



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club night: Martyn Weller demonstration

Martyn treated us to an exploration of methods of holding pieces on the lathe while turning. The turning involved was a "simple" bangle, though Martyn's collection on his exhibits table showed how a simple form can be varied in pattern, shape and design. Methods included a screw chuck, different chuck jaws, Cole jaws, Longworth chuck, HDPE jaws, nylon faceplate ring, doughnut chuck and jam chuck. The demonstration was well received by an audience of 45 people, a welcome addition to our very varied 2024 programme. Some ingenious solutions to problems that arise when turning – which all add to the interest woodturning provides. As usual a video and a write up will follow in the coming week or two. John Whiteley's comment was: *"Martin always find a new twist when he does a demo, I enjoyed it and as always learned something new."*

I must thank Keith Harte for his sterling work setting up the audio visual equipment on the evening. Keith was there just after 6pm, and was the last to leave just after 10pm. He set up the equipment single handed in the absence of Ian and Jonathan, and Martyn - who was otherwise engaged. And it all worked! As mentioned before, another person willing to become involved with the audio visual equipment would be very welcome, to help cover or assist on evenings such as this.

Thanks also as ever to Phill and Elaine for manning the shop – we took over £700, mainly for the second hand tools which were on sale at the price I paid for them.

A few tools remain in stock. [Let me know](#) if you would like to reserve any of them.

Make		Description	New	Sale
Ashley Iles		Small oval skew 1/2"	£25.00	£10.00
BCT		Hollowing tool with bar	£112.00	£40.00
Henry Taylor	HS8	Skew chisel 1/2" flat	£36.00	£20.00
Record		Flat skew 1/2"	£40.00	£20.00
Record		Flat skew 1"	£50.00	£30.00
Sorby		Round scraper 1/2" (13mm)	£52.00	£21.00
Stormont		Hook tool 1/2" bar		£10.00
		Aluminium faceplate 9 x 5/8" 3/4x16tpi		£5.00
		Aluminium faceplate 5 x 5/8" 3/4x16tpi		£5.00
		Aluminium plate 9 x 5/8" with sanding disc		£10.00
Sorby		1/2" spindle master	£62.00	£20.00

Thanks to Lance and John for checking you all in, Lance for organising the refreshments in Ann's absence, and Peter and others who stepped in to help clear and wash up the cups. And thanks to Elaine, Andy, Geoff and Rob for helping clear away at the end of the evening. All very much appreciated. Apologies if I have missed anyone.

Free tuition

It was good to see our chairman John Whiteley in attendance, in good spirits after his eye operation. He is woodturning again, and asked me to announce that he is happy to give anyone tuition at his workshop in Briggswath (near Whitby). No charge involved. An offer he has made for some years, and one he is renewing. [Contact John](#) if you would like to arrange a morning, afternoon, or full day with him.

Some upcoming dates:

Help needed – Saturday 25, Sunday 26, Monday 27 May, Malton

We have a stall at [Malton Food Festival](#), in the “Artisan market” at the Milton Rooms. Thanks to Rob and Paul for volunteering to help out manning the stall, along with Martyn and myself. We do **need a couple more volunteers** to help out over the three days. If you could spare a morning (say 10 am – 1 pm) or afternoon (say 1 pm – 4pm) on any of the days [please let me know](#). This is a new venue as a trial this year, it would be good to try and make it work. And of course as well as selling some turning, you can have a walk round the food festival which fills the market square and surrounding streets – a very busy affair, good atmosphere, lots to see, hear, taste and buy.

23 May 2024 Hands on night, Snainton Village Hall

We are putting on an extra club night to give new and nearly new turners some experience on our club lathes. The hands-on places are all booked, but club members are welcome to come along as usual to meet up, talk to each other, visit the club shop, have a cup of tea, and watch/listen to what is happening on the lathes. Usual times. There will be no admission fee for members not working on the lathes.

Next “normal” club night: 6 June, Emma Cook, the Tiny Turner

We welcome back Emma after a very popular [visit in April last year](#). One of the most popular demonstrators on the clubs and shows circuit, and on the internet, I am sure we will enjoy another evening in Emma’s company. More details to follow.

20 June 2024 Pyrography demonstration and practical

Advance reminder of another extra meeting. This will be a demonstration / talk about pyrography. Half the evening will be demonstration, half practical. Please bring your own pyrography machines if you have one; there will be a few spares if not. There will be a £3 admission charge on the night. The club shop and refreshments will be available as usual, and it will probably be broadcast on Zoom. If you would like to attend please let me know, so I can judge whether the evening is viable. Thanks to those who have already given their names.

18 May 2024 – Albion Timber

Dave at Albion Timber contacted me to say they are having an open day on 18 May, 10am – 4pm. It is on the north side of Sheffield, and has more emphasis on timber than turning blanks, but there are woodturning and woodworking demonstrations on the day. Dave tells me there will be “a big selection of blanks available on the day, species include Elm, Sycamore, Beech, Ash, Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Cedar, Yew, Laburnum, London Plane, Alder and more”, and that “a good selection” of woodturning blanks are always available..

More information at www.albiontimber.co.uk

Free offcuts

A lady named Jackie rang up to say she had a couple of sapele offcuts 550 x 100 x 50 mm. She would be happy to give them to anyone who can use them, otherwise they are going in the bin. She lives on Queen Street in Scarborough. Anyone interested let me know and I will pass on her phone number.

Gallery

Some of the items Martyn put on display on Thursday's club night. The bangles display shows the variety of possibilities from a simple form.



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