



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE
& HINCKLEY
WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes From The Editor

Inside, you will find the report on the demonstration by club members John Evans and Tony Baxter. John did all of the turning while Tony kept us amused with his jokes.



I've also enclosed photos from my recent trips to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct in North Wales and Trentham Gardens in Stoke-on-Trent.

Club member Oscar, recently attended an AWGB training day. You can find a few pictures on page 23.

The usual Members' Work and Items for Sale sections are also included.

Save 10% on most items from Axminster, Ring the sales line and quote club account number 1197363. Ordered items will be delivered to my home address, so please let me know when you order anything so that I can make sure I'm available to receive the delivery.

Save 10% on Chestnut products by buying them through Treasurer Paddy Byrne. He keeps a stock of popular items. For other items, the minimum order is £200, so you may have to wait until Paddy can make up a big enough order.

Our next meeting is another Hands-On session to prepare for Woodworks at Daventry. The best woodturning show in the country is coming soon. Friday 9th and Saturday 10th May at Daventry Leisure Centre. Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP. Free parking and free entry so tell everybody and come along to support your club.

Rob Sheehan
Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Web Site Manager



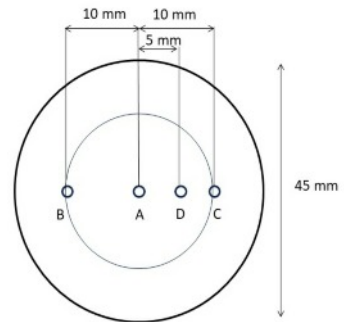
John Evans and Tony Baxter Demo

1/4/2025

John did the turning,
Tony told the jokes. It
was a good evening's
entertainment.



The blank started as a 45mm square by 270mm long. Mark the true centre A and, at the tail stock end, mark two holes offset 10mm from the centre, B left and C right, and one hole D, 5mm offset right from the centre. Mount between true centres A and turn to round. Leave the tail stock end large, to act as a base for the figure.



Turn a ball at the head stock end so the blank can be gripped in the chuck at an offset.



Mark a line 160 mm from the tail stock end, then 42 mm, then 19 mm and another at a further 19 mm. On true centres A, taper the legs down from 20mm at the waist down to 5mm at the foot.



Sand and finish the leg section. Once moved, there is no going back to finish this section.



Move the tail stock end to position B. Do not apply too much pressure as the foot section is quite weak.



Taper the waist section down from 20mm at the bust, to 5mm at the waist. Round over the bottom into the narrow waist. Sand & finish.



Move the tail stock end to position C. Turn the neck down to 5mm. Round the bust down to the neck. Sand & finish.



Move to position D (5 mm offset). Turn the head to a cylinder 13mm in diameter. Round the head down to the neck. Sand, finish & part off.



The completed body. The block at the base is left on to act as a stand.



Turning the hat. Depending on the style of hat, this blank may be a similar size to the body blank or slightly larger. Turn to round and drill a hole that is a snug fit for the head.



Shape the brim and the crown. Sand and finish.

Glue on the head at a jaunty angle.





Left: The completed lady with hat.

Right: Another version with different hat and rounded base.

Below Left: Two more figures.

Below Right: More figures. Note the different hat styles.



The original magazine article by David Ritchie. Note that John & Tony have changed some of the dimensions to make it safer to turn.

"How to" - turn a Lady's Head.

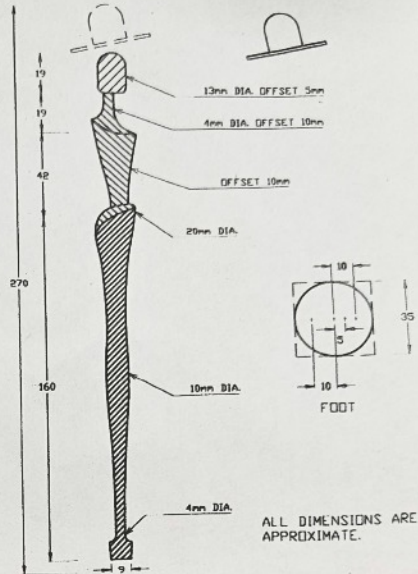
David Ritchie

If you can turn a ladies head of your age you are doing very well, I have to resort to chocolates and wood!

I first saw Brian Partridge turn this figurine about 10 years ago at a demo we held in the hall, and thought it an excellent off centre exercise. Since then I have simplified the 'how to' part and developed my own way, once again it may not be your way or the best way, but it works for me. It should be turned in conjunction with the drawing and can be scaled up or down as required. I have turned one 450mm high.

