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From the Editor



In this issue you will find pictures from the Daffodil Sunday event at Monks Kirby. It was well attended even on a cold day.

I would like to thank Peter Wright, Malcolm Waters and Don Kildin for their contributions this month. All articles are very welcome.

Charlie Smith's lesson had an unexpected bonus when he managed to turn a very nice pot out of a scrap piece of timber picked up in the workshop.

Coombe wood turners had a successful day demonstrating at Axminster. Quite a crowd turned up in the morning to see Paul Fryer. Phil Steele had a smaller audience for his afternoon performance.

Finally, you can see some pictures of my visit to the Black Country Living Museum at Dudley. My ticket enables me to visit again free for a year. Very useful on such a large site and they are in the process of adding even more.

Don't forget Clem Ansell's demo at Walsgrave on Saturday 29th April. I've not seen him before. See you there!

Rob

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Chairman's Jottings

Hello all. To start off I would like to thank all those who turned up to help at the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby on Sunday 16th April.

Both Eric Taylor and myself were helped to load our cars with the equipment from the workshop at

Coombe on the Saturday by Pat Hanley, Roger Smith and Rod Young, so many thanks to them, your help was much appreciated.

The Event was very well attended by the public and there were lots of stalls and attractions to keep them interested for the whole day.

Coombe Abbey Woodturners were again allocated the barn and Phil Steele set up and operated his Pole Lathe. He had a stream of very interested people watching him turn chair legs etc. We had two powered lathes set up for the day. Rob Sheehan brought along his own lathe and also a generator to power it, and the second lathe was the Axminster lathe from our own workshop in the Coombe Visitor Centre. This was powered by a generator loaned to us by the event organizing committee. I would like to thank Peter Orange for making sure this generator was behaving itself properly, especially when the kettle was put on draining the power somewhat, so we could have a cup of tea. There were three members taking turns demonstrating on the club's lathe and they also had a constant stream of interested visitors watching the shavings fly. I was very impressed by a couple of small boys who seemed to know what was about to take place when Rod Young was setting up with a log in the lathe. Their parents told me that the two boys watched someone turning on "You Tube" so that is where they had gained their knowledge.

We had a good display of work from a few members which brought in some sales and the charity table manned by Mick Cryer also saw good business. I would like to thank Jill and Jack Steedman together with Alison Elliot for all their efforts in selling raffle tickets for our annual raffle. They did an excellent job but we have lots more to sell so I hope members will assist by taking a few books at subsequent meetings to sell to family and friends.



Moving on, I am looking forward to a demonstration at Walsgrave Baptist Church by Clem Ansell on Saturday 29th April but I suppose that by the time you are reading this the demo will have taken place so I will be mentioning that event in next month's newsletter.

Of course the big event in May will be the King's coronation on Saturday 6th May.

The following day on Sunday our club will be busy again attending a Garden Party at Coombe which will be held in the Hotel's formal gardens. Here again we are hoping for help from our members and some have volunteered already. If you would like to help please register at the visitor centre on arrival where you will be issued with a wrist band etc.

As reported in previous issues of this magazine the club is attending Woodworks at Daventry hosted by the "Tudor Rose" club. This is a two day event taking place on Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th May. I am pleased to say that two volunteers have come forward to turn competition pieces. One is the Darning Mushroom and the other is the pair of candlesticks. I still need a volunteer to turn the 8 to 10 inch platter where 90 minutes will be allowed on the Saturday to perform this task. Please give it some thought and let me know if you can help.

I am pleased to report that the training workshop is going well and we have welcomed a few new members to the club after having completed their two free lessons. Thanks must go to the tutors for giving up their time to this good cause.

All for now, and I hope to see you all soon.

Stay safe and keep those bevels rubbing.

Graham

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Daffodil Sunday 16/04/2023

by Rob Sheehan

Despite it being a cold day, there was a good turnout in Monks Kirby. Coombe had Phil Steele on his Pole Lathe, two powered lathes running as well as the charity stall, selling raffle tickets and the main display of members' work, some of which was for sale.



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Top - Coombe location in a barn

Above - Items turned by Rob Sheehan

Right - Christmas Tree turned by Rod Young



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Hi Rob

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Pete



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Hi Rob,

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Thanks,
Malc



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



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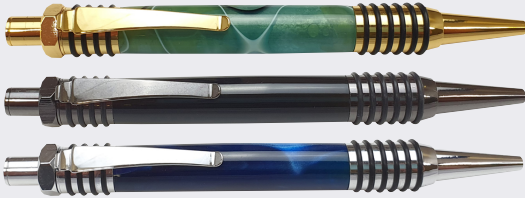
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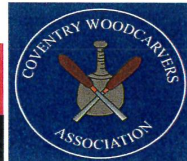
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Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 25th May 2023 Clem Ansell

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Wednesday 17th May Ian Ethell.

Contact Tom Donnelly 01327 349093

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Thursday 11th May Emma Cook

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Workshop Lessons

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Rugby



Coombe Woodturners at Axminster, Nuneaton

22/4/2023



Paul Fryer was first up at Axminster. He turned a Gonk. The top hat was painted black and then coloured using Jo Sonja's paints and a spiral of glitter paint. The beard was from Emma Cook.

Paul then turned a square edged platter.

More of Paul's work can be seen below.





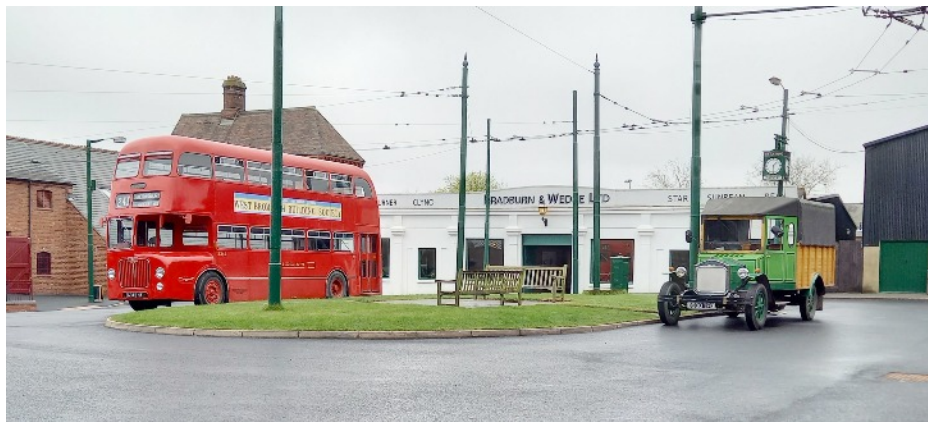
Phil Steele took the afternoon slot. He first finished off a pair of two axis bowls. Phil then turned a candlestick (practice for Woodworks). Also shown is some fruit turned earlier by Phil.



Black Country Living Museum

by Rob Sheehan

A few pictures from my visit to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley. The fish and chips were very nice as was the drink at the pub (even if it was only tea)





Anchor Foundry. Titanic's anchor was made here



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
April 30	Committee Meeting	Coombe
May 7th	Coombe Abbey Garden Party	
May 12/13	Woodworks@Daventry	
June 16	Steve Heeley	Shilton
July 8	Emma Cook	Walsgrave
September 9	Demo by Two Members	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 Clem Ansell
Saturday 29th April at Walsgrave Baptist Church
10 am start**

Coming up

Friday June 16th Demonstration by Steve Heeley