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I ran out of room so there aren't any pictures of the club's new Record Power Coronet Envoy lathe. Look it up online or, even better, visit the workshop and have a go!

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Chairman's Jottings

Hello everyone. Our last demonstration at Walsgrave was given by Les Thorne, and what a good demonstration this was as you will no doubt be reading further into this magazine. I spoke to a few people after the event and each and everyone seemed pleased with the demo.



Our next demonstration at Walsgrave Baptist Church is on Saturday 29th April 2023 when Clem Ansell will be demonstrating. I have never seen one of Clem's demonstrations so I am looking forward to meeting him and enjoying the day.

On 22nd April 2023 our club will be at Axminster's store in Nuneaton demonstrating to the public I will be attending this and I hope you will join me in supporting our club at this event. Axminster have been a sponsor of our monthly newsletter right from the beginning and we have a very good working relationship with them so I hope members will turn up not only to see the demonstrations but to show our appreciation for Axminster's support.

As I said in last months jottings we are attending a few outside events this year the first of which is the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby hosted by the Earl of Denbigh at Newnham Paddox. If you have not been before just enter CV23 0RX into your Sat Nav and that should get you there.

I have had a few volunteers for helping at Woodworks at Daventry on 12th and 13th May but no one has yet volunteered for turning the items in the competitions. I need a volunteer to turn a "Darning Mushroom". Another to turn a "Platter" 8 to 10 inches diameter and a third to turn a "Pair of Candlesticks". Please do your best to help with any of these items and give me a call as soon as possible.

At our AGM which was held in January you voted in favour of the club to purchase a new larger lathe for the workshop. Rob Sheehan was given the task of sorting out the best options to include the ideal specifications for our needs. Rob did a very good job in sorting out a suitable lathe and then the committee asked Eric Taylor to speak to his contacts at different companies to negotiate the best price. This has now been completed and we have a new lathe in the workshop which should please all those members who requested it. I am looking forward to seeing what people can produce on this new machine.

As I said last month, On Sunday 7th May we have been invited to demonstrate our woodturning skills at a Garden Party at Coombe Country Park by the management. We need to use our two gazebos and set up a lathe and a pole lathe plus again some items of work for sale or display. Also we will be loaning our party tent to Coombe so help in erecting this will be most appreciated.

We now have the Raffle Tickets to sell for our annual raffle in aid of the Air Ambulance and CAWT Funds. Please take as many tickets as you can to either purchase yourself or to sell to family and friends. You don't have to pay for them up front although that would be ideal, but you can pay the money in when returning the stubs after you have made the sale. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 28th August 2023 at Coombe Country Park Visitor Centre. Tickets cost £1 each and come in books of five tickets. Please do all you can to help sell as many raffle tickets as possible as you will be doing this for two very good causes.

Thanks for reading all this and hopefully I will be hearing from you.

Stay Safe and keep those bevels rubbing.

Graham

One Line Philosopher:

"Never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it." Stephen Hawking Editor's Note - even a great man can be wrong

This Month's Newsletter Sponsor. Chestnut Products.

Please support our sponsor by buying your finishes and accessories etc from them and don't forget to mention that their sponsorship of our Newsletter is greatly appreciated.

The workshop has a large range of Chestnut products for members to use and I have used Chestnut products for a number of years and can personally recommend them. Our own Eric Taylor always has a stock of Chestnut products for sale at club meetings and demonstrations.

Editor

Chestnut Products (A Company Profile)

Chestnut Products was created in the last decade of the twentieth century and quickly became a major supplier of wood finishing materials to the hobby and professional woodturner as well as to other woodworking disciplines. Terry Smart is a familiar face at shows and demos.



Terry started Chestnut Products as a van sales company, driving to various outlets and fulfilling orders from stock carried on the van. The brand became well known through exhibitions and demand from other parts of the country grew.

Now over 25 years later, Chestnut Products hold an enviable position of being a major supplier to both hobby and professional woodworkers both in UK, Europe and the rest of the world. Chestnut Products is still only a very small company and the personal touch continues.

Terry remains at the helm and there are only two other full time employees to handle all aspects of the company's business.



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A seminar-style weekend of fantastic woodturning! Informative and informal, it's a great opportunity to watch great demonstrators in action, ask questions, and chat to other woodturners. It's possibly the friendliest woodturning event you'll attend! Here are just two comments (of many) about previous Weekenders:

- Thanks for a fabulous weekend. It exceeded our expectations by a country mile - Shirley and Paul H
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Les Thorne Demonstration 18/03/2023 by Rob Sheehan

Les started by showing us a vase made up of three parts: a body made from Ash, a stand made from Sycamore and a lid with a tall, slim finial. He then flipped the lid over to reveal another small, flame finial on the other side. The two finials, either side of the lid, made the vase totally impractical but it was an interesting turning exercise.





