Woody's World

30th October 2025

Please read the **Other news:** section to get up to speed with our December Christmas Decoration Competition….and our post-Christmas Social in January.

Ray the Resin



Thanks to Ray for volunteering to take us through his learnings regarding Resin. When he 'accidentally' offered to run the session, Ray didn't have much experience with turning Resin so it's really useful to hear from a newcomer to a medium to understand what they've learned along the way, thanks again Ray.

Ray opened his talk by explaining the different types of resin he had used as he learnt how to use the medium. Initially he used GlassCast resin which had low viscosity and worked well but was quite expensive. He then tried experimenting using 'Temu' brand resin, but finally settled on using a multi-pack from Amazon, which had the advantage of including measuring pots, stirrers and mica powders all for c.£20.



Most resins mix at a 1:1 ratio, and the weights/volumes are quite critical. Casting is best using silicone moulds, Ray used a number from 'Temu' again, but also uses silicone cooking moulds.
Once poured it is best to flash over the top of the mould with a gas blow torch to eliminate bubbles.



Experience has shown that it is always best practice to use the smallest mould that can comfortably hold the workpiece, otherwise you will be turning a lot of resin to waste. For turning, Ray has found it is best to use carbide tipped tools, as resin can quickly dull conventional wood turning tools.



He finishes his work using progressive grits up to 2000grit, then polishes with Yorkshire Grit, and finally finishes using a spray lacquer bought from Lidl.

Deeper moulds for bowls etc might need a pressure vessel to eliminate air bubbles, Ray is considering converting an old high dome Prestige pressure cooker, they are pressure-rated at over 100psi and only 150 psi is needed to pressurise the resin and force it into all the voids in a workpiece.







Other

Christmas Decorations Competition



As discussed at the last meeting, we will be having a competition for 'Christmas Related Decorations' at our December meeting. Must be a Woodturned piece but resin and adornments allowed. Santa will be judging the competition and there will be a bottle from his cellar for the winner…..'ho, ho, ho'

Christmas Social: Sat 10th Jan @ 7pm

The club Christmas Social will be held on Saturday 10th January 2025 at 7pm in Offchurch Village Hall. **The price is being held at £8.50 per person. Please book your places and pay at the December meeting.**

Always a fun and enjoyable evening, the event will include food, a quiz, a raffle, a hotly contested competition for members' woodturnings and a separate competition for partner/spouses' crafts.

Members can enter one woodturned piece made this year.

The partner/spouse competition is open to any craft.

PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE

Whilst food will be provided, please bring sides and/or supporting food such as quiches, salad, dessert – and please confirm at the December meeting what you'll be bringing. Soft drinks will be available but you are welcome to bring your own alcohol if desired.

Forthcoming Club Meetings

Meetings are normally on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm** in Offchurch Village Hall, CV33 9AL unless stated otherwise

2025 > 2026		
Thu 4th December	7pm	Making Christmas Trees Mick PLUS Christmas Decoration Competition
Sat 10th January	7pm	Club Social – please book at December meeting
Thu 5th February	7pm	Captive rings - Nick
Thu 5th March	7pm	Short AGM PLUS…. "Big For-Sale Tables"
Thu 2nd April	7pm	Making Finials
Thu 7th May	7pm	External Demonstration – Thread Chasing
Thu 4th June	7pm	Hollow Forms
Thu 2nd July	7pm	Focus on Sharpening

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