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From the Editor



In this issue, you can find Paddy Byrne's demo on Therming on page 8. This spindle turning technique allows multiple copies of the same profile to be turned simultaneously.

The club was selling raffle tickets and charity items at Broughton Astley Carnival. Over 200 raffle tickets were sold, so well done Jill, Alison, Gillian & the other helpers. Pictures are on page 26.

Members' Work can be found on page 30 and teaching at Coombe on page 31.

I've included a few pictures from my trip to Stoneywell House, a National Trust property, on page 32.

The club will be at Stratford Race Course on Sunday 12th July and Town Thorns summer fete on Sunday 2nd August.

Our next demo is on Friday 28th August at Shilton. The demonstrator will be announced later.

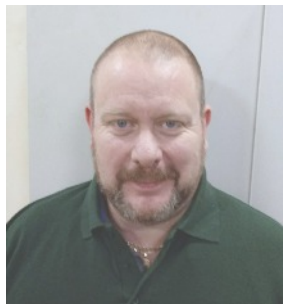
Regards

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all well. After a lovely break with my better half in Tenerife for two weeks, we returned to this Mediterranean heat. It was great but not for everyone. I hope you have all been trying to stay cool and safe over the past couple of weeks during this hot spell. I am sure not many of you have managed to get into the workshop to turn, unless you are lucky to have Air conditioning! Maybe not, just a fan if you are lucky.



We had a demo from Paddy on Friday 26th at Shilton. He bravely worked on the hottest day yet, although we did make the demo slightly shorter, to help with the heat. For upcoming Demos and events please look at dates further on in the newsletter. We have produced a tri fold with all information confirmed as far as possible. This is available to print as part of the newsletters.

The club attended Boughton Astley carnival and, from the feedback I have received, it went very well and was enjoyed by all. 200+ raffle tickets were sold! A big thank you to those involved and those that helped organise in my absence.

We have Stratford Racecourse on July 12th. Again, please let one of the committee members know if you can help with this event. Further arrangements info to follow on before the event. Also on the 2nd of August we will be going back to Town Thorns for the summer fair and classic car show. Again, if you would like to help, please let one of the committee members know.

OUT-STANDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2026

There has been some Red letters sent out by AWGB. Please don't panic if you have already paid your membership. There has been

some delay in sending them through, due to the delay in some members renewing this year. My Apologies for this but all is in hand we are now up to date with all memberships if you have any queries, please contact me directly.

Club and AWGB memberships are now overdue (these should have been paid by end of January). Please make sure you renew your membership otherwise you will not be able to use the workshop as you will not be insured by the club.

Membership fees 2026

Club Membership £15

AWGB membership Single £24 - Family £36

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I look forward seeing as many of you as possible at up-and-coming Events over the next few months.

I hope you all continue to enjoy your turning when it cools down and join us at the various events throughout the rest of the year.

That's all from me for now. I hope to see you all soon

Stay safe, keep turning

Remember **YOUR** Club needs you and your support.

Kind Regards

Lee

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“The best prophet of the future is the past.”

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Therming - Paddy Byrne 26/06/2026

Paddy demonstrated a spindle turning technique called Therming. Therming is used to simultaneously turn multiple small spindles to an identical profile. In a shortened session because of the heat, Paddy first turned four legs for a three-legged stool.



One of four identical spindle blanks. Accuracy in sizing the blanks is important.



After marking the length of a spigot at each end, Paddy used a Japanese pull saw to cut on the marked line, to reduce break out when turning. He used a spanner to size the spigot.



The four blanks held in Paddy's home-made jig. The spigots fit into pre-drilled holes in the jig.



