



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club Night Thursday 7 May – Dan Fearnley – cricket trophy

Our latest demonstration saw Dan talk about trophy making, one of his regular sources of commissioned work, and in particular how he makes a popular model – a cricket trophy. Consisting of a plinth, wickets, sphere and bails, it allowed for a number of different techniques to be shown. Dan also talked about the different tools that can be used, and how and why they might suit a particular task. Inevitably time was tight, but he did manage to complete the trophy, finishing with a flurry and an “Owzat”? There was a lot packed in to the demonstration, so if you want to recap on any parts, a video of the demonstration is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/tYY-mYa0WA>. You can also see a gallery of Dan’s trophies and other work at [Oldfern Bespoke Woodturning](#).

I may be a little biased, but I thought it was an excellent demonstration to add to what has been a very good programme so far this year.

Another very good audience in attendance, maintaining the record of 50 plus for the fourth month in a row.

Many thanks to all those who helped out, particularly Phill, Elaine and Geoff in the shop, Ann, assisted by Sue, in the kitchen, John Lund for yet another donation of wood, Lance for registering everyone and taking fees. A special mention for Keith Harte, who was first arrival at 6 pm and last to leave at 10:20 pm, having set up the audio-visual equipment, run it throughout the evening, then packed it away at the end. Which brings me to a slight niggle: there were only three of us left at the end of the evening to clear away the lathe and machinery, AV equipment and electrics, sweep up the floor, and help Dan with all his kit. The evening was a little unusual in that two of our mainstay helpers were absent - Phil and Ian – and we forgot to ask for extra help, but we really could do with more people putting themselves forward to help at the end of demonstrations. A comment from Geoff regarding those of us who help out rings true – *“we all do it gladly, freely, willingly and will continue to do so”*, but double the numbers could halve the time it takes. I will try and give a reminder at the next meeting.

Enough moaning. It was a really enjoyable evening, with a real buzz in the hall. For our next meeting on 4 June we welcome Colin Watson, who styles himself the “crazy woodman”. Another newcomer to our club, there will be more information about him next week.

Hands On Day Ebberston – Friday 19 June

A reminder from Geoff that our next training day is at Andy McLaughlin’s workshop in Ebberston. There are just two places left – [contact Geoff](#) if you haven’t done so already, and would like to be part of the day.

Bowling woods

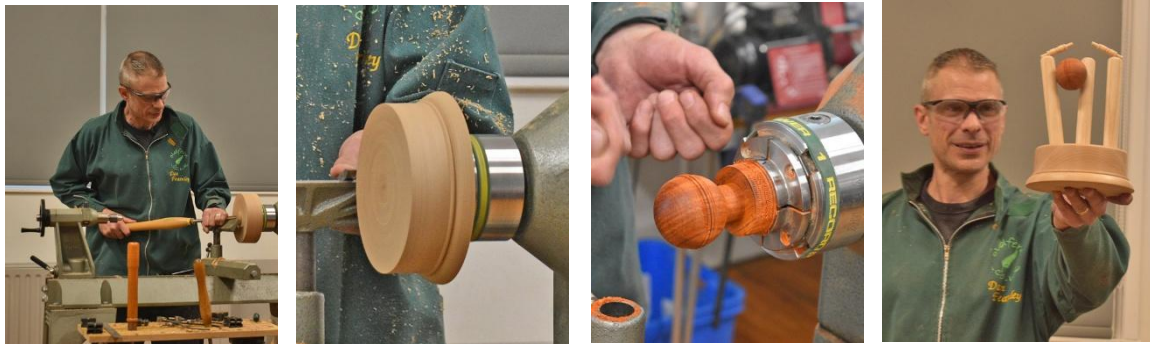
Most of the bowls Lance brought in have now gone. Has anyone had a go at turning one yet? I am sure everyone would like to see a photo. Is there any metal likely to be inside the bowl? What is underneath the small discs? Are they badly cracked inside? Any information to share would be welcome.

Second Hand Laser Cutter

From John Whiteley: For Sale : Industrial Laser Cutter. Maker is Mantec Birmingham. Bed Size 600 x 900 mm. Cutter 60 w standard but 80w fitted. For quicker cutting. Rotary attachment so can work on cylinders. Cuts wood up to 12mm thick , plastic, card, paper, leather NOT metal. Will etch stone and glass. Has a cooling system plus extractor but needs venting outside. Spare 60w bulb included. Sold as seen. Price £2500. (£9000 new). If interested [contact me](#) in the first instance and I will pass on your message to John.

Gallery

Some photos from the demonstration



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