

Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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April 2022

Chairman

The committee, having been left without a Chairman from the AGM, is pleased to report Andy Ogilvie is to take on the role. (Yes, the editor of this newsletter – in for a penny, in for a pound!?)

AGM Report

The following were elected: Paul Reeves (Vice Chairman), Trevor Elliott (Secretary), Clive Potter (Treasurer), and Rick Patrick, Greta Reeves, Vic Russell, Ian Wright to the committee.

After reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, a well-deserved vote of thanks was given to retiring Chairman, John Bolt and he, together with Paul Reeves, Clive Potter and Richard Slee were awarded Honorary Membership in recognition of long service to the club.

Paul Reeves thanked all members for their perseverance and loyalty through Covid restrictions, and those members who volunteer in the background to make club evenings and events successful.

Trophies

Table A Winner Paul Reeves and Vic Russell
 Table B Winner Alan Brooks
 Service to Club Andy Ogilvie

Table A Runner-up Andy Ogilvie
 Table B Runner-up Andrew Fairfax
 Best Beginner Nigel Batten



Table A – Paul and Vic

Table B - Alan

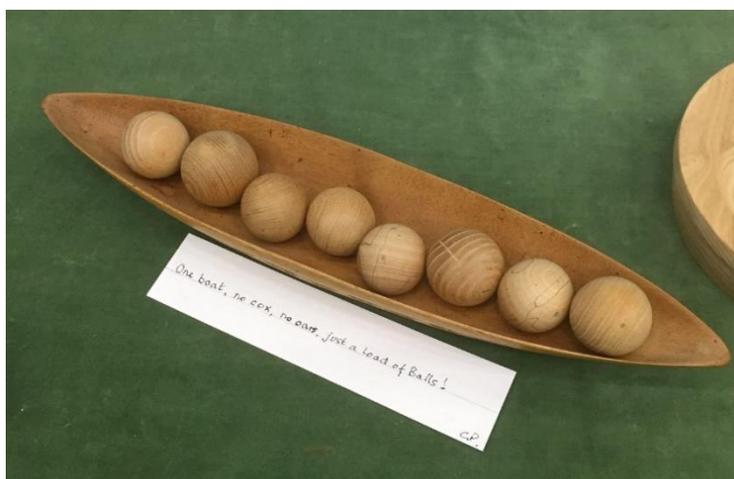
Flowers for tea! – Tina

Service to Club - Andy

Display Table – Spheres, and more



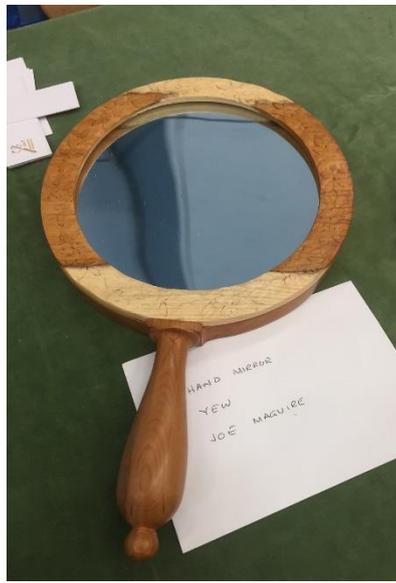
Rick Patrick



Clive Potter – 'One boat, no cox, no oars, just a load of balls!'



Alan Brooks – St Patrick’s Day Shamrock Bowl



Joe Maguire



Andy Ogilvie



David Hamilton



Joe Van Wyk



Anon - mini Vic Russell with routed jumper!



Vic Russell



Andy Ogilvie



Joe Van Wyk



John Bolt brought in a wide range of ball related items



Most members present took advantage of Paul's wood sale

Given the amount of wood purchased we look forward to bumper display tables over the coming months!

Subs please

2022-3 subscriptions are due at the April meeting

The treasurer asks for payment to be made by (in order of preference):

1. Bank transfer to HSBC Bank plc
Christchurch Society for Woodturners (Business ac) sort code 40-30-36 ac no 21320696
Please give your name as the reference
2. Cash on the night
3. Cheque, payable to Christchurch Society of Woodturners
(please avoid if possible as it incurs bank fees)

Internet

This month's offerings from Vic

Need to know about Wood?

