

Ian Parry (Coventry) thimbles 1983-1989

Parry is a pewterer and as such some part of each of his thimbles has pewter in it. Some are made totally of pewter; others have pewter subjects sitting atop wooden thimbles – and some are placed on brass or nickel thimbles. Ian is also a leading silver- and goldsmith (1984) who made miniature silver objects for attachment to his wooden thimbles; occasionally he incorporated crystals, making him a really multi-skilled craftsman creating a wide range of thimbles.

Like many of my recent thimble topics, Ian Parry's thimbles are unsigned. So by bringing together all of his thimbles in one place, you will be able to match a thimble in your collection, to the maker's name of Ian Parry.

Some of Parry's biographical details are revealed in small glimpses in TTG. He was a graduate of the Arts College of Worcester (March 1985) and in September 1985, it was revealed he had established a small studio in Coventry.

The TTG catalogues were in black and white between 1983 and 1987. As most of Ian's thimbles were created in this period, many of the photos here are in black and white. Very few have appeared for sale in the second-hand market; so if you have one of these thimbles, I'd love to see the full colour version please.

Not every thimble is identified by TTG as Parry's.

WOODEN THIMBLES

Parry would have turned his own wooden thimbles – most of which have a flat apex
Where the timber used is named in the catalogues it is included



bee

gold-plated pewter – R: silver

top L: **gorsewood** – lower: **padauk** in beehive shape
limited to **400**

November 1984 – September 1989



ammonite
lacewood
pewter
April 1987



black hat with rabbit
handpainted pewter
and wood
August 1985
b&w photo



blue charm fishing fly
with teal feathers
September 1986
b&w photo



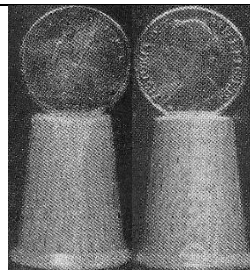
blue whale
May 1986
b&w photo



blue tit
lacewood
February 1987
b&w photo



cameo
tulipwood
December 1988



coin - farthing
Queen Victoria
May 1985
b&w photo



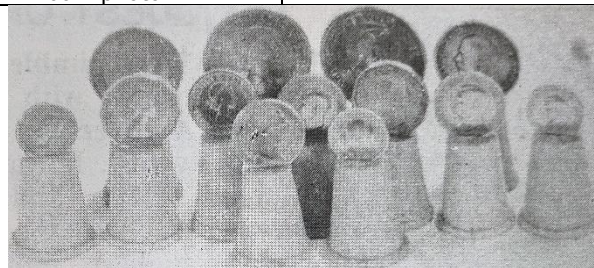
coin - halfpenny
George V
April 1987



coin - penny
Queen Victoria
May 1985
b&w photo



coin - penny farthing
silverplated coins
April 1987



coin - set of British coins
coins were no longer legal tender
April 1987
b&w photo



coin - threepence (1922 1930 1938)
domed over apex
oak
June 1986



comedy and tragedy
masks
handpainted in black
and white
oak
January 1985
b&w photo



cossack
handpainted
lacewood
May 1987
b&w photo



cupid
handpainted
January 1987
b&w photo



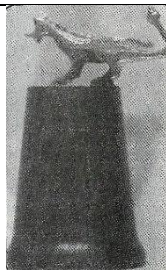
dolphin
silver
olive
June 1989



dolphin
yew
September 1986
b&w photo



dove
silver
yew
December 1986
b&w photo



dragon
handpainted green
March 1987
b&w photo



Dunkeld fly fishing fly
with teal feathers
October 1986
b&w photo



elephant
silver
yew
b&w photo



hares



harvest mouse
silver
mahogany
also available in 9ct
gold
September 1987



horse
partly handpainted
mark in tail is a punch hole
October 1986
b&w photo



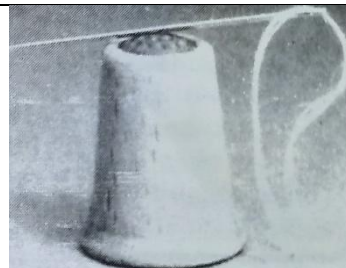
hummingbird
silver
yew
December 1987



kingfisher
handpainted
b&w photo



kitten
handpainted red ball
beech
March 1985
b&w photo



magnet
June 1985
b&w photo



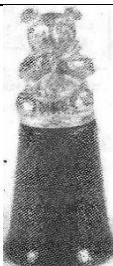
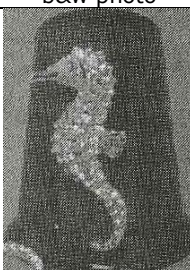
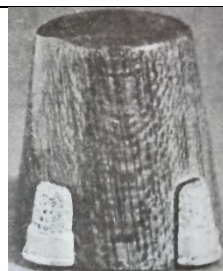
mini set of six
olive – tulipwood
purpleheart – yew rosewood
– mahogany



owl
9ct gold
mahogany
also available in silver
October 1987



owl
silver
Trevor Warrington named as maker
February 1989

		
owl and man in the moon silver February 1987	panda mahogany December 1984 b&w photo	pierrot handpainted oak December 1984 b&w photo
		
piggybank coin moves in and out teak November 1984	Prince of Wales feathers 'Ich dien' beechwood January 1985 b&w photo	robin December 1986 b&w photo
		
seahorse gold-plated mahogany December 1985 b&w photo	squirrel silver London plane November 1987	seal crystal ball oak February 1987
		
snowflake crystal yew January 1987 b&w photo	spider silverplated with red and white crystals April 1988	thimble house Mexican hardwood September 1989
		
teacup saucer and spoon handpainted in white with blue trim August 1984 b&w photo	tiger silverplated mahogany April 1986 b&w photo	thimbles pewter teak December 1984 b&w photo

 tortoise June 1986 b&w photo	 train silver laminated timber January 1989	 Viking September 1986 b&w photo	 Welsh hat silver rose with emerald as centre December 1988
 wren March 1987 b&w photo			

PEWTER THIMBLES

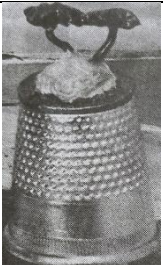
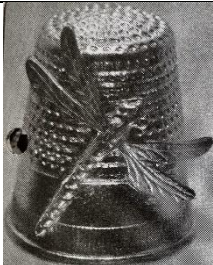
If Parry left his pewter thimbles unpainted, they were polished to a high sheen

			
barn owl January 1986	Eskimo on igloo December 1986	frog handpainted in red and green September 1985 b&w photo	hedgehog July 1986
			
penguin handpainted November 1985			
			
squirrel September 1986 mark on paws is a punch hole	Thimbley fox hunt February 1984	Thimbley mouse December 1983	

 Thimbley pigs July 1984	 Thimbley policeman March 1984	 Thimbley rabbit June 1984
 Thimbley waiter May 1984	 Thimbley stoat August 1984	 Thimbley schoolmaster August 1984

BRASS THIMBLES

Brass thimbles are not made by Parry

 pewter clam shell with pearl (bead) limited to 750 February 1985			
 crystal clam shell	 handpainted island with palms July 1985 b&w photo	 dragonfly in silver October 1986 b&w photo	 witch on nickel September 1986 b&w photo

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This listing of Ian Parry thimbles does not purport to be complete or accurate in all aspects. Rather it invites comments and contributions to add to our knowledge. My thanks to the contributors.

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