



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Thursday 3 November's Demonstration: Margaret Garrard

I enjoyed the demonstration of the technique of “therming” – the first time I have ever seen this being done. I fully agree with John's summary of Margaret's work - attention to detail, which always makes the difference between good turning and very good or excellent turning.

Martyn has uploaded the video of the evening to YouTube at <https://youtu.be/UE3BgEeHvqk>. A write-up of the evening will appear as usual on the [Ryedale Woodturners website](#), probably by next weekend.

Many thanks to Martyn for setting up, running, and clearing away the video equipment during the evening. First there and last to leave. Thanks also to Brian for his camerawork, and for Keith Harte for improving our sound system. He has made us a junction box which facilitates the improvement, and should also provide us with a hearing aid loop in the future.

Apologies for a lack of overhead video. The camera did not seem to want to relay its pictures, and we ran out of time to figure out why not.

Timings for demonstrations

We noticed a few people left early on the evening. Of course we understand people have other commitments, or have a distance to travel and don't like late nights, but it would be useful feedback for us if anyone who left could let us know if there were any issues with the evening – so we can try and ensure things are as good as possible at meetings. Thanks to those who have already been in touch with explanations.

The committee has had a conversation about finishing times – it was just after 10pm before Margaret finished on Thursday. Those clearing up didn't leave until after 10.30, and some didn't return home until after 11pm. We state demonstration times are 7:30 – 9.30”ish”, and demonstrators usually ask if they should continue beyond 9:30. Margaret did ask at 9:30, and a few members said yes, so she continued. I think she wanted to give value for money and complete her two hours of demonstration. One problem is that we are finding break times are tending to extend to 20 – 25 minutes. Obviously it is good that people want to talk and socialise, but the target is for a 15 minute break.

Proposal for 2023

For next year, we propose Club notices and introduction from the chairman at 7:25, prompt start to the demonstration at 7:30, break around 8:30 restricted to 15 minutes, and a target finish time of 9:30pm, with a definite cut off at 9:45 pm.

Any observations on this are very welcome: please email info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk

Exhibition and Sale Saturday 26– Sunday 27 November.

Thanks to those who have signed up to help over the weekend, and to provide items for sale. If anyone else would like to contribute time and/or items, please contact [John Whiteley](#). Commission from these sales have really kept the Club afloat, and the more helpers we have to attract people in the better.

Hands On Day Ebberston 9 November

Geoff has circulated information separately to those involved in this event on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing those involved for a good day's turning.

Rotary tools discussion and pub lunch, Tuesday 6 December

If you are interested in this event please sign up with [Geoff Walker](#). Particularly as regards the lunch at the New Inn, as I need to book a table. By next Monday please – 14 November.

Turners Retreat Discount

Following Keith Wilkinson's advice, I have registered our club with [Turners Retreat](#), which enables members to claim a discount on various products purchased in store, on showing your Club membership card. I think the discount is 10% on most items, but it does not apply to machinery. [Turners Retreat](#) is at Harwood, near Doncaster, so is not exactly local, but it is well worth visiting if you are ever over that way or fancy a drive out. Apparently a "named club representative" (i.e. me) can also order over the phone on behalf of club members and claim a discount. They haven't mentioned online orders, but I will ask.



December Meeting

A show of hands on Thursday suggested around 30 people will be coming to the December Club evening. A reminder that partners and guests are welcome, just let us know if there are any extras in addition to the hands raised at Thursday's count so Phil can cater accordingly.

A reminder of the programme for the evening, with a few additions.

- There will be a buffet provided.
- There will be a picture quiz and a crossword available.
- There will be a display of varieties of timber (eggs) .. Martin Stevens has also agreed to bring along his collection of timbers, which I think is larger than mine. If not, it certainly has some specimens that I do not have.
- There will be a video loop running using our new projector, looking back over the year – it lasts about 20 minutes.
- There will be a Show and Tell session – for members to bring along any items or curiosities to talk about and share with everyone.

The Annual Club Competition

- This will be in three sections: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced.
- Anyone who has won a prize at Beginners or Intermediate (1st 2nd or 3rd) must move up to the next category.
- Items submitted must not have been entered for any previous club competitions.

- Items are put out for display, anonymously, and all members are given a voting slip and asked to place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. Points are then added up and winners announced. Lavish prizes are awarded (!).
- More than one item may be entered in any category.

The Chairman's Challenge

- There will also be judging of the Chairman's Challenge – to turn a **spinning top**. The winner will be the one which spins the longest – to be tested on the night!

All members are encouraged to have a go at the competitions. It is always good to see what people have been turning, regardless of the stage they are at in their turning journey.

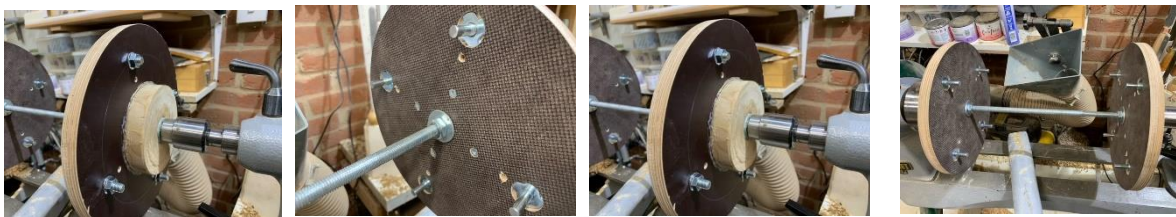
A write-up with photos of last year's event is available on the [Ryedale Woodturners website](#)

Harrogate North of England Woodworking Show 11th, 12th, 13th November.

Next weekend is the big show. I will be there on the Sunday, so might bump in to one or two of you. I am away for a few days including the Sunday, so next week's bulletin might be posted late Sunday evening or on Monday.

Gallery

A couple of pictures from Martyn Weller: I thought some members might appreciate some pics of my Thermo-jig if they didn't get chance to see Margaret's up close. I am happy to help with dimensions etc if anyone needs them. Perhaps one for the hands on night?



And it was good to see a couple of offcut items on display on Thursday. Darren had made a keyring from a spalted beech offcut. And John Whiteley had turned the first mouse of his long and illustrious turning career. The mushrooms may have been his as well?



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