<https://www.wood-database.com>

Wooden Bowl Making

<http://www.merchantandmakers.com/pole-lathe-wood-turner-robin-wood/>

This one is from Paul Reeves

<https://sites.google.com/site/tourdeforcewoodturning/contents>

Alternative to Wood Stain

<https://davidneat.wordpress.com/tag/applying-shoe-polish-to-wood/>

Proposed Programme 2022-3	Clubnight (always includes display table)		Events / Extras
APRIL 21	Demo 1 - Unnatural, Natural Edge	PR	
MAY 19	Comp 1 - Unnatural, Natural Edge Revision of Bowl technique	PR	Sun 22 nd Sway Open Gardens
JUNE 16	Demo 2 - Bird Box	PR	
JULY 21	Comp 2 - Bird Box Visiting Demonstrator	Mike Haselden	Sat 9 th BBQ @ Bill Peach 30/31st Mundeford Arts
AUG 18	Demo 3 - Puzzles / Tricks	PR	13 th Ellingham Show
SEPT 15	Comp 3 - Puzzles / Tricks Kilner Challenge	AO	
OCT 20	Demo 4 - Animals	PR	
NOV 17	Comp 4 - Animals Workshop – sharpening, sphere jig, inclusion box, pyrography / carving	PR VR AO +	
DEC 15	Xmas Social – partners very welcome drinks / nibbles, demonstration, quiz, display table	PR AO	
JAN 19	Demo 5 - Set of Buttons	PR	
FEB 16	Comp 5 - Set of Buttons Streptohedrons	AO	
MAR 16	AGM Wood sale		

Everton Redwood

These are the first boards from a Giant Redwood (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) which Paul recently felled at the nursery. It was planted in 1952 on the boundary of a new piece of land but after further land acquisition it started to shade blocks of newly planted trees and so after 70 years it had to go. The main butt, about 1m dia and 2.4m long approx, weighing 1.8 tons, was shifted with a fork-lift. He'll need the big saw to tackle that one although he says it cuts very nicely. This lump has nice colours which darken in the air but there are a lot of knots - garden furniture perhaps as it's very resistant to decay.

Very cleverly Greta took the photo with its big brother poking up over the top of the boards - same age but twice the height at 70ft approx. Perhaps Paul could have a go at a lion from the trunk, as per example!?



From the Editor's Workshop – Monkey Puzzle

Many of us took a chunk of Monkey Puzzle last year when Paul chopped down a local tree. I grabbed a piece, grappled with it to remove the sticky bark (that'll be why it was given to me in a plastic bag then), rough turned it and then stored it in a bag filled with shavings in the workshop. I returned many months later, checked the moisture content and set about finishing the project. My intention was to showcase the knots and this largely dictated the shape, and you can see the elongated slice through them I managed to uncover. The pith was very soft and needed careful working. After sanding the wood was treated with Walnut oil which seemed to bring out the golden hues nicely. However, my wife was very miffed when I gave it to a very old friend for a significant birthday!



Introducing

As you pass through David Game's front door you are welcomed by examples of his woodturning and standing in a house which he and his family built (he was a carpenter / building contractor). These skills are reflected in his confident use of an oilstone honed skew chisel as we chat in his spacious Aladdin's Cave of a workshop which tells many tales from his 16 years of turning. He started when he picked up a CSW flyer from Christchurch Powr Tools. He now has an Axminster 1628 lathe, likes turning boxes and is not frightened of something a bit more complex and has a sketch pad of ideas and plans to prove it. In his youth he bought a Leyland Atlas van (worth googling!), not just for his building work but also to transport his trials and scrambling motorbikes - Bultaco, Greaves and TriBSA (see pic) among them. He played a mean game of Skittles before his knees told him to take up more gentle pursuits such as turning, growing Sweet Peas, enjoying a roast and walking the dog. Precision is a common theme in David's varied and skilful work – mind you, he does get into the workshop most afternoons! (top left image is the welcome to the family home)



Woodturning Weekender – 30-31 July 2022

Joe Van Wyk has spotted this opportunity for a weekend of indulgence (turning demos, trade and club stands and various social activities) organised by Chestnut Products in Swindon. Joe intends to go and wondered if anyone else might be interested. It might even be possible to share transport.

Full details: www.woodturningweekender.co.uk

Safety Guidelines

Trevor Elliott is keen to share this article on 'Lathe and Workshop Safety'. Well worth a read to confirm what you are doing right – and maybe to give you a couple of pointers too.

www.gvvg.ca/docs/Articles/Various/GDW%20Lathe%20Safety%20Guidelines%20v5.pdf

Would you do a turn for charity?

Clive Potter is going to set up a stall for Sway Open Gardens and is keen to have some fabulous local woodturning to sell. He will be bringing in some wood to the April meeting which he is hoping you will 'turn' into something wonderful to be sold. Items and any other contributions will be collected at the May meeting in readiness for the sale a few days later. Thank you!

Nissan Sunny?



Love is Cherry heartwood? (pic: Nigel Batten)



Just a Thought

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!

Maxim for woodturners?

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried

Contributions to this e-newsletter are very welcome as are suggestions and comment. I am particularly interested in the story of projects which members have taken on. Please take a couple of photos, scribble down some background notes and I'll put it all together for the newsletter.

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