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From the Editor



Lighter nights and warmer weather. Can Spring be just round the corner?

Inside you can find my report on Pat Hanley's demonstration. This was well attended and a most enjoyable evening. I also report on Chris Brook's sharpening demonstration at Axminster.

This month we have an all-day demonstration by Les Thorne. A popular demonstrator, let's hope we get the same level of attendance.

From my visits to the workshop, I can see that the Woodworks At Daventry club challenge of a child's rocking chair is well in hand. I have decided to make my own version. See what you think.

My other project - a river table, is now complete. A picture of the final table can be found in this newsletter.

Make sure you check out the notices for the latest update on our departed members Colin Grundy and John Bradbury.

Just before I retired from Axminster, I cut my hours down to three days per week. Now I have retired, I have been teaching at the workshop on Sunday, teaching Axminster staff on Monday and two days supervising at the Bulkington workshop. So much for taking it easy!

Rob

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Chairman's Jottings

Hello everyone. In these jottings there is some sad news and good news. First the sad news. As you will read further in this magazine we have lost a long standing member John Bradbury in a tragic lathe



accident. I for one will miss him greatly as it was he who introduced me to this club way back in 2005..

The good news I was speaking about happened recently when at Shilton village hall we were treated to a demonstration by Pat Hanley another of our members. What was most encouraging for me was the good turnout of members for Pat's demo, almost back to pre pandemic attendances. Now if we could also achieve this at Walsgrave Baptist Church on March 18th when Les Thorne will be demonstrating that would be marvellous. I hope you will all try to attend this demo.

I am pleased to report that the workshop at Coombe continues to be popular with teaching of the public taking place on Sundays and Tuesdays and club members meeting up on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. My thanks to those who give their time to teach others, we all had to learn at some point and it is thanks due to the tutors that we are enjoying our hobby today.

This year the club will be attending a number of events where we would like your help either in taking part or just supporting us by volunteering your help in transporting equipment to the various venues.

The first of these events will be the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby on Sunday 16th April 2023 where we will need to take a couple of lathes and need them to be operated by the members. You are invited to take along a selection of your work which can be sold to the public or just for display purposes. Here again we need members to talk to the visiting public and help with the selling of your work. You cannot just bring along your work and leave it to others to sell it for you. The lathes will need to be manned so volunteers for that please.

We have been invited to demonstrate our skills at Axminster's store at Nuneaton on April 22nd 2023 and so volunteers needed for that please. Talk to Eric Taylor if you need more information on this subject or to offer your services.

May 2023 will be a busy month for the club firstly we have been invited to demonstrate our woodturning skills at a Garden Party at Coombe Country Park by the management. We need to use our two gazebos and set up a lathe and a pole lathe plus again some items of work for sale or display. Also we will be loaning our party tent to Coombe so help in erecting this will be most appreciated.

Also in May will be Woodworks at Daventry hosted by Tudor Rose Woodturners on Friday and Saturday 12th - 13th May 2023. There will be a number of clubs attending this event and, as also in previous years, there will be inter-club competitions.

We will need quite a few volunteers for this event to transport a lathe and equipment to/from the venue. I will be using my car for this but we do need others as there is so much to transport.

With regards to the competitions, the group project is already well underway thanks to Phil Steele who is heading this up, but the other competitions which need to be completed on the day will require three volunteers to turn a) A Darning Mushroom. b) A platter 8 -10 inches diameter and c) A pair of candlesticks. So please give this some thought and contact me if you wish to take part or need further information regarding time allowed etc. We have some very talented club members as our own Christmas competitions have proven so don't be bashful and offer your help please. Every help will be given to you to make thing go smoothly.

Stay Safe and keep those bevels rubbing.

Graham

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It was a mixture of Sadness and shock that we learned of the death of club member John Bradbury. An item he was turning came off the lathe causing a fatal injury.

John was a very proficient turner spending many hours per week at his lathe and the items he produced were varied and of high quality. He was well known for his segmented turnings giving demonstrations on this subject to many clubs around the midlands area.

I first met John in 2005 when he knocked on my door and introduced himself and then realised that I was also dabbling in segmented work but in a very amateur way. John only lived just around the corner from me. After he persuaded me to join Coombe Abbey Woodturners, I spent time in his workshop learning about segmented work. Many is the time when my phone would ring and it was John saying he had something in the lathe which I should see, so I would go straight around to his house and benefit even more from John's vast knowledge.

John leaves three daughters Kay, Elaine and Dawn and a much wider family. I am sure you will join with me in sending our condolences to them at this very sad and difficult time. RIP John Bradbury.

