



# MID WALES WOODTURNERS

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## Newsletter : June 2020

### From your Chairman

It is with sadness that I have to inform all members of the sad death of Pwl Peppiatt at the end of May as a result of his diagnosis last Autumn with cancer.

Kym and Pwl joined the club just at the end of our meetings at Llanidloes Primary School well over twelve years ago. I can't remember the exact date. From the outset it was clear here were two new members who were keen to share and use their expertise and skills for the future benefit of the club. They both then joined the Committee. Shortly after moving to Carno we received the Lottery Grant . Pwl was involved heavily in the decisions we had to make over purchasing a club lathe, chucks , tools and the audio-visual equipment.

Before each meeting Pwl had always checked, cleaned and oiled the lathe as well as checking the electrics. Repairs were done as needed on the Vicmarc lathe. Pwl was always ready to assist on Hands On days, sharing his skill and encouraging new members to have a go on one of the lathes. From my perspective Pwl was always ready to help other club members , with advice or helping to sort out individual problems. His friendly good nature will be missed by us all. From my contacts with Kym over the last months it has been clear that they have had excellent care from our NHS and MacMillan Nurses, together with their close friends. At this time of Covid-19 we are all valuing our families, friends and neighbours even more, even if we cannot always meet them.

Take care everyone John

### Allis Chalmers Tractor Project

Since last month I have made steady progress on this longer term project. The detail on the sides of the engine are now complete with lots of very small turnings. The steering wheel and seat are also finished, the seat had a lot of hand finishing and shaping. I tend to do a few parts then go and do something completely different (weeding, lawn cutting cleaning ,sorting ,polishing, painting walking the same paths. [ you get the idea.)

I have included a photo of the rear wheels. I wanted to cut the treads in the tyres so worked out a way with my small router which would pivot to give me a curve. My first idea did not work out with the treads not going in the right direction on each half of the tread. My second practise was ok but would need some hand carving with my Proxxon with a Saburtooth rasp. As you can see this has worked out on the beech tyre which was stained with spirit stain. The hub is in yew, that was quite straight forward turning, although it is **quite thin**.

### Large oak bowl

In February 2019 a local farmer asked me to come and look at a huge fallen oak tree which had come down in a storm. They wanted me to make a couple of large fruit bowls. The main trunk was hollow and full of rot [ 4 foot diameter] Then the next part where at least four branches went up to the crown was also full of rot. I did manage to identify three pieces with was then chain sawed out. I left the farm with three large lumps which were about 15 inches across and 8 inches thick, wet and very heavy.

My usual practise with any wet timber in log form is to rough turn as soon as possible. This speeds up the drying and hopefully reduces the risk of splitting. The grain on all three was wild going in all directions. The last one gave me a surprise when I was turning out the inside, as I suddenly got covered in dirty smelly water. On inspection I had come to a cavity the size of my fist, totally unseen from the outside of the lump. The three pieces were then sealed and forgotten about.

A year later I thought I could finish them. Bowl one had a huge spit so was useless. Bowl two turned out really well with good grain, and some burr. Bowl three , well the cavity after final turning went right through to the outside and looked quite ugly. My solution was to fill this large hole with coloured rein. Success at last. Two bowls complete and a very happy customer.

Take care everyone, we will meet again perhaps towards the Autumn John.



*John's tractor wheel*



Earring Stand by Max



Bowl decorated with texturing and Milliput  
by Colin Panter



Yew Forms by Colin Panter

**2020**  
**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**  
**Carno Community Centre**  
 July 19th : 10:30 - 4:30  
 Joey Richards (T.B.C)  
 August 23rd : 1:30 - 4:30  
 "Hands On"  
 September 10th : 10:30 - 4:30  
 Kirk Dobney  
 October 18th : 10:30 - 4:30  
 Jason Breach  
 November 15th : 1:30 - 4:30  
 "Hands On"

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WANTED**  
**RAFFLE PRIZES**  
 Please remember to bring something for the  
 raffle table at the next club meeting after  
 Coronavirus

**MEETING COSTS**

Members : £9 each, Family Members : £15 per family  
Guests of members : £10 each, Non-members : £15 each

**CLUB CONTACTS**

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