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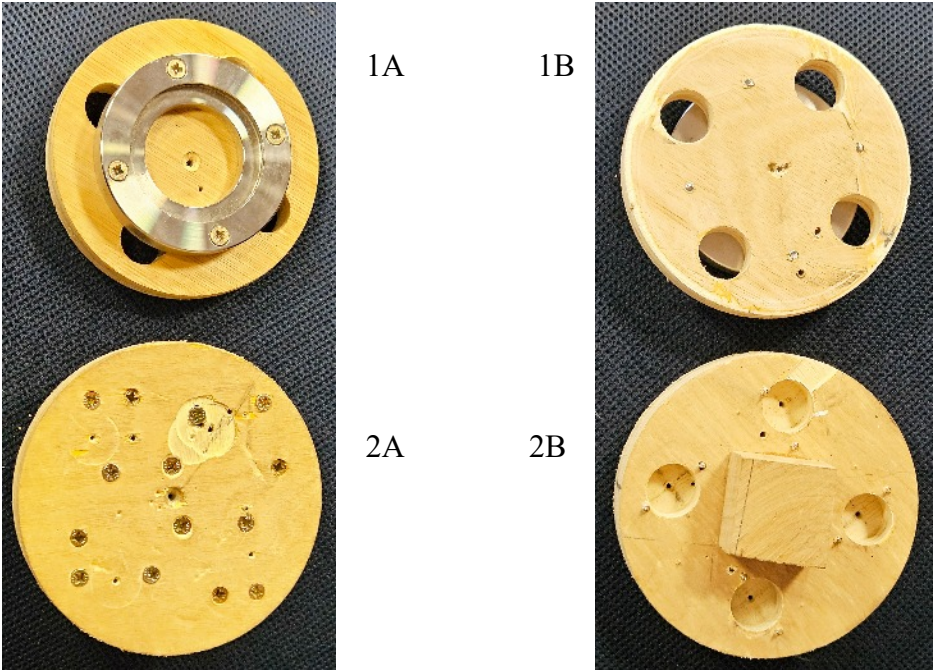
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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued



Paddy's home-made Therming jig.

1A/B Headstock end of the jig. A faceplate ring allows it to be held in chuck jaws. 1B shows four holes to hold the spigots at the end of four pieces to be turned.

2A/B Tailstock end of the jig. Holds the other end of the four spindles and is held in place by pressure from the live centre in the tailstock. 2A shows a central hole for the live centre and two screws per spindle to stop the spindle from rotating in the jig. The block in the centre of 2B allows each spindle to be rotated and indexed in four positions,

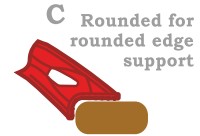
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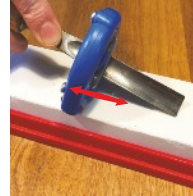
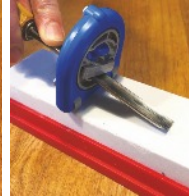
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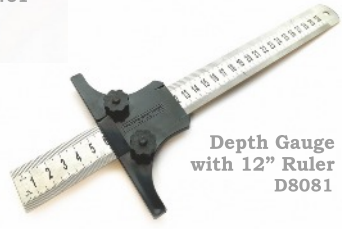
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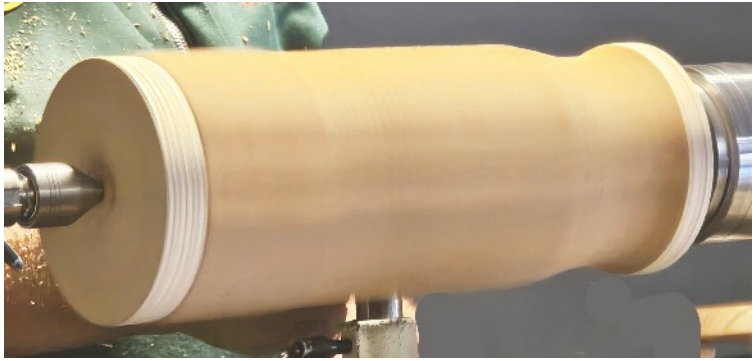
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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued

All 4 pieces rotating in the jig. With a bowl gouge, Paddy curved the chuck end. He then turned a cove in the middle.



With the piece stationary, you can see the curve and cove on all 4 pieces.



