

The Erewash Valley Woodturners Association

Lockdown Newsletter

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Dear member,

At long last we are beginning to have some warmer weather, which no doubt means our workshops will be warmer too, especially those of you who have their workshop in a garden shed.

It also means of course many of us will probably be spending more time in their gardens.

The virus that has been so devastating, now thankfully, seems to be under control, thanks mainly to the intensive vaccination programme. Which means we are ever more confident of returning to a near normal life of social activity.

I therefore expect that this "Lockdown Newsletter" will be the last of this kind. I shall however, continue to contact you with emails, for your updates, etc.

To those of you who have contributed photos and articles these past 14, or so, months, thank you for your support.

Please remember to put these items to one side and bring them along to the expected restart meeting on Wednesday 14th July. Also please bring along your items that you wish to contribute to the "charity basket". As mentioned in the last newsletter, we expect to be attending the Cromford Steam Rally, on Saturday and Sunday, 31st July and 1st August respectively, so your contributed items will help to raise funds for our nominated charity.

During these past months we have had a few enquiries from potential new members. So hopefully we shall soon begin to see several new faces at our club meetings. Trevor has acknowledged all such enquiries and will be informing them all when we have a firm date. Restart is of course dependent upon the Government forthcoming guidelines, expected around 21st June, and the Church trustees for the opening of the Church Hall.

In the meantime, take care in your workshops. I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks' time.

Keep safe.

Robin

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Bob Baron

It is always a pleasure to get the newsletter, it is the glue that keeps us together until the meetings start again.

These two pots were an attempt to make simple colourful ornaments using some odd pieces of oak. Drilling them out and inserting a sleeve allowed the rough bark to be retained.

At the start of lockdown, I became aware of my older turnings darkening over time and how I needed to brighten up our surroundings, hence the investment in Chestnut stains. They worked really well but trying them on a bowl showed how readily they bleed through thin walls so acrylic paints will be next on the list.

Best wishes to you all.

Bob Baron



Trevor Lewis

Hi all,

I bought the Paul Howard sphere-making jig at the AWGB seminar in 2018 but had never even opened the box until some friends asked if I could turn something for their gateposts. I'd used a similar design for the banisters when building our house in 2012 - thanks to Gerry Marlow's jig - but decided to raise the ball by an extra inch for a stronger statement this time. The balls are 90mm in diameter.

It took me a while to sort the jig out, but there are some helpful videos on YouTube. The more resourceful will make their own, much cheaper, jig, of course!

All the best Trevor



Yours truly

As I have mentioned previously, I have over the years saved many offcuts of timber, and I am always reluctant to scrap them.

Here is another example of using such off cuts, from several similar pieces of wood that had been lingering in one of my sheds for some considerable time.

All quite simple to make, but very fiddly and time consuming.



Take care. See you all soon.

Robin