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From the Editor



I am very pleased to inform you that Robert Sheehan has agreed to step into my shoes as the new Editor of the club newsletter. Rob has been producing the North Warwickshire and Hinckley Club newsletter for some time now so he is no stranger to the task. Rob will begin by producing the March edition and I of course will give him every assistance he needs to settle into the position. I do implore all members to support Rob by sending him content for the newsletter in the form of pictures and articles and any other news you may have in the same way as you have supported me. A good newsletter/magazine relies on the membership for it to be a success.



Robert Sheehan

I will not be giving up my membership of the club so if you find it more convenient to send me items for the newsletter in the short term I will of course pass them on to Rob.

I would like to wish all members the very best for the future, and thank you for your support.

Graham

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Vice Chairman's Jottings

Firstly, I would like to thank all those for attending the AGM.

We held a committee meeting on Sunday 23 January to resolve some of the issues that were brought up at the AGM. We spoke about a booking system at the workshop. At this time, we felt due to members attending but not using the lathes, we do not need a booking system but will keep looking at the workshops use and review a booking system at a later date.



Peter Carless

I would like to thank a member for coming forward to volunteer to look after the newsletter and build a new Website for the Club. My thanks go to Graham who has been Editor for many years.

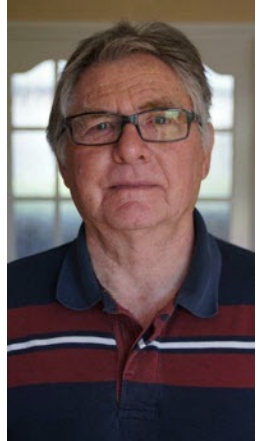
Thank you to those who put up nominations to select a charity for 2022, the committee decided to stay with the Air Ambulance, but next year we will leave the nomination and selection to the members at the next AGM.

Safety and cleanliness in the workshop are important and we will be putting in place measures to counteract these problems. A new Cam vac will be purchased for the new Lathe. A cleaning schedule will be introduced and a record kept

Peter

Work by Bill Randle

Hi Graham, hope you are keeping well and all the members of Coombe Abbey Woodturners. This is my latest wood turning effort after a Christmas break, 3 ring / trinket hinge lid boxes using the Prokraft woodturners box hinge, and these are the 80mm dia ones. The boxes are made from Tulip Wood, Purple Heart and I think Rose Wood but not sure. The height of the boxes are 75mm to 90mm and have been finished using Chestnut Cut'n'Polish then Carnauba Wax Stick. I would just like to say how well made the hinges are from Prokraft and are also made in 56mm and 100mm dia.



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One Line Philosopher:

Friendship is the one bright light, that keeps on burning day and

This Months Newsletter Sponsor.

I would like to thank Paul Wragg of “Henry Taylor Tools” for agreeing to sponsor this issue of our Newsletter. The support given to Coombe Abbey Woodturners in this way by the woodturning trade is essential for helping to maintain a thriving woodturning club. Henry Taylor Tools have also been very generous in the past in donating tools for our workshop at Coombe which opened for the first time in August 2007. The club membership has swelled greatly in this time meaning that there are more and more people taking up the hobby who will be requiring turning tools.

I would urge club members to support our sponsor by buying their excellent turning and carving tools which can be obtained through the local agent - our very own club member - Eric Taylor (no relation). If Eric hasn't got the tool you require in stock, he will be able to obtain it for you in double quick time.

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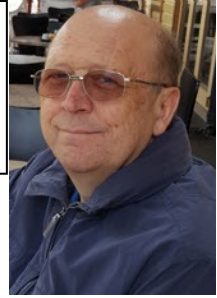
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In the Workshop

Drill bit sharpening

By
Philip Stephens



If your anything like me, then over time you will start to collect a large number of drill bits both imperial and metric. It's also with certainty that you will need to use drills for boring guide holes using your arbor on your lathe's tailstock or using the drilling process as part of the prep work to support your lathe work. As the drills start to blunt, at some point you will need to think about replacing the drill bits or sharpening them. Sharpening drill bits can be done by line of sight on a grinder providing you can keep the angle correct and remove the exact amount of material of both cutting edges to keep the central cutting point to the drill; or you can buy a drill bit sharpener unit or grinder attachment to do the job. In this article I'm looking at possible options for regrinding drill bits.

