Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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Meeting Report

Whilst Paul nursed a severe case of ‘man cough’ which he did not wish to share with everyone, we enjoyed the ‘Les Thorne Experience’. A demonstration of skill from a production turner that we amateurs could only dream of; so many tips, tricks and examples of how things can go wrong (with remedial hints). All in the process of making what we consider our bread and butter – a bowl.

Les’ bowl had beads on the outside (turned continuously with a gouge and in one go, give or take a couple of moves of the tool rest). The rim was decorated with beads and the inside featured a gouge cut undercut and a ‘fruit separating bump’. And all on his wedding anniversary! Some people like living dangerously.

Rick made copious notes but it will be an equally skilful feat to do justice to all the snippets of advice given during the demo. See the website for Rick’s notes.

Acorns Incorporated Competition – Table A

1st – Paul Reeves

2nd – Andy Ogilvie

3rd – Bob Randall

4th – Nick Jazwinski

John Bolt

Bill Gibson

Nigel Batten

Alan Brooks

Rhob Williams

Acorns Incorporated Competition – Table B

1st – Phil Walker

2nd Sue Grimwood

3rd – Ian Phillips

4th - Jayne Fisher

Mike Lawford

Appraisal / Display Table

Alan Lewis

Vic Russell

Cedric Boyns

Rhob Williams

Rick Patrick

Andy Ogilvie

Internet

[Who Really Makes Parkside Tools for Lidl – And Why They're Better Than You Think]

From a Workshop Near You

Our Vice Chairman, Bob Randall, has a wide range of woodworking skills and is increasingly keen to accept commissions for this sort of CAD CAM work. If you know of anyone looking for such, Bob can be contacted via the club website. Here are original and new photos of a recent piece of work. Just need the customer to apply some paint now – hope he keeps it as neat as the woodwork!

Just a Thought

It's Probably Important

I found a piece of metal;
I've no clue what it's for.
I've put it in a plastic box inside the kitchen drawer.
For a moment I was thinking I should throw it in the bin
but it might be part of something that won't work without it in.
So I'll keep it in my kitchen prob'ly 'til the day I die.
Chances are, I'll never find out what it does or why,
but if I need it, it'll be here, though the negative is this:
Because I put it safe,
I will have no clue where it is. (From Joe VW)

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.

Webmaster: Rick Patrick www.christchurchwoodturners.org.uk

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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WOOD and WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT SALES

Don't forget Paul's Open Wood Sale on Saturday 3rd October, 10am onwards at his house. Wood from a recent workshop clearance, with proceeds going to the club. Free tea / coffee and biscuits for all visitors. Paul says he'll keep going 'until interest subsides'.
Paul's normal woodstock also available, including some monkey puzzle.

Plus, below find details of 3 chances to acquire some bargains. Make sure you have a good look through so you don't miss out.

SALES OPPORTUNITY #1 - MARGARET

Elektra Bekum chop saw

Axminster Spindle moulder

Scheppach planer / thicknesser

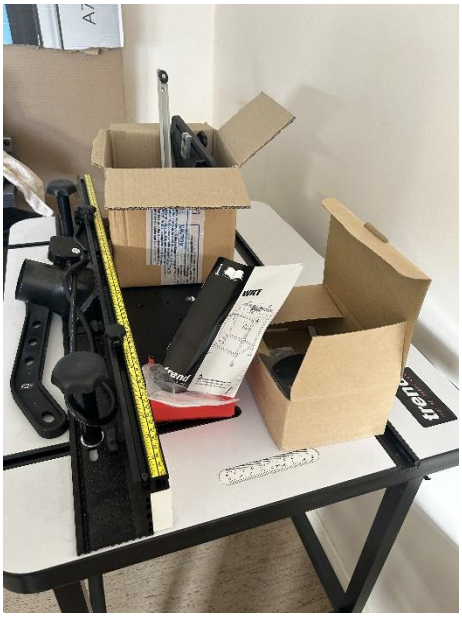
Tilt head morticer

Scheppach table saw ts 4020

Axminster extractor AWEDE2

Interceptor head

Router and router table



Axminster lathe, chucks and tools

Please contact info@christchurchwoodturners.org.uk if interested. Located in Hurn.

SALES OPPORTUNITY #2 - CLIVE

One of our elder statesmen, Clive Potter, is reluctantly parting with his lathe, accessories, tools and a large quantity of wood.

The tools will be brought into the November meeting but the lathe and woodstock will need you to make contact with Clive to arrange a visit (Sway). Please contact info@christchurchwoodturners.org.uk in the first instance.

WIVA MAC DB 802 Vario – offers in the region of £800 (with accessories but not tools).

Tools to be sold individually. Wood by the armful.

SALES OPPORTUNITY #3 - BOB

These tools will be brought into the October meeting – priced individually and proceeds to the club