

VILLAGE TURNERS

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GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

As some of you know we have lost our chairs since the last demonstration, please bring your own in future. It was decided at the last committee meeting not to purchase new chairs because of the limited storage space within our own area.

Standing around when we have a demo or talk could lead to groups chatting away in the background; this would lead to members not coming forward to do a turn. I hope members will resist this habit.

The feedback from some members, is not getting information passed down, we will try and rectify this. One of our new members was unaware that he could use the club lathes. These machines are yours, and senior members will always be on hand to teach the beginners. If there is a spare lathe standing idle, use it. As we are all members of the association of woodturners of great Britain we all receive the copy of revolutions, my own opinion of this newsletter is it is not very interesting, however two articles which got my attention were one from the Ray Key file as follows:- a Canadian pro. Demonstrating in Philadelphia lost a platter off the lathe, it flew through the air into the onlookers and it was caught by Ray Key like a Frisbee, Ray Key treats this incident as a huge joke, as president of the association he should be ashamed. It would have been another story if someone had been hit in the face.

The second story by John English was about an accident on a band saw, while cutting out a blank the saw blade started to bind, so with an extra push, the saw passed on through and into his finger including the tendon, microsurgery, eight weeks immobilised, no driving or woodturning. So when using machinery be careful. By the way the club band saw is only to be used by an experienced committee member.

Well that is all for now. Enjoy your wood turning and don't forget if you have any suggestions or complaints, let a committee member know about it.

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