



MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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Covid-19 Update

As of August 7th regulations have changed which will allow groups like ours to meet once again at Carno Community Centre. There are about 20 pages of guidance for us to follow where applicable, together with a detailed Risk Assessment. Provisional dates for the rest of the year:

September 19th	AGM followed by a mini demo
October 17th	Demonstration day
November 7th	Demonstration day

AGM 2021

The Committee agreed to delay this from last February due to Covid-19. This must take place to complete our requirement to report to the membership and to elect officers and committee. There are already two vacancies, one of which is to elect a new Treasurer. Please let the committee know if you feel you could take on this important role. The club cannot continue without a Treasurer!!!

A Timber Source

About a month ago I received a phone call from one of the Trustees of Llanfyllin Workhouse Community Art and Craft Centre. Would I be interested in the mahogany legs of an old billiard table? Along I went and was shown 8 substantial legs which had been kept in the dry. I immediately thought of club members so brought them home to prepare them for the lathe. As you can see from the photo there was hardly any waste from each leg. The wood turns easily and takes a lovely finish. I have cut them in different sizes so there will be something for you to choose at a modest cost to help with club funds.



Another phone call led me to collect piece of apple tree about 4 foot long and about 10 inches in diameter. This was cut down in the Spring due to a lot of rot in the trunk and branches. This

was less promising as there was a long split in the bark going the whole length, as well as white rot in one end. I chain sawed the log into 10 inch lengths and then cut each log in half. The wood was semi dry so I decided to wet turn the best halves. They were drier than I thought so I completed the turning and polished them. The long split was only showing in the bark but the white rot spoiled one end. I have 4 small bowls and a few short spindle length. The apple turned beautifully with close grain and took a really good melamine polish.

Two Platters

Ash and beech. Turned, carved with Proxxon long neck grinder, sprayed with ebonising lacquer, then iridescent paint and finally gloss acrylic lacquer.

That's all for now. Glad to give you some good news, it has been a long time without us meeting and sharing our interest and love of working with wood.

Best wishes John (*Chairman*).



▲ The finished platters.

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