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## From the Editor



No demonstrations to report this month, only the Hands-On session at Shilton. Phil Steele was on the Pole Lathe

and I was demonstrating pen turning. Not a lot of people attended but a couple of people had a go on the pole lathe and I had one volunteer to make a pen. All went well and we had plenty of shavings to clean up at the end.

Plenty is happening in the wood turning world in the coming months. Chestnut Products are holding their Woodturning Weekender on 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Godiva Festival is on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Gary Rance demo is on 10<sup>th</sup> September, Yandles have an open day on 10<sup>th</sup> September. The AWGB seminar is on 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October and the Harrogate show is back on 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> November.

There are rumours that even Woodworks@Davertry will be back next year. Happy days! Good on Tudor Rose woodturning club.

Not many articles again this month so, unless you want to see lots of me in the newsletter, get writing and send a photo.

*Phil*

## Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all. I hope that you are all keeping well and active now that we are reasonably free from the dreaded Covid.



Unfortunately we have amongst us a large elderly membership who do not enjoy such good health and I

have joined these ranks recently. I spent 15 hours in A&E at the Walsgrave hospital where I had a scan on my spine to see if I had broken any bones amongst other problems I was suffering from. I am pleased to say I had not broken any bones, but I am still suffering some pain in my neck and spine and have told myself just to get on with life and enjoy myself.

So with fresh philosophy at the forefront of my mind I went along to our Hands-On meeting at Shilton Village Hall determined to enjoy myself. I am sure Rob Sheehan our newsletter editor will fill you all in about what went on at the meeting, but I was the first to arrive and last to leave. Only twelve members turned up including the demonstrators which was a great shame but I was determined to have a go on the Pole Lathe which Phil Steele had brought along. You may not believe it but this was my very first time on the pole lathe. Correction - If you saw my efforts at turning on this lathe you would certainly say I am no expert and my turning left a lot to be desired.

As I said earlier I was determined not to let my recent infirmity get in the way of woodturning and to this end I took along my small Vicmarc lathe for Rob Sheehan to use for his pen making use. My workshop is at the top of my rear garden so I used the wheelbarrow to bring everything needed down all the steps to my garage and loaded up the car. Of course this all has to be done in reverse when I got back from the meeting but the satisfaction of a job well done was worth all the effort.

### *One Line Philosopher:*

"Don't just learn, experience. Don't just criticize, encourage. Don't just take, give. Don't just dream, do. Don't just talk, act. Don't just exist, live."  
Roy T. Bennett

Now getting back to the poor turnout at the meeting, can I urge all our members to take a page out of my book and try to attend our next meeting at Walsgrave Baptist church, a little willpower may be needed but I am sure you can do it. The Godiva Festival comes up before then and we will need volunteers to help out over the two days we will be attending. If you can spare some time please help out, the more people determined to help us the better, as this will spread the load and take a lot off the shoulders of the few.

Stay Safe and keep those bevels rubbing.

*Graham*

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## Demonstration at Axminster

By Peter Wright



Hope this finds you well, just wanted to say a few words about Axminster demo.

As usual I arrived early to set up my tools on the bench in readiness for my demo. I began just after 10 o'clock.

I introduced myself and what I intended to turn, which was a bud vase. Not long after I started I realised the piece of wood I had chosen was not the best but I pressed on and was able to show the few people watching how easy it is to make something useful. Unfortunately I had to leave early due to ill health and would like to thank Lee for taking over.

Whilst I was at Axminster my wife, Audrey had been trolling the internet and spotted these two little gnomes. As soon as they arrived she declared they needed a bench. Yes, yours truly came up trumps. The things we have to do to keep our little ladies happy.

Cheers, Pete





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By Phil Steele

Thanks to Roger Smith for the Photos.

Phil turned a small lidded box. As a bonus, he even managed to turn a very good thread on the lid.



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## Hands On Shilton 15/7/2022

By Rob Sheehan



Quite a low turnout but those that did attend appeared to have fun. Phil Steele set up his Pole Lathe and I used Graham Ball's lathe to turn pens. A couple of people had a go on the Pole Lathe and I had one volunteer to turn a pen.



I turned my current favourite pen, an Axminster Aromatherapy twist pen. I used a Craft Supplies (now Turners Retreat) acrylic pen blank. This requires its own bushings and a 3/8" drill. After sanding, it was polished with Micromesh pads (1500 - 12000 grit) leaving it nice and shiny.

