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From the Editor



In this issue.

On page 8 you will find Paddy Byrne's snail demonstration.

On page 22, is a reminder of the £1 charge (including a raffle ticket) to use the Coombe workshop.

On page 24, trainee Dexter is proudly showing off his square-sided bowl.

Coombe Woodturners branded items can be found on page 37. See Lee or Martin to order.

Our next meeting is a demonstration by Paul Hannaby at Walsgrave Baptist Church on Saturday .March 15th

Bill Nicholson is giving a talk on Segmentation on Saturday 15th April at the Coombe Workshop. Places are limited, so let Lee know if you want to attend.

April is going to be a busy month. Apart from Bill's demo, we have Daffodil Sunday at Monks Kirby and the Easter bank holiday weekend at Coombe. See the back page for dates.

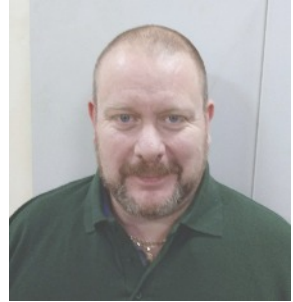
Regards

Rob

Chairman's Jottings

Hi everyone hope you are all well.

As we look forward to the move towards spring, we have a busy time ahead



Our first Demo of the year by Paddy Byrne on Friday 21st Feb was a good start to the year

I am sure you will all agree it was a good demonstration and enjoyable evening.

Coming up on Saturday 15th March we have Paul Hanaby at Walsgrave Baptist Church

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible that can make this Demo.

Looking forward to April we have the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby on Sunday the 6th of April it would be good to as many members as possible helping with this event and supporting the club. Please bring along items to sell and there will be a lathe for those that wish to do a bit of turning on the day as well as the Pole lathe.

Then we will be approaching Easter Bank holiday weekend were we are going to be having a open day at Coombe, Days to be confirmed if we get enough support with setting up and during each day Saturday Sunday and Monday are possibilities please put your names on the sheets in the workshop or let one of the committee know so they can register your interest.

We are now open at the workshop on Saturdays so please feel free to come in and use the workshop and join other members from the club.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks and months

Please remember to renew your Membership for 2025 as this is now overdue.

If you have not renewed your membership, you should not be using the workshop until you have done so, as you will not be covered under the club's insurance

That's all from me for now. I hope to see you all soon.

Stay safe, keep turning let's have a good 2025

Remember **YOUR** Club needs you and your support.

Regards

Lee

One Line Philosopher:

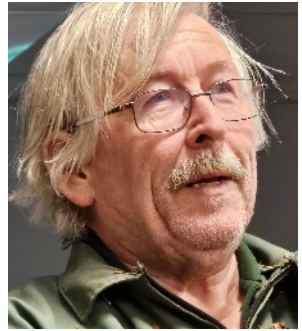
“If a book is well written, I always find it too short”

Jane Austen 1775-1817

Off-Centre Snail

By Paddy Byrne

This is Paddy's version of Laurent Cortot's (French woodturner) snail. Also inspired by Ian Ethel's off-centre turned honey dipper. The pictures May be a bit confusing as I have mixed my photos taken from in front of the lathe, with Paddy's photos taken from behind the lathe..

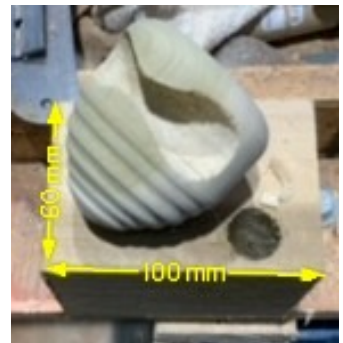


Snail's Shell

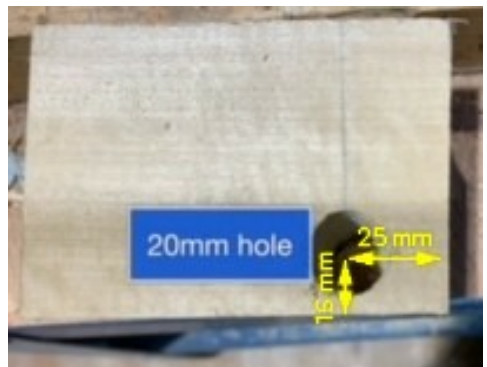
Sapele 4" square by 6" long.
Already drilled with a 25mm hole for the snail's body.
Dimensions below are for a smaller snail.



Dimensions for a smaller snail.
Block size for shell.
100mm x 60mm.



Dimensions for a smaller snail.
Hole for body drilled in shell block before turning.
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Paddy Byrne Demo - continued

Shell turned to round and a chuck spigot added. Mounted in chuck and trued-up again.



Diameter reduced until drilled hole just breaks through the side of the block.
Round over the end.



Round over the other end of the shell but leave it slightly longer than the other side and taper it down.



