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From the Editor

This is the Phil Steele Pole Lathe special issue. Inside, you will find two reports on club member



Phil Steele and the Pole Lathe. In the first, Phil was out in the woods turning a bowl. In the second, Phil was demonstrating his own Pole lathe at Hinckley Woodturning Club.

Our next demonstration is on Saturday July 12th, when Phil Steele will be demonstrating how he makes Windsor Chairs.

Members of the public having lessons can be found on page 28.

Coombe Woodturners branded items can be found on page 38. See Lee or Martin to order.

I would also like to thank Bob Blenkinsop and Peter **Nichols** for donating some very nice wood to the club. Bob's Beech logs have some very nice spalting (see page 28). Peter's assortment of kiln-dried timber has already attracted some interest.

Regards

Vice Chairman's Jottings

Summer's finally here so make sure all your freshly cut timber doesn't dry out too quickly and crack! Firstly, on behalf of all the members, I offer our warmest congratulations to Lee and Jayne for their recent marriage. The photos posted on Facebook showed a very happy couple and their family.



In the absence of clear information from the Godiva Festival, and a lack of enthusiasm for being constrained as we were last year, the club will not be attending.

The next full-day demonstration at Walsgrave Baptist Church will be on Saturday 12th July, where Phil Steele will be using his pole lathe and ancillary equipment to produce parts of a Windsor Chair. Quite a number of committee members will be absent, so we hope that as many members as possible will go and support Phil's efforts, as well as help set up and clear down. As usual, Jill and Alison will be providing the refreshments and lunchtime jacket potatoes.

In early June I took part in Art House Leicester, billed as "Extraordinary Art in Ordinary Houses", where, with 80 other artists and artisans in 14 homes, I exhibited my woodturning for sale. It was reported that over 1600 people visited throughout the Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. I had had a very successful event (my first time taking part) in 2024, and this year was just as enjoyable. A number of people asked about woodturning classes and courses. I provided them with CAWT info, including Mike Archer's number for them to call and book a lesson.

Further modifications have recently been made to the workshop, with another project bench, including storage beneath, now residing behind the window display. Portable Appliance Testing has been carried out on all the electrical items in the workshop.

Tickets for our annual raffle are now available in the workshop or from Jill Steedman. They are priced at £1 each. Please support our fundraising efforts by buying a couple of books-worth for yourself and selling more to family and friends.

Whatever you get up to during the summer, stay safe. I look forward to seeing you at the workshop or at club events.

Best wishes

Giles

One Line Philosopher:

[&]quot;It was a bright, cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen." George Orwell. Nineteen Eighty-Eour. 1949

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Bowl Turning on a Pole Lathe

By Phil Steele 25th May 2025

The bowl was completed during a day course at 'Greenwood Days', led by Ali Asadi. https://greenwooddays.co.uk/



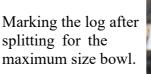
It was an excellent day learning new skills selecting wood (in this case silver birch), using an axe for carving and mounting and turning the wood on the pole lathe using a hook tool to produce a bowl.

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Log ready for splitting. The small circle is identifying the pith.







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Bowl Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued

Marking the underside of the split log, showing the possible size of the bottom foot, indicating where to start axing.



Taking the corners off at the start of axing.



Corners removed with the axe.



Shape of the bowl after axing.

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Bowl Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued

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Inserting the mandrel into the face of the bowl.

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Turn the outside of the bowl using the hook tool.

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Bowl Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued

Continue to turn the outside of the bowl. The foot with the centre will be carved off on completion.



Outside complete. Reverse the mandrel and bowl ready to hollow the centre.



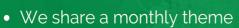
Begin to turn the inside of the bowl using the hook tool but leaving the centre core.



Continue to turn the inside of the bowl. Once the shape is good, start reducing the size of the centre waste.

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Bowl Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued

Continue to turn the bowl, turning the centre core until it is thin enough to snap off.



Carve off the foot with a spoon knife.