Paddy turned another curve at the tailstock end. One face of all four pieces has been shaped.



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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued

With the required profile turned on one face of all 4 pieces, 3 of the pieces are turned through 90 degrees. The un-turned piece acts as a template to turn the next face of the other pieces.



The 3 pieces are turned through 90 degrees again and the profile turned on the 3rd face



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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued



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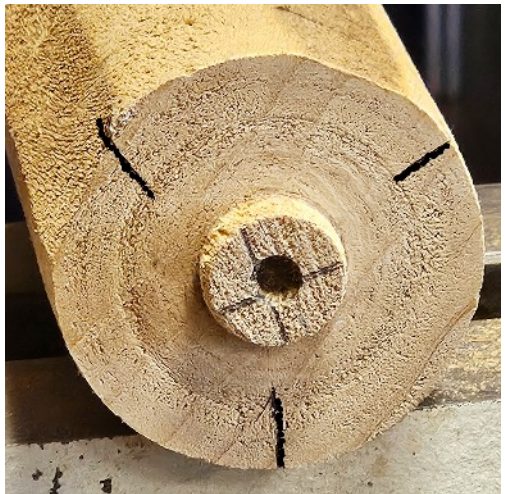
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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued

Paddy's next Therming project was to simultaneously turn two four-sided bud vases and two three-sided bud vases!



Using a home-made template, he marked 4 lines on 2 of the blanks and 3 lines on the ends of the other 2.



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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued

3 & 4 Sided Bud Vase

A similar therming jig, but this one has an index line at the chuck end of the jig. Paddy placed the 4 blanks in the jig and lined up one of the lines on each blank with the jig's indexing line.



Paddy turned a cove to form the neck of the bud vase.



He then curved the body of the bud vase down to the tailstock end.



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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued

Leaving one piece as the template, Paddy turned the other 3 pieces until the next line marked on the end lined up with the indexing lines on the jig.



The pieces were turned and shaped again until all sides (3 or 4) had been shaped.



Once all other pieces had been shaped, Paddy rotated and shaped the template piece. This gave 4 bud vases, 2 with 4 sides and 2 with 3 sides!





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Therming - Paddy Byrne - continued

A 3-sided bud vase. The top and bottom need finishing and a hole drilled down the neck.



A 4-sided bud vase. The neck is a bit thin, so a larger blank 4" x 4" would have been better than the 3" x 3" blank that Paddy had used for the demo.



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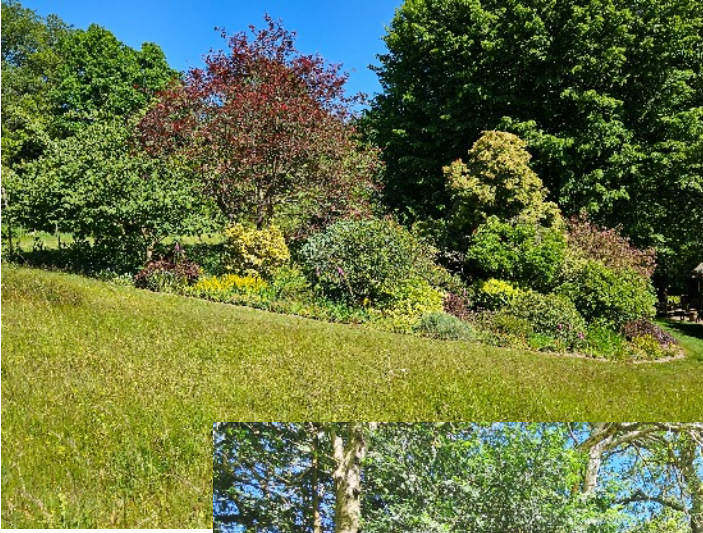
Tom Whitlock turned a bud vase on his first lesson with tutor Rob Sheehan.



Stoneywell House

Stoneywell House is a National Trust property in Leicestershire, with views to Bradgate Park. The interior is Arts & Crafts.







