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## From the Editor



Inside you will find the demonstration by Mick Hanbury. He makes turning and colouring look too easy.

Eric has booked a great line up of demonstrations for next year. See the back page for details.

The Christmas party is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December so get working on your competition pieces (see page 22).

Tony Townsend's bonnet box can be found on page 32 and I have included a few photos from the Harrogate show on page 33.

Also check out the Notices and Members' Work sections. Some beautiful members' work was displayed at Mick Hanbury's demo.

AWGB subs are due. Lee can't make the AGM so please check out the Notices (page 20) for dates when he will be collecting subs at the Coombe workshop.

We also have some new items wanted and for sale.

*Rob*

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## Chairman's Jottings

Hello again to all our members and friends in other clubs.

We have had another brilliant demonstration at Walsgrave Baptist Church, this time Mick Hanbury was the demonstrator. We are still struggling to get a



good turnout for these demonstrations which is a shame because if you weren't there you missed a treat.

The meeting dates are booked at the Baptist Church and at Shilton for 2023 and some of the demonstrators have also been booked so another year of demonstrations to look forward to.

I am now looking ahead to the club's Christmas Party and Competitions which takes place on Saturday 3rd December 2022. It will be a smaller affair to previous years as some people have not renewed their membership after the Covid Lockdown, but it is a start to getting back to normal.

On the question of membership the AGM takes place on Saturday 7th January 2023 and subscriptions fall due on 1st January so I hope you will come along to this important meeting and renew your subs and take part in voting in the committee for 2023. If any member would like to serve on the committee in any capacity you will be very welcome and appreciated.

As I said in last months Newsletter, a group of members will be undergoing tutor assessments, so we will need volunteers as novice turners to be taught by these Tutors during the assessments. This will take place on Thursday 12th January 2023 in the club workshop at Coombe Country Park. If you would like to put your name forward then please get in touch with any committee member prior to this date. Thank you in anticipation.

*One Line Philosopher:*

“The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it.”  
Epicurus

There is a steady flow of members of the public requiring woodturning lessons so more tutors are needed. After each member of the public has completed two lessons and decide they would like to continue they have to join the club as bone fide members and they will continue to be insured to receive further lessons. In the past this has proved to be an excellent way to swell our membership and of course helps to get more people attending our demonstration meetings at Walsgrave Baptist Church and at Shilton Village Hall.

Here is a picture that will warm the heart.

This is Nathaniel Callard but he likes to be called Nate. Nate has received two lessons in the workshop and this is him with the fruits of his second lesson. I am sure Nate wont mind me telling you that he is severely disabled so this was a great achievement for him and this is reflected in the picture.



Club member Jim Napier made a wooden platform which raised a stool for Nate to sit on to the required height at the lathe, and Terry Ivins gave Nate the two lessons. Nate has now joined the club so I am sure you will see a few more pictures of him and his work in the future.

Stay Safe and keep those bevels rubbing.



*Graham*

PS - two more training sessions and two very happy trainees. Thanks to trainers Pat and Terry.



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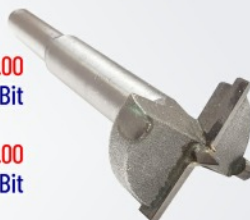
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## Mick Hanbury Demonstration

19/11/22 by Rob Sheehan



Mick has demonstrated at the club on several occasions.

He now tries to produce more artistic work like wall hangings and cabinet pieces rather than functional bowls that, no matter how nice, will never fetch the same price



Mick started with a very unbalanced Horse Chestnut burr about 10" diameter. First he prised off all the loose bark. This left a blank with almost 1/3 missing on one edge. Working at 650 rpm, Mick used a 1/2" bowl gouge and brought it more into balance so that he could increase the turning speed for a better cut. The tail stock provides extra safety



Mick cut a chuck spigot and shaped the outside to a gentle curve. His finishing cut was made with a newly sharpened 1/4" bowl gouge. Mick sanded using a rotary sander as sanding by hand would be dangerous with so much timber missing. Wet sanding with a beeswax/oil mix kept the dust down.



