



## Northumbrian Woodturners Bulletin Winter 2022

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Congratulations to **Mick Johns** on becoming a member of the Register of Professional Turners.



**Kevin Purdy** seems to have miscounted; I am sure there are supposed to be three little piggies.



He is still top of the tree with this angel though.





**Kevin Purdy's** turquoise collection finished with Chestnut ebonising lacquer and spray paint.







### **Steve Lawson's first attempt at a snowman**

Steve said: " I used Scandinavian pine for the body and I think it is sycamore I used for the hat. The scarf I pinched out the wife's sewing kit Tea light and glass purchased some time ago Knowing I would use when I had a light bulb moment."





### Steve Lawson's pot pourri bowl

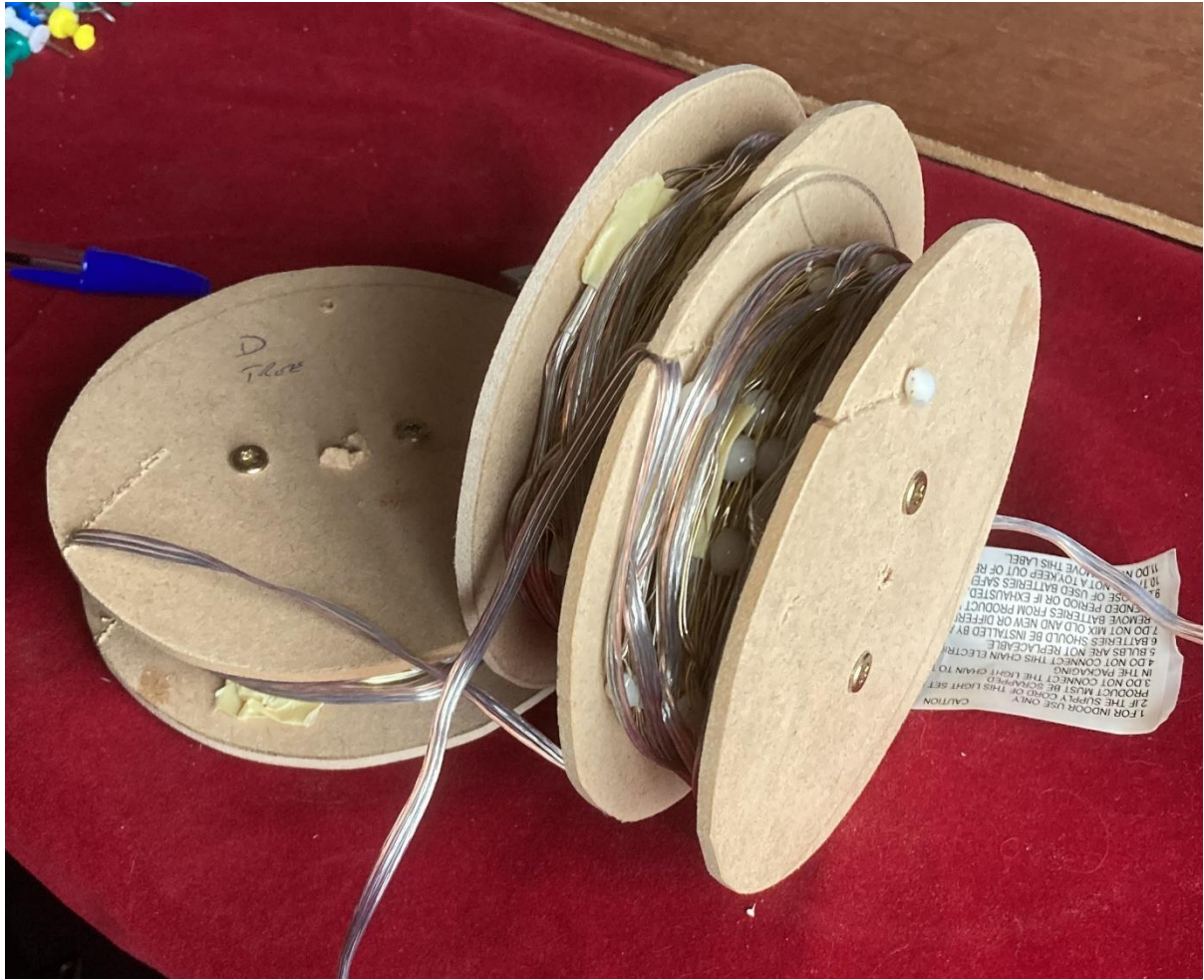
Steve said: "I have made a small pot pourri bowl as an Xmas pressie for one of my sisters it was made from a piece of Cherry Tree. Still experimenting the art of painting."





