

Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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Meeting Report

Thanks to Paul for showing that the 'Straight from the Tool' challenge was possible with careful, correct and varied use of sharp tools. NO sanding remember, but sealer and finishes can be used in the process or to coat finished work. A full description of Paul's tips and tricks is on the website thanks to Rick. Get practising and bring your entry next month for the competition.



September Workshop Evening

The September meeting is a 'workshop evening' and will start with a demo from Paul to get you going early on Christmas stuff, and then a chance to see and chat to Nick Jazwinski on embellishing bowls with carving, Alan Brooks on 'Smokers' and Merls de Pearle on lace bobbins. (The threading jig will be demonstrated at another time).

The 'Straight from the Tool' competitions and the display / appraisal tables will be full of your offerings!

Appraisal / Display Table



Ian Wright



Allan Rae



Merls De Pearle



Rhob Williams



Phil Walker



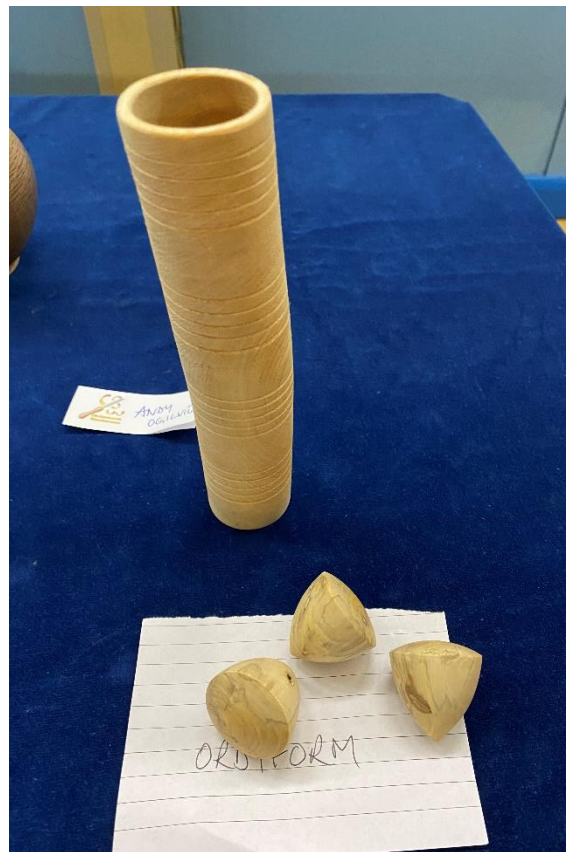
Vic Russell



Paul Reeves



Andy Ogilvie



Ellingham Show

Thanks to Paul, Alan, Greta and Andy for their efforts to promote the club and woodturning – and to those of you who came to say hello – especially Mike who stayed and chatted for a while.

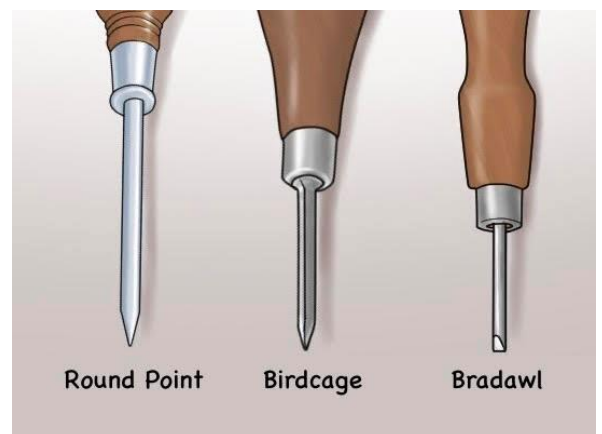


From a Workshop Near You

Vic Russell has been making an awl from an old drill bit. Awls are an essential tool for some trades and come in a wide variety of different shapes and styles. Probably the most common types seen by most people are used for woodworking.

Making your own round point awl is a nice small project for a wood turner. All you need to start is a piece of suitable size steel of good quality. Possibly the most obvious source of material is an old drill bit. I've used HSS twist drills but virtually any type should suffice, even a masonry bit. I suggest anything from 5mm to 8mm should do the job. To shape the bit, simply mount it in a cordless drill, pull the trigger and present it to the rotating wheel of a bench grinder until you get the shape you want. It's then simply a matter of turning a wooden handle to your liking and drilling a hole for your new "blade". I use home-made bolsters for mounting the blade but a simple ferrule is more than adequate. Any small piece of metal tube, perhaps a plumbing off cut should do the job.

(Right) Some home-made awls. The one on the left is made from key steel, twisted then sharpened and heat treated. The others are just ordinary HSS twist drills. Woods are Pink Ivory, Micro Ply with Red Veneer, Bocote and Yew.



From Another Workshop Near You

Paul Reeves' acorn made from Brown Oak and Rippled Yew he had squirrelled away. Good opportunity to practise your threads and maybe to hide a little something inside as a surprise.

Also a reminder that the end result is down to your skill and the quality of the wood you choose.



And some Rippled Yew boxes for good measure



Pick of the Pics

How many woodturners does it take to cut a small piece of wood? (This photo was not staged and genuinely reflects a priceless moment in Paul's workshop).



“So far he’s made two things,
sawdust and noise”



**Help Needed, please email me at
dumbass@hotmail.com**



Dalmann

This company has been in contact with the club to promote its 'Legends Day'. I have not dealt with them but I know some of you have used Stiles and Bates before. Could be an interesting day out?

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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Dave Bates on Homegrown Timbers

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