

Christchurch Society of Woodturners

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Christmas Meeting

Thanks to all who came to enjoy Clive's mulled wine, Tina's mince pies, Andy's quiz and, of course, Pauls 'lightbulb moment' to add some glitter to your Christmas. A great way to practise using your thread chasers and use up the remnants of paints and glitter at the back of the cupboard. Whilst presented as a tree decoration the idea easily translates to key-rings.



Display Table

Thank you for a wide range of high quality contributions. Anything was welcome but a theme of 'out of the ordinary' was suggested – we certainly ticked that box!



John Bolt (more golf balls!) and Nick Gosden followed the Christmas decoration theme



Trevor Elliott's Colonial (flax) spinning wheel stole the show



(L) Ian Wright certainly fulfilled the 'out of the ordinary' theme.

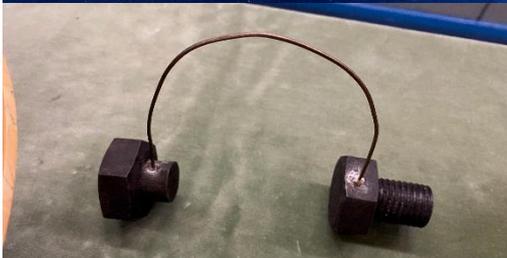
(R) Vic Russell had been inspired by the famous German toy makers and has since offered a photo of the precisely drilled and slitted bandsaw jig he used to halve a sanded capsule shape for the feet.



(L) John White's earring / jewellery holder

(R) John Williams' bowl and fruit

(below) Paul Reeves' work including an offset topped, hollowed from the bottom, vase and a satellite dish





Alan Brooks and David Patrick have both invested in Prokraft clasp mechanisms for boxes – very nice, and the turning too!

Alan had also had a go at Jason Breach's Pagoda box and below Andy Ogilvie had attempted Jason's decorative arc and sphere in a cube. And just for good measure he'd made a chess set (the story cards which help with the uniformity are also in the picture).



Rick Patrick helped Clive at the Sway Christmas Fayre and noticed that door-stops were very popular – so if you fancy making a couple for the club summer sales and demonstration events

Square section, turned knob at each end and then sawn in half diagonally to make the wedge shape. Rubber (available from Rick), can be added for hard floors.

Club Shop

Please support the club shop which you will find open at each meeting with abrasive and all sorts of other goodies, all sourced at the best rates and passed on to you at minimal profit.

Don't forget, Rick is asking for standard jam jars to help supply sanding sealer from the shop. If you have a spare one please bring it in for Rick next meeting



Internet

Vic found an interesting video on making your own chatter tools

<https://youtu.be/7ghAK3Bi4js?si=kmRXRA0VS1nxVfHO>

The box clasps used by Alan and David (mentioned above) are one of a number of different kits and bits available from www.prokraft.co.uk Well worth a browse.

And please don't forget to check out www.christchurchwoodturners.org.uk

Anyone making jewellery? Paul has used this site for bits and pieces www.gpsupplies.co.uk

Knife Review

We all sub-consciously keep a look-out for a bargain and perhaps also worry about the quality of an apparent bargain. So, Vic Russell offers this review on a workshop basic:

I saw this Erbauer 18mm snap off blade knife online recently and thought I'd try one as I've never been that happy with my existing one. New to the market, this Erbauer knife is available in Screwfix and B&Q for £12.00. It comes pre-loaded with five 18mm snap off blades. One blade is mounted ready for use and the remaining four are contained in an internal magazine. Blade changes are easy, and once a blade is extended it can be locked in place with a thumb wheel at the front of the handle. The thumb wheel can also be used to prevent retracted blades from inadvertently being extended from the knife. The handle is made of a light alloy with a rubberised grip. It's quite substantial at 170mm long so perhaps not so good for delicate jobs but as a general purpose knife it's pretty good. I often use a knife like this to cut up cardboard boxes before they go in the recycling bin, and have found an almost fully extended blade is very handy for this particular job. Extra blades are available at £4 for a pack of 10. The only downside is that unlike some other snap off blade knives on the market this one doesn't appear to have a blade snapper.



Workshop Clearance Find

Paul Reeves: I cleared a cousin's workshop a couple of years ago and had probably forgotten where I had stored this vintage drill. It was made around 1978 and has never been out of the box - Makita's first cordless drill. NiCad battery, series 6010D.

I have just charged the battery and have been using it this afternoon, works perfectly. Loads of them must be still working as you can buy batteries for them on eBay. It must be an early one as they changed to a plastic box

Editor: I had one of these for ages, plastic box version which also had a keyless chuck.



Pick of the Pics

Any takers for the sweatshirt below? I don't qualify for membership yet!



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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