



*Oxon
Woodturners*

Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Members,

Club Night on Tuesday 3rd gave us a typical dark, cold and wet February night so it was a very pleasant surprise to be joined by 5 visitors who had braved the elements. I think that most found out about the Club from Ace's Facebook advert. It was also a surprise that almost all of them had lathes already, which is as good a start as any on their turning journey.

Charlie led the hands-on, showing a number of spindle techniques...V-cuts, coves, beads and pommels and as the night progressed captive rings and multi-axis turning put in an appearance. It was a very enjoyable evening and I think that almost everyone, including the visitors, had a go.

Competition

This month's competition was 'a winged bowl'. Only one entrant in the Advanced section but a good selection in the Beginners/Intermediate section.

Advanced Section

Winner Charlie Jones with a lovely mahogany bowl with accompanying (turned) chopsticks.



Beginners and Intermediate Section

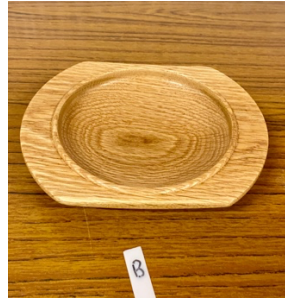
1st place

Craig Jones with a bowl (made from an old sleeper of unknown species found in the garden!) and chopsticks. Note the familial resemblance to Charlie's winner although Craig turned his first!



2nd place

Chris Hallsworth with a bowl made from beech



Joint 3rd place

Joe Brash (left) in mahogany and **John Temple** (right) in what we think might be holly.



Unplaced was Ace North with what I thought was a lovely live edge laburnum bowl.



Next Club night is on Tuesday, March 3rd

The format is a **'hands on'** around a theme of **'fruit'**.

The competition is for **'live edge turning'**.

April's Club night will see a demonstration by professional turner Keith Fenton (<https://www.aroundwood.co.uk>)

Please do come along

PS....

I mentioned to the visitors that the Club had produced a short **Introduction to Woodturning** to give would-be turners an idea of what is involved, what basic kit they might buy or borrow and some very important safety advice. If you would like a copy, please drop me a line at chrishallsworth28@gmail.com and I'll send you the PDF file.

Harcourt Arboretum Spring Fair Saturday May 9th 2026

We will have a stand at the Spring Fair where we will have a lathe running all day and items made by club members to sell. We have been told by other clubs that this is their main source of new members. Note:

- We need volunteers to help put up, take down and staff the stand. All day if you can make it or otherwise just a few hours.
- We need items to sell. 10% of proceeds will go to Club funds and 90% to the turner. Ideally the turner would be there but it's quite ok to have things for sale even if you cannot be there on the day. This is a chance to reduce the stockpile of turnings in your cupboard, under the bed etc. Alternatively....get turning!
- If you would like to volunteer or make items for sale, please contact me on chrishallsworth28@gmail.com

All the best and see you in March, Chris