



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

NEARLY LOCKDOWN 2020 NEWSLETTER

EDITION 4

An Associated Club of the AWGB

Welcome to the Nearly Lockdown Newsletter Edition 4 at least I think we are back in Nearly Lockdown.

Just remember if we had had a club meeting you would have been scoffing down sausages rolls and mince pies supplied by Val Newson, so the New Year's diet has started early.

Last month I was let down by Colin Willetts, who failed to contribute anything to the Newsletter for about the first time this year just because he had problems with his lathe. But Colin is now back on the Christmas card list as he has come up with a Christmas Quiz.

This month has been a bit up and down. No pickling this month as Sally was released from hospital after nearly 2 months, (not Covid related I'm pleased to say), rather than enjoying myself, which meant I had to do as I was told. It's not that I'm henpecked but she happens to be bigger than me and has a couple of crutches to whack me with. Mind you I can still run faster than her.

Beth started working from home again so my access to my computer is severely limited. It also means I get more exercise going up and down stairs with either full or empty coffee cups. (That's my excuses out of the way, although I am working on some more).

Sorry one more. The Rugby Autumn Nations Cup started, which resulted in at least one day of the weekend being taken up with watching Rugby. Being a Rugby fan I tend to watch any game I can, being English I support England and want anyone to beat France even the Welsh and Scots.

If you've read down this far you will have realised that I am desperately trying to pad this out so I don't have to do much turning.

So I guess I'm on to the continuation of the project I started last month.



The timber is Ash, which I have been storing in my back garden for about 7 or 8 years. I assume that this is the reason for the interesting figuring. I'm sure I don't need to say that I rounded it down from a square with my Spindle Roughing gouge. I then shaped it using my Les Thorne signature Spindle Gouge. At this juncture I had a small technical problem. The finial decided to snap off meaning I had to start all over again.

This time I decided to use some of the bits of Laburnum I had left. I rounded it down with the Spindle Roughing gouge and shaped it with my Les Thorne signature Spindle Gouge again.



Having had the disaster once I'm afraid I chickened out of going tiny and left the finial a little chunky. Then I decided it was too chunky and thinned it down a bit, using a very small Spindle Gouge.





The next question was what finish to put on.

I had a multitude of choices.



First off I had the Lacquers either Ebonising Lacquer or Acrylic Sanding Sealer topped off with Acrylic Gloss Lacquer. Or



Cellulose Sanding Sealer, topped off with Microcrystalline Wax or sand down to 240 grit and put on some Cut 'n' Polish again finished off with the Micro Crystalline Wax.

I was a little concerned that trying to apply wax might put a bit too much stress on the finial so plumped for the Acrylic Sealer and Gloss Lacquer, although the cold dampish weather might mean longer drying times.



I parted it off using my small Parting tool.



The finished form, which is 80mm (or 3.2 inches in old money) high altogether. The second picture is to show it really is a hollow form.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

If you are looking for ideas on Christmas decorations look at the Axminster YouTube channel as Colwin Way has been doing a series on this subject.

