



Ryedale Woodturners

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Thornton le Dale Show Review

The weather turned sunny and warm, the ground almost dried out after last week's heavy rain, and we all had a great time at the Show.

Our marquee was busy all day from 9 am to after 4 pm, and we had our best sale of wares to date, taking £1020 in the day. We also had lots of conversations with members old and new, and with a number of people interested in taking up woodturning. A breakdown of the four shows we have attended is below, with 2018 being our first appearance. Our improvement over six years is quite remarkable.. I suspect the introduction of card payments, the much better accessibility afforded by the large marquee, and growing awareness of our existence have all played a part.

	Takings	To members
2018	£198	£158
2019	£276	£117
2020/21	Covid	
2022	£700	£483
2023	£1020	£750

It was good to see 13 different contributors exhibiting items for sale, plus a few more involved through donations to the Club's stock of items for sale. To give people an idea of what sells, here are a few figures:

Items of which more than 1 sold include . 17 bowls, 14 keyrings, 10 mice, 6 apples, 4 goblets, 4 spatulas, 3 hedgehogs, 3 pencil pots, 3 spinning tops, 2 boxes, 2 gonks, 2 ring keepers, 2 grass pots. Also, little to do with woodturning, but 11 "wooden words" (my granddaughters' creations) at £1 each. The most expensive item sold was for £90, a large burr elm natural edge bowl. 50% of items cost £5 or less, and 80% cost £10 or less.

Don't be put off if you had items that didn't sell. I had some that have been on show for a few years now that eventually sold this time. You just need the right price for the right customer at the right time.

A spreadsheet is attached with more details on sales. Payouts will be available in cash at the September meeting, or earlier by bank transfer if you prefer – you would need to email me bank account name, sort code and account number.

I was pleased to see a good number of entries in the woodturning and woodworking classes in the handicrafts tent. We had some winners – photos below.

Class 60 Bowl: – 1st Jack Scott, 2nd Geoff Walker, 3rd Barry Toes (*not a Club member*).

Class 61 Spindle: 1st Keith Gardam, 2nd Geoff Walker, 3rd Steve Fearnley

Class 62 Any item in wood: 1st Steve Fearnley, 2nd Martyn Weller, 3rd Keith Gardam

Class 63 Decorated item: 1st Steve Fearnley, 2nd Barry Toes, 3rd Keith Gardam.

Finally many thanks go to the many people who helped out on and before the day with tent erection and dismantling, tables, generator, turning demonstrations on the day, . I won't list everyone by job, but thanks to Bob, Bob, Colin, Geoff, Geoff, Keith, Keith, Martyn, Phil, Richard, Rob, Steve and anyone I have accidentally missed.

Photos below, and more, with better detail, are on the [Ryedale Woodturners website](#)



Second hand lathe

Richard Kirby from Scarborough spoke to us at Thornton Show. He has a Record DML 305 for sale – a small 5-speed cast-iron bench top model. He is offering it with chisels “all in” for £350. There may be a chuck as well. If you are interested contact him directly on 07828 040018. I assume there will be a number of good quality chisels and a chuck included - you could buy a new DML 305 for £329.

Hands On/Training Day Saturday 30 September (10-4 Broughton)

Geoff has already circulated information about this event. He tells me that over half the places available have already been booked, so if you would like to attend, getting in touch with Geoff sooner rather than later is a good idea. Contact . DrGeoffreyWalker@gmail.com).







