

## November 2021 Meeting

This was our annual general meeting and combined Malcolm Fox Trophy competition, we were pleased to also have a selection of machines and items relating to the late Peter Taylor. Therefore this is a rather long newsletter due to some extra photographs that I hope you will enjoy.

The promised cold weather is seasonal but still not always welcome, especially for those who have poorly heated workshops. So what to do? – well get busier and turn more to generate heat!

We look forward to seeing your items on the member's work table at the next meeting. Remember all member items are uploaded to the website and eventually archived to your own personal gallery.

Take care and remember to use your PPE!

Neil

### ***Annual General Meeting***

The November 2021 meeting was attended by seventeen members and was very productive. As well as the annual reports kindly provided by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer there were also many items of business to discuss regarding taking the club forward. This is pressing as we have resurrected club meetings from the recent lockdowns and now continue to live with the ongoing Covid problem.



The Secretary and Treasurer reported that we have weathered the storm thus far, and members have returned and continue to support the club. Generally, the club is in a strong position, with a firm financial foundation but we have to be mindful to include contingency if required by any future worldwide events.

John Woods, secretary, is working tirelessly to provide quality events in our new year calendar, he is hoping to include some training and all-day events. This is not easy to organise for many reasons at the moment and we thank John for his skills, contacts and breadth of knowledge that he applies to create our events.

The main focus is the way in which Covid has affected demonstrators being willing to travel and attend clubs. To this end we are to build in alternative methods to continue our club nights so that we can all enjoy woodturning demonstrations and our social aspect. We are investing in new equipment to allow us to enjoy remote interactive demonstrations as a group as well as improving our audio-visual equipment for when we do have a demonstrator. The village hall has had a complete upgrade and now boasts some state-of-the-art fabulous large-scale projection and high-quality audio equipment. Our proposed new equipment will allow us to benefit from these facilities as a club.

We are also intending to improve the club communications and website presence. The existing website is now over ten years old and will be re-created to add better functionality and news archive. This will involve a complete re-modelling and as you can imagine there is a lot of content to migrate. We will also shortly be issuing new GDPR privacy policies as part of our membership packs.

As you can imagine this will not be instant as there is a lot of work involved.

We do need members to help with the refreshments and especially the clearing up after a club meeting, please consider helping your club - don't wait to be asked.

We do have a list of volunteers to make the Tea and Coffee for the early months of next year but only after 'asking people to volunteer'. The committee regard it as an important part of our club night and have introduced methods

(after much debate) to allow us to do so while acknowledging the covid guidelines. It would be a shame if we were not able to continue this.

We are introducing a Peter Taylor competition in memory of him. This will be annual and to be judged at a meeting close to Easter. The subject of the first one in 2022 will be an Easter Egg with the design, decoration and purpose to be up to you!

The next Malcolm Fox trophy to be held in conjunctions with the AGM 2022 was voted on, and will be a box.

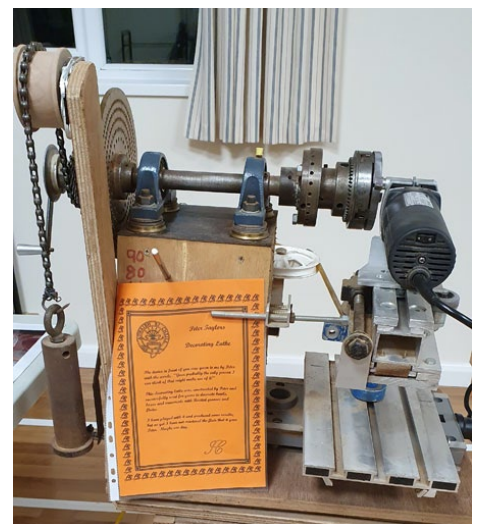
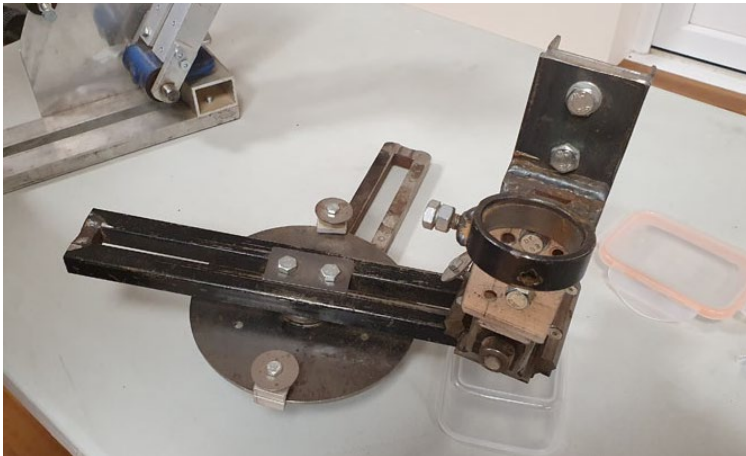
We were pleased that the present committee was re-instated en bloc which demonstrated strong member confidence. Stuart Clarke and Martin Taylor have now also joined the committee and we welcome their ideas and help.

### **Exhibition of items and ornamental turning lathes by the late Peter Taylor**

A delightful variety of items were shown at the AGM meeting in November. There were some interesting photographs and examples of Peter's ornamental turned work in various woods. Several club members are now guardians of Peter's own designed and hand built ornamental lathes and pattern jigs.

Peter was an extremely clever man who had an incredible ability to think in three dimensions, the machine on display was multi, multi axis and an incredible creation. It's a lasting testament to the ingenuity of Peter.

A special report detailing all of the exhibits, and more details about peters remarkable machines can be viewed on the website special events section.





## Malcolm Fox memorial trophy 2021

Three entries this year and a one rogue entry! The workmanship in all was exceptional.

**Mike Charnley** entered a beautifully delicate pierced Sycamore bell on a hanging stand. The craftsmanship and pure patience to create was very appreciated by all who viewed it. Mike had incorporated an LED light that changed colour, it looked wonderful under the hall lights but I would expect it would be spectacular in a darkened room. Truly a magical Christmas heirloom.



**Ian Cameron** entered a beautifully proportioned and very well executed four candle heat fan powered rotating Christmas scene. It incorporated a small carousel that incorporated trees, sleigh and Santa.





Again, this is a fabulous table piece for Christmas with the magical combination of candle light and the candle heat gently driving the carousel.



**Martin Taylor** entered his turned and decorated robot Santa. It was again very well crafted and the attention to detail was very high with a very good expression! The piece comes in two parts and allows an incense cone to be light within, the smoke appeared out of several areas of the robot.



There was a lot of talk surrounding this entry as many had not realised that the robot held its smoking secret but there was a very 'exotic' smell surrounding the table, even prompting one member to mention his early college days... It was a really great item and ideal for introducing those traditional Christmas smells into a room through the use of appropriate cone fragrances. Martin had applied a good design and the painted finish was perfect.





Finally, the rogue. This was a very nicely made oak cannon model that 'fired' party poppers.

A great item and probably an absolutely fascinating thing for the children at a Christmas table.

The winner was Ian Cameron, second place taken by Mike Charnley and the third place by Martin Taylor. The Rogue attracted a few votes but was not placed..



With our chairman Tic..

**Upcoming meeting December 20<sup>th</sup> - Talk by John Woods of Woodart Products.**

Woodart specialises in Pyrography, high speed drills for piercing and detailing. There is also a range of LED micro lighting for lathes as well as many accessories and other interesting items.

This promises to be a good talk that will explain how woodturners and crafters can use these niche items to enhance their work

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