My volunteer Sarah Hall then turned a simple Axminster Art Deco 7mm twist pen with the same Craft Supplies acrylic pen blank. She made a very nice pen too.



The Pole Lathe with plenty of shavings. Phil demonstrated how to use it and then a couple of people had a go.

My pen display and pen blank display just appear in the bottom corner. Part of my display was a Celtic knot in a pen blank. The four assembly stages were on display as was a black and white multi-segmented pen. Messy to make as glue gets everywhere but much cheaper than buying a ready-made blank from Turners Retreat.

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## Members Work - Rob Sheehan



Last month, Bill Nicholson turned a corian bowl and covered his lathe in wispy shavings. Not to be outdone, I recently turned a resin bowl at Bulkington Volunteer Friends charity workshop. Very messy but fun! The resin blank had been cast by Gaynor, one of our students. The blank had a few cracks and holes so I left the walls quite thick. It polished up nicely using micromesh pads.



Some of you may know that I have a laser engraving machine. This is one of three Zodiac plates that I turned, burned and coloured. Two were presents for my brother and sister and the third was for me. Unfortunately, my neighbour had the same zodiac sign as me so she had my plate. Never mind, I guess I can turn another.



Another request from Bulkington Volunteer Friends. A lady had cast this resin plate and wanted a stand for it. The stand was cut on my band saw from Tulipwood and the buttons, also Tulipwood, turned on my lathe. It makes quite an impressive display.

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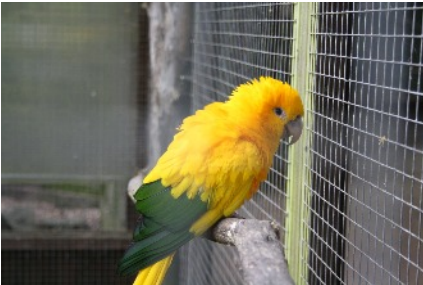
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By Rob Sheehan

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## Basket Illusion

By Rob Sheehan



The basket illusion was made popular by David Nittmann although many others have practised the craft. I decided to have a go. I first produced a small platter to see what I could achieve. Then I had a go at a hollow(ish) form. I used a 6mm beading tool to create the beads. I then “cheated” and used my laser engraver to create the burn lines between the rings and the radial lines. It would have been quicker to create the circular lines on the lathe but the radial lines were much easier, faster and probably more accurate done by machine. I did need to manually burn some lines where the engraved lines were a bit light. After planning the pattern on my computer, I coloured the segments with Derwent “Inktense” pencils bought at a show. The prototype showed that lines near the centre didn’t work hence the rim on the top and the plain circles on the bottom



