



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Video Link

Martyn has now posted a video of my October demonstration on You Tube. You can access it from the [Ryedale Woodturners video gallery page](#), or directly from here: <https://youtu.be/lPkaYt7wyrI>

Learning to turn

Many people nowadays pick up woodturning by looking at YouTube clips, and it is fair to say there are many very good videos to watch, as well as a few not so good.

I do think, however, that it is difficult to beat some one-to-one tuition with an experienced turner. I was fortunate when I started back in 2008 to attend the weekly “beginners night” at Snainton Woodworking Supplies, and had expert advice and coaching from Graham Harker, Sue Harker and Rob Thompson; many others who attended these Wednesday evenings also passed on their experience.

As a club we have provided a number of full day courses, plus two open evenings where some training can be found, but inevitably these are infrequent, and only so much can be covered in a limited time. They seem very popular and well received, and we do hope to continue the programme next year.

If you are relatively new to turning, a good investment would be to book a day, or even better two days tuition with a professional, to get you started and instil some good practice. Locally [Sue and Graham Harker](#) still offer courses at their workshop in Bridlington - £140 for a full day, £270 for two days. Arrangements can be made to accommodate two people at a time which would reduce the cost. [Dennis Wake](#) offers training in his workshop at Hartlepool - £160 for a day. Sadly [Philip Greenwood](#) at Hutton le Hole is now semi-retired and is no longer doing training days, but does offer an online help session – via Zoom – at £20 per hour. You set up your camera/phone in your workshop, and he does the same in his, and you talk about what you wish to do. You could venture a little further afield – as Elaine did recently, attending a course with [Mick Hanbury at Turners Retreat](#), near Doncaster. They charge £198 for a day.

The AWGB have a [map showing woodturners offering tuition](#), with contact details, and a list of professional woodturners offering tuition.

And of course I should remind you that our chairman, John Whiteley, offers a day working with him in his workshop near Whitby, to any new(ish) members, free of charge.

If anyone has any personal experience or recommendations for tutors, please do let me know so that information can be shared.

Gallery

Steve Etherington had a go at turning an angel, following my October demonstration. He took up the suggestion to turn the wings inside first. He also added a loop of ribbon so that the angel could hang rather than stand - more angelic, he thought.



Geoff took on another finial commission passed on from [oldfern](#). A pair of finials in Western red cedar – about 10 inches tall, 6 inch diameter.



Elaine has been busy:

After reading an article in the Woodturning magazine I decided to have a go at making an ort bowl. Ort is an old word for a leftover or scrap [Old Ratty Thread] and an ort bowl is a small (this one is about four inches in diameter by about three inches tall), semi-enclosed hollow form into which needle workers can put bits of leftover thread. It's my first attempt at turning a hollow form. I made this one from a piece of oak for a friend who is a needleworker.

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