Mounting the piece on the chuck spigot, Mick started on the face side.

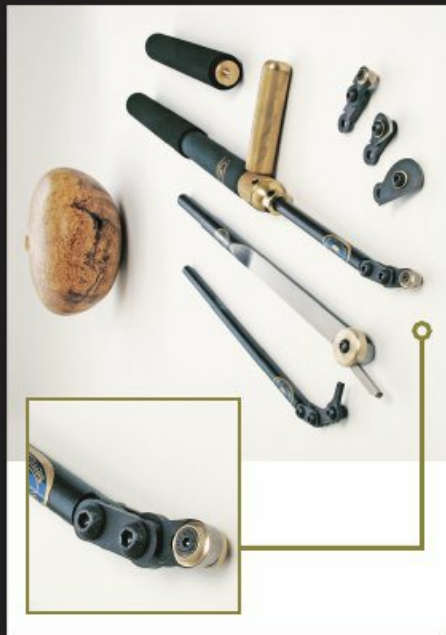


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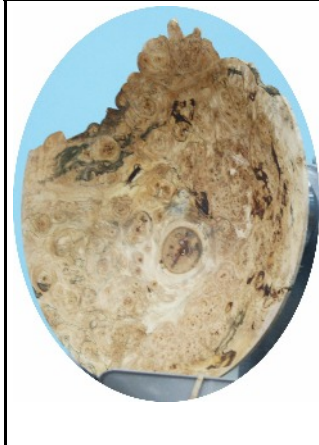
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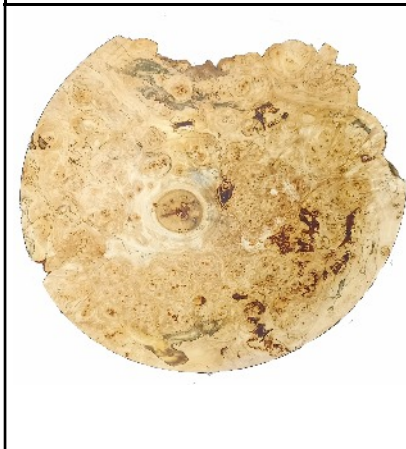
## Mick Hanbury continued



Mick hollowed out the bowl starting at the edge. He cut down no more than 1" and made sure the wall was an even thickness. He then cut down another 1". By the time he had reached the centre, the outside was very flexible and had moved so it would be impossible to go back and refine the edge again.



Not so obvious on the picture. The oiled bowl has a deeper colour. Mick recommended Odie's Oil. It needs to be used very frugally (as it is quite expensive) and it feeds and strengthens the wood.

