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From the Editor



June is always a quiet month so I have raided my archives again to include pictures from a

long past demo. This time it's the turn of Guy Ravine and Ron Craythorne from a 2012 demo at the Hinckley Woodturning Club

Thanks to Giles Headley for his contribution of some pictures of his work.

I have also included a few pictures from the Turners Retreat Open Day, the Hands-On session at Shilton and a training session at the workshop.

Our next demo is Gary Rance on Saturday 13th July at Walsgrave Baptist Church.

The Godiva Festival is on Saturday 6th July and Sunday 7th July. Volunteers please to help set up/break down and speak to visitors to the club's stand.

Many thanks to those who cleaned and tidied the workshop. It was a pleasant surprise when I went in to take a training session. The extra shelves are a great idea. Well done.

Regards

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hello to all,

I will start with the May Bank Holiday Weekend at Coombe Country Park.



We set up two gazebos on the Monday and we had the pole lathe in one of them operated by Phil Steele and in the other one we had a display of members work and pieces on sale for charity.

Mick Cryer did a really good job at selling raffle tickets on behalf of our annual charity the Air Ambulance and we were supported by other members on the day. I would like to thank all those who



turned up to support our efforts.

We had an evening meeting at Shilton village hall on Friday 21st June where Lee Cartwright and Rob Sheehan were demonstrating. Both lathes were turning at the same time so we were able to watch both simultaneously . Lee was turning a ring and and Rob was turning a square bowl both of which I found very interesting so thank you Lee and Rob for a great evening of woodturning. A shame there were only a few members present to appreciate the hard work Lee and Rob had put in to entertain us

A date to note is The Coventry Godiva Festival which takes place on Saturday and Sunday 6th & 7th July. We will be requiring help on this occasion transporting equipment and manning the stall so please give this some thought.

I would now like to remind you of our next meeting at Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday 13th July at 10am when professional turner Gary Rance will be demonstrating. We have seen Gary on a few occasions in the past and he always puts on a very professional demonstration usually turning a few items during the day so please come along and support Gary and the club.

All for now, and I hope to see (or hear) from you all soon.

Keep those bevels rubbing

Regards

Graham

One Line Philosopher:

“If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it’s just possible you haven’t grasped the situation”.

Jean Kerr (re-written version of “If” by Rudyard Kipling)

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Guy Ravine 17/7/12

By Rob Sheehan

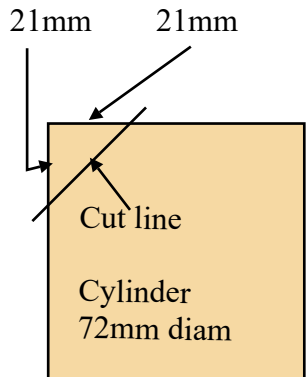
Thanks to Guy for taking over from Ken Allen who was unable to come through illness. Guy started by turning a spindle test piece in beech. He turned the lower part to round using a bowl gouge. Guy then used a skew chisel to create a v-cut between the square pommel and the round section. Guy said that you can also use a 3/8" beading and parting tool to create a squarer shoulder, or use a (Bill Jones) point tool or use a skewchi gouge. He then demonstrated the use of the skew chisel for planing cuts and also for fine detail. Guy said that a skewchi gouge is easier to use for beginners as there is less chance of a dig in. Guy also demonstrated the skewchi gouge and the point tool.



Guy's next project was a finial in blackwood. As before, he turned the blank to round using a bowl gouge, and created a 1/2" spigot on the end. Guy tapered the top and added some - but not too much detail, to the remainder. Guy said it is best to view the finial in the upright position to see if the balance is correct..



Guy's next project was to show us how to turn a spherical ball without the use of jigs. He started with a sycamore cylinder 72mm in diameter. After marking and cutting the length of the ball (72mm same as the diameter), Guy then did a bit of maths to mark the next target points on the ball. Diameter 72mm x 0.293 = 20.51 (use 21mm), so Guy marked two lines 21mm in from each end and also marked a ring 21mm in from the diameter. He then cut between the points.



