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IN THIS EDITION:

A MYSTERY OBJECT - CAN YOU IDENTIFY IT?

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**CALLING ALL SPIN-DOCTORS - SEE PAGE 5 FOR
DETAILS OF THE DECEMBER FESTIVE
CHALLENGE**



Please note the deadline :- for copy to be included in Turnings it must reach the editor (see contact details inside) no later than midday on the Friday prior to the next meeting. Submissions received after that time will be held over until the following month.

Don't forget you can read all the Club History to date in one place on our website at:

www.avon-and-bristol-woodturners.org.uk

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From the editor

It was very encouraging to see such a (relatively) large number of entries in the October Monthly Competition. As to the reasons for the wide variation in numbers of entries throughout the year one can only speculate -perhaps it's the subject each month which either motivates or discourages members to have a go, or perhaps the time of the year, or what? Choosing no fewer than ELEVEN subjects every year that will encourage entries from the maximum possible number of members is a huge challenge to the organiser's imaginative skills and Chris has to be congratulated for his selection this year. I'm sure that he has many more up his sleeve for 2020 and although there might be one or two subjects that don't appeal to YOU I would nevertheless urge everyone to enter into the spirit and submit pieces in all of them. It matters not if you, like Chris this month, don't get any beads in your compartment for you can at least say that you tried! And I'm sure too that, on the basis that many hands make light work, Chris won't be offended if you submit to him your suggestions.

As this is the last Turnings of 2019 (my 106th since becoming editor in May 2009) I will end by wishing you the very best for the forthcoming Festive Season. I hope too that, despite another distraction on the same day, you will make every effort to support the December get-together.

Mike

A couple from England were enjoying a driving holiday in America when they came across a town called Nacogdoches in Texas. They promptly started to disagree on the correct pronunciation of the town's name and were still in heated discussion around lunchtime, so they decided to stop at a roadside diner for something to eat.

They went inside, found a table and sat down ready to order. The husband decided to settle their argument once and for all, so when the waitress approached them he said, "Excuse me, we will order food but can you settle an argument for us? What is the name of this place we're at just now?"

The waitress looked a little taken aback but leaned over towards him and carefully enunciated, "Buurrrggerrr Kiiiiingggg"
Anon

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A Mystery Object

A member of the public has recently written to the ABWT club seeking information on an "unusual bowl that has recently come into his possession". It is described as a small, round, lidded wooden bowl, approximately 125mm diameter and 100mm tall.

The inside of the bowl is divided into 3 rings with the centre ring having a 20mm slot surrounded by 4 holes (see photographs). There appears to be evidence of wear around each of the holes. Although the bowl lid fits well it is uncertain whether it is original to the bowl, as there does not seem to be any correlation between the carved patterns on the sides of the bowl and the lid.

The attached photographs show a general view of the bowl (1), detail of the carving in the bowl itself (2) and the lid (3). Also shown is a view of the 3 rings (4), the top of the centre ring (5) and wear marks around the 4 holes (6).

If anyone has an idea of the purpose of this object, where it originated or, maybe, what it is called please let me know so that I can respond to the enquiry.

Thanks, Alan.



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Last month's competition

The theme in October was 'A lidded Box'. There were 12 entries, 6 in each category. The 'Beginners' and 'Advanced' sections displayed a varied selection of boxes which ranged in all shapes and sizes and were of a good quality. It brought back memories of the 'Journeyman' course at the Mill with some of the entries. In the 'Advanced' section the boxes were varied in size, shape and complexity with off-centre turning and carving to achieve an attractive box. Not wishing to be biased, (as I organise the competition), but I did not get one 'bead' for my entry. Clearly I must try harder to please our very 'discerning' members.

For November the theme is 'A present for your partner' so I hope we get a good level of entries.

The Competition winners for October were as follows:

Beginners:

1st Brendan Mitchell – Potpourri box – Photo No. 4



2nd Vic Atkins – 3 sided box – Photo No. 7



Advanced:

1st Martin Webb – Tea Caddy -Photo No.12



2nd Pete Ravenscroft – Winged Box – Photo No. 17



October competition entries - "A Lidded Box"



