



*Oxon  
Woodturners*

## Newsletter

August 2026

Dear Members,

despite the hot, humid weather and the holiday season in full swing, we had a good turn-out on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>. We were delighted to welcome four new visitors (Shirley, Oscar, Paul and Peter), three of whom already have lathes etc. Hopefully they enjoyed the night, will return and, in time, become members.

Charlie Jones led off on the hands-on with a lovely goblet and after that quite a few people had sessions on the lathes, ably supported by more experienced Club members.



Sawdust Man in full swing

## Competition

This month's subject was '**a vase**'. Competition was again fierce, particularly in the Improvers Section, where there were four fine entries, all with a different interpretation of the theme.

### Advanced Section

#### 1<sup>st</sup> place:

**Jim Hanlon** (left) with a small but perfectly formed piece from Laburnum.



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> place:

**Charlie Jones** (right) With a beautifully designed vase out of French Oak



### Improvers Section

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Craig Jones** with a head-scratching form....no gluing involved!



**2<sup>nd</sup> place: Joe Brash** (left) with an Ash and Resin vase.



**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Chris Hallsworth** (right) with a Sweet Chestnut piece.



**Unplaced: John Temple**, a small vase with a captive ring



### **Next Club night is on Tuesday, September 1st**

This will be a demonstration by professional turner, Mick Hanbury. Have a look at his website at [www.mickhanbury.co.uk](http://www.mickhanbury.co.uk)

The competition theme for night is **a coloured piece**.

### **Reminders:**

- Dalman are having another Open Day on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will include a demonstration by Chris Fisher RPT, The Blind Woodturner. Check out his website at [www.theblindwoodturner.co.uk](http://www.theblindwoodturner.co.uk)
- If you'd like to join the Club WhatsApp group, please let Ace North ([acenorth79@gmail.com](mailto:acenorth79@gmail.com)) know and give him your mobile phone number.
- Facebook: search for Oxon Woodturners
- Internet: <https://www.oxonwoodturners.com>
- 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 September, Chris*

## **The Woodturner**

**(with apologies to Rudyard Kipling)**

If you can find a piece of wood and mount it on your lathe,  
And make it spin quite truly, just to keep you nice and safe.  
If you can sharpen up your tools to make some real fine cuts,  
And make the shape that you intend regardless of the knots.  
If you can sand and finish, maybe carve and sometimes tint,  
With a gentle pastel colour, needing just a little hint.  
If you can part it off quite neat and burn on some design,  
That may mean nothing much at all but might be quite sublime.  
If you can spend your pension on some new and shiny tool,  
that never seems to do the trick, you're feeling quite the fool.  
If you can learn by your mistakes and try and try again,  
And cause yourself an injury and work right through the pain,  
With plasters on your fingers and wood stain on your nose,  
And sawdust in your underwear and splinters in your toes.  
If odd-shaped lumps of timber cease to drive you round the bend,  
Then you will be a woodturner, my persevering friend.