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From the Editor



Club chairman, Lee Cartwright, was our demonstrator this month. I was on holiday, so thanks to Pete Orange for his photos and write up of the demonstration. You can find Lee's demo on page 16.

On page 8, you can find pictures of the Dalmann Open Day. Quite a trek to Swindon but worth it.

On page 10, you can find pictures from the club's stand at the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby.

Members' work can be found on page 28.

There are still a few items for sale starting on page 30.

Note - if you were planning to see Jason Breach at West Midlands club, the demonstrator has changed to Les Thorne.

Regards

Rob

Editor's Jottings

Lee is very busy with work and family matters, so I'm filling in again this month.

Woodworks at Daventry takes place this week on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd May. It's free to park and free to attend, so please support the event and the club by coming along buying a raffle ticket. The tea and cake are also great. As well as many woodturning clubs, there will be demonstrators and traders who will help you part with your hard earned cash. There is also a second-hand stall if you are after a bargain.



Spring is here at last, so get into the workshop and start turning. We have more external charity events this year, so we need lots of little things to sell. Mushrooms, mice and rabbits seem popular this year. You can also sell items with the club taking 10%. Just make sure your name and price are clearly marked else it will be sold for charity!

We will be selling items and raffle tickets at Coombe on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th and again at the Town Thorns care home (CV23 0JE) on Saturday 9th May. We will be at Coombe again on Bank Holiday Monday May 25th and a new location Broughton Astley Carnival on Saturday June 13th. The carnival is held on Thomas Estley Playing Fields, but I can't find details of where to park.

I hope you all enjoyed Lee's demonstration. I'm waiting to receive the photos to put in this newsletter. I'm your demonstrator at Shilton on Friday May 22nd. I was at the Coombe workshop today, practising the piece which I saw Rick Dobney turn a few weeks ago.

Remember YOUR Club needs you and your support.

Kind Regards

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Editor

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Dalman Open Day 11th April 2026

Dalman are based near Swindon (RG17 8AB), so it's a bit of a trek. Parking and entry is free and so is the tea and coffee! Les Thorne was the demonstrator. They have good supply of timber for sale, both planks and woodturning blanks. I picked up several pieces of spalted Beech which is my favourite timber.



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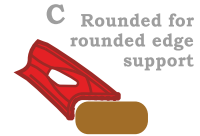
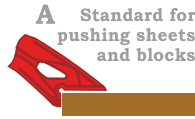
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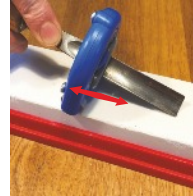
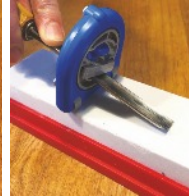
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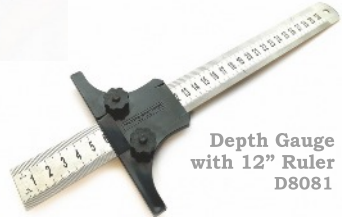


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Lee Cartwright 24/4/2026

by Peter Orange

Club chairman Lee showed some colouring without expensive air brushes and the like.

He started with a large piece of sycamore which he was going to turn into a bowl with a coloured rim, and then colour using clingfilm, paint brush and iridescent colours.

Lee trued up the edge and flattened the bottom. He then cut a chucking recess on the bottom of the platter.

Lee shaped the underside, turning a curve up to about halfway.



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Lee Cartwright - continued

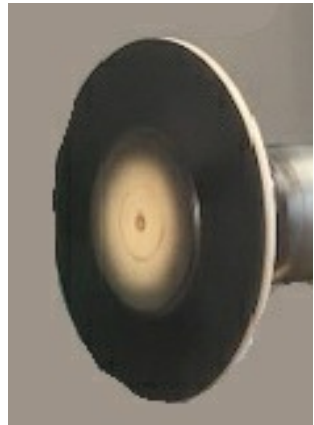
Lee sanded, sealed and waxed the bottom using Hampshire Sheen.



Lee turned the front of the piece, starting with a bowl gouge, and finishing with a skew as a negative rakescraper as the sheer cut gives a good finish

He used sanding sealer to help make the end grain a better finish which was sanded smooth. Lee applied more sealer.

He then sprayed a coat of black ebonising lacquer on the piece, although he then said that black car spray paint would do just as well and is cheaper.



He then used Pound Shop shot glasses to hold his stain and a flow medium to mix and thin out the stain. The stain used was Jo Sonja, which has no colour until spread on the work, so take note of the bottle colours.