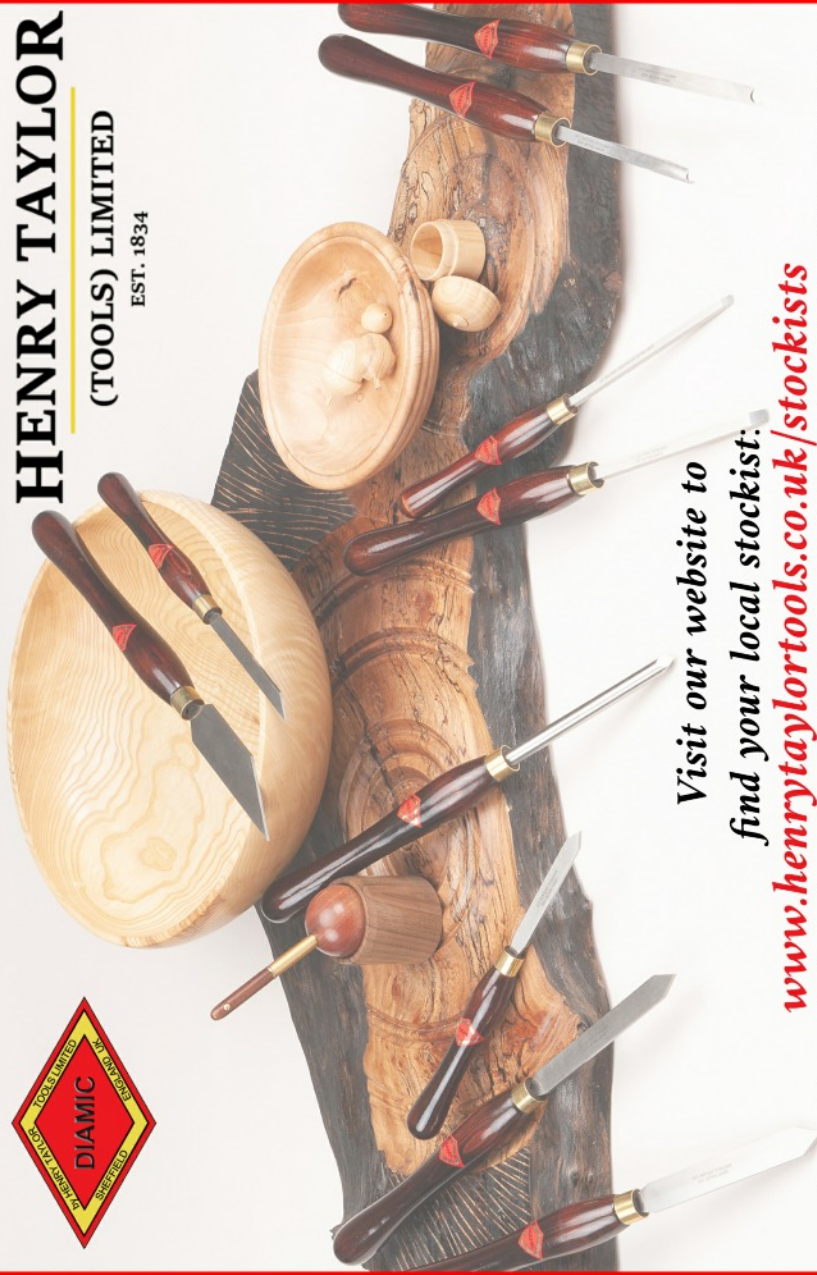


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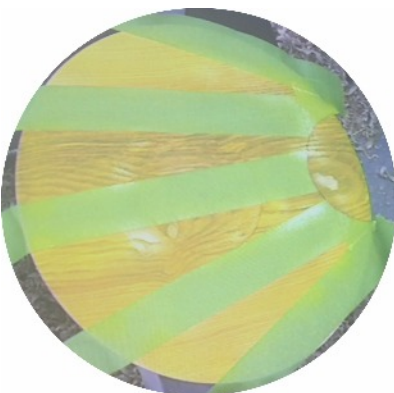
## Mick Hanbury continued



Mick's second project was a Sunburst platter. The reverse was turned with a chucking spigot and an ogee shape. Sanded and finished with Mick's own beeswax and oil mix.



After turning the face side to a shallow convex curve and sanding, Mick masked the face with Frog Tape. This is better than masking tape for keeping a sharp edge.



Mick used a Iwata Nero airbrush (£60) and cheap airbrush paints (£30 for 12). The Iwata compressor (£500) was set to 20 psi. The first colour was yellow. This was flooded all over the unmasked areas..



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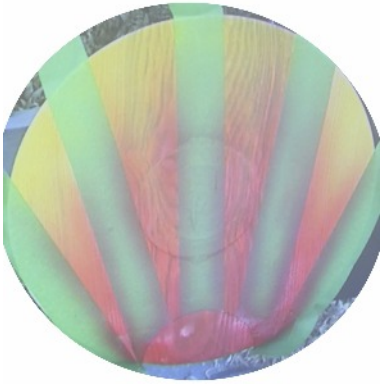
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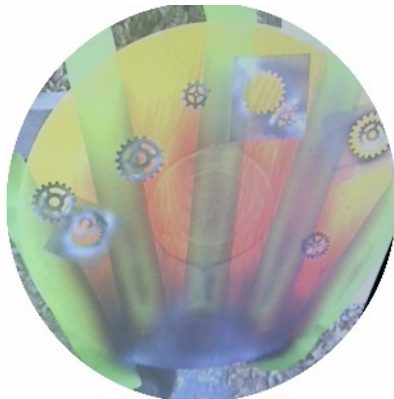


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## Mick Hanbury continued



The next colour was Red. This was concentrated at the base and lighter sprays towards the edges. Blue, black and grey followed.