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Guy Ravine demo - continued

The next set of cutting lines were marked $72\text{mm} \times 0.18 = 7.7\text{ mm}$ either side of the new bevel cut. Guy then cut from point to point leaving a rough sphere. He then rounded over the remainder, leaving two spigots at the head and tail ends. After parting off the ball, Guy used a cup chuck at the head and tail ends, mounting the ball between them so that the spigots were roughly vertical.



When the rough ball rotates on the lathe, it leaves a ghost image where it is not quite round. Guy then scraped away at the ghost images until a very presentable sphere was produced.

Guy's next project was a tealight holder in sycamore. He created a dovetail spigot to mount the piece in the chuck and faced off the top. After marking the diameter of the tealight, Guy used a spindle gouge to hollow out the top. He also made a hole in the centre of the hollow so the piece could later be mounted between centres. Guy then used a small bowl gouge to form the shape. The black bands at the top and bottom were burnt in using a narrow parting tool.



Guy's final project was a natural edge bowl from half a laburnum log. After mounting the log between centres, Guy used a small bowl gouge to cut from the centre outwards. However, the finishing cut was done from the outside in towards the centre to preserve the bark. Guy used an Eli Avisera scraper to smooth the outside. After mounting the base spigot in a chuck, Guy proceeded to hollow out the centre. He finished off by mounting the piece between centres again and removed the base spigot.



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Ron Craythorne 20/3/12

at Hinckley Woodturning Club

Ron mounted a 9" x 3" x 3" piece of Ash in a chuck and used the tailstock for additional support. Ron started with the pear. Using a spindle gouge, he rounded over the end to create the bottom of the pear. After removing the tail stock, Ron created the small hollow dimple found at the base of a pear. He then replaced the tail stock before shaping the body and neck of the pear. After sanding, Ron polished the piece and parted off.



The piece of ash left on the lathe was used to make an apple. Ron rounded over the end and created another hollow dimple at the bottom of the apple. He then



shaped about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the apple, leaving enough strength at the top to give support for sanding and polishing. In the base of the apple, Ron drilled a small hole. Removing the piece from the chuck, Ron used the small hole in the base to mount the apple on a screw chuck.



He used a small piece of cloth between the apple and the screw chuck to prevent the wood from being marked. Ron then finished the shaping of the top of the apple before sanding and polishing as before. Ron then said he would finish the apple with a stalk and a clove in the bottom.

Ron's next project was a Plum made from a piece of walnut. The small square blank was mounted in the chuck and the tail stock used for support. Ron shaped most of the bottom and the top, before removing the tail stock and finishing the bottom with another dimple and drilling a shallow centre hole. He then used a small square Microplane file to create a shallow groove that ran from the bottom to the top. As before, the piece was sanded and polished. Using the hole in the bottom, Ron mounted the piece on a screw chuck and finished off the top.



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Ron Craythorne demo - continued



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finished to a rounded point and parted off.

Ron then turned a grape. He also showed us two cherries that he had turned earlier. Brush bristles were used to form the stalks.

The next two projects were a pear and an apple. This time, Ron used segmented wood that had been prepared earlier.

Ron then showed us how he colours his fruit. Having turned another pear, Ron painted it with water to raise the grain. He then gave it a coat of Mylands yellow wood stain. This was followed by a coat of Mylands green wood stain. Ron then said he would use an old toothbrush to flick on specks of brown.



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Member's Work - Giles Headley



Hi Rob

Attached are some pictures of my recent projects. Last weekend (7-9 June) I was a participant in Art House Leicester, an event where a dozen homes in the Clarendon Park area of Leicester hosted about 80 artists and the public were able to tour the venues.

Happily for me, most of these pieces (and others) were sold, for good prices.

I'm pleased to also report that the open segmented vase I helped Pat Flynn to make in 2022, as the basis of my newsletter articles, sold too, for £90. That money has been transferred to the club charity account for donation to Air Ambulance at Christmas.

