

Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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January Meeting

Thanks to Paul for introducing and demonstrating our last competition topic of the year – the pencil firing machine! Any mechanism powered by springs or elastic, maybe even compressed air is acceptable. As usual, your competition piece will be judged on its turning / aesthetics but must be capable of firing a standard pencil. Greta is organising scrutineering as we speak.

After the judging has been completed, a separate, informal firing range competition will be organised for the 'Jason Breach trophy' - to fire a standard rubber ended pencil from a table towards a horizontal target which we envisage being about 5m away. Full rules will be explained on the night.

Paul's demo produced a cannon style mechanism powered by a spring - whatever the choice of power for your piece the principles of carefully designing, accurately sizing parts and shaping the exterior of the piece will apply to produce your kit of parts, before assembly and trials to make sure it works! Good luck – if you would like some guidance, Rick has produced an excellent summary of the demonstration on the website – please take a look.



End of Year Club Admin

Planning for next year is going on behind the scenes and the committee is particularly interested in suggestions for demonstration topics, workshop ideas, social events and so on.

Please have your say, either by email or in person at the next meeting.

You may also wish to nominate people who you think deserve one of the annual awards which the club gives.

All committee posts (including Chairman and newsletter editor!) are subject to election each year – please don't be shy coming forward. We have a wealth of expertise amongst us to tap into for the club's benefit. All contributions, large and small are extremely valuable.

AGM is coming up in March, together with wood sale and presentation evening

Appraisal / Display Table

The four wise monkey puzzles - gouge no evil, scrape no evil, hollow no evil and sand no evil. Hopefully more examples to come from the same batch



Andy Ogilvie

Paul Reeves

Nigel Batten (work in progress)

Alan Brooks (work in progress)



Finn Trotman



Paul Reeves



John Bolt



Rhob Williams



Rhob Williams



Andy Ogilvie

Ian Wright



And an individual look at those Monkey Puzzle turnings, two completed (Paul and Andy) and the two below presented as works in progress (Nigel and Alan)



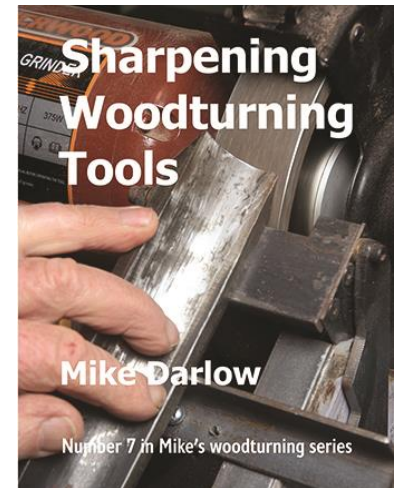
Internet

The club has received a flyer about a new book on sharpening – perhaps one for you engineering nerds?

Sharpening Woodturning has 115 pages, and 240 colour illustrations. Its price is £16.50, and it's only available print-on-demand through your national Amazon website Amazon.co.uk.

Darlow takes the time to dive into the science behind tool geometry, sharpening angles, and why each technique works.

<https://mikedarlow.com>



Interested in a new chuck? Vic found these latest offerings from Record Power which may be of interest. Make sure it comes in the correct spindle size to avoid using an adaptor.

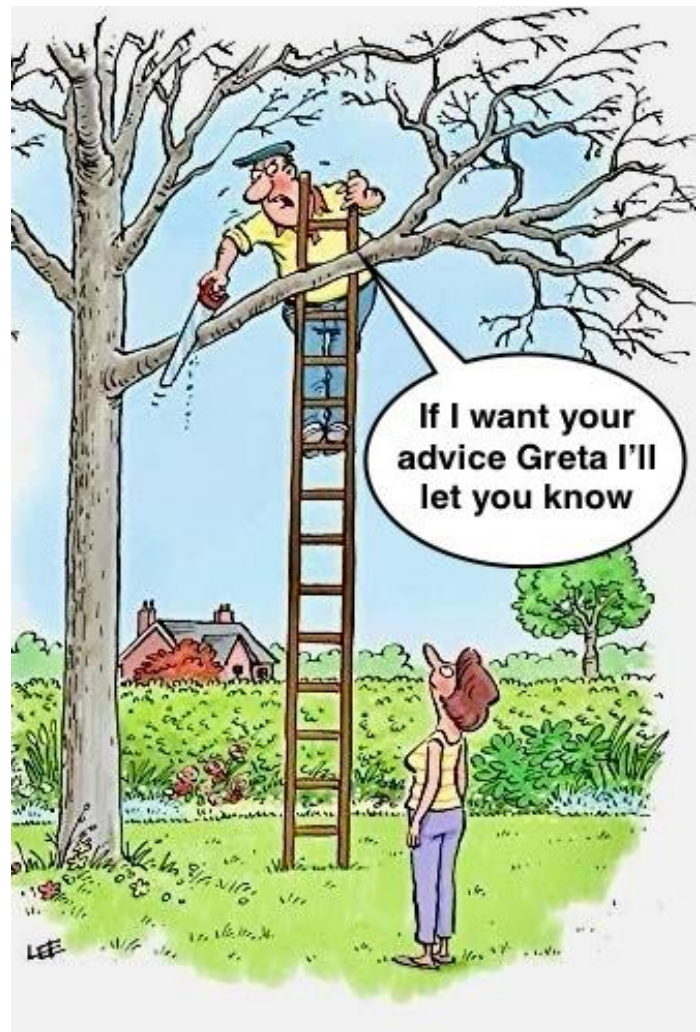
New Victory Chuck from Record Power.

https://youtu.be/6qNipq_sYnQ?si=ehL8twSVHleIPd76

Record Power Versalock Chuck

<https://woodturningchucks.recordpower.com/accueil/>

Pick of the Pics



The editor has also received this - with an implicit dare to include it in this publication – but I don't understand why a wife would think of buying you such stuff just because your workshop is a little untidy?

Barely over Christmas and the shelves are full of valentines stuff already!



Contribution 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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