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From the Editor



Club member Peter Wright was the demonstrator this month. You can see photos of the demo on

page 12. Thanks to Giles for the write-up and pictures as I was away.

The club was at Town Thorns care home for their Summer fete. Pictures are on page 8.

I was at the Chestnut Woodturning Weekender over the weekend 29th - 30th August. Taster pictures are on page 22.

Our next demo is on Saturday 5th September at Walsgrave Baptist Church. Club member Giles Headley will be giving a pottery demonstration. Afterwards, club members can have a go.

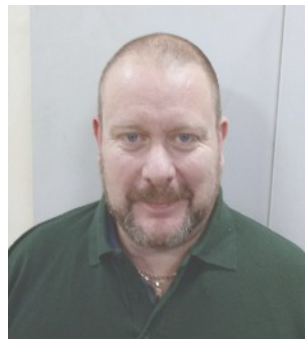
Also at the next meeting, more of Brian's tools will be on sale. Come along and have a look.

Regards

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hi everyone hope you are all well. Firstly I would just like to say on behalf of myself and the committee and our club Members that our thoughts are with Brian Edwards and his family. At this difficult time we are thinking of you all. Best wishes.



I have been on my travels. A 4 day break up North, for a family wedding, which was a wonderful few days. Then travelled back home and the next day Off to Venice for 4 nights, for my wife's Birthday. We had an amazing couple of weeks and Venice was very special.

I am now planning for My surgery on the 5th September, so after the bank holiday weekend, I won't be around for a few weeks. In my absence, please feel free to contact Giles or any other committee member. They can contact me if needed.

For upcoming Demos and events please look at dates further on in the newsletter. Our last couple of Events went off very well. And a good turn out at Town Thorn nursing home meant more money raised for charity.

Peter Wright was our demonstrator at Shilton Village hall on Friday 28th August. It was a great evening. Thanks to Giles for writing up the demo and taking pictures, as Rob was away at the Chestnut event.

Our next big Event is Bank holiday Sunday and Monday at Coombe abbey, with our annual charity Raffle being drawn on

Monday at around 3pm. Please come and support the club and help with the event. I look forward to seeing you at Coombe.

OUT-STANDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2026

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

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These can be paid using Cash, Card or bank transfer.

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. 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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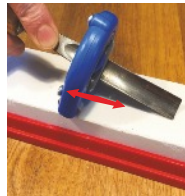
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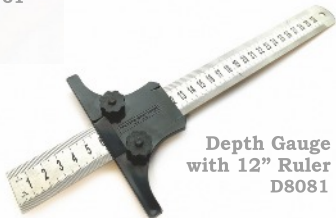
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Peter Wright 28/8/2026

By Giles Headley

A reasonable turnout of 16 members and guests enjoyed an entertaining demonstration by a reluctant Peter Wright, who only agreed to do it after persuasion by Paddy!

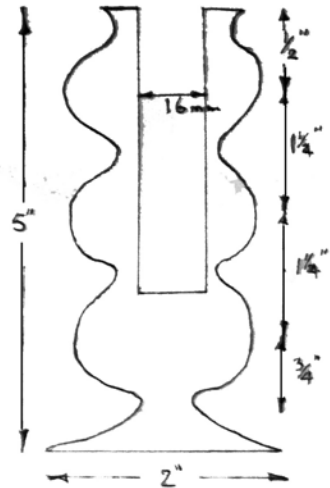


Peter made three items during the evening, all using timber oriented with the grain parallel to the lathe bed (spindle orientation). Dimensional units used here are as quoted.

1. Bud Vase

Using a spade bit, Peter had pre-drilled a 16mm x 150mm deep hole in one end of a piece of 2" dia x 8" long Sapele.

He mounted the timber in the 50mm 4-jaw chuck, with the open end supported by a revolving cone centre in the tail stock. The external shape was turned using Peter's favourite $\frac{1}{2}$ " spindle gouge. A card template was used to assist in mak-



ing all three bulbs the same. Peter then used the long ground wing of the tool to shear cut for an improved surface. At the base end, Peter created an undercut to define the finished height. The piece was then sanded from 240 to 400 grit. Peter advocated using a piece of paper roll or a tack cloth to wipe off the dust generated before

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Peter Wright - continued

moving to the next grit. The piece was finished with cellulose sanding sealer and microcrystalline wax. Peter then parted off the vase and pared away the remaining stub underneath. A glass tube was inserted in the hole and paper flowers, made by Peter's wife Audrey, placed in the vase.