Proceed as follows - good luck

1. Cut the blank to length to include a ball shape just above the finished head profile of a diameter to suit your chuck, about 20mm suits mine. Whilst its in the square mark the exact centre on the head end. The foot end should be marked as per drawing.
2. Mount between true centres and turn the ball shape above the head. Remount in the chuck gripping on the ball and the true centre of the foot end, and now turn up to the 20mm diameter hip area. You must sand and apply your finish as you progress there is no going back.
3. Slacken the chuck and move the work piece to the opposite (left hand) 10mm offset on the tailstock, tighten the chuck and turn the body section, again sand and polish.
4. Slacken the chuck and move the work piece to the opposite (right hand) 10mm offset on the tailstock. Tighten the chuck and turn the shoulders and neck portion. Take care to leave the smallest possible radius at the section between the neck and the head as you only have 5mm off set to get the head profile right. Sand and polish.



5. Slacken the chuck and move to the 5mm tailstock off set position. Tighten the chuck and carefully turn the head profile maintaining some shape between the back of the head and neck. Sand and finish.

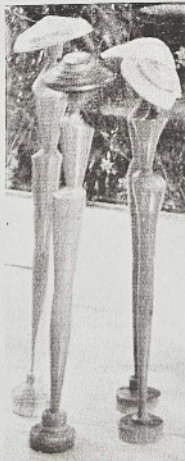
Always be aware of selecting the best grain or feature in the wood to form the front of the figure

The first time I turned one I got the boobs and bum on the same side.

Good Luck



Clearly not yet introduced



Now best friends, which one is V.B.?

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As he had finished the off centre figure demo early, John showed us how to turn a hedgehog. He said that these sell really well from the charity stall.

A Laburnum log mounted between centres. Turn to round. Turn a parallel chucking tenon.



Grip the tenon lightly in the chuck jaws. Raise the tail stock end by 6 mm and tighten the chuck. Turn the nose to 10 mm round and curve up to the body.



Round over the back of the body and part off. Draw on a mouth, eyes and eye lashes. Sand the base flat so the hedgehog will sit upright.





Above: Screw-threaded egg shaped box and stand.



Above Right: Egg and egg cup.

Right: Tea set and tray for the Daventry show.



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Trevor Basin, Off Station Road, Trevor, Wrexham. LL20 7TY



Left: Aqueduct 5 mins walk from the car park. View from the aqueduct looking down to the River Dee 40 metres below.

Below: Path & railing beside the canal which runs across the aqueduct.



Above: View from the aqueduct looking along the River Dee.



Right: Viewing position for a side view of the aqueduct.





Above: Close up of the aqueduct with people walking across.



Left: The River Dee, flowing under the aqueduct.

Below: Another view from the River Dee.



Trentham Gardens

Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST4 8JG
Shopping outlet viilage (free) and gardens (£11:50 concesswions).



Above: Cross a bridge from the shops to get to the gardens.
Below: The lake.





Above: Wicker deer standing in front of the lake.

Below Left: Tree carved with otters.

Below Right: 10' carving of a stag beetle.





Above: The formal gardens.

Below: The formal gardens.



Items For Sale

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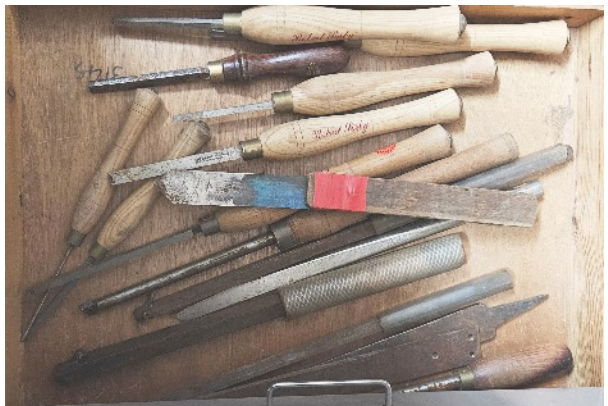
The club is not responsible for any item appearing on this page. The buyer and seller must make their own arrangements as to the condition, suitability, delivery, payment and price etc.

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

No prices, so make a sensible offer. Collection from Coventry.



