

# The Erewash Valley Woodturners Association

## Lockdown Newsletter

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Dear member,

A belated happy New Year to you. With the development of several vaccines becoming available to us, there is hope that later this year we should be returning to a degree of normality.

It is almost unbelievable that it was 11<sup>th</sup> March last year, the AGM, when we all met for the last time. Who would have envisaged what we would have ahead of us for the whole year and beyond!!

With vaccinations well underway, let us all look forward to a period later this year when we can resume the running of our club again.

Have you been in your workshop recently? What have you been producing on your lathe? With the cold spells we have had recently it would not surprise me to hear that your cold workshops have been "out of bounds".

It is satisfying to have received a number of requests recently from people wanting to join our club. It is of course disappointing that we cannot offer them a definitive date for our next meetings or offer face to face support either for the time being.

I have very little content to share with you from our members, other than from Maurice Dickens, who has been busy building a workshop extension to his shed. A very impressive venture that is shown in this newsletter.

Please continue to send me your efforts so that they may be shared with us all, at least until we can all meet and discuss our efforts together. Unfortunately, I personally cannot see us meeting in the Church Hall for quite some time yet. Until then, I shall attempt to continue to publish a newsletter as regularly as is possible.

In the meantime, in addition to Maurice's contribution, let me share with you a number of items I have made over the past few weeks, as requested by customers and from friends for presents, (I believe!).

Take care and keep safe.

Robin

**Maurice Dickens**

Hope you are all safe and well, as promised I've attached some photos of the new shed extension, which I did during the November lockdown.

On completion, the shed now extends to 30ft, with a sliding door separating the old and new side, this will help to cut down on dust spreading to the new side when I'm turning.

I used 4x2 tanalised timbers, 19mm floorboards, 15mm matchboard, with 3/4in 8x4ft ply sheets for the roof. Fortunately, I've got a friend who's a roofer, he did a great job covering and sealing the roof with 2 layers of hot melt felt. Obviously with doing that, I've not had much time for doing any turning, but hopefully I can rectify that very soon.

(The last photo is Miss Molly, my little helper...)

Best wishes and Happy New Year to all members, stay safe and hopefully we can all get back together.

Regards Maurice.



Yours truly



No apologies to Pat Murphy. The “Santas” were made, part of a commission, before Pat submitted his Christmas competition piece.



Finally, I thought a little nostalgia would be worth some consideration. Our club was formed in 1993 by Keith Rowley and a few like-minded friends. The Newsletters to members commenced sometime later, in April 2000, by Derek Dent, the chairman, ably assisted by his wife Frances. Here is a snippet from the newsletter of June 2001.

*The 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Moorgreen Show on August 26 and 27 features a wide range of traditional and modern family attractions on its 40 acre showground at Watnall. Gerry and the Pacemakers headline Sunday's music festival with support from Nottingham's favourites, Revival.*

*Record holding stunt rider, The Kangaroo Kid stars in the main ring as do the Tricky Tykes Terrier Racing Team and the Eagle and Vulture Show with Jack, reputed to be the world's ugliest vulture.*

*Celebrity steeplejack Fred Dibnah returns to Moorgreen to introduce the Steam Engine Display.....*

*.....add in a Dog Show, Helicopter Fights, Shire Horse ploughing, Trade Stands, the National Trust, the Countryside Alliance, plus exhibitions, demonstrations and much more. All for £6.00 admission. Moorgreen really is an exceptional show.*

Our last visit to Moorgreen for charity fund raising was in August 2010. The following year we were told that there would be no facilities for our club's future attendance. It wasn't long after the show then closed for good.

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Take care and safe turning.