



*Oxon
Woodturners*

Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Members,

this month's Club Night was on Tuesday 1st April and we had a decent turnout of members plus three visitors, **Craig, Mark and Bertram**. All three own lathes already and are experienced woodworkers with an interest in improving their turning skills. We look forwards to seeing them again.

The evening was a hands-on with a theme of **Fruit**. Charlie kindly demonstrated and had quite a seated audience. Max turned a small apple.



In addition to the hands-on We had three sharpening systems in use: A Robert Sorby Pro-Edge, a Tormek and a Record rotary grinder with Wolverine system. Apart from sharpening the Club's tools plus some from Max it stimulated quite some discussion and helpful comments.

It's worth remembering that on hands-on nights the people who stand up and have a go are not necessarily the most expert but rather the most willing (and the thickest skin?). In fact, the knowledge flows in both directions, as expert advice is always appreciated whether from the front of the hall or the audience.

Competition

This month's subject was **a vase** and we saw some great entries.

Advanced

1st Charlie Jones (left)

2nd Tony Seeney (right)

Tony took his cue from last month's demonstration by Gregory Moreton, aiming to turn a thinner rim than Gregory. He succeeded!



Beginner and Improvers

Five entries (four in shot) and an unprecedented dead heat.



1st= Jim Hanlon (far left)

1st = Chris Hallsworth (second from right)

1st = Joe Brash (far right)

Not in the competition, but worth sharing, is a lovely vase with dried flowers by Charlie Jones.



Next Club Night is on Tuesday 6th May

This will be a **hands-on** with a theme of **texturing**.

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

All the best and see you in May, Chris