

# Christchurch Society of Woodturners

## E-Newsletter

## December 2021

### November Meeting Review

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the competition tables and to the display table – well over 30 items in total which I hope gave you some ideas / inspiration. There must have been some serious practising over lockdown as the standard seems very high! The sharing of work and ideas is a key aspect of the monthly meetings – please continue to contribute whenever you can.

Thanks again to Paul for his demo on offset turned bowls – competition entries next month please! A full summary of the demo is available on the website. I hope your hot-glue holds – if not, take a pic and send it in .... we might all learn from an experience shared.

The demonstration in the December meeting will be a Christmas Box, leading to competition 4 in January. The demonstration / competition cycle has been compressed in this short year to be able to declare meaningful results at the AGM in March. We are also delighted to welcome a number of new members and the demonstration topics have been chosen to reflect this. Good luck to all!

Paul's demo piece (below, bottom left) and exemplars

From the display table



Further items from the display table



## Competition Results – Table A

Equal First Bill Gibson (left) and Paul Reeves (right)



3<sup>rd</sup> Vic Russell



4<sup>th</sup> Nick Jazwinski

## Competition Results – Table B



1<sup>st</sup>  
Andrew  
Fairfax  
(left)



2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ian McClure  
(right)





3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Gosden



4<sup>th</sup> Michael Woodhouse

(All competition entries are featured on the website)

### Internet

This month's suggestions from Vic Russell:  
Adventures in turning

<https://adventuresinturning.wordpress.com>

A little turning.

<https://youtu.be/ILpCUSuX4D4>

Food safe finish.

<https://turnawoodbowl.com/my-favorite-food-safe-wood-finish-waterproof-almost/>

Turning a platter without glue or screws!

<https://youtu.be/EptOp-G0594>

### Christmas Quiz – A mix of wood-related and random questions. Good Luck!

#### Easy

1. 'Suck, squeeze, bang, blow' is a simplified explanation of what?
2. How would you commonly refer to 'methyl 2 – cyanoacrylate'?
3. Who wrote 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' for his son Caspar?
4. Name the plant in the photo.

#### Medium

1. The mnemonic 'Eddy Ate Dynamite, Good Bye Eddy' will help you remember what?
2. What would you use a 'draw knife' for?
3. What do Cliff Richard and Blondie's real names have in common?
4. 'General Sherman' is the biggest tree (Sequoia) with a girth of 24.1m. At what height is a tree's girth measured?



## Difficult

1. What is the Janka Test used to determine?
2. USA use CAMI, Europe use P – to grade what?
3. Can you identify the knot in the photograph?
4. You might sharpen your chisels on a CBN wheel. What does CBN stand for?



## Fiendish

1. A 7" diameter cylinder on your lathe is spinning at 1500 rpm. At what speed, in mph, would a point on the curved surface be travelling? (Use  $\pi = 22/7$  and a calculator!)
2. What is the total number of legs of the people and birds referred to in the last verse of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'? ie 12..., 11..., 10... not forgetting the partridge in a pear tree!

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter!

**Introducing** Terry Miles, recent winner of the Table B competition, started turning about 6/7 years ago and joined the club developing his skills with Graham Turner and Paul Reeves. He has an Axminster AT1628 lathe in a spacious, well-equipped workshop, which he shares with lots of blanks and a daft cat. He quickly discovered that university life was not for him and followed his interest in music to become a guitar repairer whilst playing lead guitar in local bands, even pursuing 'the dream' in a professional band for a couple of years. He settled to a life in electronics engineering and export sales management before changing tack again to become a luthier – hence the photo with a superb guitar crafted by Terry from scratch. He particularly likes turning Yew, has a trusty Hamlet bowl gouge and enjoys using his hollower with a long, beautiful, homemade handle. His early wheels included a Mini van and a Mk1 Cortina 1500 GT. He has recently acquired an MX5 – often to be seen outside the local curry house for his favourite, chicken vindaloo – or maybe the Ten Pin Bowling alley.



Examples of Terry's promotion winning work below







### Christmas Special

Your very own cut out and make CSW Christmas decoration!  
 For the sake of Elf n safe tea – NOT to be placed on a dartboard.  
 Do you think he uses those chisels to carve the turkey?



### Sales and Wants

The website Marketplace has no new offerings at the moment, but I would be interested in:  
 a chuck to fit a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " 16tpi headstock thread  
 a small metalworking lathe

Please contact the editor via email or at the next meeting



### Just a Thought

When the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace. (Ghandi)

### Quiz Answers

#### Easy

1. The phases of a four-stroke internal combustion engine.
2. Superglue / CA glue
3. Ian Fleming, he of 007 fame.
4. Fuchsia, extra point for spelling!

#### Medium

1. Standard tuning of guitar strings: E, A, D, G, B, E.
2. Eg cleaning bark off a log.
3. Harry, ie Harry Webb and Debbie Harry. But did you know that Debbie Harry was a name given by adoptive parents – she was originally Angela Tremble.
4. At chest height.

#### Difficult

1. Hardness of wood – ie pressure needed to press a steel ball halfway into the wood.
2. Coarseness of abrasive paper eg P120.
3. Thief knot – like a reef knot but the loose ends are on opposite sides, so a sailor would know if his belongings had been tampered with.
4. Cubic Boron Nitride.

#### Fiendish

1. 31.25mph, possibly a bit too fast.
2. 146 legs.

**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. Send me a few photos and some notes and I'll do the rest.

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