

# **The Erewash Valley Woodturners Association**

## **Lockdown Newsletter**

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**Dear member,**

I recently received some pictures from Trevor that included some items that are particularly relevant to this month. His pictures therefore prompted me to produce this newsletter a little earlier than I expected – particularly as it is only 2 weeks since the last newsletter.

That said, thank you to all who have sent me further pictures, to give me further reasons to prepare this edition.

I mentioned in the previous newsletter that we are approaching 12 months since we last had the opportunity to meet. That was of course, at the AGM last March.

The committee members have been discussing what to decide for the forthcoming expectations for an AGM.

The options considered where:

1. A virtual meeting using Zoom or other devices – the lack of response for this previously deems this not a viable option.
2. Hold a meeting via telephone link – not a practical alternative.
3. Proxy voting – would entail a degree of paperwork.
4. A postponement – due to the obvious impact Covid-19 is having – this was recognised as the best option. The length of postponement, of course, depends upon what restrictions we continue to face, due to the pandemic. A retrospective approval will be on the agenda for the next AGM.

I have received recently a few requests from members wanting to pay their annual subscriptions. No subscriptions will be considered until we are in a position to meet again.

I am aware that 14 members paid their full subscriptions following the AGM last March. As it stands at the moment, such subs will be deferred onto 2021/2022. However, a re-evaluation may be necessary later in the year.

In the meantime, let us all continue to enjoy our periods in our workshops, and don't forget to send me photos of your turned items. Best wishes to you.

Robin

## John Young

Good Morning Robin

Thank you for the latest newsletter. It is good to keep in touch and I really hope we can all meet in person soon. I have just completed a maple bowl with an ash lid. It is decorated with Jo Sonja iridescent paint over an ebonising lacquer. Initially I was not going to make a lid ,but I decided that the bowl needed one to give it a visually balanced appearance.

Thanks again for your efforts producing the newsletter

Best wishes

John Young



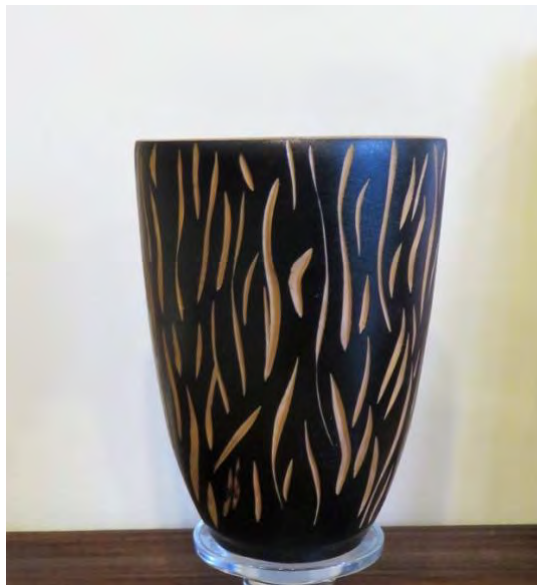
## Trevor Lewis

A friend recently asked me to make a small gavel for the widow of an auctioneer friend who died at only 59 of cancer and Covid. I added a base and block for the inscription of his name. Ironwood, beech and oak.

Regards,  
Trevor



## Other recent items



I've been experimenting with 2 forms of ebonising:

- fixing strips of masking tape on the turned lidded vessel, then using ebonising spray before removing the tape
- ebonising a vase, then carving into the surface

The other photo shows 4 attempts at turning or carving some heart-shaped form as a Valentine's Day offering over the years. The small pink ivory pendant is my attempt at Richard Findley's latest challenge in Woodturning, and will be presented shortly! Does anyone else have Valentine's Day design ideas? Mike Puls once showed us his amazing set of love spoons, one carved every year of his marriage. Hard to beat!

Cheers,  
Trevor



**John Young**



To add to my previous bowl pictures, here is my latest urn. It is made from oak which was a little bit too dry, was full of worm holes and did not easily turn to a good finish. I decorated it with silver embellishing wax and textured it with a pyrography pattern.  
Best wishes  
John Young



**Pat Murphy**

The photos are two small hollow forms out of the workshop last week, 4 pan handles - simple turning but the preparation of the accurate slots and different sized holes were the main challenge. The cabinet is a prayer cabinet made by a bespoke furniture maker. I made the finials which I thought might be of interest as they don't conjure up the image of finials that we normally have.

Pat Murphy







## **Yours truly**

I was recently asked, by a friend, for a Lattice Lidded Box. Something I had not made for quite a few years. Some of you may recall me making one at a demo I did some 6 or 7 years ago, at our club.

Here is my recent effort.



**Take Care – keep safe**