**John Christie** has made a cheese board, a natural edge burr elm bowl and an ingenious handy storage solution for Xmas lights.



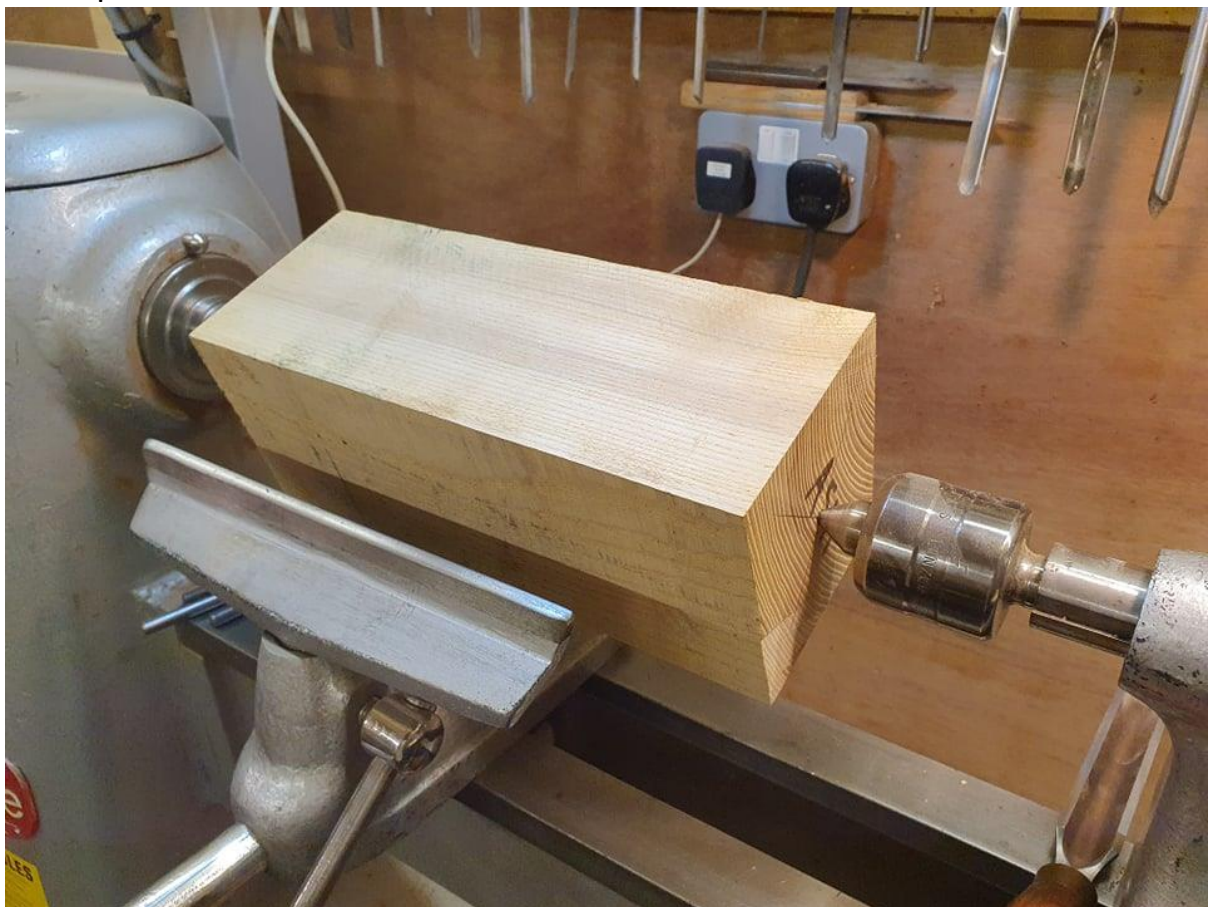




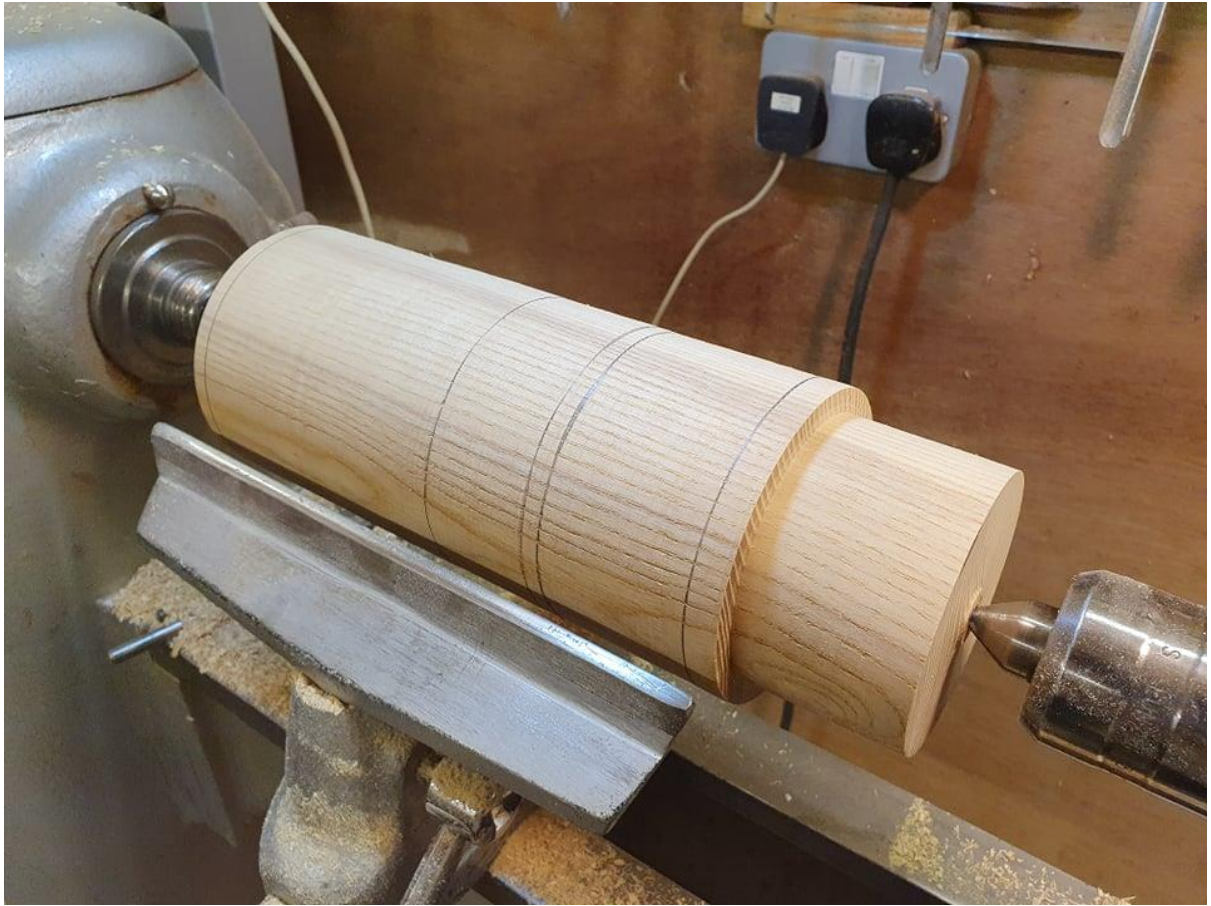
**Mick Mc Cabe's** snowman is a smoker (based on a demo by Andrew Hall)

Mick Said: "I finally did some turning , a smoking snowman as per Andrew Hall design, after watching Andrew demonstrate making one of these snow men at Axminster the other year I have made a few for Christmas gifts they always seem to go down well.