Mick then applied gear wheel stencils (available from Axminster) to give a Steam Punk look. These were outlined or shaded in black and white.



The finished piece. Tape removed and wax/oil mix applied. Surprisingly, it didn't lift the paint.

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## Mick Hanbury continued



Mick's third project was a shield wall hanging from 10" Sycamore. He first turned the back with an undercut rim to allow for wall mounting. He also created a 50mm chuck recess. Because wood turners will also look at it, Mick also decorated the back. He would not normally do this as it will never be seen.



Mick then turned, sanded and sealed the face. Note the defined rim and outer centre. These areas will be natural timber on the finished piece.



Jo Sonja's iridescent colours work best on a dark background. Colours are applied darkest first to lightest. Mick applied two coats of chestnut ebonizing lacquer followed by one coat of clear gloss melamine lacquer.



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## Mick Hanbury continued



Mick played around with various designs. Scales (seen here) tyre tread and finally leaves.

The blue was mixed equal parts with flow medium. The green was mixed with approx 25% flow medium and the yellow with only a little bit of flow medium.



The final design. Long green leaves at the back and shorter leaves at the front. The centre has been painted gold. Mick used the end of the brush to add wavy radial lines to the gold.



The final shield. The rim and outer centre has been cut back to natural wood. They have then been textured with a Sorby texturing wheel. Two coats of Chestnut Melamine lacquer seal the shield.







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### **Kitchen Volunteer Wanted**

We need a volunteer to bake the potatoes when Jill can't make it. All training will be provided. See Jill, Lee or Eric.

### **Harris C of E Academy Rugby**

**Volunteers needed.** Coombe Woodturners have been approached by the school. They would like a woodturning demonstration. Anyone interested in taking a lathe & demonstrating should contact Graham or Lee. Date to be arranged but will be next year.

### **Booking Training Sessions**

Terry Ivins is now handling all training session bookings.

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## Mick Hanbury continued



Mick's last project of the day was a square bowl in spalted Maple. He cut a chuck spigot and turned a simple curve on the outside. Just right of centre you can see a black ring with a white centre. This is silica (hardened sand) which took the edge off Mick's gouge very quickly. He had to keep going back to the grinder to re-sharpen his tools.



Mick then turned the inside. Taking lots of care to get the wall thickness even, Mick left a rim on the centre bowl. This adds a shadow and improves the look of the piece.



The final square bowl. Sanded and oiled with Mick's beeswax and oil mix. Sorry about the camera distortion, the bowl really was square.

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## Activities of other clubs in the Midlands area

As a matter of courtesy and to ensure that there is space available to accommodate members wishing to visit other clubs demo's, please use the contact telephone number where shown.

### In Store At Axminster, Nuneaton

Saturday 26th November Timberkits Creative Workshop  
Saturday 10th December Sean Evelegh Unique Bandsaw Box Demo

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### North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday December 6th Christmas Party  
Tuesday January 3rd Hands On  
Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

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### Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 8th December Christmas Party  
Contact Colin Smith 07939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk

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### West Midlands Woodturners

18th December 9.15 – 16.30 hrs Demonstration – Steve Heeley  
Contact John Hooper 0121 354 8464

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### West Northants Woodturners

7th December Roger Gilbert and December competition.  
21st December Gerald Hubbard and Mick Denton  
Contact Tom Donnelly 01327 349093

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### Trent Valley Woodturners

Thursday December 8th Christmas Social  
Contact Ian Ethell <https://www.trentvalleywoodturners.co.uk/contact/>



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## **Austin and Rhodes Trophies**

by Margaret Mitchell-King

As December approaches and hopefully the Austin and Rhodes trophies will be awarded, we thought past, current and future recipients would appreciate a quick update. Originally the trophies were donated to Coombe Abbey Woodturners following the births of two grandsons to the late member, Cliff King. Time has flown by since then and the boys are now young adults in their own right, but still enjoy reading the Coombe Abbey Woodturners magazine to find out who has been awarded their respective trophies!