Turning Tools





Bandsaw, Pilar drill, Belt and Disc Sander





Union Graduate lathe

Table Saw





Carving gouges

DeWalt biscuit jointer

Various grinders

Wood



Electra Beckum 315 12" 300mm Bandsaw

Contact: chris.c.chambers@outlook.com or mobile 07802 244943.

In great working order. Comes with 2 brand new blades and some older ones in various conditions. It has two fences and has had the guide bearings and support upgrade. Dust extractor & hoses not included.

Max cutting height 18 cm

Max cutting depth 30 cm

Depth 76 cm

Width 48 cm

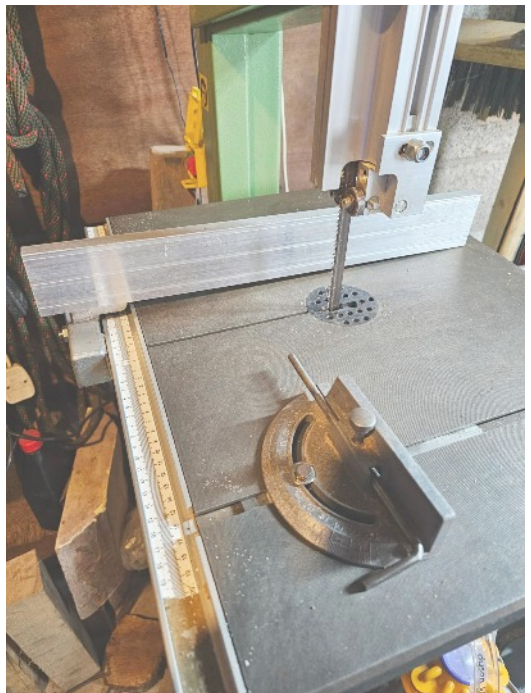
Height 170 cm including stand.

Height without stand 103 cm

Height of stand 63 cm

I'm only selling this as I have brought a bigger capacity one and don't have room for two.





Diamond Scroll Saw for sale

Former Chairman Brian Hartwell has a Diamond Scroll Saw for sale He is looking for £65 for it.



Members' Work



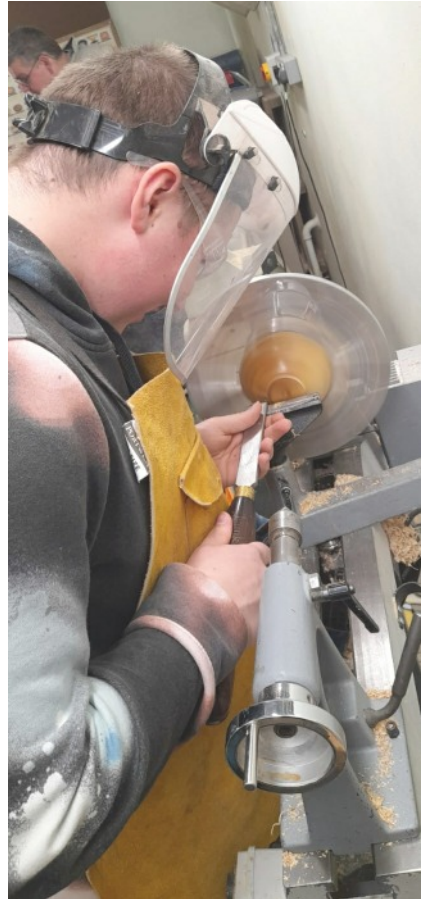
Above: Members' work on display at the Hands-On session.

Right: Chris Grimshaw at Bulkington, covered in streamers from his wood/epoxy resin bowl.



AWGB Training Day

Club member Oscar, recently went on a training day with the AWGB.



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY CLUB EVENTS 2025

January	7th	Hands-On	
	21st	Demo	Chris Grimshaw
February	4th	Hands-On	
	18th	Demo	Rob Sheehan - Pepper Mill
March	4th	Demo	Chris Parker (Bald Turner)
	18th	Demo	Martin Randall
April	1st	Demo	John Evans + Tony Baxter
	15th	Hands-On	Daventry Preparation
May	5th	Hands-On	Daventry Preparation
	9/10th	Woodworks at Daventry	
	20th	Demo	Bob Smith
June	3rd	Demo	Phil Steele - Pole Lathe
	17th	TBD	

Events at Other Clubs

Please contact the club to check times/dates/locations before attending

Coombe Abbey

Segmentation talk by Bill Nicholson

Friday April 11 6:30pm - 9pm

Shilton Village Hall