For anyone that has not seen them they are hollow and the mouth acts as a chimney, a small incense cone is placed on the base and lit then the snowman is placed over this and the cone smoulders away, the smoke then comes out the snowman's mouth making it look like he is smoking his pipe. These are the stages of it getting turned, its from one piece of ash, the hat is dyed, eyes are ebony, nose purple heart, pipe mahogany and buttons I think purple heart too but they had black grain so maybe some other exotic. The top button hole chipped out when it was drilled but the button just covered it. I took longer to do the buttons , eyes and pipe than the actual snowman. The base was a spare newel post oak top so I drilled it for rubber feet and recessed a metal disc into the top for the incense cone to sit on."



























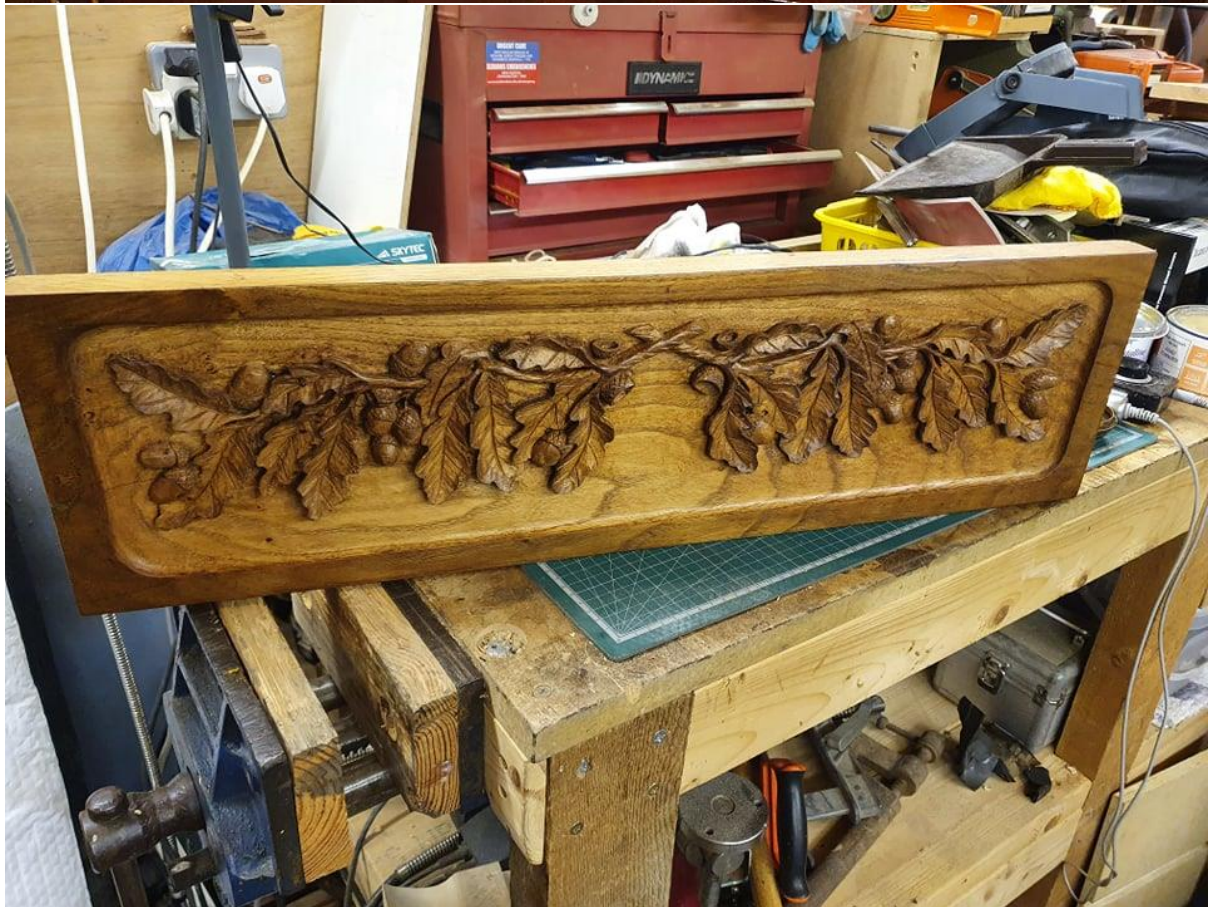
**Mick Mc Cabe** has also been doing some carving.

