Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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Meeting Report

Thanks to Andy for introducing the next competition topic – What can you make from a 3” cube? No added woods or resin; decoration and finishes welcome. Can be multiple items or segmented work providing it all comes from one 3” cube. Let your imagination run riot, good luck!

Andy showed a number of examples and turned a holey ball in a cube, and a pair of ‘square bowls’.

Details c/o Rick on the website.

Appraisal / Display Table

Firstly, thank you to all contributors – the standard and diversity of work is quite exceptional!

Cedric Boyns

Rhob Williams

Phil Scoltock

Alan Lewis

Paul Reeves

Tony Mercer

Mike Lawford

John Bolt

Ian Wright

Vic Russell

Allan Rae

Alan Brooks

Andy Ogilvie

Internet
Paul says let's broaden our horizons – here's some inspiration from around the world
www.homofaber.com/en/artisans?craft+Woodturning

Martin Saban Smith's site is always a good source of info, and he has recently started a new series of youtube videos – the first on bowl turning.
www.msabansmith.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v+h9HcQV6Z-HY

From a Workshop near you – A Quick Job?
Vic Russell: After watching Dan Tarrant's demo last month it occurred to me that whilst we have two light pulls in the house not one of them is turned from wood, just injection moulded plastic I'm afraid. It wouldn't take long to turn one or two, just to show willing would it?

Dan used a piece of hardwood onto which he'd turned an 8mm spigot to use as a jam chuck. I already have an 8mm Pin Chuck though so I thought I'd use that instead. Thinking about it a bit more though I realised that 8mm was a bit on the large size for a light pull? No problem I'll make a new 6mm one. Off to the mill. I found some suitable 6mm steel rod and some 2.5mm brass for the pin. Here's the new 6mm one next to the old 8mm one.

Dan of course used a step drill for the blank. As I've made these before for a few projects I decided to grind a 6/3 mm version for this job.

This wasn't going to be as quick a job as I expected. Blank drilled and mounted on the pin chuck I started turning. The best way to hold a pin chuck is in a collet chuck. Some time ago I modified a back plate so I could mount the collet chuck from my metal lathe onto my wood turning lathe. All was going well until I stopped the lathe and the chuck started to unscrew itself - not good! I then remembered that I hadn't fitted a locking screw to the backplate when I adapted it. The reason for this was obvious. There wasn't enough room to drill and tap the flange for the screw. Back on the milling machine I had to drop an end mill down the back of the flange in order to drill and tap it. Chuck now securely mounted.

And the result, a Beehive style light pull in some unknown but probably Maple? wood. Next up is an Acorn style light pull in Oak.

Pick of the Pics
A bit early to start your Christmas list for Santa – but here's an idea

Instead of turning wood you could turn your arms, front crawl style – here's your Chairman with his son at the start of the Bournemouth Pier to Pier swim last weekend. Life in the old sportsman yet! 1.4 miles, no tidal assistance, just over an hour. I first swam it 60 years ago as a keen young club swimmer. We were two of 1350 swimmers, great event.

Please have a look at the CSW Website It carries more detailed information on demonstrations and the appraisals. You will find a gallery of members' work, archives of newsletters and demonstrations by club members and professionals, together with general information and email contact details.

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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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