Les started with an Ash blank 4 1/2" long by 3 1/2" square. He first demonstrated the correct way to use a spindle roughing gouge (cutting not scraping) and turned it to round. Les cut a chuck spigot on the end with a 10mm round skew. Mounting it in the chuck and bringing up the tail stock for support, Les explained how he would plan the cuts to make the most efficient use of tools and time. Using a spindle gouge, he rounded over the end that would become the top of the vase body. Removing the tail stock, he drilled a hole down the centre to

the required depth as marked by masking tape on the drill. Les prefers to use an engineer's twist drill for this as the flutes clear waste quickly. A forstner bit has to be removed several times to clear the waste. Les then proceeded to hollow the vase using a spindle gouge. Eventually, there was vibration due to too much overhang so Les switched to a Simon Hope hollowing tool. This had an 8mm round tungsten carbide cutter on a

square bar. The cutter is angled so that it is always at the perfect angle when the bar was flat on the tool rest.





Les Thorne Demonstration - continued

He also demonstrated a smaller 6mm cutter. This could remove material quicker but left more lines that the bigger 8mm cutter. To smooth the inside, Les used a tear-drop scraper and a Jason Breach branded negative rake scraper from Henry Taylor.

Then, starting on the outside, Les showed us the most effective cut with a spindle gouge. He then repeated the exact same movement but using a skew chisel, emphasizing the advantages of good tech-After completing the nique. outside shape he turned a spigot on the bottom to fit into the stand. Again, showing the difference between good and bad technique, Les deliberately pressed too hard when shaping the lower curve of the vase. This created a spiral pattern. Les delimited the spiral with two lines using the skew.





The vase stand was next. Mounting a piece of Sycamore 2 1/4" long by 1 3/4" square between centres, Les turned it to round and turned a deliberately too big chuck spigot (leaving extra waste for a jamb chuck). Mounting it in a chuck, he drilled a shallow 10mm hole to match the spigot on the vase body. He turned a bead at the end and a cove in the middle. The waste piece of Sycamore was then used as a jamb chuck to hold the stand as Les turned another bead at the bottom and cleaned up the bottom to a slight concave shape.



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Les Thorne demonstration - continued

Using another piece of Sycamore 5" by 2 3/4" square, Les started on the lid with a finial either side. He did explain that normally he would make it in three pieces (lid, finial 1, finial 2) and join them together rather than waste so much timber but the wood had come from a stack of firewood so he didn't mind the waste. After turning it to round, Les turned a chuck spigot (again deliberately very big). Mounting in a chuck, he turned the long, slim finial using a spindle gouge. Then he turned the lid and kept checking the fit until it fit snugly into the vase. Using the waste Sycamore as another jamb chuck to hold the lid (with extra masking tape as insurance), Les turned the second finial on the bottom of the lid. This time he chose to turn a knob-shaped finial.



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Les Thorne demonstration - continued

Les' second piece of the day was a Spinning Bowl in spalted Beech approx 8" diameter and 2" thick. The lid was made from a piece of Sapele 2 3/4" long and 2 3/4" square. Mounting the bowl blank on a screw chuck, Les trued-up the edge and face. As the bottom was to be rounded, he cut the smallest chucking spigot possible. Using a bowl gouge and a mix of push and pull cuts, Les roughed-out the very rounded bottom. He switched to a smaller 1/4" bowl gouge to refine the shape. Mounting the spigot in a chuck, Les turned the matching curved shape on the top of the bowl and hollowed out the centre. Again, he had to use a combination of push and pull cuts to follow the grain direction on the curved surface.



Using the hollowed-out centre as a chucking recess, Les could remove the chuck spigot on the bottom of the bowl.

The lid blank was mounted between centres, turned to round and a chuck spigot cut. Les shaped the lid and kept checking the fit. Once he

was happy, Les add v-cuts to decorate the bottom of the lid. He then used a jamb chuck to hold the lid while he turned the flame finial.

It was an interesting demo with Les explaining the best way to do each cut and the best tool to use. Most important when you have to make your living from turning commissioned pieces for customers.





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No pressure pot needed for the clear resin covering the decorative buttons on the rim of this plate. However, Trevor did warm the resin on a radiator before pouring and he used a paint-stripping heat gun to warm the poured resin to remove any air bubbles.



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Guide to Basic Woodworking Routing for Beginners The Woodworker's Handbook

We now have 65 books to borrow. The charge is £1 per book which is refunded when the book is returned. A list of them all with brief description is available to view on the Club's website. Hard copies also available if you prefer.

Some books appear to have been out on loan for years. Please check your shelves and return if finished with - no fines will be imposed!

