

# Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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## Season's Greetings

### Meeting Report

Thanks to Paul and Andy for taking us through 'workshop accessories'. That is, those bits and pieces and jigs which make life easier or projects possible in the workshop. Thanks to all who responded to the request to bring in such items – a wonderful display was created and explanations as to their purposes given. Remarkable ingenuity and design evident, usually from wood you might have lying around the place. From a humble paintbrush for dusting to reversing assists, sphere jigs and refining holders, offset mounting plates and sanding discs. And of course there was space for Paul's beloved piece of carpet to clean your abrasive!



Below are the jigs and demo items from the night – Paul's way of holding a square plate without damaging it and Andy's Sauraker shell jig. Simple? We'll let you have a go!  
See website for Rick's write up.



### Competitions

A big thank you to all who entered the competitions. There were 11 entries for Table A and 6 for Table B. More impressive was the overall standard evident in all the work. Taking part in a competition, against a defined brief, is a great way to broaden the range of projects you will tackle and means that you develop your skills quickly. For the experienced, it's a great way to show your skill and ingenuity for your peers' enjoyment ..... and judgement!

**Hollow for the Bottom Competition – Table A**

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Reeves

2<sup>nd</sup> = Cedric Boyns

2<sup>nd</sup>= John Bolt



4<sup>th</sup> Andy Ogilvie

Alan Brooks

Rhob Williams



Bob Randall

Bill Gibson

Trevor Elliott



Phil Scoltock



David Game



**Hollow for the Bottom Competition – Table B**

1st Joe Van Wyk

2nd Merls de Pearle

3rd Mike Lawford



4th Jayne Fisher

Phil Walker

Mark Ridgley



Appraisal / Display Table

Alan Lewis



Cedric Boyns



Rhob Williams



Andy Ogilvie



Paul Reeves



## Internet

For those of you inspired by the workshop accessory evening, Vic has found a little sphere turning exercise for you.

[https://youtu.be/ EYrwqerbD4](https://youtu.be/EYrwqerbD4)

## Rick's Christmas Special

I had some old software on my now departed Windows 7 desktop, which played around with anagrams. One sets up the maximum number of words and would you believe that within 10 seconds, it had created over 2000 phrases from the word, "WOODTURNERS".

No room for all 2000, so here's Rick's pick of the most appropriate:

Downs tourer; Wonder tours; Round towers; Drowns route; Drown our set; Return woods; True wood son; We turn doors; We sort round; Do worse turn; Worse rotund; Wound resort; Retro wounds; Odour strewn; Word to nurse; Wound sorter; Wound storer; Wound roster; No true words; Down trouser; Sorrowed nut; Now rude sort; Own rude sort; Stud or owner; Sent our word; Our ten words; Endow or rust; Swot rounder; Two rounders; Worn dot user; Worst undoer; Tudor owners; Do owners rut?

Thank you Father Ricksmas!

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is our Christmas demo / quiz / mince pie and Christmas drink evening. You are welcome / encouraged to bring your partner with you. Display table as usual.

## Christmas Project

A friend of mine sent me this as he knows that my wife loves hedgehogs – looks like I've got my Christmas project sorted! A few years ago I built a couple of hedgehog houses .... now it's the occupants. At least it involves playing on the lathe and not watching Mary Poppins ...



Is this how the 3 Wise men found the stable?



**Cowboys would put a lantern on their saddle at night so they could find the trail when they were far from home. This was early Saddle Light Navigation.**

**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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