Remove the knob in the centre using the spoon knife.





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Bowl Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued



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Spindle Turning on a Pole Lathe

Phil Steele 17th June 2025

After researching plans in books and on the internet, Phil made his own Pole lathe during the Covid lockdown. It has been popular with the public at many Coombe open days.





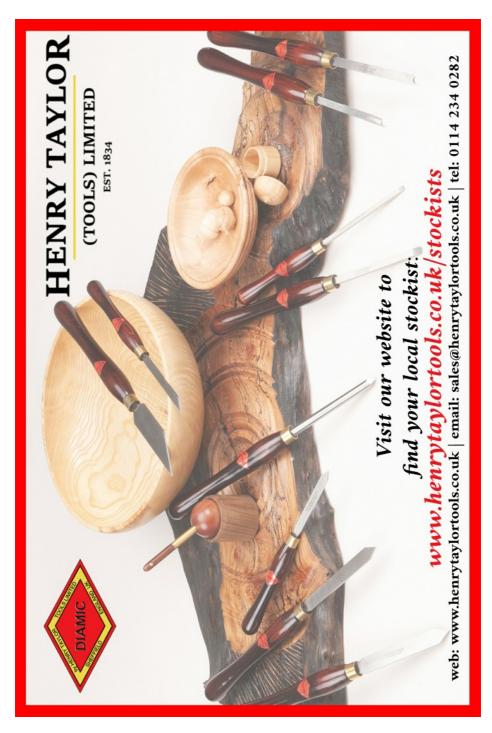
Phil uses bungee cords to provide the return power when the foot is lifted off the treadle.

Wedges lock the head stock and tail stock in place for different lengths of timber.

A threaded rod at the tail stock end is wound in and out to lock the timber in place.

Grease lubricates the fixed centres.





Spindle Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued

Winding in the tail stock to lock the timber between centres. The centres don't rotate, so a bit of grease on the points stops them squealing when the piece rotates.



Cord from the bungee above to the treadle below, wrapped round the piece to be turned provides the driving force.

The tool cuts on the forward stroke and is lifted off as the piece rotates in reverse when the foot is lifted off the treadle. Applying pressure to the tool and lifting off on the backward stroke is part of the skill when using a Pole Lathe.





Spindle Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued



Above: Marking the position of beads from the template chair leg.

Below: Turning the beads.

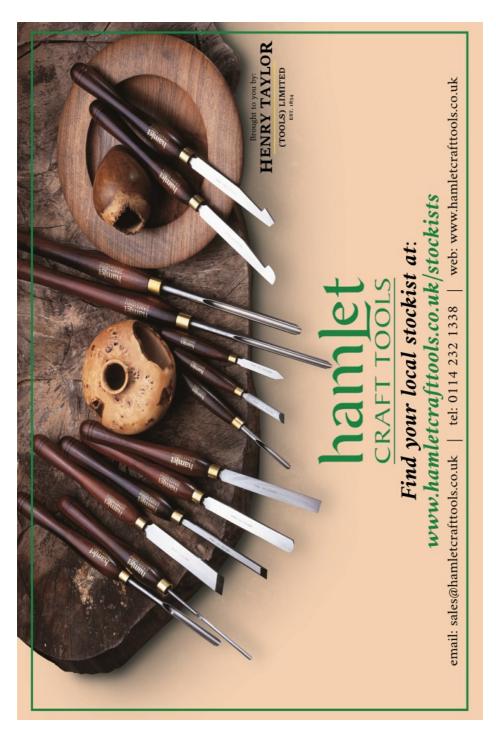
Bottom: The matching chair leg turned by Phil during the demo.

Right:

Note the safety cord to prevent the piece flying across the room if the centres loose their grip.