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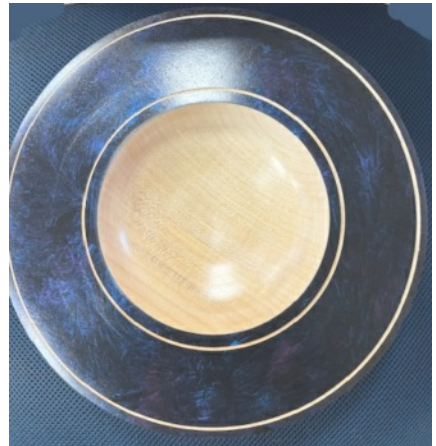
Lee Cartwright - continued

He used blue and cerise colours which were applied onto the black rim with a bush, being just dabbed on randomly.

He then slapped a sheet of ordinary clingfilm onto the work before the paint dried, to create a better effect.



Lee then hollowed out the bowl and detailed the rim. He then used lacquer. Lee said he usually cuts the lacquer back after two coats with burnishing cream and for a good finish uses at least six to seven coats.



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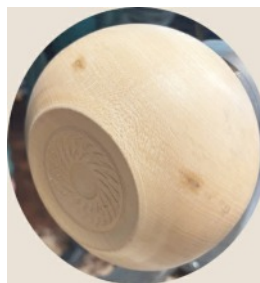
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- 19mm (3/4") Round Nose Scraper

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Lee Cartwright - continued

After lunch Lee used a ready turned Pot Pourri bowl. This he coloured using spirit stains. Note - wear gloves!



Lee used yellow, green and orange stain, starting with the lighter colour first on top of sealer. This was just dabbed on using tissue paper in a random fashion. He then put Hampshire Sheen on again for speed but prefers at least six coats of lacquer.



When asked about his choice of wood, he said he prefers sycamore for his coloured work, although he said beech or maple could be just as useful. About 30% of his work carries colour.



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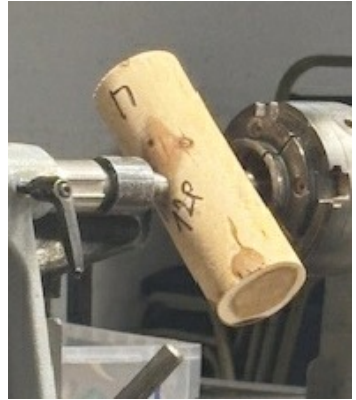
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Lee Cartwright - continued

Lee then turned a small live edge bowl from a yew log. This was almost a miniature work.



His advice was to start at the outside edge and work in, as this helps with the balance of the work when spinning in the lathe. He also advised to sand this type of work by hand or drill, not while it is spinning in the lathe if you value your finger tips!



Again he used Hampshire Sheen as a finish.



This was an entertaining and informative demonstration by Lee and was enjoyed by everyone.

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These items were on display during Lee Cartwright's demonstration.





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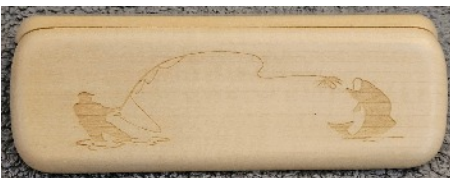
Items For Sale - continued

The following items have been donated to Coombe Woodturners by the family of the late Derek Bird. Contact Rob Sheehan if you are interested in any item listed below. All items are used.

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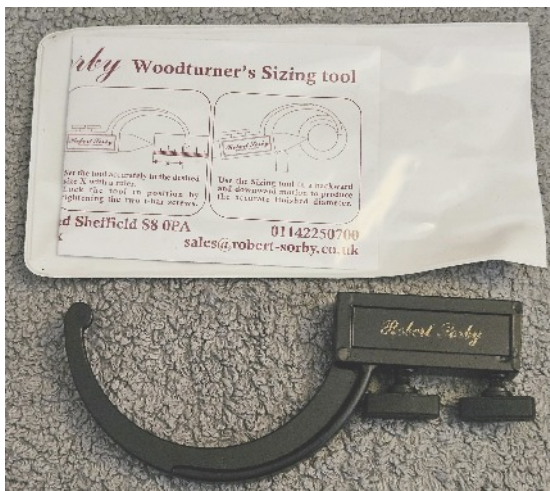


Calculator insert. £1
Bowl caliper. £5
Marble Tile 4", 6", 8" £2 each
Fisherman Pen Box £2



Items For Sale - continued

Sorby Sizing Tool (No blade) £10



Veritas Optical Centre Punch £5



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. It will be another chance to test out our new gazebo. Volunteers please, to help on the day.

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.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday May 5 Demo Emma Cook
Tuesday May 19 Demo Martin Randall

Contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 14 May TBA
Thursday 28 May Paul Hannaby Demonstration

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

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 17th May Hands On – Natural Edge Bowls

Contact Chris Jones 07580 195561 crjones5691@gmail.com

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Wednesday 6th May AGM
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Trent Valley Woodturners

Wednesday TBD

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Saturday 9th May - Les Thorne - All day demonstration

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Coombe Woodturners Branded Items for Sale



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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 22nd May Demo by Rob Sheehan. Shilton

Coming up

Friday 26th June Demo by Paddy Byrne. Shilton