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TURNING TIMES

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Chairman's Comments

First may I wish you all a belated happy, healthy and successful New Year?

Once again, our Secretary has excelled in producing an impressive diary for 2014/2015 – so well done to Trevor, in putting together a very appetising selection of demonstrators. The details are listed in this edition.

The two competitions held in November, the Keith Rowley Competition and the Chambers Cup Competition were well attended. The standards for both were, in my view, probably the best ever. Following the voting, we had a change from our normal format of showing a DVD – Gerry gave us demonstration based upon the German style of creating

numerous similar figures (in this case Christmas trees) from a disc.

Well done to all who competed in these competitions. The photographs of all entries will be placed onto our website. The winners and runners up were presented with their prizes at the Christmas Social. Their photos are also published in these pages.

Several of us attended a Christmas Fayre, on 1st December, at Beauvale Priory, just down the road from our club meeting hall. It was a splendid affair, well attended by around 40 or so stalls.

As well as raising the profile of our club we were able to raise a significant sum towards our Charity funds.

Our Christmas Social this year was well attended, the entertainer was

excellent and the food prepared by Pat, John, Pam, Rachel and Sam's mum, was superb. Thanks to you all who helped the evening become such a resounding success.

Finally, our club continues to maintain a healthy membership – currently 74 members. Our success is due to you all for supporting and attending meetings, preparing and donating turned items for our Charity. Long may it continue!

Safe turning.

Robin



Our presence at the Beauvale Priory Christmas Fayre on 1st December, (Trevor is behind the camera).

EVWA PROGRAMME for 2014/2015

Wednesdays

Saturdays

January 25 Simon Hope

February 12	Richard Findley
March 12	Annual General Meeting
April 9	Gerry Marlow
May 14	David Francis Competition
June 11	Sue Harker
July 9	Mick Hanbury
August 13	Peter Berry (woodcarver)
September 10	Mark Raby
October 8	Keith Rowley & Chambers Competitions

October 18 Les Thorne

November 12	Nikos Siragas
December 10	Christmas Social

2015

January 14	Dennis Robinson & Brian Thornton
February 11	Alan Truman
March 12	Annual General Meeting
April 25	Mark Baker

Reminder - Hands On evenings on the 4th Wednesday of each month EXCEPT August, November and December

Hands On evenings

By the time this is published the first 'Hands On' evening for this year will have been completed, hosted by Trevor, making Ball and Cup toys. These have proved to be very popular at nearly all of our Charity events.

So if you fancy making a few more to donate to our 'Charity table', they will be most welcome.

On the subject of charity items, please continue to make and donate items throughout this year. Vic has a folder on display at each meeting. This is full of ideas for charity and contains most of the more popular designs.

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Simon Hope - please note that Simon is scheduled to demonstrate on Saturday January 25th 2014.

Simon is an excellent turner, often incorporating pewter into many of his designs and demonstrations.

**KEITH ROWLEY
COMPETITON**

Rose Bowl Winner



Dennis Robinson being presented with the Keith Rowley Rose Bowl for his spalted sycamore vase and flowers from various woods.

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First runner up



Rowland Seymour with his platter of fruit from figured sycamore and maple.

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Second runner up



Brian Thornton with his spinning wheel in American ash.

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CHAMBERS CUP COMPETITION

Trophy winner



John Oliver being presented with the Chambers Cup for his bowl in ripple sycamore

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First runner up



Pat Noakes with her condiment set from apple

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Second runner up



Mick Webster with his nest of bowls in spalted beech

Competition entries



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At the Christmas Social the Chairman's Selection for Achievement was awarded to Nicola Crook for her box in spalted beech.



A Decade in the Job – the Secretary Waffles

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March 10, 2004. Out of a sense of loyalty rather than enthusiasm I went along to the Annual General Meeting. I'd been a member for 4 years and attended most meetings, but by no means all. It turned out there was a major problem: Dave Bonner had retired as secretary and there was no candidate for the post. Many chairmen would have postponed the problem but Derek Dent was made of sterner stuff. He didn't actually lock the doors but he made it very clear that a secretary had to be found; he even hinted darkly that the club could fold if none was appointed. There were some periods of deathly silence until Keith Rowley (who had been both chair and secretary during

EVWA's early years) reluctantly offered to do a stand-in job.

