



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

September Exhibition and Sale, Thornton le Dale

Many thanks for the marathon efforts all day over both days by Phil Coe, Geoff Walker and John Whiteley, and for others who appeared for some or all of Saturday and/or Sunday – Phill Armes, Terry Wearing, Paul and Karen Madeley, Keith Wilkinson, Steve Etherington, Alan Braidley, Richard King and Elaine Priestley. Sterling work out on the pavement encouraging people in – it really does make a big difference.

We made £1301 altogether, which is not our best amount for a weekend sale, but not our worst: somewhere in the middle. Considering the inclement weather forecast (which never quite materialized), I think this is a good total to have achieved.

46% of transactions (ie sales to customers, rather than the cost of individual items) were £5 or less. 83% were £10 or less. The most expensive items were a burr elm clock (£40), two lampstands (£65 and £100) and a large spalted beech burr bowl (£100).

We charged 15% commission on sales, and after paying the hall rent and the card transaction fees we made a profit of £112 for club funds. This all helps to allow us to pay for demonstrators, insurance, monthly rent, Zoom and equipment, and helps us keep membership fees and admission fees low (no increase now for 5 years), and shop prices low.

On top of this, once again we had some useful conversations – a possible garage clearance, a sawmill with a lot of wood available, some potential new members. These contacts are an important feature of the exhibitions and sales that we put on. As is the social side of these days – I think everyone who attended had a good chat to others and enjoyed themselves (maybe not so much the cold wind!)

At the October meeting I intend to incorporate some observations and hints on turning for sales – ideas, what sells, what doesn't, patience, pricing, display - as well turning some potential sale items. More details next week.

Our next sale is just before Christmas, with the obvious added opportunity to sell Christmas themed items and gifts for Christmas. It is on **Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 November**, so make a note in your diaries, and get turning!

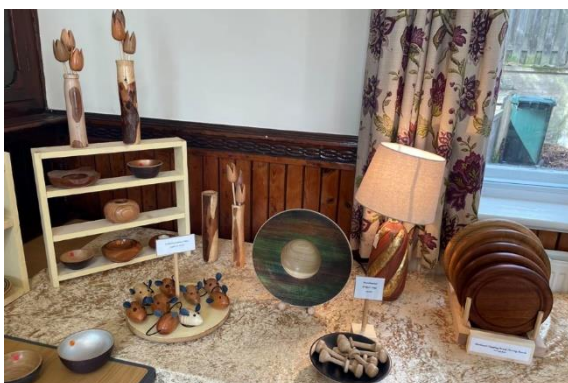
We have a (dwindling) stock of "club items" that we sell for club funds. These have been donated over the years by club members who just turn for fun, are not really interested in making any money out of turning, or are looking to create some space on their shelves or in their boxes at home. If you have such items, we would be happy to receive them as donations.

Gallery



A 12" cherry bowl turned by Lance Garrard, with a little encouragement from Elaine. This is from a piece of the cherry we have been selling at the club for the last few months, at ridiculously low prices. I try and keep the wood prices very reasonable, and much lower than commercial sellers. Just have a look online at the price of cherry, oak, yew, walnut – if you can find it in stock. (A 12 x 2" cherry blank is listed at £36.95 by English Woods, and is out of stock). There is still more to come at the shop – buy it while you still can.

Some photos from the sale:





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