

The Erewash Valley Woodturners Association

Lockdown Newsletter

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Dear member

Thanks to you all for sending in your ideas and pictures.

Thankfully we now seem to have the coronavirus under some control, thanks mainly to the increased immunisation programme being pushed forward.

With the Government's "Road Map" indicating a lifting of restrictions, hopefully by the expected date of "not before 21 June", we need to consider what this means to our club.

I know from your many comments that you are looking forward to meeting again, both for the demonstrations and for the more social aspect of "hands on" evenings. So, with the expectation that the Church Hall will reopen for meetings after 21 June, the earliest expected date for us to recommence our club meetings will be Wednesday 14th July. Margaret Garrard is currently booked to demonstrate that evening.

If all goes to plan, we propose to conduct a short Annual General Meeting before Margaret's demonstration, commencing 6.00pm.

If we do go ahead with the plans for this date, we may have to impose a number of actions. These may be as a consequence of Government guidelines, or simply undertaken by the committee as sensible precautions towards the return to some normality. Further guidance will be sent to you nearer the proposed restart date, together with a copy of the AGM held last March and the AGM agenda for 2021.

In the meantime, please continue to send me your articles. As you will see later in this newsletter, your articles do not have to be focussed entirely on woodturning. David Woodward's article on making a beehive gives us a concept of the varying skills we have.

As the weather begins to get warmer, I like many of you will be juggling time with the workshop and the garden. My early annual task has been to remove last years branches from my pollarded lime trees. A task I never relish, as disposing of the branches is a real effort.

Best wishes to you. Keep safe.

Robin

1. Peter Favell.

Received 11 February

Hi all,

Something for the newsletter which may be of interest.

My “workshop” better known as an attached large garage to the side of the house, has lately been extremely cold and therefore not conducive to turning out nice pieces of work. I measured the temperature of the workshop over a period of time which is mostly comfortable but with the “Beast of the East” returning in mid-February the temperature has been hovering around 0 to + 2°C for quite some time. Even with two fleeces on it is still not very comfortable and physical movement is somewhat restricted! I have resisted putting a heater in the workshop so as not to create big swings of temperature which in will turn have the potential to cause condensation to form on cold metal surfaces. Depending on the materials / steel types then corrosion may occur on surfaces i.e. rusting, which degrades the appearance of tools and equipment. If it is not intended to use the workshop during the winter months or an extended period of time, then consideration to wiping susceptible tools and equipment with an oily rag to provide some protection to the metal surfaces could be undertaken.

We might be able to start up again in the ‘not too distant’ future as the role out of the Vaccine continues at a pace. I have been lucky enough to have had my first jab.

Keep safe

Peter





2. Maurice Dickens

Received 14 February

Hi all,

Just thought I'd send a little snippet for the next Newsletter.

I was just wondering if like myself, other club members hated things going to waste, when they could possibly be up cycled. This is what I mean, what started off as a couple of waste ply boards, a piece of rod, and empty Horlicks tub and a couple of key rings, turned into a hanging bird feeder.



Perhaps just for fun and a bit of a club challenge, it might be an idea to see what other members make of their various waste materials, that might otherwise have been thrown away. There should be a variety of materials used if possible and an element of woodturning in the project. As I said, this is just for fun, let's not get too technical.

Stay safe.

Regards Maurice.

Editor's note – do you wish to take up Maurice's challenge? Send me your thoughts, designs and efforts to share with all members.

3. Pat Noakes

Received 23 February

Probably like many club members I've not done a lot of turning over the recent cold months but hope to return to the workshop if the weather becomes more clement. Following the recent Government announcements, hopefully we will again be able to attend some of our charity events. So, I will be turning items for our charity tables. Some of the last few items I made were 3 cryptex and 3 kendamas, both these items having been detailed in recent Woodturning magazines in articles by Richard Findlay. For 2 of the kendamas I kept to the same measurements as Richard but scaled down the 3rd one with small hands in mind as we get a lot of children at our stand. Some time ago a friend showed me what he termed a "rolling snail" where the large body rolls over the 4 feet as the snail is pushed along so I've also made a couple of these as in the picture. A good exercise in sphere turning with this item and also with the kendamas.



4. David Woodward

Received 10 March

Dear Robin and all members

Thanks for the newsletter issue 11

I'm afraid I haven't done a lot of wood turning just lately, but have been making bee hives ready for the forthcoming season, these are the traditional WBC type that look nice in the garden whether you keep bees or not. They are all from cedar wood.

The other reason for my writing is to say that I have found a good supply of turning timbers that's- NOTTINGHAM HARDWOOD TIMBER at the junction of the A46 / A52 junction. Its appointment only but there's a good selection of all timbers for turners and cabinet makers,

Hope to see you all soon. (Can we resume meetings once we have all had both jabs I wonder ?)

Regards Dave Woodward.

This is the WBC hive I've been making, there's another type also called a national. Anyone wanting to keep bees needs either the national or both. If it's for display only then the WBC is ok.



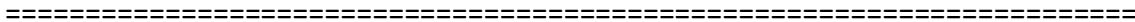
NB – What is a WBC bee-hive? The **WBC hive** is a double-skinned **hive** named after its inventor William Broughton Carr. Inner boxes which are broadly similar to the "National" **hive**, but slightly narrower and made of thinner boards to a simpler design. A floor with short legs, usually splayed.



5. Your truly

I have boxes, (and bags), of offcuts in my garage and workshop. Too many really. So here is an idea for using some of the offcuts.

A number of dogs and mice. Easy, but fiddly to make. However, they are very popular. A number have already gone to good homes. The others I hope to keep until we get the opportunity to attend a fundraising event.



6. Trevor Lewis

Received this evening, just in time.

Hi Robin,
Thought members might be interested in 2 uses for traditional lignum vitae bowling woods.
Trevor

