



OXON WOODTURNERS' CLUB

April Newsletter

Dear Members,

It was great to see so many of you attend last week for our hands-on Club night.



Newcomers and experienced Turners both took to the lathes and everyone appears to have had a good time. Tony H appeared to be drawing a crowd; perhaps a sneak preview of his Demonstration booked for later this year... Just a reminder that we have safety specs available for use in the vicinity of the lathes, and these are sized to fit over existing prescription eyewear.

Packing away at the end of the night was accomplished swiftly due to a large number of Members staying behind to help out, and facilitated by the new storage trolley under the stage in the Village hall. This additional storage was allocated to us on the basis that a second trolley was also made for the use of the Village Hall, and Joe Brash (Treasurer) has helpfully put these together in a short timeframe.

There were limited entries for the Decorative texturing challenge, but a good effort was shown by those who participated. It was certainly something I would not have attempted if left to my own devices, but it was an interesting experience and something I would recommend trying at least once. Who knows? You might like it.



Our next Club night is 12th May, and will be a demonstration by [John Boyne Aitken](#), “The Bowler Hatted Turner”. John appears to do a wide variety of turning so it will be interesting to see what he has decided to show us.

I'd like to welcome any feedback on the running of the Club, and if any Members are interested in joining the Committee then please let me know. I'd also like to invite suggestions from Members as to what they would like to see going forward, both in terms of Demonstrators and also Monthly competition projects. As a Member, this is **your** Club, and it is important that you feel engaged and interested in what we do here.

If Members wish to send correspondence, please do so *via* the Ace North (Club Secretary), or directly using my personal email (finnemore.daniel@googlemail.com) if preferred.

I'd also like to mention that John Temple (Vice Chairman) has had some issues with his old Axminster lathe, and it appears the speed-select pinion gear is a bit knackered:



Damaged gear teeth on right hand side

Axminster no longer support this particular lathe but I know our Members are a talented bunch with various other hobbies; if you're equipped and able to make a small metal component like this and would like to help please get in touch.

Finally, the competition theme this Month will be **A turned Trivet or Coaster**. These can be as plain or as elaborate as you have time for, and could even be made as a matching pair/set.

Dan