Both are now professional ice hockey players, combining their sport with studying at degree level. Austin (age 21 years) is in his second year at Loughborough University studying Automotive Engineering, and Rhodes (age 19 years) has just started at Warwick University studying Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering. Both boys attended The Hill Academy in Toronto after their GCSEs, in order to pursue their ice hockey careers alongside their education, but after leaving High School, Austin's signing with Brampton Admirals in Ontario didn't materialise due to the pandemic, so he returned home. Fortunately, his GB U18 opportunities weren't affected, although one year at U20s was, and he holds an IIHF World Championship Gold Medal at U18s, and Bronze at U20s. Rhodes on the other hand managed a gap year after his A level equivalents, playing out in the States for Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings in the USPHL, but sadly was unable to represent his country at U18s despite being selected, again due to the pandemic. However, last year he made the GB U20s team, returning with a World Championship Bronze medal and has just secured a place in this year's team and will travel out to Kaunas, Lithuania to take part in the IIHF World Championships 11-18<sup>th</sup> December. As it'll be his last chance at U20s level, we hope Team GB will be in the medals one way or another!

Austin played his first professional role (as a Forward) for Telford Tigers last season, helping them to win the National Ice Hockey League (NIHL is Tier 2 in the UK), even scoring the penalty shot winner in one game where both regulation and overtime resulted in a draw. Due to travelling logistics he has moved to Peterborough Phantoms for the 2022-23 season, and is enjoying the new challenge. Rhodes secured his first professional

role this season, being head-hunted by Austin's former Coach, and is now a key Defenceman for Telford Tigers. It goes without saying that both players do a lot of travelling to games and training! Last season Austin was also on a two-way contract with Coventry Blaze in the Elite League (Tier 1), and this year they have also secured Rhodes on a similar contract (see photo). To say the least it's a challenge trying to maintain studying at degree level alongside their professional commitments, but if you really want something, then strive you must!

Therefore, we hope this resumé will be of interest to the current membership and we wish you all continued success with your wood working endeavours and every good wishes to the Club going forward into 2023.

Kind regards,  
Margaret Mitchell-King



**Austin** #21 Coventry Blaze  
#24 Peterborough Phantoms

**Rhodes** #19 Coventry Blaze  
#91 Telford Tigers

## **Bonnet Box**

by Tony Townsend

Hi Rob I hope you are well. This is my latest project a bonnet box with pink ivory bow.

Regards

Tony Townsend



# Harrogate Woodworking Show 2022

by Rob Sheehan



Back after three years absence due to Covid, I went on the Friday. Several other members were also there but I didn't see them. According to Mick Hanbury, Friday and Saturday were packed, with Sunday being a bit quieter. I bought two Yew planks for £80 and a gallon of epoxy resin for £75, intending to make a river table. I also purchased some spalted Beech bowl blanks and some metallic flakes from Emma Cook. Here are a few photos...



Emma Cook Gonks top left/right

West Riding carvers bottom left/right

# Members' Work

Displayed at Mick Hanbury demo 19/11/22







## Calendar of Events 2022

December 3      Christmas party      Walsgrave

## Calendar of Events 2023

January 7      AGM      Walsgrave  
February 17      Pat Hanley      Shilton  
March 18      Les Thorne      Walsgrave  
April 29      Clem Ansell      Walsgrave  
May 12/13      Woodworks@Daventry  
June 16      Steve Heeley      Shilton  
July 8      Emma Cook      Walsgrave  
September 9      Two Members Demos      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 Christmas Party

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Walsgrave Baptist Church  
12:30 for 1pm start

### Coming up

AGM 7<sup>th</sup> January at Walsgrave Baptist Church