

# Turn Around

The Newsletter of the Village Turners

## June 2002

### Songs of Praise

Had a good deal from a local or national supplier? Do you have a favourite supplier that you'd be willing to share with other club members? If it's that good we'd all like to know !

This one is not strictly turning oriented but they were so helpful, I felt they deserved a mention.

In the heat of the moment at the last Peterborough Woodworking Show, I'd bought a router bit of the wrong shank size. Two weeks later, I took it round to CBS (Power Tools) Ltd who very graciously, took it back and offered me a full refund against one of the right size. While I was there I did notice a good selection of turning tools.

Their address is

Unit 4 VP Square,  
Storeys Bar Road  
Fengate,  
Peterborough  
PE1 5YS

Telephone 01733 343031

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**Wanted**

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## Treen



**Wassail Bowl from circa 1640 made from lignum vitae, height 1 foot 10 inches**

*Source: Domestic Utensils of Wood. See opposite.*

There's an old saying "It's not what you say it's the way that you say it".

If you don't say it, I can't put it in the next newsletter. Come on guys, put your thinking caps on!

I have recently come into possession of a First Edition book published in 1932 called 'Domestic Utensils of Wood' by Dr Owen Evan-Thomas with a subtitle of 'A short history of wooden articles in domestic use from the sixteenth to the middle of the nineteenth century'.

Styles of writing have definitely changed since those days but the information is fascinating. The word treen seems to encompass the whole range of domestic utensils made out of wood.

Some examples:-

- Drinking Vessels
- Wassail or Lambs Wool Bowls
- Trenchers and wooden platters
- Wooden mortars, tallies and moulds
- Coffee and spice mills
- Salt and pepper mills
- Snuff boxes
- Pipes
- Nutcrackers

The list seems endless.

Depending on room in future newsletters, (hah!) I shall attempt to convey some of the information from this book which I hope will prove of interest to all

## For Sale

I have a number of books for sale

**Wood Turning** by Stephen Hogbin £5

**Wood Turning** by Percy W Blandford £2

**Contemporary Design in Woodwork** Vol 1 by S H Glenister £2

**Furniture you can Build** by David E Clark £2

Contact me, Brian Norris, see the [committee page](#) for details

## Next Issue

Please send articles or even just ideas for articles to me by post, phone or email. I'm quite happy to come up with some text and artwork, but I need something to start with, from you.

Otherwise the next issue will look like this



**Next Meeting:**

**3rd August 2002**