Items For Sale

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The club is not responsible for any item appearing on these pages. The buyer and seller must make their own arrangements as to the condition, suitability, delivery, payment and price etc.

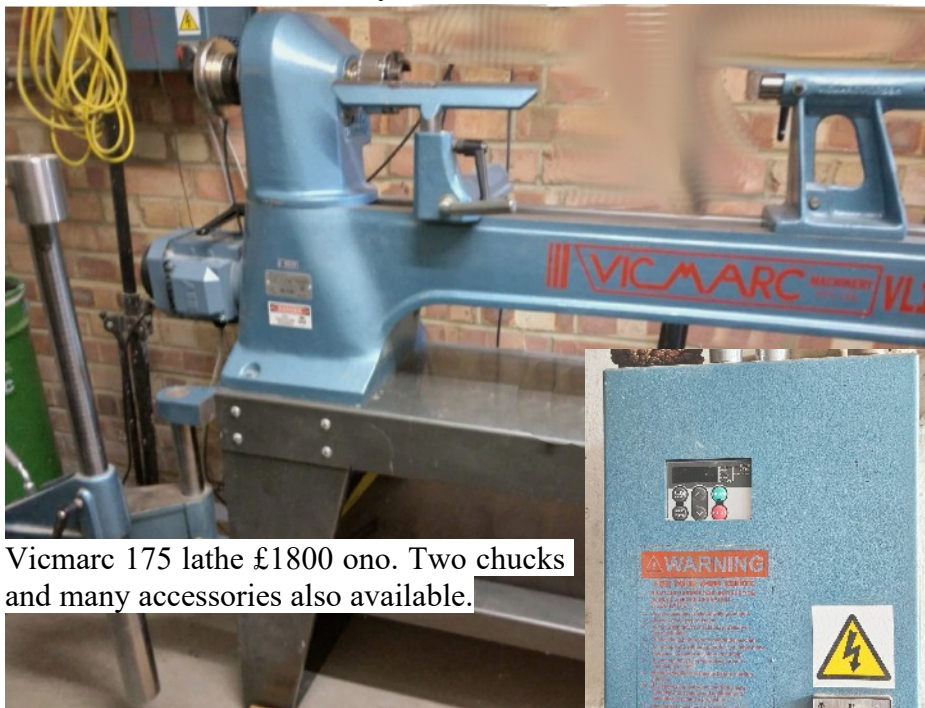
Workzone Lathe For Sale



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Items for Sale - continued

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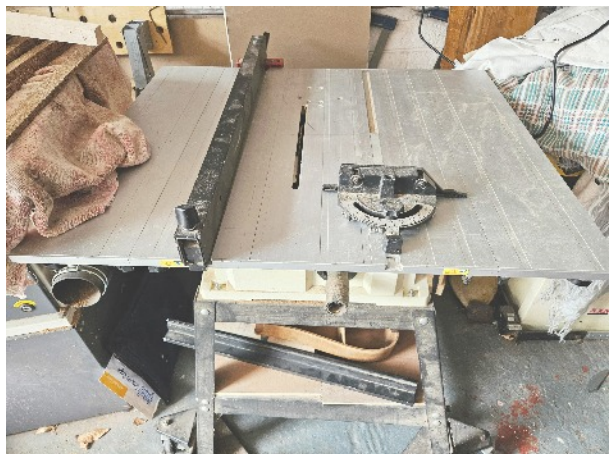


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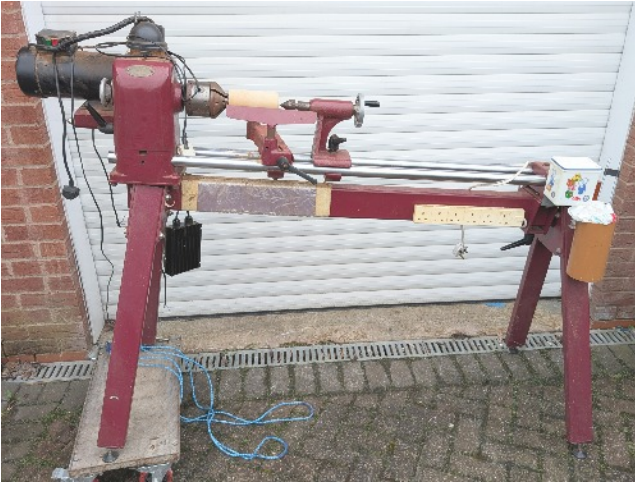


Items for Sale - continued

Samuel Baldwin is selling the following items.