Left - the prototype. 4” diameter

Below Left - Top view. 10” diameter, 100 radial lines, 16 beads

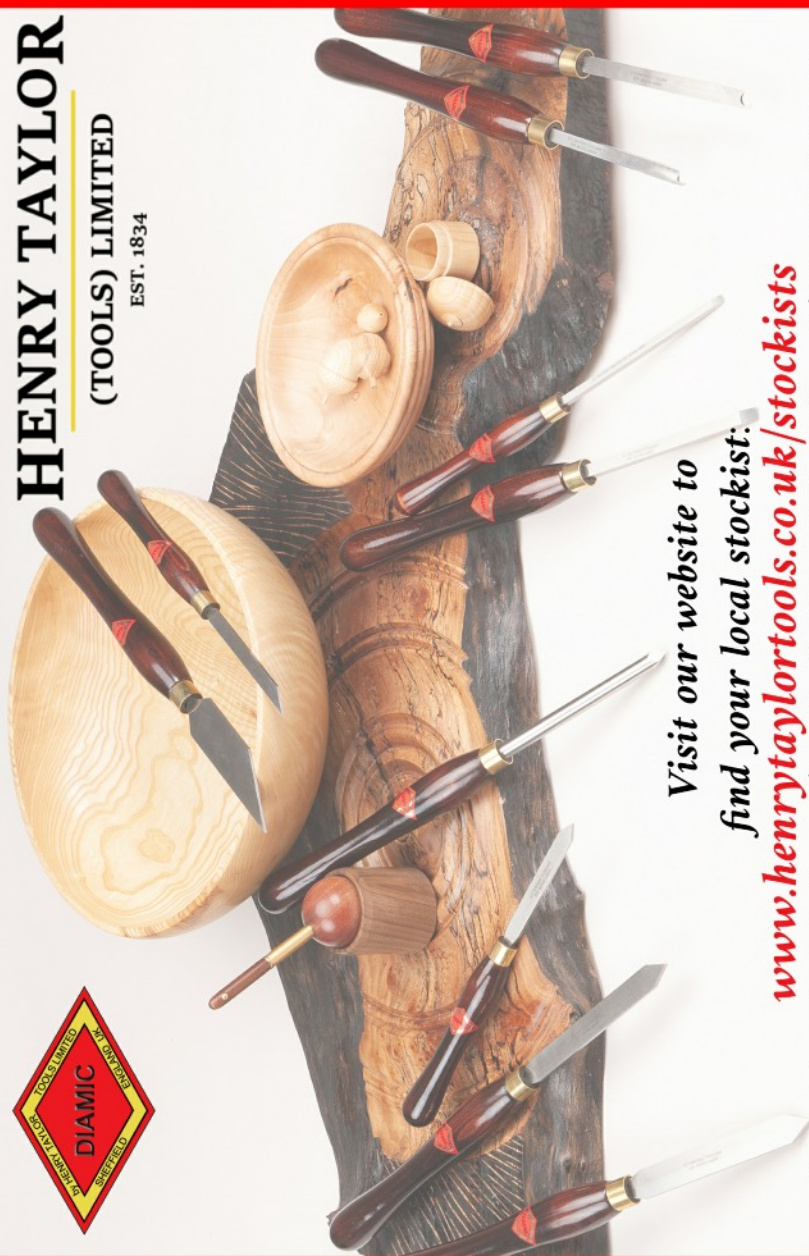
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#### **Austin's Trophy**

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### **Coombe Abbey Artisan Market**

From now until Christmas, Coombe Abbey will be hosting an Artisan Market. It will be held on the second Sunday of every month. The club will have an unofficial stand at the back of the workshop to take advantage of the large number of people expected to attend.

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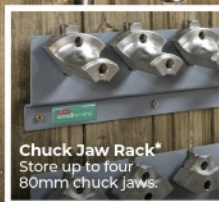
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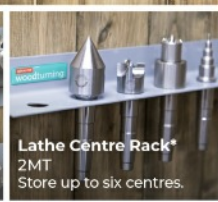
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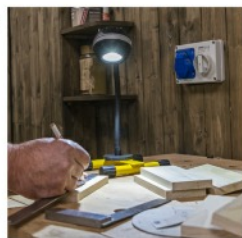
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### **Godiva Festival 3-4 September**

Coombe will be attending this festival. Volunteers are required to help with set up and break down on both days as well as providing information to visitors. Please speak to a committee member to give whatever help you can.

### **Coombe Workshop**

The Coombe workshop is fully open again. Training and lessons will resume immediately. See Eric Taylor to book two free lessons for potential members.

### **Non Member Visitors to Coombe Demonstrations**

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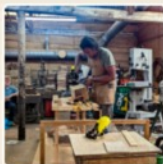
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### **In Store At Axminster, Nuneaton**

Saturday 6th August Peanut Jointing Jig Demonstration

### **North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners**

Tuesday August 2nd Hands-On Project part 3

Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> Thread Chasing

Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

### **Tudor Rose Woodturners**

Thursday 11th August Hands On (Training)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August Stan and Martin

Contact Colin Smith 07939-004375 [communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk](mailto:communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk)

### **West Midlands Woodturners**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August Demonstration by Gary Rance

Contact John Hooper 0121 354 8464

### **West Northants Woodturners**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Ken Garratt and August competition.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August Richard Coleman.

Contact Tom Donnely 01327 349093

### **Trent Valley Woodturners**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August Demonstration by Robin Barlow

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## Calendar of Events 2022

September 3-4 Godiva Festival

September 10 Gary Rance Walsgrave

October 8 David Atkinson Walsgrave

November 11-13 Harrogate Show

November 19 Mick Hanbury Walsgrave

**December 3 Christmas party 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 Gary Rance**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Walsgrave Baptist Church  
10 am to 4 pm**

### **Coming up**

**A Demonstration by Dave Atkinson**