Cut a series of steps to mimic the spiral of a snail's shell. Only one side of the shell has a spiral.
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Part off.



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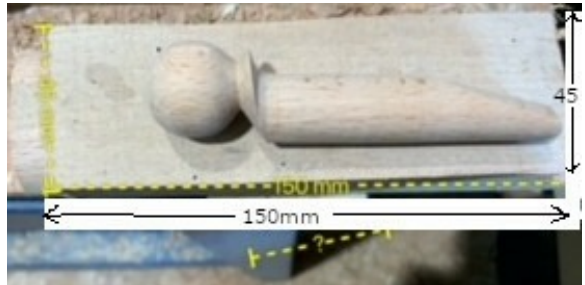
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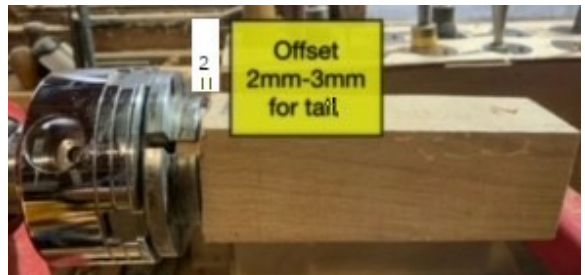
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Block for body.
150mm x 45mm.



First offset for body, to
create the tail.
Mark top of block and
drop the end till a 2-3mm
gap appears in the chuck
jaw at the top.



Length and diameter
measurements for the tail.
Mark 3 pencil lines at 35,
80 and 100 mm.



Turn the end down to
15mm and round over the
end. Taper the block so
that the diameter at the
35mm line is 25 to 30
mm.



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Paddy Byrne Demo - continued

Tail complete. Put block back to centre and turn to remainder round.



Snail's body showing the straight middle section and the dropped tail.



Start to form the collar ring behind the head. This side of the collar is turned on centre (no offset).



Second offset for body block to shape the head. 4mm offset on opposite side to the first offset.



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Paddy Byrne Demo - continued

Marking for collar.



Turn the head section to round until it just lines up with the bottom of the body.



Shape the other side of the collar and turn a sphere for the head.



The completed body
(taken from a previous
snail).



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Paddy Byrne Demo - continued

Eye Stalk

Eye stalk block.
80mm x 35mm.



Length of eye stalk 20mm
and a diameter of 3mm.
Paddy has a metal tem-
plate with a 3mm hole.



Eye stalk offset.

Drop the end of the block by only 1mm. This gives a good size for the eye.



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Paddy Byrne Demo - continued

Turn the diameter of the rest of the block down until level with the stalk.



Round over the front of the eye and part off.



The finished eye and stalk.
Now make another identical one!



Drill 3mm holes in the head. Assemble the snail by gluing the body into the shell and gluing the eye stalks into the head.

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

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.

The proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be split between the winner and the club, this is to help with the ongoing rising costs of running the workshop

Maintenance to equipment, Electricity, tea & coffee

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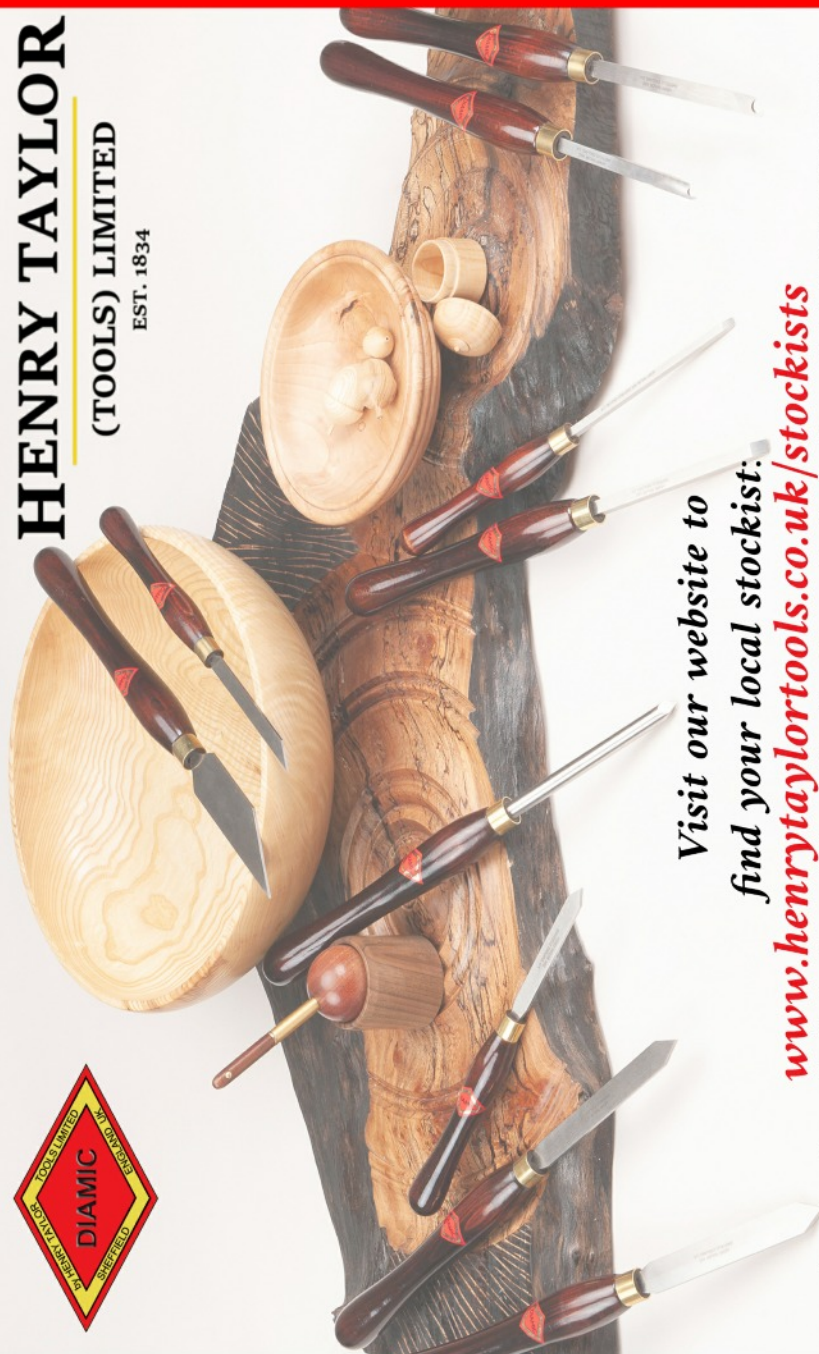
Our youngest club member Dexter, brought in a 5" x 2" Oak blank and turned a very nice square sided bowl. Rob Sheehan was his tutor.