Graham Ball (Chairman)
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Most of you will be aware that sadly Colin passed away on 17th January.

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His funeral will be held on Monday 6th March, 12pm at St Peter's Mancetter, Mancetter Road, CV9 1NJ This will be followed by a gathering to share more stories, some nourishment and a drink or two at Ambleside Sports Club, Ambleside Way, Nuneaton CV11 6AT.

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Graham Ball



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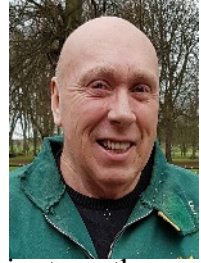
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Demonstration by Pat Hanley 17/02/2023

Club member Pat managed two projects during the evening session at Shilton. Pat's first project was a Pear in Sycamore. Using a spindle roughing gouge (SRG), Pat turned the 4" x 6" square blank to round



and cut a chucking spigot on the end. Holding the spigot in the chuck, Pat shaped the bottom to a concave shape and started to taper towards the top. He made the base concave and drilled a 3mm hole in what will become the bottom of the pear. Pat sanded 80g

to 240g and then used Yorkshire Grit while sanding down to 400g. This was followed by a coat of cellulose sanding sealer and two coats of carnuba wax. Using a home-made screw chuck, Pat supported the base of the pear against some router mat to stop the screw chuck marking the wood. He then turned the top of the pear before sanding, sealing and wax-



ing as before. Pat then mounted a piece of Blackwood in the chuck and turned a stalk for the

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Pat Hanley Demonstration - continued



Pat's second project of the evening was a twice-turned bowl. The picture on the left shows a partially turned bowl from wet wood turned in 2014. It is about 3/4" thick and quite oval in shape. The bowl is turned again (hence twice-turned) once it has dried.

To re-turn it, the now oval bowl was held against a wooden disc covered with router mat. The tail stock was brought up and friction was enough to drive the bowl while a new chucking point was cut and the outside trued up. Pat also turned a separate foot for the bowl. Nearly 1/4" had to be removed before the outside of the bowl was round again. Pat used a 3-point tool to cut three decorative lines near the top. He then used some old Formica work top veneer to burn the lines. After sanding, sealing and waxing the inside, Pat mounted the spigot in the chuck and hollowed out the inside. Most of the hollowing was done with a bowl gouge. A rounded



cabinet scraper gave the final finish. Again, the inside was sanded, sealed and waxed. Pat finally removed the chucking spigot. To do this, he mounted a disc, covered in router mat, in the chuck and held the bowl against the disc using the tail

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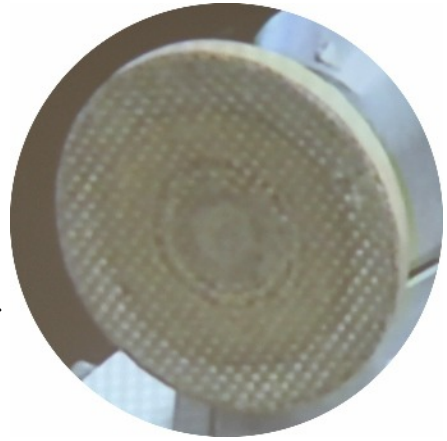
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Pat Hanley Demonstration - continued

stock for support. A bowl gouge and spindle gouge removed as much of the chuck spigot as possible. Pat then decorated the foot with another three lines cut with the 3-point tool. Pat sanded, sealed and waxed the foot before carving off the last bit of the chuck spigot. A sanding disc arbor held in the head stock finally removed the last traces of the chuck spigot.

Since Pat spent a lot of time getting the bottom of his bowl perfect (he knew wood turners would be examining it carefully), I have included a photo on the next page.



Some of Pat's other work can also be found on the next page.



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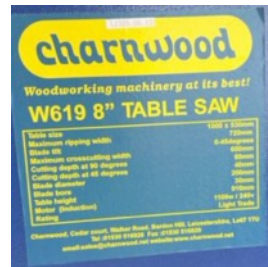
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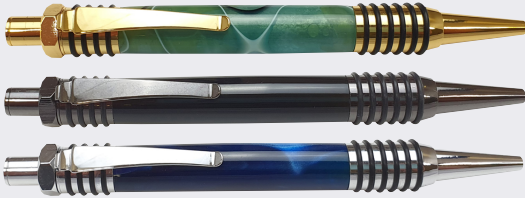
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Activities of other clubs in the Midlands area

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 4th March Easy Wood Woodturning Tools Demonstration

North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday 7th March Preparation for Woodworks at Daventry

Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 9th March 2023

Bryan Brumfield

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Robin Barlow - Texturing & Colouring

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

West Midlands Woodturners

26th March 9.30 – 16.00 hrs Hands On – Goblets & Captive Rings

Contact John Hooper 0121 354 8464

West Northants Woodturners

1st March Gerald Hubbard and March competition.