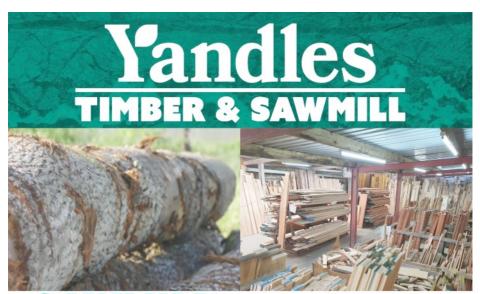
Spindle Turning on a Pole Lathe - continued

A Selection of Phil's Tools

These are carbon steel rather than our usual high-speed steel, as carbon steel take a sharper edge. They are mostly used with wet wood so they keep that edge long enough to turn a piece.

Skew chisel, slightly rounded chisel, flat chisel and draw knife.



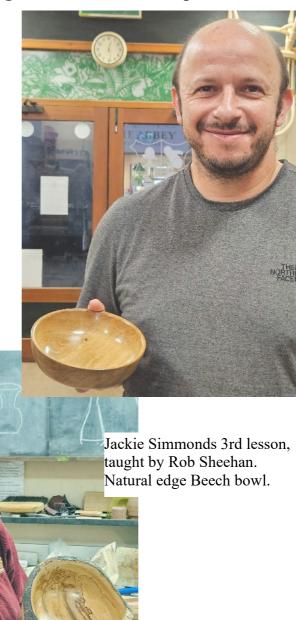




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Teaching at Coombe Workshop

Ben Mullins 1st lesson, taught by Paddy Byrne. Oak bowl.



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The following items are being sold by former Coombe Abbey club member John Roe johneroe@yahoo.co.uk

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Turning Tools



John Roe Equipment For Sale - continued





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John Roe Equipment For Sale - continued



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John Roe Equipment For Sale - continued



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John Roe Equipment For Sale - continued



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Wood



Equipment For Sale - continued

Chest of Drawers For Sale

Don Kildin has restored this chest of drawers. It is for sale £150 ono. Contact Don if you are interested.



Equipment For Sale - continued

Former chairman of Hinckley Woodturning Club, Brian Hartwell, has a Diamond Scroll Saw for sale. £65 ono. Contact current chairman John Evans slimm100@hotmail.co.uk



Notices

New (Trainee) Members of the Club

Each new trainee will be offered the chance to attend two demonstrations Free-Of-Charge.

Tutors, please tell your student about the above offer.
- by order of the committee 26/1/25

Booking Training Sessions

Michael Archer is now handling all training session bookings.

Please phone him on 02476 448311.

Do not book a session without Michael's prior agreement.

Coombe Library

New books & DVDs have been added to the Coombe Library. See Peter Orange if you want to borrow a book. From time to time, Peter will bring the books to demonstrations.



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 1 Turning Mice John Evans

Tuesday June 15 Sharpening Hands-On plus Second-Hand Stall

Contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122

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Thursday 10 July Bryan Brumfield

Thursday 24 July Emma Cooke Tiny Turner Demonstration

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

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 20th July Hands On – Bowls

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Contact Tom Donnely 01327 349093

Trent Valley Woodturners

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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 2025

Month	Date	Day	Location	Event
Jan	4	Sat	W	AGM 10am Start
	18	Sat	C	Segment making. Graham Ball
Feb	21	Fri	S	Snail, Paddy Byrne
Mar	15	Sat	W	Paul Hannaby
Apr	6	Sun		Daffodil Festival
	25	Fri	S	Segmentation. Bill Nicholson
	18 -	Fri -	C	Easter Festival of Crafts
	21	Mon		
May	09/	Fri/Sat		Woodworks At Daventry
	10/			
	17	Sat	C	Hands-On Sharpening
July	12	Sat	W	Phil Steele Windsor Chair
Sept	6	Sat	W	Scroll Saw. Giovanni Deida
Nov	15	Sat	W	TBD
Dec	13	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

Windsor Chair with Phil Steele Saturday July 12th. 10 am - 4 pm Walsgrave Baptist Church

Coming up

Saturday September 6th. Scroll Saw. Giovanni Deida. Walsgrave