

# Wood Turning

Want a new hobby? Have you thought of wood turning?

Wood turning is so rewarding, it's amazing how few people indulge in it.

It requires your undivided attention. You can't think of anything else while you are doing it.

All your problems and troubles simply disappear. You emerge refreshed and invigorated.

Not only that, the result of just a little trouble can be beautiful. You make something useful, like a bowl or a table lamp or a vase. And it can be so lovely you find it hard to believe that it was actually you who made it.

But be warned, it can be dangerous. It's not something to plunge into without too much thought. So be careful!

The best introduction is to join a club. There you see professional woodturners showing their skill. You will meet other enthusiasts. You may have the chance to try it out yourself. There is something deeply satisfying about making something elegant, pleasing, useful, as a stream of wood flakes snakes off the chisel or gouge that you are holding. Wood itself is varied. There are many different types of wood and each has different grain. So no two pieces can ever be identical.

So why not come and join us? We meet once a month, on the second Thursday, in Littlemore Parish Hall, Railway Lane, OX4 4PY. We are a mixed bunch. We have all sorts from a retired RAF officer to students, from academics to farm labourers. We are not just men and boys; we have some ladies, young and more mature, in our membership. (I joined when I was 83!) And we are looking for new members. What an opportunity! Can you afford to miss it?

For more information, look at our website: [www.oxonwoodturners.com](http://www.oxonwoodturners.com) where you will find samples of our members' work, names and phone numbers of our committee, our future programme and much more. Otherwise, contact one of the committee (listed on the website) who will gladly answer any question you may have. Or just come along on a club night. You will find a warm welcome.

Here are some pictures to whet your appetite:



Vase by Joanne Gordon



A bowl of fruit



Goblets by John Temple



Ash Box



Spalted Beech Boxes by Fred Hill



Cherry Box



A New Member overseen by Chairman and Hon Sec



Burr Oak Bowl

*John Temple  
Vice Chairman*