

Off-centre Turning with Sue Harker RPT

An AWGB-sponsored course that focused upon off-centre turning was run by Sue Harker RPT at Snainton Woodworking Supplies, near Scarborough, North Yorkshire, on Saturday 4 July 2015. Five AWGB Members attended this excellent course.



Above, members of this AWGB-sponsored Course – left to right, back row: Brian Wrigglesworth, Graham Brooks, Graham Ambrose; left to right, front row: Mike Kebbell, Sue Harker, Gordon Malan.



Three square or rectangular blanks of wood (above) were supplied by Sue, and we were introduced to what would be required. Sue provided each of us with a diagram with dimensions, and we set to work to turn the three elements required for the candlestick.

Sue kept a close eye on us all, moving round the lathes in Snainton's very well equipped training workshop, with plenty of help and advice.



Above, the finished, off-centre candlesticks made by AWGB Members, with the sample candlestick provided by Sue Harker (third from the left) as a guide for the trainees – note the individual variations.



Above, the AWGB Course members with their finished off-centre candlesticks. Left to right: Graham Brooks, Graham Ambrose, Sue Harker, Mike Kebbell, Brian Wrigglesworth, Gordon Malan.

The unanimous consensus was that this was a very useful and valuable course, even for those of us who were more experienced turners, and we all learned something. We are all grateful to the AWGB for arranging and sponsoring this course at Snainton.

We all also appreciated the excellent facilities and refreshments provided throughout the day by Snainton Woodworking Supplies and its attentive staff.

Gordon Malan