

# Christchurch Society of Woodturners

## e - newsletter

## March 2024

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The club AGM will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm at Mudeford Wood Community Centre

Agenda:

Reports from Officers

Election of committee

Display Table

Presentation of Awards

AOB – please give matters for discussion to the secretary at least one week before the meeting.

**Paul will be offering his annual WOOD SALE – please bring a bag and some cash!**

The position of secretary needs to be filled as Trevor is stepping down after long service. Could you act as a contact for the club, produce minutes of meetings and distribute name labels on club nights – please be ready to volunteer!

### Meeting Report

Paul had to miss his planned session on a ‘three point bowl’ – thanks to Andy for stepping in. A full summary of the production of the piece, and techniques and tips, appears on the club website – written as always by Rick. Below is the demo piece in Hornbeam, a rather more delicate exemplar in Brown Oak and a brace made from same-sized cubes for good measure.



### Racing Car Competition - Table A Results

1<sup>st</sup> Alan Brooks

2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Ogilvie

3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Randall





## Racing Car Competition – Table B Results

1<sup>st</sup> Phil Walker



2<sup>nd</sup> Merle de Pearce



3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Gosden



4<sup>th</sup> John White



Rhob Williams



Ian McClure



Nigel Batten





### CSW Grand Prix – Les Thorne Trophy

John White was the winner of the 'Les Thorne Trophy' (the reversible finial pot turned by Les at his demo earlier this year). John's weighty beast outran the opposition and very nearly outran the hall space!



Rhob, Merle, Nick, Ian, Phil, Bob and Nigel on the starting line – another competition is planned for next year, details will be in the programme

### Appraisal / Display Table

John Bolt's ladies, Andy Ogilvie's perforated box lid and Alan Brooks' spurtles







Above left, Rhob Williams brought in various projects including a Sauraker shell, a 'crackle glaze' bowl and some interesting wood for one of his next projects.

Above right is David Patrick's show-stealer vase, contrasting woods glued up in a herringbone pattern and then turned with the help of a freshly made lathe steady.

Nigel Batten had two previously turned racing car presents returned for running repairs – are grandchildren allowed to play with our turnings?!



### Internet

Vic has found a source of inexpensive carbide inserts and the correct screws needed to fit them.

<https://www.ridethebevel.co.uk/>

## Sharpening

When learning to turn, a parallel activity is learning to sharpen effectively; you quickly conclude that the two are inextricably linked if you are to get good results and enjoy your turning. I've seen angle grinders taken to tool steel to make a custom cutter and listened to perfectionists tell me about how to hone an edge – somewhere in the middle we all need to find our own happy place on the sharpening obsessive's continuum.

First, a youtube video with Richard Raffan showing how he refurbishes old chisels and sharpens to his requirements – old school, experienced, no jigs – but might give you the confidence to have a go at a customised chisel.

[bex generic video mtt transactional beach mtt packages uk en q1 programmatic new vizID YT 15s 16x9 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bex-generic-video-mtt-transactional-beach-mtt-packages-uk-en-q1-programmatic-new-vizID-YT-15s-16x9)

The second offering compares wheel and belt sharpening giving pros and cons

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/575f5629b6aa606c10a208a1/t/57637f63893fc07fb7efac14/1466138473202/Sharpening.pdf>

The last article is so comprehensive that you need to wear an anorak to read it. It draws on different contributors and is full of tips and advice. Probably best to look at the contents page and pick a chapter at a time!

<https://www.mnwoodturners.com/cms-files/sharpeningturningtoolsbookdo.pdf>

Well done Vic for finding the last two articles – the sharpening concerns and discussion will continue – maybe at a meeting near you?

## Next Year's Programme

April	Pro demo – Martin Saban-Smith
May	Demo 1 - Revision of Spindle turning technique: Gavel
June	Comp 1 – Gavel, Demo 2 - Mixed Solid Media
July	Comp 2 – Mixed Media, Demo - How many things can you turn from a branch?
August	Demo 3 – Straight from the tool (NO sanding!)
September	Comp 3 – Straight from the tool (NO sanding!) WORKSHOP evening (Christmas trees, carving, threading jig and smokers)
October	Demo 4 / Pro demo – Anne Marie Bennett – Jewellery
November	Comp 4 – Jewellery, Demo – Turned wood sculpture
December	Christmas demo, quiz and drinks
January	Demo 5 – Pencil Propeller
February	Comp 5 – Pencil Propeller + 'firing-range' competition, Demo – Clock
March	AGM, Presentation of trophies, Wood Sale

## From a Workshop Near You

David Patrick has already made a three point bowl and Vic Russell has been making a lathe tidy. In this rain I would have thought all available guttering should have been used outside?!





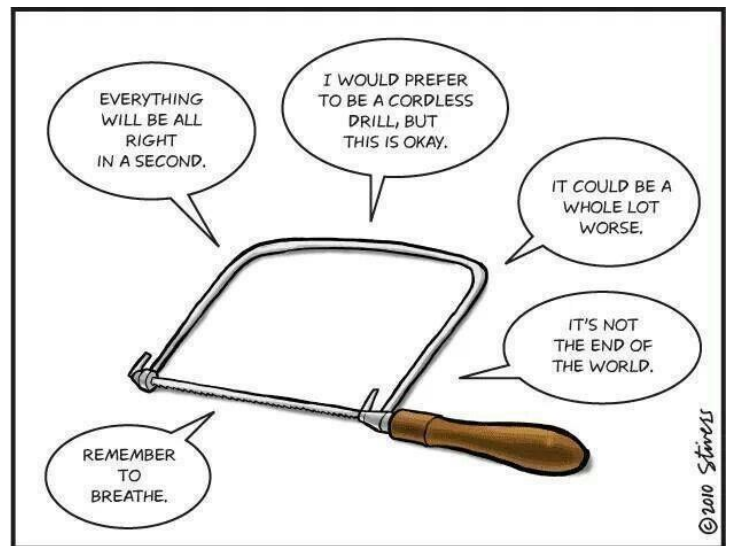
## CSW Facebook

Bob Randall is keen to encourage more members to sign up for the club's closed Facebook page. Please see him at the AGM.

## Just a Thought

Be yourself, everyone else is taken. (Oscar Wilde)

## Pick of this Month's Pics



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**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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