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Robert Sorby Wood Lathe Pro Upgrade: 1HP Leeson DC Motor & Dart Variable Speed £450 ono.



Items for Sale - continued



Lots of tools for sale. Sensible offers please.



Notices

Stratford Racecourse Family Day

We have been invited to Stratford Racecourse family day on Sunday 12th July. We plan to take a powered lathe & generator, the pole lathe, raffle tickets, charity items and items for sale. Volunteers please, to help on the day. We are still waiting for more details - times, parking etc. Horse racing will be taking place on the day.

Address: Luddington Road Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9SE

Town Thorns Care Home Summer Fete

We will be attending the Town Thorns summer fete and classic car show again this year on Sunday August 2nd. Volunteers please, to help on the day.

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50/50 Raffle

The winner of the June raffle was Mick Cryer. Mick wins £43

Wanted - Raffle Prize Donations

Donations please for the August Bank Holiday raffle prize draw. We would like more raffle prizes. Wine, chocolates, biscuits, good turned items etc.

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 7 Demo by Bob Smith

Tuesday June 21 Hands-On

Contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122

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Thursday 9 July Bryan Brumfield Demonstration

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Sunday 19th July Hands On – Hollow Forms

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New Style Jacket £28.50

Please order and pay through Lee or Martin

Items take around 2-3 weeks lead time if not in stock

Thank you for supporting your Club

Workshop Notice

Coombe Abbey woodturners

As agreed at the AGM on the 4th January 2025

From 1st February 2025 we will be introducing a £1 entry fee into the workshop for all members.

This will include the use of the workshop & equipment Also to include tea & coffee you will also get entry into the 50/50 raffle each day you come into the workshop.

Clarification to the above notice:

The charge does NOT apply to tutors who are teaching a student, nor to committee members when attending a committee meeting.

This will not cover all costs but will go a some way to helping the club to run the workshop through the year and give members a chance of winning a little more money each month.

Thank you for your support

The Committee

Calendar of Events 2026

Mar	6/7	Fri/Sat		Newark Show
	14	Sat	W	Chris Parker
April	5/6	Sun/Mon	C	Easter Bank Holiday
	12	Sun		Daffodil Festival, Monks Kirby
	24	Fri	S	Lee Cartwright
May	1/2	Fri/Sat		Woodworks at Daventry
	4	Mon	C	Early May Bank Holiday
	9	Sat		Town Thorns Care Home
	22	Fri	S	Rob Sheehan
	25	Mon	C	Spring Bank Holiday
Jun	13	Sat		Broughton Astley Carnival
	26	Fri	S	Paddy Byrne
Jul	12	Sun		Stratford Race Course
Aug	2	Sun		Town Thorns Care Home
	28	Fri	S	TBD
	30/31	Sun/Mon	C	August Bank Holiday
Sept	5	Sat	W	Pottery - Giles Headley
	25	Fri	S	Phil Steele & Paddy Byrne
Oct	10/11	Sat/Sun		AWGB Festival, Stratford
	23	Fri	S	Ian Ethel
Nov	14	Sat	W	Robert Till
Dec	12	Sat	W	Christmas Party

Meeting Locations:

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

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

(C) Coombe Abbey Workshop 10am - 12 noon, 1pm - 3pm
Brinklow Rd, Coventry CV3 2AB

Next Meeting

Friday 28th August. Demo by TBD. Shilton

Coming up

Saturday 5th September, Pottery demo by Giles Headley