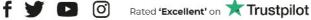
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#### **Godiva Festival - continued**





We as a club have this last weekend attended the Godiva Festival where although visitor numbers were down from previous years we considered it to be a great success with much interest in the club and what we do. A good few leaflets were given out to those most interested in taking up lessons in woodturning.

Sales of members work were a little slow but Mick Cryer in charge of the charity stall did really well for the air ambulance.

I would like to thank all those members who helped out over the two days your input was much appreciated.

Kind regards

Graham

Graham Ball (Chairman)

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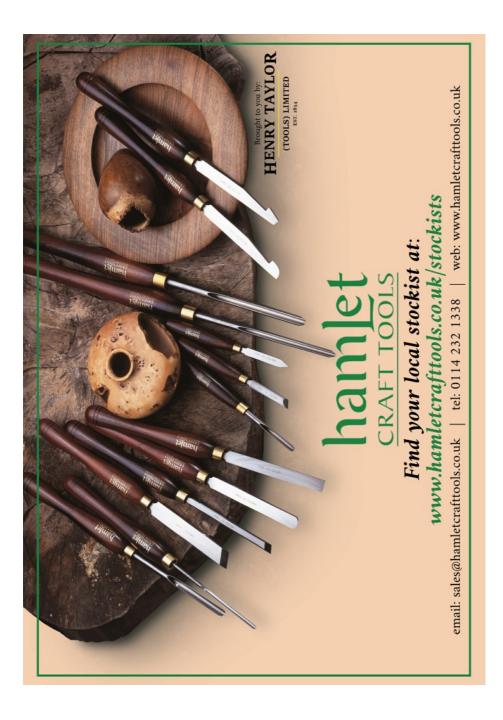
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#### Pole Scroll Saw By Mick Cryer

You have all heard of a Pole lathe but this is the first time I have seen a Pole Scroll Saw. Treadle/bungee cord power to cut all of your fret work.







#### **Coombe Woodturners at Axminster**

Volunteers needed. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Coombe Abbey Woodturners will be demonstrating at Axminster, Nuneaton from 10am
4pm. The theme is Christmas decorations. Can we have volunteers please to turn something on the day.

#### **Booking Training Sessions**

Terry Ivins is now handling all training session bookings. Do NOT write booking in the workshop diary until you have phoned Terry and he has confirmed the availability of a lathe and tutor.

#### **Christmas Competitions**

To give you plenty of time to practise, the Committee have decided on the following for the 2022 Christmas competitions:

#### **Rhodes'** Trophy

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#### **Austin's Trophy**

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#### **Jim Elliot Trophy**

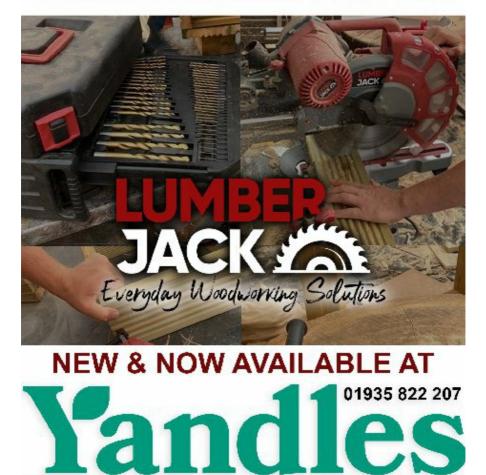
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I got second prize (there weren't very many entries) for my Platinum Jubilee bowl This is also from Purpleheart, this time a piece from the sale of late member John Holton's unturned blanks.

Regards

Hello Rob

from:

Chris

# Husbands Bosworth Village Craft Fair

by Chris Price

I wonder if you are interested in my entry for our village craft fair in Husbands Bosworth last month. It took first

prize in the wood and metal craft category.

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Saturday 15th October	Chris Brooks UJK Dovetail Jig

#### North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

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Tuesday October 18th	Jigs & Sharpening with Peter Wright
Contact Steve Obrien	01788-521527

#### **Tudor Rose Woodturners**

Thursday 27th October 20	2 Chris Fisher - The Blind Woodturner
Contact Colin Smith	7939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk

#### West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	October	Mick H	Ianbury
Contact	John H	Iooper	0121 354 8464

#### West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 7th Wednesday 21st	-	Dave Simms and September competition. Adrian Finch.
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Wednesday 5th October	Ken Garratt and October competition.
Wednesday 19th Octobe	r Brian Brumfield
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Phil Irons (all day demo)
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# **Trip to Yandles Craft Market**

by Michael Archer

#### Hi Rob,

My wife and I took a three-day break to Cricket St Thomas in Somerset but made sure it coincided with Yandles open day craft market which was only eight miles from our hotel.

There were at least seventy stalls already very busy selling all sorts of craft items. One club was demonstrating the pole lathe, always a crowd pleaser. Yandles wood and tool shop was doing a roaring trade, as was the cafe selling everything from ice cream to cooked meals, very busy but well organised. There was even a choir from Ilminster community.

The sun shone all day, and I was able to walk about in my Coombe Abbey tee shirt. It is amazing how many people talk to you when you display a club badge.

My highlight of the day was watching a demonstration by Emma Cook (the tiny turner) who turned a platter, carved and coloured it. Unfortunately, time ran out and Emma was unable to complete the project, but a brilliant demo.

All in all, a super day out, plenty to see and well worth the visit.



Mike Archer















## **Calendar of Events 2022**

October 8	David Atkinson	Walsgrave
November 11-13	Harrogate Show	
November 12	Coombe Woodturners at Axi	minster
November 19	Mick Hanbury	Walsgrave
December 3	Christmas party	Walsgrave
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> Next Meeting Demonstration by David Atkinson Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Walsgrave Baptist Church 10 am to 4 pm

> > Coming up A Demonstration by Mick Hanbury