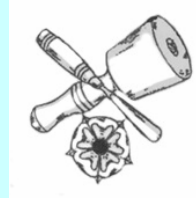




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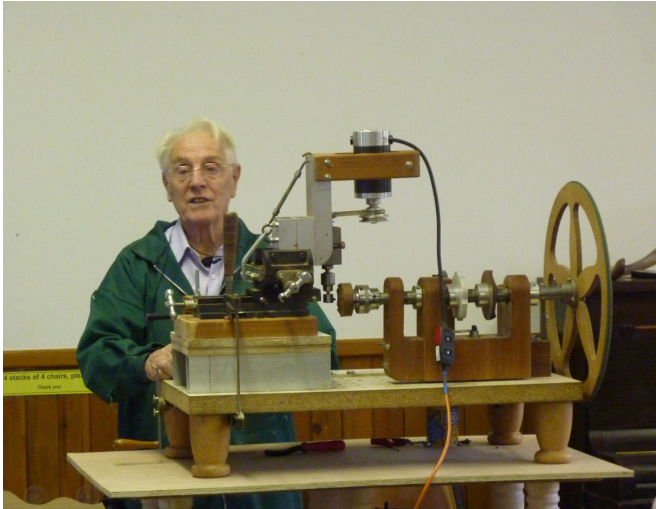


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Birstall Woodturning Club



Our grateful thanks to both Robert Day and Frank Storey, obviously the Mike and Bernie Winters of Birstall Woodturning Club, for a fantastically engrossing demonstration of wood turning and entertaining commentary.

It was nice for the older members of the club to catch up with Frank who, for many years, was a member of our club before taking more of an interest in turning than carving.

I have to confess my ignorance in that I had never heard of a Rose Engine before Robert spoke to us about it..

For those still confused the explanation of its workings are as follows:

A **rose engine lathe** is a specialized kind of geometric lathe. The headstock rocks back and forth with a rocking motion or along the spindle axis in a pumping motion, controlled by a rubber moving against a rosette or cam-like pattern mounted on the spindle, while the lathe spindle rotates. Rose engine work can make flower patterns, as well as convoluted, symmetrical, multi-lobed organic patterns. The patterns it produces are similar to that of a spectrograph, in metal. No other ornamental lathe can produce these "rose" patterns.

A team from our club gave a very well received talk to the Birstall Turning Club the previous Wednesday night at their premises in Batley. Many thanks to Graham Lockwood, Mike Chambers, David Hey, David Holt and David Kent - who got us into this and still managed to not buy the beers afterwards - for giving up their time and putting on a great talk. Also thanks to all the members who loaned carvings for the display. I think the thing that came out of the talk was possibly how near, and accepting, we are of the tremendous job the club has achieved with the near completion of the Armouries project. Tom Stanton, the Chairman of the turning club, was very complementary in an email received the next day which stated "I think the panel project is really stunning in all respects and a great credit to the club and just shows what can be achieved when all members joint together for a common cause"

Christmas Luncheon. The venue this year is Brighouse Sports Club, Bradford Road, Brighouse, HD6 4LX. As usual we start at 10:00am with coffee and then move onto Jane's terrible jokes competition - if you have some favourite jokes for heavens sake send them to her or we will have to listen to her jokes from last year. Then the entertainment of Dorothy and Brian Burrows "Old Yorkshire do you remember" followed by the usual buffet lunch.

Jane and Adrian have asked that we attend 'casual but smart' not in tee shirts and jeans please. Attached, or enclosed, is a booking slip that should be returned while Jane is ill to Adrian. His address is on the slip.

Just following on with the Christmas Luncheon the club for many years has had a very friendly competition to find the carving that appeals most to our guest speakers. Last year saw Mike Chambers justifiably taking the honours but the turn out of carvings was abysmal. There was only about ten carvings. This year would every member just bring along one carving please and see if we can make the competition and display worthwhile.

Our best wishes to all of our members who are still on the sick list. Unfortunately, this includes Jane who seems to have had quite a torrid time this year. She has shingles in the mouth at the moment but is fighting to be fit for the 11th November. On behalf of the club Margaret sent her a big bunch of flowers which Jane thanks us all for.

Ken Cockroft also seems to be having mixed fortunes at the moment in that he has just had a twelve day spell in hospital and is not feeling too great after chemotherapy treatment. Ken is hoping to get along to the Town Hall where we shall be delighted to see him.

We trust you will all rapidly recover and return to the meetings.

Because of all the work connected with the Royal Armouries panels the speaker programme for next year has suffered. Hopefully this will be rectified for the new year.

Next year it would be advisable to have a period of consolidation in the club and getting back to applying ourselves to the normal running of things.



World War One Panel



World War Two Panel