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October 2011 Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to the latest edition, which this month is all about giving, especially of your time which we all never have enough of, despite many of you being retired. The old adage "I wonder how I found time to go to work" rings true in all of us.

My first giving, is that I truly hope that you **ALL** manage to bring to the next meeting at **LEAST ONE ITEM FOR SALE TO SELL AT "ART AT THE ALTAR"**. The more the better, both for the club funds and our chosen charity (The Forget-me-not-Trust). May I remind you all that our last 2 selling events of Honley Show and Holmfirth Art week have raised around £200 each for the club and for our charity. This is such a wonderful achievement for you all, but it does require **ALL** of you to **GIVE** a little of your time in the workshop.....come on and put in the time before the really cold weather sets in.

My next giving...is that of **Joe Ratcliffe**...who gave of his time last meeting to get all his gear together and put it in the boot of the car, bring it all into the hall, and then stand up and speak about his **Vacuum Chuck**. Well done that man!



Richard, Joe and Mark discussing the ins and outs



The motor, pump arrangement



End on view



Winner of the 'Drinking vessel comp.' Alan Beaumont.

- Most of Joe's information about building the chuck came from Bob Chapman's site... www.bobchapman.co.uk . There was a lot of questions thrown at Joe most of which he was able to give good answers. Sourcing the individual bits will always depend on where you live and knowing which places sell what. Quite a lot of the connections and tubing were sourced from **Towsure** in Holme Lane in Sheffield.
- We also had [Russell Kebble](#) bring his shop to the club, which I think was well worth his coming.
- Several members also took advantage of the "Table top sale of tools and equipment no longer useful to me".
- **Doug Burgess** also brought some " FREE " plastic storage jars with any donations going to the club. He also brought along several items already made, to sell at **ART AT THE ALTAR**, as did kind **Shirley**. You know Shirley always makes the effort and is so humble with her support, well done Shirley, I just wish everyone put in the same amount of effort as you, I and the rest of the committee wouldn't have such a hard job.

Club News.

- Because our next demonstrator had double booked, Peter Donovan our Chairman and demonstrator seeker, asked [Russell Kebble](#), who kindly agreed to step into the breach at such short notice. So on 10th Nov, six days after my birthday, we have Russell.
- We must also welcome **Robert Peaker**, who may probably join us again in November. Robert lives just a very short distance from the hall, yet had never really known about the club. We must try even harder to attract new members. Your thoughts and ideas are most welcome, but save them for the AGM on 8th Dec.
- Although I am pushing you make a turned item for **ART AT THE ALTAR**, there will still be our last competition of the year in December...**a piece of jewelry/holder for jewelry / or Christmas decoration.**
- Whilst I am on with **ART AT THE ALTAR**, I should tell you that you are all most welcome to come and visit the event which is at **St John's church**, in the middle of [Penistone](#), Nov 17-20. Its open 10.15 to 5pm with Thurs and Fri open till 8pm. Refreshments are available. On sale are quality Arts and Handcrafted gifts by artists and makers of Penistone and District.
 Thursday is a nice time to go as it is Market day and you can see the biggest **OAK framed building** built using traditional methods, in the **COUNTRY!!!** which houses the market.
- May I remind you all that club shirts/sweatshirts with our club logo, are all available from [Derek Hall](#)...so please see him.
- We are still hoping that Lee will be able to bring in some wood next month, but last month the Tree surgeon was away when Lee went to collect it, so fingers crossed. If any of you do hear of any wood do let me know and I can circulate the info to members.

Well members, that's all for now. The last giving of all is my giving. Giving my free time to get this newsletter out to you all. There are a lot of members, especially on the committee who give their free time, do think about that. Perhaps a couple of you would give time next meeting to make the tea and coffee? [Shirley and Bob](#) would love a break, and will show you what to do.....and you will get thanked...so go on, give a little.

Chris Park (secretary of Huddersfield & District Woodturners)