He said: "I have finally done some woodcarving related stuff again so here are a few photos of these. The Oak branches plaque is carved in sweet chestnut I think, it looks like oak but definitely isn't actually oak as does not smell like oak when cut and is much softer to carve, its finished with Briwax. This has sat since 2014 90% finished so finally decided to finish it so it could be displayed at the Kirkely Hall Carvers club display stand at the recent Axminster open day. If anyone that attended thinks they can not remember seeing it, that's because after spending two days getting it finished I forgot it in the shed when I packed the other stuff that went to the stand lol.

The second carving is a Vortex type design to match an earlier spiral type design I did , they are both carved in Walnut and finished in Danish oil.













It is good to see **Kevin McAlister** back with us. Here is one of his signature platters.





**Kevin McAlister's and his son Cameron's** work has made it into Woodturning magazine.

### Family fun

During lockdown my son, Cameron, started turning and when I can get in so have I. If we look for positives from lockdown this is, for me, definitely one of them.

Because of lockdown he was not able to continue his work as a volunteer at the discovery museum. We were looking for something to keep him occupied and decided that, while I am just new to turning and by no means a tutor, I would let him have a go.

Scaered to death I let him try. What can I say... he loves it and in particular coloured work. Here is some of his work. While it takes a long time to turn and colour, what is important is that he enjoys it so much.

The first three below are his, made with Northumberland beech from Hexhamshire Hardwoods.

The last two are mine – the red textured one is material with Powertex fabric hardener airbrushed and dry brushed.

*Kevin McAlister*



**Lorraine Griffiths** has been working on pyrography and basket work.







In between carving and turning, **Mick McCabe** has still found time to do some more work on his Landrover Defender.

Mick said: "There has not been that much progress due to other jobs in house/ garden etc and the fact the weather has also stopped outside work getting done. Main progress has been engine bay jobs, rear door painted/ fitted and mostly built up with parts. Front screen fitted, without cracking it and I managed to get a mint used set of wheels and tyres. I am hoping to get back on with it after new year. Watch this space!"



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**Walter Hall** has been restoring another old hand plane and finishing a job he started in the Autumn bulletin.

Walter said: "A Record T5 technical plane, restored to more or less as new condition. Little used, it appeared to have been stored for some time and had some rust pitting on the sides. Light rust on other parts was also removed and moving parts oiled where necessary. All paintwork is original. Shellac on the handles was given an extra coat to brighten it up. As is so often the case with the T5, the side handle was missing so I turned a new one from beech and stained it to match the original handles."



“After researching gimlets, I decided the straight handle on the one that that Malcolm Howat gave me was definitely not original. The only record of a gimlet with that type of handle I could find was a piano tuners gimlet. I am sure however that this was not the original handle for this tool, so I made a new tee handle from a teak pen blank.”





**Martin Stacey** is near to completing a model of a route master bus for his dad. He drove them at work so it's a surprise for his 80th birthday.











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Vienna

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Harley-Davidson

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Neil Kinnock

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Cricket

5) Which South African city is known as 'Mother City'?

Cape Town

6) Which author created the book character Hermione Granger?

JK Rowling

7) The Spanish resort Benidorm sits on which sea?

Mediterranean Sea

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Blue

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Anton Chekhov

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Whiskey