

Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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November 2022

October Meeting Report

Thanks to Paul for the very good demonstration on 'Animals' which of course leads to next month's competition. We are keen to encourage entries for both competitions and Table B in particular – keep it simple, finish and detail it well.... but please enter! A knurled / offset-turned hedgehog and an elephant were part of the demo and as usual, details and tips can be found on the website. You can then apply the techniques to the animal of your choice. Next meeting is a workshop session – more details to follow when plans have been finalised.



Further finishing work on the right-hand elephant has made its pink colouring is far more noticeable.

Display / Appraisal Table

Paul had brought in a number of hollowing examples and talked through the technical processes of achieving good results both as a novice and experienced hollower.





Paul Reeves



Andy Ogilvie



Mike Woodhouse



Alan Brooks



Joe Van Wyk



Nigel Batten



John Bolt

Internet

This month's suggestions from Vic Russell:

Oval Turning

<http://www.volmer---ovaldrehen.de/Ovalturning2A.pdf>

Turn a Chuck Collar

<https://youtu.be/3-P6qGkob34>

Cheap and simple indexing

<https://youtu.be/A5hysnnKHJ8>

As wood turns - lots of demos and ideas etc

<https://www.aswoodturns.com>

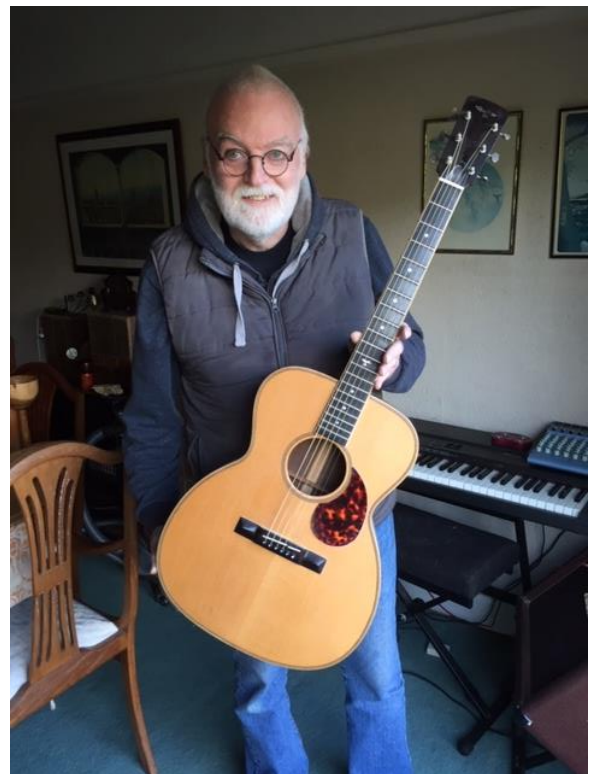
From Terry Miles' Workshop

Something a bit different this month – may I encourage any of you who have passions and skills other than woodturning to allow other members to appreciate your expertise. We have a wide range of talents amongst the club members, and it would be great to share some stories.

Terry built this guitar from scratch and the story of the project from planning, wood preparation, shaping the various parts, assembly and finishing is told by Terry if you follow this link: www.terrym.co.uk/1makingaguitar

Fantastic job and a fascinating insight into the skilful world of a traditional craft.

Perhaps a turned musical instrument could be a topic for next year?!



Sway Village Hall Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday 3rd December 2022 10am – 3 pm

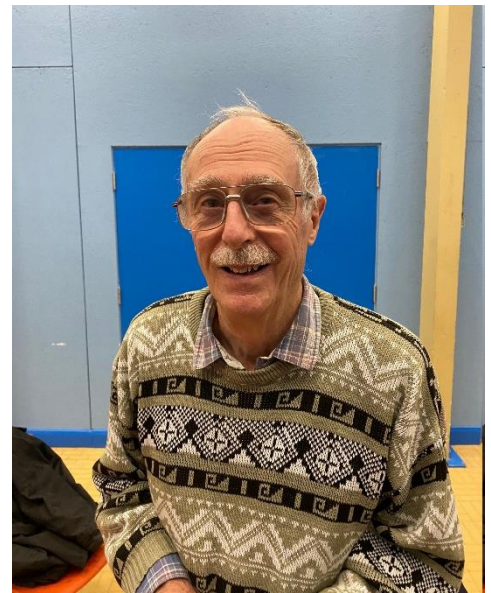
Clive Potter has booked two tables at this craft fayre and will be selling turnings given by members to swell club funds and promote the club and woodturning generally. Clive has a reasonable stock of items but would welcome further contributions – please pass to Clive at the November meeting. I'm told nail puzzles are very popular but anything small, quirky, Christmassy welcome.

Offers of help on the day would be much appreciated, with set up time between 9 and 10am on the day. Sway village hall is in Middle Road (SO41 6BB). Please see Clive at the meeting, give him a ring or email him via the club website.

I also have details of a church fayre in Lymington if anyone has lots of (Christmas) stuff they wish to show / sell.

Introducing

Nick Gosden particularly enjoyed making his spinning wheel as it seemed to combine a number of challenges and skills – and indeed he is a man who has risen to a variety challenges and skills in his life. At 19 he battled serious damage to his leg (sustained whilst riding his '62 Francis Barnett motorbike) with a rehabilitation exercise in the form of a treadle lathe – which sowed a thought that he would revisit in retirement. He has now been turning for 10 years, 8 as a club member. He trained as a Horticulturalist which led to a job in the National Botanical Gardens of Zimbabwe. He also worked as a Police reservist and was on duty as Prince Charles handed over the country to Mugabe's regime – interesting times! He remembers a Harare restaurant which served fantastic weiner schnitzel in a mushroom sauce. Nick also spent a decade as a light aircraft pilot, overflying waterfalls and big game before returning to England and a job in gardening, greenkeeping and general maintenance. He now volunteers for the Swanage Steam Railway and helps with signals and telegraph maintenance in particular. Nick has acquired several lathes - a Naerok, a small Axminster and a Graduate. (Can anyone help source a replacement 5 stage pulley for the Naerok?). A new workshop is being organised ready for perfectionist Nick to rise to his next challenge. Examples of his accomplished work appear below.



Just a Thought

Know safety, no injury; no safety, know injury.

This Month's Pick of the Pics

Pictures of 'old' lathes are often sent to me, and they often resemble something from the 'Flintstone era' or are of very rustic green wood construction. This one in Oak and Walnut appears to be either a replica or a modern interpretation of a classic design – a bit of research suggests it was made by Wagner Woodworks, a bespoke kitchen / bathroom cabinet making company in Wisconsin – perhaps as a personal project or commission. I quite fancy having a go on this one!



Ever wondered how big a Bald Eagle's nest is?



The happiest people
don't have the best of
everything...
They just **make the best** of
everything they have.

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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