The two units I have looked at are both by Sealey, but there are a number of company solutions on the market but whatever brand your prefer. They all fall into the same basic two categories of an independent separate unit or an add-on attachment from a separate supplier or the manufacturer of the grinder unit itself.

The first, the Sealey SMS2008, is a drill bit sharpener unit which uses a diamond cutting wheel to sharpen any HSS titanium, cobalt , carbon steel or split point drill bits from 3mm to 13mm. The unit is self-contained and comes with an alignment jig which allows you to keep the drills cutting edges at the correct angle and only takes off what is needed to sharpen the cutting edges. The second, is the Sealey SMS01, which is the attachment counterpart

for any existing wheel grinder system. This unit doesn't come with a separate alignment



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jig or grinder and requires more manual adjustment to grind the correct angles on a drill.

Just a safety notices to start:



It is recommended to always wear safety goggles when using any of the drill bit devices.

Process for sharpening a drill bit using sharpener unit device



Place your blunt drill loosely in the setting lever tool supplied with the sharpening unit



Depress the setting lever on top of the sharpening unit and insert the setting lever tool into the unit and align the drill for grinding.



Remove the setting lever tool with the align drill and switch on the unit. Place the bit holder into the sharpening port and gently turn the setting lever tool until the grinding noise has stopped. Remove the bit holder and rotate it 180° then reinsert the bit holder, repeating the operation for the second side of the drill.



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Process for sharpening a drill bit using an add-on attachment for a grinder

Note: for safety the recommended alignment of an add-on drill bit should be from the front of the grinding wheel. The tool can be used on the side of the grinding wheel however, this is **NOT** recommended and can weaken or add stress to the grinding wheel which may cause it to fracture at high speed. The curve of the front end of the grinding wheel does not affect the cutting edge of the drill or its sharpness.



Left:

Place your blunt drill in the attachment tool



Right:

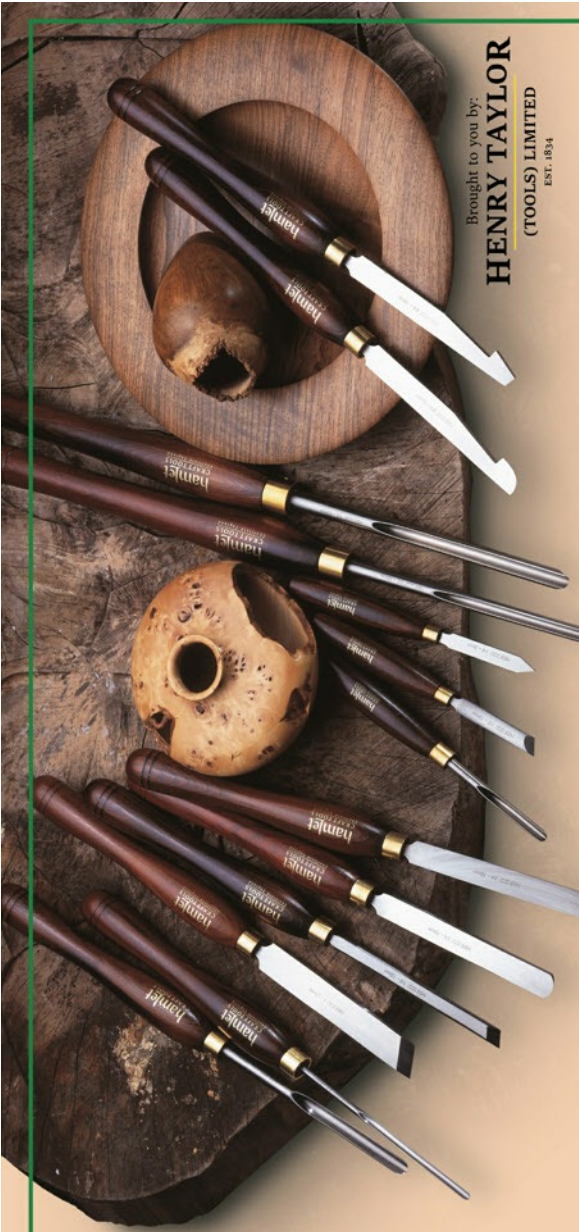
Make sure the end of the drill is sitting in the adjustment side



