



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club Night – Rick Dobney, Viking Sunset box- Thursday 2 April

We were entertained with an excellent demonstration by Rick Dobney, on a first visit to our club. Rick took us through a number of techniques in making a small box, involving the skew chisel for the outside, a ring tool for the inside, airbrushing for the sunrise effect, embossing with home made punches (4" nails), and turning an aluminium finial for the top of the lid. A very instructive and entertaining evening.

Rick has sent us a *pdf* listing the steps involved in making the box, which is attached to this bulletin. A reminder that Rick requested we don't share this outside of the club membership – he has to make a living from his demonstrations.

A video of the demonstration is available on YouTube, again for members only, for a month.

Thank you to Dan and Phill for running the shop and mastering the POS system. We think it worked, but I won't know for certain until I add all the cash and SUMUP payments up next week – I am away in the Lake District for a week. Many thanks also to Ann and Sue for organising refreshments, to Keith as always for sorting the audio visual equipment, and to Geoff, John G. and others who stayed after 9:45 to sweep up and clear away – and return chairs and tables to the store (it would be appreciated if everyone could return the chairs at meetings, plus any spares nearby). And a big thank you to John Lund for yet another sizeable donation of wood, which was well received and all helps to keep our accounts in surplus.

Martin Pidgen

Rick mentioned that Martin Pidgen had passed away. Martin was a production turner and demonstrator before a stroke prevented him continuing. He fought back from this, and if you have ever been to the Harrogate Show or other large shows, you would have seen him on his stall selling exotic woods. Many of the timbers in my egg collection come from wood supplied by Martin.

Lathe for sale

Steve Plant has a Record Power DML 365H, which he describes as a starter lathe, with some accessories, including a chuck. £80. Also a Record CL4 lathe stand, £50. If you are interested [let me know](#) in the first instance and I will pass on Steve's contact details.

Exhibition and Sale – Saturday April 11th and Sunday 12th

An A4 poster is attached if anyone can print it off and display in their neighbourhood.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help, and offered to submit pieces for sale. From the sheets a number of you filled in on Thursday it looks like we will have a good turnout. Let's hope the weather helps.

Some reminders:

- Set up on Friday evening at the Hill Institute from 4pm, (or Saturday morning from 9.30 am as long as we know you are coming).
- Items need a label on them showing the price and your sale number. (Ask me if you haven't got a sale number: info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk)
- Unsold items to be collected on Sunday afternoon at 4pm (I can possibly hold items by arrangement for those who cannot get there at this time).
- Prices need to be in multiples of £1 or 50p: no £5.99 type prices please.
- There will be a commission charged at between 10% and 20% to cover rental costs and allow a small profit for club funds: the level will be determined by the success of our sale. Price accordingly.
- Payouts will be made a few days after the sale, either by BACS (preferred), or in cash at the next meeting.
- Anything to make your display more attractive is worth doing – small descriptor signs, visible prices, stands to hold items and vary the height of our table top display, bargain buckets, special offers Small items at £5 or less are often picked up by casual visitors, but on occasion so are more expensive items that show your capacity for creativity and skill.
- Take a photo of your display before the sale. It can help to identify any errors in assigning sales to sellers if there is an issue.
- If you haven't been before please ask for directions to the Institute. The address is Maltongate, Thornton Dale, Pickering YO18 7LF. Parking may be available outside the Institute, but this is not guaranteed, nor likely. Note the sale is NOT in the Village Hall! The Institute is just a few doors down from the main shops (the newsagents).

Gallery

A few pictures from Rick Dobney's demonstration



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