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From the Editor

Inside you will find my report from the Shilton evening demonstration by club member Paul Fryer. As well as



turning, Paul managed to do some hollowing, demonstrated a "samdy" finish, do some power carving, do some air brush colouring and some dry brushing. And that was just on his first piece.

Unfortunately, we lost former founding member Roy Nichols on 9th October. His obituary and funeral details are on page 18.

The Christmas competitions can be found on page 20. As well as the usual trophies, there is a new one, the "John Bradbury Memorial Trophy", to be won.

There is no demonstration in November but the workshop will be open as usual.

Our next meeting is the Christmas Party on Saturday December 9th. For £15, you will get a full Christmas meal with all the trimmings. Let Lee know asap if you want to attend.



Chairman's Jottings

We were all treated to a very good demonstration at Shilton Village Hall on Friday 20th October 2023 by our very own club member Paul Fryer. You will be able to read this in more details in Rob Sheehan's report in this issue of the Newsletter.



I do so enjoy meeting and chatting to members during our beverage break and it was good to be able to make the acquaintance of two new members.

It was announced at the meeting at Shilton that the club has been invited to have a stand at Warwick Racecourse meeting on 13th January 2024. Yes I know it could be cold in that month but the races are attended by an enormous amount of people who are potential buyers of turned work, so the committee has provisionally accepted the invitation. We therefore require help from our members to support the club at this event so please let me have your name so that a free pass can be issued to you. Anyone arriving without a pass will be charged entry to the event. You will be furnished with fuller details as they are known including whether the marquee will be heated.

I will repeat what I said about the Christmas party in last months newsletter:-

We are now taking names for the Christmas Party which takes place on Saturday 9th December at Walsgrave Baptist Church 12 O'Clock for 12:30 start. This year Jill Steedman and helpers are putting on a hot meal of Turkey and all the trimmings for us. This will be a grand spread and obviously will cost more per individual than the buffet meals we have had previously but at £15 per head, I am sure you will agree is very good value for money. The day will also include the annual competitions which are listed in these pages of the newsletter so please make sure you enter a piece and you could win one of the trophies.

At this event we will also be presenting the Air Ambulance with a cheque being the total sum raised for this charity over the past twelve

months. Over the years we have raised enough money to fund many lifesaving missions which should make all of us in the club very proud. Names for the party please to Lee Cartwright or me and I will pass on your name to Lee. Payment will be required at the door on the day of the Party.

After the Christmas Party, there are no more meetings until the AGM on 6th January at Walsgrave Baptist Church starting at 10am. Please try to attend this important meeting as we need you to elect the committee for the next twelve months among other important decisions which have to be made.

All the 2024 meeting dates are shown on the back cover of this newsletter and we have some exceptional demonstrators lined up for your entertainment so please put these dates in your diary or mark your calendar so that you don't miss any.

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

Keep those bevels rubbing

Regards Graham

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Paul Fryer Demonstration 20/10/2023

by Rob Sheehan

Paul started with an 8" long by 4"diameter log of Apple mounted on a faceplate ring. He had already drilled the



centre with a 13mm Morse taper drill bit. This fits directly into



the tail stock taper without having to use a Jacobs chuck. Using a fingernail pro-

file bowl gouge, Paul turned it to round. He then marked the position of the faceplate screws to ensure he didn't accidentally start cutting into

them when shaping the vase. When all of the bark had been removed, Paul shaped the outside to a gentle curve starting at the top and getting narrower to the base. He also roughed out the shape of the foot.



Hollowing



of the cutter when presented to the wood. He hollowed about halfway down the vase then stopped saying that he had shown the hollowing method and didn't need to do any more for the demo.