Make sure the lip rest black bar is adjusted inside the drill you intend to cut. Use the adjustment screws to slide and adjust the lip rest bar so that it is about 1- 2mm from the drill cutting edge. Tighten the locking bar screw to hold the drill.

The unit is fitted with a drill cutting clearance angle adjustment which changes the cutting edge angle to achieve the desired cutting clearance. For wood turning I would recommend an angle of about 68° which will use 100% of the diameter of the drill bit when cutting wood.





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Start your angle grinder and move the attachment tool back and forward across the grinder till no more sparks are produced.



Unclamp and rotate the drill by 180° to cut the second edge by repeating the process as above.

Conclusions

Both the units are limited to sharpening only standard twist and ground type drills bits. You can't sharpen Forstner, wood twist, bead point or auger drill bits with these systems; most of these types of drills have multiple cutting edges and require hand sharpening. However, the above solutions do offer an alternative to hand sharpening of small twist drill bits at a reasonable price.

Sealey SMS2008 drill bit sharpener unit: The unit is very compact, simple to use and to can sharpen the edge of a drill to a standard that can help prevent tearing of the wood when drilling with a blunt drill. It also can handle longer twist drill bits than its attachment counterpart.

Its disadvantage is the cost over an add-on attachment tool and the fact that you can't set the clearance angle for the drill point which is fixed to 59° by the internal wheel grinder. Saying that, I have not had any problems with using bits sharpened using this tool when pen turning or woodturning.

Sealey SMS01 drill bit grinding attachment: It's important to remember that although the attachment is cheaper than its counterpart. It is also a compromise add-on to a grinder system that you must already have purchased. So, you need a grinding unit that you can fix the attachment to as well as a grinding wheel that will dissipate the heat when using the grinding process. The unit also has some flexing as you grind the drill which can affect the grinding angle. Saying that, one of the advantages is that you can also sharpen larger drills using this method than with the sharpening unit. Normally up to 19mm can be fitted into the attachment.

The main disadvantage with this unit is the setting-up and adjustment of the unit for sharpening a drill bit which takes much longer and it has to be re-adjusted when cutting the second side. It is also very easy to overgrind the drill and change the tempering of the steel. With woodturning that's not likely to be a major problem except if you also need to use your drills on harder materials like steel. However, the instructions with the unit do cover the alternative angle to use on the drill when you are using different materials and it doesn't take long to change that angle on the drill if needed. ■



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Work by Giles Headley

Hello Graham

Attached are a couple of photos showing my first turned piece of 2022, made at our club workshop. It's a fully hollowed Yew twig vase, 110mm dia x 225mm tall. The hole in the top is just 12mm dia. The timber was a length of non-round branch, acquired *gratis* from a neighbour of Phil Steele, about 3 years ago. I mounted the log slightly off centre, primarily to maximise the overall diameter of the hollowed portion. Happily, by doing so it also produced the visually interesting benefit of the sapwood looking like it's draped around the heartwood.