Booking Training Sessions

Michael Archer is now handling all training session bookings. Please phone him on . Leave a message if there is no answer. Do not book a session without Michael's prior agreement.

50/50 March Raffle

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Equipment For Sale

Charnwood Tools 8" table saw (Charnwood sell it for £939.00). Mine is about 4 years old, complete. Only cut about 20 sheets of wood. Offers around £350.00. Buyer to collect. ontact Geoff Burrell.









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Activities of other clubs in the Midlands area

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In Store at Axminster, Nuneaton

Saturday 22nd April	Coombe Abbey Woodturners			
North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners				
Tuesday 4th April	Preparation for Woodworks at Daventry			
Contact Steve Obrien	01788-521527			
Tudor Rose Woodturne	rs			
Thursday 13th April Thursday 27th April				
Contact Colin Smith	07939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk			
West Midlands Woodturners				
Contact John He	9.15 – 16.30 Demonstration by Les Thorne ooper 0121 354 8464			
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Wednesday 5th April Wednesday 19th April	Geoff Warr and April competition. Roger Gilbert.			
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Workshop Lessons

Two more trainees attending lessons at the Coombe workshop. Phil Steele was teaching Christina, and Rob Sheehan was teaching Matt.



Equipment For Sale - continued

After buying a new workshop lathe, Coombe Abbey Woodturning club



is selling one of their Vicmark VL100 lathes including stand, drive centre, live centre faceplate and knockout bar. A chuck is NOT included. Asking price is £250. Contact Graham Ball, Lee

Cartwright or Eric Taylor

Joke from Bill Nicholson



Newark Show 2023 By Rob Sheehan

Here are some photos from the Newark show. We had plenty of snow which might have put people off travelling but, North of Leicester, there was no snow at all! Most items are from the Lincolnshire Woodturners.





Newark Show - continued









Newark Show - continued







Newark Show - continued









The following are being sold by Pete Bickley. All are in very good condition and with the exception of the air filter, have their manuals.

Record Power SS16V Scrollsaw £50.00

includes selection of blades, pack of Olson sanding strips, blade holder upgrade kit



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Axminster AW16BMST Bench Morticer £100.00 Incudes riser block and boxed set of chisels. Very little use



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Teaching Success at Coombe Abbey Woodturners

Five members of the club have earned AWGB accreditation for teaching new members. This will help us to give more lessons in our workshop and hopefully encourage more people into the art of Woodturning.

The session took place at our workshop at Coombe Abbey on January 12th 2023. AWGB officers Steve Gordon and Dave Atkinson carried out the assessment.

Members Phil Steele and Giles Headley were first with pupils Andy McDonald and Frank Barnes. Each member had to demonstrate how they would introduce new people to the art of Woodturning: all about the lathe, the stance and the tools that were to be used. Then go through a lesson with a trainee on the lathe.

The next members were Pat Hanley and Lee Cartwright with pupils Tony Nicholson and John Parkes. Again the results were very good and the assessors were quite happy. After lunch, the last member Don Kildin was assessed with pupil Michelle Standbridge. Everything went well and satisfied the assessor Steve Gordon. Michelle is the wife of one of our members. She also helps in the kitchen on the days we have demonstrations. Michelle seems to have taken naturally to woodturning

All five members received their certificates.

We wish our five club members many thanks for taking part in the training programme and hope they continue giving lessons to anyone wishing to learn the art of woodturning.

As a club we offer two, two hour lessons free of charge. After the two lessons the person would have to join our club and the AWGB if they wished to continue with woodturning. The lessons are free but the pupil can donate to our nominated charity which is the Air ambulance.

Eric Taylor

Calendar of Events 2023

January 7	AGM	Walsgrave		
January 29	Committee Meeting	Coombe		
February 17	Pat Hanley	Shilton		
March 18	Les Thorne	Walsgrave		
April 16	Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby			
April 22	Coombe demonstrating at Axminster			
April 29	Clem Ansell	Walsgrave		
April 30	Committee Meeting	Coombe		
May 7th	Coombe Abbey Garden Part	у		
May 12/13	Woodworks@Daventry			
June 16	Steve Heeley	Shilton		
July 8	Emma Cook	Walsgrave		
September 9	Demo by Two Members	Walsgrave		
October 20	Paul Fryer	Shilton		
December 9	Christmas party 12:30 start	Walsgrave		

Meeting Locations:

Walsgrave Baptist Church, 10am - 4pm Hinckley Road, Coventry, CV2 2EX.

Shilton Village Hall, 6:30pm - 9pm Wood Lane, Shilton, CV7 9JZ

Next Meeting

Demonstration by Clem Ansell Saturday 29th April at Walsgrave Baptist Church 10 am start

Coming up Friday June 16th Demonstration by Steve Heeley