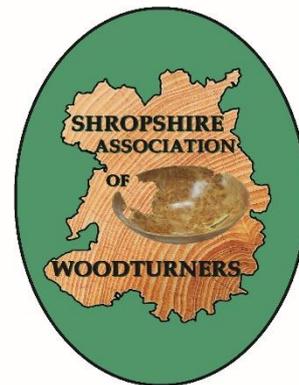


# SAW – December 2021

Member's Magazine and Information



## Christmas edition

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### Season's greetings

Your plans for Christmas may fall short of the hopes we had until Omicron struck – but it's got to be better than last year! So Happy Christmas everyone and may 2022 be cheerful and productive.

### 2022 calendar – provisional

Date	Meeting type	Notes
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Demonstration by Emma Cook	At Bicton if possible but otherwise on Zoom
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Club meeting	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Club meeting	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Demonstration by Mike Taylor	At Bicton if possible
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Club meeting	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Club meeting	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Demonstration by Mick Hanbury	At Bicton if possible
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	TBA	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	TBA	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	TBA	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	TBA	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	TBA	

All meetings current scheduled for 18:45 with demonstrations starting at 7:00

### Next meeting

As shown above, the first meeting of 2022 is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 18:45. Emma Cook, aka "The Tiny Turner" has demonstrated at the club several times before – always instructive and entertaining.... Take a look at her website: <https://www.thetinyturner.co.uk/about>

## Meeting at Bicton 24th November 2021

The meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November was the second face to face meeting since February 2020 and it was really encouraging to see so many members there – we even had coffee and biscuits again. There were wood sales, an introduction to basics of woodturning (thanks to John Gibbons and Stuart Ray) and an extensive display of items turned by members during lockdown and the inevitable raffle.

### Show and Tell



**Some of the display of woodturning by members during 2020 – praised by Ted Barber as the best display he's seen at SAW!**

## AGM 8th December

The key outcomes from the AGM are as follows

**Reports:** Reports on the year presented by Ted Barber (Chairman), Alan Davies (Treasurer) and Teresa Goodricke (Secretary). All three were approved unanimously by members.

**Lofty Marshall:** The chairman also announced the sad news that Lofty Marshall has died a few days before the meeting. He was the oldest member of the club and a founder member. See the article on pages 3&4.

### Committee changes:

Two members of the committee stood down;

- Teresa Goodricke who had been the secretary for the last two and very challenging years.
- Colin Maiden, the longest serving committee member

They were thanked for their valuable contributions to the club.

Members willing to stand again were:

- Ted Barber
- Alan Davies
- John Pitt
- Bill Clyne
- Nigel Goodricke
- Peter Eccleston

Two new members agreed to join the committee:

- Colin Mee
- Cynthia Mee

### Officers:

- Ted Barber was re-elected as Chairman
- Alan Davies was re-elected as Treasurer
- Colin Mee was elected as Secretary

Our thanks and congratulations to them.

## Subscriptions

The Treasurer explained that costs of demonstrations and other expenses has increased significantly recently and that subscriptions had remained at £35 for many years. Members were asked to approve an increase to £50pa – and this was agreed.

**Events:** Nigel Goodricke summarised activities of the club in 2021, including IRD Zoom demonstrations and those hosted by Black Country Woodturners. He outlined the changing scene with demonstrators less willing to travel to Bicton and hence the likely increase in proportion of inter-active club nights (an outcome that will suit many members)

## Raffle

All members attending the AGM were entered for the free raffle. Teresa won first prize – most appropriate in the light of her hard work and dedication to detail!

## The Chairman's challenge 2020

Yet again, judging the 2020 challenge has been postponed – this time to January so bring your entries for the “Something with legs” challenge to the January meeting.

## The Chairman's challenge 2021

And at the January meeting, you can collect the piece of yew (approx. 6x3x3”) for the 2021 challenge to make anything from that blank...

## The Chairman's challenge 2022

The chairman can then relax until the end of 2022 when he will set the next challenge!

## Lofty Marshall

As mentioned on page 1, Lofty Marshall passed away on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The news came in a message from his daughter Judy Marshall who added:

He was a member of the Shropshire woodturners and used to come to your meetings and the get the newsletter. Unfortunately, in the last few years he gave up woodturning as his eyesight deteriorated. He got a lot of pleasure from woodturning and his home in Shawbury has lots of fine examples of his work.

Please could you let your members know, as some of them may remember him. Attached is a photo of Dad at his lathe.



Carol Gibbons adds this tribute:

I have been asked to write a little about what I know of Lofty as we heard, sadly, of his passing early this month. After a couple of emails to his daughter, I have also discovered that sadly, his wife, Betty passed away earlier this year.

Lofty had already been a member of our club for many years when John met him shortly after he joined, always helpful and with plenty of advice John enjoyed the chats he had with him. Lofty also demonstrated at the club on a regular basis and all the members looked forward to those nights. (Although the funny anecdotes did get repeated from time to time!)

The club has held outside events and demonstrations for many years and Lofty was always happy to help, demonstrate and display his beautiful turned items. There is a picture in the club's 'archives' of Lofty and a couple of other members at Percy Throwers. The first demos there were when it was still actually Percy Throwers Garden Centre and the Club either held the demos in a lean-to hut near the entrance or a similar one further to the side of the outside area!

Once I became secretary in Dec 2014, I met Lofty several times at Bicton although he didn't attend every month, especially when the evenings were dark. The first outside event I was involved in was again at Percy Throwers and I contacted Lofty to see if we could borrow some of his turnings to display. "Of course you can." was the reply, swiftly followed by "As long as you look after them!" We drove to Shawbury with lots of plastic crates and wrappings. I can tell you that I have never seen so many turned items in one sitting room. On shelves, in cabinets, on bookcases and on the fire surround. There must have been hundreds. We went round and John and I chose a wide variety of things, packing them as carefully as possible. Then it was cup of tea time made by Betty while 'turning talk' carried on. Lofty continued to 'lend' his items at least a couple of times a year during all the five years of my time as secretary.

Lofty had won national prizes for his turning and showed us one item which had won and for which he received 'quite a large cheque' as part of the prize. He enjoyed the Challenges when Tim Aaron, as Chairman, set them up and often brought something to enter in to the Advanced section. Probably turned years ago as he did very little by then, but it didn't matter as the only stipulation on entries was that it must not have been entered before. At the AGM in December 2016, Lofty's name was put forward for Honorary Membership which was voted and passed unanimously. I had the lovely job of sending him a letter from the club to let him know.

Many of you will know he was an RAF pilot and then later in his career he was based in Shawbury and taught pilots to fly helicopters. He was also heavily involved in rebuilding a Horsa Glider at Shawbury as part of a group of volunteers. The Horsa was used as a troop carrier during WWII and around 3,500 were built. (I did a search on Google for 'horsa glider shawbury' and some very interesting articles came up!) In our later visits, he had been ill a couple of times and Betty had deteriorating eyesight due, I think, to Macular Degeneration. She still loved to do the flowers for the church and one time we were there I was treated to the privilege of seeing her making a beautiful arrangement by asking Lofty what colour each flower stem was so she could make them look as good as possible. An amazing couple and I have contact and address details for Judy, their daughter if anyone wants them.

John and I are very sad that this particular chapter of our Club's history is now at a close.

### And finally, for the next newsletter "February 2022"

The next newsletter will be in early February 2022 – plenty of time to send an article or photos...

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