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Chairman's Welcome

By Eugene Grimley

I hope you are all keeping well.

Despite the lack of activity at the Wood Shed there is still a lot going on. I look forward to our "Zoom" meetings, these are proving to be very popular and a great way to keep in touch. More details of these later in Shavings. Also included is an important notice about the IWG's Charity Auction, a reminder about our Christmas items for the Children's Hospital and a schedule for Chestnut Finishes remote internet demos "Conkers Live".

Along with "Shavings" you will find a list of tools and equipment for sale. The procedure for buying these is also attached.

Finally, there is a piece about my recent re-insurance issues.

Retirement and Covid restrictions and I'm busier than ever. I must be doing something wrong.

Remote Internet Demos (IRDs)

If you go to Chestnut Products YouTube page www.youtube.com/user/ChestnutProducts you will find Conkers Live (you can sign up on chestnutproducts.co.uk and you will be informed of the demos as they happen but the upcoming dates are Nov 3rd with Paul Hannaby followed by 26th Nov, 14th Dec, 11th Jan, 4th Feb, 24th Feb, 19th Mar, 12th Apr & 12th May. The demonstrators for these have not been announced yet.

You might also like Colwin Way's demos on YouTube Tuesdays and Thursdays - type in Live Turning Tuesday/Thursday and you will get a selection of projects. Some of you might remember the Popper Cannon I made one Tuesday night in December 2012 - Colwin does his version in

Live Turning Thursday - Party Popper Cannon Project Part 1 and

Live Turning Tuesday - Party Popper
Cannon Project Part 2.

Some thoughts on insurance

By Eugene Grimley

Recently I had to renew my Building & Contents Insurance and the local broker got me a better deal on the same terms as the company I had been with. I took the better deal! However, when I got home I had a quick look at the documents and noticed the usual £2,500 cover for garages. I got in touch with the broker as my previous insurer had agreed to cover the contents of the garage within the overall cover for the house contents. The broker asked me to do a rough estimate of the cost of new-for-old replacement of the garage contents. I got to £13,500 with most of the woodturning stuff done but I hadn't done my woodworking tools or the garden equipment so I suggested to the broker that I would need £20,000 of cover. The insurer agreed under the same terms as before, no extra charge but added that this DID NOT COVER THEFT. This, I discovered was the same as the previous company but they didn't mention that bit! I stated that I could live with that but during the last "Zoom" session the lack of theft cover was questioned. After thinking about that I went back to the broker but they were unable to find a company that would cover the garage contents

for theft despite it being attached to the house and is alarmed. Once again, a suggestion from the "Zoom" meeting about a company that could help led me to their office in Armagh. Including an additional £20,000 cover the garage contents their initial quote was LESS than the cheaper quote I had though when I added accidental cover and cover for valuable items away from home, I did end up paying more. BUT IT WAS WORTH IT FOR THE PEACE OF MIND!

I accept that I do have a big workshop and plenty of equipment but I would be surprised if £2,500 was enough to cover the tools and equipment that most of you would have. I suggest you do a check and if you feel that the cover is inadequate talk to your insurance broker/company.

RVH Children's Hospital

Jenne and her staff, thank you again for the fantastic effort you made for the Hospital back in June. In the present circumstances it was a great credit to you all.

For Christmas Jenne and her Play Team would be very grateful for trees and snowmen but, new for 2020, she has asked if we could make some penguins as well. Wood for these three (8x4x4 timber) is in a large box at the door of the Wood Shed – not much left now. Just help yourself - you don't have to enter the

shop unless you want to, of course. Jenne has asked if it would be possible for some rings for the babies – like curtain rings. About 50mm diameter with a 30mm hole. NOTE that these are for the babies and MUST be made from SAFE WOODS like Sycamore, Maple, Beech. You can also make rolling pins for Play-Doh if you want to do something different.

All of the work for the Children's Hospital should be with Eugene or in the Wood Shed by 14th November.



IWG News

IWG Auction – you should all have received communication from the IWG Executive to inform you that due to the Covid restrictions south of the border the proposed auction has been postponed until early 2021.

Please hold on to your contributions until we have a new date for collection of items.

EACH item donated MUST be accompanied by a donation form a copy of which is appended to this “Shavings”. Please leave the “Code” section blank as this will be filled in on collection of the item.

Keep in touch with Ulster Woodturning

If you haven't joined yet the Ulster Woodturning Facebook page is key to keeping in contact with woodturning in Northern Ireland. [Here is a link on how to signup](#). Once this is done, go to the Ulster Woodturning page and request to join. This is currently open to all UW Chapter and Tuesday night members. Don't miss out – you don't have to fully engage with the whole Facebook thing if you don't want to, just the UW page.

Zoom Meetings

These are now taking place fortnightly on Tuesday evening at 7pm. The numbers tuning in are increasing every time (30 at the last meeting)and we have some new faces coming from the classes at the Wood Shed which have restarted. We have been doing workshop tours which usually generate some healthy discussion. We have Question & Answer sessions which have proved very useful in solving problems for

some but often go off on a tangent to bring more interesting ideas to the group. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a member or even a woodturner!

To join the meetings email secretary@ulsterwoodturning.co.uk and he will email you the joining code on the day of each meeting – you only need to email once!

The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd November when we hope to join the “Conkers Live” demo by Paul Hannaby who is the Chairman of the AWGB.

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Comments and suggestions should be forwarded to the [Shavings Editor](#)

Items for sale: To purchase any of the items listed in the document attached to your Shavings Email, please phone Lynda at the Wood Shed to enquire if it is still available. Once paid for (cash only) small items will be brought to the Wood Shed for collection. Large items can be collected by arrangement with Sam.