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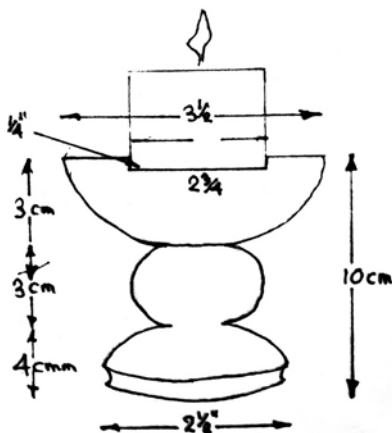
Peter Wright - continued

2. Candle Holder

A 4" dia x 6" long block of Sapele was mounted in the chuck, using a pre-prepared tenon. Peter first squared off the tailstock end face, then used the left-hand leg of his vernier callipers to mark the diameter of the recess that holds the candle. He cut into the timber, inside the marked line, using his $\frac{1}{4}$ " parting tool, and widened the recess until he could get in with his spindle gouge to cut across to the centre.

He then scraped the bottom of the recess to flatten the surface. The recess and end face was then sanded, sealed and finished, as for the bud vase. For security, Peter then brought the tail stock centre up for additional support, reasoning that a small hole in the end of the piece was preferable to a large one in an attendee's head! The outside was shaped with his spindle gouge, and a 3-point tool used to get into the bottom of the valleys.

As previously, Peter commenced parting off with an undercut at the base to determine the correct height and then sanded, sealed and finished the piece with wax before parting off. A question was asked whether a metal cup was necessary to prevent the candle settling light to the holder, but Peter dodged the issue by installing a battery powered candle rather than a real one!





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3. Secret

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Peter Wright - continued

depth. Then a 15mm hole was drilled from the tailstock end to between 3" & 4" deep. The revolving centre was brought up to the finished hole for support. A spindle roughing gouge was then used to turn the timber to round, followed by turning to shape using his spindle gouge. A counter-sink drill was used to open out a chamfer to the side hole. The piece was then sanded to a finish and the item parted off. Peter then drilled a 10mm hole from the closed end until it reached the larger void (this could have been done at an earlier stage, by reversing the piece when still square). Peter then took a 15mm length of dowel that had had a flat sanded along it and inserted it into the 15mm hole with the flat orientated to leave an internal void in front of the side hole. On blowing into that end and opening/closing the 10mm hole at the other end, we discovered that Peter had made a Cuckoo Whistle!





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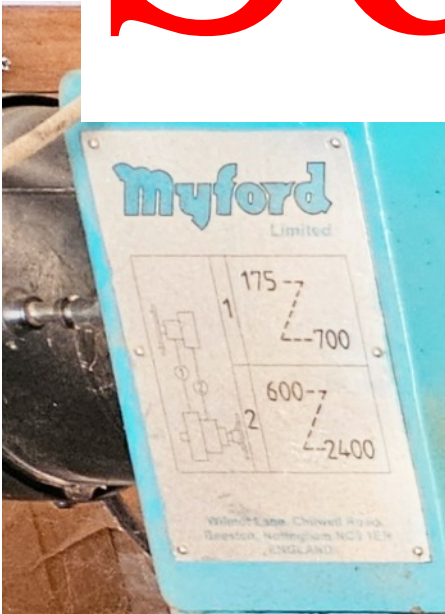
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Notices

Workshop Behaviour

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that, on occasion, banter in the workshop has got a bit heated. May we remind you that it is a public place and what one person regards as banter, another may find as offensive. Please balance individual expression with maintaining a productive, inclusive workplace.

Your Committee

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.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday September 1 Demo - Tony Jones
Tuesday September 15 Demo - Martin Randall

Contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 10 September Will Stewart / Stan Bird Demonstration
Thursday 24 September Kate Kitchin Demonstration

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

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 20 September Hands On – Texture & Colour

Contact Chris Jones 07580 195561 crjones5691@gmail.com

West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 16th September Steve Kervil

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Heart of England Woodturners

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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

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	Peter Wright
	29/30	Sat/Sun		Chestnut Woodturning Weekender
	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 on Avon
	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

Saturday 5th September, Pottery demo by Giles Headley

Coming up

Friday 25th September, Thread Chasing, Phil Steele & Paddy Byrne