



Ryedale Woodturners

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(with Christmas cracker jokes)

Hello all

Annual Club Competition and social evening – Thursday 5 December

Another good turnout, with 37 members and 6 guests – the same total as last year. There were 29 pieces entered in the competitions over the three levels, and 3 entrants in the Chairman's Challenge – fewer than last year, but of the same high quality and variety I think these are the winners (I neglected to make notes as I did the announcements). It is good to see some new names, as well as some old ones.

Beginners	1 st	Tony Walton	A coloured, lidded box with finial
	2 nd	Mike Pizey	Spalted beech bowl
	3 rd	Mike Pizey	Scoop
Intermediate	1 st	Bob Edwards	Mallee bowl
	2 nd	Andy McLaughlin	American walnut hollow form
	3 rd	Andy McLaughlin	Logscape with trees
Advanced	1 st	Martyn Weller	Segmented vase
	2 nd (tied)	John Whiteley	Laburnum spiralled bowl
	2 nd (tied)	Steve Fearnley	Egg rack with 60 different timbers
Chairman's challenge		Mal Gladman	Coloured dragon

The other competitions

Geoff's picture quiz of twenty Yorkshire landmarks in winter: sorry, I cannot remember who won. I think possibly Richard and Peter?

Lance's woodturning-themed Crossword – Richard and Peter.

John's blocks of wood identification test – sorry, not sure again, I was still counting votes.

Guess the number of pieces in Martyn's segmented vase – 793 was the correct answer. Ruth got within 30 and was awarded a box of mince pies as a prize. (*Have you heard the one about half a dozen Russians who gate-crashed a Christmas party, took all the presents, and wouldn't give them back? Yes, they were six mean spies.*)

Show and Tell

Martyn told us about making his segmented vase. John showed us his "contraption" for turning off centre dishes. Keith showed us his latest creations mixing metalworking and woodturning - a miniature lathe, and a bonsai kit with metal tools hanging on a turned stand. (*Why does Santa have three of everything in his garden tool store? So he can Hoe Hoe Hoe.*)

Thanks go to Phil Coe and his wife for organising the buffet, Ann for providing us with tea and coffee, Phill and Geoff for manning the shop, Geoff for the Yorkshire places picture quiz, Lance for the woodturning crossword, John for challenging us one again and for bringing some wood to ID, Darren for acting as press photographer for the awards, (*Have you heard the one about Snow White sending her photos off to be printed, but not getting them back before Christmas? "Never mind" she said, "some day my prints will come."*) and Geoff for being, as always, last man out of the hall having cleared everything away and now being an expert on how to lock the door. Many thanks also to our newest member Brian for donating a box of wood blanks, which we sold on behalf of club funds.

The video Review of the Year that was running in the hall through the evening will appear on YouTube once I have added the photos from Thursday evening to complete the year.

Next year

We now run the club year from January to December. I will publish an annual report covering the club activities and finances for the year in the next couple of weeks.

Enrolment for 2025 and an **Open evening** will be on **Thursday 2 January**, usual times. Please tell your friends and family and encourage them to come along to see what we do.

Gallery

Some photos of winners from the Annual competition and Chairman's challenge. More from the evening to follow next week.

In order of appearance: Martyn - Advanced Winner, John – joint 2nd, Laburnum bowl, Steve – joint 2nd with egg rack; Bob - Intermediate winner, mallee bowl.



Continuing: Andy, Intermediate 2nd and 3rd, logscape and American walnut bowl (on right), Tony, Beginners winner, coloured lidded bowl, Mike – beginners 2nd and 3rd, spalted beech bowl, scoop; the Hall; Mal - chairman's challenge winner, dragon (apologies Mal, we don't appear to have taken a photo of you, and this was the best I could find. At least we got a good one of your dragon!)



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