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Giles



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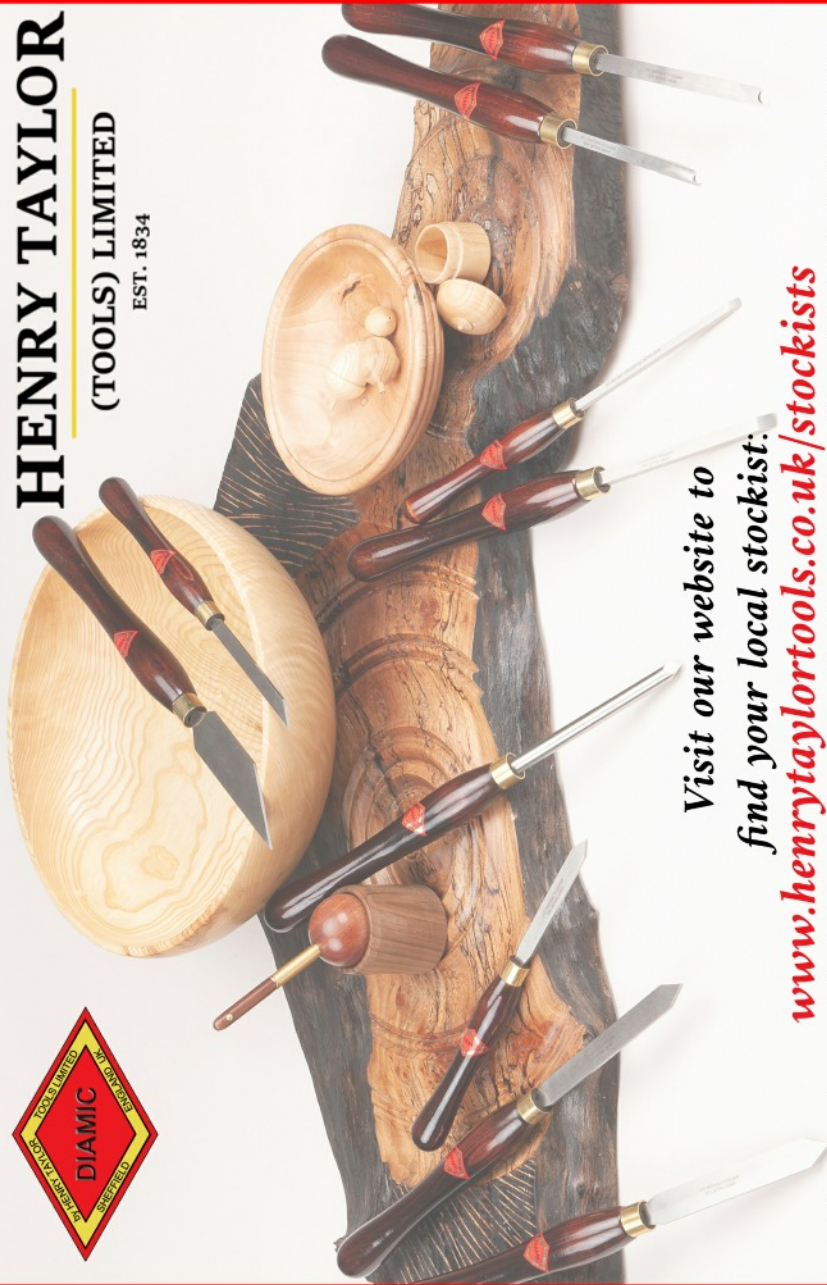
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Our workshop is in Kegworth on the village hall site. If you wish to inspect the lathes, please get in touch and I will arrange a suitable time. The lathes will come with a chuck, faceplate, tool rest and rotating centre. The Camvac and the castor system are not included in the sale.

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25th Year Open Day at Turners Retreat

There were four professional demonstrators and 10% off everything. I got my resin for another river table plus some other bits and pieces. Emma Cook was turning her pendants and carving and colouring a little bowl. Joey Richardson was piercing and colouring. Mick Hanbury was turning and colouring his shields. Andy Lodge was carving walking stick heads.



Left - Emma Cook aka The Tiny Turner, carving and colouring a small bowl.



Right and below -
Andrew Lodge carving
walking stick heads.





Above and right -
Joey Richardson piercing
and colouring.