It's dangerous having an impulsive streak. I'd come with no thought of taking on a committee post but felt it unfair on Keith, who wasn't in good health, to be put in this position. So....I said that, as I would shortly be semi-retired, I would probably have the time to take on the job and would offer my services if I had help with booking demonstrators. No one could know if I'd be any good as secretary but relieved applause broke out that the deadlock had been broken and the meeting could carry on.

My life at the club changed immediately. I thought I'd better attend every meeting unless on holiday or otherwise detained, and instead of toddling home at 9.30 after meetings I felt obliged to join the toilers, sweeping up and cramming our equipment into a cupboard built for dwarves. Which is a good point at which to thank all of you non-committee members for helping out with the clearing up job: we get more help now than ever and it's greatly appreciated.

Incidentally, don't avoid the AGM in March for fear of coercion on to the committee: it hardly ever happens! We keep the business part short and usually settle down to watch a DVD after the break. And we don't charge you a penny for the privilege!

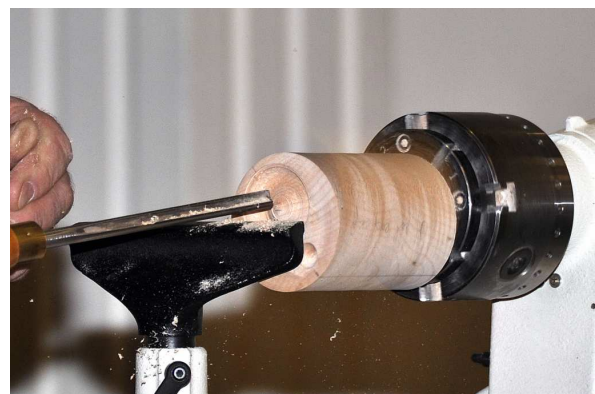
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For future editions: "A decade of changes", "What the committee talks about", "The dark side", "My obsessions", and any other tripe that comes to mind.

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8 January 2014 Robin Barlow

There was a great turnout for the first meeting of 2014. Our chairman went a little "eccentric" on us, turning 2 off-centre items: an egg-cup with included salt recess (see picture and drawing), and a lattice-lidded box. These were projects requiring precise measurement and tool work, which Robin excels at. Not everything went exactly to plan, but his calmness under stress and quick-thinking adjustments were a model to us all! There's a whole world of off-centre turning which isn't often demonstrated at the club, so hats-off to Robin for reminding us of the interesting and decorative results that can be achieved.





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**HEALTH & SAFETY in the
 WORKSHOP – No. 7**

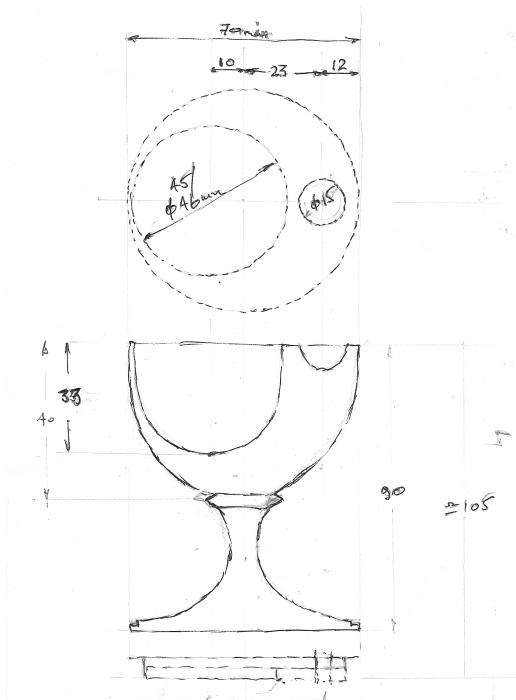
**Marking off a diameter onto
 a work piece rotating on the
 lathe.**



**How many of you have
 used, or seen used, a pair of
 callipers – or vernier
 callipers – to mark off a set
 diameter onto a rotating
 piece in the headstock, by
 using the point nearest the
 toolrest to mark the timber
 and gauging the other point
 to ensure the correct
 diameter is marked up on
 the wood.**



**A much safer way of making
 up a diameter is to use the
 callipers set to the radius.
 By cutting a dimple/indent
 in the centre of the piece,
 this can be used to place
 one point of the callipers in
 the centre before scribing
 the diameter with the other
 calliper point. This method
 eliminates the risk of the
 callipers catching and
 possibly being snatched.
 Also the mark is exact first
 time.**



The safe way is to apply the outer point (the one marking the wood), at between 7 or 8 o'clock position after locating the other point in the centre dimple.

Malcolm Parkin

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