



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024.

Open Evening review

My impressions of Thursday's Open Evening were of a very lively, active and engaging event, a good start to the year. Sorry I didn't get round to see everything that was going on, I was a little too busy with demonstrating pyrography and enrolment – though a big thank you to Keith Parsons for helping with taking money and registering people.

Enrolment

Just to confirm, those of you that enrolled should have taken away a membership badge to put in your lanyard card holder (creamy coloured, replacing last year's green one), a programme for 2024, and a new club pin badge. I confess I neglected to give the pin badges to the first few who enrolled – please pick one up next time. For new members, welcome aboard, I will print off your membership card and give this to you next time, with a lanyard. You should wear it at each meeting, it's a way of us letting each other know who we are, and that we haven't just wandered in off the street. You should have filled in a contacts card as well – address, phone and email.



I think we had 53 people present at the meeting, members, new members and guests, and together with those who enrolled by bank transfer but were not present at the meeting we have 50 people enrolled to date, with a number of others I have been told will re-enrol by or at the next meeting. (A reminder for bank transfer, Account name: Ryedale Woodturners, 20-75-92, 70471003). Last year it was 43 on the first night and we ended up with 72 by the end of the year, so all looks promising for the new year.

Sales

Phill and Elaine seemed to be kept very busy with the shop on Thursday evening – many thanks as always for manning the sales tables. I haven't had chance to do a stock-take yet, but I think we took over £1300 for the second hand tools, wood and finishing products that were on offer. There are more turning blanks and some more tools to come next month. Many thanks to everyone who helped out, demonstrating, providing refreshments and clearing away. And as always Geoff for organising everything.

Jarrah wood

I am afraid I didn't get the jarrah beams cut up over Christmas. My bandsaw drive belt broke, and of course getting a replacement took a few days with the various holidays. Just another reminder of how much I depended on Snainton Woodworking Supplies – I would have just popped down the road for a belt in the past.

Gallery

Geoff Walker sent a few pictures that he took on the night.



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