



# MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

## *Newsletter : December 2020*

### FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

As promised in the November Newsletter here is an update on the issue of Annual Subscriptions

A few weeks ago I contacted Paul Hannaby, the Chairman of AWGB with a number of questions. Here are the main points in his reply. They are not going to extend the current membership for a second year. They are not going to reduce the fees for 2021. There will be no refunds. The time for payments has been changed to March but has now been extended to May 2021. The AWGB will have a surplus of £18,000 at the end of this December. I quote *"This has been put into a Covid support fund to help clubs through the Covid crisis to offset any adjustments you make to your subscription fees."* We could apply for a grant from this fund. This information should be in the next edition of Revolutions which we will receive very shortly.

### COMMITTEE DECISION

The current situation is that from January our Treasurer begins to collect the Annual fee which is £18.00 to the AWGB and £5.00 for MWW. The Committee has decided that we will not collect any fees at this stage. You do not have to pay direct to the AWGB.

### THE FUTURE

In my discussions with members of the Committee it was clear that the club comes first not the AWGB. Therefore the Vice Chairman and myself are going to investigate and analyse the possibility of MWW running as an independent woodturning club. There would have to be an Annual Subscription fee as there are certain fixed costs which have to be paid (*eg insurance*). Every aspect has to be looked at very carefully. All fees would be retained by the club. Any recommendation would be put to the members at the next meeting which would be an AGM as well. Date unknown.

I thank all members of the Committee for their help and comments over this issue of subscriptions. If any members have comments they would like to make please contact the Chairman.

I would also like to thank again those members who felt able to make a contribution to the monthly newsletters during 2020. Please continue to do this as you will be receiving one in January.

*Best wishes for a very different Christmas*

*Keep safe*

*John*