15th March Ken Garratt

Contact Tom Donnelly 01327 349093

Trent Valley Woodturners

Awaiting 2023 programme of events

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

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River Table

By Rob Sheehan



Last month, I described how a waney-edged board of Yew, bought at the Harrogate show, was transformed into a nearly-finished River Table. With this month's warmer weather, I was able to complete the second pour of water-clear epoxy resin over the whole of the table top. Hairpin legs completed the table. The River Table now has pride of place in my lounge. The epoxy resin surface should be hard enough to take hot drinks but I'm not risking it and coasters have been strategically placed.

Conclusion

I'm very pleased with the result. At about £200 in material costs and several weeks labour it is not a project for everyone. Working with epoxy resin is very messy but at least the one I chose was low odour so I could do the pour in my warm kitchen (I do live alone!).

I have another, smaller river table to make. The wood has already been prepared, so I only need to dye the resin and pour. I can't wait!



Coventry and North Warwickshire Prostate Cancer Support Group

www.cnwpcsg.org.uk

Prostate Cancer Awareness Event

Saturday 11th March 2023

**Men aged 45 and over are invited
to have a PSA (blood) test**

To be held at

The Windmill Sports and Social Club

145 Mancetter Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton, CV10 0HW

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

By appointment only-please book on line at ...

www.cnw.mypsatests.org.uk

**We request a minimum contribution of £15 towards the
cost of each test.**

**See www.cnwpcsg.org.uk for full details on how to
register,etc**

This event is organised by the Coventry and North Warwickshire Prostate Cancer Support Group with the active support of
the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust

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Child's Rocking Chair by Rob Sheehan

The club competition at this year's Woodworks At Daventry show is a child's rocking chair. The club is collaborating to make one but I thought it would be a good idea to make my own. This is what I have done so far. Rockers still to be added.



Ash roughly cut to size. Bought at the Yandles show this year. 50mm thick, 8" wide and 6' long. Cost £35



Drilling holes #1

The pen centring vice once set up ensures the holes will be in the centre of the timber.

Child's Rocking Chair - continued



Drilling holes #2

The larger pieces are drilled directly as they are too big to fit in the centring jig



All holes drilled. I have added two extra spindles to give more support to the seat webbing.



Turning complete. Three beads added to the spindles.

Child's Rocking Chair - continued



Trial fit to make sure holes have been drilled in the correct place and all spindles fit inside the mating hole. Some tweaking was necessary.



All pieces ebonised using Chestnut ebonising lacquer and the grain enhanced with Chestnut gilt cream.



Chair finished. It is 25" high. Rockers still to be made and seat webbing to be added

To be continued next time...

Axminster's Sharpening Demo

By Chris Brooks 18/2/2023

Chris demonstrated three of Axminster's sharpening systems. The Tormek T8, the Axminster Professional Slow Running Grinder and the Axminster Ultimate Edge. Starting with a deliberately very badly ground bowl gouge, Chris soon had it sharp again.



Tormek T8.

Water-cooled stone sharpens at 240 or 1000 grit. Leather honing wheel. Jigs for sharpening just about everything.

New diamond/hard black and super fine Japanese stones available



Slow running grinder. Shown fitted with optional CBN wheel and Tormek jig arm. Allows the use of most Tormek jigs.

Also shown with optional Tru-Grind sharpening system.



Axminster's Ultimate Edge sharpening System. Uses abrasive belts to produce a "flat" grind. Forward or reverse running with variable speed. Different abrasive belts available as well as an optional buffing wheel adaptor.

Calendar of Events 2023

January 7	AGM	Walsgrave
January 29	Committee Meeting	Coombe
February 17	Pat Hanley	Shilton
March 18	Les Thorne	Walsgrave
April 16	Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby	
April 22	Coombe demonstrating at Axminster	
April 29	Clem Ansell	Walsgrave
May 7th	Coombe Abbey Garden Party	
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

Demonstration by Les Thorne
Saturday 18th March at Walsgrave Baptist Church
10 am start

Coming up

Saturday April 29th Demonstration by Clem Ansell