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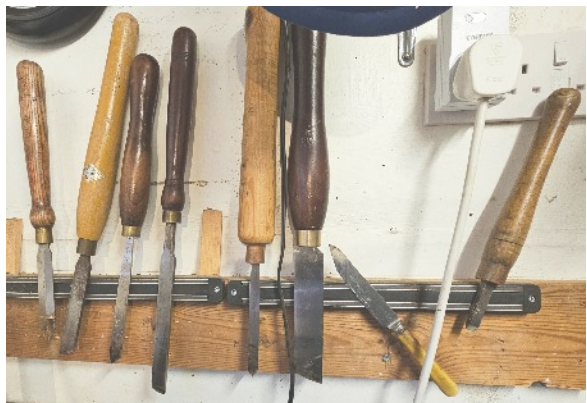
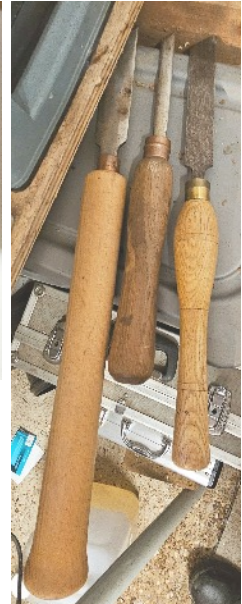
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Ken Croft's wife is selling his turning tools and machinery. Collection only, from Coventry.

If you are interested, contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122 or robshheehan@virginmedia.com. I have enclosed a few pictures here. The rest will be sent on request. I have not been given any prices.



Ken Croft's Equipment For Sale - continued



Equipment For Sale - continued

Chris Trivett 0116 2312 954 or via email chrisptrivett@gmail.com is selling some machinery on behalf of his Father-in-law. Collection only, from near Market Bosworth.

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Lathe



Extract System and Planer Thickness



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.



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.

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North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturners

Tuesday March 4 Demo Chris Parker (aka The Bald Turner)

Tuesday March 18 Demo Martin Randall

Contact Rob Sheehan 07905185122

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 13 March TBA

Thursday 27 March Stewart Furini Demonstration

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

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 16th March Hands On – Spindle Coves/Beads & Off Centre

Contact Chris Jones 07580 195561 crjones5691@gmail.com

West Northants Woodturners

Wednesday 5th March Viv Harvey

Wednesday 19th March Kate Armstrong

Contact Tom Donnelly 01327 349093

Trent Valley Woodturners

Wednesday TBD

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

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
	11	Fri	S	Segmentation. Bill Nicholson
	18 - 21	Fri - Mon	C	Easter Festival of Crafts
May	09/ 10/	Fri/Sat		Woodworks At Daventry
	17	Sat	C	Sharpening. Rob Sheehan
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

Demonstration by Paul Hannaby

Saturday March 15th, Walsgrave Baptist Church, 10am - 4pm

Coming up

Sat 11th April. Segmentation talk by Bill Nicholson. Coombe.