



*Oxon
Woodturners*

Newsletter

July 2026

Dear Members,

this month's Club Night on Tuesday 7th was well-attended considering competing demands for the World Cup and Wimbledon and the extremely hot and humid weather..... so normally a night to stay indoors with a cool one. It was also great to welcome three visitors. Lisa and Rick, both of whom had a lathe and tools, but with no or little experience of turning respectively. Both were able to spend some supervised time on the lathe and we hope to see them next month. The third, Kevin, is an experienced turner and a member of the Didcot club. Welcome to you all.

The theme for the hands-on was live edge and, as usual, Charlie Jones gave an introduction, turning a simple bowl and a winged form, the latter requiring a much higher level of tool control and a well-developed sense of adventure! The take-away was to stop the lathe frequently to check progress as the wings get thinner.



Competition

This month's subject was '**a hollow form**'. Competition was fierce, particularly in the Improvers Section, where there were 5 fine entries, with a number of different approaches to the subject.

Advanced Section

1st place:

Jim Hanlon (left)
with a lovely thin
closed bowl from
Brazilian Mahogany



2nd place:

Charlie Jones (right)
With a perfectly
proportioned
ginger jar, from Yew



Improvers Section

1st Place:

Craig Jones with thin, pierced,
closed vase with LED tea light



Joint 2nd place:

Chris Hallsworth
(right) with a closed
bowl in beech.



Andy Griffiths (left)
with an inside-out
turned ornament
with illumination, from
mahogany.



Joint 3rd place:

Joe Brash (left) a closed bowl in iroko



Ace North (right) a closed bowl in Cedar of Lebanon (the scent was wonderful)



Next Club night is on Tuesday, August 4th

This will be a hands-on with the theme of **goblets**. As usual this will be kicked-off by Charlie Jones.

The competition theme is **a vase**.

Reminders:

If you'd like to join the Club WhatsApp group, please let Ace North know and give him your mobile phone number.

IF you have a tool that you are having trouble using, bring it along and I'll bet there's someone in the room who can give you some advice.

All the best and see you in May, Chris