Best wishes

Giles



In the Workshop

Repairing a can punch

By
Philip Stephens



For many years my wife and I have had a can punch opener in our cutlery drawer. It's one of those things that you can't remember how you got it, but you can guarantee that when you want it you can't find it or it's broken. In my case the retaining ring used to stop the handle from splitting had gone and when it was used last to cut a V shaped hole in the lid of a can the handle had cracked, split and came apart. One of my sons, on seeing the can punch opener, looked at me with that generation look and ask why we need anything like this when all drink cans come with a ring pull on the top of the can. I pointed out that sometimes the ring comes off without opening the can and at that stage the can punch opener comes into its own – his face went blank and he started to looking for the Age Concern phone number.



I could have just pushed the opener back on the handle, but if I had just done that the first time it was used it would have fallen apart. The best bet was to find a replacement retaining ring and replace the handle. I could have taken the easy way out and replaced the item with one on Amazon, but it has some sentimental value, so if it was not too expensive, I could reuse the metal head in a new olive wood body with a new retainer ring.

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Calendar of Events
2022

March 12	Gianni Deidda (Scroll Saw)	Baptist Church
April 3	Daffodil Festival	Monks Kirby
April 23	Steve Heeley Demo	Baptist Church
May 28	Phil Stephens	Baptist Church
June 18	TBD	Baptist Church

*All meetings in **bold** typeface are held in the Walsgrave Baptist Church, Hinckley Road, Coventry, CV2 2EX. 10am to 4.00pm. Others are as shown:-*

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Next Meeting

A Demonstration by Gianni Deidda

Walsgrave Baptist Church 10 00am to 4pm approx.

Saturday March 12th., 2022.

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Coming up

A Demonstration by Steve Heeley

On Saturday 23rd April 2022 at Walsgrave Baptist Church
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Notices

To all members,

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership at the AGM. We are hoping to process all memberships by the **end of January** so please contact Janine about your renewal

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Unfortunately, I am finding it difficult to commit to specific times to be at Coombe Abbey workshop so PLEASE renew by BACS or send a cheque – details below.

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4. If you know of anyone wanting to join as a new member, please ask them to contact Janine or Lee Cartwright by TEXT or EMAIL a membership form will be sent out.

Janine will be sending renewals and new member details to the AWGB at the end of January 2022. This means that new members should receive their membership cards mid-February.

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Events Secretary

The club committee are looking for a new “Events Secretary” mainly to engage demonstrators for our meetings at Walsgrave Baptist Church and Shilton Village Hall. If you can help the club by volunteering for this post then please contact a member of the committee.

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Process for making a new handle for a can punch opener



I discovered that a 10mm pipe compression olive from a local hardware shop could be used as a replacement retainer ring and I selected olive wood (*Olea europaea*), over oak for the handle. So, I ordered a new olive wood blank and got



Using a depth gauge tool, I transferred the depth of the hole in the end of the handle to the drill. I marked the end with electrical tape, but you can purchase and use drill stop collar instead of tape.



Mount the new wood in a chuck and use the revolving centre to align the wood before tightening up the work in the chuck.



To stop the drill from skidding across the end of the work, use a centre bit to create a starter hole for the drill you intend to use.



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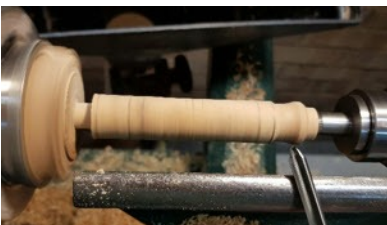
After the wood has been rounded with the roughing out gouge, use a 1 1/2" skew chisel to reduce the size of the work.



I moved to a 1/2" skew chisel as this gave me better control and a finer cut. I also cut the shoulder for the retaining ring and reduced and widened the gap at the end of the work, which gives you better access and control of the end of the work with the skew chisel.



Make sure that the retaining ring will only just fit. This is important as you will need to jam the can punch opener into the collar.



Mark out where you would like the beadings to be on the work and from the retaining ring end of the wood shape the work using a 3/8" spindle gouge to match the original handle shape.





Sand down the work through the grits from 80 to 400 grit.



