



# Oxon Woodturners

## Newsletter

June 2026

Dear Members,

this month's Club Night on Tuesday 2nd was a hand-on with the theme of 'end-grain turning'.

We were very pleased to welcome five new guests: Sue, Anashrita (Narsh), Michelle, Jahnvi and Jim. They all got involved and we hope to see them back in July.

As usual we are grateful to Charlie Jones for getting proceedings going by demonstrating an end-grain vase, after which members and visitors worked on various projects/techniques themselves.



### **Oxford Botanic Garden and Arboretum**

On May 9<sup>th</sup> the Club had a stand at the Harcourt Arboretum Spring Fair. Our format was a large gazebo (supplied by Jim Hanlon) where we had work by members for sale and a lathe for running demonstrations through the day. We got lots of interest and quite a few sales, 20% of which went to Club funds. Interestingly all the sales were of small, not necessarily cheap, items....pens, spinners, needle cases, light pulls etc. The platters, bowls and vases were admired but not bought: something to bear in mind for the future. Jim did get an offer for £150 for his segmented salt and pepper grinders but they were for display having been promised as a wedding present.

The OBGAs are keen for us to repeat the exercise at their Autumn Fair, which receives much larger attendance, and where people are focussed on buying Christmas presents. They are also exploring with the Club whether we could make turned items for sale in their shop. There are quite a few hoops to go through before each party is happy to proceed but watch this space.

It should be noted that the prime reason for attending was as a means to increase membership. Two visitors in June (Jim and Jahnvi) came to the Club night after seeing us at Harcourt and we are hopeful for others in July.

## Competition

This month's subject was '**a modern candlestick**'. The competition was particularly fierce in the Intermediate section with 6 entries.

### Advanced Section

**1<sup>st</sup> Jim Hanlon** (left) with a segmented design.

**2<sup>nd</sup> place Charlie Jones** (right) with an oak entry.



### Intermediate Section

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Craig Jones**  
(Left) with an LED candle held by a hand.

**Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place Joe Brash** (right) with a segmented oak design

**Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place Andy Griffin**  
(left) with a pair of Oak candlesticks.

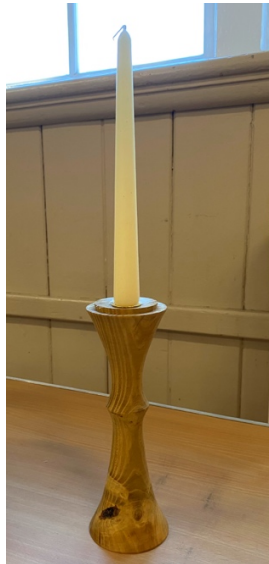
**3<sup>rd</sup> place Chris Hallsworth** (right) with oak spotted in his log pile.



## Unplaced

**John Temple** (left)

**Ace North** (right) with an intricate construction in various woods.



## Next Club night is on Tuesday, July 7th

This will be a hands-on with the theme of **Live Edge**.

The competition theme is a **hollow form**.

## Reminders

**Oxon Woodturners WhatsApp group.** Very useful for quick questions and calls for turning advice and opinions. If you'd like to join the group, please email Ace with your phone number. Ace is at **acenorth79@gmail.com**.

**Facebook** page 'Oxon Woodturners'

**Website** at **www.oxonwoodturners.com**

*All the best and see you in July, Chris*