



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club Night Thursday 4 April 2024 – Ian Ethell off centre turning - Report

It sounds like another good turnout for an enjoyable club night on Thursday. I certainly enjoyed the demonstration by Ian from my remote Zoom screen over in the Lake District. Something different to other demonstrations we have had, which is good as we are always looking for variety. A very technical, precise and skillful project, one for those who like to be challenged and test their techniques. Geoff Walker sent me a note and a couple of photos:

An excellent evening and an engaging and very well presented demonstration. Ian went down well with members; several asked if we can book him for a return visit and I am planning on asking him back for late 2025. Elaine and Phill were extremely busy in the shop!!!



I would estimate 50+ attendees. Quite an evening!

Many thanks to Jonathan, who sent me some photos of the evening, including the Chairman's challenge. Apparently John decided against nominating a winner, and declared them all to be worthy winners. The contenders are shown at the end of this bulletin. A very impressive, imaginative group of exhibits!

I have yet to see the results of the shop sales on the night, but I hope everyone who requested something picked up what they wanted, and people managed to find some bargains in the second hand tools and wood supplies. Many thanks to Phill and Elaine as always for manning the stall, and to Elaine in particular for collecting all the items from me and bringing them along to the club night in my absence.

Hands on Day Saturday 13 April 2024

I am looking forward to seeing a number of you at this event in Ebberston next weekend. I think Elaine will be bringing the shop stock to hand over to me, so if anyone has a second thought on anything they may have missed, they have a second chance to buy.

The usual write-up of the demonstration on the website, and a link to a video recording on You Tube, will follow in the near future.

Cherry wood slabs

As well as the cherry blanks on sale at the club – and there will be more next month – there are still some whole slabs for sale at John Whiteley's house/garage. Geoff Walker sent me a note:



I recently collected one of the cherry slabs available to Club members from John Whiteley's garage at Sleights. It was quite a sizeable piece: approximately 2ft 6" square by 5' deep. It chain sawed easily and after turning and sealing, the results can be

seen here. These include two 12"x5" bowl blanks, 6 smaller bowl blanks, 4 sizeable spindle blanks (one 24" long); a 5" cube and several workable pieces for smaller items. I can only guess at the shop price of all these items but unquestionably considerably in excess of the £40 I paid the Club to cover its costs in milling and transporting what must have been a sizeable cherry tree! If you haven't taken advantage of the opportunity to pick up some excellent wood at a substantial saving I hope my experience will encourage you to do so before all this excellent stock disappears!

So, if you are prepared to do a little processing work and a little fetching and carrying, these really do represent good value: a 12 x 5" cherry bowl blank would probably be worth £40 on its own, if indeed you could find one that large.

Gallery

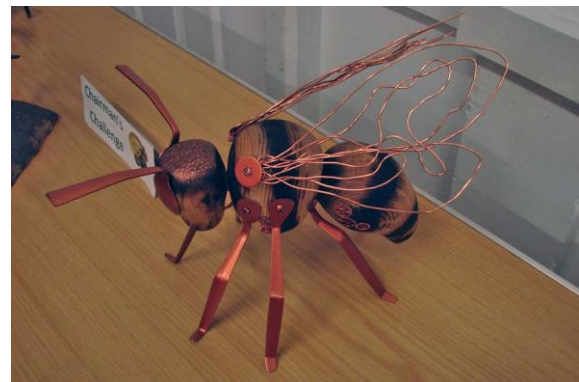
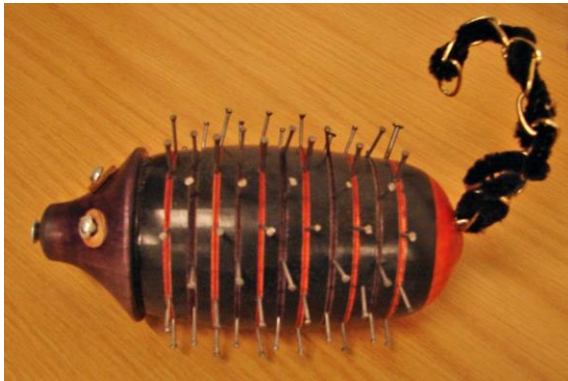
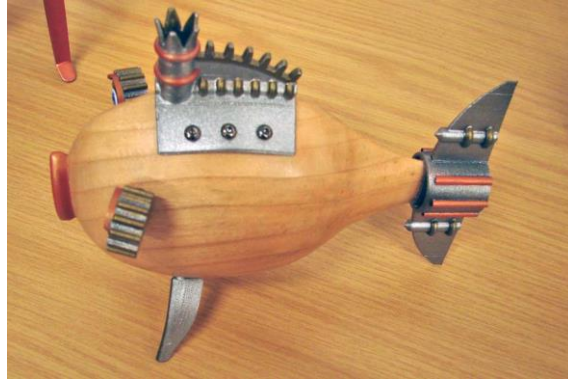
A recent new recruit to the Club, John Sutherland, sent in this photo:



Attached photo is of a bowl I turned from the horse chestnut burr I bought at the March meeting.

The Chairman's Challenge pictures follow below.

Chairman's Challenge: Curious creatures



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