



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Thornton Show Update

Back from a very hot holiday in Cambridgeshire (30 degrees or more daily), I have had a little time to update the sales details from the show. We sold 119 items, ranging in price from £1.50 to £170; 55% were £5 or less; 74% were £10 or less; and there were 4 items at £40 or more – 3 clocks and a segmented vase. A spreadsheet listing the items is attached for anyone wanting a closer look – it might help you decide what to turn and submit for our next club sale in September (see more below). £118.50 of the sales came from items donated to the club, by members and demonstrators, expecting nothing in return. If you have items you would like to clear out and donate to help club funds, do feel free to create a little more space in your storage capacity at home. Bring them along to any club meeting.

4 September Club Night – Ian Ethell

Our next club night sees the return of Ian Ethell, who last April demonstrated making an offset honey dripper, which went down very well with the audience, and resulted in a few “copies”. Further details to follow.

13 – 14 September Club Sale, Hill Institute, Thornton le Dale.

Our next sale is approaching in a month's time. This has been one of our better sales in the past – we took over £2000 last year at the equivalent event. As always we need people to help to make it a success, and with two of our regulars unable to help this year we do need some new faces to step up. The times are 10 – 4 each day, plus some set-up time on Friday evening (4 – 6) if you are selling. Even an hour or two on either day would be very welcome. Please [let me know](#) if you can help, and also if you want to put items in for sale. If you would like to exhibit but are unable to get there to set up or attend, then I could collect boxes of items at the September meeting, or you could drop them off at my house. I will also put out a sign-up sheet at the meeting for helpers, but don't feel you have to wait until then to volunteer! As John always says, success depends on attracting people into the Hall, and that does require a little gentle persuasion out in the street.

Second Hand Machinery

Lance alerted me to the availability of a little used Titan drill press, for sale by The Baythorpe Shed group in Robin Hood's Bay. Titan is Screwfix's own-brand, and this one looks like a Titan TTB 541 DBT, 530mm 700W model, which used to retail around £150. I don't think it is still available new. The Shed is asking £50. It can be viewed when they are open, Mon – Friday 9.30 – 12. If you are interested contact me in the first instance (info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk) and I will pass on contact details.



Gallery

Martyn Weller received a request via the Ryedale Woodturners Facebook page for someone to help turn a finial. He took this on himself, and the photos here show the finial that he was asked to reproduce, alongside the rotten one that needed replacing.



"Something a bit different to turn. 125x125mm and about 1.5m long", turned in parts because Martyn's lathe wouldn't take the whole amount between centres. The customer sent a photo of the finished finial in place.

Adrian Armsby sent a couple of photos of pyrography by his wife, who has only been doing this for around a month. Adrian comments *"I think she has done really well, but maybe I'm a little biased"*. I think they are very impressive pieces of pyrography, especially just one month in to the craft. Also two pieces turned by Adrian *"out of scrap wood - ash, rosewood and mahogany"*.



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