Left and right -
Mick Hanbury
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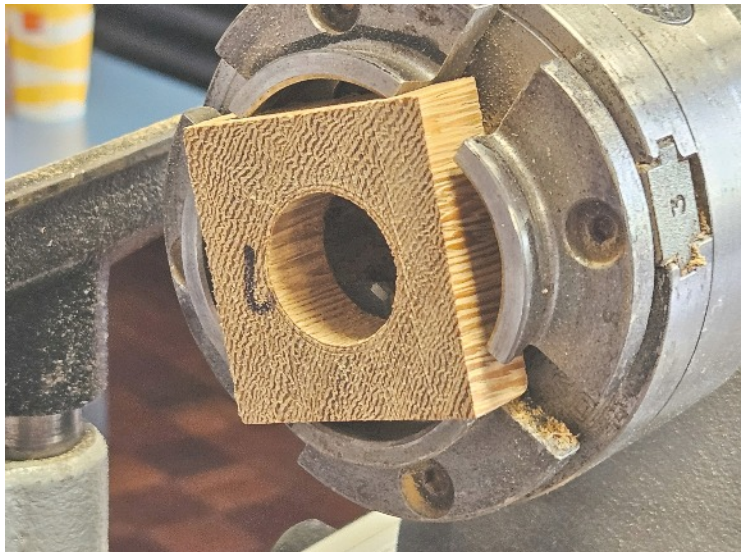
Hands-On. Shilton Village Hall. 21/6/2024

Due to the short notice (and the football), only a few turned up for this event. Lee Cartwright was turning rings and Rob Sheehan was turning a square bowl.



Above - Lee's ring boring jig. For very accurate sizing of ring blanks.

Below - Stabilised wood blank bored to fit ring carrier. Epoxy resin used to hold it in place.



Rob's square bowl in Spalted Beech



Equipment for sale - continued

Jubilee Lathe. *Reduced price £350.* See Graham or Lee. Tools and chuck included. Currently dismantled for storage but was fully working.



Workshop Training

Club member Dexter was very pleased with his lidded bowl. It was a little bit rushed to get it finished in one session.

Rob Sheehan.



Notices

Booking Training Sessions

Michael Archer is now handling all training session bookings.

Please phone him on 02476 448311.

Do not book a session without Michael's prior agreement.



50/50 Raffle Winner

Ticket number 999 won the June raffle.

Congratulations to Roger Smith who wins

£10.

Raffle Donations Needed

Can members please start making items suitable for raffle prizes. The 2024 raffle needs a few more quality raffle prizes. The three main prizes have already been provided, so we are now looking for well-turned items for the minor prizes.

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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.

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Tuesday July 2nd & 16th Hands-On
Tuesday August 6th Demo by Paul Hannaby

Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 11 July Steve Goodwin/Geoff Freeman Demonstration
Thursday 25 July Steve Heeley Demonstration

Contact Colin Smith 07939-004375 communications@tudor-rose-turners.co.uk

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Sunday 21st July Hands On – Barley Twist (marking out and cutting)

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West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 3rd July Dan Smith RPT
Wednesday 17th July Viv Harvey

Contact Tom Donnely 01327 349093

Trent Valley Woodturners

Wednesday 10th July Club meeting and demonstration

Contact Ian Ethell <https://www.trentvalleywoodturners.co.uk/contact/>

Calendar of Events 2024

Saturday January 6	AGM	Walsgrave
Saturday January 13	Display/Demo at Warwick Racecourse	
Friday February 16	Ian Ethell	Shilton
Saturday March 16	Chris Parker	Walsgrave
Saturday April 20	Mick Hanbury	Walsgrave
Friday/Saturday May 10/11	Woodworks at Daventry	
Saturday/Sunday July 6/7 Godiva Festival		
Saturday July 13	Gary Rance	Walsgrave
Saturday September 7	Steve Heeley	Walsgrave
Friday October 18	Lee Cartwright	Shilton
Saturday December 14 Christmas party 12:30 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

Saturday July 13th

Gary Rance

Walsgrave Baptist Church

10 am start

Coming up

Saturday September 7th Steve Heeley