ABWT Club Challenge Christmas 2019

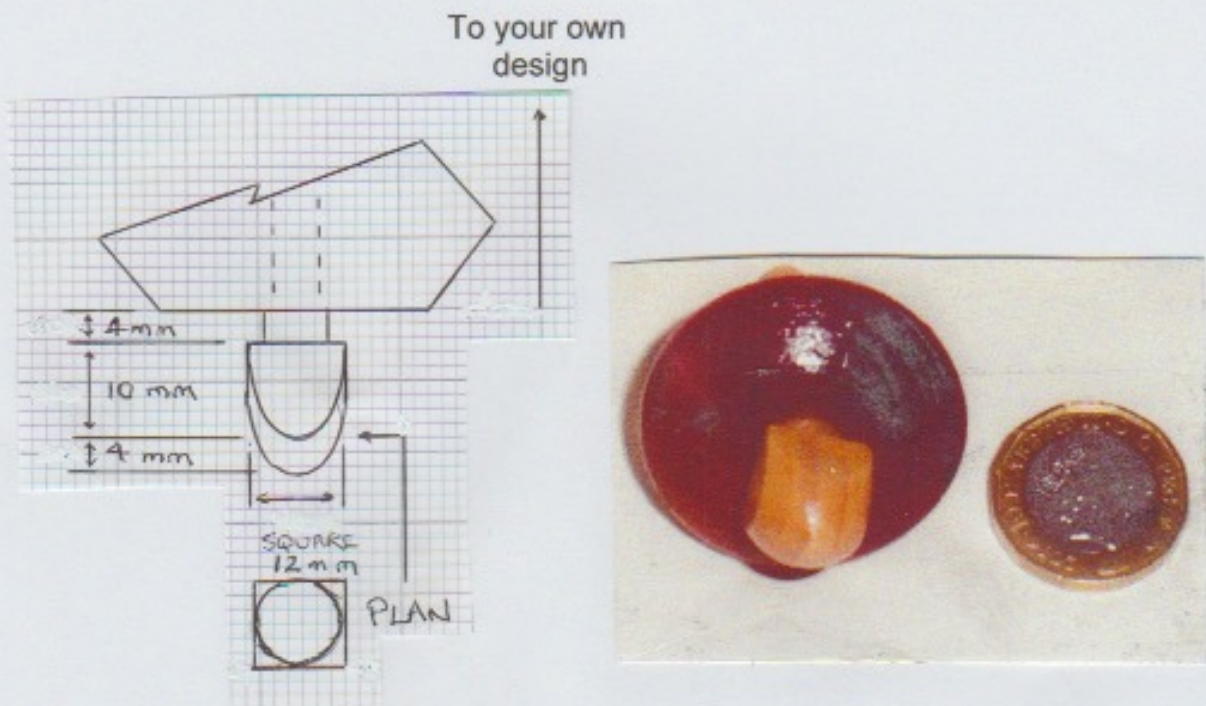
The Christmas Challenge for club members at our December meeting is to make a special spinning top, the purpose of which will be more clearly explained on the night.

A sketch of the base of the spinning top is attached and the key element is the square section at the base of the spinning top. (NTS and approximate dimensions only!) Also attached is a photograph of what the base of the finished piece should look like to aid interpretation of the sketch. The pound coin is there to show relative sizes. The upper part of the top should be to your own design.

You should try to keep fairly close to the dimensions shown otherwise the top may not function as planned.

The top must be entirely made from wood and spun only by hand. No mechanical aids to increase rotational speeds will be permitted.

Good luck!!



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The Guest Demonstrators

The Tiny Turner **Emma Cook** and **John Clothier** will both be demonstrating on Friday and Saturday. Emma & John will be in the Woodworking Shop between 10am-4pm & will have ongoing demonstrations throughout the day.

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We are also hosting a special 'Try Before You Buy' FREE Woodturning masterclass for upto 48 people (must be booked in advance) inside our dedicated Record Power training School! Paul Ridler our onsite Woodturning instructor will be on hand teaching beginners how to turn & pen turning. *Please note that these classes must be booked in advance - see website for details.*

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Club events calendar

Venue - St Teresa's, Filton @ 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated	Event / guest demonstrator	Monthly competition themes (Advanced and Intermediate - single theme)
2019		
January 17th	Mark Sanger	One of your favourite pieces
February 21st	Hands-on	Something with an inlay of perhaps resin, or wood, or stone or metal.
March 21st	Bryan Milham	An egg - as you like it!
April 11th	AGM	Something with two types of wood incorporated into a single object
May 16th	Gary Rance	A "food item" (made of wood, of course) Sounds fruity!
June 20th	Les Thorne	A plate or platter
July 18th	Mick Hanbury	A natural-edge bowl
August 15th	By members, for members	Any items turned from a 100mm (4 inches) cube of wood
September 19th	Jay Heryet	A fancy goblet, eg spiral stem, textured, coloured, pyrographed
October 17th	Emma Cook (The Tiny Turner)	A lidded box
November 21st	Colwin Way	A present for your partner
December 12th	Christmas event	Woodturner of the year competition
2020		
January 16th	Keith Fenton	Any item turned between centres
February 20th	By members, for members	An animal or bird
March 19th	TBA	Item with moving parts
April 16th	AGM	
May 21st	Mary Ashton	
June 18th	John Boyne-Aitken (The Bowler-Hatted Turner)	

Please note programme changes, **January 2020**
to **June 2020** above