After flattening the top, Paul started hollowing the inside using a Woodcut hollowing tool from Axminster (current price £320) with the lathe running at approx 500 rpm. As with most hollowing tools, Paul could change from an aggressive cut to a more gentle cut by rotating the angle





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Paul Fryer Demo - continued

Texturing With Sand

Paul then sanded the inside before painting it black with Chestnut Ebonising Lacquer. When the lacquer had dried, Paul poured (too much) PVA glue inside the vase and covered it with black volcanic sand (£10 for 2kg from Amazon. Red sand is also available). This left a rough textured surface.



Power Carving





Back to the outside, Paul finalised the shape and sanded it. He then textured the outside using a Saburr Tooth carbide burr (£51.60 from Axminster) fitted in an Arbortech angle grinder (approx £220 for latest model). Paul said this was a very aggressive machine so he carefully set the tool rest to support the machine as it cut. It must cut on centre height. He also did a few test passes with the machine unplugged before switching on the power. After carving a series

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Paul Fryer Demo - continued

of deep coves from bottom to top, Paul used a nylon brush in a drill, to sand the rough surface.

Airbrushing

Using a mini compressor (£45) and dual action bottom feed airbrush, Paul painted the outside a Light Blue using Chestnut spirit stain. Switching to a Royal Blue, he just painted the top and

bottom, feathering the edge to create a colour gradient where the colours merged. By starting with light colours, Paul said he didn't have to clean out the airbrush between colours.



Dry Brushing

Using Chestnut cop-

per gilt cream, Paul loaded a paint brush and then wiped most off onto a cloth. He then just caught the tops of the texture, from top to bottom. He then switched to Hampshire Sheen purple embellishing wax and repeated the process. Paul had tried a combination of Red, Purple and Gold but it didn't look right. Once dry, Paul said you could finish with lacquer or wax. The wax did appear to pull off some of the colour.





Paul Fryer Demo - continued

Coloured & Textured Flying Saucer Bowl

Paul's second project of the evening was a flying saucer shaped bowl with colouring and texturing. Starting with an Elm bowl blank 10" diameter and 2" thick mounted on a faceplate ring, Paul shaped the bottom to curve upwards to the centre and cut a chucking recess (Paul prefers a recess as he can remount it later to re-polish after it has been handled at shows). Paul mounted it on the recess and turned another curve on the top,



leaving the bowl flying saucer shaped. He then hollowed out a small dish in the centre.

Power Carving

Marking several bands on the curved top, Paul fitted a mini carving disc to the Arbortech. Using the tool rest for support, he demonstrated the different patterns that can be produced by angling the cutting disc in different directions. Black paint highlighted the different designs. A quick bit of cleaning between the textures finished the demo.



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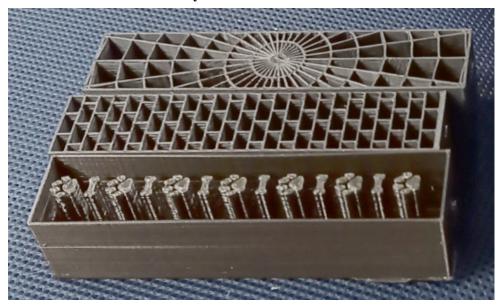






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Paul Fryer Demo - continued



These are some pen blank moulds 3D printed by Paul. They will be filled with resin and turned - complete with the plastic mould. The top two are self explanatory, the bottom mould contains paw prints. He hasn't tried them yet but they will certainly be unique. As with most home 3D printers, they take several hours to print each one.





Roy NichollsObituary & Funeral Arrangements

Roy Nicholls 1951 – 2023

Sad to report that Roy Nicholls passed away on Monday 9th October 2023 after a short illness and a fall.