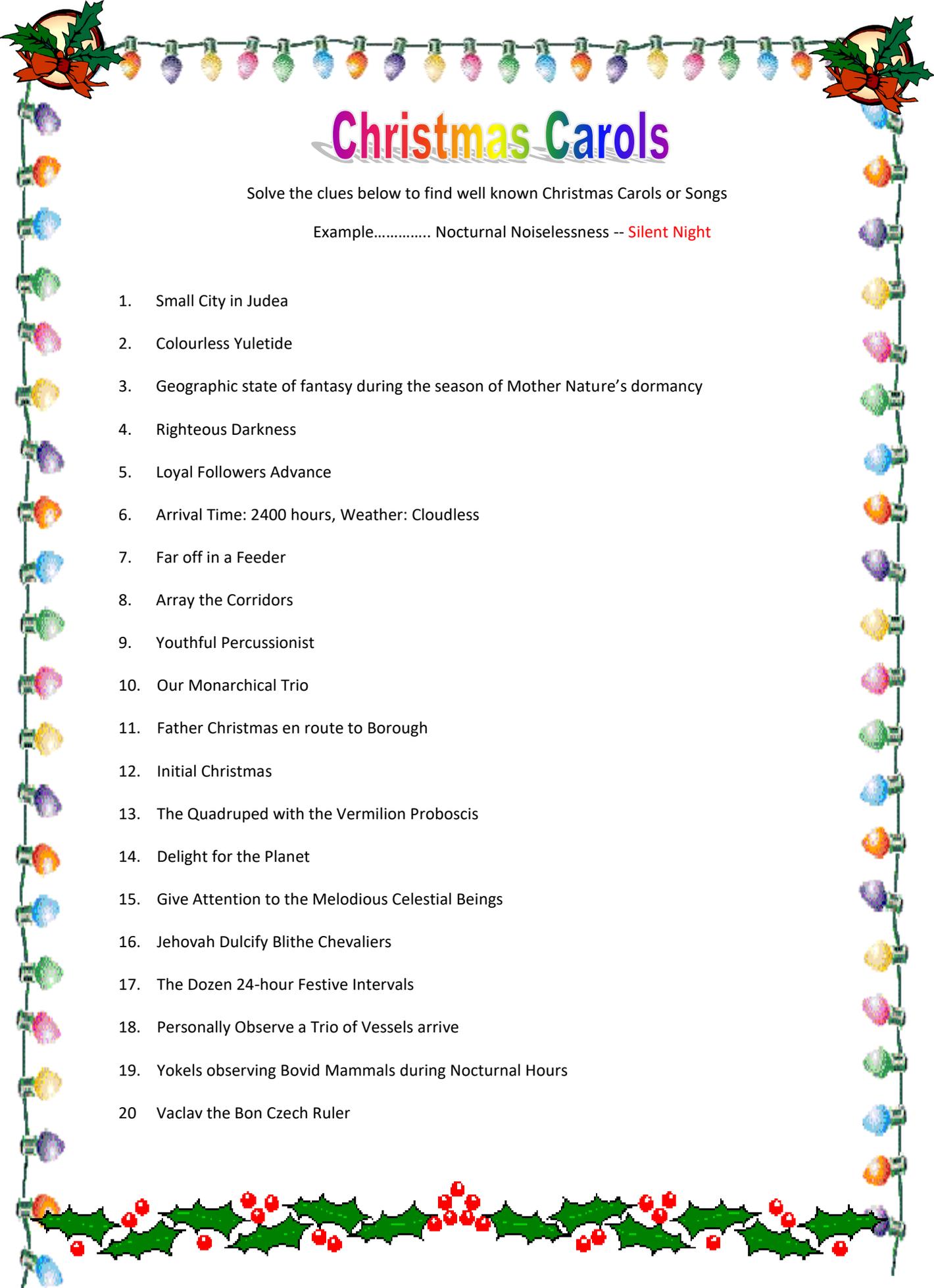
NEXT MONTH:

I now need to come up with some project for the January Newsletter. If anyone wishes to make a contribution I would be most grateful.

MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL TABLE:

See the Club's website for examples of work done by club members.

Colin's quiz is below. (Thank you Colin).



Christmas Carols

Solve the clues below to find well known Christmas Carols or Songs

Example..... Nocturnal Noiselessness -- **Silent Night**

1. Small City in Judea
2. Colourless Yuletide
3. Geographic state of fantasy during the season of Mother Nature's dormancy
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Loyal Followers Advance
6. Arrival Time: 2400 hours, Weather: Cloudless
7. Far off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridors
9. Youthful Percussionist
10. Our Monarchical Trio
11. Father Christmas en route to Borough
12. Initial Christmas
13. The Quadruped with the Vermilion Proboscis
14. Delight for the Planet
15. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
16. Jehovah Dulcify Blithe Chevaliers
17. The Dozen 24-hour Festive Intervals
18. Personally Observe a Trio of Vessels arrive
19. Yokels observing Bovid Mammals during Nocturnal Hours
20. Vaclav the Bon Czech Ruler



Christmas⁺ Carols

Solve the clues below to find well known Christmas Carols/songs

Example..... Nocturnal Noiselessness -- **Silent Night**

21. Singular Yearning for Twin Anterior Incisors
22. Castaneous-coloured Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration
23. Boppin' while circumnavigating the tannenbaum
24. Hence Arriveth Kris Kringle
25. To Decry Matriarchal Osculation of Yuletide Anthropomorph
26. Boulder of the Tinkling Metal Spheres
27. Originally in Regal Welshman's! Metropolis
28. Ilex & Hedera
29. Behold We have a Son
30. Journey by Snow Vehicle
31. Exposed & Barren at Years End
32. Elevated Cheerful Chimes
33. Unspecified People Unaware of Yuletide
34. Observe amongst the Frozen Precipitation
35. Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minute crystals
36. Frozen Precipitation Commence
37. Jovial Yuletide desired, for the second person singular or plural, by us
38. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle
39. Query Regarding Identity of Descendent
40. At the Zenith of the Habitat