I used Webrax to sand it down to 1,500 grit and that finally polished the wood with the white non-abrasive Webrax before adding any finishing.



I used only chestnut food safe oil on the work after sanding. No sanding sealer. You can use baby oil instead of food safe oil which is basically the same thing.



Finally, I sanded down both ends and applied the same finish. I used a rubber mallet to push the can punch opener into the end of the wood. ■

Now all I need to do is find a can to use it on!!

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Sad News

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report the death of David Routledge. David lived in Loughborough and was a member of the Trent Valley club becoming their Treasurer. David joined Coombe Abbey Woodturners some years ago and was a regular at our meetings at Walsgrave Baptist Church, he will be sadly missed. I am sure all members will join me in offering our condolences to David's family at this very sad and difficult time.
Editor.



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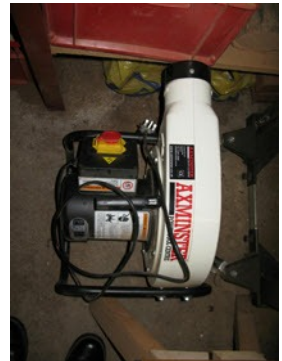
Wood-Turning Lathe. Record Power DML 36SH Serial No. 002269
Year of Construction 2001. 450/950/2000 RPM 36" Spindle & 12" Bowl Lathe sits on welded steel bench. Selection of turning tools may also be available.



Pillar Drill
Naerok GP13. 1/2" Capacity Power supply through switched isolator box



Bandsaw.
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Thicknesser

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Thicknesser

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In Store Demonstrations at **Axminster Tools**

(Nuneaton)

Saturday 12th February 2022

10.00am - 14.00pm

FREE Woodturning Demonstration

About this event

Personable and passionate, Helen Bailey is fast becoming a recognisable face on the woodturning scene. Since picking up her first tool, only 5 years ago, Helen's work has received many accolades and she's a regular contributor to the World of Woodturners website. During this FREE demonstration Helen will discuss and showcase the techniques she uses to create her award-winning pierced wood forms, including:

- How to achieve a thin walled (even thickness) vessel, including machine set up, wood choice and grain orientation, tools to make the cuts, measuring wall thickness and how to avoid common problems.
- How to mark out and cut pierced patterns, including the techniques for piercing, scratching, stippling, recessing and surface carving. As well as what tools and files to use and favoured design elements.
- Sanding and finishing methods that accentuate the detail and help to avoid damage.

If time allows Helen will end the day with a short demonstration of how she creates her beautiful turned pendants. This is a wonderful opportunity for woodturners of any ability to immerse themselves into the world of decorative forms, to see Helen's individual style, have their questions answered and learn how to create their own pierced works of art.

We recommend arriving on time to gain the full benefit of this demonstration but spaces are limited to only 30 people, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Depending on Government guidelines we may not be able to provide refreshments so please bring your own soft drinks. We kindly ask that you observe any safety measures in place within the store.

Full details of all our events can be found on the Axminster web page.
As always all the events are free to attend.

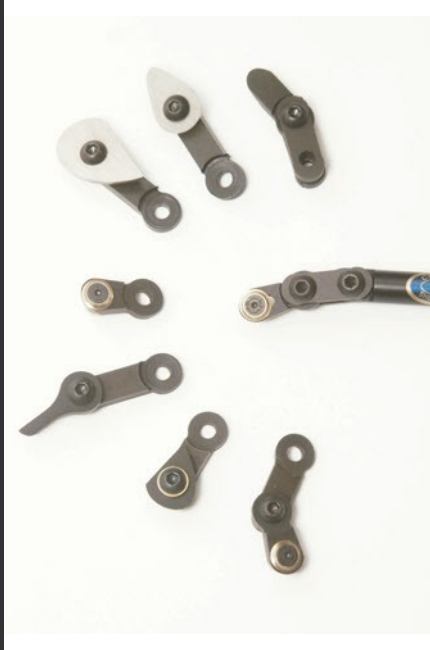


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