Roy was a founder member of Coombe Abbey Woodturners and was heavily involved with the club for many years holding the post of chairman for some of that time. Roy always volunteered to operate a lathe at our hands on meetings and at open



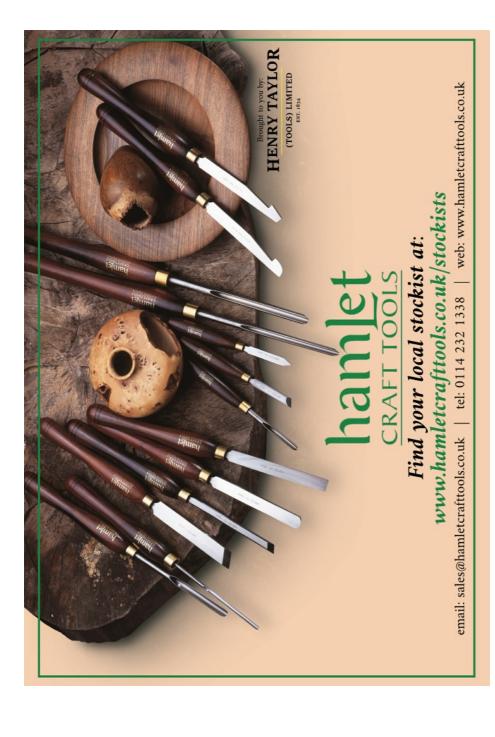
days at Coombe Country Park and at other outside events such as the Daffodil Festival at Monks Kirby and at the Godiva Festival in Coventry Memorial Park.

Roy was chairman of the club when we were successful in securing a Lottery Fund Grant which enabled us to equip and open the present workshop at Coombe which has proved to be very popular with members and allow the club to teach members of the public who after two lessons are asked to join the club.

Roy will be sadly missed by those who knew him and this club offers our sincere condolences to his son Simon and to Roy's wider family.

Funeral at Canley Crematorium on Wednesday 8th November at 11.15 am. Flowers from family only but donations will be gratefully received for the Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

Graham Ball (Club Chairman)



Notices

From Next Year No More Paper Copies of the Newsletter

Printing paper copies of the newsletter (in black and white) costs the club over £400 per year to print. It was decided at the last committee meeting that, *from next year*, *paper copies will no longer be sent to members*. Make sure that Lee has your email address so that you can continue to receive the full colour newsletter via email. Sorry if this affects you but, with room rent and demonstrator costs rising, the committee felt that we could make better use of the money.

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.

AWGB Subscriptions

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Christmas Competitions

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Jim Elliot Trophy

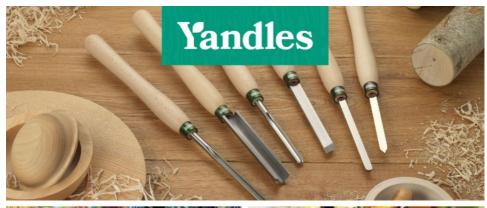
Open to anyone. Christmas themed item (majority must be turned).

Roger Warren-Finding Trophy

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New John Bradbury Memorial Trophy

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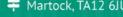




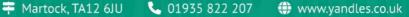
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Tuesday November 21 9-axis Honey Dipper Ian Ethel

Contact Steve Obrien 01788-521527

Tudor Rose Woodturners

Thursday 9th November 2023 Club Demonstrator Thursday 23rd November 2023 Mick Hanbury

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

West Midlands Woodturners

Sunday 19th November AGM and Hands On – Colours & Stains

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Saturday December 9 Christmas party 12:30 Walsgrave

Calendar of Events 2024

Saturday January 6	AGM	Walsgrave	
Saturday January 13	Display/Demo at Warv	vick Racecourse	
Friday February 16	Ian Ethell	Shilton	
Saturday March 16	Chris Parker	Walsgrave	
Saturday April 20	Mick Hanbury	Walsgrave	
Friday/Saturday May 10/11 Woodworks at Daventry			
Saturday July 13	Gary Rance	Walsgrave	
Saturday September 7	Steve Heeley	Walsgrave	
Friday October 18	Lee Cartwright	Shilton	
Saturday December 14	Christmas party 12:30	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

Christmas Party
Saturday 9th December at Walsgrave Baptist Church
12:30 pm start

Coming up Saturday January 6th AGM